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CHAPTER 5  
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**701—5.1(17A,22,421,422) Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

*“Confidential record”* means a record that is not available as a matter of right for examination and copying by members of the public under applicable provisions of law. Confidential records include but are not limited to records or information contained in records that the department is prohibited by law from making available for examination by members of the public; records or information contained in records that are specified as confidential by Iowa Code section 22.7, or other provision of law, but that may be disclosed upon order of a court, the lawful custodian of the record, or by another person duly authorized to release the record; and confidential state tax information and federal tax information. Mere inclusion in a record of information declared confidential by an applicable provision of law does not necessarily make that entire record a confidential record.

*“Confidential state tax information”* means information that is protected from disclosure by Iowa Code sections 422.20 and 422.72. Confidential state tax information includes but is not limited to state tax returns and return information. Confidential state tax information does not include federal tax information (FTI). If confidential state tax information is contained in a record, that record may also be considered a confidential record protected by Iowa Code chapter 22.

*“Custodian”* means the department, the director of revenue, the department’s public information officer, or a person lawfully delegated authority by the department to act for the department in implementing Iowa Code chapter 22.

*“Department”* means the department of revenue.

*“Federal tax information”* or *“FTI”* means return or return information received directly from the IRS or obtained through an authorized secondary source such as Social Security Administration (SSA), federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Bureau of the Fiscal Service (BFS) or Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or another entity acting on behalf of the IRS pursuant to an IRC §6103(p)(2)(B) agreement. Copies of tax returns or return information provided to the department directly by a taxpayer or the taxpayer’s representative or obtained from public information files (e.g., federal tax liens on file with the county clerk, Offers in Compromise available for public inspection, court records) are not considered FTI for the purposes of this chapter.

*“GovConnectIowa”* means the e-services portal of the department.

*“IRC”* means the Internal Revenue Code.

*“IRS”* means the Internal Revenue Service.

*“Open record”* means a record other than a confidential record.

*“Personally identifiable information”* means information about or pertaining to an individual in a record which identifies the individual and which is contained in a record system. The term “personally identifiable information” includes “personal information” as defined in Iowa Code section 715C.1.

*“Record”* means the whole or a part of a “public record” as defined in Iowa Code section 22.1, that is owned by or in the physical possession of the department. Records include confidential records.

*“Record system”* means any group of records under the control of the department from which a record may be retrieved by a personal identifier such as the name of an individual, number, symbol, or other unique retriever assigned to an individual. A record system is a “system,” as defined below.

*“Routine use”* means the disclosure of a record without the consent of the subject or subjects, for a purpose which is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected. “Routine use” includes disclosures required to be made by statute other than the public records laws codified at Iowa Code chapter 22.

*“System”* means any of the following:

1. Computer hardware or software;
2. Computerized processes and procedures;
3. Noncomputerized processes and procedures.

*“Tax administration”* means the administration, management, conduct, direction, and supervision of the execution and application of the state tax laws; means the development and formulation of state tax

policy; and includes assessment, collection, enforcement, litigation, publication, and statistical gathering functions.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22, 421, and 422.  
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**701—5.2(17A,22,421,422) Statement of policy.** The purpose of this chapter is to facilitate broad public access to open records. It also seeks to facilitate sound department determinations with respect to the handling of confidential records and the implementation of the fair information practices Act. The department is committed to the policies set forth in Iowa Code chapter 22 as well as to the taxpayer confidentiality provisions in Iowa Code chapter 422. Department staff shall cooperate with members of the public in implementing the relevant provisions of Iowa Code chapters 22 and 422.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22, 421, and 422.  
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**701—5.3(17A,22,421,422) Requests for public records.**

**5.3(1) Availability of records.** Department records are open for public inspection and copying unless they are confidential or otherwise not subject to public inspection by rule or law. The department is not obligated to create a record if a requested record does not exist.

**5.3(2) Methods for submitting a records request.** Record requests shall be submitted using one of the following methods:

*a.* Mail. Requests by mail should be addressed to: Public Information Officer, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

*b.* Electronic submission. Instructions for submitting requests electronically can be found on the department's website, [tax.iowa.gov](http://tax.iowa.gov).

*c.* Hand delivery. Requests should be hand-delivered to the department of revenue office on the first floor of the Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut St., Des Moines, Iowa.

*d.* Telephone. Instructions for submitting requests by telephone can be found on the department's website, [tax.iowa.gov](http://tax.iowa.gov).

**5.3(3) Content of a records request.**

*a.* Requests shall identify the particular records sought by name or description and include the name, address, email, and telephone number of the person requesting the records.

*b.* A person shall not be required to give a reason for requesting an open record. However, if a person requesting a record requests a fee waiver pursuant to paragraph 5.3(6)“f,” the department may require the requester to provide information to support granting a fee waiver, including the reason for the records request. Requests for confidential records must comply with this rule and rule 701—5.4(17A,22,421,422). Department staff may request additional information from the requester for the purposes of clarification or identification of appropriate documents.

**5.3(4) Response to requests.** Records shall be provided as soon as feasible. Release of an open record may be delayed for one of the purposes authorized by Iowa Code section 22.8(4) or 22.10(4). The redaction and request for redaction process in Iowa Code sections 422.20(5) and 422.72(8) and rule 701—7.8(17A) shall be considered a determination of whether a government record is a public record or a confidential record under Iowa Code section 422.8(4)“c.” The custodian shall promptly give notice to the requester of the reason for any delay in providing an open record and an estimate of the length of that delay and, upon request, shall promptly provide that notice to the requester in writing. The custodian of a record may deny members of the public access to the record only on the grounds that such a denial is warranted under Iowa Code sections 22.8(4) and 22.10(4), that the record is a confidential record, or that its disclosure is prohibited by the order of the director or the director's designee. Access by members of the public to a confidential record is limited by law and, therefore, may generally be provided only in accordance with the provisions of rule 701—5.4(17A,22,421,422) and other applicable provisions of law.

**5.3(5) Security of record.** No person may, without permission from the custodian, search or remove any record from department files. Examination and copying of department records shall be



supervised by the custodian or a designee of the custodian. Records shall be protected from damage and disorganization.

**5.3(6) Fees.**

*a. When charged.* Pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.3, the department may charge fees in connection with the search, retrieval, examination, and copying of requested records.

*b. Copying and postage fees.* Price schedules for published materials and for photocopies of records supplied by the department shall be posted on the department's website. Copies of records may be made for members of the public on department photocopy machines or from electronic storage systems at costs determined and posted on the department's website. When the mailing of copies of records is requested, the actual costs of such mailing may also be charged to the requester.

*c. Search, retrieval, and examination fee.* An hourly fee may be charged for actual department expenses associated with the search, retrieval, and examination of requested records. The fee shall be based upon the pay scale of the employee involved and other actual costs incurred. The department provides the first two hours of search, retrieval, and examination free of charge.

*d. Estimated fee.* Within a reasonable time after a request is made, the department shall provide to the requester an estimated fee of the actual costs expected to be incurred by the department in fulfilling the request.

*e. Advance deposits.*

(1) When the estimated total fee chargeable under this subrule exceeds \$25, the custodian may require a requester to make an advance payment to cover all or a part of the estimated fee.

(2) When a requester has previously failed to pay a fee chargeable under this subrule, the custodian may require advance payment of the full amount of any estimated fee before the custodian processes a new request from that requester.

*f. Fee waivers.* To the extent permitted by applicable provisions of law, the payment of fees may be waived when the imposition of fees is inequitable or when a waiver is in the public interest.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22, 421, and 422.

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**701—5.4(17A,22,421,422) Access to confidential records.** Under Iowa Code section 22.7 or other applicable provisions of law, the lawful custodian may disclose certain confidential records to one or more members of the public. Other provisions of law authorize or require the custodian to release specified confidential records under certain circumstances or to particular persons. The procedure governing the request and release of such confidential records is addressed below.

**5.4(1) Procedure.** In requesting the custodian to permit the examination and copying of such confidential records, the following procedures apply and are in addition to those specified for requests for access to records in rule 701—5.3(17A,22,421,422).

*a. Form of request.* A person requesting access to confidential records shall submit the request in writing. The department may require the requester to provide additional documentation, including but not limited to proof of identity and authority to secure access to the record. The department may also require the requester to sign a certified statement or affidavit listing the specific reasons justifying access to the record and provide any proof necessary to establish relevant facts.

*b. Response to request.* The department must notify the requester of approval or denial of the request for access. The notice must include:

(1) The name and title or position of the person responding on behalf of the department; and

(2) If the request for access is denied, a brief statement of the grounds for denial including a citation to the applicable statute or other provision of law.

*c. Request granted.* When the department grants a request for access to a confidential record to a particular person, the department must notify that person and indicate any lawful restrictions imposed by the department on that person's inspection and copying of the record.

*d. Reconsideration of denial.* A requester whose request is denied by the department may apply to the director for reconsideration of the request.

*e. Persons who must follow procedure.* The procedure described in this subrule must be followed by any person requesting information on delinquent tax, interest, penalty or other confidential information under rule 701—202.12(423).

**5.4(2) Notice to subject of record and opportunity to obtain an injunction.** After the custodian receives a request for access to a confidential record, and before the custodian releases such a record, the custodian may make reasonable efforts to notify promptly any person who is a subject of that record, is identified in that record, or whose address or telephone number is contained in that record. To the extent such a delay is practicable and in the public interest, the custodian may give the subject of such a confidential record to whom notification is transmitted a reasonable opportunity to seek an injunction under Iowa Code section 22.8, and indicate to the subject of the record the specific period of time during which disclosure will be delayed for that purpose.

**5.4(3) Requesting a copy of a return.** A taxpayer requesting a copy of the taxpayer's own tax return must do so via GovConnectIowa. There will be a \$5 charge for each return requested. Payment must be received prior to release of the return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22, 421, and 422.  
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**701—5.5(17A,22,421,422) Requests for treatment of a record as a confidential record and its withholding from examination.** The department may treat a record as a confidential record and withhold it from examination only to the extent that it is authorized by Iowa Code sections 22.7, 422.20, and 422.72; other applicable provisions of law; or an order. Persons may request that the department treat a document as a confidential record and withhold the document from public inspection. The procedures for making a request are described below.

**5.5(1) Requests related to records submitted as part of an appeal or contested case.** Any person who seeks to request confidential treatment for any document submitted as part of an appeal or contested case filed under 701—Chapter 7 must file a motion for redaction as described in rule 701—7.8(17A).

**5.5(2) Requests for confidential treatment of any other record.** Any person who seeks to request confidential treatment of any record that has not been submitted as part of an appeal or contested case filed under 701—Chapter 7 must follow the following procedure:

*a. Persons who may request.* Any person who would be aggrieved or adversely affected by disclosure of a record and who asserts that Iowa Code section 22.7, another applicable provision of law, or a court order authorizes the custodian to treat the record as a confidential record may request the custodian to treat that record as a confidential record and to withhold it from public inspection.

*b. Request.* A request that a record be treated as a confidential record and be withheld from public inspection shall:

- (1) Be in writing; and
- (2) Be filed with the department using the one of the methods in subrule 5.3(2), excluding submission by telephone listed in paragraph 5.3(2)“d”; and
- (3) Set forth the legal and factual basis justifying such confidential record treatment for that record; and
- (4) Include the name, address, and telephone number of the person authorized to respond to any inquiry or action of the custodian concerning the request. A person requesting treatment of a record as a confidential record may also be required to sign a certified statement or affidavit enumerating the specific reasons justifying the treatment of that record as a confidential record and to provide any proof necessary to establish relevant facts. A person may request that a record be treated as confidential for a limited period of time. Requests for limited confidential record treatment shall also specify the precise period of time for which that treatment is requested.
- (5) The requester shall, if possible, include a copy of the record for which confidential record treatment is being sought with the request.

*c. Failure to request.* Failure of a person to request confidential record treatment for a record does not preclude the custodian from treating it as a confidential record, unless otherwise provided by law. However, if a person who has submitted information to the department that could be considered a

confidential record under Iowa Code section 22.7(3) or 22.7(6) does not request that it be withheld from public inspection under Iowa Code sections 22.7(3) and 22.7(6), the custodian of records containing that information may proceed as if that person has no objection to its disclosure to members of the public.

*d. Timing of decision.* A decision by the custodian about whether to disclose a record or a portion of a record to members of the public may be made when a request for confidential record treatment is filed, or when the custodian receives a request for access to the record by a member of the public.

*e. Request granted or deferred.* If a request for confidential record treatment is granted, or if action on a request is deferred, a copy of the record from which the matter in question has been deleted and a copy of the decision to grant the request or to defer action upon the request will be made available for public inspection in lieu of the original record. If the custodian subsequently receives a request for access to the original record, the custodian will make reasonable and timely efforts to notify any person who has filed a request for its treatment as a confidential record that is not available for public inspection during the pendency of that subsequent request.

*f. Request denied and opportunity to seek an injunction.* If a request for confidential record treatment is denied, the custodian shall notify the requester in writing of that determination and the reasons therefor. On application by the requester, the custodian may engage in a good-faith, reasonable delay in allowing examination of the record so that the requester may seek injunctive relief under the provisions of Iowa Code section 22.8, or other applicable provision of law. However, such a record shall not be withheld from public inspection for any period of time if the custodian determines that the requester had no reasonable grounds to justify the treatment of that record as a confidential record. The custodian shall notify the requester in writing of the time period allowed to seek injunctive relief or the reasons for the determination that no reasonable grounds exist to justify the treatment of that record as a confidential record. The custodian may extend the period of good-faith, reasonable delay in allowing examination of the record so that the requester may seek injunctive relief only if no request for examination of that record has been received, if a court directs the custodian to treat it as a confidential record, or to the extent permitted by another applicable provision of law, or with the consent of the person requesting access.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22, 421, and 422.  
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#### **701—5.6(17A,22,421,422) Consensual disclosure of confidential records.**

**5.6(1) Consent to disclosure by a subject.** To the extent permitted by law, the subject may consent in writing to department disclosure of confidential records as provided in rules 701—5.7(17A,22,421,422) and 701—7.6(17A,22,421,422).

**5.6(2) Complaints to public officials not an authorization—separate authorization required.** A letter from the subject of a confidential record to a public official that seeks the official's intervention on behalf of the subject in a matter that involves the department shall not, to the extent permitted by law, be treated as an authorization to release sufficient information about the subject to the official to resolve the matter. The subject of a confidential record filing a complaint must submit a disclosure authorization as provided in rules 701—5.7(17A,22,421,422) and 701—7.6(17A,22,421,422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22, 421, and 422.  
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#### **701—5.7(17A,22,421,422) Tax information disclosure designation.**

**5.7(1) Powers authorized.** A taxpayer may designate an individual to receive, inspect, and discuss the taxpayer's confidential state tax information from the department. Such designation does not authorize the designee to act or authorize any action on the taxpayer's behalf in any way other than to receive information and communicate with the department. For transfers of decision-making authority, see Iowa Code section 421.59 and rule 701—7.6(17A,22,421,422).

**5.7(2) Contents of the tax information disclosure designation form.** A taxpayer must use the department's tax information disclosure designation form, or other designated method authorized by the department, to designate an individual to receive, inspect, and discuss confidential state tax information. A tax information disclosure designation form must contain the following information to be valid:

- a. Legal name and address of the taxpayer;
- b. Identification number of the taxpayer (i.e., social security number (SSN), federal identification number (FEIN), or any federal- or Iowa-issued tax identification number);
- c. The designee's name, mailing address, and identification number (i.e., preparer's tax identification number (PTIN), FEIN, SSN, individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), or Iowa department of revenue-issued account number (IAN)). In lieu of a designee's identification number, a taxpayer may indicate that an IAN is being requested for the designee;
- d. Description of the matter(s) for which disclosure is authorized, which may include:
  - (1) The type of tax(es) involved or an indication that all tax types are within the scope of disclosure;
  - (2) The specific year(s) or period(s) involved or an indication that the scope is unlimited (not to exceed three years into the future beyond the signature date); and
  - (3) Business tax permit number or an indication that all tax types are within the scope of authority;
- e. A clear expression of the taxpayer's intention concerning any restrictions to the scope of authority granted to the recognized representative(s) as provided in subrule 5.7(1);
- f. An authorized signature of an individual listed in subrule 5.7(4) meeting the requirements of rule 701—8.2(17A,421);
- g. Any other information required by the department.

**5.7(3) Authorization period for a tax information disclosure designation.**

a. A tax information disclosure designation may not be used to authorize disclosure for tax periods that end more than three years after the date on which the tax information disclosure designation is signed by the taxpayer. A tax information disclosure designation may concern an unlimited number of tax periods that have ended prior to the date on which the tax information disclosure designation is received by the department; however, tax periods must be stated if the intention is to limit the periods. If the tax periods section is left blank, all tax periods, including those ending up to three years in the future, are included.

b. A tax information disclosure designation continues to be effective for tax periods as defined in paragraph 5.7(3) "a" until revocation by the taxpayer, incapacity of the taxpayer, death of the taxpayer, or withdrawal, death, or incapacity of the tax information disclosure designee.

**5.7(4) Individuals who may execute a tax information disclosure designation.** The individual(s) who may execute a tax information disclosure designation depends on the type of taxpayer involved:

a. *Individual.* In matters involving an individual taxpayer, a tax information disclosure designation must be signed by the individual.

b. *Joint or combined returns.* In matters involving a joint return or married taxpayers who have elected to file separately on a combined return, each taxpayer must complete and submit a tax information disclosure designation form for the joint return.

c. *Third parties.* The tax information disclosure designation form may be signed by an individual who has been authorized to act on behalf of the taxpayer under Iowa Code section 421.59.

**5.7(5) Revocation and withdrawal.**

a. *Revocation by the taxpayer.*

(1) By written statement. By filing a statement of revocation with the department, a taxpayer may revoke a tax information disclosure designation without authorizing a new representative. The statement of revocation must include the following:

1. Name, address, and identification number of the taxpayer (i.e., SSN, FEIN, or any federal- or Iowa-issued tax identification number);

2. Name, address, and identification number (i.e., PTIN, FEIN, SSN, ITIN, or IAN) of the designee whose designation is to be revoked;

3. A clear statement to revoke the designee's disclosure designation; and

4. Signature of an authorized signatory as described in subrule 5.7(4).

(2) Does not automatically revoke. A new tax information disclosure designation for a particular tax type(s) and tax period(s) does not revoke a prior tax information disclosure designation for any tax type(s) and tax period(s), unless the taxpayer has indicated in a written submission to the department that a prior tax information disclosure designation is to be revoked.

*b. Withdrawal by the designee.* By filing a statement with the department, a designee may withdraw from the designation in a matter in which a tax information disclosure designation has been filed. The statement must include the following:

- (1) Name, address, and identification number of the taxpayer (i.e., SSN, FEIN, or any federal- or Iowa-issued tax identification number);
- (2) Name, address, and tax identification number (i.e., PTIN, FEIN, SSN, ITIN, or IAN) of the designee whose designation is to be withdrawn;
- (3) A clear statement that the designee wishes to withdraw;
- (4) Signature of withdrawing designee and signature date.

**5.7(6) Submitting a form.**

*a. Submit separately.* A tax information disclosure designation form may not be submitted as an attachment to a tax return except as provided by these rules. A tax information disclosure designation must be submitted separately to the department in accordance with the submission instructions on the form. However, the department may, at its discretion, provide a method for authorizing disclosure on the face of a tax return as defined in Iowa Code section 421.6.

*b. Original or electronic forms accepted.* The department will accept either the original, a copy, or an electronically scanned and transmitted form. A copy received by facsimile transmission (fax) or email will be accepted. All forms, whether original copy, received via fax, or electronically scanned and transmitted forms must include a valid signature meeting the requirements of rule 701—8.2(17A,421) of the taxpayer to be represented.

*c. Timely submission.* The form must be submitted within six months of the date it is signed, or it will be considered invalid.

*d. Evaluation of documentation provided.* The department will evaluate the tax information disclosure designation form and any additional documentation to confirm authorization. Authorization to receive, inspect, and discuss confidential state tax information from the department shall only cover those matters and time frames covered by the submitted documentation. The party claiming authorization to receive, inspect, and discuss confidential state tax information from the department on behalf of a taxpayer shall have the burden to prove, to the satisfaction of the department, the existence and extent of the claimed authorization.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22, 421, and 422.  
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**701—5.8(17A,22,421,422) Disclosures without the consent of the subject.** Open records and certain confidential records may be disclosed by the department without the consent of the subject. The guidelines governing such disclosures are described below.

**5.8(1) Disclosure of open records.** All open records may be disclosed without the consent of the subject.

**5.8(2) Disclosure of confidential records that do not contain confidential state tax information.** Certain confidential records that do not contain confidential state tax information may, in limited circumstances, be disclosed without the consent of the subject. The following disclosures will generally occur without notice to the subject:

- a. For routine use.* The following uses are considered routine uses:
- (1) Disclosure to those officers, employees, and agents of the department who have a need for the record in the performance of their duties;
  - (2) Disclosure of information indicating an apparent violation of the law to appropriate law enforcement authorities for investigation and possible criminal prosecution, civil court action, or regulatory action;
  - (3) Information released to staff of federal and state entities for audit purposes for purposes of determining whether the department is operating a program lawfully;
  - (4) Any disclosure specifically authorized by statute.

b. To a recipient who has provided the department with advance written assurance that the record will be used solely as a statistical research or reporting record, provided that the record is transferred in a form that does not identify the subject.

c. To another government agency or to an instrumentality of any governmental jurisdiction within or under the control of the United States for a civil or criminal law enforcement activity if the activity is authorized by law, and if an authorized representative of such government agency or instrumentality has submitted a written request pursuant to rule 701—5.4(17A,22,421,422) to the department specifying the record desired and the law enforcement activity for which the record is sought.

d. To an individual pursuant to a showing of compelling circumstances affecting the health or safety of any individual. Confidential information will be disclosed pursuant to this paragraph only after notice is sent by the department to the last-known address of the subject of the confidential information.

e. To the legislative services agency.

f. Disclosures in the course of employee disciplinary proceedings.

g. In response to a lawful court order or subpoena.

**5.8(3) Disclosure of confidential state tax information.**

a. *Permitted disclosures.* Confidential state tax information may be disclosed without the consent of the subject only to the extent that it is expressly permitted by law. The following is a nonexclusive list of permitted disclosures:

(1) Disclosures to other agencies, employees, or officials of this state to the extent required as part of their official duties and responsibilities pursuant to Iowa Code section 422.72(1)“b.” Officers or employees of the state of Iowa may examine confidential state tax information belonging to the department to the extent that access to the information is required as part of their official duties and responsibilities. Such information will only be disclosed upon the express written approval of the director of revenue or the director’s designee. Written approval will be granted in only those situations where the information obtained is used for a tax administrative purpose. The written approval will cover the conditions and procedures under which specific information will be released.

(2) Disclosures permitted by statute for purposes other than tax administration. Confidential state tax information may be disclosed without the consent of the subject when disclosure is expressly permitted by statute. Such disclosures may be made without a tax administrative purpose, unless the authorizing statute provides otherwise.

(3) Disclosures to the federal government and agencies of other states. The director of revenue or director’s designee may disclose confidential state tax information to tax officials of another state or the United States government without the consent of the subject so long as the disclosures are made for a tax administrative purpose and are made only to officers of those jurisdictions which by agreement with this state limit the disclosure of the information as strictly as the laws of this state protecting the confidentiality of returns and return information.

(4) Disclosure pursuant to subpoena. The director of revenue or the director’s designee must provide confidential state tax information in response to a subpoena as outlined in Iowa Code section 422.72(7).

(5) Disclosure pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.19. The department may disclose confidential state tax information in exercising any power under Iowa Code section 421.19, regardless of whether such disclosure is made for a tax administration purpose.

b. *Penalties for unlawful disclosure of confidential state tax information.* Any officer, employee, agent, former officer, former employee, or former agent of the state of Iowa who engages in any of the following activities commits a serious misdemeanor:

(1) Knowingly files a false affidavit with the department to secure confidential state tax information;

(2) Willfully or recklessly divulges, prints, publishes, inspects or permits unauthorized examination of confidential state tax information in violation of Iowa Code sections 422.20 and 422.72 or divulges information received under this rule in any manner prohibited by this rule.

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**701—5.9(17A,22,421,422) Release to subject or owner of record.**

**5.9(1)** The subject of a record may request to review the subject’s own records by following the procedures in rules 701—5.3(17A,22,421,422) and 701—5.4(17A,22,421,422). However, the department need not release the following records to the subject:

- a. Communications to the department that are protected from disclosure under Iowa Code section 22.7(18). Such protected communications include responses to questionnaires solicited by the department that relate to tax administration.
- b. Records that are work product of an attorney or are otherwise privileged.
- c. Peace officer’s investigative reports, except when disclosure is required by law.
- d. Any other records that may be withheld by law.

**5.9(2)** Where a requested record contains information on multiple subjects, the department may take reasonable steps to protect confidential information relating to the subject or subjects that did not make the request when releasing the record to the requesting subject.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22, 421, and 422.  
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**701—5.10(17A,22,421,422) Personally identifiable information collected and stored by the department.** The department collects and maintains both open records and confidential records that contain personally identifiable information. This rule describes the nature, extent, retrieval, storage, and processing of personally identifiable information within the department’s record systems.

**5.10(1) Nature and extent.** All record systems maintained by the department may contain personally identifiable information concerning matters such as income, property holdings, exchanges, financial transactions, and demographic information such as address and number of dependents.

**5.10(2) Retrieval.** Personal identifiers are used to retrieve information from any of the record systems that the department maintains that contain personally identifiable information.

**5.10(3) Means of storage.** Paper, microform, and various electronic means of storage are used to store records containing personally identifiable information.

**5.10(4) Comparison.** Electronic or manual data processing may be used to match, to collate, or to compare personally identifiable information in one system with personally identifiable information in another system of records or with personally identifiable information within the same system.

**5.10(5) Comparison with data from outside the department.** Personally identifiable information in systems of records maintained by the department may be compared with information from outside the department when specified by law. Permitted comparisons include, but are not limited to, comparisons for the purpose of setoffs.

**5.10(6) Records containing personally identifiable information.**

a. Personally identifiable information is collected from documents, returns, and any other record filed with the department, as well as from outside sources, including state and federal agencies. Authority to collect this information is found throughout Iowa Code chapters 8A and 17A and Title X of the Iowa Code, including Iowa Code section 421.17(35). Such information is stored within the department, in electronic or physical format. The chart below describes department records that contain personally identifiable information and identifies which records are open records, confidential records, partially open or partially confidential. A single record may contain information from several categories in the chart. This information is compiled for the purposes of Iowa Code section 22.11.

**Code.....Meaning**

- O.....The records are open for public inspection.
- C.....The records are confidential and are not open to public inspection.
- O/C.....The record is partly open and partly confidential.

Description of Record	Type of Record	Legal Authority for Confidentiality
State tax returns, return information, permit records, tax liability and penalty records, tax policy, tax research records, and all related records	O/C	Iowa Code Title X, including Iowa Code sections 422.20 and 422.72
Nontax collection records	O/C	Iowa Code Title X, including Iowa Code sections 422.20 and 422.72, and contractual authority
Federal tax returns and return information	C	26 U.S.C. §6103
Department personnel records, communication records, budget records, and payroll records	O/C	Iowa Code section 22.7
Minutes of closed meetings of a government body	C	Iowa Code section 21.5(4)
Records that constitute attorney work product or attorney-client communications or are otherwise privileged	C	Iowa Code section 22.7(4), Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.503, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(3), and case law

*b.* The procedure for public records request may be found in rule 701—5.3(17A,22,421,422).

*c.* The procedure for allowing a person to have additions, dissents, or objections entered in the record will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

*d.* The subject of the confidential record may either request the record independently and give it to the named third party or authorize the third party to request the subject's confidential information under Iowa Code section 421.59, 422.20(7), or 422.72(9).

*e.* The department will utilize information, including confidential information, in executing its duties under the Iowa Code. Subjects of the information will not be notified when the information is used. Persons outside of the department receiving confidential information are held to the same confidentiality standard as departmental employees. Whether information is required or optional will be indicated along with the request for information. Failing to provide required information may result in penalties or interest being charged.

*f.* The department utilizes more than one data processing system, and information is matched between systems.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22, 421, and 422.  
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**701—5.11(17A,22,421,422) Retention of submitted documents.** When the subject or owner of a record has submitted a document to the department, the department will store the document in the same manner that it stores other records of a similar nature. Documents submitted to the department may be destroyed by the department at the conclusion of the applicable time period detailed in the department's record retention schedules, unless destruction is otherwise prohibited by law. The department discourages submitting original documents in situations where an original is not required. If an original document must be submitted, the person submitting the document shall indicate conspicuously that the document is an original and shall also indicate whether that person requests that the original be returned at the conclusion of its use by the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22, 421, and 422.  
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**701—5.12(17A,22,421,422) Limited applicability.** This chapter does not:

1. Require the department to index or retrieve records that contain information about individuals by that person's name or other personal identifier.
2. Make available to the general public records that would otherwise not be available under Iowa Code chapter 22.
3. Govern the maintenance or disclosure of, notification of, or access to records in possession of the department that are governed by regulations of another agency.



4. Apply to grantees, including local governments or subdivisions thereof, administering state-funded programs, unless otherwise provided by law or agreement.

5. Make available records compiled by the department in reasonable anticipation of court litigation or formal administrative proceedings. The availability of such records to the general public or to any subject individual or party to such litigation or proceedings shall be governed by applicable legal and constitutional principles, statutes, rules of discovery, evidentiary privileges, and applicable regulations of the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 22, 421, and 422.

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CHAPTER 6  
ORGANIZATION

[Prior to 10/7/87, see Revenue Department[730] Ch 6]

**701—6.1(17A) Establishment of the department.** Iowa Code section 421.2 establishes a department of revenue to be administered by a director of revenue.  
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**701—6.2(17A) Mission.** The mission of the department is to serve Iowans and to support government services in Iowa by collecting all taxes required by law, but no more.  
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**701—6.3(17A) Office.** The office of the department is maintained at the seat of government in the Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, P.O. Box 10460, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.  
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**701—6.4(17A) Department Internet website.** The department's Internet home page is [tax.iowa.gov](http://tax.iowa.gov).  
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**701—6.5(17A) Organization of the department.** The department consists of the director and such divisions as the director may from time to time create.

**6.5(1) *The office of the director.*** The essential functions of the office of the director include but are not limited to:

- a. Overall management of the agency.
- b. Review of protest and revocation cases on appeal.
- c. Strategic planning and coordination of the future operations and goals of the department.
- d. Provision of financial checks and balances within the department.
- e. Facilitation of a working relationship between the public sector and the private sector.

**6.5(2) *Divisions.*** For ease of administration, the director has organized the department into divisions and, in some instances, has organized those divisions into bureaus, sections, subsections, and units. The director may from time to time reorganize the department into administrative divisions in order to more efficiently and effectively carry out the authority's responsibilities. Reorganization may include creating new divisions, eliminating existing divisions, or combining divisions as the director deems necessary. Such divisions may include but are not limited to:

- a. Local government services.
- b. Tax management.
- c. Research and policy.
- d. Legal services and appeals.
- e. Internal services.

**6.5(3) *Designee.*** Unless otherwise delegated in statute, in rule, or otherwise in writing by the director, only the director, deputy director, or chief legal officer may enter into contracts or agreements on behalf of the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.2, 421.9, 421.14, 421.17, 422.1 and 422.72.

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CHAPTER 7  
APPEALS, TAXPAYER REPRESENTATION, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

**701—7.1(421,17A) Applicability and scope of rules.** These rules are designed to implement the requirements of the Iowa administrative procedure Act and aid in the effective and efficient administration and enforcement of the tax laws of this state and other activities of the department. These rules shall govern the practice, procedure, and conduct of the informal proceedings, contested case proceedings, licensing, rule making, requests for waiver of rules, and declaratory orders involving taxation and other areas within the department’s jurisdiction. The rules in this chapter apply to all informal proceedings, contested case proceedings, licensing, rule making, requests for waiver of rules, and declaratory orders pending or commenced on or after their effective date.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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**701—7.2(421,17A) Definitions.** These definitions apply to this chapter, unless the text states otherwise:

“*Act*” means the Iowa administrative procedure Act.

“*Agency*” means each board, commission, department, officer, or other administrative office or unit of the state.

“*Appeal*” means a dispute of a notice of assessment, refund denial, or other department action which may culminate in a contested case proceeding. “*Protest*” has the same meaning as appeal.

“*Appeals section*” means the section of the department designated by the director to administer the informal stage of the appeals process and participate in contested case proceedings for appeals before the department.

“*Clerk*” means the clerk of the legal services and appeals division or the clerk’s designee.

“*Contested case*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 17A.2(5). This term also includes any matter defined as a no factual dispute contested case as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.10A.

“*Declaratory order*” means an order issued pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.9.

“*Department*” or “*IDR*” means the Iowa department of revenue.

“*Department of inspections and appeals*” means the state department created by Iowa Code chapter 10A.

“*Director*” means the director of the department or the director’s authorized representative.

“*Division of administrative hearings*” means the division of the department of inspections and appeals responsible for holding contested case proceedings pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 10A.

“*Entity*” means any taxpayer other than an individual or sole proprietorship.

“*GovConnectIowa*” means the e-services portal of the department.

“*Informal stage*” means the procedures of the appeals process described in rule 701—7.11(17A).

“*Intervene*” means to file with the department a petition requesting that the petitioner be allowed to intervene in the proceedings for a declaratory order currently under the department’s consideration.

“*Issuance*” means the date specified in the decision or order, the date of mailing of a decision, or order or date of delivery of the decision or order if service is by other means.

“*Last-known address*” means the last address associated with a taxpayer by tax type, as determined pursuant to rule 701—7.33(421).

“*License*” means the whole or a part of any permit, certificate, approval, registration, charter, or similar form of permission required by statute.

“*Licensing*” means the department process respecting the grant, denial, renewal, revocation, suspension, annulment, withdrawal, or amendment of a license.

“*Motion*” means the same as defined in Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.431.

“*Party*” means each person or agency named or admitted as a party, or properly seeking and entitled as of right to be admitted as a party, including intervenors.

“*Person*” means any individual; estate; trust; fiduciary; partnership, including limited liability partnership; corporation; limited liability company; association; governmental subdivision; or public or private organization of any character or any other person covered by the Act other than an agency.

“*Petition*” means application for declaratory order, request to intervene in a declaratory order under consideration, or application for initiation of proceedings to adopt, amend or repeal a rule or document filed in licensing.

“*Pleadings*” means appeal, answer, reply or other similar document filed in a contested case proceeding, including contested cases involving no factual dispute.

“*Presiding officer*” means the person designated to preside over a proceeding involving the department. A presiding officer of a contested case involving the department will be either the director or a qualified administrative law judge appointed, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 17A, by the division of administrative hearings established pursuant to Iowa Code section 10A.801. In cases in which the department is not a party, at the director’s discretion, the presiding officer may be the director or the director’s designee. The presiding officer of an administrative appeal is the director of the department.

“*Proceeding*” means informal, formal and contested case proceedings.

“*Proposed decision*” means the presiding officer’s recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, decision, and order in a contested case in which the director did not preside.

“*Provision of law*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 17A.2(10).

“*Review unit*” means the unit composed of the appeals section of the department and any of the attorney general’s staff who have been assigned to review appeals filed by taxpayers.

“*Rule*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 17A.2(11).

“*Small business*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 17A.4A(8)“a.”

“*Taxpayer interview*” means any in-person contact between an employee of the department and a taxpayer or a taxpayer’s representative which has been initiated by a department employee.

“*Taxpayer’s representative*” or “*authorized taxpayer’s representative*” means an individual authorized to practice before the department under Iowa Code section 421.59; an individual who has been named as an authorized representative on a fiduciary return of income form filed under Iowa Code section 422.14, or a tax return filed under Iowa Code chapter 450, “Inheritance Tax,” or chapter 450B, “Qualified Use Inheritance Tax”; or for proceedings before the department, any other individual the taxpayer designates who is named on a valid power of attorney if appearing on behalf of another.

Unless otherwise specifically stated, the terms used in these rules promulgated by the department shall have the meanings defined by the Act.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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**701—7.3(17A) How to submit an appeal, petition or related documents; service.** Appeals, petitions, and other documents governed by this chapter may be filed electronically, by mail, or in person, in accordance with the limits described below. The principal office of the department in the Hoover State Office Building in Des Moines, Iowa, shall generally be open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays as defined in Iowa Code section 421.9A.

**7.3(1) Ways to submit an appeal, petition, or related document.** Unless otherwise specified in another rule in this chapter, a person may submit an appeal, petition, related document, or document filed during an appeal or pending petition:

*a.* By submitting through GovConnectIowa. As of November 14, 2022, GovConnectIowa is available for filing petitions for declaratory order, petitions for rule making, and petitions for rule waiver for all tax types, but is only available for filing appeals for the following tax types: sales, consumers/retailers use, E911, withholding, motor fuel, hotel/motel, local option sales, automobile rental, water service excise, corporation income, S corporation income, partnership income, franchise, and tax credits and distributions associated with these tax types.

*b.* By email to [idrhearings@iowa.gov](mailto:idrhearings@iowa.gov).

c. By mail to Legal Services and Appeals Division, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 14457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-3457.

d. By hand delivery to the department's customer service desk in the Hoover State Office Building, First Floor, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, during regular business hours.

**7.3(2) Filings with the department of inspections and appeals and service upon the department during contested case proceedings.** All documents or papers required or permitted to be filed with an administrative law judge appointed by the division of administrative hearings to be a presiding officer in a contested case shall be filed with the department of inspections and appeals in accordance with rule 481—10.12(17A). All papers or documents required or permitted by this chapter to be filed with the department or the director and served upon the opposing party or other person in a contested case shall be served by ordinary mail unless another rule specifically refers to another method.

**7.3(3) Service by the department.** All notices or documents required or permitted by this chapter to be served on parties or persons by the department or presiding officer that are not currently pending before an administrative law judge shall be served by ordinary mail unless the taxpayer has elected to receive communications exclusively through GovConnectIowa, pursuant to rule 701—8.6(421). For taxpayers registered in GovConnectIowa, posting the document in the taxpayer's GovConnectIowa account constitutes service or notice of the document. For taxpayer representatives registered in GovConnectIowa, posting the document in the taxpayer representative's GovConnectIowa account constitutes service or notice of the document. For nonregistered taxpayers or nonregistered taxpayer representatives, documents will be served by ordinary mail. When this nonregistered mailing is required, however, the department may note on the docket the parties served and the method of service instead of filing a certificate of service. With respect to any notice, correspondence, or communication served electronically, response deadlines shall be calculated from the date the taxpayer is notified electronically of the correspondence or the item is mailed, whichever is earlier.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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#### **701—7.4(17A) Time requirements for filings.**

**7.4(1) Computing time.** Time shall be computed in accordance with Iowa Code section 421.9A. For electronic submissions, in addition to the requirements described in Iowa Code section 421.9A, local time for the state of Iowa applies.

**7.4(2) Date of filing.** The date of filing for appeal requests, petitions, or other related documents shall be:

a. If sent electronically either through GovConnectIowa or as described on the department's website, determined by the date on which the electronic submission was completed.

b. If sent by regular mail, the date postmarked on the envelope sent to the department's principal office or, if the postmark is not available, on the date the appeal is stamped as received by the department.

c. If hand delivered, the date the appeal is stamped as received by the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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#### **701—7.5(17A) Form and style of documents.**

**7.5(1) Requirements applicable to all filings under this chapter.**

a. **Signatures.** Signatures must meet the requirements of 701—subrule 8.2(6). The signature shall constitute a certification that the signer has read the document; that, under penalty of perjury, the signer declares that to the best of the signer's knowledge and belief, the information contained in the document is true, correct, and complete; and that no statement contained in the document is misleading.

b. **Citations.** Citations may be italicized or underlined.

**7.5(2) Paper.** Any paper documents that are allowed or required to be submitted by this chapter must:

a. Be clear and legible.

- b. Be on white paper.
- c. Be on the applicable department appeal, application for reinstatement, or petition form available on the department's forms website [tax.iowa.gov/forms](http://tax.iowa.gov/forms) under the category "Applications and Other" or, if not on the department's form, include a proper caption on the first page.
- d. Include a signature.
- e. Include copies as herein provided or as specified in other applicable rules.

**7.5(3) Email.** Any documents allowed or required to be filed by email under this chapter must be:

- a. A document in PDF, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or image format that complies with subrules 7.5(1) and 7.5(2), or
- b. The body of an email that meets all of the requirements of subrules 7.5(1) and 7.5(2).

**7.5(4) GovConnectIowa.** Any documents allowed or required to be filed through GovConnectIowa under this chapter must be:

- a. A document in PDF, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or image format that complies with subrules 7.5(1) and 7.5(2) that is properly uploaded and properly submitted through GovConnectIowa.
- b. Completed and submitted on the applicable form provided on GovConnectIowa.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A and 554D and sections 421.17 and 421.27A.

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**701—7.6(17A,22,421,422) Authorized representatives—powers of attorney and representative certifications.** No individual, including an attorney, accountant, or other representative, will be recognized as representing any taxpayer in regard to any claim, appeal, or other matter before the department or in any communication with, hearing before, or conference with the department, or any member or agent thereof, unless there is first filed with the department a written authorization meeting the requirements of this rule and Iowa Code section 421.59. If a taxpayer wishes to allow the department to discuss otherwise confidential tax matters with an individual other than an authorized representative, without giving that individual authority to act on the taxpayer's behalf, the taxpayer must provide the department with written authorization to disclose such confidential tax information as provided in rule 701—5.7(17A,22,421,422).

**7.6(1) Individuals authorized to represent a taxpayer, generally; transfers of decision-making authority.**

a. If a taxpayer wishes to have any other individual or individuals act on the taxpayer's behalf in matters before the department, the taxpayer must file with the department an IDR power of attorney form, as described in subrule 7.6(5), authorizing that individual to do so. Even if an individual desires to represent a taxpayer only through correspondence with the department but does not intend to personally appear before the department in a hearing or conference, the taxpayer must submit an IDR power of attorney form appointing that individual to act on the taxpayer's behalf.

b. Individuals with the authority to act on behalf of a taxpayer, including pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.59(2) or chapter 633B, must file a representative certification form as described in subrule 7.6(6). Subrule 7.6(6) contains more information about individuals who may qualify as authorized representatives and the information required.

**7.6(2) Powers authorized.**

a. An IDR power of attorney or representative certification form, as applicable, is required by the department before an individual can perform one or more of the following acts on behalf of the taxpayer:

(1) To receive copies of any notices or documents sent by the department, its representatives, or its attorneys.

(2) To receive, but not to endorse and collect, checks made payable to the taxpayer in payment of any refund of Iowa taxes, penalties, or interest. Certain representatives with a valid representative certification form may be authorized to receive, endorse, and collect checks made payable to the taxpayer in payment of any refund of Iowa taxes, penalties, or interest.

(3) To execute waivers (including offers of waiver) of restrictions on assessment or collection of deficiencies in tax and waivers of notice of disallowance of a claim for credit or refund.



(4) To execute consents extending the statutory period for assessment or collection of taxes.  
(5) To fully represent the taxpayer in any hearing, determination, final or otherwise, or appeal.  
Subrule 7.6(8) contains additional requirements.

(6) To enter into any settlement or compromise with the department.

(7) To execute any release from liability required by the department as a prerequisite to divulging otherwise confidential information concerning the taxpayer.

(8) To authorize a third party as authorized representative or disclosure designee for the taxpayer.

*b.* The taxpayer may limit the scope of the authority of an authorized representative appointed via an IDR power of attorney form by expressly stating the limitations, if any, on the IDR power of attorney form submitted to the department. The taxpayer may not expand the scope of authority of an authorized representative beyond those powers authorized in this rule.

**7.6(3) Submitting a form.**

*a. Submit separately.* An IDR power of attorney form or representative certification may not be submitted as an attachment to a tax return except as provided by these rules. A power of attorney form or representative certification form must be submitted separately to the department in accordance with the submission instructions on the form(s).

*b. Original or electronic forms accepted.* The department may accept either an original form, an electronically scanned and transmitted form, or a copy of a form. A copy received by facsimile transmission (fax) or email may be accepted.

*c. Timely submission.* The form must be submitted within six months of the date of signature, or it will be considered invalid.

*d. Appointment of a representative via another form.* The department designates certain returns or other departmental forms on which a taxpayer may appoint a representative.

*e. Signature.* The signature on the form must be a handwritten signature, a digital signature with a digital certificate, or a signature otherwise accepted by the IRS for purposes of third-party authorization.

**7.6(4) Communications with represented taxpayers.** Any notice or other written communication (or copy thereof) from the department provided to the representative, where required or permitted to be given to the taxpayer in any matter before the department, will be given to the taxpayer as well.

**7.6(5) Powers of attorney.** Individuals appointed by a taxpayer to represent the taxpayer must file an IDR power of attorney form.

*a. Individuals who may execute an IDR power of attorney form.* Individuals who are permitted to execute an IDR power of attorney form are as follows:

(1) Individual. In matters involving an individual taxpayer, an IDR power of attorney form must be signed by the individual or an authorized representative.

(2) Joint or combined returns. In matters involving a joint return or married taxpayers who have elected to file separately on a combined return, each taxpayer must complete and submit the taxpayer's own IDR power of attorney form, even if the taxpayers are represented by the same appointee(s). In any matter concerning a joint return or married taxpayers who have elected to file separately on a combined return, in which the two taxpayers are not to be represented by the same representative(s), the authorized representative of one spouse cannot perform any act with respect to a tax matter that the spouse represented cannot perform alone.

*b. Contents of the IDR power of attorney form.* An IDR power of attorney form must contain the following information to be valid:

(1) Legal name and address of the taxpayer;

(2) Identification number of the taxpayer (i.e., social security number (SSN), federal identification number (FEIN), or any federal- or Iowa-issued tax identification number);

(3) Name, mailing address, and identification number of the representative (i.e., preparer's tax identification number (PTIN), SSN, centralized authorization file (CAF) number, or any federal- or Iowa-issued tax identification number) or an indication that an issued account number (IAN) is being requested;

(4) Description of the matter(s) for which representation is authorized, which may include:

1. The type of tax(es) involved or an indication that all tax types are within the scope of authority. If the tax type field is left blank, all tax types will be included within the scope of the representative's authority;

2. The specific year(s) or period(s) involved, or an indication that the scope is unlimited (not to exceed three years into the future beyond the signature date), or an indication that all tax types are within the scope of authority;

3. Iowa tax permit number;

(5) A clear expression of the taxpayer's intention concerning any restrictions to the scope of authority granted to the recognized representative(s) as provided in subrule 7.6(2).

(6) A signature on the form, which must be a handwritten signature, a digital signature with a digital certificate, or a signature otherwise accepted by the IRS for purposes of third-party authorization.

(7) Any other information required by the department.

*c. Authorization period for an IDR power of attorney form.*

(1) An IDR power of attorney form may not be used to authorize representation for tax periods that end more than three years after the date on which the IDR power of attorney form is signed by the taxpayer. The authority granted may concern an unlimited number of tax periods which have ended prior to the date on which the IDR power of attorney form is received by the department; however, tax periods must be stated if the intention is to limit the periods. If the tax period section is left blank, all tax periods, including those ending up to three years in the future, are included.

(2) The authority granted by an IDR power of attorney form ceases to be effective for tax periods as defined in subparagraph 7.6(5) "c"(1) upon revocation by the taxpayer, incapacity of the taxpayer, death of the taxpayer, or withdrawal, death, or incapacity of the individual granted power of attorney authority.

*d. Evaluation of documentation provided.* The department will evaluate the IDR power of attorney form and any additional documentation to confirm authority. Authority to act before the department shall only cover those matters and time frames covered by the submitted documentation. The party claiming authority to act before the department on behalf of a taxpayer shall have the burden to prove, to the satisfaction of the department, the existence and extent of the claimed authority.

*e. Revocation and withdrawal.*

(1) Revocation by the taxpayer.

1. By written statement. By filing a statement of revocation with the department, a taxpayer may revoke authority granted by an IDR power of attorney form without authorizing a new representative. The statement of revocation must indicate that the authority of the previous representative is revoked and must be signed by the taxpayer. Also, the name and address of each representative whose authority is revoked must be listed (or a copy of the prior IDR power of attorney form must be attached). If the writing indicates that authorization should be revoked from "all" authorized representatives, this will apply to all representatives appointed via an IDR power of attorney form or an entity representative form.

2. By filing a new IDR power of attorney form. Filing a new IDR power of attorney form for a particular tax type(s) and tax period(s) automatically revokes a previously granted power of attorney authority for that tax type(s) and tax period(s). For a previously designated authorized representative to remain as the taxpayer's authorized representative when a subsequent IDR power of attorney form is filed, the taxpayer must include the representative on the newly submitted IDR power of attorney form. This rule applies regardless of whether the power of attorney authority is authorized by an IDR power of attorney form or on a return as described in subrule 7.6(7). This subrule does not apply to entities appointed as authorized entity representatives under subrule 7.6(9).

(2) Withdrawal by the representative. By filing a statement with the department, a representative may withdraw from representation in a matter in which an IDR power of attorney form has been filed. The statement must be signed by the representative and must identify the name, identification number, and address of the taxpayer(s); the name, address and identification number of the representative withdrawing; and the matter(s) from which the representative is withdrawing. A representative may withdraw from multiple matters by including with the statement a list of all matters and taxpayers for which withdrawal is desired.

(3) Administrative revocation by the department. The department may administratively revoke a power of attorney or representative certification authority.

**7.6(6) Representative certification; durable and general powers of attorney.**

*a.* Individuals with the authority to act on behalf of a taxpayer, including pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.59(2) or chapter 633B, must file with the department a representative certification form prior to utilizing that authority with the department. Individuals authorized by an IDR power of attorney form are not required to file a representative certification form for themselves.

*b.* *Contents of the representative certification form.* The representative certification form must include the following information:

- (1) Legal name and address of the taxpayer;
- (2) Identification number of the taxpayer (i.e., SSN, FEIN, or any federal- or Iowa-issued tax identification number relative to matters covered by the IDR power of attorney form);
- (3) Name, mailing address, and identification number (i.e., SSN, CAF number, or any federal- or Iowa-issued tax identification number) of the representative. If the identification number is left blank, a new IAN will be assigned to the representative;
- (4) Proof of authority must be included with the form as follows:
  1. Durable power of attorney or general power of attorney other than an IDR power of attorney form: a copy of the power of attorney document;
  2. Guardian, conservator, or custodian appointed by a court: documentation as required in Iowa Code section 421.59(2)“a”;
  3. Receiver appointed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 680: a copy of the relevant court order(s);
  4. Individual holding one of the following titles within a corporation, association, partnership, or other entity:
    - Officer/employee of corporation/association: affirmation of authority to act on behalf of the corporation or association on the form designated by the department;
    - Designated partner authorized to act on behalf of a partnership: affirmation of authority to act on behalf of the partnership on the form designated by the department;
    - Individual authorized to act on behalf of a limited liability company in tax matters: affirmation of authority to act on behalf of the limited liability company on the form designated by the department;
  5. Licensed attorney appearing on behalf of the taxpayer or the taxpayer’s estate in a court proceeding: a copy of the filed notice of appearance in the relevant court proceeding;
  6. Parent or guardian of minor taxpayer: a copy of the return signed by the parent or guardian or proof of status as parent or guardian, such as birth certificate or equivalent document, stating parent and minor taxpayer’s names, as well as the minor taxpayer’s date of birth. By submitting a copy of a return signed by the parent or guardian, the parent or guardian will only have authority in relation to that return. Without other authorization, such as a court-ordered guardianship, a parent’s right to access a minor taxpayer’s account will cease when the minor taxpayer reaches majority;
  7. Governmental representative: affirmation of authority to act on behalf of the government entity on the form designated by the department;
  8. Executor or personal representative: a copy of the will or court order appointing the individual;
  9. Trustee: a copy of the certificate of trust, trust document, or court order appointing the representative;
  10. Successor of a very small estate under Iowa Code section 633.356(2): affirmation of authority to act on behalf of the estate on the form designated by the department;
- (5) A signature of the representative on the form, which must be a handwritten signature, a digital signature with a digital certificate, or a signature otherwise accepted by the IRS for purposes of third-party authorization;
- (6) Any other information required by the department.

*c.* *Evaluation of documentation provided.* The department will evaluate documentation submitted in support of a representative certification to confirm authority. Authority to act before the department shall only cover those matters and time frames covered by the submitted documentation. The party

claiming authority to act before the department on behalf of a taxpayer shall have the burden to prove, to the satisfaction of the department, the existence and extent of the claimed authority.

*d. Revocation.* A representative certification may be revoked in the following ways:

(1) By the representative being withdrawn, following procedures in subparagraph 7.6(5)“e”(2).

(2) By the taxpayer, following procedures in subparagraph 7.6(5)“e”(1).

(3) By another representative. An authorized representative properly appointed by a representative certification or an IDR power of attorney form may notify the department that an authorized representative no longer has authority to act on behalf of the taxpayer by filing a statement of revocation with the department. The notification statement must indicate the taxpayer’s name, address, and identification, and that the authority of the former representative has ceased and must be signed by a current authorized representative. Also, the name and address of each representative who no longer has authority must be listed (or a copy of the prior representative certification form must be attached).

(4) Administrative revocation by the department, following procedures in paragraph 7.6(5)“e.”

**7.6(7) Returns that may be used to grant power of attorney authority.** An IDR power of attorney form is not needed for individuals who have been named as an authorized representative on a fiduciary return of income filed under Iowa Code section 422.14 or a tax return filed under Iowa Code chapter 450.

**7.6(8) Individuals authorized to represent themselves or others in a contested case proceeding.** The right to represent oneself or others in connection with any contested case proceeding before the department or administrative hearings division shall be limited to the following classes of individuals, so long as such representation is not barred by another provision of law. Representatives must have a valid IDR power of attorney form or valid representative certification form on file with the department to represent others in a contested case proceeding. The right to represent a taxpayer before the department or the administrative hearings division does not confer the right to represent the taxpayer in a judicial proceeding.

*a.* Taxpayers who are natural persons representing themselves. One spouse may not represent the other in contested case proceedings, unless the spouse is acting in a capacity described in paragraphs 7.6(8)“b” to “j”;

*b.* Attorneys duly qualified and entitled to practice in the courts of the state of Iowa;

*c.* Attorneys who are entitled to practice before the highest court of record of any other state and who have complied with the requirements for admission to practice before the courts of the state of Iowa pro hac vice;

*d.* Accountants who are authorized, permitted, or licensed under Iowa Code chapter 542;

*e.* Duly authorized directors or officers of corporations representing the corporation of which they are respectively a director or officer. Attorneys who are acting in the capacity of a director or officer of a corporation must meet the requirements of paragraph 7.6(8)“b” or “c”;

*f.* Partners representing their partnership. Attorneys who are acting in the capacity of a partner must meet the requirements of paragraph 7.6(8)“b” or “c”;

*g.* Fiduciaries. Fiduciaries include trustees, receivers, guardians, personal representatives, administrators, and executors. For purposes of this rule, a fiduciary is considered to be the taxpayer and not a representative of the taxpayer;

*h.* Government officials authorized by law;

*i.* Enrolled agents, currently enrolled under 31 CFR §10.6 for practice before the Internal Revenue Service, representing a taxpayer in proceedings under division II of Iowa Code chapter 422; and

*j.* Conservators, guardians, or durable powers of attorney appointed to handle tax matters.

**7.6(9) Entities as authorized representatives.**

*a. Appointment.*

(1) A taxpayer may authorize an entity to act on its behalf in tax-related matters by following the procedures described in this subrule in a manner approved by the department. By appointing an authorized entity representative, the taxpayer consents to the authorized entity representative, and any individuals submitted to the department by the authorized entity representative, as described in paragraph 7.6(9)“c,” sending and receiving the taxpayer’s information to and from the department and taking any other action described in these rules. By appointing an authorized entity representative,

the taxpayer understands that the authorized entity representative is solely responsible for maintaining an accurate list of individuals allowed to act on the taxpayer's behalf. The taxpayer agrees that any improper disclosure or use of the taxpayer's information by the entity or entity's current or former employees, agents, or contractors shall solely be the responsibility of the entity and the entity's employees, agents, or contractors. The department shall not be liable for any acts or omissions of the entity or the entity's employees, agents, or contractors.

(2) The taxpayer's consent must be in writing, in a form specified by the department, including a signature and date. The signature must be a handwritten signature, a digital signature with a digital certificate, or a signature otherwise accepted by the IRS for purposes of third-party authorization.

*b. Department approval of authorized entity representatives.*

(1) The department will review authorized entity representative appointments.

(2) The department has the authority to approve, deny, or remove third-party access to any entity or individual employee upon review.

*c. Duties of the authorized entity representative.*

(1) The authorized entity representative shall be responsible for managing access for individual employees that it authorizes to act on behalf of the taxpayer in a manner defined by the department. The authorized entity representative shall provide the department a single point of contact for matters involving the entity's status as an approved entity representative.

(2) The authorized entity representative single point of contact must have a valid IA 2848 or representative certification form on file on behalf of the authorized entity representative.

(3) The authorized entity representative will provide information regarding each individual employee authorized to act on behalf of the taxpayer as determined by the department. This information shall be used to identify the individual employee when contacting the department. The authorized entity representative shall maintain with the department an accurate and up-to-date list of individual employees that the authorized entity representative has authorized to act on a taxpayer's behalf under this rule. The authorized entity representative shall remove any individuals from its list with the department as soon as an individual is no longer employed by the entity or is no longer authorized by the entity to act on behalf of a taxpayer. The authorized entity representative shall submit all information and changes to information to the department via GovConnectIowa.

(4) The authorized entity representative shall be responsible for the actions taken by its employees, agents, and contractors on behalf of the taxpayer.

(5) The authorized entity representative shall remain in good standing with the department.

*d. Powers authorized.* An authorized entity representative may be granted any or all of the powers described in subrule 7.6(2). The taxpayer may restrict the authorized entity representative as described therein and by tax type. If the tax type field is left blank, all tax types are included within the scope of the authorized entity representative's authority.

*e. Contents of form.* A valid IDR authorized entity representative form must contain the information specified in paragraph 7.6(5) "b."

*f. Authorization period.*

(1) An authorized entity representative may be used to authorize representation for an unlimited number of tax periods prior to or following the date on which the form is received by the department. If the tax period is left blank, all tax periods are included.

(2) At any time while the taxpayer has an effective authorized entity representative appointment filed with the department, the taxpayer consents to allowing the authorized entity representative and any individuals listed by the authorized entity representative, as described in paragraph 7.6(9) "c," to send and receive the taxpayer's information to and from the department and take any other action described in these rules.

(3) The authority granted by an IDR power of attorney form ceases to be effective upon revocation by the taxpayer, or withdrawal or dissolution of the authorized entity representative. It is the sole responsibility of the taxpayer to revoke an authorized entity representative.

*g. Revocation and withdrawal.*

(1) Revocation by the taxpayer. Such appointment may be revoked by the taxpayer at any time, via GovConnectIowa or in writing to the department. The revocation must include the name and identification number of the taxpayer, the name of the representative entity, an indication of the wish to withdraw, and the taxpayer's dated signature. If the revocation indicates that authorization should be revoked from "all" authorized representatives, this will apply to all representatives appointed via an IA 2848 or entity representative form.

(2) Withdrawal by the authorized entity representative. By filing a statement with the department, an authorized entity representative may withdraw from representation appointed under this subrule. The statement must be signed by the authorized entity representative single point of contact and must identify the name and address of the taxpayer(s) and the matter(s) from which the authorized entity representative is withdrawing. An authorized entity representative may withdraw from multiple matters by including with the statement a list of all matters and taxpayers for which withdrawal is desired. Such statement shall be signed by the authorized entity representative single point of contact.

(3) Administrative revocation by the department. The department may administratively revoke any entity representative authority.

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**701—7.7(17A) Docket.** Every matter coming within the purview of this chapter shall be assigned a docket number which shall be the official identification number of the matter for the purposes of identification. The parties will be notified of the docket number. The number shall be placed by the parties on all documents thereafter filed in the proceeding. After the transfer of a case to the division of administrative hearings for contested case proceedings, that division may assign another docket number to the case and, in that event, both docket numbers shall be placed by the parties on all documents thereafter filed in the proceeding.

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**701—7.8(17A) Identifying details, requests for redaction.**

**7.8(1) Information redacted by the department, subject to certain exceptions.** Prior to being made available for public inspection, the department shall redact from an appeal or contested case the information required to be redacted in Iowa Code sections 422.20(5) and 422.72(8). "Make available for public inspection" means disclosure to the public by the department pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.3 or chapter 22.

**7.8(2) Process for requesting redaction of other details from a pleading, exhibit, attachment, motion, or written evidence.** If a taxpayer desires information contained in a record, other than the information described in Iowa Code sections 422.20(5) "a" and 422.72(8) "a," to be redacted prior to public inspection, the taxpayer must file a motion and affidavit meeting the requirements below.

*a. Process for filing a motion for redaction of other details during a contested case.* Motions for redaction of other details from a pleading, exhibit, attachment, motion or written evidence filed after the notice of hearing is issued in a contested case must follow the requirements in subrule 7.17(5).

*b. Process for filing a motion for redaction of other details prior to the commencement of a contested case.* Motions for redaction of other details from a pleading, exhibit, attachment, motion or written evidence filed prior to a contested case must be filed with the clerk of the hearings section of the department. The motion must be filed separately from the appeal described in subrule 7.9(6).

*c. Contents of motion.* Motions filed under this rule, including those filed during contested cases, shall contain the following:

- (1) The name of the person requesting redaction and the docket number of the proceeding.
- (2) Clear and convincing evidence that the disclosure would reveal a trade secret or would constitute a clear, unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Corporations, limited liability companies, other business entities (including but not limited to partnerships and joint ventures), and trusts do not have protectible personal privacy interests.

(3) An unredacted copy of the document containing the information at issue and also a copy of the document with the desired redaction made. If a copy of the document is not in the possession of the taxpayer, the motion must contain a precise description of the document in the possession of the department from which the redaction is sought and a precise description of the information to be redacted. If redaction is sought from more than one document, each document and the information sought to be redacted shall be listed in separate paragraphs.

(4) For each item for which redaction is requested, an explanation of the legal basis for the redaction requested, including an explanation of why the release of the information sought to be redacted is a clear, unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or a trade secret.

(5) An affidavit in support of redaction. The affidavit must:

1. Be sworn to by a person familiar with the facts asserted within it and shall contain a clear and concise explanation of the facts justifying redaction, not merely the legal basis for redaction or conclusory allegations.

2. Contain a general and truthful statement that the information sought to be redacted is not available to the public from any source or combination of sources, direct or indirect, and a general statement that the release would serve no public purpose.

*d. Burden of proof.* The burden of showing that redaction is justified shall be on the movant. The burden is not carried by mere conclusory statements or allegations, for example, that the release of the material would be a clear, unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or that the material is a trade secret.

*e. Contested case proceeding.* That the information sought to be redacted is part of the pleadings, motions, evidence, and the record in a contested case proceeding otherwise open for public inspection and that the matter would otherwise constitute confidential tax information shall not be grounds for redaction.

**7.8(3)** *Process for requesting redaction of other details in a final order, decision, or ruling.* Motions to redact information from a final order, decision, or ruling cannot be made until the order is issued and must be made within 30 days of the date of the order, decision, or ruling. The taxpayer must follow the requirements in paragraph 7.9(2)“c” and subrule 7.17(5). The department shall have 30 days to respond to the motion from the date the department’s representatives receive notice from the presiding officer, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer.

**7.8(4)** *Rulings.* Motions filed with the clerk of the hearings section will be ruled on by the director or may be referred by the director to an administrative law judge. Motions filed with the administrative law judge will be ruled on by the administrative law judge. In the case of motions before the director prior to contested case proceedings, the department may respond in writing to a motion on the request of the director or upon the initiative by department staff. Oral argument, including a hearing, may be held at the discretion of the presiding officer. The presiding officer may choose to close a hearing or other proceeding that may otherwise be open to the public due to the confidential nature of information covered by the motion during the pending motion.

**7.8(5)** *Limitation on motions.* If the motion or request is denied, the movant may not submit a motion to redact the same identifying details unless the movant is in possession of new information that may support the requested redaction(s) that the movant was not or could not have been aware of at the time of the original motion.

**7.8(6)** *Handling of the file while the motion is pending.* During the pendency of a motion, unless otherwise required or permitted by law, the department will treat the motion as if it has been granted and will not publicly release any information pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 22 or 17A sought to be kept confidential by the taxpayer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A and sections 422.20(5) and 422.72(8).  
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**701—7.9(17A) Appeals.** Any person wishing to contest an assessment, denial of refund claim, or any other department action, except licensing, which may culminate in a contested case proceeding, shall file an appeal, in writing, with the department within the time prescribed by the applicable statute or rule

for filing notice of application to the director for a hearing. The appeal must be filed as described in rule 701—7.3(17A).

**7.9(1) *Deadlines.*** The period for appealing department action relating to refund claims is the same statutory period as that for contesting an assessment. Failure to timely file a proper appeal will be construed as a waiver of opposition to the matter involved unless, on the director's own motion, pursuant to statutory authority, the powers of abatement or settlement are exercised. The review unit may seek dismissal of appeals which are not in the proper form as provided by this rule. See subrule 7.12(2) for dismissals.

**7.9(2) *Appealing refund claims that have not been reviewed within six months.*** If the department has not granted or denied a filed refund claim within six months of the filing of the claim, the refund claimant may file an appeal. Even though an appeal is so filed, the department is entitled to examine and inspect the refund claimant's records to verify the refund claim.

**7.9(3) *Paying assessment in order to appeal refund claim denial.*** Notwithstanding the above, the taxpayer who fails to timely appeal an assessment may contest the assessment by paying the whole assessed tax, interest, and penalty, and filing a refund claim within the time period provided by law for filing such claim. However, in the event that such assessment involves divisible taxes which are not timely appealed, namely, an assessment which is divisible into a tax on each transaction or event, the taxpayer may contest the assessment by paying a portion of the assessment and filing a refund claim within the time period provided by law. In this latter instance, the portion paid must represent any undisputed portion of the assessment and must also represent the liability on a transaction or event for which, if the taxpayer is successful in contesting the portion paid, the unpaid portion of the assessment attributable to that specific type of transaction would be canceled. Any such appeal filed is limited to the issues covered by the amounts paid for which a refund was requested and denied by the department. Thereafter, if the department does not grant or deny the refund within six months of the filing of the refund claim or if the department denies the refund, the taxpayer may file an appeal as authorized by this rule.

**7.9(4) *Divisible taxes.*** All of the taxes administered and collected by the department can be divisible taxes, except individual income tax, fiduciary income tax, corporation income tax, franchise tax, and statewide property tax. The following noninclusive examples illustrate the application of the divisible tax concept.

**EXAMPLE A:** As a responsible party, X is assessed withholding income taxes, penalty, and interest on eight employees. X fails to timely appeal the assessment. X contends that X is not a responsible party. If X is a responsible party, X is required to make monthly deposits of the withholding taxes. In this situation, the withholding taxes are divisible. Therefore, X may pay an amount of tax, penalty, and interest attributable to one employee for one month and file a refund claim within the time period provided by law since, if X is successful on the refund claim, the remaining unpaid portion of the assessment would be canceled.

**EXAMPLE B:** Y is assessed sales tax, interest, and penalty for electricity purchased and used to power a piece of machinery in Y's manufacturing plant. Y fails to timely appeal the assessment. Y was billed monthly for electricity by the power company to which Y had given an exemption certificate. Y contends that the particular piece of machinery is used directly in processing tangible personal property for sale and that, therefore, all of the electricity is exempt from sales tax. In this situation, the sales tax is divisible. Therefore, Y may pay an amount of tax, penalty, and interest attributable to one month's electrical usage in that machinery and file a refund claim within the time period provided by law since, if Y is successful on the refund claim, the remaining unpaid portion of the assessment would be canceled.

**7.9(5) *Who may be named in an appeal.*** The appeal shall be brought in the name of the aggrieved taxpayer. The appeal may be filed by and in the name of the aggrieved taxpayer or by the authorized representative described in Iowa Code section 421.59(2), Iowa Code chapter 633B, or subrule 7.6(6) legally entitled to institute a proceeding on behalf of the person, or by an intervenor in contested case proceedings. In the event of a discrepancy between the name set forth in the appeal and the correct name, a statement of the reason for the discrepancy shall be set forth in the appeal.

**7.9(6) *Form and content of the appeal.***



*a. Department forms.* Appeals may be filed using the form available on GovConnectIowa or the form available on the department's website, [tax.iowa.gov/forms](http://tax.iowa.gov/forms).

*b. Manually created appeals.* Persons who do not use GovConnectIowa or the form available on the department's website shall use the following format:

- (1) The appeal shall contain a caption in the following form:

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
HOOVER STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
DES MOINES, IOWA

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IN THE MATTER OF _____	*	
(state taxpayer's name and address and	*	APPEAL
designate type of proceeding, e.g.,	*	Docket No. _____
income tax refund claim)	*	(filled in by Department)

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- (2) The appeal shall substantially state in separate numbered paragraphs the following:
1. Proper allegations showing:
    - Date of department action, such as the notice of assessment, refund denial, etc.;
    - Whether the taxpayer failed to timely appeal the assessment and, if so, the date of payment and the date of filing of the refund claim;
    - Whether the appeal involves the appeal of a refund claim after six months from the date of filing the refund claim because the department failed to deny the claim;
    - Copies of the documented department action, such as the notice of assessment, refund claim, and refund denial letter;
    - Other items that the taxpayer wishes to bring to the attention of the department; and
    - A request for attorney fees, if applicable.
  2. The type of tax, the taxable period or periods involved, and the amount in controversy.
  3. Each error alleged to have been committed, listed in a separate paragraph. For each error listed, an explanation of the error and all relevant facts related to the error shall be provided.
  4. Reference to any particular statute or statutes and any rule or rules involved, if known.
  5. Description of records or documents that were not available or were not presented to department personnel prior to the filing of the appeal, if any. Copies of any records or documents that were not previously presented to the department shall be provided.
  6. Any other matters deemed relevant and not covered in the above paragraphs.
  7. The desire of the taxpayer to expedite proceedings. Rule 701—7.13(17A,421) contains more details on expedited proceedings.
  8. A statement setting forth the relief sought by the taxpayer.
  9. The signature of the taxpayer or that of the authorized representative. If the appeal is signed by the taxpayer, include the address and telephone number of the taxpayer in the signature block. If the appeal is signed by an authorized representative, include the address and telephone number of the authorized representative in the signature block. Appeals submitted by an authorized representative must have a valid IDR power of attorney form or representative certification form, as applicable in accordance with rule 701—7.6(17A), on file with the department, or one should be included with the appeal.
- c. Spouses.* If an appeal involves an assessment or a refund denial to a married couple and both spouses intend to appeal, both spouses must sign the document as drafted under paragraph 7.9(6) "a" or "b." Appeals submitted by an authorized representative must include an executed IA 2848 power of attorney form or representative certification form, as applicable, for each spouse, unless an IA 2848 power of attorney form or representative certification form is on file with the department.

**7.9(7) Amendments.**

*a.* The taxpayer may amend the appeal at any time before a responsive pleading is filed. Amendments to the appeal after a responsive pleading has been filed may be allowed by the presiding officer with the consent of the other parties or at the discretion of the presiding officer who may impose terms or grant a continuance.

*b.* The department may request that the taxpayer amend the appeal for purposes of clarification or to comply with format requirements. If the taxpayer fails to amend the appeal within the time provided for in the department's request, the department may move to dismiss the appeal under paragraph 7.12(3)"*a.*" Requests by the department to the taxpayer to amend the appeal after a responsive pleading has been filed may be allowed by the presiding officer with the consent of the other parties or at the discretion of the presiding officer who may impose terms or grant a continuance.

**7.9(8)** *Denial of renewal of vehicle registration or denial of issuance or renewal, or suspension, of a driver's license.*

*a.* A person who has had an application for renewal of vehicle registration denied, has been denied the issuance of a driver's license or the renewal of a driver's license, or has had a driver's license suspended may file an appeal with the clerk if the denial of the issuance or renewal or the suspension is because the person owes delinquent taxes.

*b.* The issues raised in an appeal by the person, which are limited to a mistake of fact, may include but are not limited to:

- (1) The person has the same name as the obligor but is not the correct obligor;
- (2) The amount in question has been paid; or
- (3) The person has made arrangements with the department to pay the amount.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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**701—7.10(17A) Resolution of tax liability.** In the event that a proper appeal has been filed as provided hereinafter, other department personnel, when authorized by the appeals section, shall have the authority to discuss the resolution of any matter in the appeal either with the taxpayer or the taxpayer's representative. The personnel shall report their activities in this regard to the appeals section, and the section shall be authorized to approve or reject any recommendations made by the appropriate personnel to resolve an appeal.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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**701—7.11(17A,421) Informal stage of the appeals process.** When an appeal is filed, the parties are encouraged to utilize the informal procedures described in this rule to reach a resolution between the parties without the necessity of initiating contested case proceedings. That resolution may be the granting of the appeal in full or in part, the denial of the appeal in full or in part, or an agreement to settle the matter. Unless, in accordance with rule 701—7.13(17A,421), the taxpayer demands a contested case proceeding or an expedited hearing is agreed to or the department waives informal procedures upon notification to the taxpayer, such informal procedures will be initiated as herein provided upon the filing of a proper appeal.

**7.11(1)** *Appeals section review.* After an appeal is filed, the review unit, subject to the control of the director or the division administrator of the legal services and appeals division, will:

- a.* Review and evaluate the validity of the appeal.
- b.* Determine the correct amount of tax owing or refund due.
- c.* Determine the best method of resolving the dispute between the taxpayer and the department.
- d.* Take further action regarding the appeal, including any additions and deletions to the audit, as may be warranted by the circumstances to resolve the appeal, including a request for an informal conference.
- e.* Determine whether the appeal complies with rule 701—7.9(17A) and request any amendments to the appeal or additional information.

**7.11(2) Determinations, conferences.** The review unit may concede any items contained in the appeal which it determines should not be controverted by the department. If the taxpayer has not waived informal procedures, the review unit may request that the taxpayer and the taxpayer's representative, if any, attend an informal conference with the review unit to explore the possibility of reaching a settlement without the necessity of initiating contested case proceedings or the possibility of narrowing the issues presented in the appeal if no settlement can be made. The review unit may request clarification of the issues from the taxpayer or further information from the taxpayer or third persons.

**7.11(3) Findings.** A position letter addressing the issues raised in the appeal may be issued to the taxpayer or taxpayer's representative unless the issues may be more expeditiously determined in another manner or it is determined that such a letter is unnecessary.

**7.11(4) Format of review.** Nothing herein will prevent the review unit and the taxpayer from mutually agreeing on the manner in which the appeal will be informally reviewed.

**7.11(5) Settlements.** Settlement proposals may be submitted to the department employee assigned to the appeal or through GovConnectIowa using the manage appeal feature. Only the director, the deputy director, or the division administrator of the legal services and appeals division may approve and sign settlements of appeals. If a settlement is reached during informal procedures, a closing order stating that a settlement was reached by the parties and that the case is terminated shall be issued by the director and provided to all parties.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.10 and 421.5.  
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#### **701—7.12(17A,421) Dismissal of appeals.**

**7.12(1) Appeals filed after expiration of statutory deadline.** Appeals that are not filed by the deadline described in statute shall be dismissed by the director or the director's designee in accordance with the procedure outlined in paragraph 7.12(1) "a."

*a. Procedures for motions to dismiss.* The department shall file a motion to dismiss with the clerk and serve a copy of the motion on the taxpayer. The taxpayer may file a resistance to the motion within 20 days of the date of service of the motion. If no resistance is so filed, the director or the director's designee shall immediately enter an order dismissing the appeal. If a resistance is filed, the department has ten days from the date of the filing of the resistance to decide whether to withdraw its motion and so notify the taxpayer and the clerk. If no such notice is received by the clerk within the ten-day period, the appeal file will be transferred to the division of administrative hearings, which shall issue a notice for a contested case proceeding on the motion as prescribed by rule 701—7.16(17A), except that the issue of the contested case proceeding shall be limited to the question of whether the appeal was filed within the statutory appeal period. Thereafter, rule 701—7.19(17A) pertaining to contested case proceedings shall apply in such dismissal proceedings.

*b. Grounds for denying the department's motion.* The department's motion shall be granted unless the taxpayer can prove that it filed the appeal prior to the expiration of the statutory appeal deadline because the department failed to:

- (1) Mail or personally deliver the notice of assessment, refund denial, or other notice of department action to the taxpayer's last-known address; or
- (2) If applicable, also mail the notice of assessment, refund denial, or other notice of department action to the taxpayer's authorized representative; or
- (3) Comply with the requirements of Iowa Code section 421.60(2) "b."

For purposes of this rule, "last-known address" and "personal delivery" mean the same as described in rule 701—7.33(421).

**7.12(2) Appeals not authorized by statute.** Appeals that are not authorized by statute or otherwise are inconsistent with the statutory requirements for an appeal shall be dismissed by the director in accordance with the procedure outlined in paragraph 7.12(1) "a," except that the issue shall be limited to the question of whether the appeal is authorized by statute and consistent with statutory appeal requirements.

**7.12(3) Failure to pursue the appeal at the informal stage.** If the appeal was filed timely and informal procedures were initiated, the failure of the taxpayer to provide documents or information requested by the department, including the failure to respond to a position letter or an information request, shall constitute grounds for the department to dismiss the appeal in accordance with the procedure outlined in paragraph 7.12(3)“a.” For purposes of this subrule, an evasive or incomplete response will be treated as a failure to provide documents or information.

*a. Procedures for motions to dismiss.* If the department seeks to dismiss the appeal, the department shall file a motion to dismiss with the clerk and serve a copy of the motion on the taxpayer. The taxpayer may file a resistance to the motion within 20 days of the date of service of the motion. If no resistance is so filed, the director or the director’s designee shall immediately enter an order dismissing the appeal. If a resistance is filed, the department has ten days from the date of the filing of the resistance to decide whether to withdraw its motion and so notify the taxpayer and the clerk. If no such notice is received by the clerk within the ten-day period, the appeal file will be transferred to the division of administrative hearings, which shall issue a notice for a contested case proceeding on the motion as prescribed by rule 701—7.16(17A), except that the issue of the contested case proceeding shall be limited to the question of whether the taxpayer failed to pursue the appeal, as that term is defined in this subrule. Thereafter, rule 701—7.19(17A) pertaining to contested case proceedings shall apply in such dismissal proceedings.

*b. Grounds for reinstatement of dismissed appeals.* If a motion to dismiss is filed and is unresisted, the appeal that was dismissed may be reinstated by the director or the director’s designee for good cause if an application for reinstatement is filed with the clerk within 30 days of the date the appeal was dismissed. For purposes of this rule, “good cause” shall mean the same as “good cause” in Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.977.

*c. Content and review of the application for reinstatement.* The application shall set forth all reasons and facts upon which the taxpayer relies in seeking reinstatement of the appeal. Supporting documentation must be supplied. The department shall review and notify the taxpayer whether the application is granted or denied.

*d. Denial of the application.* If the department denies the application to reinstate the appeal, the taxpayer has 30 days from the date the application for reinstatement was denied in which to request, in writing, a formal hearing on the reinstatement. The taxpayer shall send the written request to the clerk. When a written request for formal hearing is received, the appeal file will be transferred to the division of administrative hearings, which shall issue a notice as prescribed in rule 701—7.16(17A), except that the issue of the contested case proceeding shall be limited to the question of whether the taxpayer has good cause to reinstate the dismissed appeal. Thereafter, rule 701—7.19(17A) pertaining to contested case proceedings shall apply in such reinstatement proceedings. If the taxpayer does not respond to a denial of the application for reinstatement within 30 days of the denial, the director or the director’s designee will issue an order closing the appeal.

*e. Failure to file timely application for reinstatement.* If an application for reinstatement is filed after the 30-day deadline, the application shall not be accepted by the director or director’s designee.

**7.12(4) Dismissal of appeals during contested case proceedings.** Once contested case proceedings have been commenced, it shall be grounds for a motion to dismiss that a taxpayer has either failed to diligently pursue the appeal or has refused to comply with requests for discovery set forth in rule 701—7.17(17A). Such a motion must be filed with the presiding officer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.12, 421.10, 421.60, and 422.28.  
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**701—7.13(17A,421) Expedited hearings and demands to waive informal proceedings.** Taxpayers that desire to demand a contested case prior to the conclusion of informal proceedings have two options described in detail below.

**7.13(1) Expedited cases.** If an appeal is filed that is not of precedential value and the parties desire a prompt resolution of the dispute, the department and the taxpayer may agree to have the case designated as an expedited case. A request for expedited proceedings may be made at any time prior to the commencement of a contested case.

*a. Agreement.* The department and the taxpayer shall execute an agreement to have the case treated as an expedited case. In this expedited case, discovery is waived. The provisions of the expedited case agreement shall constitute a waiver of the rights set forth in Iowa Code chapter 17A for contested case proceedings.

*b. Procedures.* Upon execution of the expedited case agreement, the department shall file its answer to the appeal with the clerk within 14 days. Within 30 days of the filing of the answer, the clerk shall transfer the appeal file, including a copy of the agreement for expedited proceedings, to the division of administrative hearings. The case shall be docketed for hearing as promptly as the presiding officer can reasonably hear the matter.

*c. Finality of decision.* A decision entered in an expedited case proceeding shall not be reviewed by the director or any other court and shall not be treated as a precedent for any other case.

*d. Discontinuance of proceedings.* Any time prior to a decision, the taxpayer or the department may request that expedited case proceedings be discontinued.

**7.13(2) Waiver of informal proceedings.** Pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.60(2) “g,” a taxpayer may make a written demand for a contested case proceeding after a period of six months from the filing of a proper appeal. Demands made prior to six months will be treated as premature and must be resubmitted six months or later from the filing of the appeal. Upon receipt of a timely written demand, the department shall file its answer within 30 days after receipt of the demand. If the department fails to file its answer within this 30-day period, interest shall be applied in the manner described in the introductory paragraph to rule 701—7.14(17A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.12 and 421.60.  
[ARC 5940C, IAB 10/6/21, effective 11/10/21]

**701—7.14(17A) Answer.** If the parties are unable to resolve the appeal informally, or if the parties waive informal proceedings as described in rule 701—7.13(17A,421), the department shall file an answer to the appeal. Subject to the limitations in rule 701—7.13(17A,421), the department will file an answer within 30 days of receipt of written demand for a contested case hearing from the taxpayer. The answer shall be filed with the clerk. In the case of an appeal of an assessment, failure to answer within the 30-day time period and after a demand for hearing has been made shall result in the suspension of interest from the time that the department was required to answer until the date that the department files its answer. In the case of an appeal of a refund denial, failure to answer within the 30-day time period after a demand for hearing has been made shall result in the accrual of interest payable to the taxpayer at double the rate in effect under Iowa Code section 421.7 from the time the department was required to answer until the date that the department files its answer. Failure to file an answer within 30 days after the demand for contested case will not result in a default judgment for the taxpayer.

**7.14(1)** The answer of the department shall be drawn in a manner as provided by the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure for answers filed in Iowa district courts.

**7.14(2)** Each paragraph contained in the answer shall be numbered or lettered to correspond, where possible, with the paragraphs of the appeal. The answer shall be filed with the clerk and shall be signed by the department’s counsel or representative.

**7.14(3)** The department shall promptly serve a copy of the answer upon the representative of record or, if there is no representative of record, then upon the taxpayer when the answer is filed. The department may amend its answer at any time prior to the commencement of the evidentiary hearing.

**7.14(4)** The provisions of this rule shall be considered as a part of the informal procedures since a contested case proceeding, at the time of the filing of the answer, has not yet commenced. However, an answer shall be filed pursuant to this rule whether or not informal procedures have been waived by the taxpayer or the department.

**7.14(5)** The department’s answer may contain a statement setting forth whether the case should be transferred to the division of administrative hearings or the director should retain the case for hearing.

**7.14(6)** The department’s answer should set forth the basis for retention of the case by the director as provided in subrule 7.19(1). If the answer fails to allege that the case should be retained by the director, the case should be transferred to the division of administrative hearings for contested case proceedings,

unless the director determines on the director's own motion that the case should be retained by the director.

**7.14(7)** Upon the filing of an answer, the clerk will transfer the appeal file to the division of administrative hearings within 30 days of the date of the filing of the answer, unless the director determines not to transfer the case. If a party objects to a determination under rule 701—7.19(17A), the transfer, if any, would be made after the director makes a ruling on the objection.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A and section 421.60.  
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**701—7.15(17A) Subpoenas.** Prior to the commencement of a contested case, the department shall have the authority to subpoena books, papers, and records and shall have all other subpoena powers conferred upon it by law. Subpoenas in this case shall be issued by the director or the director's designee. Once a contested case is commenced, subpoenas must be issued by the presiding officer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.13, 421.9, 421.17, and 422.70.  
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**701—7.16(17A) Commencement of contested case proceedings.** A demand or request by the taxpayer for the commencement of contested case proceedings must be in writing and filed with the clerk by email to the address provided in paragraph 7.3(1) "b," by mail via the United States Postal Service or common carrier by ordinary, certified, or registered mail in care of the clerk to the address listed in paragraph 7.3(1) "c," or by personal service to the department's customer service desk as described in paragraph 7.3(1) "d." The demand must be made no sooner than six months or more after the filing of the protest. If the demand or request does not indicate a postmark date, then the date of receipt or the date personal service is made is considered the date of filing. See Iowa Code section 622.105 for the evidence necessary to establish proof of mailing.

**7.16(1)** When requesting a contested case hearing with the department of inspections and appeals, the department shall complete a transmittal form consistent with rule 481—10.4(10A).

**7.16(2)** At the request of a party or the presiding officer made prior to the issuance of the hearing notice, the presiding officer shall hold a telephone conference with the parties for the purpose of selecting a mutually agreeable hearing date, which date shall be the hearing date contained in the hearing notice. The notice shall be issued within one week after the mutually agreeable hearing date is selected.

**7.16(3)** Contested case proceedings will be commenced by the presiding officer by delivery of notice by ordinary mail or electronic mail directed to the parties after a demand or request is made (a) by the taxpayer and the filing of the answer, if one is required, which demand or request may include a date to be set for the hearing, or (b) upon filing of the answer, if a request or demand for contested case proceedings has not been made by the taxpayer. The notice will be given by the presiding officer.

**7.16(4)** Any party may apply to the presiding officer for a continuance or a specific date for the hearing. The presiding officer may grant or deny such requests. The notice shall include:

- a. A statement of the time (which shall allow for a reasonable time to conduct discovery), place and nature of the hearing;
- b. A statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is held;
- c. A reference to the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved; and
- d. A short and plain statement of the matters asserted, including the issues.

**7.16(5)** After the delivery of the notice commencing the contested case proceedings, the parties may file further pleadings or amendments to pleadings in accordance with this chapter. However, any pleading or amendment thereto which is filed within 14 days prior to the date scheduled for the hearing or filed on the date of the hearing shall constitute good cause for the party adversely affected by the pleading or amendment to seek and obtain a continuance.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.12.

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**701—7.17(17A) Discovery.** The rules of the supreme court of the state of Iowa applicable in civil proceedings with respect to depositions upon oral examination or written questions; written interrogatories; production of documents or things or permission to enter upon land or other property, for inspection and other purposes; physical and mental examinations; and requests for admission shall apply to discovery procedures in contested case proceedings. Disputes concerning discovery shall be resolved by the presiding officer. If necessary a hearing shall be scheduled, with reasonable notice to the parties, and, upon hearing, an appropriate order shall be issued by the presiding officer.

**7.17(1)** When the department relies on a witness in a contested case, whether or not the witness is a departmental employee, who has made prior statements or reports with respect to the subject matter of the witness' testimony, the department shall, on request, make such statements or reports available to a party for use on cross-examination unless those statements or reports are otherwise expressly exempt from disclosure by constitution or statute. Identifiable department records that are relevant to disputed material facts involved in a contested case shall, upon request, promptly be made available to the party unless the requested records are expressly exempt from disclosure by constitution or statute.

**7.17(2)** Evidence obtained in such discovery may be used in contested case proceedings if that evidence would otherwise be admissible in the contested case proceeding.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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**701—7.18(17A) Prehearing conference.**

**7.18(1)** Upon the motion of the presiding officer, or upon the written request of a party, the presiding officer shall direct the parties to appear at a specified time and place before the presiding officer for a prehearing conference to consider:

- a. The possibility or desirability of waiving any provisions of the Act relating to contested case proceedings by written stipulation representing an informed mutual consent;
- b. The necessity or desirability of setting a new date for hearing;
- c. The simplification of issues;
- d. The necessity or desirability of amending the pleadings either for the purpose of clarification, amplification or limitation;
- e. The possibility of agreeing to the admission of facts, documents or records not controverted, to avoid unnecessary introduction of proof;
- f. The procedure at the hearing;
- g. Limiting the number of witnesses;
- h. The names and identification of witnesses and the facts each party will attempt to prove at the hearing;
- i. Conduct or schedule of discovery; and
- j. Such other matters as may aid, expedite or simplify the disposition of the proceeding.

**7.18(2)** Any action taken at the prehearing conference shall be recorded in an order, unless the parties enter into a written stipulation as to such matters or agree to a statement thereof made on the record by the presiding officer.

**7.18(3)** When an order is issued at the termination of the prehearing conference, a reasonable time shall be allowed for the parties to present objections on the grounds that the order does not fully or correctly embody the agreements made at such conference. Thereafter, the terms of the order or modification thereof shall determine the subsequent course of the proceedings relative to matters the order includes, unless modified to prevent manifest injustice.

**7.18(4)** If either party to the contested case proceeding fails to appear at the prehearing conference without requesting a continuance and without submitting evidence or arguments which the party wishes to be considered in lieu of appearance, the opposing party may move for dismissal. The motion shall be made in accordance with subrule 7.19(5).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.12.

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**701—7.19(17A) Contested case proceedings.**

**7.19(1) Evidentiary hearing.** Unless the parties to a contested case proceeding have, by written stipulation representing an informed mutual consent, waived the provisions of the Act relating to such proceedings, contested case proceedings shall be initiated and culminate in an evidentiary hearing open to the public.

*a.* Evidentiary hearings in which the presiding officer is an administrative law judge employed by the division of administrative hearings shall be held at the location designated in the notice of evidentiary hearing. Generally, the location for evidentiary hearings in such cases will be at the principal office of the Department of Inspections and Appeals, Administrative Hearings Division, Third Floor, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

*b.* If the director retains a contested case, the location for the evidentiary hearing will generally be at the main office of the department at the Hoover State Office Building, First Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. However, the department retains the discretion to change the location of the evidentiary hearing if necessary. The location of the evidentiary hearing will be designated in the notice of hearing issued by the director.

**7.19(2) Determination of presiding officer.** If the director retains a contested case for evidentiary hearing and the department is a party, the initial presiding officer will be the director. If the department is not a party to the contested case retained by the director, the presiding officer may be the director or the director's designee. Upon determining that a case will be retained and not transferred to the division of administrative hearings, the director shall issue to the parties written notification of the determination which states the basis for retaining the case for evidentiary hearing.

*a.* The director may determine to retain a contested case for evidentiary hearing and decision upon the filing by the department of its answer under rule 701—7.14(17A). If the answer failed to allege that the case should be retained by the director and the case was transferred to the division of administrative hearings for contested case proceedings, either party may, within a reasonable time after the issuance of the hearing notice provided in rule 701—7.16(17A), make application to the director to recall and retain the case for hearing and decision. Any such application shall be served upon the assigned administrative law judge or presiding officer.

*b.* A taxpayer may file a written objection to the director's determination to retain the case for evidentiary hearing and may request that the contested case be heard by an administrative law judge or presiding officer and request a hearing on the objection. Such an objection must be filed with the clerk by email to the address provided in paragraph 7.3(1) "b," by mail via the United States Postal Service or common carrier by ordinary, certified, or registered mail in care of the clerk to the address listed in paragraph 7.3(1) "c," or by personal service to the department's customer service desk as described in paragraph 7.3(1) "d" within 20 days of the notice issued by the director of the director's determination to retain the case. The director may retain the case only upon a finding that one or more of the following apply:

- (1) There is a compelling need to expedite issuance of a final decision in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare;
- (2) A qualified administrative law judge is unavailable to hear the case within a reasonable time;
- (3) The case involves significant policy issues of first impression that are inextricably intertwined with the factual issues presented;
- (4) The demeanor of the witnesses is likely to be dispositive in resolving the disputed factual issues;
- (5) The case involves an issue or issues the resolution of which would create important precedent;
- (6) The case involves complex or extraordinary questions of law or fact;
- (7) The case involves issues or questions of law or fact that, based on the director's discretion, should be retained by the director;
- (8) Funds are unavailable to pay the costs of an administrative law judge and an interagency appeal;
- (9) The request was not timely filed;
- (10) The request is not consistent with a specified statute; or
- (11) Assignment of an administrative law judge will result in lengthening the time for issuance of a proposed decision, after the case is submitted, beyond a reasonable time as provided in subrule 7.19(8).



In making this determination, the director shall consider whether the assigned administrative law judge has a current backlog of submitted cases for which decisions have not been issued for one year after submission.

c. The director shall issue a written order specifying the grounds for the decision within 20 days after a request for an administrative law judge is filed. If a party objects to the director's determination to retain a case for evidentiary hearing, transfer of the appeal file, if any, will be made after the director makes a final determination on the objection. If the ruling is contingent upon the availability of a qualified administrative law judge, the parties shall be notified at least ten days prior to the hearing whether a qualified administrative law judge will be available.

d. If there is no factual conflict or credibility of evidence offered in issue, either party, after the contested case has been heard and a proposed decision is pending with a presiding officer other than the director for at least one year, may make application to the director to transfer the case to the director for decision. In addition, if one or more criteria listed in paragraph 7.19(2) "b" exist, the director, on the director's own motion, may issue a notice to the parties of the director's intention to transfer the case to the director for decision. The opposing party may file, within 20 days after service of such application or notice by the director, a resistance setting forth in detail why the case should not be transferred. If the director approves the transfer of the case, the director shall issue a final contested case decision. The director or a party may request that the parties be allowed to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.

e. The director has the right to require that any presiding officer, other than the director, be a licensed attorney in the state of Iowa, unless the contested case only involves licensing. In addition, any presiding officer must possess, upon determination by the director, sufficient technical expertise and experience in the areas of taxation and presiding over proceedings to effectively determine the issues involved in the proceeding.

f. Except as provided otherwise by another provision of law, all rulings by an administrative law judge acting as presiding officer are subject to appeal to the director.

**7.19(3) Conduct of proceedings.**

a. A proceeding shall be conducted by a presiding officer who shall:

- (1) Open the record and receive appearances;
- (2) Administer oaths and issue subpoenas;
- (3) Enter the notice of hearing into the record;
- (4) Receive testimony and exhibits presented by the parties;
- (5) In the presiding officer's discretion, interrogate witnesses;
- (6) Rule on objections and motions;
- (7) Close the hearing; and
- (8) Issue an order containing findings of fact and conclusions of law.

b. The presiding officer may resolve preliminary procedural motions by telephone conference in which all parties have an opportunity to participate. Other telephone proceedings may be held with the consent of all parties. The presiding officer will determine the location of the parties and witnesses for telephone hearing. The convenience of the witnesses or parties, as well as the nature of the case, will be considered when location is chosen. Parties shall be notified at least 30 days in advance of the date and place of the hearing.

c. Evidentiary proceedings shall be oral, open to the public, and recorded either by electronic means or by certified shorthand reporters. Parties requesting that the hearing be recorded by certified shorthand reporters shall bear the costs of reporting. The record of the oral proceedings or the transcription thereof shall be filed with and maintained by the department for at least five years from the date of the decision. An opportunity shall be afforded to the parties to respond and present evidence and argument on all issues involved and to be represented by counsel at their own expense. Unless otherwise directed by the presiding officer, evidence will be received in the following order: (1) taxpayer, (2) intervenor (if applicable), (3) department, (4) rebuttal by taxpayer, (5) oral argument by parties (if necessary).

*d.* If the taxpayer or the department appears without counsel or other representative who can reasonably be expected to be familiar with these rules, the presiding officer shall explain to the parties the rules of practice and procedure and generally conduct a hearing in a less formal manner than that used when the parties have counsel or representation. It should be the purpose of the presiding officer to assist any party appearing without such representative to the extent necessary to allow the party to fairly present evidence, testimony, and argument on the issues. The presiding officer shall take whatever steps may be necessary and proper to ensure that all evidence having probative value is presented and that each party is accorded a fair hearing.

*e.* If the parties have mutually agreed to waive the provisions of the Act in regard to contested case proceedings, the hearing will be conducted in a less formal manner than when an evidentiary hearing is conducted.

*f.* If a party fails to appear in a contested case proceeding after proper service of notice, the presiding officer may, upon the presiding officer's own motion or upon the motion of the party who has appeared, adjourn the hearing, enter a default decision, or proceed with the hearing and make a decision on the merits in the absence of the party.

*g.* Contemptuous conduct by any person appearing at a hearing shall be grounds for the person's exclusion from the hearing by the presiding officer.

*h.* A stipulation by the parties of the issues or a statement of the issues in the notice commencing the contested case cannot be changed by the presiding officer without the consent of the parties. The presiding officer shall not, on the presiding officer's own motion, change or modify the issues agreed upon by the parties. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, a party, within a reasonable time prior to the hearing, may request that a new issue be addressed in the proceedings, except that the request cannot be made after the parties have stipulated to the issues.

**7.19(4) Rules of evidence.** In evaluating evidence, the department's experience, technical competence, and specialized knowledge may be utilized.

*a. Oath.* All testimony presented before the presiding officer shall be given under oath, which the presiding officer has authority to administer.

*b. Production of evidence and testimony.* The presiding officer may issue subpoenas to a party on request, as permitted by law, compelling the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, records, or other real evidence.

*c. Subpoena.* When a subpoena is desired after the commencement of a contested case proceeding, the proper party shall indicate to the presiding officer the name of the case, the docket number, and the last-known mailing addresses of the witnesses to be called. If evidence other than oral testimony is required, each item to be produced must be adequately described. When properly prepared by the presiding officer, the subpoena will be returned to the requesting party for service. Service may be made in any manner allowed by law before the hearing date of the case which the witness is required to attend. No costs for serving a subpoena will be allowed if the subpoena is served by any person other than the sheriff. Subpoenas requested for discovery purposes shall be issued by the presiding officer.

*d. Admissibility of evidence.*

(1) Evidence having probative value.

1. Although the presiding officer is not bound to follow the technical common law rules of evidence, a finding shall be based upon the kind of evidence on which a reasonably prudent person would rely for the conduct of the person's serious affairs, and may be based upon such evidence even if it would be inadmissible in a jury trial. Therefore, the presiding officer may admit and give probative effect to evidence on which a reasonably prudent person would rely for the conduct of the person's serious affairs. Irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded. The presiding officer shall give effect to the rules of privilege recognized by law. Evidence not provided to a requesting party through discovery shall not be admissible at the hearing. Subject to these requirements, when a hearing will be expedited and the interests of the parties will not be prejudiced, substantially any part of the evidence may be required to be submitted in verified written form by the presiding officer.

2. Objections to evidentiary offers may be made at the hearing, and the presiding officer's ruling thereon shall be noted in the record.

(2) Evidence of a federal determination of the taxpayer's liability. Evidence of a federal determination of the taxpayer's liability such as a treasury department ruling, regulation or determination letter issued to the taxpayer; a taxpayer's federal court decision; or an Internal Revenue Service assessment issued to the taxpayer relating to issues raised in the proceeding shall be admissible, and the taxpayer shall be presumed to have conceded the accuracy of the federal determination unless the taxpayer specifically states wherein it is erroneous.

(3) Copies of evidence. A copy of any book, record, paper or document may be offered directly in evidence in lieu of the original, if the original is not readily available or if there is no objection. Upon request, the parties shall be given an opportunity to compare the copy with the original, if available.

(4) Stipulations. Approval of the presiding officer is not required for stipulations of the parties to be used in contested case proceedings. In the event the parties file a stipulation in the proceedings, the stipulation shall be binding on the parties and the presiding officer.

*e. Identification of exhibits.*

Exhibits which are offered by taxpayers and attached to a stipulation or entered in evidence shall be numbered serially, i.e., 1, 2, 3, etc.; whereas, exhibits offered by the department shall be lettered serially, i.e., A, B, C, etc.; and those offered jointly shall be numbered and lettered, i.e., 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, etc.

*f. Official notice.* The presiding officer may take official notice of all facts of which judicial notice may be taken and of other facts within the specialized knowledge of the department. Parties shall be notified at the earliest practicable time, either before or during the hearing, or by reference in preliminary reports, preliminary decisions, or otherwise, of the facts proposed to be noticed and their source, including any staff memoranda or data. The parties shall be afforded an opportunity to contest such facts prior to the issuance of the decision in the contested case proceeding unless the presiding officer determines as a part of the record or decision that fairness to the parties does not require an opportunity to contest such facts.

*g. Evidence outside the record.* Except as provided by these rules, the presiding officer shall not consider factual information or evidence in the determination of any proceeding unless the same shall have been offered and made a part of the record in the proceeding.

*h. Presentation of evidence and testimony.* In any hearing, each party in attendance shall have the right to present evidence and testimony of witnesses and to cross-examine any witness who testifies on behalf of an adverse party. A person whose testimony has been submitted in written form shall, if available, also be subject to cross-examination by an adverse party. Opportunity shall be afforded each party for re-direct examination and re-cross-examination and to present evidence and testimony as rebuttal to evidence presented by another party, except that unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded.

*i. Offer of proof.* An offer of proof may be made through the witness or by statement of counsel. The party objecting may cross-examine the witness without waiving any objection.

**7.19(5) Motions.**

*a. Filing of motions after commencement of contested case proceedings.* After commencement of contested case proceedings, appropriate motions may be filed with the presiding officer by any party when facts requiring such motion come to the knowledge of the party. All motions shall state the relief sought and the grounds upon which the motions are based.

*b. Service, rulings.* Motions made prior to a hearing shall be in writing and a copy thereof served on all parties and attorneys of record. Such motions shall be ruled on by the presiding officer. The presiding officer shall rule on the motion by issuing an order. A copy of the order containing the ruling on the motion shall be mailed to the parties and authorized representatives. A motion may be made orally during the course of a hearing; however, the presiding officer may request that the motion be reduced to writing and filed with the presiding officer.

*c. Consent of the opposing party, burden.* To avoid a hearing on a motion, it is advisable to secure the consent of the opposing party prior to filing the motion. If consent of the opposing party to the motion is not obtained, a hearing on the motion may be scheduled and the parties notified. The burden will be on the party filing the motion to show good cause as to why the motion should be granted.

*d. Affidavits.* The party making the motion may affix thereto such affidavits as are deemed essential to the disposition of the motion, which shall be served with the motion and to which the opposing party may reply with counter affidavits.

*e. Types of motions.* Types of motions include, but are not limited to:

(1) Motion for continuance. Motions for continuance should be filed no later than ten days before the scheduled date of the contested case hearing unless the grounds for the motion are first known to the moving party within ten days of the hearing, in which case the motion shall be promptly filed and shall set forth why it could not be filed at least ten days prior to the hearing. Grounds for motion for continuance include, but are not limited to, the unavailability of a party, a party's representative, or a witness; the incompleteness of discovery; and the possibility of settlement of the case.

(2) Motion for dismissal.

(3) Motion for summary judgment.

(4) Motion for redaction of identifying details in the decision. For more information, see rule 701—7.9(17A).

(5) Motion for default.

(6) Motion to vacate default.

*f. Hearing on motions.* Motions subsequent to the commencement of a contested case proceeding shall be determined by the presiding officer.

*g. Summary judgment procedure.* Summary judgment may be obtained under the following conditions and circumstances:

(1) A party may, after a reasonable time to complete discovery, after completion of discovery, or by agreement of the parties, move, with or without supporting affidavits, for summary judgment in the party's favor upon all or any part of a party's claim or defense.

(2) The motion shall be filed not less than 45 days prior to the date the case is set for hearing, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer. Any party resisting the motion shall file the following within 30 days from the time of service of the motion: a resistance; a statement of disputed facts, if any; and a memorandum of authorities supporting the resistance. If affidavits supporting the resistance are filed, they must be filed with the resistance. The time fixed for hearing or normal submission on the motion shall be not less than 35 days after the filing of the motion, unless another time is ordered by the presiding officer. The judgment sought shall be rendered forthwith if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law.

(3) Upon any motion for summary judgment pursuant to this rule, there shall be affixed to the motion a separate, short, and concise statement of the material facts as to which the moving party contends there is no genuine issue to be tried, including specific reference to those parts of the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, admissions on file, and affidavits which support such contentions and a memorandum of authorities.

(4) Supporting and opposing affidavits shall set forth such facts as would be admissible in evidence and shall show affirmatively that the affiant is competent to testify to the matters stated therein. The presiding officer may permit affidavits to be supplemented or opposed by depositions, answers to interrogatories, further affidavits, or oral testimony. When a motion for summary judgment is made and supported as provided in this rule, an adverse party may not rest upon the mere allegations or denials of the party's pleading, but the party's response must set forth specific facts, by affidavits or as otherwise provided in this rule, showing that there is a genuine issue for hearing. If the party does not so respond, summary judgment, if appropriate, shall be entered against the party.

(5) If, on motion under this rule, judgment is not rendered upon the whole case or for all the relief asked and a hearing is necessary, the presiding officer at the hearing of the motion, by examining the pleadings and the evidence before the presiding officer and by interrogating counsel, shall, if practicable, ascertain what material facts exist without substantial controversy and what material facts are actually, and in good faith, controverted. The presiding officer shall thereupon make an order specifying the facts that appear without substantial controversy, including the extent to which the amount or other relief is

not in controversy, and directing such further proceedings in the action as are just. Upon the hearing of the contested case, the facts so specified shall be deemed established, and the hearing shall be conducted accordingly.

(6) Should it appear from the affidavits of a party opposing the motion that the party cannot present, by affidavit, facts essential to justify the party's opposition, the presiding officer may refuse the application for judgment, may order a continuance to permit affidavits to be obtained, may order depositions be taken or discovery be completed, or may make any other order appropriate.

(7) An order on summary judgment that disposes of less than the entire case is appealable to the director at the same time that the proposed order is appealable pursuant to subrule 7.19(8).

**7.19(6) Briefs and oral argument.**

a. At any time, upon the request of any party or in the presiding officer's discretion, the presiding officer may require the filing of briefs on any of the issues before the presiding officer prior to or at the time of hearing, or at a subsequent time. At the hearing, the parties should be prepared to make oral arguments as to the facts and law at the conclusion of the hearing if the presiding officer so directs.

b. A copy of all briefs shall be filed. Filed briefs shall conform to the requirements of subrules 7.5(1) and 7.5(2).

c. If the parties agree on a schedule for submission of briefs, the schedule shall be binding on the parties and the presiding officer except that, for good cause shown, the time may be extended upon application of a party.

**7.19(7) Defaults.** If a party fails to appear or participate in a contested case proceeding after proper service of notice, the presiding officer may, if no adjournment is granted, enter a default decision or proceed with the hearing and render a decision in the absence of the party.

a. Where appropriate and not contrary to law, any party may move for default against a party who has failed to file a required pleading or has failed to appear after proper service.

b. A default decision or a decision rendered on the merits after a party failed to appear or participate in a contested case proceeding becomes a final department action unless, within 15 days after the date of notification or mailing of the decision, a motion to vacate is filed and served on all parties or an appeal of a decision on the merits is timely initiated within the time provided in subrule 7.19(8). A motion to vacate must state all facts relied upon by the moving party which establish that good cause existed for that party's failure to appear or participate at the contested case proceeding. Each fact so stated must be substantiated by at least one sworn affidavit of a person with personal knowledge of each such fact, and such affidavit(s) must be attached to the motion.

c. The time for further appeal of a decision for which a timely motion to vacate has been filed is stayed pending a decision on the motion to vacate.

d. Properly substantiated and timely filed motions to vacate shall be granted only for good cause shown. The burden of proof as to good cause is on the moving party. Adverse parties shall have ten days to respond to a motion to vacate. Adverse parties shall be allowed to conduct discovery as to the issue of good cause and to present evidence on the issue prior to a decision on the motion, if a request to do so is included in that party's response.

e. For purposes of this rule, "good cause" shall mean the same as "good cause" in Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.977.

f. A decision denying a motion to vacate is subject to further appeal within the time limit allowed for further appeal of a decision on the merits in the contested case proceeding. A decision granting a motion to vacate is subject to interlocutory appeal by the adversely affected party as provided in subrule 7.19(12).

g. If a motion to vacate is granted and no timely interlocutory appeal has been taken, the presiding officer shall issue another notice of hearing and the contested case shall proceed accordingly.

h. A default decision may award any relief consistent with the request for relief by the party in whose favor the default decision is made and embraced in the contested case issues; but unless the defaulting party has appeared, the relief awarded cannot exceed the relief demanded.

i. A default decision may provide either that the default decision is to be stayed pending a timely motion to vacate or that the default decision is to take effect immediately, subject to a request for a stay.

**7.19(8) Orders.**

*a.* At the conclusion of the hearing, the presiding officer, in the presiding officer's discretion, may request the parties to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. Upon the request of any party, the presiding officer shall allow the parties an opportunity to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. In addition to or in lieu of the filing of briefs, upon the request of all of the parties waiving any contrary contested case provisions of law or of these rules, the presiding officer shall allow the parties to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, and the presiding officer may sign and adopt as the decision or proposed decision one of such proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law without any changes.

*b.* The decision in a contested case is an order which shall be in writing or stated in the record. The order shall include findings of fact prepared by the presiding officer, unless the presiding officer is unavailable, and based solely on the evidence in the record and on matters officially noticed in the record, and shall include conclusions of law. The findings of fact and conclusions of law shall be separately stated. If a party has submitted proposed findings of fact, the order shall include a ruling upon each proposed finding. Each conclusion of law shall be supported by cited authority or by a reasoned opinion. The decision must include an explanation of why the relevant evidence in the record supports each material finding of fact. If the issue of reasonable litigation costs was held in abeyance pending the outcome of the substantive issues in the contested case and the proposed order decides substantive issues in favor of the taxpayer, the proposed order shall include a notice of time and place for a hearing on the issue of whether reasonable litigation costs shall be awarded and on the issue of the amount of such award, unless the parties agree otherwise. All decisions and orders in a contested case proceeding shall be based solely on the legal bases and arguments presented by the parties. In the event that the presiding officer believes that a legal basis or argument for a decision or order exists, but has not been presented by the parties, the presiding officer shall notify the parties and give them an opportunity to file a brief that addresses such legal basis or argument.

*c.* When a motion has been made to redact identifying details in an order on the basis of personal privacy or trade secrets, the justification for such redaction or refusal to redact shall be made by the moving party and shall appear in the order.

*d.* When the director initially presides at a hearing or considers decisions on appeal from or review of a proposed decision by the presiding officer other than the director, the order becomes the final order of the department for purposes of judicial review or rehearing unless there is an appeal to or review on motion of a second agency within the time provided by statute or rule. When a presiding officer other than the director presides at the hearing, the order becomes final and not subject to judicial review unless there is an appeal to or review on motion of the director within 30 days of the date of the order, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays as defined in Iowa Code section 421.9A, or 10 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays as defined in Iowa Code section 421.9A, for a revocation order pursuant to rule 701—7.39(17A). However, if the contested case proceeding involves a question of an award of reasonable litigation costs, the proposed order on the substantive issues shall not be appealable to or reviewable by the director on the director's motion until the issuance of a proposed order on the reasonable litigation costs. If there is no such appeal to or review by the director within 30 days or 10 days, whichever is applicable, from the date of the proposed order on reasonable litigation costs, both the proposed order on the substantive issues and the proposed order on the reasonable litigation costs become final and not subject to judicial review. On an appeal from, review of, or application for rehearing concerning the presiding officer's order, the director has all the power which the director would initially have had in making the decision; however, the director will consider only those issues presented at the hearing before the presiding officer or raised independently by the presiding officer, including the propriety of and the authority for raising issues. The parties will be notified of those issues which will be considered by the director.

*e.* Notwithstanding this rule, where a presiding officer other than the director issues an interlocutory decision or ruling which does not dispose of all the issues, except reasonable litigation costs, in the contested case proceeding, the party adversely affected by the interlocutory decision or ruling may apply to the director within 20 days (10 days for a revocation proceeding) of the date

of issuance of the interlocutory decision or ruling to grant an appeal in advance of the proposed decision. The application shall be served on the parties and the presiding officer. The party opposing the application shall file any resistance within 15 days of the service of the application unless, for good cause, the director extends the time for such filing. The director, in the exercise of discretion, may grant the application on finding that such interlocutory decision or ruling involves substantial rights and will materially affect the proposed decision and that a determination of its correctness before hearing on the merits will better serve the interests of justice. The order of the director granting the appeal may be on terms setting forth the course of proceedings on appeal, including advancing the appeal for prompt submission, and the order shall stay further proceedings below. The presiding officer, at the request of the director, shall promptly forward to the director all or a portion of the file or record in the contested case proceeding.

*f.* In the event of an appeal to or review of the proposed order by the director, the administrative hearings division shall be promptly notified of the appeal or review by the director. The administrative hearings division shall, upon such notice, promptly forward the record of the contested case proceeding and all other papers associated with the case to the director.

*g.* A decision by the director may reverse or modify any finding of fact if a preponderance of the evidence will support a determination to reverse or modify such a finding of fact, or may reverse or modify any conclusion of law that the director finds to be in error.

*h.* Orders will be issued within a reasonable time after termination of the hearing. Parties shall be promptly notified of each order by delivery to them of a copy of the order by personal service, regular mail, certified mail, return receipt requested, AEDMS as described in 481—Chapter 16, or any other method to which the parties may agree. For example, a copy of the order can be submitted by electronic mail if both parties agree.

*i.* A cross-appeal may be taken within the 30-day period for taking an appeal to the director or in any event within 5 days after the appeal to the director is taken. If a cross-appeal is taken from a revocation order pursuant to rule 701—7.39(17A), the cross-appeal may be taken within the 10-day period for taking an appeal to the director or in any event within 5 days after the appeal to the director is taken.

*j.* Upon issuance of a closing order or the proposed decision by a presiding officer other than the director, such presiding officer no longer has jurisdiction over the contested case. Thereafter, any further proceedings associated with or related to the contested case must occur before the director.

*k.* A party may not seek judicial review until the director has issued a final decision of the agency. If a party seeks judicial review of a proposed decision of an administrative law judge without appealing to the director or without review of the proposed decision by the director, the party shall be deemed to have failed to exhaust adequate administrative remedies.

**7.19(9) Stays.**

*a.* During the pendency of judicial review of the final contested case order of the department, the party seeking judicial review may file with the director an application for a stay. The application shall set forth in detail the reasons why the applicant is entitled to a stay and shall specifically address the following four factors:

- (1) The extent to which the applicant is likely to prevail when the court finally disposes of the matter;
- (2) The extent to which the applicant will suffer irreparable injury if the stay is not granted;
- (3) The extent to which the granting of a stay to the applicant will substantially harm the other parties to the proceedings; and
- (4) The extent to which the public interest relied on by the department is sufficient to justify the department's actions in the circumstances.

*b.* The director shall consider and balance the previously mentioned four factors and may consult with department personnel and the department's representatives in the judicial review proceeding. The director shall expeditiously grant or deny the stay.

**7.19(10) Burden of proof.** The burden of proof with respect to assessments or denials of refunds in contested case proceedings is as follows:

*a.* The department must carry the burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence as to the issue of fraud with intent to evade tax.

*b.* The burden of proof is on the department for any tax periods for which the assessment was not made within six years after the return became due, excluding any extension of time for filing such return, except where the department's assessment is the result of the final disposition of a matter between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service or where the taxpayer and the department signed a waiver of the statute of limitations to assess.

*c.* The burden of proof is on the department as to any new matter or affirmative defense raised by the department. "New matter" means an adjustment not set forth in the computation of the tax in the assessment or refund denial, as distinguished from a new reason for the assessment or refund denial. "Affirmative defense" is a defense resting on facts not necessary to support the taxpayer's case.

*d.* In all instances where the burden of proof is not expressly placed upon the department by this subrule, the burden of proof is upon the taxpayer.

**7.19(11) Costs.**

*a.* A prevailing taxpayer in a contested case proceeding related to the determination, collection, or refund of a tax, penalty, or interest may be awarded by the department reasonable litigation costs incurred subsequent to the issuance of the notice of assessment or refund denial that are based upon the following:

- (1) The reasonable expenses of expert witnesses.
- (2) The reasonable costs of studies, reports, and tests.
- (3) The reasonable fees of independent attorneys or independent accountants retained by the taxpayer. No such award is authorized for accountants or attorneys who represent themselves or who are employees of the taxpayer.

*b.* An award for reasonable litigation costs shall not exceed \$25,000 per case.

*c.* No award shall be made for any portion of the proceeding which has been unreasonably protracted by the taxpayer.

*d.* For purposes of this subrule, "prevailing taxpayer" means a taxpayer who establishes that the position of the department in the contested case proceeding was not substantially justified and who has substantially prevailed with respect to the amount in controversy, or has substantially prevailed with respect to the most significant issue or set of issues presented. If the position of the department in issuance of the assessment or refund denial was not substantially justified and if the matter is resolved or conceded before the contested case proceeding is commenced, there cannot be an award for reasonable litigation costs.

*e.* The definition of "prevailing taxpayer" is taken from the definition of "prevailing party" in 26 U.S.C. §7430. Therefore, federal cases determining whether the Internal Revenue Service's position was substantially justified will be considered in the determination of whether a taxpayer is entitled to an award of reasonable litigation costs to the extent that 26 U.S.C. §7430 is consistent with Iowa Code section 421.60(4).

*f.* The taxpayer has the burden of establishing the unreasonableness of the department's position.

*g.* Once a contested case has commenced, a concession by the department of its position or a settlement of the case either prior to the evidentiary hearing or any order issued does not, per se, either authorize an award of reasonable litigation costs or preclude such award.

*h.* If the department relied upon information provided or action conducted by federal, state, or local officials or law enforcement agencies with respect to the tax imposed by Iowa Code chapter 453B, an award for reasonable litigation costs shall not be made in a contested case proceeding involving the determination, collection, or refund of that tax.

*i.* The taxpayer who seeks an award of reasonable litigation costs must specifically request such award in the appeal, or the request for award will not be considered.

*j.* A request for an award of reasonable litigation costs shall be held in abeyance until the concession or settlement of the contested case proceeding, or the issuance of a proposed order in the contested case proceeding, unless the parties agree otherwise.



*k.* At the hearing held for the purpose of deciding whether an award for reasonable litigation costs should be awarded, consideration shall be given to the following points:

- (1) Whether the department's position was substantially justified;
- (2) Whether the taxpayer is the prevailing taxpayer;
- (3) Whether the taxpayer has established how the alleged reasonable litigation costs were incurred.

The burden is upon the taxpayer to establish how the alleged reasonable litigation costs were incurred. This requires a detailed accounting of the nature of each cost, the amount of each cost, and to whom the cost was paid or owed;

- (4) Whether alleged litigation costs are reasonable or necessary;
- (5) Whether the taxpayer has met the taxpayer's burden of demonstrating all of these points.

**7.19(12) *Interlocutory appeals.***

*a.* Upon written request of a party or on the director's own motion, the director may review an interlocutory order of the presiding officer. In determining whether to do so, the director shall weigh the extent to which granting the interlocutory appeal would expedite final resolution of the case and the extent to which review of that interlocutory order by the director at the time of the review of the proposed decision of the presiding officer would provide an adequate remedy. Any request for interlocutory review must be filed within 14 days of issuance of the challenged order, but no later than the time for compliance with the order or the date of hearing, whichever is first.

*b.* Interlocutory appeals do not apply to licensing.

**7.19(13) *Consolidation and severance.***

*a. Consolidation.* The presiding officer may consolidate any or all matters at issue in two or more contested case proceedings where:

- (1) The matters at issue involve common parties or common questions of fact or law;
- (2) Consolidation would expedite and simplify consideration of the issues involved; and
- (3) Consolidation would not adversely affect the rights of any of the parties to those proceedings.

*b. Severance.* The presiding officer may, for good cause shown, order any contested case proceedings or portions thereof severed.

*c. Stipulations.* Since stipulations are encouraged, it is expected and anticipated that the parties proceeding to a hearing will stipulate to evidence to the fullest extent to which complete or qualified agreement can be reached including all material facts that are not, or should not be, fairly in dispute.

*d. Informal disposition.* Without the necessity of proceeding to an evidentiary hearing in a contested case, the parties may agree in writing to informally dispose of the case by stipulation, agreed settlement, or consent order or by another method agreed upon. If such informal disposition is utilized, the parties shall so indicate to the presiding officer that the case has been settled. Upon request, the presiding officer shall issue a closing order to reflect such a disposition. The contested case is terminated upon issuance of a closing order.

*e. Mutual waivers.* Unless otherwise precluded by law, the parties in a contested case proceeding may mutually agree to waive any provision under this rule governing contested case proceedings.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.12, 17A.14, 17A.15, 421.60 and 452A.68.

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**701—7.20(17A) Interventions.** Interventions shall be governed by the Iowa rules of civil procedure.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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**701—7.21(17A) Record and transcript.**

**7.21(1)** The record in a contested case shall include:

- a.* All pleadings, motions, and rulings;
- b.* All evidence received or considered and all other submissions;
- c.* A statement of all matters officially noticed;

- d. All questions and offers of proof, objections, and rulings thereon;
- e. All proposed findings and exceptions;
- f. All orders of the presiding officer; and
- g. The order of the director on appeal or review.

**7.21(2)** Oral hearings regarding proceedings on appeal to or considered on motion of the director which are recorded by electronic means shall not be transcribed for the record of such appeal or review unless a party, by written notice, or the director, orally or in writing, requests such transcription. Such a request must be filed with the clerk who will be responsible for making the transcript. A transcription will be made only of that portion of the oral hearing relevant to the appeal or review, if so requested and if no objection is made by any other party to the proceeding or the director. Upon request, the department shall provide a copy of the whole record or any portion of the record at cost. The cost of preparing a copy of the record or of transcribing the hearing record shall be paid by the requesting party.

**7.21(3)** Parties who request that a hearing be recorded by certified shorthand reporters rather than by electronic means shall bear the cost of that recording, unless otherwise provided by law.

**7.21(4)** Upon issuance of a proposed decision which leaves no issues open for further consideration or upon issuance of a closing order, the administrative hearings division shall promptly forward the record of a contested case proceeding to the director. However, the administrative hearings division may keep the tapes of any evidentiary proceeding in case a transcript of the proceeding is required and, if one is required, the administrative hearings division shall make the transcription and promptly forward the tapes and the transcription to the director.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.12.  
 [ARC 0251C, IAB 8/8/12, effective 9/12/12; ARC 5940C, IAB 10/6/21, effective 11/10/21]

**701—7.22(17A) Application for rehearing.** Any party to a contested case may file an application with the director for a rehearing in the contested case, stating the specific grounds therefor and the relief sought. The application must be filed within 20 days after the final order is issued. See subrule 7.19(8) as to when a proposed order becomes a final order. A copy of such application shall be timely mailed by the applicant to all parties in conformity with rule 701—7.3(17A). The director shall have 20 days from the filing of the application for rehearing to grant or deny the application. If the application for rehearing is granted, a notice will be served on the parties stating the time and place of the rehearing. An application for rehearing shall be deemed denied if not granted by the director within 20 days after filing.

**7.22(1)** The application for rehearing shall contain a caption in the following form:

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
 HOOVER STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
 DES MOINES, IOWA

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IN THE MATTER OF _____	*	
(state taxpayer's name and address and	*	APPLICATION FOR REHEARING
designate type of proceeding, e.g., income tax	*	Docket No. _____
refund claim)	*	

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**7.22(2)** The application for rehearing shall substantially state in separate numbered paragraphs the following:

- a. Clear and concise statements of the reasons for requesting a rehearing and each and every error which the party alleges to have been committed during the contested case proceedings;
- b. Clear and concise statements of all relevant facts upon which the party relies;
- c. Reference to any particular statute or statutes and any rule or rules involved;
- d. The signature of the party or that of the party's representative, the address of the party or of the party's representative, and the telephone number of the party or the party's representative.

**7.22(3)** No applications for rehearing shall be filed with or entertained by an administrative law judge.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.16.  
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**701—7.23(17A) Ex parte communications and disqualification.**

**7.23(1)** *Ex parte communication.* A party that has knowledge of a prohibited communication by any party or presiding officer should file a copy of the written prohibited communication or a written summary of the prohibited oral communication with the clerk. The clerk will transfer to the presiding officer the filed copy of the prohibited communication.

*a. Prohibited communications.* Unless required for the disposition of ex parte matters specifically authorized by statute, following issuance of the notice of hearing, there shall be no communication, directly or indirectly, between the presiding officer and any party or representative of any party or any other person with a direct or indirect interest in such case in connection with any issue of fact or law in the case except upon notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. This does not prohibit persons jointly assigned such tasks from communicating with each other. Nothing in this provision is intended to preclude the presiding officer from communicating with members of the department or seeking the advice or help of persons other than those with a personal interest in, or those engaged in personally investigating as defined in this rule, prosecuting, or advocating in, either the case under consideration or a pending factually related case involving the same parties as long as those persons do not directly or indirectly communicate to the presiding officer any ex parte communications they have received of a type that the presiding officer would be prohibited from receiving or that furnish, augment, diminish, or modify the evidence in the record. Prohibitions on ex parte communications commence with the issuance of the notice of hearing in a contested case and continue for as long as the case is pending.

*b. “Ex parte” communication defined.* Written, oral or other forms of communication are “ex parte” if made without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate.

*c. How to avoid prohibited communications.* To avoid prohibited ex parte communications, notice must be given in a manner reasonably calculated to give all parties a fair opportunity to participate. Notice of written communications shall be provided in compliance with this chapter and may be supplemented by telephone, facsimile, electronic mail, or other means of notification. Where permitted, oral communications may be initiated through conference telephone calls including all parties or their representatives.

*d. Joint presiding officers.* Persons who jointly act as presiding officer in a pending contested case may communicate with each other without notice or opportunity for parties to participate.

*e. Advice to presiding officer.* Persons may be present in deliberations or otherwise advise the presiding officer without notice or opportunity for parties to participate as long as the parties are not disqualified from participating in the making of a proposed or final decision under any provision of law and the parties comply with these rules.

*f. Procedural communications.* Communications with the presiding officer involving uncontested scheduling or procedural matters do not require notice or opportunity for parties to participate. Parties should notify other parties prior to initiating such contact with the presiding officer when feasible and shall notify other parties when seeking to continue hearings or other deadlines.

*g. Disclosure of prohibited communications.* A presiding officer who receives a prohibited ex parte communication during the pendency of a contested case must initially determine if the effect of the communication is so prejudicial that the presiding officer should be disqualified. If the presiding officer determines that disqualification is warranted, a copy of any prohibited written communication, all written responses to the communication, a written summary stating the substance of any prohibited oral or other communication not available in written form for disclosure, all responses made, and the identity of each person from whom the presiding officer received a prohibited ex parte communication, shall be submitted for inclusion in the record under seal by protective order. If the presiding officer determines that disqualification is not warranted, such documents shall be submitted for inclusion in the record and

served on all parties. Any party desiring to rebut the prohibited communication must be allowed the opportunity to do so upon written request filed within ten days after notice of the communication.

*h. Disclosure by presiding officer.* Promptly after receiving the communication or being assigned to serve as presiding officer at any stage in a contested case proceeding, a presiding officer shall disclose to all parties material factual information received through ex parte communication prior to such assignment unless the factual information has already been or shortly will be disclosed pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.13(2) or through discovery. Factual information contained in an investigative report or similar document need not be separately disclosed by the presiding officer as long as such documents have been or will shortly be provided to the parties.

*i. Sanction.* The presiding officer may render a proposed or final decision imposing appropriate sanctions for violations of this rule, including default, a decision against the offending party, censure, suspension, or revocation of the privilege to practice before the department or the administrative hearings division. Violation of ex parte communication prohibitions by department personnel or their representatives shall be reported to the clerk for possible sanctions including censure, suspension, dismissal, or other disciplinary action.

**7.23(2) Disqualification of a presiding officer.** Request for disqualification of a presiding officer must be filed in the form of a motion supported by an affidavit asserting an appropriate ground for disqualification. A substitute presiding officer may be appointed by the division of administrative hearings if the disqualified presiding officer is an administrative law judge. If the disqualified presiding officer is the director, the governor must appoint a substitute presiding officer.

*a. Grounds for disqualification.* A presiding officer or other person shall withdraw from participation in the making of any proposed or final decision in a contested case if that person:

- (1) Has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party or a representative of a party;
- (2) Has personally investigated, prosecuted, or advocated in connection with that case the specific controversy underlying that case, another pending factually related contested case, or a pending factually related controversy that may culminate in a contested case involving the same parties;
- (3) Is subject to the authority, direction, or discretion of any person who has personally investigated, prosecuted, or advocated in connection with that contested case the specific controversy underlying that contested case or a pending factually related contested case or controversy involving the same parties;
- (4) Has acted as counsel to any person who is a private party to that proceeding within the past two years;
- (5) Has a personal financial interest in the outcome of the case or any other significant personal interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the case;
- (6) Has a spouse or relative within the third degree of relationship that:
  1. Is a party to the case or an officer, director, or trustee of a party to the case;
  2. Is a lawyer in the case;
  3. Is known to have an interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the case; or
  4. Is likely to be a material witness in the case; or
- (7) Has any other legally sufficient cause to withdraw from participation in the decision making in that case.

*b. Personally investigated.* “Personally investigated” means taking affirmative steps to interview witnesses directly or to obtain documents or other information directly. The term “personally investigated” does not include general direction and supervision of assigned investigators, unsolicited receipt of information which is relayed to assigned investigators, review of another person’s investigative work product in the course of determining whether there is probable cause to initiate a proceeding, or exposure to factual information while performing other department functions, including fact gathering for purposes other than investigation of the matter which culminates in a contested case. Factual information relevant to the merits of a contested case received by a person who later serves as presiding officer in that case shall be disclosed if required by Iowa Code section 17A.17 and these rules.

*c. Disqualification and the record.* In a situation where a presiding officer or other person knows of information which might reasonably be deemed to be a basis for disqualification and decides voluntary withdrawal is unnecessary, that person shall submit the relevant information for the record by affidavit

and shall provide for the record a statement of the reasons for the determination that withdrawal is unnecessary.

*d. Motion asserting disqualification.*

(1) If a party asserts disqualification on any appropriate ground, the party shall file a motion supported by an affidavit pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.17. The motion must be filed as soon as practicable after the reason alleged in the motion becomes known to the party. If, during the course of the hearing, a party first becomes aware of evidence of bias or other grounds for disqualification, the party may move for disqualification but must establish the grounds by the introduction of evidence into the record.

(2) If the presiding officer determines that disqualification is appropriate, the presiding officer or other person shall withdraw. If the presiding officer determines that withdrawal is not required, the presiding officer shall enter an order to that effect. A party asserting disqualification may seek an interlocutory appeal and seek a stay as provided under this chapter.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.17.

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**701—7.24(17A) Declaratory order—in general.** Any oral or written advice or opinion rendered to members of the public by department personnel not pursuant to a petition for declaratory order is not binding upon the department.

*7.24(1) Filing a petition for declaratory order.*

*a. How to submit a petition.* Any person may file a petition seeking a declaratory order using the methods described in rule 701—7.3(17A).

*b. When a petition is considered filed.* A petition is deemed filed when it is received by the department as described in rule 701—7.4(17A). The department shall provide the petitioner with a file-stamped copy of the petition if the petitioner provides the department with an extra copy for this purpose.

*c. Department forms.* Petitioners may use the form provided on GovConnectIowa or the form provided on the department’s website, [tax.iowa.gov/forms](http://tax.iowa.gov/forms), to submit a petition.

*d. Manually created petitions.*

(1) If not submitted using the department-provided formats, the petition must be typewritten or legibly handwritten in ink and must substantially conform to the following form:

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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Petition by (Name of Petitioner)	*	PETITION FOR
for a Declaratory Order on (Cite	*	DECLARATORY ORDER
provisions of law involved).	*	Docket No. _____
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- (2) The petition must provide the following information:
1. A clear and concise statement of all relevant facts on which the order is requested;
  2. A citation and the relevant language of the specific statutes, rules, policies, decisions, or orders, whose applicability is questioned, and any other relevant law;
  3. The questions the petitioner wants answered, stated clearly and concisely;
  4. The answers to the questions desired by the petitioner and a summary of the reasons urged by the petitioner in support of those answers;
  5. The reasons for requesting the declaratory order and disclosure of the petitioner’s interest in the outcome;
  6. A statement indicating whether the petitioner is currently a party to another proceeding involving the questions at issue and whether, to the petitioner’s knowledge, those questions have been decided by, are pending determination by, or are under investigation by, any governmental entity;

- 7. The names and addresses of other persons, or a description of any class of persons, known by petitioner to be affected by, or interested in, the questions presented in the petition;
- 8. Any request by petitioner for a meeting provided for by this rule;
- 9. Whether the petitioner is presently under audit by the department; and
- 10. The signature of the petitioner or the petitioner’s representative and date of signature. It must also include the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the petitioner and of the petitioner’s representative and a statement indicating the person to whom communications concerning the petition should be directed. Petitions submitted by a representative must have a valid IDR power of attorney form or representative certification form, as applicable in accordance with rule 701—7.6(17A), on file with the department.

**7.24(2) Notice of petition.** Within 15 days after receipt of a petition for a declaratory order, the department shall give notice of the petition to all persons not served by the petitioner to whom notice is required by any provision of law. The department may also give notice to any other persons.

**7.24(3) Intervention.**

*a. Nondiscretionary intervention.* Persons who qualify under any applicable provision of law as an intervenor and who file a petition for intervention within 20 days of the filing of a petition for declaratory order, shall be allowed to intervene in a proceeding for a declaratory order.

*b. Discretionary intervention.* Any person who files a petition for intervention at any time prior to the issuance of an order may be allowed to intervene in a proceeding for a declaratory order at the discretion of the department.

*c. Filing and form of petition for intervention.* A petition for intervention shall be filed in accordance with paragraph 7.3(1) “b,” “c,” or “d.”. Such a petition is deemed filed when it is received in accordance with rule 701—7.4(17A). The department will provide the petitioner with a file-stamped copy of the petition for intervention if the petitioner provides an extra copy for this purpose. A petition for intervention must be typewritten or legibly handwritten in ink and must substantially conform to the following form:

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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Petition by (Name of Original	*	PETITION FOR
Petitioner) for a Declaratory Order	*	INTERVENTION
on (Cite provisions of law cited in	*	Docket No. _____
original Petition).	*	

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- d.* The petition for intervention must provide the following information:
- (1) Facts supporting the intervenor’s standing and qualifications for intervention;
  - (2) The answers urged by the intervenor to the question or questions presented and a summary of the reasons urged in support of those answers;
  - (3) Reasons for requesting intervention and disclosure of the intervenor’s interest in the outcome;
  - (4) A statement indicating whether the intervenor is currently a party to any proceeding involving the questions at issue and whether, to the intervenor’s knowledge, those questions have been decided by, are pending determination by, or are under investigation by, any governmental entity;
  - (5) The names and addresses of any additional persons, or a description of any additional class of persons, known by the intervenor to be affected by, or interested in, the questions presented;
  - (6) Whether the intervenor consents to be bound by the determination of the matters presented in the declaratory order proceeding;
  - (7) Whether the intervenor is presently under audit by the department; and
  - (8) Consent of the intervenor to be bound by the declaratory order.
  - (9) The petition must be dated and signed by the intervenor or the intervenor’s representative. It must also include the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the intervenor and of the intervenor’s representative and a statement indicating the person to whom communications should be

directed. Petitions for intervention submitted by a representative must have a valid IDR power of attorney form or representative certification form, as applicable in accordance with rule 701—7.6(17A), on file with the department.

*e. Standing.* For a petition for intervention to be allowed, the petitioner must have consented to be bound by the declaratory order and the petitioner must have standing regarding the issues raised in the petition for declaratory order. Facts described in the petition for intervention must be those supporting intervention, not related to the substantive issues in the petition. The petition for intervention must not correct facts that are in the petition for declaratory order or raise any additional facts. To have standing, the intervenor must have a legally protectible and tangible interest at stake in the petition for declaratory order under consideration by the director for which the party wishes to petition to intervene. The department may, by rule, impose a requirement of standing upon those that seek a declaratory order at least to the extent of requiring that they be potentially aggrieved or adversely affected by the department action or failure to act. Arthur Earl Bonfield, “The Iowa Administrative Procedure Act: Background, Construction, Applicability, Public Access to Agency Law, The Rule making Process,” 60 Iowa Law Review 731, 812-13 (1975). The department adopts this requirement of standing for those seeking a petition for a declaratory order and those seeking to intervene in a petition for a declaratory order.

*f. Associations.* An association or a representative group is not considered to be an entity qualifying for filing a petition requesting a declaratory order on behalf of all of the association or group members. Each member of an association may not be similarly situated or represented by the factual scenario set forth in such a petition.

*g. Factually distinct matters.* If a party seeks to have an issue determined by declaratory order, but the facts are different from those in a petition for declaratory order that is currently under consideration by the director, the interested party should not petition as an intervenor in the petition for declaratory order currently under the director’s consideration. Instead, the party should file a separate petition for a declaratory order, and the petition should include all of the relevant facts. The director may deny a petition for intervention without denying the underlying petition for declaratory order that is involved.

**7.24(4) Briefs.** The petitioner or any intervenor may file a brief in support of the position urged. The department may request a brief from the petitioner, any intervenor, or any other person concerning the questions raised in the petition.

**7.24(5) Inquiries.** Inquiries concerning the status of a declaratory order proceeding may be made to the Legal Services Division, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 14457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-3457; or by email to the address provided in paragraph 7.3(1) “b.”

**7.24(6) Service and filing of petitions and other papers.**

*a. When service is required.* Except where otherwise provided by law, every petition for declaratory order, petition for intervention, brief, or other paper filed in a proceeding for a declaratory order shall be served upon each of the parties of record to the proceeding, and on all other persons identified in the petition for declaratory order or petition for intervention as affected by or interested in the questions presented, simultaneously with its filing. The party filing a document is responsible for service on all parties and other affected or interested persons.

*b. Filing—when required.* All petitions for declaratory orders, petitions for intervention, briefs, or other papers in a proceeding for a declaratory order shall be filed in the same manner described in subrule 7.24(1). All petitions, briefs, or other papers that are required to be served upon a party shall be filed simultaneously with the department.

*c. Method of service, time of filing, and proof of mailing.* Method of service, time of filing, and proof of mailing shall be as provided in rules 701—7.3(17A) and 701—7.4(17A).

**7.24(7) Department consideration.**

*a. Informal meetings.* Upon request by petitioner in the petition, the department may schedule a brief and informal meeting between the original petitioner, all intervenors, and the department, a member of the department, or a member of the staff of the department to discuss the questions raised.

*b. Requests for additional information.* The department may solicit additional information from the petitioner and establish a time frame for response. The department may also solicit comments or

information from any other person on the questions raised. Also, comments or information on the questions raised may be submitted to the department by any person.

**7.24(8) Action on petition.**

a. Within 30 days after receipt of a petition for a declaratory order, the director shall take action on the petition. That action may include issuing an order, issuing a refusal, or scheduling the issuance of a decision for a later date.

b. The date of issuance of an order or of a refusal to issue an order is the date of mailing of the order or refusal or date of delivery if service is by other means.

**7.24(9) Refusal to issue order.**

a. *Reasons for refusal to issue order.* The department shall not issue a declaratory order where prohibited by Iowa Code section 17A.9 and may refuse to issue a declaratory order on some or all questions raised for any of the following reasons:

- (1) The petition does not substantially comply with the required form;
- (2) The petition does not contain facts sufficient to demonstrate that the petitioner will be aggrieved or adversely affected by the failure of the department to issue an order;
- (3) The department does not have jurisdiction over the questions presented in the petition;
- (4) The questions presented by the petition are also presented in a current rule making, contested case, or other department or judicial proceeding that may definitively resolve them;
- (5) The questions presented by the petition would more properly be resolved in a different type of proceeding or by another body with jurisdiction over the matter;
- (6) The facts or questions presented in the petition are unclear, overbroad, insufficient, or otherwise inappropriate as a basis upon which to issue an order;
- (7) There is no need to issue an order because the questions raised in the petition have been settled due to a change in circumstances;
- (8) The petition is not based upon facts calculated to aid in the planning of future conduct but is, instead, based solely upon prior conduct, in an effort to establish the effect of that conduct or to challenge a department decision already made;
- (9) The petition requests a declaratory order that would necessarily determine the legal rights, duties, or responsibilities of other persons who have not joined in the petition, intervened separately, or filed a similar petition and whose position on the questions presented may fairly be presumed to be adverse to that of petitioner;
- (10) The petitioner requests the department to determine whether a statute is unconstitutional on its face;
- (11) The petition requests a declaratory order on an issue presently under investigation or audit or in rule-making proceedings or in litigation in a contested case or court proceedings; or
- (12) The petition requests a declaratory order on an issue that would substantially prejudice the rights of a person who would be a necessary party and who does not consent in writing to the determination of the matter by a declaratory order proceeding.

b. *Action on refusal.* A refusal to issue a declaratory order must indicate the specific grounds for the refusal and constitutes final department action on the petition.

c. *Filing of new petition.* Refusal to issue a declaratory order pursuant to this rule does not preclude the filing of a new petition that seeks to eliminate the grounds for the department's refusal to issue an order.

**7.24(10) Contents of declaratory order, refusal; effective date.**

a. In addition to the ruling itself, a declaratory order or refusal must contain the date of its issuance, the name of petitioner and all intervenors, the specific statutes, rules, policies, decisions, or orders involved, the particular facts upon which it is based, and the reasons for its conclusion.

b. A declaratory order is effective on the date of issuance.

**7.24(11) Copies of orders.** A copy of all orders issued in response to a petition for a declaratory order shall be delivered promptly to the original petitioner and all intervenors or otherwise served in accordance with rule 701—7.3(17A).



**7.24(12) *Effect of a declaratory order.*** A declaratory order has the same status and binding effect as a final order issued in a contested case proceeding. A declaratory order is binding on the department, the petitioner, and any intervenors. As to all other persons, a declaratory order serves only as precedent and is not binding on the department. The issuance of a declaratory order constitutes final department action on the petition. A declaratory order, once issued, will not be withdrawn at the request of the petitioner.

**7.24(13) *Withdrawal of the petition.*** The petitioner may voluntarily dismiss its petition by notifying the department in writing at any time before the order is issued. The petitioner may not dismiss the petition after the order is issued.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.9.

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### **701—7.25(17A) Department procedure for rule making.**

**7.25(1) *Applicability.*** Except to the extent otherwise expressly provided by statute, all rules adopted by the department are subject to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 17A, the Iowa administrative procedure Act, and the provisions of this chapter.

**7.25(2) *Advice on possible rules before notice of proposed rule adoption.*** In addition to seeking information by other methods, the department may, before publication of a Notice of Intended Action under Iowa Code section 17A.4(1) “a,” solicit comments from the public on a subject matter of possible rule making by the department by causing notice to be published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin of the subject matter and indicating where, when, and how persons may comment.

The department may send notices of proposed rule making and a request for comments to any agency, organization, or association known to the department to have a direct interest or expertise pertaining to the substance of the proposed rule.

**7.25(3) *Public rule-making docket.*** The department utilizes the public rule-making docket available to all agencies on the Iowa legislature’s website.

**7.25(4) *Notice of proposed rule making.***

*a. Contents.* Except for rules filed through emergency rule making, at least 35 days before the adoption of a rule the department shall cause Notice of Intended Action to be published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin. The Notice of Intended Action shall include:

- (1) A brief explanation of the purpose of the proposed rule.
- (2) The specific legal authority for the proposed rule.
- (3) Except to the extent impracticable, the text of the proposed rule.
- (4) Where, when, and how persons may present their views on the proposed rules.
- (5) Where, when, and how persons may demand an oral proceeding on the proposed rule if the Notice does not already provide for one.

Where the inclusion of the complete text of a proposed rule in the Notice of Intended Action is impracticable, the department shall include in the Notice a statement fully describing the specific subject matter of the omitted portion of the text of the proposed rule, the specific issues to be addressed by that omitted text of the proposed rule, and the range of possible choices being considered by the department for the resolution of each of those issues.

*b. Incorporation by reference.* A proposed rule may incorporate other materials by reference only if it complies with all of the requirements applicable to the incorporation by reference of other materials in an adopted rule that are contained in subrule 7.25(12).

*c. Registration for Notices of Intended Action.* Any person may register on the department’s website to receive announcements related to rules from the department. Persons registered to receive announcements from the department will be notified of the publication of the department’s Notices of Intended Action and Adopted and Filed rules. Persons who desire to request a paper copy of any rule filing shall make a request to the department’s administrative rules coordinator, in writing or by email. The request must specify the rules requested and specify the number of copies. The requester will be required to reimburse the department for the actual costs incurred in providing copies.

**7.25(5) *Public participation.***

*a. Written comments.* For at least 20 days after publication of the Notice of Intended Action, persons may submit argument, data, and views, in writing or via email, on the proposed rule. These submissions should identify the proposed rule to which they relate and should be submitted to the person designated on the Notice of Intended Action, or to the attention of the department's administrative rules coordinator, at the address provided in paragraph 7.3(1)"c" or by email to the address provided in paragraph 7.3(1)"b."

*b. Oral proceedings.* The department may, at any time, schedule an oral proceeding on a proposed rule. The department shall schedule an oral proceeding on a proposed rule if, within 20 days after the published Notice of Intended Action, a written request for an opportunity to make oral presentations is submitted to the department by the administrative rules review committee, a governmental subdivision, a state agency, an association having not less than 25 members, or at least 25 persons. That request must contain the following information:

(1) A request by one or more individual persons must be signed by each of them and include the address and telephone number of each of them.

(2) A request by an association must be signed by an officer or designee of the association and must contain a statement that the association has at least 25 members and the address and telephone number of the person signing that request.

(3) A request by a state agency or governmental subdivision must be signed by an official having authority to act on behalf of the entity and must contain the address and telephone number of the person signing the request.

*c. Conduct of oral proceedings.*

(1) *Applicability.* This subrule applies only to those oral rule-making proceedings in which an opportunity to make oral presentations is authorized or required by Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b" or this chapter.

(2) *Scheduling and notice.* An oral proceeding on a proposed rule may be held in person, virtually, or both. The proceeding shall not be held earlier than 20 days after the related Notice of Intended Action is published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin.

(3) *Presiding officer.* An employee of the department shall preside at the oral proceeding on a proposed rule.

(4) *Conduct of proceeding.* At an oral proceeding on a proposed rule, persons may make oral statements and make documentary and physical submissions, which may include data, views, comments, or arguments concerning the proposed rule. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at such a proceeding are encouraged to notify the department at least one business day prior to the proceeding and indicate the general subject of their presentations. At the proceeding, those who participate shall indicate their names and addresses, identify any persons or organizations they may represent, and provide any other information relating to their participation deemed appropriate by the presiding officer. Oral proceedings shall be open to the public and shall be recorded by stenographic or electronic means.

1. The presiding officer may place time limitations on individual oral presentations when necessary to ensure the orderly and expeditious conduct of the oral proceeding. To encourage joint oral presentations and to avoid repetition, additional time may be provided for persons whose presentations represent the views of both themselves and other individuals.

2. Persons making oral presentations are encouraged to avoid restating matters which have already been submitted in writing.

3. To facilitate the exchange of information, the presiding officer may, where time permits, open the floor to questions or general discussion.

4. The presiding officer shall have the authority to take any reasonable action necessary for the orderly conduct of the meeting.

5. Physical and documentary submissions presented by participants in the oral proceeding shall be submitted to the presiding officer. Such submissions become the property of the department.

6. The oral proceeding may be continued by the presiding officer to a later time without notice other than by announcement at the hearing.

7. Participants in an oral proceeding shall not be required to take an oath or to submit to cross-examination. However, the presiding officer in an oral proceeding may question participants and permit the questioning of participants by other participants about any matter relating to that rule-making proceeding, including any prior written submissions made by those participants in that proceeding. However, no participant shall be required to answer any question.

8. The presiding officer in an oral proceeding may permit rebuttal statements and request the filing of written statements subsequent to the adjournment of the oral presentations.

*d. Additional information.* In addition to receiving written comments and oral presentations on a proposed rule according to the provisions of this rule, the department may obtain information concerning a proposed rule through any other lawful means deemed appropriate under circumstances.

*e. Accessibility.* The department shall schedule oral proceedings in rooms accessible to and functional for persons with physical disabilities. Persons who have special requirements should contact the person listed on the Notice of Intended Action or the department's administrative rules coordinator in advance to arrange access or other needed services.

**7.25(6) Regulatory analysis.**

*a. Small business impact mailing list.* Small businesses or organizations of small businesses may be registered on the department's small business impact list by making a written application addressed to the department's administrative rules coordinator by ordinary mail or email to the address provided in paragraph 7.3(1)"b." The application for registration shall state:

- (1) The name of the small business or organization of small businesses;
- (2) The address of the small business or organization of small businesses;
- (3) The name of a person authorized to transact business for the applicant;
- (4) A description of the applicant's business or organization. An organization representing 25 or more persons who qualify as a small business shall indicate that fact;
- (5) Whether the registrant desires copies of Notices of Intended Action at cost or desires advance notice of the subject of all or some specific category of proposed rule making affecting small business.

The department may at any time request additional information from the applicant to determine whether the applicant is qualified as a small business or as an organization of 25 or more small businesses. The department may periodically send a letter to each registered small business or organization of small businesses asking whether that business or organization wishes to remain on the registration list. The name of a small business or organization of small businesses shall be removed from the list if a negative response is received, or if no response is received within 30 days after the letter is sent.

*b. Time of distribution.* Within seven days after submission of a Notice of Intended Action to the legislative services agency's administrative rules coordinator for publication in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, the department shall mail to all registered small businesses or organizations of small businesses, in accordance with their request, either a copy of the Notice of Intended Action or notice of the subject of that proposed rule making. In the case of a rule that may have an impact on small business adopted in reliance upon Iowa Code section 17A.4(3), the department shall mail notice of the adopted rule to registered businesses or organizations prior to the time the adopted rule is published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin.

*c. Qualified requestors for regulatory analysis—economic impact.* The department shall issue a regulatory analysis of a proposed rule that conforms to the requirements of Iowa Code section 17A.4A(2)"a" after a proper request from:

- (1) The legislative services agency's administrative rules coordinator, or
- (2) The administrative rules review committee.

*d. Qualified requestors for regulatory analysis—business impact.* The department shall issue a regulatory analysis of a proposed rule that conforms to the requirements of Iowa Code section 17A.4A(2)"b" after a proper request from:

- (1) The administrative rules review committee;
- (2) The legislative services agency's administrative rules coordinator;
- (3) At least 25 or more persons who sign the request provided that each represents a different small business, or

(4) An organization representing at least 25 small businesses. That organization shall list the name, address and telephone number of not less than 25 small businesses it represents.

*e. Time period for analysis.* Upon receipt of a timely request for a regulatory analysis, the department shall adhere to the timelines described in Iowa Code section 17A.4A(4).

*f. Contents of request.* A request for a regulatory analysis is made when it is mailed or delivered to the department. The request shall be in writing and satisfy the requirements of Iowa Code section 17A.4A(1).

*g. Contents of concise summary.* The contents of the concise summary shall conform to the requirements of Iowa Code sections 17A.4A(4) and 17A.4A(5).

*h. Publication of a concise summary.* The department shall make available, to the maximum extent feasible, copies of the published summary in conformance with Iowa Code section 17A.4A(5).

*i. Regulatory analysis contents—rules review committee or rules coordinator.* When a regulatory analysis is issued in response to a written request from the administrative rules review committee, or the legislative services agency's administrative rules coordinator, the regulatory analysis shall conform to the requirements of Iowa Code section 17A.4A(2) "a," unless a written request expressly waives one or more of the items listed in the section.

*j. Regulatory analysis contents—substantial impact on small business.* When a regulatory analysis is issued in response to a written request from the administrative rules review committee, the legislative services agency's administrative rules coordinator, at least 25 persons signing that request who each qualify as a small business or by an organization representing at least 25 small businesses, the regulatory analysis shall conform to the requirements of Iowa Code section 17A.4A(2) "b."

**7.25(7) Fiscal impact statement.** A rule that mandates additional combined expenditures exceeding \$100,000 or combined expenditures of at least \$500,000 within five years, by all affected political subdivisions, or by agencies and entities which contract with political subdivisions to provide services, must be accompanied by a fiscal impact statement outlining the costs associated with the rule. A fiscal impact statement must satisfy the requirements of Iowa Code section 25B.6.

If the department determines at the time it adopts a rule that the fiscal impact statement upon which the rule is based contains errors, the department shall, at the same time, issue a corrected fiscal impact statement and publish the corrected fiscal impact statement in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin.

**7.25(8) Time and manner of rule adoption.**

*a. Time of adoption.* The department shall not adopt a rule until the period for making written submissions and oral presentations has expired. Within 180 days after the later of the publication of the Notice of Intended Action, or the end of oral proceedings thereon, the department shall adopt a rule pursuant to the rule-making proceeding or terminate the proceeding by publication of a notice to that effect in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin.

*b. Consideration of public comment.* Before the adoption of a rule, the department shall consider fully all of the written submissions and oral submissions received in that rule-making proceeding or any written summary of the oral submissions and any regulatory analysis or fiscal impact statement issued in that rule-making proceeding.

*c. Reliance on department expertise.* Except as otherwise provided by law, the department may use its own experience, technical competence, specialized knowledge, and judgment in the adoption of a rule.

**7.25(9) Variance between adopted rule and published notice of proposed rule adoption.**

*a. Allowable variances.* The department shall not adopt a rule that differs from the rule proposed in the Notice of Intended Action on which the rule is based unless:

(1) The differences are within the scope of the subject matter announced in the Notice of Intended Action and are in character with the issues raised in that Notice; and

(2) The differences are a logical outgrowth of the contents of that Notice of Intended Action or the comments submitted in response thereto; and

(3) The Notice of Intended Action provided fair warning that the outcome of that rule-making proceeding could be the rule in question.

*b. Fair warning.* In determining whether the Notice of Intended Action provided fair warning that the outcome of that rule-making proceeding could be the rule in question, the department shall consider the following factors:

(1) The extent to which persons who will be affected by the rule should have understood that the rule-making proceeding on which it is based could affect their interests.

(2) The extent to which the subject matter of the rule or the issues determined by the rule are different from the subject matter or issues contained in the Notice of Intended Action.

(3) The extent to which the effects of the rule differ from the effects of the proposed rule contained in the Notice of Intended Action.

*c. Petition for rule making.* The department shall commence a rule-making proceeding within 60 days of its receipt of a petition for rule making seeking the amendment or repeal of a rule that differs from the proposed rule contained in the Notice of Intended Action upon which the rule is based, unless the department finds that the differences between the adopted rule and the proposed rule are so insubstantial as to make such a rule-making proceeding wholly unnecessary. A copy of any such finding and the petition to which it responds shall be sent to the petitioner, the legislative services agency's administrative rules coordinator, and the administrative rules review committee, within three days of its issuance.

*d. Concurrent rule-making proceedings.* Nothing in this rule disturbs the discretion of the department to initiate, concurrently, several different rule-making proceedings on the same subject with several different published Notices of Intended Action.

**7.25(10) Exemptions from public rule-making procedures, emergency rule making.**

*a. Omission of notice and comment.* To the extent the department for good cause finds that public notice and participation are unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the public interest in the process of adopting a particular rule, the department may adopt that rule without publishing advance Notice of Intended Action in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin and without providing for written or oral public submissions prior to its adoption. The department shall incorporate the required finding and a brief statement of its supporting reasons in each rule adopted in reliance upon this subrule.

*b. Category exempt.* Rule makings for nonsubstantive changes to a rule, such as rules for correcting grammar, spelling or punctuation in an existing or proposed rule, are exempted from the usual public notice and participation requirements because those requirements are unnecessary, impracticable, and contrary to the public interest.

*c. Public proceedings on rules adopted without them.* The department may, at any time, commence a standard rule-making proceeding for the adoption of a rule that is identical or similar to a rule it adopts in reliance upon paragraph 7.25(10)“a.” Upon written petition by a governmental subdivision, the administrative rules review committee, a state agency, the legislative services agency's administrative rules coordinator, an association having not less than 25 members, or at least 25 persons, the department shall commence a standard rule-making proceeding for any rule specified in the petition that was adopted in reliance upon paragraph 7.25(10)“a.” This petition must be filed within one year of the publication of the specified rule in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as an adopted rule. The rule-making proceeding on that rule must be commenced within 60 days of the receipt of the petition. After a standard rule-making proceeding commenced pursuant to this subrule, the department may either readopt the rule it adopted without benefit of all usual procedures on the basis of paragraph 7.25(10)“a” or may take any other lawful action, including the amendment or repeal of the rule in question, with whatever further proceedings are appropriate.

**7.25(11) Concise statement of reasons.**

*a. General.* When requested by a person, either prior to the adoption of a rule or within 30 days after its publication in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as an adopted rule, the department shall issue a concise statement of reasons for the rule. Requests for such a statement must be in writing and be delivered by mail to the address listed in paragraph 7.3(1)“c” or by email to the person listed on the adopted rule filing or to the department's administrative rules coordinator at the address provided in paragraph 7.3(1)“b.” The request should indicate whether the statement is sought for all or only a specified part of the rule. Requests shall be considered made on the date received in accordance with rule 701—7.4(17A).

*b. Contents.* The concise statement of reasons shall contain:

- (1) The reasons for adopting the rule;
- (2) An indication of any change between the text of the proposed rule contained in the published Notice of Intended Action and the text of the rule as finally adopted, with the reasons for any change;
- (3) The principal reasons urged in the rule-making proceeding for and against the rule, and the department's reasons for overruling the arguments made against the rule.

*c. Time of issuance.* After a proper request, the department shall issue a concise statement of reasons by the later of the time the rule is adopted or 35 days after receipt of the request.

**7.25(12)** *Contents, style, and form of rule.*

*a. Contents.* Each rule adopted by the department shall contain the text of the rule and, in addition:

- (1) The date the department adopted the rule;
- (2) A brief explanation of the principal reasons for the rule-making action if the reasons are required by Iowa Code section 17A.4(2), or the department in its discretion decides to include the reasons;
- (3) A reference to all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the rule;
- (4) A reference to the specific statutory or other authority authorizing adoption of the rule;
- (5) Any findings required by any provision of law as a prerequisite to adoption or effectiveness of the rule;
- (6) A brief explanation of the principal reasons for the failure to provide for waivers to the rule if no waiver provision is included and a brief explanation of any waiver or special exceptions provided in the rule if the reasons are required by Iowa Code section 17A.4(2), or the department in its discretion decides to include the reasons; and
- (7) The effective date of the rule.

*b. Incorporation by reference.* The department may incorporate by reference in a proposed or adopted rule, and without causing publication of the incorporated matter in full, all or any part of a code, standard, rule, or other matter if the department finds that the incorporation of its text in the department proposed or adopted rule would be unduly cumbersome, expensive, or otherwise inexpedient. The reference in the department proposed or adopted rule shall fully and precisely identify the incorporated matter by location, title, citation, date, and edition, if any; shall briefly indicate the precise subject and the general contents of the incorporated matter; and shall state that the proposed or adopted rule does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter. The department may incorporate such matter by reference in a proposed or adopted rule only if the department makes copies of it readily available to the public. The rule shall state how and where copies of the incorporated matter may be obtained at cost from the department, and how and where copies may be obtained from the department or an agency of the United States, this state, another state, or the organization, association, or persons, originally issuing that matter. The department shall retain permanently a copy of any materials incorporated by reference in a rule of the department. If the department adopts standards by reference to another publication, it shall provide a copy of the publication containing the standards to the administrative rules coordinator for deposit in the state law library and may make the standards available electronically.

*c. References to materials not published in full.* When the administrative code editor decides to omit the full text of a proposed or adopted rule because publication of the full text would be unduly cumbersome, expensive, or otherwise inexpedient, the department shall prepare and submit to the administrative code editor for inclusion in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin and Iowa Administrative Code a summary statement describing the specific subject matter of the omitted material. This summary statement shall include the title and a brief description sufficient to inform the public of the specific nature and subject matter of the proposed or adopted rules, and of significant issues involved in these rules. The summary statement shall also describe how a copy of the full text of the proposed or adopted rule, including any unpublished matter and any matter incorporated by reference, may be obtained from the department. The department will provide a copy of that full text (at actual cost) upon request and shall make copies of the full text available for review at the state law library and may make the standards available electronically. At the request of the administrative code editor, the department shall

provide a proposed statement explaining why publication of the full text would be unduly cumbersome, expensive, or otherwise inexpedient.

**7.25(14) Filing of rules.** The department shall file each rule it adopts in the office of the legislative services agency's administrative rules coordinator. The filing shall be executed as soon after adoption of the rule as is practicable. At the time of filing, each rule shall have included with it any fiscal impact statement and any concise statement of reasons that was issued with respect to that rule. If a fiscal impact statement or statement of reasons for that rule was not issued until a time subsequent to the filing of that rule, the note or statement must be attached to the filed rule within five working days after the fiscal impact statement or concise statement is issued. In filing a rule, the department shall use the standard form prescribed by the legislative services agency's administrative rules coordinator.

**7.25(15) Effectiveness of rules prior to publication, emergency rule making.**

*a. Grounds.* The department may make a rule effective after its filing at any stated time prior to 35 days after its indexing and publication in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin if it finds that a statute so provides, the rule confers a benefit or removes a restriction on some segment of the public, or that the effective date of the rule is necessary to avoid imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare. The department shall incorporate the required finding and a brief statement of its supporting reasons in each rule adopted in reliance upon this subrule.

*b. Special notice.* When the department makes a rule effective prior to its indexing and publication in reliance upon the provisions of Iowa Code section 17A.5(2) "b," the department shall employ all reasonable efforts to make its contents known to the persons who may be affected by that rule prior to the rule's indexing and publication. The term "all reasonable efforts" requires the department to employ the most effective and prompt means of notice rationally calculated to inform potentially affected parties of the effectiveness of the rule that is justified and practical under the circumstances considering the various alternatives available for this purpose, the comparative costs to the department of utilizing each of those alternatives, and the harm suffered by affected persons from any lack of notice concerning the contents of the rule prior to its indexing and publication. The means that may be used for providing notice of such rules prior to their indexing and publication include, but are not limited to, any one or more of the following means: radio, newspaper, television, signs, mail, telephone, personal notice, or electronic means.

A rule made effective prior to its indexing and publication in reliance upon the provisions of Iowa Code section 17A.5(2) "b" shall include in that rule a statement describing the reasonable efforts that will be used to comply with the requirements of paragraph 7.25(15) "b."

**7.25(16) Review of rules by department.**

*a. Request for review.* Any interested person, association, agency, or political subdivision may submit a written request to the administrative rules coordinator for the department to conduct a formal review of a specified rule. Upon approval of that request by the department's administrative rules coordinator, the department shall conduct a formal review of a specified rule to determine whether a new rule should be adopted instead or the rule should be amended or repealed. The department may refuse to conduct a review if it has conducted a review of the specified rule within five years prior to the filing of the written request.

*b. Conduct of review.* In conducting the formal review, the department shall prepare within a reasonable time a written report summarizing its findings, its supporting reasons, and any proposed course of action. The report shall include a concise statement of the department's findings regarding the rule's effectiveness in achieving its objectives, including a summary of any available supporting data. The report shall also concisely describe significant written criticisms of the rule received during the previous five years, including a summary of any requests for exceptions to the rule received by the department or granted by the department. The report shall describe alternative solutions to resolve the criticisms of the rule, the reasons any were rejected, and any changes made in the rule in response to the criticisms as well as the reasons for the changes. A copy of the department's report shall be sent

to the administrative rules review committee and the legislative services agency's administrative rules coordinator. The report shall also be available for public inspection.

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**701—7.26(17A) Public inquiries on rule making and the rule-making records.** The department maintains records of information obtained and all actions taken and criticisms received regarding any rule within the past five years. The department also keeps a record of the status of every rule within the rule-making procedure. Inquiries concerning the status of rule making may be made by contacting the department's administrative rules coordinator by mail at the address listed in paragraph 7.3(1) "c" or by email to the address provided in paragraph 7.3(1) "b." For additional information regarding criticism of rules, see rule 701—7.27(17A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.3.  
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**701—7.27(17A) Criticism of rules.** Interested persons may submit criticisms, requests for waivers, or comments regarding a rule to the department's administrative rules coordinator by mail at the address listed in paragraph 7.3(1) "c" or by email to the address provided in paragraph 7.3(1) "b." A criticism of a specific rule must be more than a mere lack of understanding of a rule or a dislike of the rule. To constitute a criticism of a rule, the criticism must be in writing, indicate it is a criticism of a specific rule, and have a valid legal basis for support. All requests for waivers, comments, or criticisms received on any rule will be kept in a separate record for a period of five years by the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.7 and 421.60.  
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**701—7.28(17A) Waiver of certain department rules.** All discretionary rules or discretionary provisions in a rule over which the department has jurisdiction, in whole or in part, may be subject to waiver.

**7.28(1) Definitions.** The following terms apply to the interpretation and application of this rule:

*"Discretionary rule"* or *"discretionary provisions in a rule"* means rules or provisions in rules resulting from a delegation by the legislature to the department to create a binding rule to govern a given issue or area. The department is not interpreting any statutory provision of the law promulgated by the legislature in a discretionary rule. Instead, a discretionary rule is authorized by the legislature when the legislature has delegated the creation of binding rules to the department and the contents of such rules are at the discretion of the department. A rule that contains both discretionary and interpretive provisions is deemed to be a discretionary rule to the extent of the discretionary provisions in the rule.

*"Interpretive rules"* or *"interpretive provisions in rules"* means rules or provisions in rules which define the meaning of a statute or other provision of law or precedent where the department does not possess the delegated authority to bind the courts to any extent with its definition.

*"Waiver"* means a department action which suspends, in whole or in part, the requirements or provisions of a rule as applied to an identified person on the basis of the particular circumstances of that person.

**7.28(2) Scope of rule.**

*a.* This rule creates generally applicable standards and a generally applicable process for granting individual waivers from the discretionary rules or discretionary provisions in rules adopted by the department in situations where no other specifically applicable law provides for waivers. To the extent another more specific provision of law purports to govern the issuance of a waiver from a particular rule, the more specific waiver provision shall supersede this rule with respect to any waiver from that rule.

*b.* The waiver provisions set forth in this rule do not apply to rules over which the department does not have jurisdiction or when issuance of the waiver would be inconsistent with any applicable statute, constitutional provision or other provision of law.

**7.28(3) Applicability of this rule.**



a. This rule applies only to waiver of those rules that are within the exclusive rule-making authority of the department. This rule shall not apply to interpretive rules that merely interpret or construe the meaning of a statute, or other provision of law or precedent, if the department does not possess statutory authority to bind a court, to any extent, with its interpretation or construction. Thus, this waiver rule applies to discretionary rules and discretionary provisions in rules, and not to interpretive rules.

b. The application of this rule is strictly limited to petitions for waiver filed outside of a contested case proceeding. Petitions for waiver from a discretionary rule or discretionary provisions in a rule filed after the commencement of a contested case as provided in rule 701—7.16(17A) will be treated as an issue of the contested case to be determined by the presiding officer of the contested case.

**7.28(4) Authority to grant a waiver.** The director may not issue a waiver under this rule unless:

a. The legislature has delegated authority sufficient to justify the action; and

b. The waiver is consistent with statutes and other provisions of law. No waiver from any mandatory requirement imposed by statute may be granted under this rule.

**7.28(5) Criteria for waiver.** In response to a petition, the director may, in the director’s sole discretion, issue an order granting a waiver from a discretionary rule or a discretionary provision in a rule adopted by the department, in whole or in part, as applied to the circumstances of a specified person, if the director finds that the waiver is consistent with subrules 7.28(3) and 7.28(4) and if all of the following criteria are also met:

a. The waiver would not prejudice the substantial legal rights of any person;

b. The rule or provisions of the rule are not specifically mandated by statute or another provision of law;

c. The application of the rule or rule provision would result in an undue hardship or injustice to the petitioner; and

d. Substantially equal protection of public health, safety, and welfare will be afforded by means other than that prescribed in the rule or rule provision for which the waiver is requested.

**7.28(6) Director’s discretion.** The final decision to grant or deny a waiver shall be vested in the director. This decision shall be made at the sole discretion of the director based upon consideration of relevant facts.

**7.28(7) Burden of persuasion.** The burden of persuasion shall be on the petitioner to demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that the director should exercise discretion to grant the petitioner a waiver based upon the criteria contained in subrule 7.28(5).

**7.28(8) Form and contents of petition.**

a. *Department forms.* A petition for waiver may be filed using the form available on the department’s portal, GovConnectIowa. Alternatively, a petition for waiver may be filed using the form available on the department’s website, [tax.iowa.gov/forms](http://tax.iowa.gov/forms).

b. *Manually created petitions.*

(1) Persons that do not use the department’s portal, GovConnectIowa, or the form available on the department’s website shall follow the following format:

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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Name of Petitioner	*	PETITION FOR
Address of Petitioner	*	WAIVER
Type of Tax at Issue	*	Docket No. _____
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(2) A manually created petition for waiver must contain all of the following, where applicable and known to the petitioner:

1. The name, address, email address, telephone number, and case number or state identification number of the entity or person for whom a waiver is being requested;

2. A description and citation of the specific rule or rule provisions from which a waiver is being requested;
3. The specific waiver requested, including a description of the precise scope and operative period for which the petitioner wants the waiver to extend;
4. The relevant facts that the petitioner believes would justify a waiver. This statement shall include a signed statement from the petitioner attesting to the accuracy of the facts represented in the petition, and a statement of reasons that the petitioner believes will justify a waiver;
5. A complete history of any prior contacts between the petitioner and the department relating to the activity affected by the proposed waiver, including audits, notices of assessment, refund claims, appeals, contested case hearings, or investigative reports relating to the activity within the last five years;
6. Any information known to the petitioner relating to the department's treatment of similar cases;
7. The name, address, and telephone number of any public agency or political subdivision which might be affected by the granting of a waiver;
8. The name, address, and telephone number of any person or entity that would be adversely affected by the granting of the waiver;
9. The name, address, and telephone number of any person with knowledge of the relevant facts relating to the proposed waiver;
10. Signed releases of information authorizing persons with knowledge of relevant facts to furnish the department with information relating to the waiver; and
11. Signature by the petitioner at the conclusion of the petition attesting to the accuracy and truthfulness of the information set forth in the petition.

**7.28(9) *Filing of petition.*** A petition for waiver must be filed using one of the methods described in subrule 7.3(1).

**7.28(10) *Additional information.*** Prior to issuing an order granting or denying a waiver, the director may request additional information from the petitioner relating to the petition and surrounding circumstances. The director may, on the director's own motion, or at the petitioner's request, schedule a telephonic or in-person meeting between the petitioner or the petitioner's representative, or both, and the director to discuss the petition and surrounding circumstances.

**7.28(11) *Notice of petition for waiver.*** The petitioner shall provide, within 30 days of filing the petition for waiver, a notice consisting of a concise summary of the contents of the petition for waiver and stating that the petition is pending. Such notice shall be mailed by the petitioner to all persons entitled to such notice. Such persons to whom notice must be mailed include, but are not limited to, the director and all parties to the petition for waiver, or the parties' representatives. The petitioner must then file written notice to the department's legal services section by mail to the address listed in paragraph 7.3(1) "c" or by email to the address provided in paragraph 7.3(1) "b," attesting that the notice has been mailed. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the persons to whom the notices were mailed shall be included in the filed written notice. The department has the discretion to give such notice to persons other than those persons notified by the petitioner.

**7.28(12) *Ruling on a petition for waiver.*** An order granting or denying a waiver must conform to the following:

*a.* An order granting or denying a waiver shall be in writing and shall contain a reference to the particular person and rule or rule provision to which the order pertains, a statement of the relevant facts and reasons upon which the action is based, and a description of the narrow and precise scope and operative time period of a waiver, if one is issued.

*b.* Conditions. The director may condition the grant of a waiver on any conditions which the director deems to be reasonable and appropriate in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

**7.28(13) *Time period for waiver; extension.*** Unless otherwise provided, an order granting a petition for waiver will be effective for 12 months from the date the order granting the waiver is issued. Renewal of a granted waiver is not automatic. To renew the waiver beyond the 12-month period, the petitioner must file a new petition requesting a waiver. The renewal petition will be governed by the provisions in this rule and must be filed prior to the expiration date of the previously issued waiver or extension of waiver. Even if the order granting the waiver was issued in a contested case proceeding, any request for

an extension shall be filed with and acted upon by the director. However, renewal petitions must request an extension of a previously issued waiver. Granting the extension of the waiver is at the director's sole discretion and must be based upon whether the factors set out in subrules 7.28(4) and 7.28(5) remain valid.

**7.28(14) *Time for ruling.*** The director shall grant or deny a petition for waiver as soon as practicable but, in any event, shall do so within 120 days of its receipt, unless the petitioner agrees in writing to a later date or the director indicates in a written order that it is impracticable to issue the order within the 120-day period.

**7.28(15) *When deemed denied.*** Failure of the director to grant or deny a waiver within the 120-day or the extended time period shall be deemed a denial of that petition.

**7.28(16) *Service of orders.*** Within seven days of its issuance, any order issued under this rule shall be transmitted to the petitioner or the person to whom the order pertains and to any other person entitled to such notice by any provision of law.

**7.28(17) *Record keeping.*** The department is required to maintain a record of all petitions for waiver and rulings granting or denying petitions for waiver.

*a. Petitions for waiver.* The department shall maintain a record of all petitions for waiver available for public inspection. Such records will be indexed and filed and made available for public inspection.

*b. Report of orders granting or denying a waiver.* All orders granting or denying a waiver shall be submitted on the Internet site as prescribed in Iowa Code section 17A.9A.

**7.28(18) *Cancellation of waiver.*** A waiver issued pursuant to this rule may be withdrawn, canceled, or modified if, after appropriate notice, the director issues an order finding any of the following:

*a.* The person who obtained the waiver order withheld or misrepresented material facts relevant to the propriety or desirability of the waiver; or

*b.* The alternative means for ensuring that public health, safety, and welfare will be adequately protected after issuance of the waiver order have been demonstrated to be insufficient, and no other means exist to protect the substantial legal rights of any person; or

*c.* The person who obtained the waiver has failed to comply with all of the conditions in the waiver order.

**7.28(19) *Violations.*** A violation of a condition in a waiver order shall be treated as a violation of the particular rule or rule provision for which the waiver was granted. As a result, the recipient of a waiver under this rule who violates a condition of the waiver may be subject to the same remedies or penalties as a person who violates the rule or rule provision at issue.

**7.28(20) *Defense.*** After an order granting a waiver is issued, the order shall constitute a defense, within the terms and the specific facts indicated therein, for the person to whom the order pertains in any proceeding in which the rule in question is sought to be invoked, unless subrules 7.28(18) and 7.28(19) are applicable.

**7.28(21) *Hearing and appeals.***

*a.* Appeals from a decision granting or denying a waiver in a contested case proceeding shall be in accordance with the rules governing hearings and appeals from decisions in contested cases. These appeals shall be taken within 30 days of the issuance of the ruling granting or denying the waiver request, unless a different time is provided by rule or statute, such as provided in the area of license revocation (see rule 701—7.39(17A)).

*b.* The provisions of Iowa Code sections 17A.10 to 17A.18A and rule 701—7.19(17A) regarding contested case proceedings shall apply to any petition for waiver of a rule or provisions in a rule filed within a contested case proceeding. A petition for waiver of a provision in a rule outside of a contested case proceeding will not be considered under the statutes or rule 701—7.19(17A). Instead, the director's decision on the petition for waiver is considered to be "other agency action."

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 17A.9A.

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## **701—7.29(17A) Petition for rule making.**

**7.29(1) *Filing, form, and contents of petition.***

*a. Filing.* Any person or agency may file a petition for rule making using one of the methods described in subrule 7.3(1).

*b. Department forms.* A petition may be filed using the form available on GovConnectIowa or the form available on the department's website, [tax.iowa.gov/forms](http://tax.iowa.gov/forms).

*c. Manually created petitions.*

(1) Persons that do not use the form available on GovConnectIowa, or the form available on the department's website, shall follow the following format:

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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Petition by (Name of Petitioner)	*	PETITION FOR
for the (adoption, amendment, or	*	RULE MAKING
repeal) of rules relating to (state	*	
subject matter).	*	

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(2) The petition must provide the following information:

1. A statement of the specific rule-making action sought by the petitioner including the text or a summary of the contents of the proposed rule or amendment to a rule and, if it is a petition to amend or repeal a rule, a citation and the relevant language to the particular portion or portions of the rule proposed to be amended or repealed.

2. A citation to any law deemed relevant to the department's authority to take the action urged or to the desirability of that action.

3. A brief summary of the petitioner's arguments in support of the action urged in the petition.

4. A brief summary of any data supporting the action urged in the petition.

5. A complete history of any prior contacts between the petitioner and the department relating to the activity affected by the proposed rule making, including audits, notices of assessment, refund claims, appeals, contested case hearings, or investigative reports relating to the activity within the last five years.

6. The names and addresses of other persons, or a description of any class of persons, known by the petitioner to be affected by or interested in the proposed action which is the subject of the petition.

7. Any request by the petitioner for a meeting.

8. Any other matters deemed relevant that are not covered by the above requirements.

*d. File-stamped copy.* The department will provide the petitioner with a file-stamped copy of the petition if the petitioner provides the department an extra copy for this purpose.

**7.29(2) Form signed and dated.** The petition must be signed and dated by the petitioner or the petitioner's representative. It must also include the name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the petitioner and of the petitioner's representative and a statement indicating the person to whom communications concerning the petition should be directed.

**7.29(3) Denial by department.** The department may deny a petition because it does not substantially conform to the required form or because all the required information has not been provided.

**7.29(4) Briefs.** The petitioner may attach a brief to the petition in support of the action urged in the petition. The department may request a brief from the petitioner or from any other person concerning the substance of the petition.

**7.29(5) Status of petition.** Inquiries concerning the status of a petition for rule making may be made to the department's administrative rules coordinator by mail at the address listed in paragraph 7.3(1) "c" or by email to the address provided in paragraph 7.3(1) "b."

**7.29(6) Informal meeting.** If requested in the petition by the petitioner, the department may schedule an informal meeting between the petitioner and the department, or a member of the staff of the department, to discuss the petition. The department may request that the petitioner submit additional information or argument concerning the petition. The department may also solicit comments from any person on the substance of the petition. Also, comments on the substance of the petition may be submitted to the department by any person.

**7.29(7) Action required.** Within 60 days after the filing of the petition, or within an extended period as agreed to by the petitioner, the department must, in writing, either: (a) deny the petition and notify the petitioner of the department's action and the specific grounds for the denial; or (b) grant the petition and notify the petitioner that the department has instituted rule-making proceedings on the subject of the petition. The petitioner shall be deemed notified of the denial of the petition or the granting of the petition on the date that the department mails or delivers the required notification to the petitioner. All orders granting or denying a petition shall be submitted to the administrative rules review committee.

**7.29(8) New petition.** Denial of a petition because the petition does not substantially conform to the required form does not preclude the filing of a new petition on the same subject when the new petition contains the required information that was the basis for the original denial.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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**701—7.30(9C,91C) Procedure for nonlocal business entity bond forfeitures.** Upon the failure of a transient merchant or an out-of-state contractor to pay any taxes payable, the amount of bond posted with the secretary of state by the transient merchant or out-of-state contractor necessary to pay the tax shall be forfeited. The following subrules shall govern the procedure for that forfeiture.

**7.30(1) Definitions.**

a. "Nonlocal business entity" is either an out-of-state contractor or a transient merchant as those terms are defined in paragraphs 7.30(1) "b" and "f."

b. "Out-of-state contractor" means a general contractor, subcontractor, architect, engineer, or other person who contracts to perform in this state construction or installation of structures or other buildings or any other work covered by Iowa Code chapter 103A and whose principal place of business is outside Iowa.

c. "Taxes payable by a transient merchant" refers to all taxes administered by the department, and penalties, interest, and fees which the department has previously determined to be due by assessment or due as a result of an appeal from an assessment.

d. "Taxes payable by an out-of-state contractor" means tax, penalty, interest, and fees which the department, another state agency, or a subdivision of the state, has determined to be due by assessment or due as a result of an appeal from an assessment. The tax assessed must accrue as the result of a contract to perform work covered by Iowa Code chapter 103A.

e. "Taxes payable" means any amount referred to in paragraphs 7.30(1) "c" and "d" above.

f. "Transient merchant" shall be defined, for the purposes of this rule, as that term is defined in Iowa Code section 9C.1.

**7.30(2) Increases in existing bonds.** If an out-of-state contractor has on file with the secretary of state a bond for any particular contract and for that particular contract the contractor has tax due and owing but unpaid and this tax is greater than the amount of the bond, the department shall require the out-of-state contractor to increase the bond on file with the secretary of state in an amount sufficient to pay tax liabilities which will become due and owing under the contract in the future.

**7.30(3) Responsibility for notification.** Concerning taxes which are payable by an out-of-state contractor but which are not administered by the department of revenue, it shall be the duty of the department or subdivision of Iowa state government to which the taxes are owed to notify the department of revenue of the taxes payable by the out-of-state contractor in order to institute bond forfeiture proceedings or an increase in the amount of the bond which the out-of-state contractor must post.

**7.30(4) Initial notification.** After it is determined that a bond ought to be forfeited, notice of this intent shall be sent to the nonlocal business entity and its surety of record, if any. Notice sent to the nonlocal business entity or its surety shall be sent to the last-known address as reflected in the records of the secretary of state. The notice sent to an out-of-state contractor shall also be mailed to the contractor's registered agent for service of process, if any, within Iowa. This notice may be sent by ordinary mail. The notice shall state the intent to demand forfeiture of the nonlocal business entity's bond, the amount of bond to be forfeited, the nature of the taxes alleged to be payable, the period for which these taxes

are due, and the department or subdivision of Iowa to which the taxes are payable. The notice shall also state the statutory authority for the forfeiture and the right to a hearing upon timely application.

**7.30(5) *Protest of bond forfeiture.*** The application of a nonlocal business entity for a hearing shall be written and substantially in the form set out for protests of other department action in rule 701—7.9(17A). The caption of the application shall be basically in the form set out in subrule 7.9(6) except the type of proceeding shall be designated as a bond forfeiture collection. The body of the application for hearing must substantially resemble the body of the protest described in subrule 7.9(6). However, referring to numbered paragraph 7.9(6) “b”(2)“1,” the nonlocal business entity shall state the date of the notice described in subrule 7.30(4). With regard to subparagraph 7.9(6) “b”(2), in the case of a tax payable which is not administered by the department, the errors alleged may be errors on the part of other departments or subdivisions of the state of Iowa. The application for hearing shall be filed with the department’s administrative law judge in the manner described in rule 701—7.10(17A). The docketing of an application for hearing shall follow the procedure for the docketing of an appeal under that rule.

**7.30(6) *Prehearing, hearing and rehearing procedures.*** The following rules are applicable to preliminary and contested case proceedings under this rule: 701—7.3(17A) to 701—7.15(17A) and 701—7.17(17A) to 701—7.23(17A).

**7.30(7) *Sureties and state departments other than revenue.***

*a.* A surety shall not have standing to contest the amount of any tax payable.

*b.* If there exist taxes payable by an out-of-state contractor and these taxes are payable to a department or subdivision of state government other than the department of revenue, that department or subdivision shall be the real party in interest to any proceeding conducted under this rule, and it shall be the responsibility of that department or subdivision to provide its own representation and otherwise bear the expenses of representation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 9C.4 and 91C.7.  
[ARC 0251C, IAB 8/8/12, effective 9/12/12; ARC 5940C, IAB 10/6/21, effective 11/10/21]

**701—7.31(421) Abatement of unpaid tax.** Rescinded ARC 7192C, IAB 12/13/23, effective 1/17/24.

**701—7.32(421) Time and place of taxpayer interviews.** The time and place of taxpayer interviews are to be fixed by an employee of the department, and employees of the department are to endeavor to schedule a time and place that are reasonable under the circumstances.

**7.32(1) *Time of taxpayer interviews.*** The department will schedule the day(s) for a taxpayer interview during a normally scheduled workday(s) of the department, during the department’s normal business hours. The department will schedule taxpayer interviews throughout the year without regard to seasonal fluctuations in the business of particular taxpayers or their representatives. The department will, however, work with taxpayers or their representatives to try to minimize any adverse effects in scheduling the date and time of a taxpayer interview.

**7.32(2) *Type of taxpayer interview.***

*a.* The department will determine whether a taxpayer interview will be an office interview (i.e., an interview conducted at a department office) or a field interview (i.e., an interview conducted at the taxpayer’s place of business or residence, or some other location that is not a department office) based on which form of interview will be more conducive to effective and efficient tax administration.

*b.* The department will grant a request to hold an office interview at a location other than a department office in case of a clear need, such as when it would be unreasonably difficult for the taxpayer to travel to a department office because of the taxpayer’s advanced age or infirm physical condition or when the taxpayer’s books, records, and source documents are too cumbersome for the taxpayer to bring to a department office.

**7.32(3) *Place of taxpayer interview.*** The department will make an initial determination of the place for an interview, including the department regional office to which an interview will be assigned, based on the address shown on the return for the tax period to be examined. Requests by taxpayers to transfer the place of interview will be resolved on a case-by-case basis, using the criteria set forth in paragraph 7.32(3) “c.”

*a. Office taxpayer interviews.* An office interview of an individual or sole proprietorship generally is based on the residence of the individual taxpayer. An office interview of a taxpayer which is an entity generally is based on the location where the taxpayer entity's original books, records, and source documents are maintained.

*b. Field taxpayer interviews.* A field interview generally will take place at the location where the taxpayer's original books, records, and source documents pertinent to the interview are maintained. In the case of a sole proprietorship or taxpayer entity, this usually will be the taxpayer's principal place of business. If an interview is scheduled by the department at the taxpayer's place of business, which is a small business and the taxpayer represents to the department in writing that conducting the interview at the place of business would essentially require the business to close or would unduly disrupt business operations, the department upon verification will change the place of interview.

*c. Requests by taxpayers to change place of interview.* The department will consider, on a case-by-case basis, written requests by taxpayers or their representatives to change the place that the department has set for an interview. In considering these requests, the department will take into account the following factors:

- (1) The location of the taxpayer's current residence;
- (2) The location of the taxpayer's current principal place of business;
- (3) The location where the taxpayer's books, records, and source documents are maintained;
- (4) The location at which the department can perform the interview most efficiently;
- (5) The department resources available at the location to which the taxpayer has requested a transfer; and
- (6) Other factors which indicate that conducting the interview at a particular location could pose undue inconvenience to the taxpayer.

*d. Granting of requests to change place of interview.* A request by a taxpayer to transfer the place of interview generally will be granted under the following circumstances:

(1) If the current residence of the taxpayer in the case of an individual or sole proprietorship, or the location where the taxpayer's books, records, and source documents are maintained, in the case of a taxpayer entity, is closer to a different department office than the office where the interview has been scheduled, the department normally will agree to transfer the interview to the closer department office.

(2) If a taxpayer does not reside at the residence where an interview has been scheduled, the department will agree to transfer the examination to the taxpayer's current residence.

(3) If, in the case of an individual, a sole proprietorship, or a taxpayer entity, the taxpayer's books, records, and source documents are maintained at a location other than the location where the interview has been scheduled, the department will agree to transfer the interview to the location where the taxpayer's books, records, and source documents are maintained.

(4) The location of the place of business of a taxpayer's representative generally will not be considered in determining the place for an interview. However, the department in its sole discretion may determine, based on the factors described in paragraph 7.32(3) "c," to transfer the place of interview to the representative's office.

(5) If any applicable period of limitations of assessment and collection provided in the Iowa Code will expire within 13 months from the date of a taxpayer's request to transfer the place of interview, the department may require, as a condition to the transfer, that the taxpayer agree in writing to extend the limitations period up to one year.

(6) The department is not required to transfer an interview to an office that does not have adequate resources to conduct the interview.

(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this rule, employees of the department may decline to conduct an interview at a particular location if it appears that the possibility of physical danger may exist at that location. In these circumstances, the department may transfer an interview to a department office and take any other steps reasonably necessary to protect its employees.

(8) Nothing in this rule shall be interpreted as precluding the department from initiating the transfer of an interview if the transfer would promote the effective and efficient conduct of the interview. Should

a taxpayer request that such a transfer not be made, the department will consider the request according to the principles and criteria set forth in paragraph 7.32(3)“c.”

(9) Regardless of where an examination takes place, the department may visit the taxpayer’s place of business or residence to establish facts that can only be established by direct visit, such as inventory or asset verification. The department generally will visit for these purposes on a normal workday of the department during the department’s normal business hours.

**7.32(4) Audio recordings of taxpayer interviews.**

a. A taxpayer is permitted, upon advance notice to the department, to make an audio recording of any interview of the taxpayer by the department relating to the determination or collection of any tax. The recording of the interview is at the taxpayer’s own expense and must be with the taxpayer’s own equipment.

b. Requests by taxpayers to make audio recordings must be addressed to the department employee who is conducting the interview and must be received by no later than ten calendar days before the interview. If ten calendar days’ advance notice is not given, the department may, in its discretion, conduct the interview as scheduled or set a new date.

c. The department employee conducting the interview will approve the request to record the interview if:

- (1) The taxpayer (or representative) supplies the recording equipment;
- (2) The department may produce its own recording of the proceedings;
- (3) The recording takes place in a suitable location; and
- (4) All participants in the proceedings other than department personnel consent to the making of the audio recording, and all participants identify themselves and their role in the proceedings.

d. A department employee is also authorized to record any taxpayer interview, if the taxpayer receives prior notice of the recording and is provided with a transcript or a copy of the recording upon the taxpayer’s request.

e. Requests by taxpayers (or their representatives) for a copy or transcript of an audio recording produced by the department must be addressed to the employee conducting the interview and must be received by the department no later than 30 calendar days after the date of the recording. The taxpayer must pay the costs of duplication or transcription.

f. At the beginning of the recording of an interview, the department employee conducting the interview must state the employee’s name, the date, the time, the place, and the purpose of the interview. At the end of the interview, the department employee will state that the interview has been completed and that the recording has ended.

g. When written records are presented or discussed during the interview being recorded, they must be described in sufficient detail to make the audio recording a meaningful record when matched with the other documentation contained in the case file.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.60.

[ARC 0251C, IAB 8/8/12, effective 9/12/12]

**701—7.33(421) Mailing to the last-known address or personal delivery of notices of assessment and refund denial letters.** Taxpayers must update their address with the department in order to receive notices of refunds of tax, notices of assessment, and notices of refund claim denials. When such a notice is sent to a taxpayer’s last-known address, the notice is legally effective even if the taxpayer never receives it. A taxpayer’s authorized representative is responsible for keeping the representative’s address updated with the department. When such a notice is sent to a representative’s last-known address, the notice is legally effective even if the representative never receives it.

**7.33(1) Failure by department to mail to last-known address or personally deliver.**

a. If the department fails to either mail a notice of assessment to the taxpayer’s last-known address or personally deliver the notice to the taxpayer, interest is waived for the month the failure occurs through the month of correct mailing or personal delivery.

b. In addition, if the department fails to either mail to the taxpayer’s last-known address or personally deliver to the taxpayer a notice of assessment or denial of a claim for refund or fails to mail



or personally deliver a copy of the notice to the taxpayer's authorized representative, if applicable, the time period to appeal the notice of assessment or a denial of a claim for refund is suspended until the notice or claim denial is correctly mailed or personally delivered or for a period not to exceed one year, whichever is the lesser period.

c. Collection activities, except in the case of a jeopardy assessment, shall be suspended and the statute of limitations for assessment and collection of the tax shall be tolled during the period in which interest is waived.

**7.33(2) Determination of last-known address.**

a. A taxpayer's last-known address for a particular tax type shall be one of the following most recently updated in the department's records:

- (1) The address provided in an application to register or receive a permit for a particular tax type;
- (2) The address used on the most recent filed and processed Iowa tax return of a particular tax type;
- (3) The address received by the department in a written, concise statement the taxpayer mailed to: Changes in Name or Address, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10465, Des Moines, Iowa 50306;
- (4) The address provided by the taxpayer in GovConnectIowa;
- (5) The address provided by the taxpayer in any correspondence to the department;
- (6) The address the department receives from a third-party skip tracing service; a public or private utility company in response to a subpoena issued pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.17(32); or a federal, state, or local agency.

b. While the determination of last-known address may differ by tax type, a notice of assessment or refund claim denial will be considered to be mailed to the last-known address if it is mailed to the taxpayer's last-known address used for another tax type.

**7.33(3) Mail or personal delivery to a taxpayer.** The following shall constitute personal delivery to a taxpayer:

a. Personal service upon a taxpayer by any method deemed sufficient to constitute personal service of an original notice pursuant to the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure.

b. Providing a notice of assessment or refund claim denial to the taxpayer by electronic means based on the taxpayer's election to receive electronic communications in GovConnectIowa.

c. Mailing to an address the department receives from a third-party skip tracing service; a public or private utility company in response to a subpoena issued pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.17(32); or a federal, state, or local agency.

d. By any other method that is reasonably calculated to result in the taxpayer's actually receiving the notice, if the taxpayer actually receives the notice.

**7.33(4) Mail or personal delivery to authorized representatives.** The department may mail or personally deliver a copy of a notice to an authorized representative by one of the following methods:

a. Mailing to the address used on the most recently filed and processed written authorization as described in rule 701—7.6(17A) for the taxpayer the authorized representative is representing;

b. In the case of fiduciary or inheritance tax matters, mailing to the address for the authorized representative contained on the most recently filed and processed return;

c. By providing the notice electronically through GovConnectIowa or similar method of electronic service;

d. By any method deemed sufficient to constitute personal service of an original notice pursuant to the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure;

e. By any other method that is reasonably calculated to result in the authorized representative's actually receiving a copy of the notice, if the authorized representative actually receives a copy of the notice.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.60.

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**701—7.34(421) Power of attorney.** Rescinded ARC 5532C, IAB 3/24/21, effective 4/28/21.

**701—7.35(421) Taxpayer designation of tax type and period to which voluntary payments are to be applied.**

**7.35(1)** A taxpayer may designate in separate written instructions accompanying the payment the type of tax and tax periods to which any voluntary payment is to be applied. The taxpayer may not designate the application of payments which are the result of enforced collection.

**7.35(2)** Enforced collection includes, but is not limited to, garnishment of wages, bank accounts, or payments due the taxpayer, or seizure of assets.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.60.  
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**701—7.36(421) Tax return preparers.**

**7.36(1) Definitions.** For the purposes of this rule and for Iowa Code sections 421.62, 421.63, and 421.64, the following definitions apply:

*“An enrolled agent enrolled to practice before the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) pursuant to 31 CFR §10.4”* means an individual who has an active status as an enrolled agent under 31 CFR §10.4(a) or (d) and is not currently under suspension or disbarment from practice before the IRS. An enrolled agent does not include an enrolled retirement plan agent under 31 CFR §10.4(b) or a registered tax return preparer under 31 CFR §10.4(c).

*“An individual admitted to practice law in this state or another state”* means an individual who has an active license to practice law in this state or another state, is considered in good standing with the licensing authority of this or another state, and is currently authorized to engage in the practice of law.

*“An individual licensed as a certified public accountant or a licensed public accountant under Iowa Code chapter 542 or a similar law of another state”* means an individual who has an active certified public accountant license or an active public accountant license under Iowa Code chapter 542 or a similar law of another state and is in good standing with the Iowa accountancy examining board or similar authority of another state.

*“Hour of continuing education”* means a minimum of 50 minutes spent by a tax return preparer in actual attendance at or completion of an IRS-approved provider of continuing education course.

*“Income tax return or claim for refund”* means any return or claim for refund under Iowa Code chapter 422, excluding withholding returns under Iowa Code section 422.16.

*“New tax preparer”* means an individual who qualifies as a “tax return preparer” under Iowa Code section 421.62 for the current tax year but would not have qualified as such during any prior calendar year. See paragraph 7.36(8) “a” for examples regarding who qualifies as a new tax preparer.

*“Tax return preparer”* means any individual who, for a fee or other consideration, prepares ten or more income tax returns or claims for refund during a calendar year, or who assumes final responsibility for completed work on such income tax returns or claims for refund on which preliminary work has been done by another individual.

“Tax return preparer” does not include any of the following:

1. An individual licensed as a certified public accountant or a licensed public accountant under Iowa Code chapter 542 or a similar law of another state.
2. An individual admitted to practice law in this state or another state.
3. An enrolled agent enrolled to practice before the federal IRS pursuant to 31 CFR §10.4.
4. A fiduciary of an estate, trust, or individual, while functioning within the fiduciary’s legal duty and authority with respect to that individual or that estate or trust or its testator, trustor, grantor, or beneficiaries.
5. An individual who prepares the tax returns of the individual’s employer, while functioning within the individual’s scope of employment with the employer.
6. An individual employed by a local, state, or federal government agency, while functioning within the individual’s scope of employment with the government agency.
7. An employee of a tax return preparer, if the employee provides only clerical or other comparable services and does not sign tax returns.

See paragraph 7.36(8) “a” for examples regarding who qualifies as a tax return preparer.

**7.36(2) *Penalty for tax return preparer's failure to include preparer tax identification number (PTIN) on income tax returns or claims for refund.*** On or after January 1, 2020, a tax return preparer who fails to include the tax return preparer's PTIN on any income tax return or claim for refund prepared by the tax return preparer and filed with the department shall pay to the department a penalty of \$50 for each violation, unless the tax return preparer shows that the failure was reasonable under the circumstances and not willful or reckless conduct. The maximum aggregate penalty imposed upon a tax return preparer pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.62 and this rule shall not exceed \$25,000 during any calendar year. See paragraph 7.36(8) "c" for examples pertaining to the tax return preparer PTIN requirement.

**7.36(3) *Tax return preparer continuing education requirement.*** Beginning January 1, 2020, and every year thereafter, a tax return preparer shall complete a minimum of 15 hours of continuing education courses each year. At least two hours of continuing education shall be on professional ethics, and the remaining hours shall pertain to federal or state income tax. Each course shall be taken from an IRS-approved provider of continuing education. If a course offered by an IRS-approved provider is primarily on state-specific income tax content, the course will qualify for the continuing education requirements under Iowa Code section 421.64 and this rule, even if such course does not count toward federal continuing professional education. Tax return preparers who complete more than the required 15 hours of continuing education in one calendar year may not count the excess hours toward a subsequent year's requirement. See paragraph 7.36(8) "b" for examples pertaining to the tax return preparer continuing education requirement.

**7.36(4) *Preparation of income tax returns or claims for refund.*** An individual prepares an income tax return or claim for refund when the individual signs (or should sign) a return, either because the individual completes the return or because the individual assumes final responsibility for preliminary work completed by other individuals.

**7.36(5) *Approved providers and courses.***

*a. Approved providers of continuing education.* Any IRS-approved provider of continuing education is acceptable. It is not mandatory that a continuing education course be taken from an Iowa provider.

*b. Approved continuing education course subject matters.* All continuing education courses shall be on the topics of federal or state income tax or professional ethics.

*c. Approved continuing education format.* Continuing education courses that satisfy the requirements of Iowa Code section 421.64 and this rule may be taken for credit in person, online, or by self-study, as long as they are administered by an IRS-approved provider of continuing education.

**7.36(6) *Reporting hours of continuing education and retaining records.***

*a. Reporting hours of continuing education to the department.* Tax return preparers shall report their continuing education hours to the department by February 15 of the calendar year following the year in which hours were completed to be eligible to prepare income tax returns or claims for refund. Hours must be reported using IA Form 78-012. If a tax return preparer fails to complete the required minimum hours of continuing education by the date prescribed in this subrule, the individual must show that failure to do so was reasonable under the circumstances and not willful or reckless conduct. IRS-approved providers are not required to report continuing education courses to the department.

*b. Retaining records of continuing education.* Tax return preparers are required to retain records of continuing education completion for a minimum of five years. This record retention shall include, but is not limited to, certificates of completion if offered by the IRS-approved provider of continuing education upon completion of a course.

**7.36(7) *Reinstatement of a tax return preparer.*** When a tax return preparer fails to complete the minimum 15 hours of continuing education courses as required by Iowa Code section 421.64 and this rule but demonstrates that the failure was reasonable under the circumstances and not willful or reckless conduct, the department may require the tax return preparer to make up any uncompleted hours and submit a completed IA Form 78-012 to the department by a date set by the department before the tax return preparer may engage in activity as a tax return preparer.

**7.36(8) *Examples.***

*a. Tax return preparer examples.*

EXAMPLE 1: During the 2020 calendar year and every prior year, an individual, N, prepares nine or fewer income tax returns or claims for refund described in this rule for a fee or other consideration. During the 2021 calendar year, N, for a fee or other consideration, prepares ten income tax returns or claims for refund described in this rule. N meets the definition of a tax return preparer for the 2021 calendar year. Therefore, N will be subject to the penalty for failure to include N's PTIN on every income tax return or claim for refund described in this rule that N prepares during the 2021 calendar year. However, N also qualifies as a "new tax preparer" for the 2021 calendar year because this is the first year N satisfies the definition of a "tax return preparer." Therefore, N does not need to complete 15 hours of continuing education courses during 2020 to prepare returns in 2021, but N will need to complete the minimum 15 hours of continuing education courses during the 2021 calendar year to be eligible to prepare returns during the 2022 calendar year if N will meet the definition of "tax return preparer" in 2022.

EXAMPLE 2: An individual, B, prepares ten income tax returns or claims for refund described in this rule during the 2019 calendar year for a fee or other consideration. Therefore, B is a tax return preparer. However, B is not required to complete any hours of continuing education courses prior to preparing returns in 2020, nor will B incur a penalty for failing to include B's PTIN on any of those returns prepared in calendar year 2019 because the requirements described in this rule do not take effect until January 1, 2020. Assume B continues to prepare income tax returns or claims for refund described in this rule for a fee or other consideration during the 2020 calendar year, but B only prepares a total of nine such tax returns throughout the entire 2020 calendar year. B does not complete any hours of continuing education courses during the 2020 calendar year. B will not be eligible to prepare ten or more income tax returns or refund claims described in this rule for a fee or other consideration during the 2021 calendar year because even though B did not prepare ten or more income tax returns or claims for refund in 2020, B would have been classified as a tax return preparer in 2019. Thus, B is not considered a new tax preparer for purposes of the 2021 calendar year.

*b.* Continuing education requirement examples.

EXAMPLE 3: During the 2020 calendar year, an individual, P, prepares ten income tax returns or claims for refund described in this rule for a fee or other consideration. Therefore, P is a tax return preparer. During the 2020 calendar year, P also completes 30 hours of continuing education courses from programs offered by an IRS-approved provider of continuing education, 4 hours of which are on professional ethics and the remaining hours on income tax. P is eligible to prepare returns during the 2021 calendar year. However, P must complete 15 additional hours of continuing education courses offered by an IRS-approved provider, including 2 hours on professional ethics and the remaining hours on income tax, during the 2021 calendar year to be eligible to prepare returns during the 2022 calendar year if P will meet the definition of "tax return preparer" in 2022. P's excess hours completed in 2020 may not be applied toward the 15 hours of continuing education courses that P must complete in 2021 to be eligible to prepare returns in 2022.

EXAMPLE 4: During the 2020 calendar year, a tax return preparer, P, completes 12 hours of continuing education courses from programs offered by an IRS-approved provider of continuing education. Two of the hours are on professional ethics, and the rest relate to income tax. P is not eligible to prepare income tax returns or claims for refund during the 2021 calendar year, regardless of the year of the returns P is preparing, because P has not completed a total of 15 continuing education hours during the 2020 calendar year. During the 2021 calendar year, P completes 15 hours of continuing education courses from programs offered by an IRS-approved provider. Two of P's hours are from professional ethics courses, and the remaining 13 hours are from income tax courses. P is eligible to prepare returns during the 2022 calendar year, regardless of the years of the returns P prepares. However, P is still ineligible to prepare returns for the remaining duration of the 2021 calendar year, regardless of the years of the returns P wishes to prepare.

*c.* PTIN requirement examples.

EXAMPLE 5: An individual, X, works at a firm in the business of preparing income tax returns for a fee or other consideration. X completes a substantial amount of preliminary work on ten returns described in this rule during the scope of X's employment (that are not the returns of X's employer) during the 2020

calendar year, but X does not assume final responsibility for the work or sign the returns. Instead, X's supervisor, Y, reviews the work completed by X and signs the returns. Y is a tax return preparer because Y assumed final responsibility for the returns. Therefore, Y's PTIN is required on all of the returns. X's PTIN is not required on any of the returns, nor will X incur any penalties for omitting X's PTIN on the returns.

**EXAMPLE 6:** An individual, X, has a partnership with another individual, Y, in which X and Y prepare income tax returns for a fee or other consideration. X completes ten returns described in this rule during the 2020 calendar year. However, before X signs or files the returns, X asks Y to review the returns. Y reviews the returns and suggests substantial changes, but Y then gives the returns back to X. X makes the necessary changes, then signs and files the returns. X is a tax return preparer. X's PTIN is required on all of the returns because X assumed final responsibility for the returns. Y's PTIN is not required on any of the returns. If X fails to include X's PTIN on any of the returns, X will incur a \$50 civil penalty for each violation unless X shows that X's failure was reasonable under the circumstances and not willful or reckless conduct.

**EXAMPLE 7:** An individual, X, completes five income tax returns and five claims for refund described in this rule for a fee or other consideration during the 2020 calendar year. X does not sign the returns, even though no other paid tax return preparer reviewed X's work and took final responsibility for the return. X's PTIN is required on all of the returns because X is a paid tax return preparer for those returns, even though X failed to sign the returns as required. X is subject to a fine of \$50 per return that did not contain the required PTIN because X is a tax return preparer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.62, 421.63, and 421.64.  
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#### **701—7.37(441) Appeals of director's rejection of assessor appointment or reappointment.**

**7.37(1) *Written request for appeal.*** Any assessor or conference board wishing to contest the director's rejection of the conference board's appointment of an assessor under 701—subrule 72.15(4) or reappointment of an assessor under 701—subrule 72.16(3) shall file an appeal, in writing, within 30 days of the director's notice of decision. Any person who does not seek an appeal within 30 days of the director's notice shall be precluded from challenging the director's decision.

**7.37(2) *Procedures.*** Appeals will be governed by the procedures set forth in this rule together with the procedures set forth in the following rules:

- a. Subrules 7.3(2) and 7.3(3);
- b. Rule 701—7.7(17A);
- c. Rule 701—7.8(17A);
- d. The introductory paragraph of rule 701—7.9(17A) and subrule 7.9(7);
- e. Subrules 7.12(1), 7.12(2), and 7.12(4);
- f. Subrule 7.13(1);
- g. Subrules 7.14(1) to 7.14(3);
- h. Rule 701—7.15(17A);
- i. Rule 701—7.16(17A);
- j. Rule 701—7.17(17A);
- k. Rule 701—7.18(17A);
- l. Subrule 7.19(1); subrules 7.19(3) through 7.19(7); subrule 7.19(8), except paragraph 7.19(8)“b” related to costs shall not apply; additionally, Iowa Code section 421.60 shall not apply; subrules 7.19(9) and 7.19(13);
- m. Rule 701—7.20(17A);
- n. Rule 701—7.21(17A);
- o. Rule 701—7.22(17A); and
- p. Rule 701—7.23(17A).

**7.37(3) *Presiding officer.*** The director shall be the presiding officer in a contested case under this rule. The director may request that an administrative law judge assist and advise the director with any

matters related to the contested case proceedings, including but not limited to ruling on any prehearing matters, presiding at the contested case hearing, and issuing orders and rulings.

**7.37(4) Contents of the appeal.** The appeal shall contain the following in separate numbered paragraphs:

- a. A statement of the department action giving rise to the appeal.
- b. The date of the department action giving rise to the appeal.
- c. Each error alleged to have been committed, listed as a separate paragraph. For each error listed, an explanation of the error and all relevant facts related to the error shall be provided.
- d. Reference to the particular statutes, rules, or agreement terms, if known.
- e. References to and copies of any documents or other evidence relevant to the appeal.
- f. Any other matters deemed relevant to the appeal.
- g. A statement setting forth the relief sought.
- h. The signature, mailing address, and telephone number of the person or that person's representative.

**7.37(5) Burden of proof.** The burden of proof is on the party challenging the director's decision under 701—subrule 103.15(4) or 103.16(3).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.6(3) and chapter 17A.  
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### **701—7.38(441) Appeals and hearings regarding the director's intent to remove a member of the board of review.**

**7.38(1) Written request for hearing.** A member of the board of review who has received a notice of intent to remove from the director and who wishes to contest the removal shall file a written request for a hearing within 30 days after the receipt of the notice of the director's intent to remove the member. Any person who does not seek a hearing within 30 days of receipt of the notice of the director's intent to remove shall be precluded from challenging the removal.

**7.38(2) Procedures.** Hearings will be governed by the procedures set forth in this rule together with the procedures set forth in the following rules:

- a. The introductory paragraph of rule 701—7.8(17A), excluding the first sentence of the introductory paragraph of 701—7.8(17A); and subrules 7.8(8) and 7.8(9);
- b. Subrules 7.9(1) and 7.9(2);
- c. Rule 701—7.10(17A);
- d. Paragraphs 7.11(2) "d" and "e";
- e. Subrules 7.12(2) to 7.12(4);
- f. Rule 701—7.13(17A);
- g. Rule 701—7.14(17A);
- h. Rule 701—7.15(17A);
- i. Rule 701—7.16(17A);
- j. Subrule 7.17(1); subrules 7.17(3) through 7.17(7); subrule 7.17(8), except paragraph 7.17(8) "b" related to costs shall not apply; additionally, Iowa Code section 421.60 shall not apply; subrules 7.17(9), 7.17(10), and 7.17(14);
- k. Rule 701—7.18(17A);
- l. Rule 701—7.19(17A);
- m. Rule 701—7.20(17A);
- n. Rule 701—7.21(17A); and
- o. Rule 701—7.22(17A).

**7.38(3) Presiding officer.** The director shall be the presiding officer in a contested case under this rule. The director may request that an administrative law judge assist and advise the director with any matters related to the contested case proceedings, including but not limited to ruling on any prehearing matters, presiding at the contested case hearing, and issuing orders and rulings.

**7.38(4) Contents of the appeal.** The appeal shall contain the following in separate numbered paragraphs:

- a. A statement of the department action giving rise to the appeal.
- b. The date of the department action giving rise to the appeal.
- c. Each error alleged to have been committed, listed as a separate paragraph. For each error listed, an explanation of the error and all relevant facts related to the error shall be provided.
- d. Reference to the particular statutes, rules, or agreement terms, if known.
- e. References to and copies of any documents or other evidence relevant to the appeal.
- f. Any other matters deemed relevant to the appeal.
- g. A statement setting forth the relief sought.
- h. The signature, mailing address, and telephone number of the person or that person's representative.

**7.38(5) Burden of proof.** The burden of proof is on the party challenging the director's intent to remove a board member.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.32(2) "e" as enacted by 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 871, section 29, and Iowa Code chapter 17A.  
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### **701—7.39(17A) Licenses.**

#### **7.39(1) Denial of license; refusal to renew license.**

a. When the department is required by constitution or statute to provide notice and an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing prior to the refusal or denial of a license, a notice, as prescribed in rule 701—7.16(17A), shall be served by the department upon the licensee or applicant. Prior to the refusal or denial of a license, the department shall give 30 days' written notice to the applicant or licensee in which to appear at a hearing to show cause why a license should not be refused or denied. In addition to the requirements of rule 701—7.16(17A), the notice shall contain a statement of facts or conduct and the provisions of law which warrant the denial of the license or the refusal to renew a license. If the licensee so desires, the licensee may file a petition as provided in subrule 7.39(3) with the presiding officer within 30 days prior to the hearing. The department may, in its discretion, file an answer to a petition filed by the licensee prior to the hearing. Thereafter, rule 701—7.19(17A) governing contested case proceedings shall apply.

b. When a licensee has made timely and sufficient application for the renewal of a license or a new license with reference to any activity of a continuing nature, the existing license does not expire until the application has been finally determined by the department, and in case the application is denied or the terms of the new license limited, until the last date for seeking judicial review of the department's order or a later date fixed by order of the department or the reviewing court. See rule 481—100.3(99B) regarding gambling license applications.

#### **7.39(2) Revocation of license.**

a. The department shall not revoke, suspend, annul or withdraw any license until written notice is served by personal service or restricted certified mail pursuant to rule 701—7.16(17A) within the time prescribed by the applicable statute and the licensee whose license is to be revoked, suspended, annulled, or withdrawn, is given an opportunity to show at an evidentiary hearing conducted pursuant to rule 701—7.19(17A) compliance with all lawful requirements for the retention of the license. However, in the case of the revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of a sales or use tax permit, written notice will be served pursuant to rule 701—7.16(17A) only if the permit holder requests that this be done following notification, by ordinary mail, of the director's intent to revoke, suspend, annul, or withdraw the permit. In addition to the requirements of rule 701—7.16(17A), the notice shall contain a statement of facts or conduct and the provisions of law which warrant the revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of the license. A licensee whose license may be revoked, suspended, annulled, or withdrawn, may file a petition as provided in subrule 7.39(3) with the clerk prior to the hearing. The department may, in its discretion, file an answer to a petition filed by the licensee prior to the hearing. Thereafter, rule 701—7.19(17A) governing contested case proceedings shall apply.

*b.* Notwithstanding paragraph 7.39(2) “*a.*,” if the department finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action and the department incorporates a finding to that effect in an order to the licensee, summary suspension of a license shall be ordered pending proceedings for revocation as provided herein. These proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined. When a summary suspension as provided herein is ordered, a notice of the time, place and nature of the evidentiary hearing shall be attached to the order.

**7.39(3) Petition.**

*a.* When a person desires to file a petition as provided in subrules 7.39(1) and 7.39(2), the petition to be filed shall contain a caption in the following form:

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
HOOVER STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
DES MOINES, IOWA

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IN THE MATTER OF _____	*	PETITION
(state taxpayer’s name and address, and type of license)	*	Docket No. _____
	*	(filled in by Department)
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- b.* The petition shall substantially state in separate numbered paragraphs the following:
- (1) The full name and address of the petitioner;
  - (2) Reference to the type of license and the relevant statutory authority;
  - (3) Clear, concise and complete statements of all relevant facts showing why petitioner’s license should not be revoked, refused, or denied;
  - (4) Whether a similar license has previously been issued to or held by petitioner or revoked and if revoked the reasons therefor; and
  - (5) The signature of the petitioner or petitioner’s representative, the address of petitioner and of the petitioner’s representative, and the telephone number of petitioner or petitioner’s representative.

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CHAPTER 8  
FORMS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

**701—8.1(17A,421) Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply, unless the context otherwise requires:

“*Communication*” means any method of transfer of data, information, or money by any conduit or mechanism.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of revenue.

“*Department form*” means a form that is distributed by the department.

“*Director*” means the director of the department.

“*Form*” means any overall physical arrangement and general layout of communications, using any method of communication, related to tax or other administration and prescribed by the director or otherwise required by law.

“*GovConnectIowa*” means the e-services portal of the department.

“*IRS*” means the federal Internal Revenue Service.

“*Person*” means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

“*Return*” means any form required for tax administration from any person to the department.

“*Substitute form*” means a form that is intended to replace a department form.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 17A.3(1) “b” and 421.14.

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**701—8.2(17A,421) Department forms.**

**8.2(1) Generally.** The department and the director have developed and provide or prescribe department forms designed to help persons exercise their rights and discharge their duties under the tax laws and rules, to explain tax laws and rules, to assist in the administration of tax laws and rules, and to assist in general financial administration. Department forms may be available in electronic format, on paper, or in other formats as prescribed by the director. Communications with the department, for which department forms have been created, shall be carried out using those forms or substitute forms. Each direction of every instruction contained within or accompanying department forms shall be followed, and each question within or accompanying every form shall be answered as if the instructions and forms were contained in these rules.

**8.2(2) Obtaining department forms.** Department forms and instructions may be obtained from Taxpayer Services, Iowa Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0457; by telephoning (800)367-3388 or (515)281-3114; or on the department’s website at [tax.iowa.gov](http://tax.iowa.gov).

**8.2(3) Filing department forms.** A department form may be filed with the department as directed on the department form or in the corresponding instructions. Filing a department form using any other method requires prior approval from the department. Attempting to file a department form using an unapproved method may, at the discretion of the director, result in the rejection of the form and all information contained therein.

**8.2(4) Removable media.** Submitting a department form on removable media, such as compact disc, requires prior approval from the department.

**8.2(5) Electronic reporting.** No prior approval is necessary for electronic reporting when the reporting is in accordance with department policy. Any other electronic reporting of a department form requires department approval, unless otherwise authorized. Additional information regarding electronic reporting is available at [iowaforms.gov](http://iowaforms.gov).

**8.2(6) Signatures.**

*a. Paper filings.* Unless expressly prohibited by state or federal law, a return, application, or other form may be submitted using an original signature, or a copy or facsimile of a signature. For purposes

of this rule, “copy or facsimile of a signature” may be a copy or facsimile of an original signature or a copy or facsimile of an electronic signature.

*b. Electronic filings.* For income tax returns submitted through the IRS e-file program, see rule 701—8.5(422). For all other returns, applications, or other documents, the following applies. Unless expressly prohibited by state or federal law, a return, application or other form accepted by the department as filed by email or other electronic means may be submitted using an electronic signature or a signature designated by the department in lieu of a handwritten signature. For purposes of this rule, “electronic signature” means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a tax return, application, or other document filed with the department and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the return, application, or other document filed with the department. Electronic signatures appear in many forms and may be created by many different technologies. No specific technology is required. For purposes of this rule, “signature designated by the department” means a symbol or other information that is provided by the department to the taxpayer or the taxpayer’s representative and is to serve instead of the handwritten signature of the taxpayer. In a situation where the taxpayer or the taxpayer’s representative has submitted a return, application, or other document to the department by email, the taxpayer should include the taxpayer’s email address in the record of the document. To the extent that a document is submitted by email or other electronic means with an electronic signature or signature designated by the department, the taxpayer should include in the record of the document the taxpayer’s federal identification number so that the taxpayer’s identity is established.

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#### **701—8.3(17A,421) Substitute forms.**

**8.3(1) Generally.** A substitute form may be in electronic format, on paper, or created using other media for communication. Approval shall be obtained prior to the use of any substitute form, unless otherwise noted in this rule. The director may change any department form without providing notice to users of any substitute form. The director may require use of department forms in communications with the department concerning tax administration or other matters.

**8.3(2) Types of substitute forms.** Many types of forms may, upon approval when necessary, be substituted for department forms. Descriptions of a partial list follow.

*a. Reproduced forms.* A reproduced form is a legible photocopy or an exact copy of a department form. A reproduced form may be used without prior approval of the department if the reproduced form meets the following conditions:

(1) The reproduced form does not vary from the department form in size or any other format specification.

(2) No rule prohibits the reproduction of the department form.

(3) The reproduced form does not vary from criteria stated elsewhere in this chapter.

*b. Replacement forms.* A replacement form is produced by imagery or otherwise replicated using the department form as a model, but it is not an exact copy of a department form. A form that is created in its entirety, including layout, by computer is a replacement form. A replacement form may include modifications, such as line enlargement or copy deletion. A replacement form must receive department approval prior to use.

*c. Federal forms.* A federal form is a form that is distributed by the IRS. A federal form, or its alternate, may be used without department approval if the form is approved for federal use and Iowa tax instructions or other administrative instructions authorize or require the use of the federal form in lieu of a department form.

**8.3(3) Registration and approval of substitute forms.**

*a. Registration.* A developer of a substitute form must register with the department by submitting the Registration for Substitute Forms and Barcode Approval. Each registration is valid for one tax year

only. Failure to register with the department may, at the discretion of the director, result in the rejection of the developer's forms and all information contained therein.

*b. Approval.* Once registered, the developer of a substitute form must request department approval of the form, unless approval is not necessary. The developer may request department approval by submitting a PDF of the form to [IDRSubForms@iowa.gov](mailto:IDRSubForms@iowa.gov). Those forms listed on the Iowa Substitute Forms Checklist, which is provided with the Registration for Substitute Forms and Barcode Approval, should be submitted for approval. If doubt exists about the need for approval of a particular substitute form, the form should be submitted for consideration. Attempting to file an unapproved substitute form with the department may, at the discretion of the director, result in the rejection of the form and all information contained therein.

**8.3(4)** *Forms that may not be reproduced.* Rescinded ARC 2915C, IAB 1/18/17, effective 2/22/17.

**8.3(5)** *Quality of substitute forms.*

*a. General information.* All substitute forms must, to the extent practicable, reflect the same size, color, content, design, and legibility as department forms posted on the department's website at [tax.iowa.gov](http://tax.iowa.gov).

*b. Printed substitute forms.* When printed on paper, a substitute form must use only black ink or black imaging material, unless the corresponding department form indicates otherwise. A printed substitute form generally must be printed on 20-pound white paper stock with a brightness rating of at least 92 on the TAPPI scale.

*c. Distinctive markings and symbols.* A department form may contain distinctive symbols. These symbols must be reproduced on any substitute forms.

**8.3(6)** *Filing substitute forms.* A substitute form may be filed with the department as directed on the corresponding department form or instructions or by any other method approved by the department. Attempting to file a substitute form with the department using an unapproved method may, at the discretion of the director, result in the rejection of the form and all information contained therein.

**8.3(7)** *Removable media and electronic reporting.* Submitting a substitute form on removable media, such as compact disc, requires prior approval from the department. No prior approval is necessary for electronic reporting when the reporting is in accordance with department policy. Any electronic reporting of a substitute form requires department approval, unless otherwise authorized. Additional information regarding electronic reporting is available at Processing Services, P.O. Box 10413, Des Moines, Iowa 50306; or by email at [IDRSubForms@iowa.gov](mailto:IDRSubForms@iowa.gov).

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#### **701—8.4(17A) Description of forms.**

**8.4(1)** *Tax forms.* Taxes administered by the department that require forms are as follows:

*a.* Corporate income return systems use forms designed by the department as well as forms used in federal tax administration. Approved substitute forms may be used for returns.

*b.* Corporate income tax field and office audit systems, related field collections systems, and the corporate tax error resolution system use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.

*c.* Franchise tax returns use forms designed by the department as well as forms used in federal tax administration. Approved substitute forms may be used for returns.

*d.* Franchise audit and collection systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.

*e.* Corporate and franchise estimated tax systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.

*f.* Individual and fiduciary income returns use forms designed by the department as well as forms used in federal tax administration. Approved substitute forms may be used for returns.

*g.* Individual and fiduciary income tax field and office audit systems and related field collections systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitutes may be used.

- h.* New jobs tax credit systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- i.* Individual income tax withholding payment voucher systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- j.* IA-W4, declaration of estimated tax, and withholding penalty waiver systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitutes may be used.
- k.* Sales and use tax payment vouchers and annual returns use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used in limited situations.
- l.* Local option sales and services tax and hotel/motel tax systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used in limited situations.
- m.* Field and office audit and collections systems for sales and use tax; sales tax refund examination systems; industrial machinery, equipment, and computer refund systems; and sales and use tax penalty waiver systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- n.* Motor fuel tax systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- o.* Special fuel tax systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- p.* Motor fuel tax and special fuel tax error resolution systems and related field and office audit and collection systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- q.* Inheritance and qualified use inheritance tax systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- r.* Inheritance and qualified use inheritance tax field and office audit systems and related field collections systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- s.* Cigarette and tobacco tax systems with related office and field audit and field collection systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- t.* Property assessor and deputy assessor examination records systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- u.* Centrally assessed property tax systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- v.* Mobile, manufactured, and modular home reduced tax rate systems; Iowa elderly and disabled property tax credit and rent reimbursement systems; and special assessment credit systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- w.* Environmental protection charge systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- x.* Excise tax on unlawful dealing in certain substances systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- y.* Taxpayer contact systems use forms designed by the department. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- z.* Federal and state exchange of information systems use forms designed by the department as well as others. Approved substitute forms may be used.
- aa.* Accounts receivable notices systems use forms designed by the department. Developers may not provide a substitute accounts receivable notice.
- bb.* The department provides a taxpayer bill of rights, which sets forth the rights of a taxpayer and obligations of the department during an audit, procedures by which a taxpayer may appeal an adverse decision of the department, and procedures which the department uses to enforce the tax laws. Developers may not provide a substitute taxpayer bill of rights.

**8.4(2)** Reserved.

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**701—8.5(422) Electronic filing of Iowa income tax returns.** There is no statutory requirement that taxpayers file their Iowa income tax returns electronically. Taxpayers also have the option to file by paper. However, electronic filing allows individuals and businesses that meet department criteria to file their Iowa income tax returns electronically. When a taxpayer files an electronic return, all information related to the return should be electronically transmitted. No information is to be submitted on paper unless specifically requested by the department. A taxpayer's electronic Iowa return shall include the same information as if the taxpayer had filed a paper return.

**8.5(1) Definitions.** For the purpose of this rule, the following definitions apply, unless the context otherwise requires:

*“Acknowledgment”* means a report generated by the department and sent electronically to a transmitter via the IRS indicating the department's acceptance or rejection of an electronic submission.

*“Declaration for e-File Return form”* means a taxpayer declaration form that authenticates the electronic tax return, authorizes its transmission, and consents to the financial transaction order as designated using the financial institution information provided.

*“Direct debit”* means an order for electronic withdrawal of funds from a taxpayer's financial institution account for payment to the department.

*“Direct deposit”* means an order for electronic transfer of a refund into a taxpayer's financial institution account.

*“E-file provider”* means a firm that is assigned an Electronic Filing Identification Number (EFIN) by the IRS to assume any one or more of the following IRS e-file provider roles: electronic return originator, intermediate service provider, transmitter, software developer, or reporting agent.

*“Electronic filing”* means a paperless filing of the Iowa income tax return, order for financial transaction, or both by way of the IRS e-file program, also known as federal/state electronic filing (MeF).

*“Electronic return originator (ERO)”* means an authorized IRS e-file provider that originates the electronic submission by any one of the following methods: electronically sending an electronic tax return to a Transmitter that will transmit the electronic tax return to the IRS, directly transmitting the electronic tax return to the IRS, or providing the electronic tax return to an Intermediate Service Provider for processing prior to transmission to the IRS.

*“Electronic signature”* includes data in electronic form, which is logically associated with other data in electronic form and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign a document. This type of signature has the same legal standing as a handwritten signature if the requirements in either paragraph 8.5(2)“b” or “c” are met. Electronic signatures appear in many forms and may be created by many different technologies. No specific technology is required.

*“Intermediate service provider”* means the firm that assists with processing submission information between the ERO (or the taxpayer in the case of online filing) and a Transmitter.

*“Online filing”* means the process for taxpayers to self-prepare returns by entering return data directly into commercially available software, software downloaded from an Internet site and prepared off-line, or through an online Internet site.

*“Origination of an electronic return”* means the action by an ERO of electronically sending the return directly to an Intermediate Service Provider, a Transmitter, or the IRS.

*“Reporting agent”* means a firm that originates the electronic submission of certain returns for its clients or transmits the returns to the IRS in accordance with the IRS electronic filing procedures, or both.

*“Software developer”* means an approved IRS e-file provider that develops software according to IRS and Iowa specifications for the purposes of formatting electronic returns, transmitting electronic returns directly to the IRS, or both. A software developer may sell its software.

*“Stockpiling”* means collecting returns from taxpayers or from other e-file providers and waiting more than three calendar days after receiving the information necessary for transmission to transmit the returns to the department.

“*Transmitter*” means a firm that transmits electronic tax return information directly to the IRS and routes electronic acknowledgments from the IRS (and the states) to the firm originating the electronic return.

**8.5(2) *Completion and documentation of the electronic return.***

a. The electronic submission must match the prepared return. The taxpayer(s) must declare the authenticity of the electronic return before it is transmitted. If the ERO makes changes to the electronic return after the Declaration for e-File Return form has been signed by the taxpayer(s), a new Declaration for e-File Return form must be completed and signed by the taxpayer(s) before the return is transmitted.

b. Electronic signature via remote transaction. In lieu of in-person handwritten signatures, a paid preparer, at the discretion of the taxpayer, may collect taxpayers’ electronic signatures remotely by a process using identity verification and audit trail in the manner that the IRS allows for Form 8879.

c. Electronic signature via in-person transaction. Before a taxpayer electronically signs a Declaration for e-File Return form in which the ERO is physically present with the taxpayer, the ERO must validate the taxpayer’s identity unless there is a multiyear business relationship. A multiyear business relationship is one in which the ERO has originated returns for the taxpayer for a prior tax year and has identified the taxpayer using a valid government picture identification and the method in paragraph 8.5(2) “b.” For in-person transactions, identity verification through a record check is optional.

d. The ERO must provide the taxpayer with a copy of all information to be filed. The taxpayer and ERO must retain all tax documentation for three years. The Declaration for e-File Return form and accompanying schedules are to be furnished to the department only when specifically requested.

**8.5(3) *Direct deposit and direct debit.***

a. Taxpayers designating direct deposit of the Iowa refund or direct debit of payment remitted to the department on electronically filed returns must provide proof of account ownership to the ERO. The department is not responsible for the misapplication of a direct deposit refund or direct debit payment caused by error, negligence, or wrongdoing on the part of the taxpayer, e-file provider, financial institution, or any agent of the above.

b. Once the return has been transmitted, the financial order may not be altered. The department may, when processing procedures allow, grant a taxpayer’s timely request to revoke the financial order. The taxpayer is responsible for revoking the financial order if the specified payment is not exactly as intended. A direct deposit or direct debit order will be disregarded by the department if the electronic submission is rejected for any reason as indicated in the acknowledgment.

c. The department may, when processing procedures require, convert a direct deposit order to a paper warrant. If a refund is deposited into an incorrect bank account, the department will issue a paper refund warrant once the funds are returned by the financial institution.

d. Payment withdrawal date.

(1) Funds will be withdrawn from the account specified in the direct debit order no sooner than the date specified by the taxpayer.

(2) Payment must be timely made to prevent the assessment of all applicable penalty and interest.

A direct debit payment within an electronic submission is considered timely made when:

1. The department accepts the electronic submission;
2. The electronic postmark date is prior to the tax due date;
3. The payment withdrawal date is prior to the tax due date; and
4. The direct debit payment is honored by the specified financial institution.

(3) When the tax due date has not yet elapsed, the withdrawal date should occur on or before the tax due date. Scheduling a withdrawal date after the tax due date will result in the assessment of all applicable penalty and interest unless the taxpayer otherwise makes payment before the tax due date.

(4) When the tax due date has already elapsed, the withdrawal date should specify immediate payment to prevent the accrual of additional interest.

(5) Withdrawal cannot occur prior to the electronic postmark date. When the taxpayer attempts to schedule a withdrawal date that is prior to the electronic postmark date, the electronic postmark date is the withdrawal date.



(6) If a taxpayer wants to change the withdrawal date specified in a financial order, the taxpayer must revoke the financial order and submit a new financial order. If the department determines that the taxpayer may have erroneously scheduled a withdrawal date, the department may notify the taxpayer of the possible error, but the department is not required to do so.

**8.5(4) *Software approval.*** Software developers that want to develop electronic submission formatting software for e-filing Iowa returns shall register their respective software products annually with the department. The department publishes specifications, test packages, and testing procedures. Software must pass transmission tests before the department will approve it for electronic filing of Iowa income tax returns. The department will define the test period annually.

**8.5(5) *ERO acceptance to participate.*** Once accepted by the IRS as an ERO for a specific tax type, the ERO is automatically accepted to e-file Iowa returns of that tax type, provided that the department offers the tax type for e-file.

**8.5(6) *Suspension of an e-file provider from participation in the Iowa electronic filing program.***

*a.* The department may immediately suspend, without notice, an e-file provider from the Iowa electronic filing program. In most cases, a suspension is effective as of the date of the letter informing the e-file provider of the suspension. Before suspending an e-file provider, the department may issue a warning letter describing specific corrective action required to correct deviations set forth in paragraph 8.5(6) “*b.*” An e-file provider will be automatically prohibited from participating in the Iowa electronic filing program if denied participation in, or suspended from, the federal electronic filing program.

*b.* An e-file provider that is eligible to participate in the federal electronic filing program may be suspended from the Iowa electronic filing program if any of the following conditions occur. The list is for illustrative purposes only and is not deemed to be all-inclusive.

- (1) Deterioration in the format of electronic returns transmitted.
- (2) Unacceptable cumulative error or rejection rate or failure to correct errors resulting from the transmission of electronic returns.
- (3) Untimely received, illegible, incomplete, missing, or unapproved substitute Declaration for e-File Return forms when requested by the department.
- (4) Stockpiling returns at any time while participating in the Iowa electronic filing program.
- (5) Failure on the part of the transmitter to retrieve acknowledgments within two working days of the department’s providing them.
- (6) Failure on the part of the transmitter to initiate the communication of acknowledgments to the ERO within two working days of the department’s providing them.
- (7) Significant complaints about the e-file provider.
- (8) Failure on the part of the e-file provider to cooperate with the department’s efforts to monitor e-file providers, investigate electronic filing abuse, and investigate the possible filing of fraudulent returns.
- (9) Submitting the electronic return with information that is not identical to information on the Declaration for e-File Return form.
- (10) Transmitting the electronic return with software not approved by the department for use in the Iowa electronic filing program for the given tax type and tax period.
- (11) Failure on the part of the e-file provider to provide W-2s, 1099s, or out-of-state tax returns when requested by the department.

**8.5(7) *Administrative procedure for denial of participation or suspension of participation.***

*a.* When a firm has requested participation in the Iowa electronic filing program but there is reason to deny the request, the department shall send a letter to the firm advising that entry into the program has been denied. When an e-file provider is a participant in the Iowa electronic filing program but is to be suspended from the program for any condition described in subrule 8.5(6), the department will send a letter to notify the e-file provider about its suspension from the program.

*b.* When the firm either disagrees with the denial of participation letter or the suspension from participation letter, the firm must file a written protest to the department within 60 days of the date of the denial letter or the suspension letter. The written protest must be filed pursuant to rule 701—7.8(17A).

During the administrative review process, the denial of the firm's participation in or the suspension of the firm from the Iowa electronic filing program shall remain in effect.

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**701—8.6(421) Electing to receive communications in electronic format in lieu of paper.** A taxpayer that is a registered account holder in GovConnectIowa may elect to receive notices, correspondence, or other communication electronically through GovConnectIowa in lieu of receiving them by mail.

**8.6(1) *How to make the election.*** The election must be made by selecting the appropriate setting on GovConnectIowa.

**8.6(2) *Limitations.***

a. This election only exists for persons registered in GovConnectIowa.

b. Unless specified elsewhere in rule, this option is limited to notices, correspondence, or other communications on tax types managed in GovConnectIowa.

c. Where the department finds it beneficial to continue to send items by regular mail, the department may continue to send regular mail even if an electronic copy is also provided and even if the person elects to receive electronic mail.

**8.6(3) *When service occurs.*** If the department sends a notice, correspondence, or other communication by both mail and electronic communication, service occurs upon the earlier of when the communication is posted to GovConnectIowa or mailed.

**8.6(4) *Taxpayer authorized representatives.*** Authorized representatives as described in rule 701—7.6(17A,22,421,422) cannot opt out of paper mail for the taxpayers they represent. For each account an authorized representative represents, the authorized representative will receive paper copies of notices, correspondence, or other communication sent to the represented taxpayer. If the authorized representative creates a login and requests and is granted account access for the represented taxpayer, the authorized representative will be able to view electronic versions of the notices, correspondence, or other communication the represented taxpayer receives, but the authorized representative will still receive paper copies of those notices, correspondence, or other communication.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.60(11).

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**701—8.7(422,533) Mandatory electronic filing for certain taxpayers.** Iowa corporate and fiduciary income and franchise taxpayers, and pass-through entities subject to Iowa income reporting requirements, are required to file their annual returns in an electronic format approved by the department for any tax year in which certain criteria are met. This rule provides information needed to determine whether any entity is subject to this electronic filing requirement for a given tax year.

**8.7(1) *Definitions.***

*“Business entity,”* when used in this rule, means entities taxed as corporations, partnerships, S corporations, and financial institutions as defined in Iowa Code section 422.61(1).

*“Fiduciary taxpayer”* means the same as “fiduciary” as defined in Iowa Code section 422.4(4).

*“Iowa tax credits”* means refundable and nonrefundable tax credits authorized under the Iowa Code for the tax year in which they are claimed or applied, but does not include credits for prior payments or composite credits.

*“Return,”* when used in this rule, means Form IA 1120, IA 1120S, IA 1120F, IA 1065, IA PTE-C, or IA 1041, as context requires, and includes amended returns, supporting schedules, attachments, or lists which are supplemental to or part of the filed return.

*“Taxpayer,”* unless the context otherwise requires, means any business entity, financial institution, or fiduciary taxpayer as defined in this rule.

*“Tax year”* means any period of up to 12 months, including periods of less than 12 months, for which a taxpayer subject to this rule is required to file an Iowa income tax, franchise tax, or information return.

“*Total gross receipts*” means gross receipts or sales from all business operations conducted within and without Iowa without any adjustment for returns and allowances, and also includes receipts from all interest, dividends, rents, and royalties; income from ordinary and capital gains; and the distributive share of income received by the taxpayer from a partnership, S corporation, estate, or trust.

**8.7(2) *Electronic format for filing.*** A taxpayer that meets any of the criteria for mandatory electronic filing in subrule 8.7(3) shall file a paperless Iowa income or franchise tax return by way of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Modernized e-File (MeF) program, also known as federal/state electronic filing, in a manner consistent with the requirements of rule 701—8.5(422).

**8.7(3) *Criteria for mandatory electronic filing.*** This subrule applies to business entities for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2022, and to fiduciary taxpayers for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2023. Every taxpayer required to file an Iowa income or franchise tax return for an applicable year must file using the electronic format specified in subrule 8.7(2) if the taxpayer meets any of the following criteria for the tax year:

- a. *Gross receipts.* The taxpayer has \$250,000 or more in total gross receipts for the tax year.
- b. *Iowa tax credits.* The taxpayer claims or applies \$25,000 or more of Iowa tax credits on the return for the tax year.
- c. *Iowa Schedules K-1.* The taxpayer is required to issue ten or more Iowa Schedules K-1 to its partners, members, shareholders, or beneficiaries for the tax year.
- d. *Consolidated corporate return.* The taxpayer elects or is required to file or be included on an Iowa consolidated corporate income tax return under Iowa Code section 422.37 for the tax year.

**8.7(4) *Returns not in compliance with this rule.*** Any return filed in any manner other than the manner specified in subrule 8.7(2) by a taxpayer that meets any of the criteria for mandatory electronic filing as described in subrule 8.7(3) is not a valid return. The taxpayer is a nonfiler for the tax year for which the return was required, and may be subject to the failure to file penalties as provided for in rules 701—10.6(421) and 701—10.9(421), until such time as the taxpayer files the return in the proper electronic format. This subrule shall not apply if an exception has been granted under subrule 8.7(5).

**8.7(5) *Exceptions.*** At the department’s discretion, exceptions to the electronic filing requirement under this rule may be granted for good cause. The taxpayer bears the burden to prove that good cause exists for the failure to file electronically. Except as provided in paragraph 8.7(5) “b,” a claim that the return preparation software purchased or licensed by a taxpayer or taxpayer’s return preparer does not include all of the features necessary to comply with the taxpayer’s Iowa filing obligations shall not be considered good cause for purposes of granting an exception to the electronic filing requirement.

- a. *Requests for exceptions to the electronic filing requirement.*
  - (1) Form of request. Requests for exceptions to the electronic filing requirement must be submitted by mail or online through GovConnectIowa on forms provided by the department.
  - (2) Timing of request. Requests for exceptions to the electronic filing requirement must be submitted before the return is filed.
  - (3) Department determination. The department will notify the taxpayer in writing whether a request for an exception to the electronic filing requirement has been approved or denied. If the department does not respond to a taxpayer’s valid request for an exception to the electronic filing requirement within 90 days of the date the request is received, the request shall be deemed accepted.
  - (4) Applicability of exception. An exception to the electronic filing requirement, if granted, shall only be valid for the tax year for which it was approved.

b. *Special relief provided by the department.* The department may, at its discretion, offer a good-cause exception to the electronic filing requirement for filers of a specific return type or form for a specific filing period by providing such an exception in the instructions for that return type or form or by an order issued by the director. Taxpayers must comply with all instructions provided by the department in order to qualify for relief.

c. *Temporary one-time relief.* For tax years ending on or before December 31, 2023, if the department determines a taxpayer that filed a paper return was required to file in an electronic manner as provided in this rule, the department will notify the taxpayer in writing of the requirements of this rule. If the taxpayer properly files in an electronic manner within 30 days of the date of the notification

under this paragraph, the department shall grant an exception to the requirements of this rule and deem the originally filed paper return a valid return. A taxpayer shall only be granted the benefit of this paragraph for one eligible return.

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CHAPTER 9  
FILING AND EXTENSION OF TAX LIENS  
AND CHARGING OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE TAX ACCOUNTS  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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## CHAPTER 10

## INTEREST, PENALTY, EXCEPTIONS TO PENALTY, AND JEOPARDY ASSESSMENTS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Rules 701—10.20(421) to 701—10.111(422A) are excerpted from 701—Chs 12, 30, 44, 46, 52, 58, 63, 81, 86, 88, 89, 104, IAB 1/23/91

**701—10.1(421) Definitions.** As used in the rules contained herein, the following definitions apply unless the context otherwise requires:

**10.1(1)** “*Department*” means the department of revenue.

**10.1(2)** “*Director*” means the director of the department or authorized representative.

**10.1(3)** “*Taxes*” means all taxes and charges arising under Title X of the Iowa Code, which include but are not limited to individual income, withholding, corporate income, franchise, sales, use, hotel/motel, railroad fuel, equipment car, replacement tax, statewide property tax, motor vehicle fuel, and inheritance taxes and the environmental protection charge imposed upon petroleum diminution due and payable to the state of Iowa.

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**701—10.2(421) Interest.** Except where a different rate of interest is provided by Title X of the Iowa Code, the rate of interest on interest-bearing taxes and interest-bearing refunds arising under Title X is fixed for each calendar year by the director. In addition to any penalty computed, there shall be added interest as provided by law from the original due date of the return. Any portion of the tax imposed by statute which has been erroneously refunded and is recoverable by the department shall bear interest as provided in Iowa Code section 421.7, subsection 2, from the date of payment of the refund, considering each fraction of a month as an entire month. Interest which is not judgment interest is not payable on sales and use tax, local option tax, and hotel and motel tax refunds. *Herman M. Brown v. Johnson*, 248 Iowa 1143, 82 N.W.2d 134 (1957); *United Telephone Co. v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 365 N.W.2d 647 (Iowa 1985). However, interest which is not judgment interest accrues on such refunds on or after January 1, 1995, and is payable on sales and use tax, local option tax and hotel and motel tax refunds on or after January 1, 1995.

**10.2(1) Calendar year 1982.** The rate of interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1982, will be 17 percent per annum (1.4% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which were due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1982. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1982. This interest rate of 17 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1982.

EXAMPLES:

1. The taxpayer, X corporation, owes corporate income taxes assessed to it for the year 1975. The assessment was made by the department in 1977. On January 1, 1982, that assessment had not been paid. The rate of interest on the unpaid tax assessed has accrued at the rate of 9 percent per annum (0.75% per month) through December 31, 1981. Commencing on January 1, 1982, the rate of interest on the unpaid tax will thereafter accrue at the rate of 17 percent per annum for 1982 (1.4% per month). If the tax liability is not paid in 1982, the rate of interest will then accrue in 1983 in accordance with the rate fixed by the director as set forth in Iowa Code section 421.7.

2. The taxpayer, Y, owes retail sales taxes assessed to it for the audit period January 1, 1979, through December 31, 1982. The assessment is made on March 1, 1983. For the tax periods in which the tax became due prior to January 1, 1982, the interest rate on such unpaid sales taxes accrued at 9 percent per annum (0.75% per month). Commencing on January 1, 1982, the entire unpaid portion of the tax assessed which was delinquent at that time will begin to accrue interest at the rate of 17 percent per annum. Those portions of the tax assessed first becoming delinquent in 1982 will bear interest at the rate of 17 percent per annum (1.4% per month). In the event that any portion of the tax assessed remains unpaid on January 1, 1983, the rate of interest will then accrue in 1983 in accordance with the rate fixed by the director as set forth in Iowa Code section 421.7.

3. The taxpayer, Z, files a refund claim for 1978 individual income taxes in March 1982. The refund claim is allowed in May 1982, and is paid. Z is entitled to receive interest at the rate of 9 percent

per annum (0.75% per month) upon the refunded tax accruing through December 31, 1981, and is entitled to interest at the rate of 17 percent per annum (1.4% per month) upon such tax from January 1, 1982, until the refund is paid.

4. A's 1981 individual income tax liability becomes delinquent on May 1, 1982. A owes interest, commencing on May 1, 1982, at the rate of 17 percent per annum (1.4% per month). In the event that A does not pay the liability in 1982, the rate of interest will then accrue in 1983 in accordance with the rate fixed by the director as set forth in Iowa Code section 421.7.

5. Decedent died December 15, 1976. The inheritance tax was due 12 months after death, or December 15, 1977. Prior to the due date, the estate was granted an extension of time, until September 1, 1978, to file the return and pay the tax due. The tax, however, was paid March 15, 1982. Interest accrues on the unpaid tax during the period of the extension of time (December 15, 1977, to September 1, 1978) at the rate of 6 percent per annum. Interest accrues on the delinquent tax from September 1, 1978, through December 31, 1981, at the rate of 8 percent per annum. Interest accrues on the delinquent tax from January 1, 1982, to the date of payment on March 15, 1982, at the rate of 17 percent per annum.

6. B files a refund for sales taxes paid for the periods January 1, 1979, through December 31, 1982, in March 1983. The refund is allowed in May 1983. Since no interest is payable on sales tax refunds, B is not entitled to any interest. *Herman M. Brown Co. v. Johnson*, 248 Iowa 1143 (1957). However, interest accrues and is payable on and after January 1, 1995.

The examples set forth in these rules are not meant to be all-inclusive. In addition, other rules set forth the precise circumstance when interest begins to accrue and whether interest accrues for each month or fraction of a month or annually as provided by law. Interest accrues as provided by law, regardless of whether the department has made a formal assessment of tax.

**10.2(2) Calendar year 1983.** The rate of interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1983, will be 14 percent per annum (1.2% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which were due and unpaid as of, or after January 1, 1983. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1983. This interest rate of 14 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1983.

**10.2(3) Calendar year 1984.** The rate of interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1984, will be 9 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1984. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1984. This interest rate of 9 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1984.

**10.2(4) Calendar year 1985.** The rate of interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1985, will be 10 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1985. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1985. This interest rate of 10 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1985.

**10.2(5) Calendar year 1986.** The interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1986, will be 9 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1986. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1986. This interest rate of 9 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1986.

**10.2(6) Calendar year 1987.** The interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1987, will be 9 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after January 1, 1987. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1987. This interest rate of 9 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1987.



**10.2(7)** *Calendar year 1988.* The interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1988, will be 8 percent per annum (0.7% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after January 1, 1988. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1988. This interest rate of 8 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1988.

**10.2(8)** *Calendar year 1989.* The interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1989, will be 9 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after January 1, 1989. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1989. This interest rate of 9 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1989.

**10.2(9)** *Calendar year 1990.* The interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1990, will be 11 percent per annum (0.9% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after January 1, 1990. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1990. This interest rate of 11 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1990.

**10.2(10)** *Calendar year 1991.* The interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1991, will be 12 percent per annum (1.0% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1991. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1991. This interest rate of 12 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1991.

**10.2(11)** *Calendar year 1992.* The interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1992, will be 11 percent per annum (0.9% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1992. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1992. This interest rate of 11 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1992.

**10.2(12)** *Calendar year 1993.* The interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1993, will be 9 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1993. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1993. This interest rate of 9 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1993.

**10.2(13)** *Calendar year 1994.* The interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1994, will be 8 percent per annum (0.7% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1994. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1994. This interest rate of 8 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1994.

**10.2(14)** *Calendar year 1995.* The interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1995, will be 9 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1995. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after January 1, 1995. This interest rate of 9 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1995.

**10.2(15)** *Calendar year 1996.* The interest upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1996, will be 11 percent per annum (0.9% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1996. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before, on, or after

January 1, 1996. This interest rate of 11 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1996.

**10.2(16) *Calendar year 1997.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1997, will be 10 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1997. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 1997. This interest rate of 10 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1997.

**10.2(17) *Calendar year 1998.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1998, will be 10 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1998. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 1998. This interest rate of 10 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1998.

**10.2(18) *Calendar year 1999.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 1999, will be 10 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 1999. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 1999. This interest rate of 10 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 1999.

**10.2(19) *Calendar year 2000.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2000, will be 10 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2000. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2000. This interest rate of 10 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2000.

**10.2(20) *Calendar year 2001.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2001, will be 11 percent per annum (0.9% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2001. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2001. This interest rate of 11 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2001.

**10.2(21) *Calendar year 2002.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2002, will be 10 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2002. In addition, this interest rate will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2002. This interest rate of 10 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2002.

**10.2(22) *Calendar year 2003.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2003, will be 7 percent per annum (0.6% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2003. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2003. This interest rate of 7 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2003.

**10.2(23) *Calendar year 2004.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2004, will be 6 percent per annum (0.5% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2004. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2004. This interest rate of 6 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2004.

**10.2(24) *Calendar year 2005.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2005, will be 6 percent per annum (0.5% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are

due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2005. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2005. This interest rate of 6 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2005.

**10.2(25) *Calendar year 2006.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2006, will be 8 percent per annum (0.7% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2006. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2006. This interest rate of 8 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2006.

**10.2(26) *Calendar year 2007.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2007, will be 10 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2007. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2007. This interest rate of 10 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2007.

**10.2(27) *Calendar year 2008.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2008, will be 10 percent per annum (0.8% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2008. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2008. This interest rate of 10 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2008.

**10.2(28) *Calendar year 2009.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2009, will be 8 percent per annum (0.7% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2009. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2009. This interest rate of 8 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2009.

**10.2(29) *Calendar year 2010.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2010, will be 5 percent per annum (0.4% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2010. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2010. This interest rate of 5 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2010.

**10.2(30) *Calendar year 2011.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2011, will be 5 percent per annum (0.4% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2011. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2011. This interest rate of 5 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2011.

**10.2(31) *Calendar year 2012.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2012, will be 5 percent per annum (0.4% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2012. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2012. This interest rate of 5 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2012.

**10.2(32) *Calendar year 2013.*** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2013, will be 5 percent per annum (0.4% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2013. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2013. This interest rate of 5 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2013.

**10.2(33) Calendar year 2014.** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2014, will be 5 percent per annum (0.4% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2014. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2014. This interest rate of 5 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2014.

**10.2(34) Calendar year 2015.** The interest rate upon all unpaid taxes which are due as of January 1, 2015, will be 5 percent per annum (0.4% per month). This interest rate will accrue on taxes which are due and unpaid as of, or after, January 1, 2015. In addition, this interest will accrue on tax refunds which by law accrue interest, regardless of whether the tax to be refunded is due before or after January 1, 2015. This interest rate of 5 percent per annum, whether for unpaid taxes or tax refunds, will commence to accrue in 2015.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.7.

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**701—10.3(421,422,423,450,452A) Interest on refunds and unpaid tax.**

**10.3(1) Interest on refunds.** For those taxes on which interest accrues on refunds under Iowa Code sections 422.25(3), 422.28, 450.94, and 452A.65, interest shall accrue through the month in which the refund is mailed to the taxpayer and no further interest will accrue unless the department did not use the most current address as shown on the latest return or refund claim filed with the department.

**10.3(2) Interest on unpaid tax.** Interest due on unpaid tax is not a penalty, but rather it is compensation to the government for the period the government was deprived of the use of money. Interest due cannot be waived except in accordance with the settlement authority described in Iowa Code sections 421.5 and 17A.10.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.5, 422.25(3), 422.28, 423.47, 450.94 and 452A.65.

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**701—10.4(421) Frivolous return penalty.** A \$500 civil penalty is imposed on the return of a taxpayer that is considered to be a “frivolous return.” A “frivolous return” is: (1) A return which lacks sufficient information from which the substantial correctness of the amount of tax liability can be determined or contains information that on its face indicates that the amount of tax shown is substantially incorrect, or (2) a return which reflects a position of law which is frivolous or is intended to delay or impede the administration of the tax laws of this state.

If the frivolous return penalty is applicable, the penalty will be imposed in addition to any other penalty which has been assessed. If the frivolous return penalty is relevant, the penalty may be imposed even under circumstances when it is determined that there is no tax liability on the return.

The frivolous return penalty is virtually identical to the penalty for frivolous income tax returns which is authorized in Section 6702 of the Internal Revenue Code. The department will follow federal guidelines and court cases when determining whether or not the frivolous return penalty should be imposed.

The frivolous return penalty may be imposed on all returns filed with the department and not just individual income tax returns. The penalty may be imposed on an amended return as well as an original return. The penalty may be imposed on each return filed with the department.

**10.4(1) Nonexclusive examples of circumstances under which the frivolous return penalty may be imposed.** The following are examples of returns filed in circumstances under which the frivolous return penalty may be imposed:

*a.* A return claiming a deduction against income or a credit against tax liability which is clearly not allowed such as a “war,” “religious,” “conscientious objector” deduction or tax credit.

b. A blank or partially completed return that was prepared on the theory that filing a complete return and providing required financial data would violate the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination or other rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

c. An unsigned return where the taxpayer refused to sign because the signature requirement was “incomprehensible or unconstitutional” or the taxpayer was not liable for state tax since the taxpayer had not signed the return.

d. A return which contained personal and financial information on the proper lines but where the words “true, correct and complete” were crossed out above the taxpayer’s signature and where the taxpayer claimed the taxpayer’s income was not legal tender and was exempt from tax.

e. A return where the taxpayer claimed that income was not “constructively received” and the taxpayer was the nominee-agent for a trust.

f. A return with clearly inconsistent information such as when 99 exemptions were claimed but only several dependents were shown.

g. A document filed for refund of taxes erroneously collected with the contention that the document was not a return and that no wage income was earned. This was inconsistent with attached W-2 Forms reporting wages.

**10.4(2)** *Nonexclusive examples where the frivolous return penalty is not applicable.* The following examples illustrate situations where the frivolous return penalty would not be applicable:

a. A return which includes a deduction, credit, or other item which may constitute a valid item of dispute between the taxpayer and the department.

b. A return which includes innocent or inadvertent mathematical or clerical errors, such as an error in addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division or the incorrect use of a table provided by the department.

c. A return which includes a statement of protest or objection, provided the return contains all required information.

d. A return which shows the correct amount of tax due, but the tax due is not paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.8.

### **701—10.5(421) Improper receipt of credit, refund, exemption, reimbursement, rebate, or other payment or benefit.**

**10.5(1)** *Erroneous application.* A person who makes an erroneous application for refund, credit, exemption, reimbursement, rebate, or other payment or benefit shall be liable for any overpayment received plus interest at the rate in effect under Iowa Code section 421.7(2).

**10.5(2)** *Willfully false or frivolous application.* A person who willfully makes a false or frivolous application or willfully submits any false information, document, or document containing false information in support of an application for refund, credit, exemption, reimbursement, rebate, or other payment or benefit with the intent to evade tax or with the intent to receive a refund, credit, exemption, reimbursement, rebate, or other payment or benefit to which the person is not entitled is guilty of a fraudulent practice and is liable for a penalty equal to 75 percent of the refund, credit, exemption, reimbursement, rebate, or other payment or benefit claimed. This penalty is not subject to waiver.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.27 as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 608.

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### **701—10.6(421) Penalties.**

**10.6(1)** *Penalties applicable to all taxpayers.* A penalty shall be assessed upon tax due under the circumstances described in this subrule. The rates for penalties described in this rule are uniform for all tax types. Unless otherwise specified in this subrule, see rule 701—10.7(421) for waivers that may apply to these penalties.

a. For failure to timely file a return, there is a 5 percent penalty on the unpaid tax. This penalty, once imposed, will be assessed on all subsequent amounts found by the taxpayer or the department to be due for the tax period. This penalty is in addition to any other penalty provided by law.

b. For failure to timely pay the tax due on a return, there is a 5 percent penalty on the unpaid tax. This penalty is in addition to any other penalty provided by law.

c. For a deficiency of tax due found during an audit or examination, there is a 5 percent penalty on the unpaid tax. This penalty is in lieu of the penalty for failure to timely pay but is in addition to any other penalty provided by law.

d. For willful failure to file a return with the intent to evade tax or a filing requirement, or in the case of willfully filing a false return with the intent to evade tax, there is a 75 percent penalty. This penalty is in lieu of other penalties applicable under this rule. This penalty is not subject to waiver.

e. For failure to remit at least 90 percent of the tax due by the time an extension for further time to file a return is made, there is a 10 percent penalty on the unpaid tax.

f. For failure to remit payment of taxes in the form or manner required by the rules of the director, there is a 5 percent penalty on the amount of the payment remitted in the incorrect form or manner, not to exceed \$500 per instance. This penalty shall be waived if the taxpayer was not notified of the requirement to remit tax payments electronically or if the incorrect electronic transmission of the payment was made before the taxpayer was notified of the requirement to remit tax payments electronically.

**10.6(2)** *Penalties applicable to specified businesses for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, in which no tax is due.*

a. Definitions. For purposes of this subrule, the following definitions apply:

“*Imputed Iowa liability*” means the specified business’s Iowa net income after the application of the Iowa business activity ratio, if applicable, multiplied by the applicable tax rate for the tax year, less any Iowa tax credits available to be claimed by the specified business in the current year. The applicable tax rate is:

1. In the case of an entity taxed as a C corporation, the top corporation income tax rate under Iowa Code section 422.33,

2. In the case of a financial institution as defined in Iowa Code section 422.61, the franchise tax rate under Iowa Code section 422.63, or

3. In the case of an entity taxed as an S corporation or partnership, the top individual income tax rate under Iowa Code section 422.5A.

“*Income return*” includes an Iowa corporation income tax return (IA 1120), an Iowa franchise tax return (IA 1120F), an Iowa S corporation income tax return (IA 1120S), and an Iowa partnership income tax return (IA 1065).

“*Specified business*” means any of the following:

1. An entity taxed as a C corporation that is required to file an Iowa corporation income tax return (IA 1120). This includes a consolidated group of corporations electing or required to file an Iowa consolidated return under Iowa Code section 422.37.

2. An entity taxed as an S corporation that is required to file an Iowa S corporation income tax return (IA 1120S).

3. A financial institution that is required to file an Iowa franchise tax return (IA 1120F).

4. An entity taxed as a partnership that is required to file an Iowa partnership income tax return (IA 1065).

b. For a failure by a specified business to timely file an income return when no tax is due, a penalty shall be assessed equal to the greater of \$200 or 5 percent of the imputed Iowa liability of the specified business, not to exceed \$25,000. A specified business that has Iowa tax due for a tax year (such as an S corporation subject to Iowa income tax on built-in gains or passive investment income) is not subject to this penalty for that tax year but may be subject to other penalties provided in this rule.

c. For willful failure by a specified business to file an income return with no tax shown due with the intent to evade a filing requirement, or in the case of willfully filing a false income return with no tax shown due with the intent to evade reporting of Iowa-source income, a penalty shall be assessed equal to the greater of \$1,500 or 75 percent of the imputed Iowa liability of the specified business. This penalty is not subject to waiver. A specified business that has Iowa tax due for a tax year (such as an S corporation

subject to Iowa income tax on built-in gains or passive investment income) is not subject to this penalty for that tax year but may be subject to other penalties provided in this rule.

**10.6(3) Examples.** The following are examples to illustrate the computation of penalties imposed under this rule. For purposes of these examples, interest has been computed at the rate of 12 percent per year or 1 percent per month. The tax due amounts are assumed to be the total amounts due when considering whether the failure to pay penalty should be assessed on the basis that less than 90 percent of the tax due was paid.

Example (a) — Failure to Timely File and Failure to Timely Pay

- a. Tax due is \$100.
- b. Return filed 2 months and 10 days after the due date.
- c. \$0 paid prior to filing.

The calculation for the total amount due 3 months after the due date is shown below:

Tax	\$100	
Penalty	10	(5% for failure to timely file, 5% for failure to timely pay)
Interest	3	(3 months interest)
Total amount due	\$113	

Example (b) — Failure to Timely Pay

- a. Tax due is \$100.
- b. Return is timely filed.
- c. \$0 paid with the return.

The calculation for the total amount due 5 months after the due date is shown below:

Tax	\$100	
Penalty	5	(5% for failure to timely pay)
Interest	5	(5 months interest)
Total amount due	\$110	

Example (c) — Audit Deficiency on Timely Filed Return

- a. Timely filed return reported \$100 tax due.
- b. \$100 paid with return.
- c. Audit completed 8 months after the due date of the return.
- d. \$100 in additional tax found due during audit.

The calculation for the total amount due is shown below:

Computed tax after audit	\$200	
Less tax paid with return	100	
Additional tax due	\$100	
Penalty	5	(5% for audit deficiency)
Interest	8	(8 months interest)
Total amount due	\$113	

Example (d) — Audit Deficiency on Late Return Granted an Exception From Failure to File

- a. Tax due reported on return is \$100.
- b. Return filed 3 months and 10 days after the due date.
- c. \$100 paid with the return.
- d. Taxpayer is granted an exception from penalty for failure to timely file and failure to timely pay.
- e. Audit completed 8 months after the due date of the return.
- f. \$100 additional tax found due during audit.

The computation for the total amount due is shown below:

Tax due after audit	\$200	
Less tax paid with return	100	
Additional tax due	\$100	
Penalty	5	(5% for audit deficiency. No penalty for failure to file.)
Interest	8	(8 months interest)
Total amount due	\$113	

Example (e) — Audit Deficiency on Late Filed Return No Pay Return

- Tax due reported on the return is \$100.
- Return filed 3 months and 10 days after the due date.
- \$114 in tax, penalty, and interest paid with the return.
- Audit completed 8 months after the due date.
- \$100 additional tax found due during audit.

The computation for the total amount due is shown below:

Tax due reported on original return	\$100	
Penalty	10	(5% for failure to timely file, 5% for failure to timely pay)
Interest	4	(4 months interest)
Total amount due on original return	\$114	
Additional tax due after audit	\$100	
Penalty	10	(5% for failure to file, 5% for audit deficiency)
Interest	8	(8 months interest)
Amount due after audit	\$118	
Total amount due for tax period	\$232	

Example (f) — Failure to Timely File by a Specified Business

- Tax due for tax year 2023 is \$0 because the entity is a partnership (IA 1065).
- Return is filed 7 months and 10 days after the due date.
- Partnership net income after calculation of the Iowa business activity ratio is \$30,000.
- Net income multiplied by the top individual tax rate in 2023 of 6.5 percent is \$1,950.
- Iowa tax credits available are \$1,000.
- Imputed Iowa liability is \$950.
- The penalty is the greater of 5 percent of the imputed Iowa liability (\$48) or \$200.

The calculation for the total amount due is shown below:

Tax	\$0	
Penalty	200	
Interest	0	
Total amount due	\$200	

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**701—10.7(421) Waiver of penalty.** Under certain circumstances, the penalty for failure to timely file a return, failure to timely pay the tax due with the filing of a return, or failure to pay following an audit



by the department is waived. The taxpayer has the burden to prove the necessary conditions to waive a penalty.

**10.7(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

*“Act of God”* means an unusual and extraordinary manifestation of nature which could not reasonably be anticipated or foreseen and cannot be prevented by human care, skill, or foresight.

*“Immediate family”* includes the spouse, children, or parents of the taxpayer. There is a rebuttable presumption that relatives of the taxpayer beyond the relation of spouse, children, or parents of the taxpayer are not within the taxpayer’s immediate family for purposes of the waiver exceptions.

*“Sanctioned self-audit program”* means an audit performed by the taxpayer with forms provided by the department as a result of contact by the department to the taxpayer prior to voluntary filing or payment of the tax. Filing voluntarily without contact by the department does not constitute a sanctioned self-audit.

*“Substantial authority”* means the weight of authorities for the tax treatment of an item is substantial in relation to the weight of authorities supporting contrary positions.

In determining whether there is substantial authority, only the following will be considered authority: applicable provisions of Iowa statutes; the Internal Revenue Code; Iowa administrative rules construing those statutes; court cases; administrative rulings; legal periodicals; department newsletters and tax return instruction booklets; tax treaties and regulations; and legislative intent as reflected in committee reports.

Conclusions reached in treaties, legal opinions rendered by other tax professionals, descriptions of statutes prepared by legislative staff, legal counsel memoranda, and proposed rules and regulations are not authority.

There is substantial authority for the tax treatment of an item if there is substantial authority at the time the return containing the item is due to be filed or there was substantial authority on the last day of the taxable year to which the return relates.

The taxpayer must notify the department at the time the return or payment is originally due of the substantial authority the taxpayer is relying upon for not filing the return or paying the tax due.

**10.7(2) Documentation.** Unless otherwise indicated, written documentation is required to support the waiver of a penalty.

**10.7(3)** For failure to timely file a return or failure to timely pay tax due, the 5 percent penalties shall be waived upon a showing of the following exceptions.

*a.* An amount of tax greater than \$0 is due and at least 90 percent of the tax required to be shown due has been paid by the due date of the tax return. This exception does not apply to the penalty for failure to timely file by a specified business under subrule 10.6(2).

*b.* A taxpayer required to file a monthly or quarterly return is allowed one late return or one late payment within a three-year period.

(1) The use by the taxpayer of any other penalty exception under this subrule will not count as a late return or payment for purposes of this subrule.

(2) If the taxpayer receives this waiver, the taxpayer must make timely filings and payments for three years prior to being eligible for another waiver under this paragraph.

(3) This exception does not apply to an income return, a franchise return, or a moneys and credits return.

(4) This exception will automatically be applied to a return or payment by the department if the taxpayer is eligible for the exception.

(5) This exception is determined on the basis of the tax period for which the return or payment is due and not the date on which the return is filed or payment is made.

EXAMPLE: Taxpayer A, a retail business with multiple employees, has not been late in filing returns or making payments for five years. Taxpayer A files its withholding return for the fourth quarter of 2020, due January 20, 2021, on the due date but does not make the payment until the next day. Taxpayer A incurs the penalty for failing to timely pay, but the penalty will be waived under this exception. Taxpayer A is not eligible for a waiver for a late return filing or late payment again until the due date for the fourth quarter of 2023.

*c.* Death of a taxpayer, a member of the immediate family of the taxpayer, or the person directly responsible for filing the return and paying the tax, when the death interferes with timely filing of a return or timely payment of tax. The taxpayer will be provided an extension of 30 days from the date the return or payment is originally due without incurring penalty. There is a rebuttable presumption that a death that occurs more than 30 days before the original date the return or payment is due does not interfere with timely filing or payment. The taxpayer, or taxpayer's legal representative, has the burden of supplying proof of when the death occurred.

*d.* The onset of serious, long-term illness or hospitalization of the taxpayer, a member of the taxpayer's immediate family, or the person directly responsible for filing the return and paying the tax when such illness or hospitalization interferes with the timely filing of a return or timely payment of tax.

(1) There is a rebuttable presumption that the onset of an illness or hospitalization that precedes the due date of the return or payment form by more than 30 days does not interfere with the timely filing or timely payment of tax.

(2) The taxpayer will be provided an extension of at least 30 days from the date the return or payment form is originally due or until the illness or hospitalization no longer reasonably interferes with the taxpayer's ability to file the return without incurring penalty.

(3) The taxpayer has the burden of proof on whether or not a serious, long-term illness or hospitalization has occurred, when it occurred, and how the illness or hospitalization interfered with the taxpayer's ability to timely file a return or timely pay.

*e.* Destruction of records by fire, flood, or act of God when the destruction interferes with the timely filing of a return or timely payment of tax. There is a rebuttable presumption that an "act of God" that precedes the due date of the return or payment by 30 days or more did not interfere with the timely filing or payment.

*f.* The taxpayer presents proof that the taxpayer at the due date of the return or payment relied upon applicable, documented, written advice made specifically to the taxpayer, to the taxpayer's preparer, or to an association representative of the taxpayer from the department, state department of transportation, county treasurer, or Internal Revenue Service. The advice should be relevant to the agency offering the advice and not beyond the scope of the agency's area of expertise and knowledge. The reliance must be the direct cause of the failure to file or failure to pay, and the advice must be current and not superseded by a court decision, ruling of a quasi-judicial body such as an administrative law judge or the director, or by the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule or law.

*g.* Reliance upon the results of a previous audit was a direct cause for failure to file or pay where the previous audit expressly and clearly addressed the issue and the previous audit results have not been superseded by a court decision or by adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule or law.

*h.* The taxpayer presents documented proof of substantial authority to rely upon a particular position or upon proof that all facts and circumstances are disclosed on a return. Mathematical, computation, or transposition errors are not considered as facts and circumstances disclosed on a return. These types of errors will not be considered as penalty exceptions.

*i.* The return or payment is timely, but erroneously, mailed with adequate postage to the Internal Revenue Service, another state agency, or a local government agency and the taxpayer provides proof of timely mailing with adequate postage. The taxpayer must provide competent evidence of the mailing as stated in Iowa Code section 622.105.

*j.* The tax has been paid by the wrong licensee and the payments were timely remitted to the department for one or more tax periods prior to notification by the department.

*k.* The failure to file was discovered through a sanctioned self-audit program conducted by the department.

*l.* The availability of funds in payment of tax required to be made through electronic funds transfer is delayed and the delay of availability is due to reasons beyond the control of the taxpayer.

*m.* For estates with disclaimers, a penalty will not be imposed for failure to pay or a late-filed Iowa inheritance tax return if the sole reason for the failure to pay or late-filed inheritance tax return is due to a beneficiary's decision to disclaim property or disclaim an interest in property from the estate. However, for the penalty to be waived, the Iowa inheritance tax return must be filed and all tax must be paid to the

department within the later of nine months from the date of death or 60 days from the delivery or filing date of the disclaimer pursuant to Iowa Code section 633E.12.

**10.7(4)** In addition to any applicable waivers for failure to timely pay the tax due on a return in subrule 10.7(3), the 5 percent penalty for failure to timely pay the tax due shall be waived upon a showing of any of the following exceptions:

*a.* The taxpayer voluntarily files an amended return and pays all tax shown to be due on the return prior to any contact by the department, except under a sanctioned self-audit program conducted by the department.

*b.* The taxpayer provides written notification to the department of a federal audit while it is in progress and voluntarily files an amended return which includes a copy of the federal document showing the final disposition or final federal adjustments within 60 days of the final disposition of the federal government's audit.

**10.7(5)** For a deficiency of tax due on a return found during an audit or examination, the 5 percent penalty is waived under the following exceptions:

*a.* At least 90 percent of the tax due has been paid by the due date.

*b.* The taxpayer presents proof that the taxpayer relied upon applicable, documented, written advice specifically made to the taxpayer, to the taxpayer's preparer, or to an association representative of the taxpayer from the department, state department of transportation, county treasurer, or federal Internal Revenue Service, whichever is appropriate, that the reliance was the direct cause for the failure to pay and the advice has not been superseded by a court decision, ruling by a quasi-judicial body, or the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule or law.

*c.* Reliance upon results in a previous audit was a direct cause for the failure to pay the tax due where the previous audit expressly and clearly addressed the issue and the previous audit results have not been superseded by a court decision or the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule or law.

*d.* The taxpayer presents documented proof of substantial authority to rely upon a particular position or upon proof that all facts and circumstances are disclosed on a return. Mathematical, computation, or transposition errors are not considered as facts and circumstances disclosed on a return. These types of errors will not be considered as penalty exceptions.

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**701—10.8(421) Tax return extension in disaster areas.** If a natural disaster is declared by the governor in any area of the state, the director may extend for a period of up to one year the due date for the filing of any tax return and may suspend any associated penalty or interest that would accrue during that period of time for any affected taxpayer whose principal residence or business is located in the covered area, if the director determines it necessary for the efficient administration of the tax laws of this state. The director will notify the public of any possible extensions of tax filings as well as possible suspensions of penalty and interest. Notification will be made through different means available to the director including but not limited to press releases, media information, and the department's website. Persons eligible for extension shall complete any application or form if required by the department and satisfy any requirements or conditions for the extension.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.17(30).

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**701—10.9(421) Failure to file penalty.** A penalty may be assessed for failure to file a return if a taxpayer is subject to a return filing requirement. This penalty may be assessed on any person required to file a return for any tax type administered by the department. This penalty shall be assessed 90 days after the department has issued a demand letter if a return has not been filed. This penalty will be equal to \$1,000 for each failure to file. This penalty is in addition to any other penalty provided by law.

**10.9(1) Demand letter.**

*a.* The department may send a demand letter to a taxpayer at any time after the taxpayer has failed to file a return, as defined in Iowa Code section 421.6, by the due date. Once this letter has been issued, the taxpayer has 90 days from the date on the letter to file all returns referenced in the letter or show proof that all returns referenced in the letter have already been filed before a penalty will be assessed.

b. The letter shall contain the following title and heading:

FAILURE TO FILE DEMAND LETTER

The Iowa Department of Revenue has determined you have not filed one or more required returns. Under Iowa Code section 421.27(8), failure to file your return(s) as described in this letter within 90 days of the date of this letter will result in a \$1,000 penalty for each return that is not filed. Penalties under Iowa Code section 421.27(8) are in addition to other penalties under Iowa law.

c. The letter shall also contain the following:

- (1) Date of demand letter.
- (2) Tax period(s) involved.
- (3) Return(s) to be filed.
- (4) Date by which the return(s) must be filed to avoid incurring a penalty under Iowa Code section 421.27(8).
- (5) Total penalty under Iowa Code section 421.27(8) that will be assessed if the return(s) are not filed within 90 days.

**10.9(2) Waiver of penalty.**

a. *Documentation.* Unless otherwise indicated, written documentation from the taxpayer is required to support the waiver of this penalty.

b. *Good reason.* This penalty can be waived if the taxpayer proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the taxpayer did not file a return within 90 days of the date of the demand letter due to a “good reason” as defined in this rule. “Good reason” can only be shown by proving one of the following circumstances:

(1) Destruction of records by fire, flood, or act of God when the destruction interferes with the filing of a return within 90 days of the date of demand letter. “Act of God” means the same as defined in subrule 10.7(1).

(2) The onset of serious, long-term illness or hospitalization of the taxpayer, a member of the taxpayer’s immediate family, or the person directly responsible for filing the return when such illness or hospitalization interferes with the filing of a return within 90 days of the date of the demand letter.

(3) The return is filed but erroneously mailed with adequate postage to the Internal Revenue Service, another state agency, or a local government agency and the taxpayer provides proof of timely mailing with adequate postage. The taxpayer must provide competent evidence of the mailing as stated in Iowa Code section 622.105.

(4) A timely appeal of a department action, other than the demand letter, contesting the filing requirement of the return(s) stated in the demand letter was filed before the date stated in the letter pursuant to subparagraph 10.9(1) “c”(4).

(5) Other good reason within the discretion of the department, if the taxpayer has mutually agreed, in writing, with the department to file the required return(s) within a reasonable period of time beyond the date stated in the letter pursuant to subparagraph 10.9(1) “c”(4).

c. *Subsequent issuance.* The department may issue a new demand letter for the same filing obligation if the taxpayer continues to fail to file after the waiver is granted.

EXAMPLE 1: X fails to file a return. The department sends X a failure to file demand letter pursuant to subrule 10.9(1). X fails to file the return within 90 days of the date of the demand letter. X is assessed a \$1,000 penalty. X is still required to file the return.

EXAMPLE 2: Y fails to file a return. The department sends Y a failure to file demand letter under subrule 10.9(1). Y fails to file the return within 90 days of the date of the demand letter. Y is assessed a \$1,000 penalty. Y demonstrates to the department that Y was in the hospital and that the hospitalization interfered with Y’s filing of the return within 90 days of the demand letter. The department waives the \$1,000 penalty. Y is still required to file the return.

EXAMPLE 3: Same facts as Example 2. After receiving the good reason waiver, Y does not file the return. The department issues a new failure to file demand letter under subrule 10.9(1) for the same return that the department sought to be filed in Example 2. Y fails to file the return within 90 days of the date of the second demand letter. Y is assessed a \$1,000 penalty. Y is no longer hospitalized and has no other good reason pursuant to paragraph 10.9(2) “b.” The \$1,000 penalty is not waived. A good reason

waiver for the first demand letter does not permanently relieve Y from filing the return. Granting the waiver for a good reason for the first demand letter does not prevent the department from issuing a new demand letter for the same filing obligation.

**10.9(3) Rescission.** The department may rescind the demand letter in writing any time before the penalty is assessed under Iowa Code section 421.27(8) if the taxpayer demonstrates to the department's satisfaction that the taxpayer has no Iowa return filing requirement or that the filing requirement has been met. The taxpayer shall have the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that no filing obligation exists. The department may also rescind the demand letter if the taxpayer proves a good reason exists as described in paragraph 10.9(2) "b" that prevents the taxpayer from filing the return and the taxpayer has mutually agreed, in writing, with the department to file the required return within a reasonable period of time. The department may issue a new demand letter for the same filing obligation if the taxpayer continues to fail to file after the reasonable period of time mutually agreed to by the taxpayer and the department due to proof of a good reason has expired or if, after the department previously determined the taxpayer had no filing requirement, the department obtains additional information that shows the taxpayer does have a filing requirement.

EXAMPLE 4: Z fails to file a return and receives a demand letter. Z presents proof to the department that Z has no filing requirement. In response to this information, the department rescinds the demand letter. Z does not need to file the return within 90 days, and the department does not impose a \$1,000 penalty on Z.

EXAMPLE 5: Same facts as Example 4. After the department rescinds the demand letter, the department receives new information showing Z is required to file a return. The department can send Z a new demand letter for the same return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.27 as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 608, section 2.

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**701—10.10 to 10.19** Reserved.

#### RETAIL SALES

[Prior to 1/23/91, see 701—12.10(422,423) and 12.11(422, 423)]

**701—10.20 to 10.29** Reserved.

#### USE

[Prior to 1/23/91, see 701—30.10(423)]

**701—10.30 to 10.39** Reserved.

#### INDIVIDUAL INCOME

[Prior to 1/23/91, see 44.1(422), 44.3(422), 44.7(422) and 44.8(422)]

**701—10.40 to 10.49** Reserved.

#### WITHHOLDING

[Prior to 1/23/91, see 701—46.5(422)]

**701—10.50 to 10.55** Reserved.

#### CORPORATE

[Prior to 1/23/91, see subrule 701—52.5(3) and rule 701—52.10(422)]

**701—10.56 to 10.65** Reserved.

#### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

[Prior to 1/23/91, see 701—58.6(422)]

**701—10.66 to 10.70** Reserved.

MOTOR FUEL

[Prior to 1/23/91, see 701—63.8(324) and 63.10(324)]

**701—10.71(452A) Penalty and enforcement provisions.**

**10.71(1) *Illegal use of dyed fuel.***

*a.* The illegal use of dyed fuel in the supply tank of a motor vehicle shall result in a civil penalty assessed against the owner or operator of the motor vehicle as follows:

- (1) A \$500 penalty for the first violation.
- (2) A \$1,000 penalty for a second violation within three years of the first violation.
- (3) A \$2,000 penalty for third and subsequent violations within three years of the first violation.

*b.* For the purposes of this subrule, if multiple vehicles are discovered to be in violation of this subrule during one inspection, each vehicle is considered a separate first violation. For example, if three vehicles are discovered to be in violation during one inspection, the result is three \$500 penalties or \$1,500. On the other hand, if three vehicles owned by the same taxpayer are discovered to be in violation during three separate inspections, the first inspection would result in a \$500 penalty, the second inspection would result in a \$1,000 penalty, and the third inspection would result in a \$2,000 penalty. If one vehicle is discovered to be in violation during the first inspection, resulting in a \$500 penalty, but two vehicles are discovered to be in violation in a second inspection, the result of the second inspection would be two \$1,000 penalties, or \$2,000 total.

**10.71(2) *Illegal importation of untaxed fuel.*** A person who illegally imports motor fuel or undyed special fuel without a valid importer's license or supplier's license shall be assessed a civil penalty as stated below. However, the owner or operator of the importing vehicle shall not be guilty of violating the illegal import provision if it is shown by the owner or operator that the owner or operator reasonably did not know or reasonably should not have known of the illegal importation.

*a.* For a first violation, the importing vehicle shall be detained and a penalty of \$4,000 shall be paid before the vehicle will be released. The owner or operator of the importing vehicle or the owner of the fuel may be held liable for payment of the penalty.

*b.* For a second violation, the importing vehicle shall be detained and a penalty of \$10,000 shall be paid before the vehicle will be released. The owner or operator of the importing vehicle or the owner of the fuel may be held liable to pay the penalty.

*c.* For third and subsequent violations, the importing vehicle and the fuel shall be seized and a penalty of \$20,000 shall be paid before the vehicle will be released. The owner or operator of the importing vehicle or the owner of the fuel may be held liable to pay the penalty.

*d.* If the owner or operator of the importing vehicle or the owner of the fuel fails to pay the tax and penalty for a first or second offense, the importing vehicle and the fuel may be seized. The Iowa department of revenue, the Iowa department of transportation, or any peace officer, at the request of either department, may seize the vehicle and the fuel.

*e.* If the operator or owner of the importing vehicle or the owner of the fuel moves the vehicle or the fuel after the vehicle has been detained and a sticker has been placed on the vehicle stating that "this vehicle cannot be moved until the tax, penalty, and interest have been paid to the department of revenue," an additional penalty of \$10,000 shall be assessed against the operator or owner of the importing vehicle or the owner of the fuel.

**10.71(3) *Improper receipt of fuel credit or refund.*** If a person files an incorrect refund claim, in addition to the amount of the excess claim, a penalty of 10 percent shall be added to the amount by which the amount claimed and refunded exceeds the amount actually due and shall be paid to the department. If a person knowingly files a fraudulent refund claim with the intent to evade the tax, the penalty shall be 75 percent in lieu of the 10 percent. The person shall also pay interest on the excess refunded at the rate per month specified in Iowa Code section 421.7, counting each fraction of a month as an entire month, computed from the date the refund was issued to the date the excess refund is repaid to the state.

**10.71(4) *Illegal heating of fuel.*** The deliberate heating of taxable motor fuel or special fuel by dealers prior to consumer sale is a simple misdemeanor.

**10.71(5) *Prevention of inspection.*** The Iowa department of revenue or the Iowa department of transportation may conduct inspections for coloration, markers, and shipping papers at any place where taxable fuel is or may be loaded into transport vehicles, produced, or stored. Any attempts by a person to prevent, stop, or delay an inspection of fuel or shipping papers by authorized personnel shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$2,000 per occurrence. Any law enforcement officer requested by the Iowa department of revenue or Iowa department of transportation may physically inspect, examine, or otherwise search any tank, fuel supply tank of a vehicle, reservoir, or other container that can or may be used for the production, storage, or transportation of any type of fuel.

**10.71(6) *Failure to conspicuously label a fuel pump.*** A retailer who does not conspicuously label a pump or other delivery facility as required by the Internal Revenue Service, that dispenses dyed diesel fuel so as to notify customers that it contains dyed fuel, shall pay to the department of revenue a penalty of \$100 per occurrence.

**10.71(7) *False or fraudulent return.*** Any person, including an officer of a corporation or a manager of a limited liability company, who is required to make, render, sign, or verify any report or return required by this chapter and who makes a false or fraudulent report, or who fails to file a report or return with the intent to evade the tax, shall be guilty of a fraudulent practice. Any person who aids, abets, or assists another person in making any false or fraudulent return or false statement in any return with the intent to evade payment of tax shall be guilty of a fraudulent practice.

**10.71(8) *Violation of a distributor's and dealer's right to blend conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending, gasoline, or diesel fuel and biofuel.*** A refiner, supplier, terminal operator, or terminal owner, as defined in Iowa Code section 452A.2, who violates a distributor's or dealer's right to blend conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending, gasoline, or diesel fuel and biofuel, as described in Iowa Code section 452A.6A, is subject to a civil penalty.

*a.* Suspected violations should be reported to the motor fuel examination section of the department. Supporting documentation should be provided.

*b.* The department will investigate to determine whether a violation has occurred.

*c.* If the department determines that a violation has occurred, a civil penalty of \$10,000 per violation will be assessed against the violator. Each day that a violation continues is a separate violation.

For more information on the blending rights of distributors and dealers, see 701—260.19(452A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.2, 452A.6A and 452A.74A.

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**701—10.72(452A) Interest.** Interest, based on the tax due, shall be assessed against the taxpayer for each month such tax remains unpaid. The interest shall accrue from the date the return was required to be filed. Each fraction of a month shall be considered a full month for the computation of interest. See rule 701—10.2(421) for the statutory interest rate commencing on or after January 1, 1982.

Refunds on reports or returns filed on or after July 1, 1997, will accrue interest beginning on the first day of the second calendar month following the date of payment or the date the return was filed or due to be filed, whichever is later, at the rate in effect under Iowa Code section 421.7, counting each fraction of a month as an entire month. Claims for refund filed under Iowa Code sections 452A.17 and 452A.21 will accrue interest beginning with the first day of the second calendar month following the date the refund claim is received by the department. See rule 701—10.3(422,450,452A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.65.

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**701—10.73 to 10.75** Reserved.

CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO

[Prior to 1/23/91, see 701—81.8(98), 81.9(98), and 81.15(98)]

**701—10.76(453A) Penalties.**

**10.76(1) Cigarettes.** The following is a list of offenses which subject the violator to a penalty:

- a. The failure of a permit holder to maintain proper records;
- b. The sale of taxable cigarettes without a permit;
- c. The filing of a late, false or incomplete report with the intent to evade tax by a cigarette distributor, distributing agent or wholesaler;
- d. Acting as a distributing agent without a valid permit; and
- e. A violation of any provision of Iowa Code chapter 453A or these rules.

Penalties for these offenses are as follows:

- (1) A \$200 penalty for the first violation.
- (2) A \$500 penalty for a second violation within three years of the first violation.
- (3) A \$1,000 penalty for a third or subsequent violation within three years of the first violation.

Penalties for possession of unstamped cigarettes are as follows:

(4) A \$200 penalty for the first violation if a person is in possession of more than 40 but not more than 400 unstamped cigarettes.

(5) A \$500 penalty for the first violation if a person is in possession of more than 400 but not more than 2,000 unstamped cigarettes.

(6) A \$1,000 penalty for the first violation if a person is in possession of more than 2,000 unstamped cigarettes for violations occurring prior to July 1, 2004. A \$25 per pack penalty for the first violation if a person is in possession of more than 2,000 unstamped cigarettes for violations occurring on or after July 1, 2004.

(7) For a second violation within three years of the first violation, the penalty is \$400 if a person is in possession of more than 40 but not more than 400 unstamped cigarettes; \$1,000 if a person is in possession of more than 400 but not more than 2,000 unstamped cigarettes; and \$2,000 if a person is in possession of more than 2,000 unstamped cigarettes for violations occurring prior to July 1, 2004. A \$35 per pack penalty applies if a person is in possession of more than 2,000 unstamped cigarettes for violations occurring on or after July 1, 2004.

(8) For a third or subsequent violation within three years of the first violation, the penalty is \$600 if a person is in possession of more than 40 but not more than 400 unstamped cigarettes; \$1,500 if a person is in possession of more than 400 but not more than 2,000 unstamped cigarettes; and \$3,000 if a person is in possession of more than 2,000 unstamped cigarettes for violations occurring prior to July 1, 2004. A \$45 per pack penalty applies if a person is in possession of more than 2,000 unstamped cigarettes for violations occurring on or after July 1, 2004.

See rule 701—10.6(421) for penalties related to failure to timely file a return, failure to timely pay the tax due, audit deficiency, and willful failure to file a return with the intent to evade the tax. If, upon audit, it is determined that any person has failed to pay at least 90 percent of the tax imposed by Iowa Code chapter 453A, division I, which failure was not the result of a violation enumerated above, a penalty of 5 percent of the tax deficiency shall be imposed. This penalty is not subject to waiver for reasonable cause.

See rule 701—10.7(421) for statutory exceptions to penalty.

**10.76(2) Tobacco.**

See rule 701—10.6(421) for penalties related to failure to timely file a return, failure to timely pay the tax due, audit deficiency, and willful failure to file a return with the intent to evade the tax.

See rule 701—10.7(421) for statutory exceptions to penalty.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.28, 453A.31 and 453A.46.

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**701—10.77(453A) Interest.**

**10.77(1) Cigarettes.** There shall be assessed interest at the rate established by rule 701—10.2(421) from the due date of the tax to the date of payment counting each fraction of a month as an entire month. For the purpose of computing the due date of any unpaid tax, a FIFO inventory method shall be used for cigarettes and stamps. See rule 701—10.6(421) for examples of penalty and interest.



**10.77(2) Tobacco.** The interest rate on delinquent tobacco tax is the rate established by rule 701—10.2(421) counting each fraction of a month as an entire month. If an assessment for taxes due is not allocated to any given month, the interest shall accrue from the date of assessment. See rule 701—10.6(421) for examples of penalty and interest.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.28 and 453A.46.

**701—10.78** Reserved.

**701—10.79(453A) Request for statutory exception to penalty.** Any taxpayer who believes there is a good reason to object to any penalty imposed by the department for failure to timely file returns or pay the tax may submit a request for exception seeking that the penalty be waived. The request must be in the form of a letter or affidavit and must contain all facts alleged by the taxpayer and a reason for why the taxpayer qualifies for the exceptions. See rule 701—10.7(421).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.31 and 453A.46.  
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**701—10.80 to 10.84** Reserved.

#### INHERITANCE

[Prior to 1/23/91, see 701—subrules 86.2(14) to 86.2(20)]

**701—10.85 to 10.89** Reserved.

#### IOWA ESTATE

[Prior to 1/23/91, see 701—subrules 87.3(9) to 87.3(12)]

**701—10.90 to 10.95** Reserved.

#### GENERATION SKIPPING

[Prior to 1/23/91, see 701—subrules 88.3(14) and 88.3(15)]

**701—10.96 to 10.100** Reserved.

#### FIDUCIARY INCOME

[Prior to 1/23/91, see 701—89.6(422) and 89.7(422)]

**701—10.101 to 10.109** Reserved.

#### HOTEL AND MOTEL

[Prior to 1/23/91, see 701—104.8(422A) and 104.9(422A)]

**701—10.110 to 10.114** Reserved.

#### ALL TAXES

**701—10.115(421) Application of payments to penalty, interest, and then tax due for payments made on or after January 1, 1995, unless otherwise designated by the taxpayer.** The department will not reapply prior payments made by the taxpayer to penalty or interest determined to be due after the date of those prior payments. However, the department will apply payments to penalty and interest which were due at the time the payment was made.

#### Example (a) — Delinquent Return

- a. Tax due is \$1,000.
- b. Return filed two months late.
- c. \$1,000 paid with the return.

d. The department bills the additional tax in the third month after the due date. The taxpayer pays the assessment in the third month.

The computation of additional tax is shown below:

Tax	\$1,000.00	
Penalty	100.00	(10% failure to file penalty)
Interest	14.00	(2 months interest)
Total	<u>\$1,114.00</u>	
Less payment	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Additional tax due	\$ 114.00	
Interest	.80	(1 month interest)
Total due	<u>\$ 114.80</u>	

Two years after the due date, the Internal Revenue Service conducts an audit and increases the taxpayer's taxable income. The department redetermines the taxpayer's liability 26 months after the due date as follows:

Tax as redetermined by the department	\$1,100.00	
Less paid with return	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Additional tax	\$ 100.00	
Penalty	10.00	(10% failure to file penalty)
Interest	18.20	(26 months interest)
Total due	<u>\$ 128.20</u>	

Example (b) — Timely Filed No Remit

a. Tax due is \$1,000.

b. Return timely filed.

c. \$0 paid.

The calculation for the total amount due five months after the due date is shown below:

Tax	\$1,000.00	
Penalty	50.00	(5% failure to pay penalty)
Interest	<u>35.00</u>	(5 months interest)
Total due	\$1,085.00	

The department bills the additional tax in the fifth month after the due date and the taxpayer pays the additional amount in the eighth month after the due date. The payment is applied as follows:

Tax	\$1,000.00	
Penalty	50.00	(5% failure to pay penalty)
Interest	<u>56.00</u>	(8 months interest)
Total due	\$1,106.00	
Amount paid	\$1,085.00	

Balance tax due \$21.00 subject to interest until paid.

The balance due was not paid.

Three years after the due date the taxpayer forwards a copy of an Internal Revenue Service audit which increases the taxpayer's income to the department. The department recomputes the taxpayer's liability as follows:

Tax as redetermined by the department	\$1,200.00	
Less paid per prior audit	979.00	
Balance due	\$ 221.00	(includes the balance due of \$21)
Penalty	10.00	(5% failure to pay penalty on \$200, the \$21.00 already bears penalty)
Interest	54.52	(36 months interest on \$200 and 28 months interest on \$21)
Total due	\$ 285.52	

**10.115(1) Refunds.** In those instances where an audit reduced the amount of tax, penalty, and interest due over the amount paid, the department will reapply payments so that amount refunded is tax on which interest will accrue as set forth in the Iowa Code.

**10.115(2) Partial payments made after notices of assessments are issued.** Where partial payments are made after a notice of assessment is issued, the department will reapply payments to penalty, interest, and then to tax due until the entire assessed amount is paid. See *Ashland Oil Inc. v. Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance*, 452 N.W.2d 162 (Iowa 1990). If penalty, interest, and tax are due and owing for more than one tax period, any payment must be applied first to the penalty, then the interest, then the tax for the oldest tax period, then to the penalty, interest, and tax to the next oldest tax period, and so on until the payment is exhausted.

Where there are both agreed- and unagreed-to items as a result of an examination, the taxpayer and the department may agree to apply payments to the penalty, interest, and then to tax due on the agreed-to items of the examination when all of the penalty, interest, and tax on the agreed-to items are paid. In these instances, subsequent payments will not be applied to penalty and interest accrued on the agreed-to items of the examination.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.25(4).  
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#### JEOPARDY ASSESSMENTS

**701—10.116(422,453B) Jeopardy assessments.** A jeopardy assessment may be made where a return has been filed and the director believes for any reason that assessment or collection of the tax will be jeopardized by delay, or where a taxpayer fails to file a return, whether or not formally called upon to file a return. In addition, all assessments made pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 453B are jeopardy assessments. The department is authorized to estimate the applicable tax base and the tax upon the basis of available information, add penalty and interest, and demand immediate payment.

A jeopardy assessment is due and payable when the notice of the assessment is served upon the taxpayer. Proceedings to enforce the payment of the assessment by seizure or sale of any property of the taxpayer may be instituted immediately.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.30 and 453B.9.

**701—10.117(422,453B) Procedure for posting bond.** In the event a taxpayer seeks to post a bond in lieu of summary collection of a jeopardy assessment, pending final determination of the amount of tax legally due, an original and four copies of a separate written bond application conspicuously titled “Jeopardy Assessment Bond Request” must be filed with the clerk of the hearings section for the department. Thereafter, if the taxpayer and the department agree on an appropriate bond, the clerk of the hearings section for the department shall be notified and the bond shall be approved by the clerk of the hearings section for the department.

If the clerk of the hearings section for the department has not been notified that an agreement on the bond has been reached within ten days after the date upon which the bond request was filed, the clerk of the hearings section for the department shall transfer the file to the director who shall promptly schedule

a hearing on the bond request with written notice to be given the taxpayer and the department at least ten days prior to the hearing.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1202, and sections 422.30 and 453B.9.

**701—10.118(422,453B) Time limits.** Bond requests may be made anytime after a timely protest to the jeopardy assessment has been filed with the clerk of the hearings section for the department, except that any bond request whereby the taxpayer seeks to postpone a scheduled sale of assets seized by or on behalf of the department must be filed with the clerk of the hearings section for the department no later than ten days from the date on which notice of the sale was mailed to, or otherwise served upon, the taxpayer. Portions of an assessment which are undisputed must be paid in full at the time a bond request is filed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1202, and sections 422.30 and 453B.9.

**701—10.119(422,453B) Amount of bond.** In the event no agreement on the bond is reached, bonds must be posted in an amount to be determined by the director consistent with the following:

**10.119(1)** If property has been seized or a lien has been filed and the taxpayer seeks only to postpone the sale of property, pending final determination of the amount of tax legally due, the bond shall be in an amount equal to the expected depreciation loss, storage cost, insurance costs and any and all other costs associated with the distraint and storage of the property pending such final determination.

**10.119(2)** If property has been seized or a lien has been filed and the taxpayer seeks to prevent the sale of property and to have the property returned for the taxpayer's own use, pending final determination of the amount of tax legally due, the bond shall be in an amount equal to the sale price the department can reasonably expect to realize on any property seized plus all costs related to the distraint and storage of the property.

**10.119(3)** If a taxpayer seeks to prevent the department from seizing property or placing a lien upon property, pending final determination of the amount of tax legally due, the bond shall be in an amount equal to the total amount of the department's assessment including interest to the date of the bond.

Bonds may not be required in excess of double the amount of the department's jeopardy assessment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1202, and sections 422.30 and 453B.9.

**701—10.120(422,453B) Posting of bond.** If the taxpayer fails to post the bond as agreed upon within 15 days from the date the bond is approved by the clerk of the hearings section for the department, no bond will be allowed and the director shall dismiss the bond request. If no agreement was reached and a bond order is issued by the director, the taxpayer has ten days to post the bond. If the bond is not posted within the ten-day period, the director shall dismiss the bond request.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1202, and sections 422.30 and 453B.9.

**701—10.121(422,453B) Order.** The director's order shall be in writing and shall include findings of fact based solely on the evidence in the record and on matters officially noticed in the record and shall include conclusions of law. The findings of fact and conclusions of law shall be separately stated. Findings of fact shall be prefaced by a concise and explicit statement of underlying facts supporting the findings. Each conclusion of law shall be supported by cited authority or by a reasoned opinion.

Orders will be issued within a reasonable time after termination of the hearing. Parties shall be promptly notified of each order by delivery to them of a copy of the order by personal service or by ordinary mail.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1202, and sections 422.30 and 453B.9.

**701—10.122(422,453B) Director’s order.** The director’s order constitutes the final order of the department for purposes of judicial review. Parties shall be promptly notified of the director’s order by delivery to them of a copy of the order by personal service or by ordinary mail.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1202, and sections 422.30 and 453B.9.

**701—10.123(422,453B) Type of bond.** The bond shall be payable to the department for the use of the state of Iowa and shall be conditioned upon the full payment of the tax, penalty, interest, or fees that are found to be due which remain unpaid upon the resolution of the contested case proceedings up to the amount of the bond. Upon application of the taxpayer or the department, the director may, upon hearing, fix a greater or lesser amount to reflect changed circumstances, but only after ten days’ prior notice is given to the department or the taxpayer as the case may be.

A personal bond, without a surety, is only permitted if the taxpayer posts with the clerk of the hearings section for the department, cash, a cashier’s check, a certificate of deposit, or other marketable securities which are approved by the director with a readily ascertainable value which is equal in value to the total amount of the bond required. If a surety bond is posted, the surety on the bond may be either personal or corporate. The provisions of Iowa Code chapter 636 relating to personal and corporate sureties shall govern to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this subrule.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1202, and sections 422.30 and 453B.9.

**701—10.124(422,453B) Form of surety bond.** The surety bond posted shall be in substantially the following form:

BEFORE THE IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
HOOVER STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
DES MOINES, IOWA

<u>IN THE MATTER OF</u>	*	
	*	
(Taxpayer’s Name, Address and	*	<u>SURETY BOND</u>
designate proceeding, e.g.,	*	
income, sales, etc.)	*	DOCKET NO.
	*	

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we \_\_\_\_\_ (taxpayer) as principal, and \_\_\_\_\_ (surety), as surety, of the county of \_\_\_\_\_, and State of Iowa, are held and firmly bound unto the Iowa Department of Revenue for the use of the State of Iowa, in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum we jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, devisees, successors and assigns firmly by these presents. The condition of the foregoing obligations are, that, whereas the above-named principal has protested an assessment of tax, penalty, interest, or fees or any combination of them, made by the Iowa Department of Revenue, now if the principal \_\_\_\_\_ shall promptly pay the amount of the assessed tax, penalty, interest or fees found to be due upon the resolution of the contested case proceedings, then this bond shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Surety  
\_\_\_\_\_

Surety  
(corporate acknowledgment if surety is a corporation)

AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SURETY

STATE OF IOWA )  
COUNTY OF ) ss

I hereby swear or affirm that I am a resident of Iowa and am worth beyond my debts the amount set opposite my signature below in the column entitled, "Worth Beyond Debts," and that I have property in the State of Iowa, liable to execution equal to the amount set opposite my signature in the column entitled "Property in Iowa Liable to Execution."

Signature	Worth Beyond Debts	Property in Iowa Liable to Execution
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Surety (type name)		
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Surety (type name)		

Subscribed and sworn to before me the undersigned Notary Public this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

(Seal)

Notary Public in and  
for the State of Iowa

**701—10.125(422,453B) Duration of the bond.** The bond shall remain in full force and effect until the conditions of the bond have been fulfilled or until the bond is otherwise exonerated as provided by law.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.30 and 453B.9.

**701—10.126(422,453B) Exoneration of the bond.** Upon conclusion of the contested case administrative proceedings, the bond shall be exonerated by the director when any of the following events occur: upon full payment of the tax, penalty, interest, costs or fees found to be due; upon filing a bond for the purposes of judicial review which bond is sufficient to secure the unpaid tax penalty, interest, costs and fees; or if no additional tax, penalty, interest, costs or fees are found to be due that have not been previously paid, upon entry of a final unappealable order which resolves the underlying protest.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1202, and sections 422.30 and 453B.9.

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CHAPTER 11  
ADMINISTRATION

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

**701—11.1(422,423) Definitions.** When the word “department” appears in this chapter it means the “Iowa Department of Revenue”; the word “director” means the “director of revenue”; the word “tax” means the “tax upon retail sales or use of tangible personal property or taxable services.”

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.3 and 422.68(1).

**701—11.2(422,423) Statute of limitations.** On and after July 1, 1987, the period for the department’s examination and determination of the correct amount of tax is unlimited in the following circumstances:

1. When a return has been filed, if the return was false or fraudulent and made with the intent to evade tax, or

2. If there has been a failure to file a return.

**11.2(1) Varying periods of limitation.** In all circumstances other than those described in the introductory paragraph of this rule, the department has the following limited amounts of time to examine a return, determine sales or use tax due, and give notice of assessment to the taxpayer:

a. For returns filed for quarterly periods beginning before January 1, 2000, five years.

b. For returns filed for quarterly periods beginning on or after January 1, 2000, and before January 1, 2001, four years.

c. For returns filed for quarterly periods beginning on or after January 1, 2001, three years.

For agreements entered into on and after July 1, 1992, the applicable period of limitation can be extended by the taxpayer’s signing a waiver on a form provided by the department.

**11.2(2) One-year statute of limitations.** Whenever books and records are examined by an employee designated by the director of the department of revenue, whether to verify a return or claim for refund or in making an audit, then an assessment must be issued within one year from the date of the completion of the examination. If not, the period for which the books and records were examined becomes closed and no assessment can be made. In no case is the one-year period of limitation an extension of or in addition to the periods of limitation described in subrule 11.2(1) above. *The Maytag Company v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, Equity No. 76-130-26112, Jasper County District Court, March 1, 1966.

EXAMPLE: An employee of the department examines the books and records of the taxpayer for the period of taxpayer’s returns filed on April 30, 1973, to April 30, 1977. The examination is completed on February 3, 1978. The notice of assessment must be given on or before April 30, 1978, in order to include the earliest tax return period above. If the notice of assessment is given on February 2, 1979, it is within the one-year period, but it would not be timely for purposes of the periods April 30, 1973, to December 31, 1973, although the subsequent periods beginning January 1, 1974, to April 30, 1977, could be included.

EXAMPLE: An employee of the department examines a taxpayer’s books and records located in Davenport for the returns filed on April 30, 1974, to April 30, 1977. The examination is completed on February 2, 1978. However, the taxpayer’s books and records for the same period located in Des Moines have not been examined. The one-year limitation period with reference to the Davenport books and records commences on February 2, 1978. However, the one-year period concerning the Des Moines books and records has not commenced.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsections 422.54(1), 422.54(2), and 422.70(1) as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 156.

**701—11.3(422,423) Credentials and receipts.** Employees of the department have official credentials, and the taxpayer should require proof of the identity of persons claiming to represent the department. No charges shall be made nor gratuities of any kind accepted by an employee of the department for assistance given in or out of the office of the department.

All employees authorized to collect money are supplied with official receipt forms. When cash is paid to an employee, the taxpayer should require the employee to issue an official receipt. Such receipt

shall show the taxpayer's name, address and permit number; the purpose for the payment; and the amount of the payment. The taxpayer should retain all receipts, and only official receipts for payment will be recognized by the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.68(1), 422.71 and 423.23.

**701—11.4(422,423) Retailers required to keep records.**

**11.4(1) *Records required.*** The records required in this rule must be made available for examination upon request by the director or the director's authorized representative. The records must include the normal books of account ordinarily maintained by a person engaged in the activity in question and include all bills, receipts, invoices, cash register tapes, or other documents of original entry supporting the entries in the books of account as well as all schedules or working papers used in connection with the preparation of tax returns. In addition to the above, the following more specific records requirements apply:

- a. A daily record of the amount of all cash and time payments and credit sales.
- b. A record of the amount of all merchandise purchased and of all services performed for a retailer, including all bills of lading, invoices and copies of purchase orders.
- c. A record of all deductions and exemptions taken in filing a sales or use tax return.
- d. A true and complete inventory of the value of the stock on hand taken at least once a year. This includes an inventory of merchandise accepted as partial payment of the sales price on new merchandise.
- e. An accurate record of all services performed, including materials purchased for use in performing these services.
- f. Exemption certificates which are evidence of exempt sales must be executed or be in effect at or near (within 30 days of sale) the time of the sale. See 701—subrule 15.3(2).

**11.4(2) *Microfilm and related record systems.*** Microfilm, microfiche, COM (computer on machine), and other related reduction in storage systems will be referred to as "microfilm" in this rule.

Microfilm reproductions of general books of account, such as a cash book, journals, voucher registers, ledgers, etc., are not acceptable other than those maintained as specified by the Internal Revenue Service under Revenue Procedure 81-46, Section 5. Microfilm reproductions of supporting records of detail, i.e., sales invoices, purchase invoices, credit memoranda, etc., may be allowed providing all the following conditions are met and accepted by the taxpayer.

- a. Appropriate facilities are provided to ensure the preservation and readability of the films for periods required.
- b. Microfilm rolls are indexed, cross-referenced, labeled to show beginning and ending numbers or beginning and ending alphabetical listing of documents included, and are systematically filed.
- c. The taxpayer agrees to provide transcripts of any information contained on microfilm which may be required for purposes of verification of tax liability.
- d. Proper facilities are provided for the ready inspection and location of the particular records, including modern projectors for viewing and for the copying of records.
- e. Any audit of "detail" on microfilm may be subject to sample audit procedures, to be determined at the discretion of the director or a designated representative.
- f. A posting reference must be on each invoice.
- g. Credit memoranda must carry a reference to the document evidencing the original transaction.
- h. Documents necessary to support claimed exemptions from tax liability, such as bills of lading and purchase orders, must be maintained in an order by which they readily can be related to the transaction for which exemption is sought.

**11.4(3) *Automatic data processing records.*** Automatic data processing is defined in this rule as including electronic data processing (EDP) and will be referred to as ADP.

a. An ADP tax accounting system must have built into its program a method of producing visible and legible records which will provide the necessary information for verification of the taxpayer's tax liability.

b. ADP records must provide an opportunity to trace any transaction back to the original source or forwarded to a final total. If detail printouts are not made of transactions at the time they are processed, then the system must have the ability to reconstruct these transactions.

c. A general ledger with source references will be produced as hard copy to coincide with financial reports of tax reporting periods. In cases where subsidiary ledgers are used to support the general ledger accounts, the subsidiary ledgers should also be produced periodically.

d. Supporting documents and audit trail. The audit trail should be designed so that the details underlying the summary accounting data may be identified and made available to the director or a designated representative upon request. The system should be so designed that the supporting documents, i.e., sales invoices, purchase invoices, credit memoranda, etc., are readily available. (An audit trail is defined as the condition of having sufficient documentary evidence to trace an item from source (invoice, check, etc.) to a financial statement or tax return; or the reverse; that is, to have an auditable system.)

e. Program documentation. A description of the ADP portion of the accounting program should be available. The statements and illustrations as to the scope of operations should be sufficiently detailed to indicate:

- (1) The application being performed.
- (2) The procedure employed in each application (which, for example, might be supported by flow charts, block diagrams or other satisfactory description of the input or output procedures).
- (3) The controls used to ensure accurate and reliable processing. Program and system changes, together with their effective dates, should be noted in order to preserve an accurate chronological record.

**11.4(4) *Electronic data interchange or EDI technology.*** The purpose of this subrule is to adopt the “Model Recordkeeping and Retention Regulation” report as promulgated by the Federation of Tax Administrators’ Steering Committee Task Force on EDI Audit and Legal Issues for Tax Administration (March 1996). This subrule defines the requirements imposed on taxpayers for the maintenance and retention of books, records, and other sources of information under Iowa Code sections 422.50, 422A.1, and 423.21. It is also the purpose of this subrule to address these requirements where all or part of the taxpayer’s records are received, created, maintained, or generated through various computer, electronic, and imaging processes and systems. A taxpayer must maintain all records that are necessary for determination of the correct tax liability as set forth in this subrule and the other subrules within rule 701—11.4(422,423). All required records must be made available on request by the department or its authorized representatives as provided in Iowa Code sections 422.50 and 423.21. If a taxpayer retains records required to be retained under this subrule in both machine-sensible and hard-copy formats, the taxpayer must make the records available to the department in machine-sensible format upon request of the department. Nothing in this subrule will be construed to prohibit a taxpayer from demonstrating tax compliance with traditional hard-copy documents or reproductions thereof, in whole or in part, whether or not the taxpayer also has retained or has the capability to retain records on electronic or other storage media in accordance with this subrule. However, as previously stated, this will not relieve a taxpayer of the obligation to comply with making records available to the department.

a. Definitions. The following definitions are applicable to this subrule:

“*Database management system*” means a software system that controls, relates, retrieves, and provides accessibility to data stored in a database.

“*Electronic data interchange*” or “*EDI technology*” means the computer-to-computer exchange of business transactions in a standardized, structured electronic format.

“*Hard copy*” means any documents, records, reports, or other data printed on paper.

“*Machine-sensible record*” means a collection of related information in an electronic format. Machine-sensible records do not include hard-copy records that are created or recorded on paper or stored in or by an imaging system such as microfilm, microfiche, or storage-only imaging systems.

“*Storage-only imaging system*” means a system of computer hardware and software that provides for the storage, retention, and retrieval of documents originally created on paper. It does not include any system, or part of a system, that manipulates or processes any information or data contained on the document in any manner other than to reproduce the document in hard copy or as an optical image.

“*Taxpayer*” as used in this subrule means any person, business, corporation, fiduciary, or other entity that is required to file a return with the department of revenue.

*b.* Record-keeping requirements—machine-sensible records. A taxpayer that maintains and retains books, records, and other sources of information in the form of machine-sensible records must comply with the following:

(1) General requirements. A taxpayer must comply with the following general requirements regarding the retention of machine-sensible records:

1. Machine-sensible records used to establish tax compliance must contain sufficient transaction-level detail information so that the details underlying the machine-sensible records can be identified and made available to the department upon request. A taxpayer has discretion to discard duplicated records and redundant information provided its responsibilities under this regulation are met.

2. At the time of an examination, the retained records must be capable of being retrieved and converted to a standard record format. The term “standard record format” does not mean that every taxpayer must keep records in an identical manner. Instead, it requires that if a taxpayer utilizes a code system to identify elements of information in each record when creating and maintaining records, the taxpayer is required to maintain a record of the meaning of each code and any code changes so the department may effectively review the taxpayer’s records.

3. Taxpayers are not required to construct machine-sensible records other than those created in the ordinary course of business. A taxpayer that does not create the electronic equivalent of a traditional paper document in the ordinary course of business is not required to construct a traditional paper document for tax purposes.

(2) Electronic data interchange requirements. A taxpayer must comply with the following requirements for records received through electronic data interchange:

1. Where a taxpayer uses an electronic data interchange process and technology, the level of record detail, in combination with other records related to the transactions, must be equivalent to that contained in an acceptable paper record. For example, for sales tax purposes the retained records should contain the following minimal information: vendor name, invoice date, product description, quantity purchased, price, amount of tax, indication of tax status, and shipping details. Codes may be used to identify some or all of the data elements, provided that the taxpayer provides a method which allows the department to interpret the coded information.

2. The taxpayer may capture the information necessary to satisfy the requirements set forth in the preceding paragraph at any level within the accounting system and need not retain the original EDI transaction records provided that the audit trail, authenticity, and integrity of the retained records can be established. For example, a taxpayer using electronic data interchange technology receives electronic invoices from its suppliers. The taxpayer decides to retain the invoice data from completed and verified EDI transactions in its accounts payable system rather than to retain the EDI transactions themselves. Since neither the EDI transaction nor the accounts payable system captures information from the invoice pertaining to product description and vendor name (i.e., they contain only codes for that information), the taxpayer also retains the other records such as its vendor master file and product code description lists and makes them available to the department. In this example, the taxpayer need not retain its original EDI transaction for tax purposes.

(3) Electronic data processing systems requirements. The requirements for an electronic data processing accounting system should be similar to that of a manual accounting system, in that an adequately designed accounting system should incorporate methods and records that will satisfy the requirements of this regulation. In addition, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 421.9, 422.15, 422.36, 422.50, 422.59, 422A.1, and 423.21, the department must have access to the taxpayer’s EDI processing, accounting, or other systems for the purposes of verifying or evaluating the integrity and reliability of those systems to provide accurate and complete records.

(4) Business process information. To verify the accuracy of the records being retained, the taxpayer must comply with the following:

1. Upon the request of the department, the taxpayer shall provide a description of the business process that created the retained records. The description must include the relationship between the records and the tax documents prepared by the taxpayer and the measures employed to ensure the integrity of the records.

2. The taxpayer must be capable of demonstrating the following:

- The functions being performed as they relate to the flow of data through the system;
- The internal controls used to ensure accurate and reliable processing; and
- The internal controls used to prevent unauthorized addition to, alteration of, or deletion of retained records.

3. The following specific documentation is required for machine-sensible records retained pursuant to this regulation:

- Record formats or layouts;
- Field definitions (including a record of any changes in the system or codes with the meaning of all codes used to represent information);
- File descriptions (e.g., data set name); and
- Detailed charts of accounts and account descriptions.

c. Record maintenance requirements. The department recommends, but does not require, that taxpayers refer to the National Archives and Record Administration's (NARA) standards for guidance on the maintenance and storage of electronic records such as the labeling of records, the location and security of the storage environment, the creation of backup copies, and the use of periodic testing to confirm the continued integrity of the records. (The NARA standards may be found at 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1234, July 1, 1995, Edition.) The taxpayer's computer hardware or software must accommodate the extraction and conversion of retained machine-sensible records.

d. Access to machine-sensible records. If a taxpayer retains records required to be retained under this regulation in both machine-sensible and hard-copy formats, the taxpayer must make the records available to the department in machine-sensible format upon the request of the department.

(1) The manner in which the department is provided access to machine-sensible records may be satisfied through a variety of means that must take into account a taxpayer's facts and circumstances through consultation with the taxpayer.

(2) Access will be provided in one or more of the following manners:

1. The taxpayer may arrange to provide the department with the hardware, software, and personnel resources to access the machine-sensible records.

2. The taxpayer may arrange for a third party to provide the hardware, software, and personnel resources necessary to access the machine-sensible records.

3. The taxpayer may convert the machine-sensible records to a standard record format specified by the department, including copies of files, on magnetic medium that is agreed to by the department.

4. The taxpayer and the department may agree on other means of providing access to the machine-sensible records.

e. Taxpayer's responsibility and discretionary authority. In conjunction with meeting the requirements of paragraph "b" of this subrule, a taxpayer may create files solely for the use of the department. For example, if a database management system is used, it is consistent with this subrule for the taxpayer to create and retain a file that contains the transaction-level detail from the database management system and that meets the requirements of paragraph "b" of this subrule. The taxpayer should document the process that created the separate file to show the relationship between that file and the original records. A taxpayer may contract with a third party to provide custodial or management services of the records. Such a contract will not relieve the taxpayer of its responsibilities under this rule.

f. Alternative storage media. For purposes of storage and retention, taxpayers may convert hard-copy documents received or produced in the normal course of business and required to be retained under this rule to microfilm, microfiche, or other storage-only imaging systems and may discard the original hard-copy documents, provided the rules governing alternative storage media are met. For details regarding alternative storage, see subrule 11.4(2), "Microfilm and related record systems."

g. Effect on hard-copy record-keeping requirements. Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of this subrule do not relieve taxpayers of the responsibility to retain hard-copy records that are created or received in the ordinary course of business as required by existing law and rules. Hard-copy records may be retained on alternative storage media as indicated in paragraph "f" above and subrule 11.4(2).

If hard-copy records are not produced or received in the ordinary course of transacting business (e.g., when the taxpayer uses electronic data interchange technology), hard-copy records need not be created.

Hard-copy records generated at the time of transaction using a credit or debit card must be retained unless all the details necessary to determine correct tax liability relating to the transaction are subsequently received and retained by the taxpayer in accordance with this regulation. Such details include those listed in 11.4(4)“b”(2)“1.”

Computer printouts that are created for validation, control, or other temporary purposes need not be retained.

Nothing in this rule will prevent the department from requesting hard-copy printouts in lieu of retained machine-sensible records at the time of examination.

**11.4(5) Preservation of records.** The records required in this rule shall be preserved for a period of five years and open for examination by the department during this period of time.

The department shall be able to examine the records of a taxpayer for a period of years as is necessary to adequately determine if tax is due in the case of a false or fraudulent return made with the intent to evade tax or in the case of a failure to file a return.

If a tax liability has been assessed and an appeal is pending to the department, district court or an appellate court, books, papers, records, memoranda or documents specified in this rule which relate to the period covered by the assessment shall be preserved until the final disposition of the appeal.

If the requirements of this rule are not met, the records will be considered inadequate and the department will compute the tax liability as authorized in Iowa Code section 423.37.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.37, 423.41, and 423.45.  
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**701—11.5(422,423) Audit of records.** The department shall have the right and duty to examine or cause to be examined the books, papers, records, memoranda or documents of a taxpayer for the purpose of verifying the correctness of a return filed or estimating the tax liability of any taxpayer. The right to examine records includes the right to examine copies of the taxpayer’s state and federal income tax returns. When a taxpayer fails or refuses to produce the records for examination when requested by the department, the director shall have authority to require, by a subpoena, the attendance of the taxpayer and any other witness(es) whom the department deems necessary or expedient to examine and compel the taxpayer and witness(es) to produce books, papers, records, memoranda or documents relating in any manner to sales and use tax.

The department shall have the legal obligation to inform the taxpayer when an examination of the taxpayer’s books, papers, records, memoranda, or documents has been completed and the amount of tax liability, if any, due upon completion of the audit. Tax liability includes the amount of tax, interest, penalty and fees which may be due.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.50, 422.70, 423.21, and 423.23.

**701—11.6(422,423) Billings.**

**11.6(1) Notice of adjustments.**

*a.* An agent, auditor, clerk, or employee of the department, designated by the director to examine returns and make audits, who discovers discrepancies in returns or learns that gross receipts, gross purchases, or services subject to sales and use tax may not have been listed, in whole or in part, or that no return was filed when one was due, is authorized to notify the person of this discovery by ordinary mail. This notice is not an assessment. It informs the person what amount would be due if the information discovered is correct.

*b.* Right of person upon receipt of notice of adjustment. A person who has received notice of an adjustment in connection with a return may pay the additional amount stated to be due. If payment is made, and the person wishes to contest the matter, they should then file a claim for refund. However, payment will not be required until an assessment has been made (although interest will continue to accrue if payment is not made). If no payment is made, the person may discuss with the agent, auditor, clerk, or employee who notified them of the discrepancy, either in person or through correspondence, all matters

of fact and law which may be relevant to the situation. This person may also ask for a conference with the Audit and Compliance Division, Des Moines, Iowa. Documents and records supporting the person's position may be required.

c. Power of agent, auditor or employee to compromise tax claim. No employee of the department has the power to compromise any tax claims. The power of the agent, auditor, clerk or employee who notified the person of the discrepancy is limited to the determination of the correct amount of tax.

**11.6(2) Notice of assessment.** If, after following the procedure outlined in subrule 11.6(1), paragraph "b," no agreement is reached and the person does not pay the amount determined to be correct, a notice of the amount of tax due shall be sent to the person responsible for paying the tax. This notice of assessment shall bear the signature of the director and will be sent by mail.

If the notice of assessment is timely protested according to the provisions of rule 701—7.8(17A), proceedings to collect the tax will not be commenced until the protest is ultimately determined, unless the department has reason to believe that a delay caused by the appeal proceedings will result in an irrevocable loss of tax ultimately found to be due and owing the state of Iowa. The department will consider a protest to be timely if filed no later than 60 days following the date of the assessment notice or, if the taxpayer fails to timely appeal a notice of assessment, the taxpayer may make payment pursuant to rule 701—7.8(17A) and file a refund claim within the period provided by law for filing such claims.

**11.6(3) Supplemental assessments and refund adjustments.** The department may, at any time within the period prescribed for assessment or refund adjustment, make a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment whenever it is ascertained that any assessment or refund adjustment is imperfect or incomplete in any respect.

If an assessment or refund adjustment is appealed (protested under rule 701—7.8(17A)) and is resolved whether by informal proceedings or by adjudication, the department and the taxpayer are precluded from making a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment concerning the same issue involved in the appeal for the same tax period unless there is a showing of mathematical or clerical error or a showing of fraud or misrepresentation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.54(1), 422.54(2), 422.57(1), 422.57(2), 422.70, 423.21 and 423.23.

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**701—11.7(422,423) Collections.** If the director determines it expedient or advisable, the director may enforce the collection of the tax liability which has been determined to be due. In the action, the attorney general shall appear for the department and have the assistance of the county attorney in the county in which the action is pending.

The remedies for the enforcement and collection of sales and use tax are cumulative, and action taken by the department or attorney general shall not be construed to be an election on the part of the state or any of its officers to pursue any remedy to the exclusion of any other remedy.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.26, 422.56, and 423.17.

**701—11.8(422,423) No property exempt from distress and sale.** By reference, Iowa Code section 422.56 makes section 422.26 a part of the sales and use tax law and provides that said section shall apply in respect to a sales and use tax liability determined to be due by the department. The department shall proceed to collect the tax liability after the same has become delinquent; but no property of the taxpayer shall be exempt from the payment of said tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.26, 422.56, and 423.17.

**701—11.9(422,423) Information confidential.** When requested to do so by any person having a legitimate interest in such information, the department shall, after being presented with sufficient proof of the entire situation, disclose to the person the amount of unpaid taxes due by a taxpayer. The person shall provide the department with sufficient proof consisting of all relevant facts and the reason or reasons for seeking information as to the amount of unpaid taxes due by the taxpayer. The information sought shall not be disclosed if the department determines that the person requesting information does

not have a legitimate interest. Examples of those who might seek information on a taxpayer are persons from whom a taxpayer is seeking credit, or with whom the taxpayer is negotiating the sale of any personal property.

Upon request, the department may disclose to any person whether or not a taxpayer has a sales tax permit because the law requires the taxpayer's permit to be conspicuously posted at all times in the taxpayer's place of business, thus becoming public information.

All other information obtained by employees of the department in the performance of their official duties is confidential and cannot be disclosed. See rule 701—6.3(17A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.56, 422.72, and 423.23.

**701—11.10(423) Bonding procedure.** The director may, when necessary and advisable in order to secure the collection of the tax, require any person subject to the tax to file with the department a bond in an amount as the director may fix, or in lieu of the bond, securities approved by the director in an amount as the director may prescribe. Pursuant to the statutory authorization in Iowa Code section 423.35, the director has determined that the following procedures will be instituted with regard to bonds:

**11.10(1) When required.**

*a. Classes of business.* When the director determines, based on departmental records, other state or federal agency statistics or current economic conditions, that certain segments of the business community are experiencing above average financial failures such that the collection of the tax might be jeopardized, a bond or security may be required from every retailer operating a business within this class unless it is shown to the director's satisfaction that a particular retailer within a designated class is solvent and that the retailer previously timely remitted the tax. If the director selects certain classes of business for posting a bond or security, rule making will be initiated to reflect a listing of the classes in the rules.

*b. New applications for sales tax permits.* Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph "a" above, an applicant for a new sales tax permit may be required to post a bond or security if (1) it is determined upon a complete investigation of the applicant's financial status that the applicant would be unable to timely remit the tax, or (2) the new applicant held a permit for a prior business and the remittance record of the tax under the prior permit falls within one of the conditions in paragraph "c" below, or (3) the department experienced collection problems while the applicant was engaged in business under the prior permit, or (4) the applicant is substantially similar to a person who would have been required to post a bond under the guidelines as set forth in paragraph "c" or the person had a previous sales tax permit which has been revoked. The applicant is "substantially similar" to the extent that said applicant is owned or controlled by persons who owned or controlled the previous permit holder. For example, X, a corporation, had a previous sales tax permit revoked. X is dissolved and its shareholders create a new corporation, Y, which applies for a sales tax permit. The persons or stockholders who controlled X now control Y. Therefore, Y will be requested to post a bond or security.

*c. Existing permit holders.* Existing permit holders may be required to post a bond or security under the following circumstances:

(1) When they have had one or more delinquencies in remitting the sales tax or filing timely returns during the last 24 months if filing returns on an annual basis.

(2) When they have had two or more delinquencies in remitting the sales tax or filing timely returns during the last 24 months if filing returns on a quarterly basis.

(3) When they have had four or more delinquencies in remitting the sales tax or filing timely deposits or returns during the last 24 months if filing returns on a monthly basis.

(4) When they have had eight or more delinquencies during the last 24 months if filing returns on a semimonthly basis.

The simultaneous late filing of the return and the late payment of the tax will count as one delinquency. See rule 701—13.7(422). However, the late filing of the return or the late payment of the tax will not count as a delinquency if the permit holder can satisfy one of the conditions set forth in Iowa Code section 421.27.

*d. Return of bond.* If a permit holder has been required to post a bond or security or if an applicant for a permit has been required to post a bond or security, upon the filing of the bond or security if the



permit holder maintains a good filing record for a period of two years, the permit holder may request that the department return the bond or security. The department may elect to return the bond without a request from the permit holder.

*e. Applying bond.* The department may apply a bond to any existing tax liability of the permit holder at its discretion.

**11.10(2) Type of security or bond.** When it is determined that a permit holder or applicant for a sales tax permit is required to post collateral to secure the collection of the sales tax, the following types of collateral will be considered as sufficient: cash, surety bonds, securities or certificates of deposit. “Cash” means guaranteed funds including, but not limited to, the following: (1) cashier’s check, (2) money order or (3) certified check. If cash is posted as a bond, the bond will not be considered filed until the final payment is made, if paid in installments. A certificate of deposit must have a maturity date of 24 months from the date of assignment to the department. An acknowledgement of assignment from the bank must accompany the original certificate of deposit filed with the department. When a permit holder elects to post cash rather than a certificate of deposit as a bond, conversion to certificate of deposit will not be allowed. When the permit holder is a corporation, an officer of the corporation may assume personal liability as security for the payment of the sales tax. The officer will be evaluated as provided in subrule 11.10(1) as if the officer applied for a sales tax permit as an individual.

**11.10(3) Amount of bond or security.** When it is determined that a permit holder or applicant for a sales tax permit is required to post a bond or securities, the following guidelines will be used to determine the amount of the bond, unless the facts warrant a greater amount: If the permit holder or applicant will be or is a semimonthly depositor, a bond or securities in an amount sufficient to cover three months’ sales tax liability will be required. If the permit holder or applicant will be or is a monthly depositor, a bond or securities in an amount sufficient to cover five months’ sales tax liability will be required. If the applicant or permit holder will be or is a quarterly filer, the bond or securities which will be required is an amount sufficient to cover nine months or three quarters of tax liability. If the applicant or permit holder will be or is an annual filer, the bond or securities which will be required would be in the amount of one year’s tax liability. The department does not accept bonds for less than \$100. If the bond amount is calculated to be less than \$100, a \$100 bond is required.

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## CHAPTER 19

## SETTLEMENTS—COMPROMISES AND ABATEMENTS OF TAX, PENALTY, OR INTEREST

**701—19.1(421) Settlements.** Pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.5, in addition to the authority granted to the department pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and notwithstanding Iowa Code section 7D.9, the department may, in its sole discretion, settle any taxes, penalties, or interest. A settlement may be a compromise or full abatement of any amount in dispute.

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**701—19.2(421) Amounts qualifying for settlement.** To be eligible for settlement under Iowa Code section 421.5, the amount must be of doubtful liability or doubtful collectability or must cause severe economic hardship, or the settlement of the amount must promote effective tax administration. The decision whether to accept a settlement amount will be based on a taxpayer's facts and circumstances; verifiable documentation is required for all grounds.

**19.2(1) Doubtful collectability.** Doubt as to collectability may exist in any case where the taxpayer's assets and discretionary income may not satisfy the full amount of the liability after satisfying senior priority liabilities. An offer to settle based on doubt as to collectability may be considered acceptable if it is unlikely that the tax, penalty, and interest can be collected in full and the offer reasonably reflects the amount the department could collect through other means, including administrative and judicial collection remedies. This amount is the reasonable collection potential of a case. In determining the reasonable collection potential of a case, the department will take into account the taxpayer's verifiable reasonable basic living expenses. In some cases, the department may accept an offer of less than the reasonable collection potential of a case if there are special circumstances.

**19.2(2) Severe economic hardship.** The department may settle where it determines that, although collection in full could be achieved, collection of the full amount would cause the taxpayer severe economic hardship. Severe economic hardship is defined as the inability to pay reasonable basic living expenses. An offer to settle based on economic hardship may be considered acceptable when, even though the tax, penalty, and interest could be collected in full, the amount offered reflects the amount the department can collect without causing the taxpayer severe economic hardship.

**19.2(3) Doubtful liability.** A doubtful liability may exist where there is a significant doubt as to the existence or amount of the correct tax liability under the law. A doubtful liability does not exist where the liability has been established by a final court judgment or administrative ruling or final order of the department concerning the existence or amount of the liability. An offer to settle a doubtful liability may be considered acceptable if it reasonably reflects the likelihood the department could expect to collect through litigation. This analysis may include consideration of the hazards and costs of litigation that would be involved if the liability were litigated. The evaluation of the hazards and costs of litigation is not an exact science and is within the discretion of the department.

**19.2(4) Promote effective tax administration.** The department may settle to promote effective tax administration where compelling public policy or equity considerations identified by the taxpayer provide a sufficient basis for settling the liability that is equitable under the particular facts and circumstances of the case. Settlements pursuant to this subrule may be justified only where, due to exceptional circumstances, collection of the full liability may undermine public confidence that the tax laws are being administered in a fair and equitable manner. The taxpayer will be expected to demonstrate circumstances that justify settlement even though a similarly situated taxpayer may have paid the liability in full. The department may settle cases where doing so will promote voluntary compliance with the law. The department may decline a settlement for reasons promoting effective tax administration if the settlement of the liability would undermine compliance by taxpayers with the tax laws.

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**701—19.3(421) Settlement procedures and limitations, generally.**

**19.3(1) Whether to seek a settlement.** When determining whether to seek a settlement, a taxpayer should first consider whether a settlement is necessary. Nothing in this chapter is intended to preclude a

taxpayer who misses the time provided by law to appeal a notice of assessment from paying the amount due, filing a refund claim, and contesting any denial of that refund claim as described in Iowa Code section 421.60(2) “h.” If a taxpayer has not received a billing but has information that would adjust the liability down, the appropriate remedy is to file an amended return within the statute of limitations. If a taxpayer has received an estimated assessment and is within three years of when the assessment was issued, the taxpayer should file a return. If a taxpayer has received an assessment and is within the time period to file an appeal, it is proper to file an appeal rather than a settlement request. If a taxpayer does not dispute the liability, but is unable to pay the liability due to financial hardship, the taxpayer should submit an offer in compromise application.

**19.3(2) *Which type of settlement to seek.*** Different types of settlements require different forms and procedures. Procedures for abatement, offer in compromise, and voluntary disclosure agreements are described in specific rules below. For matters currently under appeal pursuant to 701—Chapter 7, settlement requests must be submitted to the appeals section of the legal services and appeals division in accordance with 701—subrule 7.11(5). For matters currently under audit, settlement requests must be submitted to the department employee assigned to the audit.

**19.3(3) *Who may authorize a department settlement.*** Only the director, the deputy director, or the division administrator of the legal services and appeals division may approve and sign settlements under this chapter unless otherwise specified in rule or designated by the director.

**19.3(4) *Discretionary nature of settlements.*** There is no right to appeal an abatement denial, offer in compromise denial, or other settlement decision by the department under 701—Chapter 7. As described in Iowa Code section 421.5, a taxpayer shall not have the right to a settlement of any tax, penalty, or interest liability under this chapter or Iowa Code section 421.5. Any determination shall be discretionary and shall be final and conclusive except in the case of fraud or mutual mistake of material fact or as otherwise stated in a written settlement agreement between the taxpayer and the department.

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#### **701—19.4(421) Applications for abatement.**

**19.4(1) *When to file.*** Abatement is intended to be a possible remedy for taxpayers who have received a billing or refund denial letter and have information that could lead to a reduction in the liability, but failed to file a timely appeal. Grounds for abatement include doubt as to liability and promoting effective tax administration.

**19.4(2) *How to file an application.*** To apply, a taxpayer must submit an application for abatement in the department’s prescribed paper or electronic format. The application can be submitted through GovConnectIowa or by using the form available on the department’s website and following the submission instructions on the form.

**19.4(3) *Required information.*** A request for abatement must be submitted on the department’s form. The form must be fully completed and properly signed.

**19.4(4) *Review of requests.***

*a.* After the application has been submitted, it will be reviewed by department staff.

*b.* Additional information may be requested to assist the department in its review.

*c.* A letter will be issued to the applicant notifying the applicant of the decision to grant, deny or partially grant the abatement request. The department’s decision on an abatement application will only be contained in a formal determination letter.

*d.* Applicants whose applications are granted in part will receive an agreement describing the terms of the partially granted abatement request and must sign and return that agreement to the department in order to receive the partially granted abatement.

*e.* Decisions to accept an abatement request in full or in part for doubt as to liability may be approved by the bureau chief of the compliance section of the tax management division or another staff member designated by the director.

*f.* Decisions to accept an abatement request to promote effective tax administration may only be approved by the director, the deputy director, or the division administrator of the legal services and appeals division.

**19.4(5) Limitations.** The department will accept applications for abatement during the appeal period but will not review such applications until the appeal period has passed. The department will generally not refund amounts already paid in response to an application for abatement. Some exceptions may include the following circumstances:

*a.* The application is received within three years after the return related to the application for abatement was due or within one year after the payment related to the application for abatement was made, whichever is later.

*b.* The application is received within one year of the final determination date of any final federal adjustment arising from an internal revenue service audit or other similar action by the internal review service with respect to the particular tax year at issue in the application.

*c.* Payments were received in violation of Title 11 of the United States Code.

*d.* Exceptional circumstances demonstrate that a refund would promote effective tax administration as described in subrule 19.2(4).

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#### **701—19.5(421) Offers in compromise.**

**19.5(1) When to file.** An offer in compromise packet should be used to apply for relief based on doubtful collectability or severe economic hardship.

**19.5(2) How to submit a packet.** To apply, a taxpayer must submit an offer in compromise packet in the department's prescribed paper or electronic format. An offer in compromise packet can be submitted through GovConnectIowa or by using the form available on the department's website and following the submission instructions on the form.

**19.5(3) Required information.** An offer in compromise must be submitted using the department's offer in compromise packet.

**19.5(4) Review of requests.**

*a.* After the packet has been submitted, it will be reviewed by department staff.

*b.* Additional information may be requested to assist the department in its review.

*c.* A letter will be issued to the applicant notifying the applicant of the decision to grant, deny or partially grant the offer in compromise request. The department's decision on an offer in compromise request will only be contained in a formal determination letter.

*d.* Applicants whose applications are granted in part will receive an agreement describing the terms of the partially granted offer in compromise request and must sign and return that agreement to the department in order to receive the partially granted offer in compromise.

*e.* Decisions to enter into an offer in compromise must be approved by the bureau chief of the central collections unit, the director, the deputy director, the division administrator of the legal services and appeals division, or another staff member designated by the director.

**19.5(5) Limitations.** The department will not review offer in compromise applications until a liability is at least one year old. Premature applications will be denied. Denial on this basis does not prevent the taxpayer from reapplying at a later date.

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#### **701—19.6(421) Voluntary disclosure agreements.**

**19.6(1) When to file.** Any person who is subject to Iowa tax or tax collection responsibilities may be eligible for the voluntary disclosure program. Being subject to Iowa tax may occur when a person has Iowa source income, business activities, or representatives or other presence in Iowa. Certain activities by such persons may create Iowa tax return filing requirements for Iowa source income. In addition, activities may also result in tax liabilities that are past due and owing.

**19.6(2) Purpose of the voluntary disclosure program.** The purpose of the voluntary disclosure program is to promote effective tax administration through voluntary compliance by encouraging

unregistered business entities and persons to voluntarily contact the department regarding unreported Iowa source income or other Iowa taxes described in subrule 19.6(4).

**19.6(3) *Anonymity.*** A person or the person's representative may initially contact the department on an anonymous basis. Anonymity of the taxpayer can be maintained until the voluntary disclosure agreement is executed by the taxpayer and the department. The voluntary disclosure program may be used by the department and the taxpayer to report previous periods of Iowa source income and to settle outstanding tax, penalty and interest liabilities, but it must also ensure future tax compliance by the taxpayer.

**19.6(4) *Type of taxes eligible.*** Only taxes, penalties, and interest related to the following tax types are eligible for settlement under the voluntary disclosure program: corporate income tax, franchise tax, fiduciary income tax, withholding income tax, individual income tax, composite return tax, local option school district income surtax, state sales tax, state use tax, fuel taxes, cigarette and tobacco taxes, local option tax, state and local hotel and motel taxes, automobile rental excise tax, equipment excise tax, water service excise tax, and the prepaid wireless 911 surcharge.

**19.6(5) *Eligibility of the taxpayer.*** The department has discretion to determine who is eligible for participation in the voluntary disclosure program. In making the determination, the department may consider the following factors:

- a. The person must be subject to Iowa tax on Iowa source income or have Iowa tax collection responsibilities;
- b. The person must have tax due;
- c. The person must not currently be under audit or examination by the department or under criminal investigation by the department;
- d. The person must not have had any prior contact with the department or a representative of the department that could lead to audit or assessment associated with the tax types or tax periods sought to be addressed under the program;
- e. The type and extent of activities resulting in Iowa source income;
- f. Failure to report the Iowa source income or pay any liability was not due to fraud, intentional misrepresentation, an intent to evade tax, or willful disregard of Iowa tax laws; and
- g. Any other factors which are relevant to the particular situation.

**19.6(6) *How to file an application.***

a. *Required format.* To apply, a taxpayer must submit an application in the department's prescribed paper or electronic format. A voluntary disclosure application can be submitted through GovConnectIowa or by using the form available on the department's website and following the submission instructions on the form.

b. *Required information.* A voluntary disclosure application must be submitted using the department's form.

c. *Review of the application.*

- (1) After the application is submitted, it will be reviewed by department staff.
- (2) Additional information may be requested to assist the department in its review.
- (3) The department will notify an applicant in writing regarding whether the applicant's application for participation in the program is accepted or rejected.

**19.6(7) *Terms of the voluntary disclosure agreement.***

a. *Discretion.* The department has the discretion to settle any outstanding Iowa tax, penalty, and interest liabilities of the eligible applicant. Settlement terms are on a case-by-case basis. Items considered by the department in determining the settlement terms include: the type of tax, the tax periods at issue, the reason for noncompliance, whether the tax is deemed to be held in trust for the state of Iowa, the types of activities resulting in the tax, the frequency of the activities that resulted in the tax, and any other matters which are relevant to the particular situation.

b. *Maximum scope of audit.* If a taxpayer initiates the contact with the department and is eligible for the voluntary disclosure program and complies with the agreement terms, the maximum prior years for which the department will generally audit and pursue settlement and collection will be five years, absent an intent to defraud, the making of material misrepresentations of fact, or an intent to evade tax.



*c. Future filing requirements.* All voluntary disclosure agreements must require that the applicant file future Iowa tax returns, unless the activity by the applicant resulting in the Iowa source income has changed or there has been a change in the law, rules, or court cases that dictate a different result.

*d. Audit and assessment rights.* The department reserves the right to audit all returns and other documents submitted by the applicant or a third party to verify the facts and whether the terms of the voluntary disclosure agreement have been met. The department may audit information submitted by the applicant at any time within the allowed statutory limitation period. The department may also assess any tax, penalty, and interest found to be due in addition to the amount of original tax reported. The statute of limitations for assessment and statute of limitations for refunds begin to run as provided by law.

**19.6(8) Commencement of the voluntary disclosure agreement.** The voluntary agreement commences on the date the voluntary disclosure agreement is fully executed by all parties or another date specified by the agreement. Execution of the agreement is complete when the agreement is executed by the taxpayer or taxpayers and the bureau chief of the compliance section of the tax management division or another staff member designated by the director. Prior to the execution of the voluntary disclosure agreement by the taxpayer and the department, the taxpayer is not protected from the department's regular audit process if the identity of the taxpayer, as an applicant, is unknown to the department. However, if the department has knowledge of the taxpayer's identity, as an applicant, the department will not take audit action against the taxpayer during the voluntary disclosure process. If a voluntary disclosure agreement is not reached, the department may assess tax, penalty, and interest as provided by law at the time the identity of the applicant becomes known to the department.

**19.6(9) Voiding a voluntary disclosure agreement.**

*a. Authority.* The department has the authority to declare a voluntary disclosure agreement null and void subsequent to the execution of the agreement. The department may void the contractual agreement if the department determines that a misrepresentation of a material fact was made by the person or a third party representing the person to the department. The department may also void a voluntary disclosure agreement if the department determines any of the following has occurred:

- (1) The person does not submit information requested by the department within the time period specified by the department, including any extensions granted by the department;
- (2) The person fails to file future Iowa returns as agreed to in the voluntary disclosure agreement;
- (3) The person does not pay the agreed settlement liability within the time period designated by the department, including any extensions of time that may be granted by the department;
- (4) The person does not remit all taxes imposed upon or collected by the person for all subsequent tax periods and all tax types that are subject to the voluntary disclosure agreement;
- (5) The person fails to prospectively comply with Iowa tax law. Whether the person has failed to prospectively comply with Iowa tax law is determined by the department on a case-by-case basis;
- (6) The person, based on a determination by the department, materially understates the person's tax liability; or
- (7) The person has made a material breach of the terms of the voluntary disclosure agreement.

*b. Audit rights.* Voiding of the agreement results in nonenforceability of the agreement by the applicant and allows the department to proceed to assess tax, penalty, and interest for that person's Iowa tax and tax collection responsibilities for all periods within the statute of limitations. If the applicant is justifiably rejected for the voluntary disclosure program or the agreement between the person and the department is declared by the department to be null and void, the department reserves the right to audit all returns or other documents submitted by the applicant or a third party on behalf of the applicant and to make an assessment for all tax, penalty, and interest owed. If the voluntary disclosure agreement is voided or the application for the program is rejected and the department issues an assessment, the taxpayer may appeal the assessment pursuant to 701—Chapter 7. If the department does not issue an assessment, but does reject the application or voids the agreement, such action is not subject to appeal under 701—Chapter 7 but is considered to be "other agency action."

**19.6(10) Partnerships, partners, S corporations, shareholders in S corporations, trusts, and trust beneficiaries.** Once the department has initiated an audit or investigation of any type of partnership, partners of the partnership, S corporations, a shareholder in an S corporation, a trust, or trust beneficiaries,

the department is deemed to have initiated an audit or investigation of the entity and of all those who receive Iowa source income from or have an interest in such an entity for purposes of eligibility for participation in the voluntary disclosure program.

**19.6(11) *Transfer or assignment.*** The terms of the voluntary disclosure agreement are valid and enforceable by and against all parties, including their transferees and assignees.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.5 and 421.17.

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CHAPTER 20  
FILING AND EXTENSION OF TAX LIENS  
AND CHARGING OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE TAX ACCOUNTS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 9]

**701—20.1(422,423) Definitions.** As used in the rules contained herein the following definitions apply unless the context otherwise requires:

“*Assessment issued*” means the most recent assessment in point of time for tax due from the taxpayer for the tax type and tax period.

“*Charging off*” means deleting an unpaid tax account from records of the department but may not include filing a release of the lien with the office of the recorder in which filed.

“*Defunct corporation*” means a corporation that has dissolved or ceased to exist with no assets remaining.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of revenue.

“*Director*” means the director of the department or the director’s authorized representative.

“*Lien*” means the claim against personal or real property provided by Iowa Code section 422.26, other Code sections making reference to sections 422.26 and 424.11.

“*Recorder*” means the county recorder of any county in the state of Iowa.

“*Taxes*” means all taxes or charges administered by the department, which include but are not limited to individual income, fiduciary withholding, corporate income, franchise, sales, use, hotel/motel, railroad fuel, equipment car, motor vehicle fuel taxes and the environmental protection charge imposed upon petroleum diminution due and payable to the state of Iowa.

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**701—20.2(422,423) Lien attaches.** If tax is unpaid, a lien shall attach at the time the tax became due and payable.

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**701—20.3(422,423) Purpose of filing.** The notice of lien is filed with the county recorder to establish a priority interest in assets of the taxpayer for unpaid tax, penalty, and interest and to provide constructive notice of an unpaid tax liability as a matter of public record.

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**701—20.4(422,423) Place of filing.** A notice of lien may be filed in the office of the recorder in the county of the taxpayer’s last-known address, as well as with the recorder in any other county in the state of Iowa in which the taxpayer is known to own property.

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**701—20.5(422,423) Time of filing.** A notice of lien will be filed after failure of taxpayer to protest the notice of assessment or to pay the full amount of the assessment within the time periods provided by law. In case a return is not timely filed, or is received without a remittance, or an unhonored check is submitted, or in case a jeopardy assessment is made, a lien may be filed at the time the notice of assessment is issued. Notwithstanding a timely protest of the assessment by the taxpayer, a notice of tax lien may be filed if the director has reason to believe that collection of the taxes may be jeopardized by delay.

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**701—20.6(422,423) Period of lien.** A lien continues in effect for ten years from the date the last assessment in point of time is issued unless extended, released, or discharged as hereinafter provided. Liens attaching prior to January 1, 1969, expire on January 1, 1979, unless extended, released, or discharged as hereinafter provided.

**20.6(1)** A lien may be extended by the director for an additional ten years, from the expiration date of the original lien or prior extension, with no limit on the number of extensions, by filing a written notice of extension with the recorder of the county where the lien was filed. The extension notice shall

be made within ten years from the date the last assessment in point of time is issued or within ten years of a prior extension.

**20.6(2)** A lien will be released by the director when payment of the tax, penalty, interest and costs is made. The release shall be evidenced by a satisfaction of the tax liability filed by the director with the recorder and the proper entry of the satisfaction on the index of the notice of lien on file in the office of the recorder. The satisfaction of the tax, penalty, interest and costs will be filed immediately only if payment is made by cash, cashier's check, or similar guarantee of funds.

**20.6(3)** The director may charge off any account before the lien has lapsed if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

*a.* The taxpayer is deceased and there are no assets in the estate or there are no assets available for the payment of taxes under Iowa Code section 633.425.

*b.* The taxpayer is a defunct corporation.

*c.* The taxpayer is found not to have been properly notified by assessment notice of a tax due for a period outside the statute of limitations for assessment.

*d.* The taxpayer is retired because of age or total disability (see 701—104.12(425) for definition of total disability) with income such that it would cause the taxpayer undue financial hardship if the department enforced collection of past due taxes. The director may require an income statement, net worth statement or other evidence to determine when collection of tax would be a hardship on a taxpayer.

*e.* The taxpayer has unpaid tax amounting to less than \$50.

*f.* The taxpayer cannot be found, after diligent inquiry, and has no property upon which the lien can attach.

*g.* The taxpayer is insolvent with no property, real or personal, upon which the lien can attach.

A lien may be released by the director, as provided in subrule 20.6(2), when an account is charged off under “*c*,” “*d*,” “*e*,” “*f*,” or “*g*” above.

**20.6(4)** Liens filed without date of assessment. Notices of liens filed or extensions of liens filed, securing tax, penalty, interest, and fees remaining due and payable on January 1, 1990, and for periods thereafter without the date of the last assessment in point of time, expire ten years from the date the lien attaches, or at the expiration of the most recent ten-year extension, unless the notice of the lien or notice of the extension is refiled to include the date of the last assessment in point of time, in which case the date of the assessment controls the expiration date.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.26.

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**701—20.7(422,423) Fees.** Any fee charged by the recorder for recording a lien or a lien extension will be paid by the department, with the cost added to the unpaid liability of the taxpayer.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.26 and chapter 424.

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CHAPTER 21  
FEDERAL OFFSET FOR IOWA INCOME TAX OBLIGATIONS

[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 150]

**701—21.1(421,26USC6402) Purpose and general application of offset of a federal tax overpayment to collect an Iowa income tax obligation.** Effective for refunds of overpayments to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that are payable beginning January 1, 2000, the IRS may offset, in whole or in part, an amount of federal refund payable to an Iowa resident by the amount of any past due legally enforceable Iowa income tax obligation owed by such taxpayer. The purpose of this chapter is to establish a procedure to identify taxpayers that owe Iowa income tax liabilities and to establish a procedure for requesting the offset of the taxpayer's federal tax overpayment to collect a past due legally enforceable Iowa income tax obligation.

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**701—21.2(421,26USC6402) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to the federal offset program:

*“Assessment”* means the determination of a past due tax obligation and includes self-assessments. An assessment includes the Iowa income tax, interest, penalties, fees or other charges associated with the past due legally enforceable Iowa income tax obligation.

*“Department,” “state of Iowa,” “Iowa” or “the state”* means the Iowa department of revenue.

*“Director”* means the director of the Iowa department of revenue.

*“Overpayment”* means a federal tax refund due and owing to a person or persons.

*“Past due legally enforceable Iowa income tax obligation”* means a debt which resulted from a judgment rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction which has determined an amount of state income tax to be due or a determination after an administrative hearing which has determined an amount of state income tax to be due and which is no longer subject to judicial review. In addition, this term also includes a debt which resulted from a state income tax which has been assessed but not collected, for which the time for redetermination has expired, and which has not been delinquent for more than ten years.

*“Resident of Iowa”* means any person with a federal overpayment for the year in which Iowa seeks offset and such person has an Iowa address listed on that person's federal return for the tax period of overpayment.

*“Secretary”* means the Secretary of the Treasury for the federal government.

*“State income tax obligation” or “Iowa income tax obligation”* is intended to cover all Iowa income taxes. This term includes all local income taxes administered by the Iowa department of revenue or determined to be a “state income tax” under Iowa law. Such taxes may include, but are not limited to, individual income tax, income surtax, fiduciary income tax, withholding tax, or corporate income tax, and penalties, interest, fines, judgments, or court costs relating to such tax obligations.

*“Tax refund offset”* means withholding or reducing, in whole or in part, a federal tax refund payment by an amount necessary to satisfy a past due legally enforceable state income tax obligation owed by the payee (taxpayer) of the tax refund payment. This rule only involves the offset of tax refund payments under 26 U.S.C. 6402(e); it does not cover the offset of federal payments other than tax refund payments for the collection of past due legally enforceable state income tax obligations.

*“Tax refund payment”* means the amount to be refunded to a taxpayer by the federal government after the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has applied the taxpayer's overpayment to the taxpayer's past due tax liabilities in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 6402(a) and 26 CFR 301.6402-3(a)(6).

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**701—21.3(421,26USC6402) Prerequisites for requesting a federal offset.** The following are the requirements that the state of Iowa must meet before the state can request an offset of a federal overpayment against an Iowa income tax obligation:

**21.3(1) Pre-offset notice.** At least 60 days prior to requesting the offset of a taxpayer's federal overpayment for an Iowa income tax obligation, the state of Iowa must provide notice by certified mail,

return receipt requested, to the person owing the Iowa income tax liability. This notice must state the following information:

- a.* That the state proposes to request the offset of the person's federal overpayment against a specified Iowa income tax obligation and that such an obligation is past due and legally enforceable;
- b.* That the authority for this offset is Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reforms Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-206, 112 Stat. 685, 779 (1998), as implemented by this chapter;
- c.* That the person owing the obligation has 60 days from the date of the notice to present evidence to the department that all or part of the obligation at issue is not past due or not legally enforceable;
- d.* The mailing address for submitting such evidence;
- e.* That failure to timely submit the evidence waives the taxpayer's right to protest the amount, validity or qualification of the Iowa income tax obligation for offset at any time in the future; and
- f.* Where contact can be made with the department for additional information or questions.

**21.3(2)** The state must consider any evidence presented by the person owing the obligation and determine whether the amount or amounts are past due and legally enforceable.

**21.3(3)** The state must have made written demand on the taxpayer to obtain payment of the state income tax obligation for which the request for offset is being submitted.

**21.3(4)** Additional pre-offset notices. The department must provide a taxpayer with an additional pre-offset notice if the amount of the obligation to be subject to offset is increased due to a new assessment. However, a new pre-offset notice is not required to be sent to the taxpayer by the department if there is an increase in the amount to be offset due to accrued interest, penalties or other charges associated with an Iowa income tax obligation in which notice has previously been given.

**21.3(5)** Before offset of the federal refund can be requested by the state of Iowa, the person's Iowa income tax liability must be at least \$25, unless otherwise provided based on the discretion of the department and the Secretary. If an individual owes more than one Iowa income tax obligation, the minimum amount will be applied to the aggregate amounts of such obligations owed to Iowa.

**21.3(6)** Offset applies to residents of Iowa as defined under these rules.

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**701—21.4(421,26USC6402) Procedure after submission of evidence.** Upon timely receipt of evidence by the department from the taxpayer as set forth in 21.3(1)“c,” the department has 60 days to review the evidence and notify the taxpayer whether the evidence submitted is sufficient to terminate the intended offset. If the department determines that the evidence is sufficient, the procedure to initiate the federal offset shall be terminated for that obligation and the taxpayer's record of Iowa income tax obligation for that particular obligation shall be adjusted accordingly. However, if the department determines that the evidence is insufficient to show that the amount or amounts at issue are not, in whole or in part, a past due and legally enforceable income tax obligation, the department must notify the taxpayer within 60 days of receiving the evidence from the taxpayer.

The contest of an offset under these rules is subject to judicial review under Iowa Code section 17A.19 as “other agency action.”

In cases in which a taxpayer claims immunity from state taxation due to being an enrolled member of an Indian tribe who lives on that member's reservation and derives all of that member's income from that reservation, Iowa must consider such claims de novo on the merits, unless such claims have been previously adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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**701—21.5(421,26USC6402) Notice by Iowa to the Secretary to request federal offset.** Iowa must notify the Secretary of an Iowa income tax obligation in the manner prescribed by the Secretary.

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**701—21.6(421,26USC6402) Erroneous payments to Iowa.** If Iowa receives a notice from the Secretary that an erroneous payment has been made to Iowa under these rules, Iowa must promptly pay to the Secretary, in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, an amount equal to the amount of the erroneous payment (without regard to whether any other amounts

payable to Iowa under these rules have been paid to Iowa). In the alternative, Iowa may return the erroneous payment directly to the taxpayer. If this latter alternative is used by Iowa, then Iowa must notify the Secretary of the erroneous offset being paid to the taxpayer, and the taxpayer's records will be adjusted accordingly.

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**701—21.7(421,26USC6402) Correcting and updating notice to the Secretary.** Iowa must notify the Secretary of any deletion or decrease in the amount of past due legally enforceable Iowa income tax obligation referred to the Secretary for collection by offset under these rules. Iowa may also notify the Secretary of any increases in the amount or amounts referred to the Secretary for collection by offset under these rules provided that Iowa has complied with the requirements of these rules with regard to such amount or amounts.

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CHAPTER 22  
COLLECTION OF DEBTS OWED THE STATE  
OF IOWA OR A STATE AGENCY  
[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 151]

**701—22.1(421) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall govern:

“*Debtor*” means any person having a delinquent account, charge, fee, loan, or other indebtedness due the state of Iowa or any state agency.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of revenue or the director of the Iowa department of revenue and the director’s representative.

“*Director*” is the director of revenue.

“*Liability*” or “*debt*” means any liquidated sum due and owing to the state of Iowa or any state agency which has accrued through contract, subrogation, tort, operation of law, or any legal theory regardless of whether there is an outstanding judgment for that sum.

“*Person*” or “*entity*” means individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, limited liability company, or any other legal entity, but does not include a state agency.

“*State agency*” or “*agency*” means a board, commission, department, including the department of revenue, or other administrative office or unit of the state of Iowa. “State agency” does not include the general assembly, the governor, or any political subdivision of the state, or its offices and units.

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**701—22.2(421) Scope and purpose.** The purpose of these rules is to improve collection efforts by establishing a centralized collection system in the department for use by state agencies to collect delinquent accounts.

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**701—22.3(421) Participation guidelines.** Those state agencies qualified to use this chapter’s collection provisions should utilize those provisions when it is cost-effective to do so. Final determination regarding whether or not it will be cost-effective to collect any debt owed will be at the discretion of the director. Generally, it will not be cost-effective to pursue collection of a debt if the total anticipated collection cost will exceed the amount of the claim that could reasonably be expected to be realized. The cost-effectiveness criteria which the director applies will not be the same for every agency. Circumstances differ among agencies.

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**701—22.4(421) Duties of the agency.** The agency seeking the use of the centralized collection system shall have the following duties regarding the department and debtors.

**22.4(1) Notification to the department.** The agencies must provide a list of debtors to the department of revenue. This list must be in a format and type prescribed by the department and include information relevant to the identification of the debtor and the source and amount of the debt. The agencies shall terminate all collection activities once notification is given to the department.

**22.4(2) Change in status of debt.** A state agency which has provided liability information to the department of revenue must notify the department immediately of any change in the status of a debt. This notification shall be made no later than ten calendar days from the occurrence of the change. Change in status may come from payment of the debt or liability, invalidation of the liability, alternate payment arrangements with the debtor, bankruptcy, or other factors.

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**701—22.5(421) Duties of the department—performance of collection.** The department will develop procedures for administering the collection program on an agency basis. Procedures may vary in order to achieve the greatest efficiency in administering the collection program for each agency.

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**701—22.6(421) Payment of collected amounts.** Payments of collected amounts shall be made by the department monthly, but other arrangements can be made if agency requirements specify a different time period. Payments will be made to the agency, to the general fund, split between the two, or as required by the agency depending on the circumstances of each agency.

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**701—22.7(421) Reimbursement for collection of liabilities.** Costs incurred by the department in administering the collection program will be charged to the state agency requesting collection. The costs will be charged to the agency or deducted from the gross proceeds collected whichever the director determines is reasonable based on the requesting agency's circumstances. Costs may include direct expenses such as salaries, travel, telephone, supplies, equipment, and system modification and development costs; or indirect costs such as space, security, or utility costs. If the above-described procedure is prohibited by paramount state or federal law, the director shall allow charges, deductions, or reimbursement in a manner which conforms to the paramount law.

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**701—22.8(421) Confidentiality of information.** Information shared between state agencies shall be deemed confidential and shall be disclosed only to the extent that sufficient information is given that is relevant to the identification of persons liable to state agencies. The confidentiality provisions of Iowa Code sections 422.20 and 422.72 do not apply to tax information contained in the centralized computer data bank. The information is to be used for purpose of debt collection or license application or renewal.

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**701—22.9(421) Subpoena of records from public or private utility companies.** The director may, to the extent permissible by federal law, subpoena certain records held by a public or private utility company with respect to an individual who has a debt or obligation placed with the centralized collection unit of the department. This authority may be used only after reasonable efforts have been made by the centralized collection unit of the department to locate the individual.

**22.9(1) Definitions.**

a. "Public or private utility company" means a public utility, cable, video, or satellite television company, cellular telephone company, or Internet service provider.

b. "Reasonable efforts," for purposes of this rule, will be considered complete when the following procedures have been performed by the department:

(1) The department has received returned and undeliverable mail sent to the individual's most recent address known to the department; and

(2) The department has attempted to reach the individual at the listed telephone number and discovered that the telephone number is incorrect or the telephone has been disconnected.

c. "Utility" means the same as "public or private utility company" as defined in paragraph 22.9(1) "a."

**22.9(2) Procedure for issuing a subpoena; data transfer.**

a. The department will contact the utility to obtain agreement upon the subpoena process; the form, format and transmission method of a secure data file; and the schedule for both the subpoena and the data.

b. The department shall submit the subpoena to the utility's designated recipient on or before the date a secure data file is submitted for processing. The subpoena will include the director's authority to make the request, the name of the file submitted for processing, the information to be provided for each individual, the expected response date, and the department's contact information. The data file provided to the utility by the department will include social security numbers, names, and last-known addresses in the mutually agreed-upon format.

c. Upon receipt of the department's data file, the utility will match the data file against its current customer information and return to the department the current last name, first name, middle name, address 1, address 2, city, state, ZIP code and telephone number for any current customer information that matches the social security number and designated characters of the last name as provided by the

department. The department will not request or require any information from the utility other than the current address and telephone number.

*d.* Within 30 days of receiving the department's data file, the utility will process and return the data file to the department using the agreed-upon secure file transfer process.

*e.* When the data file is returned, the department will match the returned data with the social security number and designated characters of the current customer's last name before updating its collections system with the new address or telephone number.

*f.* The department will use the address and telephone number received from the utility to contact the individual for collection purposes.

**22.9(3) Confidentiality.** The utility must keep confidential all records received from the department. After the department has received the requested information from the utility, the utility must delete the data files it received in a secure manner. The department must keep confidential all records received from the utility in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws regarding individual privacy and the privacy rights of public and private utility companies.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.17(32).

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CHAPTER 23  
DEBT COLLECTION AND SELLING OF PROPERTY  
TO COLLECT DELINQUENT DEBTS  
[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 152]

**701—23.1(421,422,626,642) Definitions.**

*“Delinquent debtor”* means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, or any other legal entity that owes a delinquent liability, or unpaid taxes to the state or a liability which is collectible by the state.

*“Department”* means the Iowa department of revenue.

*“Director”* means the director of revenue.

*“Property”* means real property, tangible and intangible property, and includes a homestead.

*“State”* means the state of Iowa.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.17 and 422.26 and Iowa Code chapters 626 and 642.

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**701—23.2(421,422,626,642) Sale of property.** Property may be seized and sold to satisfy unpaid taxes, delinquent liabilities owed to the state, and liabilities collected by the state upon the approval of the person appointed by the director to collect unpaid taxes, delinquent liabilities owed to the state, and liabilities collected by the state. If the property to be sold is real estate or a homestead, it will only be sold with the written authorization of the director. A homestead may be sold to satisfy delinquent taxes collected under Iowa Code section 422.26 and any other similar section. (See Op. Att’y. Gen. Hardy to Bair, Director of Revenue, 8-23-94) However, a homestead may not be sold for collection of any other liability owed to or collected by the state other than taxes unless specifically authorized by statute.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.17 and 422.26 and Iowa Code chapters 626 and 642.

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**701—23.3(421,422,626,642) Means of sale.** The department shall, when the sale of property has been approved by a person authorized by the director or when the director has authorized in writing the sale of real property or a homestead to satisfy unpaid taxes, delinquent liabilities owed to the state and liabilities collected by the state, issue a distress warrant or obtain a writ of execution directed to the county sheriff in the county where the property is located, or by other means authorized by statute to satisfy delinquent liabilities owed to the state and liabilities collected by the state, and proceed as authorized by relevant provisions of the Iowa Code, including chapters 422, 626, and 642.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.17 and 422.26 and Iowa Code chapters 626 and 642.

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CHAPTER 24  
LICENSE SANCTIONS FOR COLLECTION OF DEBTS OWED THE STATE OF IOWA OR  
A STATE AGENCY

[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 153]

**701—24.1(272D) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall govern:

“*Certificate of noncompliance*” means a document provided by the unit certifying that the named person has outstanding liability placed with the unit and has not entered into an approved payment plan to pay the liability.

“*Liability*” means a debt or obligation placed with the unit for collection that is greater than \$1,000. For purposes of this chapter, “liability” does not include child support payments collected pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 252J.

“*License*” means a license, certification, registration, permit, approval, renewal, or other similar authorization issued to a person by a licensing authority which evidences the admission to, or granting of authority to engage in, a profession, occupation, business, industry, or recreation. “License” includes licenses for hunting and fishing or for other recreational activity.

“*Licensee*” means a person to whom a license has been issued, or who is seeking the issuance of a license.

“*Licensing authority*” means the supreme court, or an instrumentality, agency, board, commission, department, officer, organization, or any other entity of the state, which has authority within this state to suspend or revoke a license or to deny the renewal or issuance of a license authorizing a person to engage in a business, occupation, profession, recreation, or industry.

“*Obligor*” means a person with a liability placed with the unit.

“*Person*” means a licensee.

“*Unit*” means the centralized collection unit of the department of revenue.

“*Withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance*” means a document provided by the unit certifying that the certificate of noncompliance is withdrawn and that the licensing authority may proceed with issuance, reinstatement, or renewal of the person's license.

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**701—24.2(272D) Purpose and use.** The unit may use license sanctions as a process to help collect liabilities placed with the unit except for child support cases.

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**701—24.3(272D) Challenge to issuance of certificate of noncompliance.** Actions initiated by the unit under this chapter shall not be subject to contested case proceedings or further review pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 17A, and any resulting court hearing shall be an original hearing before the district court.

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**701—24.4(272D) Use of information.** Information obtained by the unit and the licensing authority under this chapter shall be used solely for the purposes of this chapter. Information may be exchanged between the unit and the licensing authority.

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**701—24.5(272D) Notice to person of potential sanction of license.** Before issuing a certificate of noncompliance, the unit must send a notice to the person by regular mail to the person's last-known address. The notice must include all of the following:

1. The address and telephone number of the unit and the person's unit account number.
2. A statement that the person may request a conference with the unit to contest the action.
3. A statement that if the person fails to contact the unit to schedule a conference within 20 days of the notice's mailing, the unit shall issue a certificate of noncompliance bearing the person's name, social security number, and unit account number to any appropriate licensing authority, certifying that the obligor has an outstanding liability placed with the unit.

4. A statement that in order to stay the issuance of a certificate of noncompliance, the unit must receive a written request for conference within 20 days of the notice's mailing to the person.

5. The names of the licensing authorities to which the unit intends to issue a certificate of noncompliance.

6. A statement that if the unit issues a certificate of noncompliance to an appropriate licensing authority, the licensing authority shall initiate proceedings to refuse to issue or renew, or to suspend or revoke the person's license, unless the unit provides the licensing authority with a withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance.

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**701—24.6(272D) Conference.** The person may request a conference with the unit to challenge the unit's issuance of a certificate of noncompliance following the mailing of the notice of potential license sanction or at any time after a licensing authority serves notice of suspension, revocation, denial of issuance, or nonrenewal of a license. The request for a conference shall be made in writing to the unit. If the conference is requested pursuant to and after the unit's mailing of a notice of potential license sanction under rule 701—24.5(272D), the request must be received by the unit within 20 days following the mailing or service of that notice.

**24.6(1) Notification.** The unit shall notify the person of the date, time, and location of the conference by regular mail, with the date of the conference to be no earlier than 10 days following the unit's issuance of the notice of the conference. If the person fails to appear at the conference, the unit shall issue a certificate of noncompliance.

**24.6(2) Location.** The conference may be conducted by telephone or in person at the location of the unit.

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**701—24.7(272D) Issuance of certificate of noncompliance.** If the person fails to appear at the conference, the unit shall issue a certificate of noncompliance. If the person does not timely request a conference or pay the amount of liability owed within 20 days of the notice's mailing, the unit shall issue a certificate of noncompliance. However, the unit will not issue a certificate of noncompliance if:

1. The unit finds a mistake in the identity of the person;
2. The unit finds a mistake in determining the amount of the liability;
3. The unit determines the amount of the liability is less than \$1,000;
4. The obligor pays the amount due or enters into an acceptable payment plan;
5. The obligor is in bankruptcy; or
6. The unit finds additional time is required for the person to comply.

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**701—24.8(272D) Stay of certificate of noncompliance.** The unit shall grant the person a stay of the issuance of a certificate of noncompliance upon receiving a timely written request for a conference.

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**701—24.9(272D) Written agreements.** The obligor and the unit may enter into a written agreement for payment of the liability owed.

**24.9(1) Criteria for written agreement.** The written agreement shall take into consideration and include all of the following:

- a. Obligor's ability to pay.
- b. A statement that the obligor will not incur additional liabilities of any amount during the term of the payment plan.
- c. The method, amount, and dates of payments by the obligor.
- d. A statement that upon breach of the written agreement by the obligor, the unit shall issue a certificate of noncompliance to any appropriate licensing authority.

**24.9(2) Other remedies.** A written agreement entered into pursuant to this rule does not preclude any other remedy provided by law.

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**701—24.10(272D) Decision of the unit.**

**24.10(1)** If the unit mails a notice to a person and the person requests a conference, the unit shall issue a written decision if any of the following conditions exist:

- a. The person fails to appear at a scheduled conference.
- b. A conference is held and the unit makes a decision based upon that conference.
- c. The obligor fails to comply with a written agreement entered into by the obligor and the unit.

**24.10(2)** Mailing of decision. The unit shall send a copy of the written decision to the person by regular mail at the person's most recent address of record. If the decision is made to issue a certificate of noncompliance or to withdraw the certificate of noncompliance, a copy of the certificate of noncompliance or of the withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance shall be attached to the written decision.

**24.10(3)** Contents of decision. The written decision shall state all of the following:

a. That the certificate of noncompliance or withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance has been mailed to the licensing authorities named in the notice provided by the unit.

b. That upon receipt of a certificate of noncompliance, the licensing authority shall initiate proceedings to suspend, revoke, deny issuance, or deny renewal of a license, unless the licensing authority receives a withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance from the unit.

c. That in order to obtain a withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance from the unit, the obligor shall enter into a written agreement with the unit, comply with an existing written agreement with the unit, or pay the total amount of liability owed.

d. That if the unit issues a written decision which includes a certificate of noncompliance, the person may request a hearing before the district court. The person may retain an attorney at the person's own expense to represent the person at the hearing. The district court's review shall be limited to mistakes of fact surrounding the amount of the liability owed or the identity of the person.

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**701—24.11(272D) Withdrawal of certificate of noncompliance.** Once it has issued a certificate of noncompliance, the unit shall issue a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance only if any of the following applies:

1. The unit or the court finds a mistake in the identity of the person;
2. The unit or the court finds a mistake in the amount owed;
3. The obligor enters into a written agreement with the unit to pay the liability owed, the obligor complies with an existing written agreement, or the obligor pays the total amount of liability owed; or
4. The unit finds that a hardship exists, such as catastrophic illness or state or federally declared disasters.

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**701—24.12(272D) Certificate of noncompliance to licensing authority.**

**24.12(1)** The unit shall issue a certificate of noncompliance to any appropriate licensing authority. The certificate of noncompliance shall contain the person's name and social security number and shall request that the licensing authority do the following:

a. Initiate its procedures to revoke or suspend the person's license or to deny the issuance or renewal of a license; and

b. Provide to the person notice of intent to suspend, revoke, deny issuance, or deny renewal of a license, including the effective date of the action.

**24.12(2)** The suspension, revocation, or denial shall be effective no sooner than 30 days following provision of notice to the person.

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**701—24.13(272D) Requirements of the licensing authority.**

**24.13(1)** *Records.* A licensing authority shall collect and maintain records of its licensees. The records shall be made available to the unit so that the unit may match to the records the names of persons

with any liabilities placed with the unit for collections. The records must be submitted in an electronic format and updated on a periodic basis and must include, at a minimum, the following:

- a. The licensee's first and last names.
- b. The licensee's current known address.
- c. The licensee's social security number.

**24.13(2) Certificate of noncompliance.** Upon receipt of a certificate of noncompliance, a licensing authority shall initiate its existing rules and procedures for the suspension, revocation, or denial of issuance or renewal of a license to a person.

**24.13(3) Notice.** The licensing authority shall provide to a person notice of intent to suspend, revoke, or deny issuance or renewal of a license under the provisions of Iowa Code section 272D.3. The notice shall be effective 30 days following the provision of notice to the person and shall state at a minimum all of the following:

- a. That the licensing authority has received a certificate of noncompliance from the unit and intends to suspend, revoke, or deny issuance or renewal of the person's license;
- b. That the person must contact the unit to schedule a conference or to otherwise obtain a withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance;
- c. That the licensing authority will revoke, suspend or deny the person's license unless a withdrawal of certificate of noncompliance is received from the unit within 30 days from the date of the notice;
- d. That in the event the licensing authority's rules and procedures conflict with the additional rules and procedures under this chapter, the rules and procedures of this chapter shall apply;
- e. That mistakes of fact in the amount of the liability owed and the person's identity may not be contested to the licensing authority; and
- f. That the person may request a district court hearing as outlined in subrule 24.10(3) "d."

**24.13(4) Withdrawal.** Upon receipt of a withdrawal of a certificate of noncompliance from the unit, the licensing authority shall immediately reinstate, renew, or issue a license if the person is otherwise in compliance with the licensing authority's requirements.

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**701—24.14(272D) District court hearing.** For purposes of this rule, "notice of intent" means a licensing agency's notice to a person of its intent to suspend, revoke, or deny renewal or issuance of a license under the provisions of Iowa Code section 272D.3.

**24.14(1) Actions that may be reviewed.** A person may file an application for review with the district court following:

- a. The issuance of a written decision and certificate of noncompliance by the unit; or
- b. The provision of a notice of intent by a licensing authority.

**24.14(2) Application.** A person may seek review of the actions listed in subrule 24.14(1) and request a hearing before the district court by filing an application with the district court in the county in which the majority of the liability was incurred. The person must send a copy of the application to the unit by regular mail. The application must be filed no later than 30 days after the unit issues a written decision and certificate of noncompliance or the licensing authority issues its notice of intent.

**24.14(3) Stay.** The filing of an application for review and hearing before the district court will automatically stay any action by the licensing authority as outlined in the licensing authority's notice of intent.

**24.14(4) Scheduling.** The clerk of the district court shall schedule a hearing and mail a copy of the scheduling order to the person, the unit, and the licensing authority.

**24.14(5) Certification prior to hearing.** Upon receipt from the clerk of court of a copy of a scheduling order and prior to the hearing, the unit shall certify to the court a copy of its written decision and certificate of noncompliance indicating the date of issuance, and the licensing authority shall certify to the court a copy of its notice of intent.

**24.14(6) Hearing.** The hearing on the person's application shall be scheduled and held within 30 days of the application's being filed. However, if the person fails to appear at the scheduled hearing,

the stay shall be lifted and the licensing authority shall continue its procedures pursuant to its notice of intent.

**24.14(7) *Scope of review.*** The district court's review shall be limited to demonstration of the amount of the liability owed or the identity of the person.

**24.14(8) *Findings.*** If the court finds the unit was in error either in issuing a certificate of noncompliance or in its failure to issue a withdrawal of certificate of noncompliance, the unit shall issue a withdrawal of certificate of noncompliance to the appropriate licensing authority. If the court finds the unit was justified in issuing of a certificate of noncompliance or in not issuing a withdrawal of certificate of noncompliance, a stay imposed under subrule 24.14(3) shall be lifted and the licensing authority shall proceed with action as outlined in its notice of intent.

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CHAPTER 25  
CHALLENGES TO ADMINISTRATIVE LEVIES AND  
PUBLICATION OF NAMES OF DEBTORS

[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 154]

**701—25.1(421) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall govern:

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of revenue.

“*Director*” means the director of the Iowa department of revenue.

“*Facility*” means the centralized debt collection facility of the department of revenue.

“*Financial institution*” includes a bank as defined in Iowa Code section 524.103, credit union as defined in Iowa Code section 533.51, or savings and loan as defined in Iowa Code section 534.102. “Financial institution” also includes an institution which holds deposits for an agent, broker-dealer, or an issuer as defined in Iowa Code section 502.102.

“*Obligor*” means a person who is indebted to the state of Iowa or a state agency for any delinquent accounts, charges, fees, loans, taxes, or other indebtedness due the state or indebtedness being collected by the state.

“*Person*” means individual, corporation, business trust, estate trust, partnership, limited liability company or association, or any other legal entity, but does not include a state agency.

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**701—25.2(421) Administrative levies.** The centralized debt collection facility may administratively initiate an action to seize one or more accounts in a financial institution of a person who has a delinquent account, charges, fees, loans, taxes, or other indebtedness owed to the state or being collected by the state. The facility initiates an administrative levy by notifying a financial institution of the name and social security number of the obligor, a statement that the obligor is believed to have an account at the financial institution, and a statement that the obligor’s account is subject to seizure and that the financial institution is authorized and required to forward moneys to the centralized collection facility. The notice must contain the maximum amount that shall be forwarded to the facility which cannot exceed the amount of the indebtedness.

The facility must notify an obligor of the administrative levy. The notice must contain the name and social security number of the obligor, a statement that the obligor is believed to have an account at the financial institution, a statement that the obligor’s account is subject to seizure and the financial institution is authorized and required to forward moneys to the facility, the maximum amount to be forwarded to the facility, the time frames the financial institution must meet in forwarding any amounts, a statement that any challenge to the action must be in writing and must be received by the facility within ten days of the date of the notice to the obligor, and the address of the facility.

[Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—25.3(421) Challenges to administrative levies.** A challenge to an administrative levy can only be made by an obligor or an account holder of interest. A challenge to an administrative levy will be reviewed by the centralized debt collection facility of the department. This review is not subject to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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**701—25.4(421) Form and time of challenge.** The obligor or an account holder of interest must submit a written challenge to an administrative levy within ten days of the date of the notice. The written challenge shall be submitted to the individual identified as the contact for the facility.

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**701—25.5(421) Issues that may be raised.**

**25.5(1)** The issues raised by the challenging party, which are limited to a mistake of fact, may include but are not limited to:

- a. The challenging party has the same name as the obligor but is not the correct person.
- b. The challenging party does not have an interest in the account that is being seized.

c. The amount listed in the notice to the obligor is greater than the amount actually owed.

**25.5(2)** The written challenge must be sent by electronic means, including email or online as indicated on the department's notice, or mailed to the central collections unit at the address found on the department's website at [tax.iowa.gov/mailing-addresses](http://tax.iowa.gov/mailing-addresses) with adequate postage.

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**701—25.6(421) Review of challenge.** Review of a challenge to an administrative levy shall be conducted by the facility within ten days of receipt of the written challenge. If the challenging party is not available for the review on the scheduled date, the review shall take place without the challenging party being present. Information in favor of the challenging party shall be considered by the facility in the review. The facility may utilize additional information if available. Only a mistake of fact, including but not limited to, a mistake of identity of the obligor or a mistake in the amount owed to or being collected by the state shall be considered as a reason to dismiss or modify the action.

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**701—25.7(421) Actions where there is a mistake of fact.** Actions to be taken if the facility determines that a mistake of fact has occurred:

1. If a mistake of identity has occurred or the obligor does not have a delinquent or accrued amount owed to or being collected by the state, the facility shall notify the financial institution that the administrative levy has been released. The facility shall provide the obligor with a copy of the notice by regular mail.

2. If the delinquent or accrued amount owed to or being collected by the state is less than the amount indicated in the notice of administrative levy, the facility shall provide a notice to the financial institution of the revised amount, with a copy of the original notice, and issue a notice to the obligor by regular mail. Upon written receipt of the notice from the facility, the financial institution shall release funds in excess of the revised amount and forward the revised amount to the facility pursuant to the administrative levy.

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**701—25.8(421) Action if there is not a mistake of fact.** If the facility finds that no mistake of fact has occurred, the facility shall provide notice to that effect to the challenging party by regular mail and notify the financial institution to forward the moneys pursuant to the administrative levy.

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**701—25.9 to 25.15** Reserved.

**701—25.16(421) List for publication.** The director may compile and make available for publication a list of names, with last-known addresses and amounts of indebtedness owed to or being collected by the state if the indebtedness is subject to the centralized debt collection procedure established in Iowa Code subsection 421.17(34). The director shall determine when to compile the list, but shall not be required to do so.

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**701—25.17(421) Names to be published.** Names selected for release for publication shall be based on the records of the facility. The director may not include the names of persons who owe less than \$100 or the threshold amounts determined by the director. The threshold amounts may vary by the debt types being collected by the central collection facility. The director may withhold names from publication if in the director's opinion publication would not assist in the collection of the debt.

The director will not release for publication names of parties who have made arrangements with the facility to pay the outstanding debt and are current in liquidating the debt based on the arrangements made.

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**701—25.18(421) Release of information.** The director may release the information, as the director deems necessary, as follows:

1. The director will issue a press release to the daily and weekly newspapers describing the manner in which a copy of the list of names for publication may be obtained. The director will make the list available in an electronic medium of the director's choice.

2. The director will release to credit reporting agencies the names selected for release for publication upon request. The names are to be released in the same electronic medium as the names are released to the press.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.17 and 421.17A.

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CHAPTER 26  
SETOFF OF QUALIFYING DEBTS OWED TO PUBLIC AGENCIES

**701—26.1(421) Minimum qualifying debt amounts accepted.** Before a qualifying debt may be submitted by a public agency to the setoff program, the amount of the qualifying debt must be \$50 or more. The minimum amount is the total of all qualifying debt(s) owed to one public agency by one obligor.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.65.  
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**701—26.2(421) Minimum setoff amount.** If the balance of a qualifying debt, according to the records of the department, reaches an amount that is less than \$50, the debt will be removed from the setoff program. The minimum amount is the total of all qualifying debt(s) owed to one public agency by one obligor.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.65.  
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**701—26.3(421) Memorandum of understanding required.** Before a public agency may submit qualifying debt to the department for setoff, that public agency shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the department. The department will reject any debts submitted by a public agency prior to the effective date of the memorandum of understanding. Prior to entering into a memorandum of understanding with the department, the public agency shall provide any relevant information required by the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.65.  
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**701—26.4(421) Certification to the department.**

**26.4(1)** At the time a qualifying debt is submitted to the department for setoff, the public agency must certify to the department the information required by Iowa Code section 421.65(2) “a,” the amount of each obligor’s liability to the public agency, the date the debt became qualifying debt, that all liabilities submitted constitute qualifying debt, and any other relevant information required by the department.

**26.4(2)** In the event that there are existing liabilities in the setoff program when the public agency submits new qualifying debt for setoff, the public agency shall certify, as described in subrule 26.4(1), all qualifying debt placed in the setoff program, including qualifying debt that was previously placed in the setoff program. Qualifying debt that is not certified in the manner required by the department may be removed from the setoff program.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.65.  
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**701—26.5(421) Notification of change in status of debt.** Each public agency that has submitted a qualifying debt for participation in the setoff program shall timely notify the department of any change in the status of the public agency’s individual debts submitted to the setoff program. This notification shall be made at the time described in the memorandum of understanding. A change in status may come from invalidation of the liability, reduction of the liability, receipt of notice of bankruptcy, or other factors.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.65.  
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**701—26.6(421) Multiple claims—priority of payment.** In the case of multiple claims to public payments, priority shall be determined pursuant to the priority provisions found in Iowa Code section 421.65(4). Among claims entitled to the same priority pursuant to the priority provisions found in Iowa Code section 421.65(4), priority shall be determined by the date the debt became a qualifying debt, with higher priority assigned to liabilities that first became qualifying debt. If multiple claims entitled to the same priority became qualifying debt on the same day, priority shall be determined by the date

and time that the liability was first submitted to the department for setoff, with higher priority assigned to liabilities first submitted.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.65.  
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#### **701—26.7(421) Challenges.**

**26.7(1)** Challenges may be submitted to the department via the manner described on the challenge notice furnished to the obligor by the department pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.65(2)“e.” Challenges shall be submitted within 15 days of the date of the notice. Challenges may be initiated only by an obligor.

**26.7(2)** Upon receipt of a challenge, the department will contact the obligor to schedule a review conference.

**26.7(3)** The department shall notify the public agency of the challenge. The public agency shall provide the department with any relevant information that the department requests for the challenge.

**26.7(4)** The public agency shall hold the setoff funds until final disposition of the challenge.

**26.7(5)** During the review conference, the department will review the information. After the review conference, the department will issue a determination based on the preponderance of the available information.

**26.7(6)** Successful challenges. The department shall notify a public agency of a successful challenge. At the direction of the department, the public agency shall refund all or a portion of the setoff amount to the obligor or return all or a portion of the setoff amount to the department. The public agency must adhere to the department’s determination and has no appeal opportunity. In the event of a successful challenge, the department shall retain the fee paid by the public agency for use of the setoff program.

**26.7(7)** Unsuccessful challenges. The department shall notify a public agency of an unsuccessful challenge.

**26.7(8)** In the event of an unsuccessful setoff challenge, an obligor may file an action in district court as described in Iowa Code section 421.65(3)“f.” The defendant shall be the public agency with an additional copy of such petition to be served upon the office of the attorney general. Neither the department nor any department officials or employees shall be named as parties in such a district court action. The public agency shall be responsible for any defense and costs.

**26.7(9)** The date and time of filing a challenge shall be computed in accordance with rule 701—7.4(17A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.65.  
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#### **701—26.8(421) Requests for division of a public payment subject to setoff.**

**26.8(1)** Requests for division of a public payment subject to setoff may be submitted to the department via the manner described on the challenge notice furnished to the obligor by the department pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.65(2)“e.” Requests for division shall be submitted within 15 days of the date of the notice. Requests for division may be made only by an obligor or co-payee of the public payment.

**26.8(2)** The obligor or co-payee requesting the division of a payment must submit to the department their full name and social security number or similar identifying information for an obligor or co-payee who does not have a social security number.

**26.8(3)** The department shall notify a public agency of a successful request for division. At the direction of the department, the public agency shall divide a jointly or commonly owned right to payment and refund the applicable setoff amount in the manner determined by the department. The department may determine that it should refund the setoff amount to the obligor or co-payee on behalf of the public agency if the department determines, in its sole discretion, that the public agency is unable to make the payment or the requirement to make the payment would cause the public agency significant hardship. If the department determines that it should refund the setoff amount, the public agency must return the setoff funds to the department immediately after receiving notice from the department. The public

agency must adhere to the department's determination and has no appeal opportunity. In the event of a successful request for division, the department shall retain the fee paid by the public agency for use of the setoff program.

**26.8(4)** Any jointly or commonly owned right to payment is rebuttably presumed to be owned in equal portions by its joint or common owners.

**26.8(5)** The date and time of filing a request for division shall be computed in accordance with rule 701—7.4(17A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.65.  
[ARC 7080C, IAB 10/4/23, effective 11/13/23]

**701—26.9(421) Transition period.** Any setoff for which the public payment is made available to the public agency prior to the effective date of Iowa Code section 421.65 shall be governed by the statute, rules, and procedures related to Iowa Code section 8A.504, even if such procedures continue after the effective date of Iowa Code section 421.65.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.65.  
[ARC 7080C, IAB 10/4/23, effective 11/13/23]

**701—26.10(421) Fees.**

**26.10(1)** A fee of \$7 shall be paid by participating public agencies to the department for each setoff. The public agency shall be charged the fee each time a public payment is set off and applied to the public agency's qualifying debt. The fee shall be taken by the department out of the setoff funds before the department transfers such funds to the public agency.

**26.10(2)** The fee shall not be collected by the public agency via the setoff program unless it is a qualifying debt as defined in Iowa Code section 421.65(1) "d."

**26.10(3)** The department shall retain the fee regardless of the outcome of any challenge or requests for division of public payments.

**26.10(4) Examples.**

EXAMPLE 1: Setoff fee is not qualified debt: Debtor A owes \$100 of qualified debt to Public Agency Z and \$200 of qualified debt to Public Agency Y. Public Agency Z submits \$100 to the setoff program, and Public Agency Y submits \$207 to the setoff program (\$200 of qualified debt and \$7 for the setoff fee). The department would accept the placement from Public Agency Z and would try to match public payments for setoff. The department would reject the placement from Public Agency Y and not match it with public payments. Additionally, the department would grant any challenges for setoff fees that were rolled up and resubmitted to the setoff program.

EXAMPLE 2: Setoff fee is not refundable: Debtor A successfully challenges a setoff placed by Public Agency Z for \$100. Public Agency Z will return \$100 to Debtor A. The department will not return the fee to Public Agency Z.

EXAMPLE 3: Setoff fee is credited against qualified debt: Debtor A owes \$100 of qualified debt to Public Agency Z. Public Agency Z submits \$100 to the setoff program. The setoff program matches a \$50 public payment with Debtor A. The department will distribute \$43 to Public Agency Z and keep \$7 for the setoff fee, and Debtor A will have a remaining balance of \$50.

EXAMPLE 4: Setoff fee is taken per distribution:

Public Agency Z places \$100 for Debtor A. The setoff program matches one public payment. The department would take one setoff fee when it distributes the funds to Public Agency Z.

Public Agency Z places \$100 for Debtor A. The setoff program matches two public payments from two different sources. The department would take two setoff fees when it distributes the funds to Public Agency Z.

Public Agency Z places \$100 for Debtor A and \$100 for Debtor B. The setoff program matches one public payment for Debtor A and one public payment for Debtor B. The department would take two setoff fees when it distributes the funds to Public Agency Z.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.65.  
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CHAPTER 27  
AUTOMOBILE RENTAL EXCISE TAX  
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CHAPTER 28  
DEFINITIONS  
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CHAPTER 29  
CERTIFICATES  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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CHAPTER 30  
FILING RETURNS, PAYMENT OF TAX, PENALTY AND INTEREST  
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CHAPTER 31  
RECEIPTS SUBJECT TO USE TAX  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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CHAPTER 32  
RECEIPTS EXEMPT FROM USE TAX  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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CHAPTER 33  
RECEIPTS SUBJECT TO USE TAX DEPENDING ON  
METHOD OF TRANSACTION  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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CHAPTER 34  
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[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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CHAPTERS 35 and 36  
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CHAPTER 37  
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Transferred to 701—Chapter 289, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 38  
ADMINISTRATION  
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CHAPTER 39  
FILING RETURN AND PAYMENT OF TAX

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CHAPTER 40  
DETERMINATION OF NET INCOME

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CHAPTER 41  
DETERMINATION OF TAXABLE INCOME

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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CHAPTER 42  
ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPUTED TAX AND TAX CREDITS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Transferred to 701—Chapter 304, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 43  
ASSESSMENTS AND REFUNDS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Transferred to 701—Chapter 305, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 44  
PENALTY AND INTEREST

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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CHAPTER 45  
PARTNERSHIPS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department [730]]

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CHAPTER 46  
WITHHOLDING

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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CHAPTER 47  
DECLARATION OF ESTIMATED INCOME TAX BY INDIVIDUALS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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CHAPTER 48  
COMPOSITE RETURNS

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CHAPTER 49  
ESTIMATED INCOME TAX FOR INDIVIDUALS

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CHAPTER 50  
APPORTIONMENT OF INCOME FOR RESIDENT  
SHAREHOLDERS OF S CORPORATIONS  
Transferred to 701—Chapter 403, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 51  
ADMINISTRATION  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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CHAPTER 52  
FILING RETURNS, PAYMENT OF TAX,  
PENALTY AND INTEREST, AND TAX CREDITS  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
Transferred to 701—Chapter 501, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 53  
DETERMINATION OF NET INCOME  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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CHAPTER 54  
ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
Transferred to 701—Chapter 503, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 55  
ASSESSMENTS, REFUNDS, APPEALS  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
Transferred to 701—Chapter 504, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 56  
ESTIMATED TAX FOR CORPORATIONS  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
Transferred to 701—Chapter 505, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 57  
ADMINISTRATION  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
Transferred to 701—Chapter 600, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 58  
FILING RETURNS, PAYMENT OF TAX, PENALTY AND INTEREST,  
AND TAX CREDITS  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
Transferred to 701—Chapter 601, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 59  
DETERMINATION OF NET INCOME  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
Transferred to 701—Chapter 602, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 60

ASSESSMENTS, REFUNDS, APPEALS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Transferred to 701—Chapter 603, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 61

ESTIMATED TAX FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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CHAPTER 62

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CHAPTER 63

ADMINISTRATION

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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CHAPTER 64

MOTOR FUEL

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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CHAPTER 65

SPECIAL FUEL

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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CHAPTER 66

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CHAPTER 67

ADMINISTRATION

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CHAPTER 68

MOTOR FUEL AND UNDYED SPECIAL FUEL

[Prior to 1/1/96, see 701—Ch 64]

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CHAPTER 69

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS—

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CHAPTER 70

REPLACEMENT TAX AND STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX

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## CHAPTER 71

## ASSESSMENT PRACTICES AND EQUALIZATION

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## CHAPTER 72

## EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATION OF ASSESSORS AND DEPUTY ASSESSORS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Transferred to 701—Chapter 103, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

## CHAPTER 73

## PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AND RENT REIMBURSEMENT

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Transferred to 701—Chapter 104, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

## CHAPTER 74

## MOBILE, MODULAR, AND MANUFACTURED HOME TAX

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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## CHAPTER 75

## COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAX

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## CHAPTER 76

## DETERMINATION OF VALUE OF RAILROAD COMPANIES

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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## CHAPTER 77

## DETERMINATION OF VALUE OF UTILITY COMPANIES

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Transferred to 701—Chapter 107, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

## CHAPTER 78

REPLACEMENT TAX AND STATEWIDE PROPERTY  
TAX ON RATE-REGULATED WATER UTILITIES

Transferred to 701—Chapter 108, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

## CHAPTER 79

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX AND DECLARATIONS OF VALUE

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Transferred to 701—Chapter 109, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

## CHAPTER 80

## PROPERTY TAX CREDITS AND EXEMPTIONS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Transferred to 701—Chapter 110, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

## CHAPTER 81

## ADMINISTRATION

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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CHAPTER 82  
CIGARETTE TAX AND REGULATION OF DELIVERY SALES OF ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE  
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[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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CHAPTER 83  
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[Ch 83, Selling Cigarette Revenue in Banks, rescinded, see IAC 4/2/80]

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Transferred to 701—Chapter 256, **ARC 6508C**, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22

CHAPTER 84  
UNFAIR CIGARETTE SALES

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Transferred to 701—Chapter 257, **ARC 6508C**, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22

CHAPTER 85  
TOBACCO MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Transferred to 701—Chapter 258, **ARC 6508C**, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22

CHAPTER 86  
INHERITANCE TAX

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Transferred to 701—Chapter 900, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 87  
IOWA ESTATE TAX

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Transferred to 701—Chapter 901, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 88  
GENERATION SKIPPING TRANSFER TAX

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

Transferred to 701—Chapter 902, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 89  
FIDUCIARY INCOME TAX

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Transferred to 701—Chapter 700, IAC Supplement 11/2/22

CHAPTER 90  
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CHAPTER 91  
ADMINISTRATION OF MARIJUANA AND  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES STAMP TAX

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CHAPTER 97

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CHAPTERS 98 and 99

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TITLE II  
PROPERTY TAX  
CHAPTER 100  
COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAX  
[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 75]

**701—100.1(441) Tax year.** The assessment date is January 1 for taxes for the fiscal year which commences 6 months after the assessment date and which become delinquent during the fiscal year commencing 18 months after the assessment date. For example, taxes payable in fiscal year 1991-1992 are for fiscal year 1990-1991 and are based on the January 1, 1990, assessment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.46.  
[Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—100.2(445) Partial payment of tax.** Partial payments of taxes may be allowed at the discretion of the county treasurer. If the treasurer elects to permit partial payments, the authorization shall apply to all taxpayers within the county. If the partial payments made are insufficient to fully satisfy an installment due by the delinquency date, the unpaid portion of the installment shall draw interest at the rate specified in Iowa Code section 445.39. Current year taxes may be paid at any time regardless of any outstanding prior year delinquent tax. The minimum payment for delinquent taxes must be equal to or exceed the interest, fees, and costs of the installment being paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 445.36A.  
[Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—100.3(445) When delinquent.** The first half installment of taxes shall become delinquent if not received by the county treasurer on or before the last business day preceding October 1, and the second half installment shall become delinquent if not received by the county treasurer on or before the last business day preceding April 1. If mailed, the payment envelope must bear a postmark date preceding October 1 or April 1 to avoid delinquency. If paid electronically, the payment must be initiated by midnight on the last day of the month preceding the delinquent date to avoid interest on the taxes. However, in those instances when the last day of September or March is a Saturday or Sunday, the taxes become delinquent on the second business day of October or April, whichever is applicable. Delinquent taxes shall draw interest at the rate specified in Iowa Code section 445.39.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 445.37.  
[ARC 7726B, IAB 4/22/09, effective 5/27/09; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—100.4(446) Payment of subsequent year taxes by purchaser.** Taxes for a subsequent year may not be paid by the purchaser of the property sold at tax sale until 14 days following the date from which an installment becomes delinquent.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 446.32 as amended by 1993 Iowa Acts, chapter 73.  
[Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—100.5(428,433,434,437,437A,438,85GA,SF451) Central assessment confidentiality.** The release of information contained in any reports filed under Iowa Code chapters 428, 433, 434, 437, 437A, and 438 and 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 451, sections 10 to 30, or obtained by the department in the administration of those chapters, is governed by the general provisions of Iowa Code chapter 22 since there are no specific provisions relating to confidential information contained in those chapters. Any request for information must be made pursuant to rule 701—6.2(17A). See rule 701—6.3(17A).

Any request for information pertaining to a taxpayer's business affairs, operations, source of income, profits, losses, or expenditures must be made in writing to the director. The taxpayer to whom the information relates will be notified of the request for information and will be allowed 20 days to substantiate any claim of confidentiality under Iowa Code chapter 22 or any other statute such as Iowa Code section 422.72. If substantiated, the request will be denied; otherwise, the information will be

released to the requesting party. This rule will not prevent the exchange of information between state and federal agencies.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 428, 433, 434, 437, 437A, and 438 and 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 451, sections 10 to 30.

[ARC 0965C, IAB 8/21/13, effective 8/2/13; ARC 1105C, IAB 10/16/13, effective 11/20/13; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—100.6(446) Tax sale.** The county treasurer shall hold the annual tax sale on the third Monday in June. If, for good cause, the treasurer is unable to hold the tax sale on that date, the treasurer may designate a different date in June for the sale.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 446.7 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 4, section 1.

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**701—100.7(445) Refund of tax.** The board of supervisors shall order the county treasurer to refund taxes found to have been erroneously or illegally collected. A claim for refund must be presented to the board within two years of the date the tax was due or if appealed within two years of the final decision.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 445.60 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 174, section 6.

[Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—100.8(614) Delinquent property taxes.** A county is immune from the statute of limitations when collecting delinquent property taxes levied on or after April 1, 1992 (*Fennelly v. A-1 Machine and Tool Co.*, No. 73/04-1232—10/6/06).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 614.1 as amended by 2007 Iowa Acts, Senate File 450.

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CHAPTER 101  
REPLACEMENT TAX AND STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX  
[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 70]

DIVISION I  
REPLACEMENT TAX

**701—101.1(437A) Who must file return.** Each taxpayer, as defined in Iowa Code Supplement section 437A.3(30), shall file a true and accurate return with the director. The return shall include all of the information prescribed in Iowa Code sections 437A.8(1)“a” through “f” and any other information or schedules requested by the director. The return shall be signed by an officer or other person duly authorized by the taxpayer and must be certified as correct. If the taxpayer was inactive or ceased the conduct of any activity subject to the replacement tax during the tax year, the return must contain a statement to that effect.

[Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—101.2(437A) Time and place for filing return.** The return must be filed with the director on or before March 31 following the tax year. There is no authority for the director to grant an extension of time to file a return. Therefore, any return which is not filed on or before March 31 following the tax year is untimely.

A taxpayer whose replacement tax liability before credits is \$300 or less is not required to file a return. A taxpayer should not file a replacement tax return under such circumstances.

When the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the return will be due the following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. If a return is placed in the mail, properly addressed and postage paid in ample time to reach the director or the department on or before the due date for filing, no penalty will attach should the return not be received until after that date. The functional meaning of this requirement is that if the return is placed in the mail, properly addressed and postage paid, on or before the due date for filing, no penalty will attach. Mailed returns should be addressed to Department of Revenue, Attention: Local Government Services, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

[ARC 6551C, IAB 10/5/22, effective 11/9/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—101.3(437A) Form for filing.** Returns must be made by taxpayers on forms supplied by the department. Taxpayers not supplied with the proper forms shall make application for same to the department in ample time to have their returns made, verified and filed on or before the due date. Each taxpayer shall carefully prepare the taxpayer’s return so as to fully and clearly set forth the data required. All information shall be supplied and each direction complied with in the same manner as if the forms were embodied in these rules.

Failure to receive the proper forms does not relieve the taxpayer from the obligation of making the replacement tax return.

Returns received which are not completed, but merely state “see schedule attached,” “no tax due,” or some other conclusionary statement are not considered to be a properly filed return and may be returned to the taxpayer for proper completion. This may result in the imposition of penalties and interest due to the return’s being filed after the due date.

[Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—101.4(437A) Payment of tax.** Payment of tax shall not accompany the filing of the replacement tax return with the director. Payment of tax shall never be made to the director or the state of Iowa. Payment of the proper amount of tax due shall be made to the appropriate county treasurer upon notification by the county treasurer to the taxpayer of the taxpayer’s replacement tax obligation.

[Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—101.5(437A) Statute of limitations.**

**101.5(1)** The director has three years after a return is filed to determine the tax due if the return is found to be incorrect and to give notice to the taxpayer of the determination. This three-year statute of limitations does not apply in the instances specified in 101.5(2).

**101.5(2)** If a taxpayer files a false or fraudulent return with the intent to evade any tax, the correct amount of tax due may be determined by the director at any time after the return has been filed.

**101.5(3)** If a taxpayer fails to file a return, the three-year period of limitations does not begin to run until the return is filed with the director.

**101.5(4)** Waiver of statute of limitations. The department and the taxpayer may extend the three-year period of limitations provided in 101.5(1) above by signing a waiver agreement form provided by the department. The agreement shall designate the period of extension and the tax year for which the extension applies. The agreement shall provide that the taxpayer may file a claim for refund of replacement tax at any time prior to the expiration of the agreement.

[Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

### **701—101.6(437A) Billings.**

#### **101.6(1) Notice of adjustments.**

*a.* An agent, auditor, clerk, or employee of the department, designated by the director to examine returns and make audits, who discovers discrepancies in returns or learns that items subject to tax may not have been listed or included as taxable, in whole or in part, or that no return was filed when one was due, is authorized to notify the person of this discovery by ordinary mail. This notice is not an assessment. It informs the person what amount would be due if the information discovered is correct. A copy of such notice shall also be sent to the appropriate county treasurer.

*b.* Right of person upon receipt of notice of adjustment. A person who has received notice of an adjustment in connection with a return may pay the additional amount stated to be due to the appropriate county treasurer. If payment is made, and the person wishes to contest the matter, the person should file a timely claim for refund. However, payment will not be required until an assessment has been made (although interest will continue to accrue if timely payment is not made). If no payment has been made, the person may discuss with the agent, auditor, clerk, or employee who notified the person of the discrepancy, either in person or through correspondence, all matters of fact and law which may be relevant to the situation. This person may also ask for a conference with the Department of Revenue, Local Government Services, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. Documents and records supporting the person's position may be required.

*c.* Power of agent, auditor, or employee to compromise tax claim. No employee of the department has the power to compromise any tax claims. The power of the agent, auditor, clerk, or employee who notified the person of the discrepancy is limited to the determination of the correct amount of tax.

**101.6(2) Notice of assessment.** If, after following the procedure outlined in 70.6(1) "b," no agreement is reached and the person does not pay the amount determined to be correct to the appropriate county treasurer, a notice of the amount of tax due shall be sent to the taxpayer. This notice of assessment shall bear the signature of the director and will be sent by ordinary mail to the taxpayer with a copy sent to the appropriate county treasurer.

A taxpayer has 60 days from the date of the notice of assessment to file a protest according to the provisions of rule 701—7.8(17A) or, if the taxpayer fails to timely appeal a notice of assessment, the taxpayer may make payment pursuant to rule 701—7.8(17A) to the appropriate county treasurer and file a refund claim with the director within the applicable period provided in Iowa Code section 437A.14(1) "b" for filing such claims.

**101.6(3) Supplemental assessments and refund adjustments.** The director may, at any time within the period prescribed for assessment or refund adjustment, make a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment whenever it is ascertained that any assessment or refund adjustment is imperfect or incomplete in any respect.

If an assessment or refund adjustment is appealed (protested under rule 701—7.8(17A)) and is resolved whether by informal proceedings or by adjudication, the director shall notify the appropriate county treasurer. Such resolution shall preclude the director and the taxpayer from making a



supplemental assessment or refund adjustment concerning the same issue involved in the appeal for the same tax year unless there is a showing of mathematical or clerical error or showing of fraud or misrepresentation.

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#### **701—101.7(437A) Refunds.**

**101.7(1)** A claim for refund of replacement tax may be made on a form obtainable from the department. All claims for refund should be filed with the director, and not with the county treasurer. In the case of a refund claim filed by an agent or representative of the taxpayer, a power of attorney must accompany the claim. All claims for refund must be in writing.

**101.7(2)** A taxpayer shall not offset a refund or overpayment of tax for one tax year as a prior payment of tax of a subsequent tax year on the tax return of a subsequent year unless the provisions of Iowa Code section 437A.8(7) are applicable.

**101.7(3)** Refunds—statute of limitations. The statute of limitations with respect to which refunds or credits may be claimed are:

*a.* The later of three years after the due date of the tax payment upon which the refund or credit is claimed; or one year after which such payment was actually made.

*b.* Ninety days after the due date of the tax payment upon which refund or credit is claimed if the tax is alleged to be unconstitutional.

**101.7(4)** No credit or refund of taxes alleged to be unconstitutional shall be allowed if such taxes were not paid to the appropriate county treasurer under written protest which specifies the particulars of the alleged unconstitutionality.

**101.7(5)** The taxpayer responsible for paying the tax, or the taxpayer's successors, are the only persons eligible to file claims for refund or credit of the tax with the director and are the only persons eligible to receive such refunds or credits.

**101.7(6)** The director will promptly notify the appropriate county treasurer of the acceptance or denial of any refund claim or credit. The county treasurer shall pay the refund claim or portion thereof accepted by the director.

**101.7(7)** A taxpayer has 60 days from the date of the notice of denial of a refund or credit, in whole or in part, to file a protest according to the provisions of rule 701—7.8(17A).

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**701—101.8(437A) Abatement of tax.** The abatement provisions of 701—Chapter 19 are applicable to replacement tax. In the event that the taxpayer files a request for abatement, the appropriate county treasurer shall be notified. The department's decision on the abatement request shall be sent to the taxpayer and the appropriate county treasurer.

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#### **701—101.9(437A) Taxpayers required to keep records.**

**101.9(1)** Records required. The records required in this rule must be made available for examination upon request by the director or the director's authorized representative. The records must include all of those which would support the entries required to be made on the tax return. These records include but are not limited to:

*a.* Records associated with the number of taxable kilowatt-hours of electricity delivered to consumers by the taxpayer within each electric competitive service area during the tax year. Such records shall also include those for calendar year 1998.

*b.* Records associated with the number of taxable kilowatt-hours of electricity consumed within each electric competitive service area during the tax year where the delivery of such electricity is not subject to the replacement delivery tax.

*c.* Records associated with the average centrally assessed property tax liability allocated to electric service of each taxpayer, other than a municipal utility, principally serving an electric competitive service area and of each generation and transmission electric cooperative for the assessment years 1993 through

1997. For municipal utilities, such records shall be for the 1997 assessment year and shall also include records associated with items in 1999 Iowa Acts, Senate File 473, section 30.

*d.* Records associated with the number of taxable kilowatt-hours of electricity generated within the state of Iowa during the tax year. Such records shall also include those for calendar year 1998.

*e.* Records associated with taxable pole miles of transmission lines owned or leased by the taxpayer for each of the line voltage tiers subject to tax imposed in Iowa Code section 437A.7. Such records shall also include those for calendar year 1998.

*f.* Records associated with the excess property tax liability of each generation and transmission electric cooperative assigned to the electric competitive service areas principally served on January 1, 1999, by its distribution electric cooperative members and by those municipal utilities which were purchasing members of a municipal electric cooperative association that is a member of the generation and transmission electric cooperative. Such records shall include those for calendar year 1998. "Excess property tax liability" means the amount by which the average centrally assessed property tax liability for the assessment years 1993 through 1997 of a generation and transmission electric cooperative exceeds the tentative generation and transmission taxes which would have been imposed on such generation and transmission electric cooperative under Iowa Code sections 437A.6 and 437A.7 for calendar year 1998.

*g.* Records associated with the number of taxable therms of natural gas delivered to consumers by the taxpayer within each natural gas competitive service area during the tax year. Such records shall also include those for calendar year 1998.

*h.* Records associated with the number of taxable therms of natural gas consumed within each natural gas competitive service area during the tax year where the delivery of such natural gas is not subject to the replacement delivery tax.

*i.* Records associated with the average centrally assessed property tax liability allocated to natural gas service of each taxpayer, other than a municipal utility, principally serving a natural gas competitive service area for the assessment years 1993 through 1997. For municipal utilities, such records shall be for the 1997 assessment year and shall also include records associated with items in 1999 Iowa Acts, Senate File 473, section 30.

*j.* Records associated with the taxpayer's calculation of the tentative replacement taxes due for the tax year and required to be shown on the tax return.

*k.* Records associated with increases or decreases in the tentative replacement tax required to be shown to be due where the electric and natural gas delivery tax rates are subject to recalculation under the provisions of Iowa Code section 437A.8(7).

*l.* Records associated with the kilowatt-hours of electricity and the therms of natural gas entitled to be exempted from the taxes imposed by Iowa Code sections 437A.4 to 437A.7 by the enumerated exemptions therein.

*m.* Records associated with kilowatt-hours of electricity and therms of natural gas delivered in a manner set forth in Iowa Code sections 437A.4(7) and 437A.5(6).

*n.* All work papers associated with any of the records described in this rule.

*o.* Records pertaining to any additions or deletions of property described as exempt from local property tax in Iowa Code section 437A.16.

*p.* Records associated with allocation of property described in paragraph "o" above among local taxing districts.

**101.9(2)** The records required to be maintained by these rules shall be maintained by taxpayers for a period of ten years following the later of the original due date for the filing of a tax return in which the replacement taxes are reported, or the date on which such return is filed. Upon application to the director and for good cause shown, the director may shorten the period for which any records should be maintained by a taxpayer.

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**701—101.10(437A) Credentials.** Employees of the department have official credentials, and the taxpayer should require proof of the identity of persons claiming to represent the department. No

charges shall be made nor gratuities of any kind accepted by an employee of the department for assistance given in or out of the office of the department.

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**701—101.11(437A) Audit of records.** The director or the director's authorized representative shall have the right to examine or cause to be examined the books, papers, records, memoranda or documents of a taxpayer for the purpose of verifying the correctness of a tax return filed, of information presented, or for estimating the tax liability of a taxpayer. When a taxpayer fails or refuses to produce the records for examination upon request, the director shall have authority to require, by a subpoena, the attendance of the taxpayer and any other witness(es) whom the director deems necessary or expedient to examine and compel the taxpayer and witness(es) to produce books, papers, records, memoranda or documents relating in any manner to the replacement tax.

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**701—101.12(437A) Collections/reimbursements.** Neither the director nor the department is empowered to receive any payment of replacement tax. Therefore, taxpayers should never pay any replacement tax to the director or the state of Iowa. All payments of replacement tax are to be made to the appropriate county treasurer.

**101.12(1)** A person in possession of a renewable energy tax credit certificate issued pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476C or a wind energy tax credit issued pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476B may apply to the director for a reimbursement of the amount of taxes imposed and paid by the person pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 437A in an amount not more than the person received in renewable energy tax credit certificates or wind energy tax credit certificates. To obtain the reimbursement, the person shall include with the return required under Iowa Code section 437A.8 the renewable energy tax credit certificates or the wind energy tax credit certificates and provide any other information the director may require. The director shall direct that a warrant be issued to the person for an amount equal to the tax imposed and paid by the person. Any credit in excess of the person's tax liability may be claimed as a refund for the following seven years. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 437A.14, a taxpayer may file a claim for refund with the director within three years after the replacement tax became due. If the renewable energy or wind energy tax credit claim exceeds the replacement tax due in a year, the taxpayer has seven years to carry over the excess credit. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 476C.4(6), a person may not receive both a renewable energy tax credit and a wind energy tax credit. For the wind energy tax credit, the reimbursement applies to a qualified facility placed in service on or after July 1, 2005, but before July 1, 2012. For the renewable energy tax credit, the reimbursement applies to a qualified facility placed in service on or after July 1, 2005, but before January 1, 2017. The utilities board shall notify the department of revenue of the amount of kilowatt hours of electricity purchased from a renewable energy facility or the amount of kilowatt hours generated and purchased from a qualified wind energy facility or generated and used on site by the qualified wind energy facility. The department of revenue shall calculate the amount of the tax credit and issue the tax credit certificate. Wind energy and renewable energy tax credit certificates may be transferred, and a replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different type of tax than the type of tax noted on the original tax credit certificate.

**101.12(2)** A person in possession of a soy-based transformer fluid tax credit certificate issued pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476D may apply to the director for a reimbursement of the amount of taxes imposed and paid by the person pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 437A in an amount not more than the person received in soy-based transformer fluid tax credit certificates. To obtain the reimbursement, the person shall attach to the return required under section 437A.8 the soy-based transformer fluid tax credit certificates issued to the person and provide any other information the director may require. The director shall direct a warrant to be issued to the person for an amount equal to the tax imposed and paid by the person pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 437A but for not more than the amount of the soy-based

transformer fluid tax credit certificates attached to the return. This subrule is rescinded December 31, 2009.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 437A.17B and 437A.17C and chapters 476B and 476D and chapter 476C as amended by 2014 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2343.  
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**701—101.13(437A) Information confidential.** Iowa Code subsections 437A.14(2) and (3) apply generally to the director, deputies, auditors, and present or former officers and employees of the department. Disclosure of the kilowatt-hours of electricity or therms of natural gas delivered by a taxpayer in a competitive service area disclosed on a tax return, return information, or investigative or audit information is prohibited. Other persons having acquired this confidential information will be bound by the same rules of secrecy under these Iowa Code provisions as any member of the department and will be subject to the same penalties for violations as provided by law.

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DIVISION II  
STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX

**701—101.14(437A) Who must file return.** Each taxpayer shall file a true and accurate return with the director. The return shall include all of the information prescribed in Iowa Code section 437A.21 and any other information or schedules requested by the director. The return shall be signed by an officer or other person duly authorized by the taxpayer and must be certified as correct. If the taxpayer was inactive or ceased the conduct of any activity for which the taxpayer's property was subject to the statewide property tax during the tax year, the return must contain a statement to that effect.

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**701—101.15(437A) Time and place for filing return.** The return must be filed with the director on or before March 31 following the tax year. There is no authority for the director to grant an extension of time to file a return. Therefore, any return which is not filed on or before March 31 following the tax year is untimely.

When the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the return will be due the following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. If a return is placed in the mail, properly addressed and postage paid in ample time to reach the director or the department on or before the due date for filing, no penalty will attach should the return not be received until after that date. The functional meaning of this requirement is that if the return is placed in the mail, properly addressed and postage paid, on or before the due date for filing, no penalty will attach. Mailed returns should be addressed to Department of Revenue, Attention: Local Government Services, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

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**701—101.16(437A) Form for filing.** Replacement tax rule 701—101.3(437A) is incorporated herein by reference.

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**701—101.17(437A) Payment of tax.** Payment of the tax required to be shown due on the statewide property tax return shall accompany the filing of the return. All checks shall be made payable to the Iowa Department of Revenue. Failure to pay the tax required to be shown due on the tax return by the due date shall render the tax delinquent.

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**701—101.18(437A) Statute of limitations.** Replacement tax rule 701—101.5(437A) is incorporated herein by reference.

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**701—101.19(437A) Billings.**

**101.19(1) Notice of adjustments.** Replacement tax subrule 101.6(1) is incorporated herein by reference.

**101.19(2) Notice of assessment.** If, after following the procedure outlined in 101.6(1)“b,” no agreement is reached and the person does not pay the amount determined to be correct to the director, a notice of the amount of tax due shall be sent to the taxpayer. This notice of assessment shall bear the signature of the director and will be sent by ordinary mail to the taxpayer.

A taxpayer has 60 days from the date of the notice of assessment to file a protest according to the provisions of rule 701—7.8(17A) or, if the taxpayer fails to timely appeal a notice of assessment, the taxpayer may make payment pursuant to rule 701—7.8(17A) to the director and file a refund claim with the director within the applicable period provided in Iowa Code sections 437A.22 and 437A.14(1)“b” for filing such claims.

**101.19(3) Supplemental assessments.** Replacement tax subrule 101.6(3) is incorporated by reference.

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**701—101.20(437A) Refunds.** Replacement tax subrules 101.7(1) to 101.7(3), 101.7(5) and 101.7(7) are incorporated herein by reference.

No credit or refund of taxes alleged to be unconstitutional shall be allowed if such taxes were not paid under written protest which specifies the particulars of the alleged unconstitutionality.

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**701—101.21(437A) Abatement of tax.** The abatement provisions of 701—Chapter 19 are applicable to the statewide property tax.

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**701—101.22(437A) Taxpayers required to keep records.**

**101.22(1) Records required.** The records required in this rule must be made available for examination upon request by the director or the director’s authorized representative. The records must include all of those which would support the entries required to be made on the tax return. These records include but are not limited to:

a. Records associated with the assessed value and base year assessed value of property subject to the statewide property tax.

b. Records associated with the computation of the statewide property tax required to be shown due on the tax return.

c. Records associated with the book value of the local amount of any major addition by local taxing district.

d. Records associated with the book value of the statewide amount of any major addition.

e. Records associated with the transfer or disposal of all operating property in the preceding calendar year, by local taxing district.

f. Records associated with the book value of all other taxpayer property subject to the statewide property tax.

g. Records associated with the book value of any major addition, by situs, eligible for the urban revitalization exemption provided for in Iowa Code chapter 404.

h. All work papers associated with any of the records described in this rule.

i. Records associated with allocation of property subject to statewide property tax among local taxing districts.

**101.22(2)** The records required to be maintained by these rules shall be maintained by taxpayers for a period of ten years following the later of the original due date for the filing of a tax return in which the statewide property tax is reported, or the date on which such return is filed. Upon application to the director and for good cause shown, the director may shorten the period for which any records should be maintained by a taxpayer.

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**701—101.23(437A) Credentials.** Replacement tax rule 701—101.10(437A) is incorporated herein by reference.

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**701—101.24(437A) Audit of records.** Replacement tax rule 701—101.11(437A) is incorporated herein by reference.

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CHAPTER 102  
ASSESSMENT PRACTICES AND EQUALIZATION

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 71]

**701—102.1(405,427A,428,441,499B) Classification of real estate.**

**102.1(1) Responsibility of assessors.** All real estate subject to assessment by city and county assessors shall be classified as provided in this rule. It shall be the responsibility of city and county assessors to determine the proper classification of real estate. There can be only one classification per property under this rule, except as provided for in paragraph 102.1(4) “d.” An assessor shall not assign one classification to the land and a different classification to the building or separate classifications to the land or separate classifications to the building. A building or structure on leased land is considered a separate property and may be classified differently than the land upon which it is located. The determination shall be based upon the best judgment of the assessor following the guidelines set forth in this rule and the status of the real estate as of January 1 of the year in which the assessment is made. The assessor shall classify property according to its present use and not according to its highest and best use. See subrule 102.1(9) for an exception to the general rule that property is to be classified according to its use. The classification shall be utilized on the abstract of assessment submitted to the department of revenue pursuant to Iowa Code section 441.45. See rule 701—102.8(428,441).

**102.1(2) Responsibility of boards of review, county auditors, and county treasurers.** Whenever local boards of review, county auditors, and county treasurers exercise assessment functions allowed or required by law, they shall classify property as provided in this rule and adhere to the requirements of this rule.

**102.1(3) Agricultural real estate.**

*a. Generally.* Agricultural real estate shall include all tracts of land and the improvements and structures located on them which are in good faith used primarily for agricultural purposes except buildings which are primarily used or intended for human habitation as defined in subrule 102.1(4). Land and the nonresidential improvements and structures located on it shall be considered to be used primarily for agricultural purposes if its principal use is devoted to the raising and harvesting of crops or forest or fruit trees, the rearing, feeding, and management of livestock, or horticulture, all for intended profit. Agricultural real estate shall also include woodland, wasteland, and pastureland, but only if that land is held or operated in conjunction with agricultural real estate as defined in paragraph “a” or “b” of this subrule.

*b. Vineyards.* Beginning with valuations established on or after January 1, 2002, vineyards and any buildings located on a vineyard and used in connection with the vineyard shall be classified as agricultural real estate if the primary use of the land and buildings is an activity related to the production or sale of wine.

*c. Algae cultivation and production.* Beginning with valuations established on or after January 1, 2013, real estate used directly in the cultivation and production of algae for harvesting as a crop for animal feed, food, nutritionals, or biofuel production shall be classified as agricultural real estate if the real estate is an enclosed pond or land which contains a photobioreactor. Pursuant to 2013 Iowa Acts, House File 632, section 1, a photobioreactor is not attached to land upon which it sits and shall not be assessed and taxed as real property.

(1) Determining direct usage. To determine if real estate is used “directly” in the cultivation and production of algae, one must first ensure that the real estate is used to perform activities that cultivate and produce algae and is not used for activities that occur before or after the cultivation and production of algae. If the real estate is used to perform activities for the cultivation and production of algae, to be “directly” so used, the real estate must be used to perform activities that are integral and essential to the cultivation and production, as distinguished from activities that are incidental, merely convenient to, or remote from cultivation and production. The fact that real estate is used for activities that are essential or necessary to the cultivation and production of algae does not mean that the real estate is also “directly” used in production. Even if the real estate is used for activities that are essential or necessary

to the cultivation and production of algae, if the activities are far enough removed from the cultivation or production of algae, the real estate would not qualify for the agricultural designation.

(2) Examples. The following are nonexclusive examples of real estate which would not be directly used in the cultivation and production of algae:

1. Real estate that is used to store, assemble, or repair machinery and equipment that is used for cultivation and production of algae.
2. Real estate that is used in the management, administration, advertising, or selling of algae.
3. Real estate that is used in the management, administration, or planning of the cultivation and production of algae.
4. Real estate that is used for packaging of the algae which has been produced and cultivated.

**102.1(4) Residential real estate.**

*a. Classification of residential real estate—in general.* Residential real estate shall include all lands and buildings which are primarily used or intended for human habitation containing fewer than three dwelling units, including those buildings located on agricultural land. Buildings used primarily or intended for human habitation shall include the dwelling as well as structures and improvements used primarily as a part of, or in conjunction with, the dwelling. This includes but is not limited to garages, whether attached or detached, tennis courts, swimming pools, guest cottages, and storage sheds for household goods. “Used in conjunction with” means that the structure or improvement is located on the same parcel, on contiguous parcels, or on a parcel directly across a street or alley as the building or structure containing the dwelling and when marketed for sale would be sold as a unit. Residential real estate located on agricultural land shall include only buildings as defined in this subrule. Buildings for human habitation that are used as commercial ventures, including but not limited to hotels, motels, rest homes, and structures containing three or more separate living quarters, shall not be considered residential real estate. However, regardless of the number of separate living quarters, multiple housing cooperatives organized under Iowa Code chapter 499A and land and buildings owned and operated by organizations that have received tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, if the rental income from the property is not taxed as unrelated business income under Iowa Code section 422.33(1A), shall be considered residential real estate.

*b. Horizontal property regimes.* An apartment in a horizontal property regime (condominium) referred to in Iowa Code chapter 499B which is used or intended for use for human habitation shall be classified as residential real estate regardless of who occupies the apartment. Existing structures shall not be converted to a horizontal property regime unless building code requirements have been met.

*c. Classification of residential real estate on or after January 1, 2022.* Beginning with valuations established on or after January 1, 2022, residential real estate shall also include:

- (1) Property primarily used or intended for human habitation containing two or fewer dwelling units.
- (2) Mobile home parks.
- (3) Manufactured home communities.
- (4) Land-leased communities.
- (5) Assisted living facilities.
- (6) A parcel primarily used or intended for human habitation containing three or more separate dwelling units. If a portion of such a parcel is used or intended for a purpose that, if the primary use would be classified as commercial property or industrial property, each such portion, including a proportionate share of the land included in the parcel, if applicable, shall be assigned the appropriate classification pursuant to Iowa Code section 441.21(14)“b” and paragraph 102.1(4)“d” below.

(7) For a parcel that is primarily used or intended for use as commercial property or industrial property, that portion of the parcel that is used or intended for human habitation, regardless of the number of dwelling units contained on the parcel, including a proportionate share of the land included in the parcel, if applicable. The portion of such a parcel used or intended for use as commercial property or industrial property, including a proportionate share of the land included in the parcel, if applicable, shall be assigned the appropriate classification pursuant to Iowa Code section 441.21(14)“b” and paragraph 102.1(4)“d” below.



*d. Dual classification.*

(1) For assessment years beginning January 1, 2022, and after, valuations of parcels for which a portion of the parcel satisfies the requirements for classification as residential property under Iowa Code section 441.21(14) "a"(6) or 441.21(14) "a"(7) and subparagraph 102.1(4) "c"(6) or 102.1(4) "c"(7), the assessor shall assign to that portion of the parcel the classification of residential property and to such other portions of the parcel the property classification for which such other portions qualify.

(2) The only permitted combinations of dual classifications are commercial and residential or industrial and residential. The assessor shall assign the classification of residential to that portion of the parcel that satisfies the requirements for the classification of residential property and to such other portions of the parcel the property classification for which such other portions qualify. The assessor shall maintain the valuation and assessment of property with a dual classification on one parcel record.

*e. Section 42 housing.* Property that is rented or leased to low-income individuals and families as authorized by Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, and that has not been withdrawn from Section 42 assessment procedures under Iowa Code section 441.21(2), shall not be classified as residential property.

*f. Short-term leases.* A hotel, motel, inn, or other building where rooms or dwelling units are usually rented for less than one month shall not be classified as residential property.

*g. Definitions.* For purposes of this subrule, the following definitions apply:

"*Assisted living facility*" means property for providing assisted living as defined in Iowa Code section 231C.2. "Assisted living facility" also includes a health care facility as defined in Iowa Code section 135C.1, an elder group home as defined in Iowa Code section 231B.1, a child foster care facility under Iowa Code chapter 237, or property used for a hospice program as defined in Iowa Code section 135J.1.

"*Dwelling unit*" means an apartment, group of rooms, or single room which is occupied as separate living quarters or, if vacant, is intended for occupancy as separate living quarters, in which a tenant can live and sleep separately from any other persons in the building.

"*Land-leased community*" means the same as defined in Iowa Code sections 335.30A and 414.28A.

"*Manufactured home community*" means the same as a land-leased community.

"*Mobile home park*" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 435.1.

**102.1(5)** Reserved.

**102.1(6)** *Commercial real estate.* Commercial real estate shall include all lands and improvements and structures located thereon which are primarily used or intended as a place of business where goods, wares, services, or merchandise is stored or offered for sale at wholesale or retail. Commercial realty shall also include hotels, motels, and property that is rented or leased to low-income individuals and families as authorized by Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code and has not been withdrawn from Section 42 assessment procedures under Iowa Code section 441.21(2). Commercial real estate shall also include data processing equipment as defined in Iowa Code section 427A.1(1) "j," except data processing equipment used in the manufacturing process. However, regardless of the number of separate living quarters or any commercial use of the property, single- and two-family dwellings, multiple housing cooperatives organized under Iowa Code chapter 499A, and land and buildings used primarily for human habitation and owned and operated by organizations that have received tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, if the rental income from the property is not taxed as unrelated business income under Iowa Code section 422.33(1A), shall be classified as residential real estate.

An apartment in a horizontal property regime (condominium) referred to in Iowa Code chapter 499B which is used or intended for use as a commercial venture, other than leased for human habitation, shall be classified as commercial real estate. Existing structures shall not be converted to a horizontal property regime unless building code requirements have been met.

**102.1(7)** *Industrial real estate.*

*a. Land and buildings.*

(1) Industrial real estate includes land, buildings, structures, and improvements used primarily as a manufacturing establishment. A manufacturing establishment is a business entity in which the primary activity consists of adding to the value of personal property by any process of manufacturing, refining, purifying, the packing of meats, or the combination of different materials with the intent of selling the

product for gain or profit. Industrial real estate includes land and buildings used for the storage of raw materials or finished products and which are an integral part of the manufacturing establishment, and also includes office space used as part of a manufacturing establishment.

(2) Whether property is used primarily as a manufacturing establishment and, therefore, assessed as industrial real estate depends upon the extent to which the property is used for the activities enumerated in subparagraph 102.1(7)“a”(1). Property in which the performance of these activities is only incidental to the property’s primary use for another purpose is not a manufacturing establishment. For example, a grocery store in which bakery goods are prepared would be assessed as commercial real estate since the primary use of the grocery store premises is for the sale of goods not manufactured by the grocery and the industrial activity, i.e., baking, is only incidental to the store premises’ primary use. However, property which is used primarily as a bakery would be assessed as industrial real estate even if baked goods are sold at retail on the premises since the bakery premises’ primary use would be for an industrial activity to which the retail sale of baked goods is merely incidental. See *Lichty v. Board of Review of Waterloo*, 230 Iowa 750, 298 N.W. 654 (1941).

Similarly, a facility which has as its primary use the mixing and blending of products to manufacture feed would be assessed as industrial real estate even though a portion of the facility is used solely for the storage of grain, if the use for storage is merely incidental to the property’s primary use as a manufacturing establishment. Conversely, a facility used primarily for the storage of grain would be assessed as commercial real estate even though a part of the facility is used to manufacture feed. In the latter situation, the industrial use of the property — the manufacture of feed — is merely incidental to the property’s primary use for commercial purposes — the storage of grain.

(3) Property used primarily for the extraction of rock or mineral substances from the earth is not a manufacturing establishment if the only processing performed on the substance is to change its size by crushing or pulverizing. See *River Products Company v. Board of Review of Washington County*, 332 N.W.2d 116 (Iowa Ct. App. 1982).

*b. Machinery.*

(1) Machinery includes equipment and devices, both automated and nonautomated, which is used in manufacturing as defined in Iowa Code section 428.20. See *Deere Manufacturing Co. v. Beiner*, 247 Iowa 1264, 78 N.W.2d 527 (1956).

(2) Machinery owned or used by a manufacturer but not used within the manufacturing establishment is not assessed as industrial real estate. For example, “X” operates a factory which manufactures building materials for sale. In addition, “X” uses some of these building materials in construction contracts. The machinery which “X” would primarily use at the construction site would not be used in a manufacturing establishment and, therefore, would not be assessed as industrial real estate.

(3) Machinery used in manufacturing but not used in or by a manufacturing establishment is not assessed as industrial real estate. See *Associated General Contractors of Iowa v. State Tax Commission*, 255 Iowa 673, 123 N.W.2d 922 (1963).

(4) Where the primary function of a manufacturing establishment is to manufacture personal property that is consumed by the manufacturer rather than sold, the machinery used in the manufacturing establishment is not assessed as industrial real estate. See *Associated General Contractors of Iowa v. State Tax Commission*, 255 Iowa 673, 123 N.W.2d 922 (1963).

**102.1(8) Point-of-sale equipment.** As used in Iowa Code section 427A.1(1)“j,” the term “point-of-sale equipment” means input, output, and processing equipment used to consummate a sale and to record or process information pertaining to a sale transaction at the time the sale takes place and which is located at the counter, desk, or other specific point at which the transaction occurs. As used in this subrule, the term “sale” means the sale or rental of goods or services and includes both retail and wholesale transactions. Point-of-sale equipment does not include equipment used primarily for depositing or withdrawing funds from financial institution accounts.

**102.1(9) Housing development property.**

*a. Ordinances adopted or amended on or after January 1, 2011.*

(1) Adoption of ordinance by board of supervisors. A county board of supervisors may adopt an ordinance providing that property acquired and subdivided for development of housing on or after

January 1, 2011, shall continue to be assessed for taxation in the manner it was assessed prior to the acquisition. Each lot shall continue to be taxed in the manner it was taxed prior to acquisition for housing until the lot is sold for construction or occupancy of housing or 5 years from the date of subdivision, whichever occurs first.

(2) Amendments to ordinance by board of supervisors. On or after July 27, 2011, the board of supervisors of a county may amend an ordinance adopted or otherwise made effective under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 405.1(1) "a" to extend the 5-year time period for a period of time not to exceed 5 years beyond the end of the original 5-year period established under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 405.1(1). Thus, the maximum special assessment time for ordinances adopted on or subsequent to January 1, 2011, is 10 years. An extension of an ordinance under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 405.1(1) "a" may apply to all or a portion of the property that was subject to the original ordinance.

(3) Amendments to ordinance by city council. A city council may adopt an ordinance, affecting all or a portion of the property located within the incorporated area of the city subject to the county ordinance adopted under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 405.1(1) "a," extending the county ordinance not previously extended by the board of supervisors up to 5 years. An ordinance by a city council providing for an extension under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 405.1(3) shall be subject to the 5-year limitation under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 405.1(2). Thus, the maximum time to appeal an ordinance adopted on or subsequent to January 1, 2011, is 10 years if the city council amends an ordinance originally adopted by the county board of supervisors.

(4) Sale of lot; expiration of 5-year or extended period. Upon the sale of the lot for construction or occupancy for housing or upon the expiration of the 5-year or extended period, the property shall be assessed for taxation as residential or commercial multifamily property, whichever is applicable.

(5) Definition of "subdivide." As used in both paragraphs 102.1(9) "a" and "b," "subdivide" means to divide a tract of land into three or more lots.

*b. Ordinances adopted on or after January 1, 2004, but prior to January 1, 2011.*

(1) Ordinances adopted under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement sections 405.1(1) and 405.1(2), to the extent such ordinances affect the assessment of property subdivided for development of housing on or after January 1, 2004, but before January 1, 2011, shall remain in effect or otherwise be made effective, and such ordinances:

1. Adopted under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 405.1(1), applicable to counties with a population of less than 20,000, shall be extended, from a period of 5 years, to apply to a period of 10 years from the date of subdivision.

2. Adopted under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 405.1(2), applicable to counties with a population of 20,000 or more, shall be extended, from a period of 3 years, to apply to a period of 8 years from the date of subdivision.

Each lot shall continue to be taxed in the manner it was taxed prior to acquisition for housing until the lot is sold for construction or occupancy of housing, or 10 years pursuant to paragraph "1" above or 8 years pursuant to paragraph "2" above (or the extended period, if applicable) from the date of subdivision, whichever occurs first.

(2) Amendments to ordinance by board of supervisors. On or after July 27, 2011, the board of supervisors of a county may amend an ordinance adopted under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 405.1(1) or 405.1(2) to extend the 10- and 8-year periods, respectively, for a period of time not to exceed 5 years beyond the end of the 10- and 8-year periods established under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 405.1(1) "b." Thus, the maximum special assessment time for ordinances adopted on or after January 1, 2004, but prior to January 1, 2011, for counties with a population of less than 20,000 shall be 15 years. For counties with a population of 20,000 or more, the maximum shall be 13 years.

(3) Amendments to ordinance by city council. A city council may adopt an ordinance, affecting all or a portion of the property located within the incorporated area of the city subject to the county ordinance adopted under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement sections 405.1(1) and 405.1(2), extending the county ordinances not previously extended by the board of supervisors up to 5 years. An ordinance by a city council providing for an extension under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 405.1(3) shall be subject to the 5-year limitation under 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 405.1(2). Thus, the maximum

time to appeal an ordinance adopted on or after January 1, 2004, but prior to January 1, 2011, for counties with a population of less than 20,000 shall be 15 years if the city council amends an ordinance originally adopted by the board of supervisors. For counties with a population of 20,000 or more, the maximum special assessment time shall be 13 years.

(4) Sale of lot. Upon the sale of the lot for construction or occupancy for housing or upon the expiration of the 10- or 8-year or extended period, the property shall be assessed for taxation as residential or commercial multifamily property, whichever is applicable.

**102.1(10) Assessment of platted lots.**

*a.* When a subdivision plat is recorded pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 354 on or after January 1, 2011, the individual lots within the subdivision plat shall not be assessed, in the aggregate, in excess of the total assessment of the land as acreage or unimproved property for 5 years after the recording of the plat or until the lot is actually improved with permanent construction, whichever occurs first. When an individual lot has been improved with permanent construction, the lot shall be assessed for taxation purposes as provided in Iowa Code chapters 428 and 441.

*b.* For subdivision plats recorded pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 354 (relating to division and subdivision of land) on or after January 1, 2004, but before January 1, 2011, the individual lots within the subdivision plat shall not be assessed, in the aggregate, in excess of the total assessment of the land as acreage or unimproved property for 8 years after the recording of the plat or until the lot is actually improved with permanent construction, whichever occurs first. When an individual lot has been improved with permanent construction, the lot shall be assessed for taxation purposes as provided in Iowa Code chapters 428 and 441.

*c.* 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 441.72 does not apply to special assessment levies.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 405.1, 427A.1, 428.4 and 441.22 and chapter 499B and Iowa Code Supplement section 441.21 as amended by 2002 Iowa Acts, House File 2584.

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**701—102.2(421,428,441) Assessment and valuation of real estate.**

**102.2(1) Responsibility of assessor.** The valuation of real estate as established by city and county assessors shall be the actual value of the real estate as of January 1 of the year in which the assessment is made. New parcels of real estate created by the division of existing parcels of real estate shall be assessed separately as of January 1 of the year following the division of the existing parcel of real estate.

**102.2(2) Responsibility of other assessing officials.** Whenever local boards of review, county auditors, and county treasurers exercise assessment functions allowed or required by law, they shall follow the provisions of subrule 102.2(1) and rules 701—102.3(421,428,441) to 701—102.7(421,427A,428,441).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.17, 428.4 and 441.21.

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**701—102.3(421,428,441) Valuation of agricultural real estate.** Agricultural real estate shall be assessed at its actual value as defined in Iowa Code section 441.21 by giving exclusive consideration to its productivity and net earning capacity. In determining the actual value of agricultural real estate, city and county assessors shall use the Iowa Real Property Appraisal Manual and any other guidelines issued by the department of revenue pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.17(17).

**102.3(1) Productivity.**

*a.* In determining the productivity and net earning capacity of agricultural real estate, the assessor shall also use available data from Iowa State University, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), the Iowa department of revenue, or other reliable sources. The assessor shall also consider the results of a modern soil survey, if completed. The assessor shall determine the actual valuation of agricultural real estate within the assessing jurisdiction and distribute such valuation throughout the jurisdiction so that each parcel of real estate is assessed at its actual value as defined in Iowa Code section 441.21.

*b.* In distributing such valuation to each parcel under paragraph 102.3(1) “*a*,” the assessor shall adjust non-cropland. The adjustment shall be applied to non-cropland with a corn suitability rating (CSR) that is greater than 50 percent of the average CSR for cropland for the county. The adjustment shall be determined for each county based upon the five-year average difference in cash rent between non-irrigated cropland and pasture land as published by NASS. The assessor may utilize the USDA FSA-published Common Land Unit digital data or other reliable sources in determining non-cropland. Counties shall implement the adjustments under this paragraph on or before the 2017 assessment year. The department of revenue may, in a case involving hardship, extend the implementation of the adjustments required under this paragraph to the 2019 assessment year. No extension of time shall be granted unless the county makes a written request to the department of revenue for such action.

*c.* A taxpayer may apply to the county for the adjustment to non-cropland under paragraph 102.3(1) “*b*” beginning with the 2014 assessment and until the county’s full implementation of this subrule. Upon application, and subsequent approval by the assessor, the county assessor shall adjust non-cropland as provided in paragraph 102.3(1) “*b*.” Once a taxpayer applies for the adjustment, and upon approval, the assessor shall make the adjustment to the assessment year for which the application was submitted and until the county’s full implementation of this subrule, without the need to reapply for the adjustment.

*d.* EXAMPLE. The following is an example of the calculation used to compute adjustment on land determined to be non-cropland with a CSR that is greater than 50 percent of the average CSR for cropland for the county:

Average county CSR rating for cropland	80 CSR
50% of average cropland CSR	40 CSR
Example of non-cropland soil 11b CSR rating	58 CSR
Non-cropland CSR points to be adjusted	$58 - 40 = 18$ CSR points
5-year average rent for non-irrigated cropland	\$163.60
5-year average rent for pasture land	\$48.30
Percent difference (rounded)	$1 - (\$48.30/\$163.60) = 70\%$
Apply the percent difference to points to be adjusted	$18 \text{ CSR points} \times (1 - .70) = 5.40$ adjusted CSR points
Adjusted CSR non-cropland	$40 + 5.40 = 45.40$ adjusted CSR points

**102.3(2) Agricultural factor.** In order to determine a productivity value for agricultural buildings and structures, assessors must make an agricultural adjustment to the market value of these buildings and structures by developing an “agricultural factor” for the assessors’ jurisdictions. The agricultural factor for each jurisdiction is the product of the ratio of the productivity and net earning capacity value per acre as determined under subrule 102.12(1) over the market value of agricultural land within the assessing jurisdiction. The resulting ratio is then applied to the actual value of the agricultural buildings and structures as determined under the Iowa Real Property Appraisal Manual prepared by the department. The agricultural factor must be applied uniformly to all agricultural buildings and structures in the assessing jurisdiction. As an example, if a building’s actual value is \$500,000 and the agricultural factor is 30 percent, the productivity value of that building is \$150,000. See *H & R Partnership v. Davis County Board of Review*, 654 N.W.2d 521 (Iowa 2002). The 2007, 2008, and 2009 average of the market value of land will be used in determining the agricultural factor for assessment year 2011. A five-year market value average of land for years used to determine the productivity formula will be used to determine the agricultural factor for assessment year 2013 and subsequent assessment years.

**102.3(3) Classification.** Land classified as agricultural real estate includes the land beneath any dwelling and appurtenant structures located on that land and shall be valued by the assessor pursuant to

rule 701—102.3(421,428,441). An assessor shall not value a part of the land as agricultural real estate and a part of the land as if it is residential real estate.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.17, 428.4 and 441.21.

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**701—102.4(421,428,441) Valuation of residential real estate.** Residential real estate shall be assessed at its actual value as defined in Iowa Code section 441.21.

In determining the actual value of residential real estate, city and county assessors shall use the appraisal manual issued by the department of revenue pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.17(17) as well as a locally conducted assessment/sales ratio study, an analysis of sales of comparable properties, and any other relevant data available.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.17, 428.4 and 441.21.

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**701—102.5(421,428,441) Valuation of commercial real estate.** Commercial real estate shall be assessed at its actual value as defined in Iowa Code section 441.21. In determining the actual value of commercial real estate, city and county assessors shall use the appraisal manual issued by the department of revenue pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.17(17) as well as a locally conducted assessment/sales ratio study, an analysis of sales of comparable properties, and any other relevant data available. In cases involving the valuation of owner-occupied commercial property, the data relating to the financial performance of the owner or the owner's business, including but not limited to its sales, revenue, expenses, or profits, shall not be considered relevant in determining the property's actual value.

**102.5(1) Property of long distance telephone companies.** The director of revenue shall assess the property of long distance telephone companies as defined in Iowa Code section 476.1D(10) which property is first assessed for taxation on or after January 1, 1996, in the same manner as commercial real estate.

**102.5(2) Low-income housing subject to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.**

*a. Productive and earning capacity.* In assessing property that is rented or leased to low-income individuals and families as authorized by Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code which limits the amount that the individual or family pays for the rental or lease of units in the property, the assessor shall use the productive and earning capacity from the actual rents received as a method of appraisal and shall take into account the extent to which that use and limitation reduces the market value of the property.

*b. Direct capitalization method.* The income approach to valuation shall be applied using the direct capitalization method. The assessor may use the discounted cash flow method as a test of the reasonableness of the results produced by the direct capitalization method. The direct capitalization method of the income approach involves dividing the Net Operating Income (NOI) on a cash basis by an overall capitalization rate to derive an indication of the value of the property for the assessment year.

In applying the direct capitalization method, the assessor shall develop a normalized measure of annual NOI based on the productive and earning capacity of the development utilizing (1) the actual rent schedule applicable for each of the available units as of January 1 of the year of assessment indicating the actual rent to be paid by the resident plus any Section 8 rental assistance or other direct cash rental subsidy provided to the resident by federal, state or local rent subsidy programs as limited pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, (2) a normal vacancy/collection allowance, (3) the prior year's actual and current year's projected annual operating expenses associated with the property, excluding noncash items such as depreciation and amortization, but including property taxes and those actual costs expected to be incurred and paid as required by Internal Revenue Code Section 42 regulations, provisions, and restrictions as applicable to the assessment year, and (4) an appropriate provision for replacement reserves.

If no separate line item is included for reserves for replacement in the historic income and expense data, then the maintenance and repair categories of the historic expense data must be itemized. For properties that have attained a normalized operating history, the NOI results of the prior three years

(as represented in the statements variously named as the Income and Loss Statement, the Profit and Loss Statement, the Income Statement, the Actual to Budget Comparison Statement, Balance Sheet, or some name variation of these) may be used to provide the basis for determining the normalized NOI used for purposes of applying the direct capitalization method for the year of assessment, provided an appropriate replacement reserve is included in the NOI determination and provided any additional costs required as a result of Section 42 regulation or compliance changes for the assessment year are included as an operating expense in the NOI determination. In addition, the assessor may utilize the current year operating budget to develop a measure of NOI for the assessment year. The assessor, in developing the measure of annual NOI on a cash basis, shall not consider as income any potential rental income differential that could otherwise be received from the property if the rents were not limited pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, any tax credit equity, any tax credit value, or other subsidized financing.

*c. Filing of reports.* It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to file income and expense data with the local assessor by March 1 of each year. The assessor may require the filing of additional information if deemed necessary.

*d. Capitalization rate.* The overall capitalization rate to be used in applying the direct capitalization method for a Section 42 property is developed through the band-of-investment technique. The capitalization rate will be calculated annually by the Iowa department of revenue and distributed to all Iowa assessors by March 1. The capitalization rate is a composite rate weighted by the proportions of total property investment represented by debt and equity. The capital structure weights equity at 80 percent and debt at 20 percent unless actual market capital structure can be verified to the assessor. The yield, or market rate of return, for equity is calculated using the capital asset pricing model (CAPM). The yield for debt is equivalent to the average yield on 25-year Treasury bonds referred to as the Treasury long-term average rate. An example of the band-of-investment technique to be utilized is as follows:

	% to Total	Yield	Composite
Equity	80%	11.05%	8.84%
Debt	20%	5.94%	1.19%
	100%		10.03%

*e. Capital asset pricing model.* The capital asset pricing model (CAPM) is utilized to develop the equity rate. The formula is:

$$Re = B(Rm - Rf) + Rf$$

Where:

- Re = return on equity
- B = beta
- Rm = return on the market
- Rf = risk-free rate of return
- Rm - Rf = market-risk premium

The beta is assumed to be 1 which indicates the risk level to be consistent with the market as a whole. The risk-free rate is calculated by finding the average of the three-month and six-month Treasury bill. The return on the market is calculated by taking the average of the return on the market for the Merrill Lynch Universe and Standard and Poor's 500 or by reference to other published secondary sources.

*f. Properties under construction.* For Section 42 properties under construction, the assessor may value the property by applying the percentage of completion to the replacement cost new (RCN) as calculated from the Iowa Real Property Appraisal Manual and adding the fair market value of the land. Alternatively, projected income and expense data may be utilized if available.

*g. Negative or minimal NOI.* If the Section 42 property shows a negative or minimal net operating income (NOI), the indicator of value as set forth in these rules shall not be utilized.

*h. Eligibility withdrawn.* The property owner shall notify the assessor when property is withdrawn from Section 42 eligibility under the Internal Revenue Code. The notification must be provided by March 1 of the assessment year or the owner is subject to a penalty of \$500.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.17, 428.4, 441.21 as amended by 2004 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2296, and 476.1D(10).

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**701—102.6(421,428,441) Valuation of industrial land and buildings.** Industrial real estate shall be assessed at its actual value as defined in Iowa Code section 441.21.

In determining the actual value of industrial land and buildings, city and county assessors shall use the appraisal manual issued by the department of revenue pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.17(17), and any other relevant data available.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.17, 428.4 and 441.21.

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**701—102.7(421,427A,428,441) Valuation of industrial machinery.** Industrial machinery as referred to in Iowa Code section 427A.1(1) “e” shall include all machinery used in manufacturing establishments and shall be assessed as real estate even though such machinery might be assessed as personal property if not used in a manufacturing establishment.

In determining the actual value of industrial machinery assessed as real estate, the assessor shall give consideration to the “Industrial Machinery and Equipment Valuation Guide” issued by the department of revenue and any other relevant data available.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.17, 427A.1, 428.4 and 441.21.

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**701—102.8(428,441) Abstract of assessment.** Each city and county assessor shall submit annually to the department of revenue at the times specified in Iowa Code section 441.45 an abstract of assessment for the current year. The assessor shall use the form of abstract prescribed and furnished by the department and shall enter on the abstract all information required by the department. However, the department may approve the use of a computer-prepared abstract if the data is in essentially the same format as on the form prescribed by the department. The information entered on the abstract of assessment shall be reviewed and considered by the department in equalizing the valuations of classes of properties.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 428.4 and 441.45.

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**701—102.9(428,441) Reconciliation report.** The assessor’s report of any revaluation required by Iowa Code section 428.4 shall be made on the reconciliation report prescribed and furnished by the department of revenue. The assessor shall enter on the report all information required by the department. The reconciliation report shall be a part of the abstract of assessment required by Iowa Code section 441.45 and shall be reviewed and considered by the department in equalizing valuations of classes of property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 428.4 and 441.45.

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**701—102.10(421) Assessment/sales ratio study.**

**102.10(1) Basic data.** Basic data shall be that submitted to the department of revenue by county recorders and city and county assessors on forms prescribed and provided by the department, information furnished by parties to real estate transactions, and information obtained by field investigations made by the department of revenue.

**102.10(2) Responsibility of recorders and assessors.** County recorders and city and county assessors shall complete the prescribed forms as required by Iowa Code subsection 421.17(6) and rule



701—79.3(428A) in accordance with instructions issued by the department. Assessed values entered on the prescribed form shall be those established as of January 1 of the year in which the sale takes place.

**102.10(3) Normal sales.** All real estate transfers shall be considered by the department of revenue to be normal sales unless there exists definite information which would indicate the transfer was not an arms-length transaction or is of an excludable nature as provided in Iowa Code section 441.21.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.17.

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**701—102.11(441) Equalization of assessments by class of property.**

**102.11(1)** Commencing in 1977 and every two years thereafter, the department of revenue shall order the equalization of the levels of assessment of each class of property as provided in rule 701—102.12(441) by adding to or deducting from the valuation of each class of property, as reported to the department on the abstract of assessment and reconciliation report that is a part of the abstract, the percentage in each case as may be necessary to bring the level of assessment to its actual value as defined in Iowa Code section 441.21. Valuation adjustments shall be ordered if the department determines that the aggregate valuation of a class of property as reported on the abstract of assessment submitted by the assessor is at least 5 percent above or below the aggregate valuation for that class of property as determined by the department pursuant to rule 701—102.12(441). Equalization orders of the department shall be restricted to equalizing the aggregate valuations of entire classes of property among the several assessing jurisdictions. All classifications of real estate shall be applied uniformly throughout the state of Iowa.

**102.11(2)** Equalization percentage adjustments determined for residential realty located outside incorporated areas and not located on agricultural land shall apply to buildings located on agricultural land outside incorporated areas, which are primarily used or intended for human habitation, as defined in subrule 102.1(4).

Equalization percentage adjustments determined for residential realty located within incorporated cities and not located on agricultural land shall apply to buildings located on agricultural land within incorporated cities that are primarily used or intended for human habitation as defined in subrule 102.1(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 441.21, 441.47, 441.48 and 441.49.

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**701—102.12(441) Determination of aggregate actual values.**

**102.12(1) Agricultural real estate.**

*a. Use of income capitalization study.* The equalized valuation of agricultural realty shall be based upon its productivity and net earning capacity and shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this subrule. Data used shall pertain to crops harvested during the five-year period ending with the calendar year in which assessments were last equalized. The equalized valuation of agricultural realty shall be determined for each county as follows:

(1) Computation of county acres. This information shall be obtained from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

1. Total acres in farms: Total acreage used for agricultural purposes.
2. Corn acres: Sum of corn acres harvested including silage, popcorn and acres planted for sorghum.
3. Oats and wheat acres: Sum of oats and wheat acres harvested.
4. Soybean acres: Soybean acres harvested.
5. Hay acres: All hay acres harvested.
6. Pasture acres: All pasture acres. Total pasture acres shall be determined by multiplying the total acres in farms reported by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service by the percentage which total pasture land as reported in the most recent U.S. Census of Agriculture bears to the total acreage in farmland also reported in the most recent U.S. Census of Agriculture. The amount of tillable and nontillable pasture acres shall be determined as follows:

1.	From the most recent U.S. Census of Agriculture obtain the following:		
	Cropland used only for pasture and grazing	_____	acres
	Woodland pasture	_____	acres
	Pasture land and rangeland (other than cropland and woodland pasture)	_____	acres
	TOTAL PASTURE LAND (total of above):	_____	acres
2.	Determine what percentage of the total pasture land is cropland used only for pasture:	_____	%
3.	Apply the percentage in "2" above to the 5-year average total acres of pasture as determined above to determine the pasture acres to be classified as tillable pasture. The remainder of the 5-year average shall be classified as nontillable pasture land.	_____	acres

7. Government programs: Determine the 5-year average acres participating in applicable government programs. Obtain data from the USDA Farm Service Agency, including but not limited to acreage devoted to the Payment-In-Kind (PIK), diverted and deficiency programs.

8. Other acres: The difference between the total acreage for land uses listed above and the total of all land in farms. Add the total of the corn, oats, soybeans, hay, tillable and nontillable pasture and diverted acres. Subtract this total from total acres in farms. The residual is classified as other acres.

(2) Computation of county yields. This information shall be obtained for each county from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

1. Corn yield (including silage): Number of bushels of corn harvested for grain per acre.
2. Oat yield (including wheat): Number of bushels of oats harvested per acre.
3. Soybean yield: Number of bushels per acre harvested.
4. Hay yield in tons: Number of tons per acre harvested.

(3) Computation of county gross income.

1. Corn: One-half of the 5-year average production multiplied by the 5-year average price received for corn.

2. Silage: One-half of the 5-year average number of acres devoted to the production of silage multiplied by the 5-year average production per acre for corn. The amount of production so determined shall be added to the 5-year average production for corn and included in the determination of the gross income for corn.

3. Soybeans: One-half of the 5-year average production multiplied by the 5-year average price received.

4. Oats: One-half of the 5-year average production of oats and wheat multiplied by the 5-year average price received for oats.

5. Price adjustment: For corn, soybeans, hay, and oats, the prices used shall be as obtained from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service and shall be adjusted to reflect any individual county price conditions prior to the 2007 crop year. For the 2007 crop year and later, the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service district prices shall be used and shall be adjusted to reflect any individual county price conditions.

6. Government programs: Gross income shall be one-half of the 5-year average amount of cash payments or equivalent (such as PIK bushels) including but not limited to diverted, deficiency and PIK programs as reported by the USDA Farm Service Agency.

7. Hay: Gross income shall be a cash rent amount determined by multiplying the 5-year average number of acres devoted to hay by the product obtained by multiplying one-fourth of the 5-year average hay yield by the 5-year average price received for all types of hay.

8. Tillable pasture: Gross income shall be a cash rent amount determined by multiplying the 5-year average number of acres devoted to tillable pasture by the product obtained in “hay” above.

9. Nontillable pasture: Gross income shall be a cash rent amount determined by multiplying the 5-year average number of acres devoted to nontillable pasture by one-half the product obtained in “hay” above.

10. Other acres: Income shall be the product of the number of other acres multiplied by 17 percent of the net income per acre for all other land uses.

(4) Computation of county production costs. The following data and procedures shall be used to determine specific county production costs.

1. Basic average landlord production costs. Landlord production costs for corn, soybeans, oats, diverted acres, hay, tillable pasture, nontillable pasture, fertilizer costs, and facilities’ costs shall be obtained for each year from Iowa State University.

2. Production cost adjustment. The production costs for corn, soybeans, oats, and hay are adjusted for each county by multiplying the difference between the 5-year state average yield per acre and the 5-year county average yield per acre by the 5-year average facilities’ costs. If a county’s yield exceeds the state yield, production costs are increased by this amount. If a county’s yield is less than the state yield, production costs are reduced by this amount.

3. Fertilizer cost adjustment. The adjustment for fertilizer costs is determined as follows: Multiply the difference between the 5-year state average corn yield per acre and the 5-year county average corn yield per acre obtained from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service by the fertilizer cost amount per bushel determined by dividing the statewide average cost of landlord’s share of fertilizer cost per acre from Iowa State University by the statewide average corn yield per acre to produce the corn fertilizer cost per bushel adjustment. This amount is then multiplied by the 5-year county average corn acres determined in (2) above.

4. Expense adjustments. If a county’s 5-year average corn yield is greater than the state 5-year average corn yield, this amount is allowed as an additional expense. If the county’s average is less than the state average, this amount is an expense reduction.

5. Liability insurance cost adjustment. The 5-year average per acre cost of obtaining tort liability insurance shall be determined.

(5) Computation of county net income. From the total gross income, subtract the total expenses. Divide the resulting total by the total number of acres.

(6) Computation of dwelling adjustment factor. The amount determined in (5) above shall be reduced by 10.6 percent.

(7) Computation of county tax adjustment. Subtract the 5-year average per acre real estate taxes levied for land and structures including drainage and levee district taxes but excluding those levied against agricultural dwellings from the amount determined in (6) above. Taxes shall be the tax levied for collection during the 5-year period as reported by county auditors, and reduced by the amount of the agricultural land tax credit.

(8) Calculation of county valuation per acre. Divide the net income per acre ((7) above) for each county as determined above by the capitalization rate specified in Iowa Code section 441.21. The quotient shall be the actual per acre equalized valuation of agricultural land and structures for the current equalization year.

*b. Use of other relevant data.* The department of revenue may also consider other relevant data, including field investigations conducted by representatives of the department, to determine the level of assessment of agricultural real estate.

*c. Determination of value.* The aggregate actual value of agricultural real estate in each county shall be determined by multiplying the equalized per acre value by the number of acres of agricultural real estate reported on the abstract of assessment for the current year, adjusted where necessary by the results of any field investigations conducted by the department of revenue and any other relevant data available.

**102.12(2) Residential real estate outside and within incorporated cities.**

*a. Use of assessment/sales ratio study.*

(1) Basic data shall be that set forth in rule 701—102.10(421) refined by eliminating any sales determined to be abnormal or by adjusting the sales to eliminate the effects of factors that resulted in the determination that the sales were abnormal. The basic data used shall be the assessment/sales ratio study conducted for sales taking place during the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the equalization order is issued. The department of revenue may also supplement the assessment/sales ratio study with appraisals made by department appraisal personnel for the year immediately preceding the year in which the equalization order is issued. The assessment/sales ratio study including relevant appraisals, if any, shall be used to determine the aggregate actual valuation of residential real estate in each assessing jurisdiction. The department may consider sales and appraisal data for prior years if it is determined the use of the sales and appraisal data for the year immediately preceding the year in which the equalization order is issued is insufficient to determine market value. If such sales and appraisal data for prior years is used, consideration shall be given for any subsequent changes in either assessed value or market value.

(2) Assessors shall provide any known facts or circumstances regarding reported sales transactions and department appraisals that would indicate abnormal or unusual conditions or reporting discrepancies that would necessitate exclusion or adjustment of sales or appraisals from the determination of aggregate actual values. Assessors shall provide those facts within 45 days of receipt from the department of information concerning sales and appraisal data proposed for assessment/sales ratio and equalization purposes.

*b. Use of other relevant data.* The department of revenue may also consider other relevant data, including field investigations conducted by representatives of the department, to determine the level of assessment of residential real estate.

*c. Equalization appraisal selection procedures for residential real estate.* Residential properties to be appraised by department of revenue personnel for use in supplementing the assessment/sales ratio study shall be selected for each jurisdiction in the following manner:

(1) The department appraiser assigned to the jurisdiction shall determine a systematic random sequence of numbers equal to the number of appraisals required and document the following steps.

1. The department appraiser assigned to the jurisdiction shall compute the interval number by dividing the total number of improved properties in the classification to be sampled by the number of appraisals to be performed.

EXAMPLE: In this example, ten appraisals are needed with a total of 1,397 improved residential units. Dividing 1,397 by 10, 139.7 is arrived at, which is rounded down to 139. This is the interval number.

2. The selection of the first sequence number shall be accomplished by having an available disinterested person randomly select a number from one through the interval number.

EXAMPLE: In this example a number from 1 to 139 is to be selected. The person randomly selected number 20.

3. The department appraiser shall develop a systematic sequence of numbers equal to the number of appraisals required. Starting with the randomly selected number previously picked by the disinterested person, add the interval number to this number and to each resulting number until a systematic sequence of numbers is obtained.

EXAMPLE: In this example ten appraisals are needed, so a sequence of ten numbers must be developed. Starting with number 20 and adding the interval number of 139 to it, each resulting number provides the following systematic sequence: 20, 159, 298, 437, 576, 715, 854, 993, 1,132, 1,271.

(2) Number of improved properties.

County jurisdictions—Put the name of each city or township having improved units in the classification to be sampled into a hat. Draw each one out of the hat and record its name in the order of its draw. Likewise, record the respective number of improved units for each. Then consecutively number all the improved units and document the procedure.

## EXAMPLE:

City or Township	Number of Improved Residential Units	Code Numbers
Franklin Twp.	57	1-57
Pleasant View	160	58-217
Jackson Twp.	56	218-273
Johnston	300	274-573
Polk Twp.	110	574-683
Washington Twp.	114	684-797
Maryville	306	798-1103
Camden Twp.	110	1104-1213
Salem	184	1214-1397
Total	<u>1,397</u>	

(3) Determine the location of the improved properties selected for appraisal and document the procedure.

## EXAMPLE:

City or Township	Number of Improved Residential Units	Code Numbers	Sequence Number	Entry on Rolls
Franklin Twp.	57	1-57	20	20
Pleasant View	160	58-217	159	102
Jackson Twp.	56	218-273		
Johnston	300	274-573	298,437	25,164
Polk Twp.	110	574-683	576	3
Washington Twp.	114	684-797	715	32
Maryville	306	798-1103	854,993	57,196
Camden Twp.	110	1104-1213	1132	29
Salem	184	1214-1397	1271	58
Total	<u>1,397</u>			

1. The department appraiser shall locate the property to be appraised by finding the relationship between the sequence numbers and the code numbers and identify the property.

EXAMPLE: The first sequence number is 20. Since the improved residential properties in Franklin Township have been assigned code numbers 1 to 57, sequence number 20 is in that location.

To identify this property, examine the Franklin Township assessment roll book and stop at the twentieth improved residential entry.

Document the parcel number, owner's name, and legal description of this property.

2. The department appraiser shall appraise the property selected unless it is ineligible because of any of the following restrictions:

- Current year sale
- Partial assessment
- Prior equalization appraisal
- Tax-exempt
- Value established by court action
- Value is not more than \$10,000
- Building on leased land

3. The department appraiser shall determine a substitute property if the originally selected one is ineligible. In ascending order, select code numbers until an eligible property is found.

EXAMPLE: If code number 20 is ineligible, use code number 21 as a substitute. If code number 21 is ineligible, use code number 22, etc., until an eligible property is found.

If the procedure described in 102.12(2)“c”(3)“3” moves the substitute property to another city or township, select substitute code numbers in descending order until an eligible property is found.

If the procedure described in the previous paragraph moves the substitute property to a preceding city or township, go back to the procedure of 102.12(2)“c”(3)“3” even if it moves the substitute property to a subsequent city or township.

4. Select an alternate property for the originally selected property which also would be eligible. This is necessary because at the time of appraisal the property may be found to be ineligible due to one of the restrictions in 102.12(2)“c”(3)“2.” Alternate properties are selected by using the same procedure described in 102.12(2)“c”(3)“3.”

5. Follow procedures 102.12(2)“c”(3), items “1” to “4,” for each of the other originally selected sequence numbers.

**102.12(3)** Reserved.

**102.12(4)** *Commercial real estate.*

*a. Use of assessment/sales ratio study.*

(1) Basic data shall be that set forth in rule 701—102.10(421), refined by eliminating any sales determined to be abnormal or by adjusting same to eliminate the effects of factors that resulted in the determination that the sales were abnormal. The basic data used shall be the assessment/sales ratio study conducted for sales taking place during the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the equalization order is issued. The department of revenue may also supplement the assessment/sales ratio study with appraisals made by department appraisal personnel for the year immediately preceding the year in which the equalization order is issued. The assessment/sales ratio study including relevant appraisals, if any, shall be used to determine the aggregate actual valuation of commercial real estate in each assessing jurisdiction. The department may consider sales and appraisal data for prior years if it is determined the use of sales and appraisal data for the year immediately preceding the year in which the equalization order is issued is insufficient to determine market value. If such sales and appraisal data for prior years are used, consideration shall be given for any subsequent changes in either assessed value or market value. Properties receiving a dual classification with the primary use being commercial shall be included.

(2) Assessors shall provide any known facts or circumstances regarding reported sales transactions and department appraisals that would indicate abnormal or unusual conditions or reporting discrepancies that would necessitate exclusion or adjustment of sales or appraisals from the determination of aggregate actual values. Assessors shall provide those facts within 45 days of receipt from the department of information concerning sales and appraisal data proposed for assessment/sales ratio and equalization purposes.

*b. Use of other relevant data.* The department of revenue may also consider other relevant data and statistical measures, including field investigations conducted by representatives of the department, to determine the level of assessment of commercial real estate. The diverse nature of commercial real estate precludes the use of a countywide or citywide income capitalization study.

*c. Equalization appraisal selection procedures for commercial real estate.* Commercial properties to be appraised by department of revenue personnel for use in supplementing the assessment/sales ratio study shall be selected for each jurisdiction in the manner outlined below. Properties receiving a dual classification with the primary use being commercial shall be included.

(1) The department appraiser assigned to the jurisdiction shall determine a systematic random sequence of numbers equal to the number of appraisals required and document the following steps.

1. The department appraiser shall compute the interval number by dividing the total number of improved properties in the classification to be sampled by the number of appraisals to be performed.

EXAMPLE: In this example, ten appraisals are needed with a total of 397 improved commercial units. Dividing 397 by 10, 39.7 is arrived at, which is rounded down to 39. This is the interval number.

2. The selection of the first sequence number shall be accomplished by having an available disinterested person randomly select a number from one through the interval number.

EXAMPLE: In this example a number from 1 to 39 is to be selected. The person randomly selected number 2.

3. The department appraiser shall develop a systematic sequence of numbers equal to the number of appraisals required. Starting with the randomly selected number previously picked by the disinterested person, add the interval number to this number and to each resulting number until a systematic sequence of numbers is obtained.

EXAMPLE: In this example ten appraisals are needed, so a sequence of ten numbers must be developed. Starting with number 2 and adding the interval number of 39 to it, each resulting number provides the following systematic sequence: 2, 41, 80, 119, 158, 197, 236, 275, 314, 353.

(2) Number of improved properties.

1. City jurisdictions—Utilizing the assessment book or a computer printout which follows the same order as the assessment book, consecutively number all the improved units and document the procedure.

2. County jurisdictions—Put the name of each city or township having improved units in the classification to be sampled into a hat. Draw each one out of the hat and record its name in the order of its draw. Likewise, record the respective number of improved units for each. Then consecutively number all the improved units and document the procedure.

EXAMPLE:

City or Township	Number of Improved Commercial Units	Code Numbers
Franklin Twp.	4	1-4
Pleasant View	60	5-64
Jackson Twp.	9	65-73
Johnston	100	74-173
Polk Twp.	10	174-183
Washington Twp.	14	184-197
Maryville	106	198-303
Camden Twp.	10	304-313
Salem	84	314-397
Total	397	

(3) The department appraiser shall determine the location of the improved properties selected for appraisal and document the procedure.

EXAMPLE:

City or Township	Number of Improved Commercial Units	Code Numbers	Sequence Number	Entry on Rolls
Franklin Twp.	4	1-4	2	2
Pleasant View	60	5-64	41	37
Jackson Twp.	9	65-73		
Johnston	100	74-173	80,119,158	7,46,85
Polk Twp.	10	174-183		
Washington Twp.	14	184-197	197	14
Maryville	106	198-303	236,275	39,78
Camden Twp.	10	304-313		
Salem	84	314-397	314,353	1,40
Total	<u>397</u>			

1. The department appraiser shall locate the property to be appraised by finding the relationship between the sequence numbers and the code numbers and identify the property.

EXAMPLE: The first sequence number is 2. Since the improved commercial properties in Franklin Township have been assigned code numbers 1 to 4, sequence number 2 is in that location.

To identify this property, examine the Franklin Township assessment roll book and stop at the second improved commercial entry.

The department appraiser shall document the parcel number, owner's name, and legal description of this property.

2. The department appraiser shall appraise the property selected unless it is ineligible because of any of the following restrictions:

Vacant building

Current-year sale

Partial assessment

Prior equalization appraisal

Tax-exempt

Only one portion of a total property unit (example—a parking lot of a grocery store)

Value established by court action

Value is not more than \$10,000

Building on leased land

3. The department appraiser shall determine a substitute property if the originally selected one is ineligible. In ascending order, select code numbers until an eligible property is found.

EXAMPLE: If code number 2 is ineligible, use code number 3 as a substitute. If code number 3 is ineligible, use code number 4, etc., until an eligible property is found.

If the procedure described in 102.12(4) "c"(3)"3" moves the substitute property to a city or township, select substitute code numbers in descending order until an eligible property is found.

If the procedure described in the previous paragraph moves the substitute property to a preceding city or township, go back to the procedure of 102.12(4) "c"(3)"3" even if it moves the substitute property to a subsequent city or township.

4. Select an alternate property for the originally selected property which also would be eligible. This is necessary because at the time of appraisal the property may be found to be ineligible due to one of the restrictions in 102.12(4) "c"(3)"2." Alternate properties are selected by using the same procedure described in 102.12(4) "c"(3)"3."

5. Follow procedures 102.12(4) "c"(3), items "1" to "4," for each of the other originally selected sequence numbers.

**102.12(5) Industrial real estate.** It is not possible to determine the level of assessment of industrial real estate by using accepted equalization methods. The lack of sales data precludes the use of an



assessment/sales ratio study, the diverse nature of industrial real estate precludes the use of a countywide or citywide income capitalization study, and the limited number of industrial properties precludes the use of sample appraisals. The level of assessment of industrial real estate can only be determined by the valuation of individual parcels of industrial real estate. Any attempt to equalize industrial valuations by using accepted equalization methods would create an arbitrary result. However, under the circumstances set forth in Iowa Code subsection 421.17(10), the department may correct any errors in such assessments that are brought to the attention of the department, including errors related to property with a dual classification if the primary use of the property is from the industrial portions.

**102.12(6) Centrally assessed property.** Property assessed by the department of revenue pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 428 and 433 to 438, inclusive, is equalized internally by the department in the making of the assessments. Further, the assessments are equalized with the aggregate valuations of other classes of property as a result of actions taken by the department pursuant to rule 701—102.11(441).

**102.12(7) Miscellaneous real estate.** Since it is not possible to use accepted equalization methods to determine the level of assessment of mineral rights and interstate railroad and toll bridges, these classes of property shall not be subject to equalization by the department of revenue. However, under the circumstances set forth in Iowa Code section 421.17(10), the department may correct any errors in assessments which are brought to the attention of the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 441.21, 441.47, 441.48 and 441.49.  
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**701—102.13(441) Tentative equalization notices.** Prior to the issuance of the final equalization order to each county auditor, a tentative equalization notice providing for proposed percentage adjustments to the aggregate valuations of classes of property as set forth in rule 701—102.12(441) shall be mailed to the county auditor whose valuations are proposed to be adjusted. The tentative equalization notice constitutes the ten days' notice required by Iowa Code section 441.48.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 441.47 and 441.48.  
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#### **701—102.14(441) Hearings before the department.**

**102.14(1) Protests.** Written or oral protest against the proposed percentage adjustments as set forth in the tentative equalization notice issued by the department of revenue shall be made only on behalf of the affected assessing jurisdiction. The protests shall be made only by officials of the assessing jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, an assessing jurisdiction's city council or board of supervisors, assessor, or city or county attorney. An assessing jurisdiction may submit a written protest in lieu of making an oral presentation before the department, or may submit an oral protest supported by written documentation. Protests against the adjustments in valuation contained in the tentative equalization notices shall be limited to a statement of the error or errors complained of and shall include such facts as might lead to their correction. No other factors shall be considered by the department in reviewing the protests. Protests and hearings on tentative equalization notices before the department are excluded from the provisions of the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act governing contested case proceedings.

**102.14(2) Conduct of hearing.** The department shall schedule each hearing so as to allow the same amount of time within which each assessing jurisdiction can make its presentation. During the hearing each assessing jurisdiction shall be afforded the opportunity to present evidence relevant to its protest. The division administrator for the local government services division shall act as the department's representative. The department's representative shall preside at the hearing, which shall be held at the time and place designated by the department or such other time and place as may be mutually agreed upon by the department and the protesting assessing jurisdiction.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.48.  
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#### **701—102.15(441) Final equalization order and appeals.**

**102.15(1)** *Issuance of final equalization order.* After the tentative equalization notice has been issued and an opportunity for a hearing described in rule 701—102.14(441) has been afforded, the department of revenue shall issue a final equalization order by mail to the county auditor. The order shall specify any percentage adjustments in the aggregate valuations of any class of property to be made effective for the county as of January 1 of the year in which the order is issued. The final equalization order shall be issued on or before October 1 unless for good cause it cannot be issued until after October 1. The final equalization order shall be implemented by the county auditor.

**102.15(2)** *Appeal of final equalization order.* The city or county officials of the affected county or assessing jurisdiction may appeal a final equalization order to the director of revenue by filing a notice of appeal with the clerk of the hearings section of the department of revenue. The notice of appeal must be filed or postmarked not later than ten days after the date the final equalization order is issued.

*a. Form of appeal.* The notice of appeal shall be in writing and in the same format as provided in 701—subrule 7.8(6).

(1) The notice of appeal shall substantially state in separate numbered paragraphs the following:

1. The county or assessing jurisdiction;
2. The date on which the final equalization order was issued;
3. The portion of the equalization order being appealed;
4. A clear and concise assignment of each and every error;
5. A clear and concise statement of the facts upon which the affected county or assessing jurisdiction relies as sustaining the assignment of error;
6. The relief requested;
7. The signature of the city or county officials bringing the appeal, or their representative, along with the address to which all subsequent correspondence, notice or papers shall be served or mailed.

(2) A county or assessing jurisdiction may amend its notice of appeal at any time prior to the commencement of the evidentiary hearing. The department may request that the county or assessing jurisdiction amend the notice of appeal for clarification.

*b. Filing of notice of appeal.* The notice of appeal must either be delivered to the department by electronic means or by United States Postal Service or a common carrier, by ordinary, certified, or registered mail, directed to the attention of the clerk of the hearings section at P.O. Box 14457, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, or be personally delivered to the clerk of the hearings section or served on the clerk of the hearings section by personal service during business hours. For the purpose of mailing, a notice of appeal is considered filed on the date of the postmark. If a postmark date is not present on the mailed article, then the date of receipt of protest will be considered the date of mailing. Any document, including a notice of appeal, is considered filed on the date personal service or personal delivery to the office of the clerk of the hearings section is made. See Iowa Code section 622.105 for the evidence necessary to establish proof of mailing.

*c. Answer.* The department of revenue shall file an answer with the clerk of the hearings section within 30 days after the filing of the pleading responded to, unless attacked by motion as provided in 701—subrule 7.17(5), and then the answer shall be filed within 30 days after the date on which the fact finder issues a ruling on the motion. The department may amend its answer at any time prior to the commencement of the evidentiary hearing.

*d. Docketing.* Appeals shall be assigned a docket number as provided in rule 701—7.10(17A). Records consisting of the case name and the corresponding docket number assigned to the case must be maintained by the clerk of the hearings section. The records of each case shall also include each action and each act done, with the proper dates as follows:

- (1) The title of the appeal;
- (2) Brief statement of the date of the final equalization order, the property tax classification affected, and the relief sought;
- (3) The manner and time of service of notice of appeal;
- (4) The appearance of all parties;
- (5) Notice of hearing, together with manner and time of service; and

(6) The decision of the director or administrative law judge or other disposition of the case and the date.

*e. Hearing.* Rules 701—7.14(17A) through 701—7.22(17A) shall apply to any hearing or proceeding regarding the appeal of a final equalization order to the director of revenue.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A and sections 441.48 and 441.49.  
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#### **701—102.16(441) Alternative method of implementing equalization orders.**

##### **102.16(1) Application for permission to use an alternative method.**

*a.* A request by an assessing jurisdiction for permission to use an alternative method of applying the final equalization order must be made in writing to the department of revenue within ten days from the date the county auditor receives the final equalization order. The written request shall include the following information:

(1) Facts evidencing the need to use an alternative method of implementing the final equalization order. Such facts shall clearly show that the proposed method is essential to ensure compliance with the provisions of Iowa Code section 441.21.

(2) The exact methods to be employed in implementing the requested alternative method for each class of property.

(3) The specific method of notifying affected property owners of the valuation changes.

(4) Evidence that the alternative method will result in an aggregate property class valuation adjustment equivalent to that prescribed in the department's final equalization order.

*b.* The department of revenue shall review each written request for an alternative method and shall notify the assessing jurisdiction of acceptance or rejection of the proposed method by October 15. The assessing jurisdiction shall immediately inform the county auditor of the department's decision. The county auditor shall include a description of any approved alternative method in the required newspaper publication of the final equalization order. In those instances where the approved alternative method includes individual property owner notification, the publication shall not be considered proper notice to the affected property owners.

**102.16(2) Implementation of alternative method.** If an alternative method is approved by the department of revenue, any individual notification of property owners shall be completed by the assessor by not later than October 25.

**102.16(3) Appeal by property owners.** If an alternative method is approved by the department of revenue, the special session of the local board of review to hear equalization protests shall be extended to November 30. In such instances, protests may be filed up to and including November 4.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.49.  
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#### **701—102.17(441) Special session of boards of review.**

**102.17(1) Grounds for protest.** The only ground for protesting to the local board of review reconvened in special session pursuant to Iowa Code section 441.49 is that the application of the department's final equalization order results in a value greater than that permitted under Iowa Code section 441.21.

**102.17(2) Authority of board of review.** When in special session to hear protests resulting from equalization adjustments, the local board of review shall only act upon protests for those properties for which valuations have been increased as a result of the application of the department of revenue's final equalization order.

The local board of review may adjust valuations of those properties it deems warranted, but under no circumstance shall the adjustment result in a value less than that which existed prior to the application of the department's equalization order. The local board of review shall not adjust the valuation of properties for which no protests have been filed.

**102.17(3) Report of board of review.** In the report to the department of revenue of action taken by the local board of review in special session, the board of review shall report the aggregate valuation

adjustments by class of property as well as all other information required by the department of revenue to determine if such actions may have substantially altered the equalization order.

**102.17(4) Meetings of board of review.** If the final equalization order does not increase the valuation of any class of property, the board of review is not required to meet during the special session. If the final equalization order increases the valuation of one or more classes of property but no protests are filed by the times specified in Iowa Code section 441.49, the board of review is not required to meet during the special session.

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**701—102.18(441) Judgment of assessors and local boards of review.** Nothing stated in these rules should be construed as prohibiting the exercise of honest judgment, as provided by law, by the assessors and local boards of review in matters pertaining to valuing and assessing of individual properties within their respective jurisdictions.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 441.17 and 441.35.  
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**701—102.19(441) Conference boards.**

**102.19(1) Establishment and abolition of office.**

*a.* As referred to in Iowa Code section 441.1, the term “federal census” includes any special census conducted by the Bureau of the Census of the U.S. Department of Commerce as well as the Bureau’s decennial census.

*b.* Within 60 days of receiving the certified results of a federal census indicating the population of a city having its own assessor has fallen below 10,000, the city council of the city shall repeal the ordinance providing for its own assessor.

*c.* Whenever the office of city assessor is abolished, all moneys in the assessment expense fund and the special appraiser fund shall be transferred to the appropriate accounts in the county assessor’s office, and all equipment and supplies shall be transferred to the county assessor’s office. Employees of the city assessor’s office may, at the discretion of the county assessor, become employees of the county assessor. However, any deputy assessor of the city may not be appointed a deputy county assessor unless certified as eligible for appointment pursuant to Iowa Code sections 441.5 and 441.10.

**102.19(2) Membership.**

*a. County conference boards.* A county conference board consists of the county board of supervisors, the mayor of each incorporated city in the county whose property is assessed by the county assessor, and one member of the board of directors of each high school district in the county, provided the member is a resident of the county. Members representing school districts serve one-year terms, and the board of directors each year must notify the clerk of the conference board of its representative on the conference board. A member of the board of directors of a school district may serve on the county conference board even though the member lives in a city having its own assessor (1978 O.A.G. 466).

*b. City conference boards.* A city conference board consists of the county board of supervisors, the city council, and the entire board of directors of each school district whose property is assessed by the city assessor.

**102.19(3) Voting.**

*a.* Votes on matters before a conference board shall be by units as provided in Iowa Code section 441.2. At least two members of each voting unit must be present in order for the unit to cast a vote (1960 O.A.G. 226). In the event the vote of the members of a voting unit ends in a tie, that unit shall not cast a vote on the particular matter before the conference board.

*b.* If a member of a conference board is absent from a meeting, the member’s vote may not be cast by another person, except that a mayor pro tem as provided in Iowa Code section 372.14(3) may vote for the mayor when the mayor is absent from or unable to perform official duties.

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**701—102.20(441) Board of review.****102.20(1) Membership.**

*a. Occupation of members.* One member of the county board of review must be actively engaged in farming as that member's primary occupation. However, it is not necessary for a board of review to have as a member one licensed real estate broker and one licensed architect or person experienced in the building and construction field if the person cannot be located after a good-faith effort to do so has been made by the conference board (1966 O.A.G. 416). In determining eligibility for membership on a board of review, a retired person is not considered to be employed in the occupation pursued prior to retirement, unless that person remains in reasonable contact with the former occupation, including some participation in matters associated with that occupation.

*b. Residency of members.* A person must be a resident of the assessor jurisdiction served to qualify for appointment as a member of the board of review. However, a member changing assessing jurisdiction residency after appointment to the board may continue to serve on the board until the member's current term of office expires.

*c. Term of office.* The term of office of members of boards of review shall be for six years and shall be staggered as provided in Iowa Code section 441.31. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of a member of a board of review, the conference board or city council shall appoint a successor to serve the unexpired term of the previous incumbent.

*d. Membership on other boards.* A member of a board of review shall not at the same time serve on either the conference board or the examining board, or be an employee of the assessor's office (1948 O.A.G. 120, 1960 O.A.G. 226).

*e. Number of members.* A conference board or city council may at any time change the composition of a board of review to either three or five members. To reduce membership from five members to three members, the conference board or city council shall not appoint successors to fill the next two vacancies which occur (1970 O.A.G. 342). To increase membership from three members to five members, the conference board or city council shall appoint two additional members whose initial terms shall expire at such times so that no two board members' terms expire at the end of the same year. Also, the conference board or city council may increase the membership of the board of review by an additional two members if it determines that a large number of protests warrant the emergency appointments. If the board of review has ten members, not more than four additional members may be appointed by the conference board. The terms of the emergency members will not exceed two years.

*f. Removal from office.* A member of a board of review may be removed from office by the conference board or city council but only after specific charges have been filed by the conference board or city council.

*g. Appointment of members.* Members of a county board of review shall be appointed by the county conference board. Members of a city board of review shall be appointed by the city conference board in cities with an assessor or by the city council in cities without an assessor. A city without an assessor can only have a board of review if the population of the city is 75,000 or more. A city with a population of more than 125,000 may appoint a city board of review or request the county conference board to appoint a ten-member county board of review.

**102.20(2) Sessions of boards of review.**

*a.* It is mandatory that a board of review convene on May 1 and adjourn no later than May 31 of each year. However, if either date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the board of review shall convene or adjourn on the following Monday.

*b. Extended session.* If a board of review determines it will be unable to complete its work by May 31, it may request that the director of revenue extend its session up to July 15. The request must be signed by a majority of the membership of the board of review and must contain the reasons the board of review cannot complete its work by May 31. During the extended session, a board of review may perform the same functions as during its regular session unless specifically limited by the director of revenue.

*c. Special session.* If a board of review is reconvened by the director of revenue pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.17, the board of review shall perform those functions specified in the order of the director of revenue and shall perform no other functions.

**102.20(3) Actions initiated by boards of review.**

*a. Internal equalization of assessments.* A board of review in reassessment years as provided in Iowa Code section 428.4 has the power to equalize individual assessments as established by the assessor, but cannot make percentage adjustments in the aggregate valuations of classes of property (1966 O.A.G. 416). In nonreassessment years, a board of review can adjust the valuation of an entire class of property by adjusting all assessment by a uniform percentage. Nothing contained in this rule shall restrict the director from exercising the responsibilities set forth in Iowa Code section 421.17.

*b. Omitted assessments.* A board of review may assess for taxation any property which was not assessed by the assessor, including property which the assessor determines erroneously is not subject to taxation by virtue of enjoying an exempt status (*Talley v. Brown*, 146 Iowa 360, 125 N.W. 248 (1910)).

*c. Notice to taxpayers.* If the value of any property is increased by a board of review or a board of review assesses property not previously assessed by the assessor, the person to whom the property is assessed shall be notified by regular mail of the board's action. The notification shall state that the taxpayer may protest the action by filing a written protest with the board of review within five days of the date of the notice. After at least five days have passed since notifying the taxpayer, the board of review shall meet to take final action on the matter, including the consideration of any protest filed. However, if the valuations of all properties within a class of property are raised or lowered by a uniform percentage in a nonreassessment year, notice to taxpayers shall be provided by newspaper publication as described in Iowa Code section 441.35 and in the manner specified in Iowa Code section 441.36.

**102.20(4) Appeals to boards of review.**

*a. Jurisdiction.* A board of review may act only upon written protests which have been filed with the board of review in compliance with Iowa Code section 441.37(1) "a."

(1) Protests must be filed between April 2 and April 30, inclusive. In the event April 30 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, protests filed the following Monday shall be considered to have been timely filed. Protests postmarked by April 30 or the following Monday if April 30 falls on a Saturday or Sunday shall also be considered to have been timely filed.

(2) The protest must identify one or more grounds for protest under Iowa Code section 441.37.

(3) All protests must be in writing, on forms prescribed by the director of revenue, and signed by the protester or the protester's authorized agent. A protest shall not be rejected for the sole reason that the protest was not filed using the prescribed form if the protest otherwise complies with Iowa Code section 441.37(1) "a." A written request for an oral hearing must be made at the time of filing the protest. The protester may combine on one form assessment protests on parcels separately assessed if the same grounds are relied upon as the basis for protesting each separate assessment. If an oral hearing is requested on more than one of the protests, the person making the combined protests may request that the oral hearings be held consecutively.

(4) A board of review may allow protests to be filed in electronic format. Protests transmitted electronically are subject to the same deadlines as written protests.

*b. Grounds for protest.* Taxpayers may protest to a board of review on one or more of the grounds specified in Iowa Code section 441.37. The grounds for protest and procedures for considering protests are as follows:

(1) The assessment is not equitable when compared with those of similar properties in the same taxing district. If this ground is a basis for the protest, the protester may identify comparable properties to support the claim. In considering a protest based upon this ground, the board of review should examine carefully all information used to determine the assessment of the subject property, consider any comparable properties, and determine whether the evidence demonstrates the subject property is inequitably assessed.

(2) The property is assessed at more than the value authorized by law. If this ground is the basis for a protest, the protester may indicate the amount considered to be the actual value of the property.

(3) The property is not assessable, is exempt from taxes, or is misclassified. If this ground is the basis for a protest, the protester may indicate why the property is exempt, misclassified, or not assessable.

(4) There is an error in the assessment. An error may include, but is not limited to, listing errors, assessment of subject property for less than authorized by law, or erroneous mathematical calculations. If this ground is the basis for a protest, the protester must indicate the alleged error.

A board of review must determine:

1. If an error exists, and
2. How the error might be corrected.

(5) There is fraud or misconduct in the assessment. If this ground of protest is used, the protester must state the specific fraud or misconduct alleged, and the board of review must first determine if there is validity to the protester's allegation. If it is determined that there is fraud in the assessment or that there has been misconduct by the assessor, the board of review shall take action to correct the assessment and report the matter to the director of revenue. For purposes of this subrule, "misconduct" means the same as defined in 2017 Iowa Code section 441.9.

(6) Protests may be filed for previous years if the protester discovers that a mathematical or clerical error was made in the assessment, provided the taxes have not been fully paid or otherwise legally discharged.

*c. Disposition of protests.* After reaching a decision on a protest, the board of review shall give the taxpayer written notice of its decision. The decision shall be mailed no later than three days after the board of review's adjournment. The notice shall contain the following information:

(1) The valuation and classification of the property as determined by the board of review.

(2) If the protest was based on the ground the property was not assessable, the notice shall state whether the exemption is allowed and the value at which the property would be assessed in the absence of the exemption.

(3) The specific reasons for the board's decision with respect to the protest.

(4) That the board of review's decision may be appealed to either the property assessment appeal board or district court within 20 days of the board's adjournment or May 31, whichever date is later. If the adjournment date is known, the date shall be stated on the notice. If the adjournment date is not known, the notice shall state the date will be no earlier than May 31.

1. Appeal to property assessment appeal board. An appeal from the board of review to the property assessment appeal board may be made pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code section 441.37A and rule 701—115.1(421,441).

2. Appeal to district court. An appeal from the board of review to the district court may be made pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code section 441.38. The appeal shall be filed in the county where the property is located. Notice of the appeal shall be served on the chairperson, presiding officer, or clerk of the board of review after the written notice of appeal has been filed with the clerk of district court.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 441.31 to 441.37 and Iowa Code Supplement section 441.38 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2794.

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**701—102.21(421,17A) Property assessment appeal board.** Rescinded ARC 6858C, IAB 2/8/23, effective 3/15/23.

**701—102.22(428,441) Assessors.**

**102.22(1) Conflict of interest.** An assessor shall not act as a private appraiser, or as a real estate broker or option agent in the jurisdiction in which serving as assessor (1976 O.A.G. 744).

**102.22(2) Listing of property.**

*a. Forms.* Assessors may design and use their own forms in lieu of those prescribed by the department of revenue provided that the forms contain all information contained on the prescribed form, are not substantially different from the prescribed form, and are approved by the director of revenue.

*b. Assessment rolls.* Assessment rolls must be prepared in duplicate for each property in a reassessment year as defined in Iowa Code section 428.4. However, the copy of the roll does not have to

be issued to a taxpayer unless there is a change in the assessment or the taxpayer requests the issuance of the duplicate copy.

*c.* Whenever a date specified in Iowa Code chapter 441 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the action required to be completed on or before that date shall be considered to have been timely completed if performed on or before the following day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

*d.* Buildings erected or improvements made by a person other than the owner of the land on which they are located are to be assessed to the owner of the buildings or improvements. Unpaid taxes are a lien on the buildings or improvements and not a lien on the land on which they are located.

**102.22(3) Notice of protest.** If a protest or appeal is filed with the board of review, property assessment appeal board, or district court against the assessment of property valued at \$5 million or more, the assessor shall provide notice to the school district in which the property is located within ten days of the filing of the protest or the appeal, as applicable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 428 and Iowa Code chapter 441 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2797.

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**701—102.23** Reserved.

**701—102.24(421,428,441) Valuation of dual classification property.** Real estate with a dual classification of commercial/residential or industrial/residential shall be assessed at its actual value as defined in Iowa Code section 441.21.

**102.24(1) Allocation of dual classification values.** The assessor shall value as a whole properties that have portions classified as residential and portions classified as commercial or industrial. After the assessor has assigned a value to the property, the value shall be allocated between the two classes of property based on the appropriate appraisal methodology. The assessor shall allocate land value proportionately by class.

**102.24(2) Notice of valuation.** The valuation notice issued pursuant to Iowa Code section 441.23 shall include a breakdown of the valuation by class for the current year and the prior year.

**102.24(3) Protest of assessment.** The valuation and assessment of property with a dual classification shall be considered one assessment, and any protest of assessment brought under Iowa Code section 441.37 or subsequent appeal must be made on the entire assessment. Protests of assessments on the valuation of only one class of property are not permitted. The board of review shall review the valuation in total as both classifications are subject to the board's adjustment in any review proceeding. Likewise, any tribunal or court reviewing the board's decision shall base its review on the entire assessment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.17, 428.4 and 441.21 as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 295.

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**701—102.25(441,443) Omitted assessments.**

**102.25(1) Property subject to omitted assessment.**

*a. Land and buildings.* An omitted assessment can be made only if land or buildings were not listed and assessed by the assessor. The failure to list and assess an entire building is an omission for which an omitted assessment can be made even if the land upon which the building is located has been listed and assessed. See *Okland v. Bilyeu*, 359 N.W.2d 412 (Iowa 1984). However, the failure to consider the value added as a result of an improvement made does not constitute an omission for which an omitted assessment can be made if the building or land to which the improvement was made has been listed and assessed.

*b. Previously exempt property.* Property which has been erroneously determined to be exempt from taxation may be restored to taxation by the making of an omitted assessment. See *Talley v. Brown*, 146 Iowa 360, 125 N.W. 243 (1910). An omitted assessment is also made to restore to taxation previously exempt property which ceases to be eligible for an exemption.

**102.25(2) Officials authorized to make an omitted assessment.**



*a. Local board of review.* A local board of review may make an omitted assessment of property during its regular session only if the property was not listed and assessed as of January 1 of the current assessment year. For example, during its regular session which begins May 1, 1986, a local board of review may make an omitted assessment only of property that was not assessed by the assessor as of January 1, 1986. During that session, the board of review could not make an omitted assessment for an assessment year prior to 1986.

*b. County auditor and local assessor.* The county auditor and local assessor may make an omitted assessment. However, no omitted assessment can be made by the county auditor or local assessor if taxes based on the assessment year in question have been paid or otherwise legally discharged. For example, if a tract of land was listed and assessed and taxes levied against that assessment have been paid or legally discharged, no omitted assessment can be made of a building located upon that tract of land even though the building was not listed and assessed at the time the land was listed and assessed. See *Okland v. Bilyeu*, 359 N.W.2d 412, 417 (Iowa 1984).

*c. County treasurer.* The county treasurer may make an omitted assessment within two years from the date the tax list which should have contained the assessment should have been delivered to the county treasurer. For example, for the 1999 assessment year, the tax list is to be delivered to the county treasurer on or before June 30, 2000. Thus, the county treasurer may make an omitted assessment for the 1999 assessment year at any time on or before June 30, 2002. The county treasurer may make an omitted assessment of a building even if taxes levied against the land upon which the building is located have been paid or legally discharged. See *Okland v. Bilyeu*, 359 N.W.2d 412, 417 (Iowa 1984). The county treasurer may not make an omitted assessment if the omitted property is no longer owned by the person who owned the property on January 1 of the year the original assessment should have been made.

*d. Department of revenue.* The department of revenue may make an omitted assessment of any property assessable by the department at any time within two years from the date the assessment should have been made.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 440 and sections 443.6 through 443.15 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 174.

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#### **701—102.26(441) Assessor compliance.**

**102.26(1)** The assessor shall determine the value of real property in accordance with rules adopted by the department of revenue and in accordance with forms and guidelines contained in the Iowa Real Property Appraisal Manual prepared by the department. The assessor may use an alternative manual to value property if it is a unique type of property not covered in the manual prepared by the department.

**102.26(2)** If the department finds that an assessor is not in compliance with the rules of the department relating to valuation of property or has disregarded the forms and guidelines contained in the real property appraisal manual, the department shall notify the assessor and each member of the conference board for that assessing jurisdiction. The notice shall be mailed by restricted certified mail and shall specify the areas of noncompliance and the steps necessary to achieve compliance. The notice shall also inform the assessor and conference board that if compliance is not achieved, a penalty may be imposed.

**102.26(3)** The conference board shall respond to the department within 30 days of receipt of the notice of noncompliance. The conference board may respond to the notice by asserting that the assessor is in compliance with the rules, guidelines, and forms of the department or by informing the department that the conference board intends to submit a plan of action to achieve compliance. If the conference board responds to the notification by asserting that the assessor is in compliance, a hearing before the director of revenue shall be held on the matter within 60 days of receipt of the notice of noncompliance. The director's decision is subject to judicial review in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A. If it is agreed that the assessor is not in compliance, the conference board shall submit a plan of action within 60 days of receipt of the notice of noncompliance.

**102.26(4)** The plan of action shall contain a time frame under which compliance shall be achieved, which shall be no later than January 1 of the following assessment year. The plan shall contain the

signature of the assessor and of the chairperson of the conference board. The department shall review the plan to determine whether the plan is sufficient to achieve compliance. Within 30 days of receipt of the plan, the department shall notify the assessor and the chairperson of the conference board that it has accepted the plan or that it is necessary to submit an amended plan of action.

**102.26(5)** By January 1 of the assessment year following the calendar year in which the plan of action was submitted to the department, the conference board shall submit a report to the department verifying that the plan was followed and compliance has been achieved. The department may conduct a field inspection to ensure that the assessor is in compliance. By January 31, the department shall notify the assessor and the conference board, by restricted certified mail, either that compliance has been achieved or that the assessor remains in noncompliance. If the department determines that the assessor remains in noncompliance, the department shall take steps to withhold up to 5 percent of the reimbursement payment authorized in Iowa Code section 425.1 until the department determines that the assessor is in compliance.

**102.26(6)** If the conference board disputes the determination of the department, the chairperson of the conference board may appeal the determination to the director of revenue under 701—Chapter 7.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.21.

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#### **701—102.27(441) Assessor shall not assess own property.**

**102.27(1)** *Assessor and deputy assessor prohibited from assessing own property.* An assessor or deputy assessor shall not personally assess a property if the assessor or deputy assessor owns the property, has a financial interest in the property, or has a financial interest in the entity that owns the property. The assessing jurisdiction shall pay all costs and expenses associated with the assessment of the above property.

**102.27(2)** *Certification to the department.*

*a.* Not later than January 1 of each year, assessors shall certify to the director that the assessor did not personally assess the following property in the previous assessment year:

- (1) Property owned by the assessor;
- (2) Property in which the assessor has a financial interest;
- (3) Property owned by an entity in which the assessor has a financial interest.

*b.* Not later than January 1 of each year, deputy assessors shall certify to the director that the deputy assessor did not personally assess the following property in the previous assessment year:

- (1) Property owned by the deputy assessor;
- (2) Property in which the deputy assessor has a financial interest;
- (3) Property owned by an entity in which the deputy assessor has a financial interest.

*c.* Assessors and deputy assessors shall use forms and procedures prescribed and provided by the director for the certifications described in paragraphs 102.27(2) “a” and “b.”

**102.27(3)** *Powers and duties of director.* The director shall have and assume all of the powers and duties under Iowa Code section 421.17 in administering this rule.

**102.27(4)** *Definitions.* For purposes of this rule, the following definitions shall govern.

“*Financial interest*” includes but is not limited to the holding of legal title to real property or any ownership interest in an entity that holds legal title to real property. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, ownership interest in an entity shall not be deemed a “financial interest” when a person’s ownership interest equals less than 10 percent of the entity’s total ownership interest.

“*Personally assess*” means engaging in the listing, valuation, and classification of real property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.17.

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#### **701—102.28(441) Special counsel.**

**102.28(1)** Before the conference board may employ special counsel to assist the city legal department or county attorney under Iowa Code section 441.41, the city legal department in the case of cities having an assessor, or county attorney in the case of counties, shall first provide written approval

of the employment of special counsel for each matter in which the special counsel will be employed on a case-by-case basis.

**102.28(2)** In the event special counsel is employed, the assessor shall provide the department with written notice of said employment, including the matter being litigated, justification for the hiring of special counsel, and the special counsel's name and hourly rate, within ten days of the hiring. In the event that special counsel has been employed by the conference board as of December 23, 2020, the assessor shall provide the department with written notification of said employment, including the matter being litigated, justification for the hiring of special counsel, and the special counsel's name and hourly rate, within ten days of December 23, 2020, for each case. On or before January 1 of each year, the assessor shall submit to the director, on forms prescribed by the director, a report of all matters litigated by special counsel in the previous 12-month period and the cost of said litigation for each case.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.41 as amended by 2020 Iowa Acts, House File 2641.

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### **701—102.29(441) Application of two-tier assessment limitation.**

**102.29(1)** Following receipt of the certification of assessment limitations described in Iowa Code section 441.21(9), the county auditor shall determine the assessed values of property by applying the assessment limitations as required under Iowa Code section 441.21(9).

**102.29(2)** When a property unit of commercial property, industrial property, or property valued by the department pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 434 is comprised of more than one parcel, the county auditor shall apply the assessment limitations described in Iowa Code sections 441.21(5) "b"(2)(a) and 441.21(5) "c"(2)(a), as applicable, to each parcel within the property unit by dividing 150,000 by the value of the entire property unit and multiplying the quotient by the value of each parcel within the property unit. Any remaining value of each parcel within the property unit shall receive the assessment limitations described in Iowa Code sections 441.21(5) "b"(2)(b) and 441.21(5) "c"(2)(b), as applicable. The assessment limitations shall be applied as whole numbers.

EXAMPLE A: Parcels 1, 2, and 3 comprise one property unit of commercial, industrial, or railway property valued at \$300,000 total.

Parcel 1 is assessed at \$100,000.

Parcel 2 is assessed at \$100,000.

Parcel 3 is assessed at \$100,000.

The first \$50,000 of value of each parcel receives the assessment limitation applicable to residential property. The additional value of each parcel receives the applicable assessment limitation for commercial, industrial, or railway property assessed under Iowa Code chapter 434 described in Iowa Code sections 441.21(5) "b"(2)(b) and 441.21(5) "c"(2)(b).

EXAMPLE B: Parcels 1, 2, 3, and 4 comprise one property unit of commercial, industrial, or railway property valued at \$850,000 total.

Parcel 1 is assessed at \$500,000.

Parcel 2 is assessed at \$200,000.

Parcel 3 is assessed at \$100,000.

Parcel 4 is assessed at \$50,000.

The first \$88,235 of value of Parcel 1 receives the assessment limitation applicable to residential property. The additional value of the parcel receives the applicable assessment limitation for commercial, industrial, or railway property assessed under Iowa Code chapter 434 described in Iowa Code sections 441.21(5) "b"(2)(b) and 441.21(5) "c"(2)(b).

The first \$35,294 of value of Parcel 2 receives the assessment limitation applicable to residential property. The additional value of the parcel receives the applicable assessment limitation for commercial, industrial, or railway property assessed under Iowa Code chapter 434 described in Iowa Code sections 441.21(5) "b"(2)(b) and 441.21(5) "c"(2)(b).

The first \$17,647 of value of Parcel 3 receives the assessment limitation applicable to residential property. The additional value of the parcel receives the applicable assessment limitation for commercial,

industrial, or railway property assessed under Iowa Code chapter 434 described in Iowa Code sections 441.21(5) “b”(2)(b) and 441.21(5) “c”(2)(b).

The first \$8,824 of value of Parcel 4 receives the assessment limitation applicable to residential property. The additional value of the parcel receives the applicable assessment limitation for commercial, industrial, or railway property assessed under Iowa Code chapter 434 described in Iowa Code sections 441.21(5) “b”(2)(b) and 441.21(5) “c”(2)(b).

EXAMPLE C: Parcels 1 and 2 comprise one property unit of commercial, industrial, or railway property valued at \$500,000 total.

Parcel 1 is assessed at \$400,000.

Parcel 2 is assessed at \$100,000.

The first \$120,000 of value of Parcel 1 receives the assessment limitation applicable to residential property. The additional value of the parcel receives the applicable assessment limitation for commercial, industrial, or railway property assessed under Iowa Code chapter 434 described in Iowa Code sections 441.21(5) “b”(2)(b) and 441.21(5) “c”(2)(b).

The first \$30,000 of value of Parcel 2 receives the assessment limitation applicable to residential property. The additional value of the parcel receives the applicable assessment limitation for commercial, industrial, or railway property assessed under Iowa Code chapter 434 described in Iowa Code sections 441.21(5) “b”(2)(b) and 441.21(5) “c”(2)(b).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 441.21(5) and 441.21(9) as amended by 2022 Iowa Acts, House File 2552.

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CHAPTER 103  
EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATION OF ASSESSORS AND DEPUTY ASSESSORS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—103.1(441) Application for examination.**

**103.1(1)** The application for the examination shall be made on a form prescribed by the director and shall constitute an integral part of the examination. The application form shall require information as to the education, training, and experience of the applicant, including evidence of successful completion of the preliminary education requirements required in subrule 72.3(2), and such other information as the director may deem pertinent. Applications must be received by the department at least three days prior to the date of the examination. Applications filed after February 9, 1976, shall be considered public records pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 22 (*City of Dubuque v. Telegraph Herald, Inc.*, 297 N.W.2d 523 (Iowa 1980); 1982 O.A.G. 3).

**103.1(2)** Upon receipt of a properly filed application, the department shall issue to the applicant a card granting the applicant admission to the examination. No applicant shall be admitted to the examination without presenting the admission card to the examination monitor.

**103.1(3)** Whenever there occurs a vacancy in the office of assessor, the director shall, upon the written request of the examining board or conference board, forward to the board a copy of any applications requested by either board. When a vacancy occurs in the office of deputy assessor, the director shall, upon the written request of the assessor, forward to the assessor a copy of any applications requested by the assessor.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.5.  
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**701—103.2(441) Examinations.**

**103.2(1) Examination questions.** Examination questions and answers shall not be made available to persons other than employees of the department authorized by the director to have access to them. Persons who take the examination shall not discuss with anyone the specific questions contained in the examination, nor shall they reveal any specific examination question to another person. This shall not restrict persons who have taken the examination from discussing the general subject matter of the examination.

**103.2(2) Materials and supplies.** All examination materials shall be furnished by the department and must be returned to the monitor prior to the applicants' leaving the examination room site. During the examination, applicants may be permitted to use their own slide rules or electronic calculators as long as their use does not disturb other applicants. Applicants shall not be permitted to bring any other materials into the examination room, nor shall they be permitted to take any materials from the examination room except their own slide rules or electronic calculators.

**103.2(3) Personal conduct during examination.** To preserve the integrity of the examinations and the assessing profession, each person taking an examination shall exhibit behavior which is not disruptive to other applicants and no person shall cheat or attempt to cheat on an examination in any manner.

**103.2(4) Monitors.** The director shall, prior to the examination, provide all applicants with a copy of subrules 103.2(1), 103.2(2), and 103.2(3). Examination monitors shall have the authority to enforce these rules in accordance with subrule 103.2(5).

**103.2(5) Violations.** Any person who intentionally violates any of the provisions of subrule 103.2(1), 103.2(2), or 103.2(3) shall be subject to the penalties specified in this subrule. If an infraction of subrule 103.2(1), 103.2(2), or 103.2(3) occurs and is detected and confirmed during the examination, the examination of the person committing the infraction shall be confiscated by the monitor and shall not be scored. If the infraction is detected and confirmed after the examination of the person committing the infraction has been scored, the score resulting from that examination shall be reduced to a failing grade and, if necessary, the list of candidates eligible for the position of city or county assessor or deputy assessor shall be adjusted accordingly.

**103.2(6)** Reserved.

**103.2(7) Assessor examination scores.** The scores of persons who take the assessor or deputy assessor examination shall be considered public records pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 22.

**103.2(8) Reserved.**

**103.2(9) Length of examination.** The director shall determine the appropriate amount of time in which persons may take the examination. Any person who arrives at the examination site after the examination has begun shall not be permitted to complete the examination after the time scheduled for its completion.

**103.2(10) Retaking examination.** A person who takes the examination for the position of city or county assessor shall not be eligible to take the examination again for a period of at least 30 days following the date the examination was taken, subject also to the restrictions contained in subrule 103.2(5).

**103.2(11) Frequency of examination.** At the discretion of the director, statewide examinations for the positions of assessor or deputy assessor may be held more than twice a year in Des Moines.

**103.2(12) Make-up examination prohibited.** Special make-up examinations shall not be held for persons who applied to take the examination for the position of assessor or deputy assessor but who did not for any reason appear at the scheduled examination site.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.5.

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#### **701—103.3(441) Eligibility requirements to take the examination.**

**103.3(1) High school diploma or its equivalent.** Only persons who possess a high school diploma or its equivalent are eligible to take the examination. The equivalent of high school diploma shall consist of a high school equivalency diploma issued by the department of education pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 259A, a similar document issued by the U.S. armed forces, or a similar document issued by another state.

**103.3(2) Preliminary education requirements.**

*a.* Only persons who have successfully completed the preliminary education requirements are eligible to take the examination. These requirements may be met by achieving one of the following:

(1) Successful completion of a department-approved course on Iowa assessment and taxation that includes coursework on Iowa laws within the time frame defined in paragraph 103.3(2) “*b*”;

(2) Successful completion of a department-approved course on general appraisal and assessment practice in addition to a department-approved course on Iowa laws. Both courses must be successfully completed within the time frame defined in paragraph 103.3(2) “*b*”; or

(3) Receipt of a currently active department-approved professional appraisal designation from a recognized appraisal organization in conjunction with successful completion of a department-approved course on Iowa laws within the time frame defined in paragraph 103.3(2) “*b*” if the appraisal designation is not already specific to Iowa.

*b.* All required coursework must be completed within five years prior to the date of the examination.

*c.* For the purposes of this subrule, “successful completion” shall mean answering a minimum of 70 percent of questions correctly on the test given at the completion of the course.

*d.* The department will publish a list of approved courses and professional designations on its official website.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.5.

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**701—103.4(441) Appraisal-related experience.** Appraisal-related experience shall include only such experience as may have been obtained through full-time paid employment consisting of the actual appraisal and valuation of property. The experience shall have included the physical inspection of property as part of the appraisal process and the setting of values for parcels of property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.5.

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**701—103.5(441) Regular certification.**

**103.5(1)** To obtain regular certification, a person must pass the examination and (a) possess two years' appraisal-related experience at the time of passing the examination, or (b) have obtained temporary certification, received a provisional appointment as assessor, and successfully completed the course of study prescribed by the director as provided in Iowa Code section 441.5.

**103.5(2)** If subsequent to passing the examination a person who has not received a provisional appointment as assessor attains two years' appraisal-related experience, the person must again pass the examination to obtain regular certification.

**103.5(3)** A regular certificate expires two years after the most recent date certification is granted by the director. However, the regular certificate of a person who receives an appointment as assessor remains valid until the person's resignation or removal from the position of assessor, even though more than two years may have expired since certification was last granted.

**103.5(4)** A regular certificate may at any time be renewed if the person possessing such a certificate passes the assessor examination. A regular certificate so renewed shall remain valid for a period of two years from the date certification was last granted, except as provided in subrule 72.5(3).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.5.

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**701—103.6(441) Temporary certification.**

**103.6(1)** To obtain temporary certification, a person who does not possess two years' appraisal-related experience must pass the examination for the position of assessor.

**103.6(2)** The temporary certificate of a person who does not receive a provisional appointment as assessor shall expire two years after the date the certification is granted by the director.

**103.6(3)** The temporary certificate of a person who does not receive a provisional appointment as assessor may be renewed if the person retakes and passes the assessor examination. A temporary certificate so renewed shall remain valid for a period of two years from the date temporary certification was last granted.

**103.6(4)** The temporary certificate of a person who receives a provisional appointment as assessor shall expire upon the person's successful completion of the course of study provided in Iowa Code section 441.5 and the granting of regular certification by the director.

**103.6(5)** The director shall revoke the temporary certificate of a person who receives a provisional appointment as assessor and who does not complete the course of study provided in Iowa Code section 441.5 within 18 months of the person's appointment as assessor. Upon the revocation of an assessor's temporary certificate, the director shall notify the person of the revocation and shall notify the appropriate conference board of the revocation and that the assessor whose temporary certificate has been revoked is no longer eligible to hold the position of assessor.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.5.

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**701—103.7 Reserved.****701—103.8(441) Deputy assessors—regular certification.**

**103.8(1)** A person who passes the examination for assessor or deputy assessor shall be granted regular deputy assessor certification by the director and shall be eligible for appointment to a deputy assessor position.

**103.8(2)** A deputy assessor regular certificate shall expire two years after the most recent date certification is granted, except as provided in subrule 103.8(3).

**103.8(3)** The deputy assessor regular certificate of a person who is appointed deputy assessor shall remain valid until the person's resignation or removal from the position of deputy assessor, or until the death, resignation, or removal of the assessor who appointed the person as deputy assessor. However, in the event of the death, resignation, or removal of the assessor, the deputy assessor certificate of the chief deputy shall remain valid until a new assessor is appointed. Nothing contained in this rule shall

be construed to relieve a deputy assessor holding a restricted certificate of the continuing education requirements for the retention of the deputy assessor's position as provided in Iowa Code section 441.8.

**103.8(4)** A deputy assessor regular certificate may at any time be renewed if the person possessing such a certificate passes the assessor or deputy assessor examination. A deputy assessor certificate so renewed shall remain valid for a period of two years from the date certification was last granted, except as provided in subrule 103.8(3).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.5.

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**701—103.9** Reserved.

**701—103.10(441) Appointment of deputy assessors.**

**103.10(1)** The appointments of deputy assessors holding regular certificates shall expire upon the death, resignation, or removal of the assessor, except that the appointment of the chief deputy assessor shall not expire until the appointment of a new assessor, nor shall the restricted certificate of a deputy assessor expire at that time.

**103.10(2)** After the appointment of a new assessor, the assessor may appoint one or more deputy assessors from the registers of persons certified as eligible for appointment as assessor or deputy assessor. The assessor shall notify the director immediately of persons appointed as deputy assessors, the vacating of office by a deputy assessor, or a change in a deputy assessor's legal name.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 441.5, 441.10 and 441.11.

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**701—103.11(441) Special examinations.** The conference board of the city or county in which a special examination is held shall reimburse the department for all expenses incurred in the administration of the examination. In determining the amount of reimbursement, the director shall take into consideration the costs of traveling to and from the examination site, meals and lodging, if any, for the monitor administering the examination, the costs of preparing and grading the examinations, and the salary of the monitor during the time expended on the examination.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 441.5 to 441.7.

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**701—103.12(441) Register of eligible candidates.**

**103.12(1)** *Assessor and deputy assessor register.*

*a.* Following the administration and grading of an examination for assessor or deputy assessor, the director shall establish updated registers containing the names, in alphabetical order, and addresses of all persons eligible for appointment. The registers shall not contain test scores, but the scores shall be given to the city or county conference board upon request. Eligible candidates shall remain on the register for two years following the date of certification by the director after which time the person must successfully retake the examination to be placed on the register. However, assessors and deputy assessors with six years of consecutive service shall be placed on the register without further testing being required. "Consecutive service" means service in which there was not more than 30 days' break in service. Assessor and deputy assessor service cannot be combined to meet the six-year consecutive service requirement. Assessors and deputy assessors are responsible for maintaining current contact information with the department, including mailing address, email address, and telephone number.

*b.* In maintaining the register, the department shall indicate which assessors and deputy assessors have retired from the profession. An assessor or deputy assessor may request to no longer be indicated as retired on the register.

*c.* Deceased assessors and deputy assessors shall be removed from the register.

**103.12(2)** *Continuing education requirements.* Assessors and deputy assessors must complete the continuing education requirements provided in Iowa Code sections 441.5 and 441.10 to be reappointed to their present position or appointed to the same position in a different assessing jurisdiction. This provision does not apply to persons not presently serving as an assessor or deputy assessor. It shall be

the duty of the conference board in the case of assessor appointments and the duty of the assessor in the case of deputy assessor appointments to receive written verification from the director of continuing education requirement compliance. An assessor or deputy assessor appointed as such without having complied with continuing education requirements shall be removed from office on order of the director. No continuing education requirements need be met for an assessor to be appointed a deputy assessor nor for a deputy assessor to be appointed an assessor.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 441.5 and 441.10.  
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**701—103.13(441) Course of study for provisional appointees.** A person who possesses temporary certification and receives a provisional appointment as assessor shall within 18 months of the appointment complete a course of study prescribed and administered by the department of revenue. The course of study shall include the following: (1) attendance of at least one basic assessment school conducted by the department of revenue; (2) field instruction by appraisal personnel of the department of revenue; (3) the actual appraisal of representative properties in each class of real estate; and (4) attendance at the annual school of instruction sponsored by the department of revenue and the Iowa State Association of Assessors. In the event a person is unable to attend the annual school of instruction due to circumstances beyond the person's control, the director may, upon the request of the person, substitute comparable instruction for the fulfillment of this requirement. At three-month intervals following the appointment of the assessor, department of revenue appraisal personnel shall complete a review of the assessor's performance and discuss the review with the assessor. If the review indicates unsatisfactory progress is being made toward developing a working knowledge of appraisal principles, the assessor shall be informed as to how the assessor's performance could be improved. Not less than 60 nor more than 90 days before the expiration of the 18-month period, the director of revenue shall inform the assessor and the conference board of the assessor's jurisdiction of the director's determination as to whether the assessor satisfactorily completed the course. If the assessor satisfactorily completes the course, the assessor shall be granted regular certification. If the assessor does not satisfactorily complete the course, the director shall revoke the assessor's temporary certificate and notify the assessor and the conference board of the revocation and that the person is no longer eligible to hold the position of assessor.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.5.  
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**701—103.14(441) Examining board.**

**103.14(1) Membership.** Each voting unit of the conference board shall appoint a member of the examining board. Members of the examining board shall not be members of the conference board, a body which selects a member of the conference board, or the local board of review (1960 O.A.G. 226). A person must be a resident of the assessing jurisdiction served to qualify for appointment as a member of the examining board. A member changing assessing jurisdiction residency after appointment to the board may continue to serve on the board until the member's current term of office expires.

**103.14(2) Terms of members.** Members of the examining board shall be appointed for terms of six years. In the event of death, resignation, or removal from office of a member of the examining board, the appropriate voting unit of the conference board shall appoint a successor to serve the unexpired term of the previous incumbent.

**103.14(3) Removal of member.** A member of an examining board may be removed from office only after specific charges have been filed against the member and a public hearing has been held if requested by the member.

**103.14(4) Duties.** The examining board may, at its discretion, contact all or some of the persons on the register of candidates eligible for appointment as assessor. The examining board may conduct interviews with interested persons and may administer such further examinations as may enable the board to submit a recommendation to the conference board. In arriving at its recommendation, the examining board may set other professional standards including, but not limited to, examination scores, education, and experience.

**103.14(5) *Report to conference board.*** The report to the conference board required pursuant to Iowa Code section 441.6 should contain a complete description of the examining board's investigations and activities. The report may, at the discretion of the examining board, contain recommendations to the conference board.

**103.14(6) *Time for action.*** The examining board shall take all steps necessary to comply with the time frames set forth in Iowa Code section 441.6.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 441.2, 441.3, 441.4, and 441.6.  
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#### **701—103.15(441) Appointment of assessor.**

**103.15(1) *Meeting of the conference board.*** At the time specified in Iowa Code section 441.6, the conference board shall hold a meeting and take action to appoint an assessor or request permission to hold a special examination. Within ten days of this meeting, the conference board shall notify the director of the appointment or request a special examination. The notice shall include a statement by the conference board stating whether there have been any charges or evidence of any misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance against the appointee. If there have been charges or evidence of any misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance against the appointee, the notice shall include a summary of the misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance and any action taken regarding the misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance. For purposes of this rule, "misconduct" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 441.9.

**103.15(2) *Time for action.*** A conference board shall adhere to the time frames specified in Iowa Code section 441.6 in appointing an assessor to fill a vacant position.

**103.15(3) *Special examination.*** A request for a special examination shall be made only after the conference board has made a good-faith attempt to appoint an assessor from the current register of eligible candidates. The request shall state the reason or reasons the conference board feels the director of revenue should grant permission to hold the special examination.

**103.15(4) *Confirmation by the director of revenue.***

*a.* The appointee selected by the conference board shall not assume the office of city or county assessor until such appointment is confirmed by the director of revenue. In considering whether to confirm the appointment, the director shall consider any charges or evidence of misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance by the appointee. For purposes of this rule, "misconduct" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 441.9. Within 30 days of receiving the notice contemplated in subrule 103.15(1), the director shall notify the conference board and assessor of the acceptance or rejection of the appointment. An appeal of the director's decision under this subrule may be made under rule 701—7.37(441).

*b.* Immediately following selection by the conference board, the appointee assessor shall submit information to the director as required for the director or designee to conduct a background check. The director or designee may review the department's records and other records in considering whether to confirm the appointment of an assessor.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.6.  
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#### **701—103.16(441) Reappointment of assessor.**

**103.16(1) *Time for reappointment.*** A conference board must decide whether to reappoint an incumbent assessor at least 90 days before the expiration of the incumbent's term. If the incumbent is not to be reappointed, the conference board shall so notify the incumbent in writing at least 90 days before the expiration of the incumbent's term. Failure of the conference board to provide timely notification of the decision not to reappoint the assessor shall result in the assessor being reappointed. In no case may an incumbent assessor be reappointed earlier than 180 days before the expiration of the incumbent's term. Within ten days of reappointment or notification of expiration of the incumbent's term, the conference board shall notify the director of the reappointment or notification of expiration of the incumbent's term. If the conference board reappoints an incumbent assessor, the notice shall include

a statement by the conference board stating whether there have been any charges or evidence of any misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance against the appointee. If there have been charges or evidence of any misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance against the appointee, the notice shall include a summary of the misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance and any action taken regarding the misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance. For purposes of this rule, “misconduct” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 441.9.

**103.16(2) Continuing education.** A conference board shall not reappoint an incumbent assessor if the board has not received from the assessor education advisory committee certification that the incumbent assessor has satisfied all continuing education requirements.

**103.16(3) Confirmation by the director of revenue.**

a. An assessor reappointed by the conference board shall not assume the office of city or county assessor in the subsequent term until such reappointment is confirmed by the director of revenue. In considering whether to confirm the reappointment, the director shall consider any charges or evidence of misconduct, nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance by the appointee. For purposes of this rule, “misconduct” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 441.9. Within 30 days of receiving notice of reappointment by the conference board, the director shall notify the conference board and assessor of the acceptance or rejection of the reappointment. An appeal of the director’s decision under this subrule may be made under rule 701—7.37(441).

b. Immediately following selection by the conference board, the appointee assessor shall submit information to the director as required for the director or designee to conduct a background check. The director or designee may review the department’s records and other records in considering whether to confirm the reappointment of an assessor.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.6 as amended by 2020 Iowa Acts, House File 2641, section 106, and Iowa Code section 441.8.

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**701—103.17(441) Removal of assessor.** An assessor may be removed from office for the reasons stated in Iowa Code section 441.9, but only after the charges have been substantiated.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.9.

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**701—103.18(421,441) Courses offered by the department of revenue.**

**103.18(1) Class size.** The director may determine the maximum number of students for a particular class in order to maintain a suitable learning environment. Applications to take a course shall be accepted in the order in which they are received by the department. If the number of applications received as of a specific mail delivery results in the receipt of more applications than there are spaces for the class, those applications received in that mail delivery shall be subject to a drawing by lot to determine those which shall be accepted for the class. However, persons who are not currently serving as assessors or deputy assessors shall not be admitted to a course ahead of persons serving as assessors or deputy assessors, regardless of the date on which their applications were received.

**103.18(2) Examinations during the course.** Examination questions and answers shall not be made available to persons other than employees of the department authorized by the director to have access to such information. Persons who take the examination shall not discuss with anyone the specific questions contained in the examination, nor shall they reveal any specific examination question to another person. This shall not restrict persons who have taken a course examination from discussing the general subject matter of the examination.

**103.18(3) Materials and supplies.** All examination materials shall be furnished by the department and must be returned to the monitor prior to the students leaving the examination. During the examination, students may be permitted to use their own slide rules or electronic calculators as long as their use does not disturb other students. Students shall not be permitted to bring any other materials into the examination room, nor shall they be permitted to take any materials from the examination room except their own slide rules or electronic calculators.

**103.18(4) *Personal conduct during course and examination.*** To preserve the integrity of the examinations and the assessing profession, each person taking an examination shall not exhibit behavior which is disruptive to other persons taking the examination, nor shall a person cheat or attempt to cheat on an examination in any manner.

**103.18(5) *Violations.*** Any person who intentionally violates any of the provisions of subrule 103.18(2), 103.18(3), or 103.18(4) shall be subject to the penalties specified in this subrule. If an infraction of subrule 103.18(2), 103.18(3), or 103.18(4) occurs and is detected and confirmed during the examination, the examination of the person committing the infraction shall be confiscated by the instructor and shall not be scored. If the infraction is detected and confirmed after the examination of the person committing the infraction has been scored, the score resulting from that examination shall be reduced to a failing grade and the director shall notify the assessor education advisory committee of the action taken. If the infraction is detected and confirmed during the course, the instructor shall expel the student from the classroom, and the student shall not be permitted to take the examination for the course.

**103.18(6) *Instructors.*** Course instructors shall inform all students of the provisions of subrules 103.18(2), 103.18(3), and 103.18(4). The instructors shall have the authority to enforce these rules in accordance with subrule 103.18(5).

**103.18(7) *Retaking examination.*** A person who receives a failing score on the examination for a course may retake the examination by submitting a request to the director within ten days of the date the director notifies the person of the examination score. The examination shall be retaken at the office of the department in Des Moines or at the site of any scheduled course examination, and shall be retaken within 30 days of the date the original examination was taken. A person who retakes an examination may not again take that particular course for credit until at least 30 days have passed from the date the examination was retaken. A special examination may be taken only once for a particular course, regardless of the number of times a student takes the course. A special examination shall be given only if the student took and failed the examination given at the end of a course taken for credit.

**103.18(8) *Review of examination.*** Persons who have taken a course examination may, after presenting proper identification, review their examinations in the office of the department's local government services division within 60 days after the date the examination has been administered. The review shall consist only of examining the person's own answer sheet and the question book. Persons reviewing their examinations shall not be permitted to take notes or otherwise transcribe information during this review, nor shall they have access to the answers to questions contained in the examination. Persons who review their examinations shall be permitted to do so only once, and shall not be eligible to take the same examination for a period of at least 30 days following the date of the review of the examinations.

**103.18(9) *Length of examination.*** The director shall determine the appropriate amount of time in which persons may take each examination. Any person who arrives at the examination site after the examination has begun shall not be permitted to complete the examination after the time scheduled for completion.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.8.

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CHAPTER 104  
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AND RENT REIMBURSEMENT

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—104.1(425) Eligible claimants.** The property tax credit and rent reimbursement programs are available to claimants who: (1) were at least 23 years of age or a head of household on December 31 of the base year, (2) were not or will not be claimed as a dependent on another person's federal or state income tax return for the base year in the case of a claimant who is not disabled or at least 65 years of age, (3) did not have household income in excess of the indexed amount determined pursuant to Iowa Code section 425.23(4) during the base year, and (4) are domiciled in Iowa at the time the claim is filed or were at the time of the claimant's death.

In the case of a claim for rent reimbursement, the claimant must have occupied and rented the property during any part of the base year. In the case of a claim for property tax credit, the claimant must have occupied the property during any part of the fiscal year beginning July 1 of the base year.

If a homestead is occupied by two or more eligible claimants, each person may file a claim based upon each person's income and each person's share of the rent paid or property taxes due.

The computed credit or reimbursement shall be determined in accordance with the applicable schedule provided in Iowa Code section 425.23(1) as adjusted by the indexed amount determined in section 425.23(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17(2) as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 152, and section 425.23, and is effective for property tax credit and rent reimbursement claims filed on or after January 1, 2000.

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**701—104.2(425) Separate homesteads—husband and wife property tax credit.** If a husband and wife are both qualified homeowners living in and maintaining separate and distinct homesteads and each is actually liable for and will pay the property tax for their respective homesteads, each is eligible to file an individual credit claim for property tax due.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17(4).

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**701—104.3(425) Dual claims.** A claimant changing homesteads during the base year who will make property tax payments during the fiscal year following the base year and who also made rent payments during the base year is entitled to receive both a property tax credit and rent reimbursement.

Separate claim forms for the property tax credit and the rental reimbursement shall be filed with the county treasurer and the Iowa department of revenue, respectively.

The claims are to be based on the actual property tax due and rent constituting property tax paid with a combined maximum of \$1000 upon which the credit and reimbursement can be calculated.

EXAMPLE: \$800 property tax due

\$400 rent constituting property taxes paid

The claim form for calculating the property tax credit shall reflect the entire \$800 amount.

The claim form for calculating the rent reimbursement shall reflect only the remaining \$200 of the \$1000 maximum allowance.

The Iowa department of revenue will issue refund warrants for rent reimbursement claims. The county treasurer will apply the property tax credits.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.24.

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**701—104.4(425) Multipurpose building.** A multipurpose building is a building which is used for other purposes in addition to being used for living accommodations. If a portion of a homestead property is utilized for business purposes, the property is considered to be a multipurpose building.

The portion of the property tax due or rent constituting property tax paid attributable to the homestead only is to be used in determining the allowable credit or reimbursement. This portion is to

be calculated by determining the percentage of the homestead square footage to the square footage of the entire multipurpose structure. This percentage is then to be applied to the property tax due in the current fiscal year or rent constituting property tax paid for the base year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17(8).

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**701—104.5(425) Multidwelling.** A multidwelling is a structure which houses more than one homestead. This includes, but is not limited to: apartment buildings, duplexes, condominiums, town houses, nursing homes and rooming houses.

A claimant owning a multidwelling whose homestead is a portion of the multidwelling is entitled to a credit for only that portion of the property tax due attributable to the homestead.

This calculation of the credit or reimbursement is to be performed the same as for a multipurpose building as described in rule 701—104.4(425).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17(8).

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**701—104.6(425) Income.** Income includes the amount of in-kind assistance received by the claimant for housing expenses such as federal rent subsidy payments made directly to the landlord on behalf of the claimant and energy assistance benefits received by the claimant from or through a public utility.

In determining income, net operating losses and net capital losses are not to be considered. If the comparison of gains and losses results in a net gain, such amount shall be considered income. If the comparison results in a net loss, the net loss shall be disregarded.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17(7) as amended by 1993 Iowa Acts, chapter 180.

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**701—104.7(425) Joint tenancy.** Joint tenancy for purposes of a property tax credit is the common ownership of a homestead by two or more persons either as joint tenants with right of survivorship or tenants in common.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17(8).

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**701—104.8(425) Amended claim.** An amended claim can only be filed by a claimant who has timely filed a claim for property tax credit or rent constituting property tax paid for the appropriate base year.

The amended claim must be filed within three years from October 31 of the year in which the original claim was filed.

The amended claim shall be clearly marked by the claimant with the word “AMENDED.”

If upon review by the Iowa department of revenue an additional credit or reimbursement is indicated, the claimant shall be reimbursed the additional amount.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.27.

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**701—104.9(425) Simultaneous homesteads.** A person who owns or rents one property and also owns or rents another property for a simultaneous period of time is limited to claiming a property tax credit or rent reimbursement on the property which is considered the person’s domicile.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17(4).

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**701—104.10(425) Confidential information.** Income tax information contained on a property tax credit claim form is confidential except that the information may be conveyed by the department of revenue to county treasurers for purposes of eligibility verification for tax credit claims. Information contained on a rent reimbursement claim form is confidential except that the information may be released to an employee

of the department of inspections and appeals to assist in the performance of an audit or investigation. See rule 701—6.3(17A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.28 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 139.

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**701—104.11(425) Mobile, modular, and manufactured homes.** An eligible claimant whose homestead is a mobile, modular, or manufactured home which the claimant owns and which was assessed as real estate resulting in property tax due may file a claim for credit for property tax due on the home and the land on which the home is located, provided the land is owned by the claimant.

An eligible claimant whose homestead is a mobile, modular, or manufactured home subject to the annual tax as provided in Iowa Code chapter 435 may file a claim for credit for property taxes due on the land upon which the home is located provided the land is owned by the claimant. Rent paid for occupancy of a home and the space occupied by the home is subject to reimbursement regardless of how the home is taxed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 425.17(4).

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**701—104.12(425) Totally disabled.** A person who is totally disabled must be unable to engage in any substantial gainful employment by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment. In addition, the impairment must have lasted or is reasonably expected to last for a continuous period of 12 months or is expected to result in death. This disabled condition must be the determining factor in the person's inability to engage in gainful employment. A claimant is considered totally disabled only if the physical or mental impairment or impairments are of such severity that the claimant is not only unable to do work previously performed but cannot, considering the claimant's age, education, and work experience, engage in any other kind of substantial gainful work which exists in the national economy, regardless of whether such work exists in the immediate area in which the claimant lives, or whether a specific job vacancy exists or whether the claimant would be hired if the claimant applied for work. See 42 U.S.C. §423. Examples of physical conditions which could possibly constitute total disability would include, but are not limited to: loss of major function of one or both legs or arms; progressive diseases which have resulted in the loss of one or both legs or arms or which have caused them to become useless; severe arthritis; diseases of the heart, lungs or blood vessels which have resulted in serious loss of heart or lung reserve; diseases of the digestive system which have resulted in severe malnutrition, weakness and anemia prohibiting gainful employment; damage to the brain or brain abnormality which has resulted in severe loss of judgment, intellect, orientation or memory; or, paralysis or diseases of the nervous system which prohibit coordination or major functioning of the body so as to prevent gainful employment.

For purposes of this rule, a person shall not be considered unable to engage in substantial gainful employment unless the person has attained the age of 18 on or before December 31 of the base year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 425.17(11).

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**701—104.13(425) Nursing homes.** A claimant whose homestead is a nursing home is eligible to file a reimbursement claim for rent constituting property tax paid unless the person is eligible for a property tax credit on an owned homestead.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17(4).

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**701—104.14(425) Household.** Household includes the claimant and the claimant's spouse if living with the claimant at any time during the base year. "Living with" does not include a temporary visit. Only one claimant per household is entitled to a credit or reimbursement.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17(5) as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 152, and section 425.22.

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**701—104.15(425) Homestead.** A person who owns a homestead but is confined to a care facility shall be considered as occupying the owned homestead provided the person does not lease or otherwise receive profits from others for the use of the homestead. The person shall be eligible for a property tax credit but shall not be eligible for a rent reimbursement.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 425.17(4).  
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**701—104.16(425) Household income.** Household income includes income of the claimant and the claimant's spouse and actual monetary payments made to the claimant by any other person living with the claimant. Household income does not include Social Security benefits received by the claimant's child and given to the claimant.

Monetary payments do not include goods and services provided to the claimant by a person living with the claimant.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17(6) as amended by 1994 Iowa Acts, chapter 1165, and section 425.17(7).  
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**701—104.17(425) Timely filing of claims.** If a timely mailed property tax credit or rent reimbursement claim is not received by the county treasurer or the department of revenue or is received after the June 1 filing deadline, the claim will be considered to have been timely filed if the claimant complies with the provisions of Iowa Code section 622.105. The county treasurer may extend the time for filing a claim for property tax credit through September 30 of the same year. The director may also extend the filing deadline for property tax credit and rent reimbursement claims through December 31 of the following year. Late property tax credit claims will be reimbursed by the director directly to the claimant upon proof of tax payment.

In the case of a claim for property tax credit, the claimant must own and occupy the homestead at the time the claim for credit is filed or if a late claim, own and occupy the homestead on June 1 of the claim year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.20 as amended by 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1167.  
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**701—104.18(425) Separate homestead—husband and wife rent reimbursements.** If a husband and wife are both qualified claimants renting separate and distinct homesteads, and rent is paid by each, each is eligible to file an individual reimbursement claim for rent constituting property tax paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 425.17(4).  
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**701—104.19(425) Gross rent/rent constituting property taxes paid.** Gross rent means the total amount of rent paid for use of the homestead by the claimant and rent constituting property taxes paid means 23 percent of the gross rent.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 425.17(3) and 425.17(9) as amended by 1994 Iowa Acts, chapter 1125.  
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**701—104.20(425) Leased land.** An individual who owns a dwelling located on land owned by another may claim a credit of property taxes due on the dwelling and a reimbursement of rental payments made for the use of the land if the land has been assessed for taxation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 425.17(4).  
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**701—104.21(425) Property: taxable status.** In order to be eligible to file a rent reimbursement claim, the property upon which the claimant resided during the base year must have been in a taxable status during the base year. If the property was taxable for only part of the base year, the rent reimbursement

must be prorated accordingly. (OP.ST. BD. Tax Rev. 187). However, this restriction does not apply to property that became tax-exempt on or after July 1, 1986, provided the claimant received a reimbursement of rent constituting property taxes paid on the property when it was in a taxable status and continues to reside in the same property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 425.17(4).  
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**701—104.22(425) Special assessments.** The claimant may include as a portion of the taxes due during the fiscal year next following the base year an amount equal to the unpaid special assessment installment due, plus interest, during the fiscal year next following the base year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 425.17(10).  
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**701—104.23(425) Suspended, delinquent, or canceled taxes.** No property tax credit shall be allowed to any person whose taxes have been canceled pursuant to Iowa Code section 427.8. A property tax credit shall be allowed to an eligible claimant whose taxes have been suspended pursuant to Iowa Code sections 427.8 and 427.9.

A property tax credit shall be allowed to an eligible claimant even though the claimant's taxes for a previous fiscal year are delinquent. The claimant may receive a reimbursement for delinquent taxes paid provided the taxes are paid by December 31 following the fiscal year in which the taxes became delinquent.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17(8).  
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**701—104.24(425) Income: spouse.** The income of a spouse does not have to be reported on the claimant's return unless the spouse lived with the claimant at the property upon which the property tax credit or rent reimbursement is claimed. If the spouse lived with the claimant for only a portion of the base year, only that portion of the spouse's income which was received while living with the claimant must be reported as income on the claimant's return. If the spouse is eligible to claim a credit or reimbursement, the spouse does not have to include any income that was reported on the other claimant's (spouse's) return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 425.17(6).  
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**701—104.25(425) Common law marriage.** A common law marriage is a social relationship between a man and a woman that meets all the necessary requisites of a marriage except that it was not solemnized, performed or witnessed by an official authorized by law to perform marriages. The necessary elements of a common law marriage are: (a) a present intent of both parties freely given to become married, (b) a public declaration by the parties or a holding out to the public that they are husband and wife, (c) continuous cohabitation together as husband and wife (this means consummation of the marriage), and (d) both parties must be capable of entering into the marriage relationship. No special time limit is necessary to establish a common law marriage.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17.  
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**701—104.26** Reserved.

**701—104.27(425) Special assessment credit.**

**104.27(1) Property taxes due.** Any person whose special assessment is paid by the department of revenue pursuant to Iowa Code subsection 425.23(3) cannot include the special assessment as property taxes due under Iowa Code subsection 425.17(10) for purposes of determining a property tax credit.

**104.27(2) Special assessments eligible for credit.** As used in Iowa Code section 425.23(3), the term "special assessment" means special assessments made pursuant to Iowa Code sections 384.37 to 384.79.

**104.27(3) *Special assessment credit qualifications.*** No special assessment credit claim shall be allowed pursuant to Iowa Code section 425.23(3) unless at the time the application for credit is filed the property upon which the levy is made includes a homestead dwelling as defined in Iowa Code section 425.17(4) and the claimant's household income does not exceed the indexed amount determined pursuant to Iowa Code section 425.23(4).

**104.27(4) *Special assessment installment due in current fiscal year.*** The amount of a special assessment credit claim to be reimbursed by the Iowa department of revenue pursuant to Iowa Code section 425.23 is limited to the amount of the installment payable during the current fiscal year for persons described in Iowa Code section 425.17, subsection 2, paragraph "a," or one-half of that amount for persons described in Iowa Code section 425.17, subsection 2, paragraph "b."

**104.27(5) *Audit by department of revenue.*** The director of revenue may audit the books and records of the county treasurer to determine if the amounts certified by the county treasurer to the director of revenue pursuant to Iowa Code section 425.23(3) are true and correct. The director of revenue may also initiate investigations or assist the county treasurer's investigations into eligibility of a claimant for the special assessment credit in accordance with Iowa Code section 425.27. Upon investigation, the director of revenue may order the county treasurer to reimburse the state of Iowa any amounts that were erroneously paid to the county treasurer or issue a reimbursement directly to the claimant if it is determined the claimant did not receive the benefits to which entitled pursuant to Iowa Code section 425.23(3).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.23(3) and is effective for special assessment credit claims filed on or after January 1, 1999.

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**701—104.28(425) Credit applied.** The county treasurer shall apply the property tax credit equally to the claimant's first and second half tax liabilities.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 425.16 to 425.40.

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**701—104.29(425) Deceased claimant.** A claim for property tax credit or rent reimbursement may be filed on behalf of a deceased person by the person's spouse, attorney, guardian or the executor or administrator of the person's estate.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.17(2) as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 152, and section 425.18.

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**701—104.30(425) Audit of claim.**

**104.30(1) *Authority.*** The department of revenue may audit the records of the county treasurer to determine the accuracy of claims filed for property tax credits. The department may also investigate the eligibility of a claimant for a property tax credit or rent reimbursement.

**104.30(2) *Recomputed rent reimbursement claim.*** If it is determined a computed rent reimbursement is in error, the department shall collect any overpayment from the claimant or reimburse the claimant for any underpayment. If a claimant fails to reimburse the department for an overpayment, the amount of overpayment shall be deducted from any future rent reimbursement to which the claimant is entitled.

**104.30(3) *Recomputed property tax credit claim.*** If it is determined a computed property tax credit has been overpaid, the department shall notify the claimant and county treasurer of the overpayment. The county treasurer shall collect the overpayment from the claimant as if it were an unpaid property tax and reimburse the department for the amount of overpayment. However, if the property upon which the credit was allowed is no longer owned by the claimant, the department shall collect the amount of overpayment directly from the claimant. If it is determined a computed property tax credit has been underpaid, the department shall reimburse the claimant directly for the amount of underpayment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.27.

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**701—104.31(425) Extension of time for filing a claim.** The granting of an extension of time for filing a claim for reimbursement or credit does not extend the time within which or the dates on or by which eligibility requirements must be satisfied.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.20.

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**701—104.32(425) Annual adjustment factor.** Beginning with claims filed in 2000, the income levels used for determining the allowable percent of property tax credit or rent reimbursement, special assessment credit, or the amount of the mobile home reduced tax rate shall be adjusted each year to reflect the inflation factor as computed pursuant to Iowa Code section 422.4.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 425.23 and 435.22(2).

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**701—104.33(425) Proration of claims.** If the director determines that the amount of funding provided pursuant to Iowa Code section 425.39 will be insufficient to pay all property tax credit and rent reimbursement claims filed, the director shall estimate the percentage at which the claims will be paid and shall prorate the payment of each property tax credit and rent reimbursement claim by the same estimated percentage. The county treasurer shall, pursuant to Iowa Code section 25B.7, be required to extend to the claimant only that portion of the credit estimated by the department to be funded by the state appropriation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 25B.7 and 425.39.

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**701—104.34(425) Unreasonable hardship.** In order to avoid any unreasonable hardship to a claimant, the director may review the facts and circumstances of the claim as set forth by the claimant. The director may investigate all factors related to the specific case as deemed appropriate by the director. If the director is satisfied that the claim qualifies as an undue hardship for the claimant, the claim will be approved by the director.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 425.37.

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**701—104.35(425) Transition period.** As of January 1, 2023, the rent reimbursement program will be administered by the department of human services. The transition of the program from the department of revenue to the department of human services will be managed as follows:

**104.35(1) Appeals.**

*a.* Appeals of denials or reductions of rent reimbursement claims made by the department of revenue shall be filed with the department of revenue in accordance with 701—Chapter 7 and will be administered in accordance with that chapter.

*b.* Appeals of denials or reductions of rent reimbursement claims made by the department of human services shall be administered in accordance with 441—Chapter 7.

**104.35(2) Claims.**

*a.* Any claim, including late or amended claims, received by the department of revenue on or after December 1, 2022, shall be redirected to the department of human services for processing and allowance or disallowance.

*b.* Effective January 1, 2023, all claims, including late or amended claims, shall be filed with and processed by the department of human services. The department of human services shall be responsible for making determinations on rent reimbursement claims on and after January 1, 2023.

This rule is intended to implement 2021 Iowa Acts, chapter 41 [House File 368].

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CHAPTER 105  
MOBILE, MODULAR, AND MANUFACTURED HOME TAX

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—105.1(435) Definitions.**

1. “*Mobile home*” means any vehicle without motive power used or so manufactured or constructed as to permit its being used as a conveyance upon the public streets and highways and so designed, constructed, or reconstructed as will permit the vehicle to be used as a place for human habitation by one or more persons; but shall also include any such vehicle with motive power not registered as a motor vehicle in Iowa. A “mobile home” is not built to a mandatory building code, contains no state or federal seals, and was built before June 15, 1976.

2. “*Manufactured home*” is a factory-built structure built under authority of 42 U.S.C. § 5403, is required by federal law to display a seal from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and was constructed on or after June 15, 1976.

3. “*Modular home*” means a factory-built structure which is manufactured to be used as a place of human habitation, is constructed to comply with the state of Iowa building code for modular factory-built structures, and must display the seal issued by the state building code commissioner.

4. “*Mobile home park*” means any land upon which three or more mobile or manufactured homes, or a combination of such homes, are placed on developed spaces and operated as a for-profit enterprise with water, sewer or septic, and electrical services available. It does not include homes where the owner of the land is providing temporary housing for the owner’s employees or students.

5. “*Manufactured home community*” means any site, lot, field, or tract of land under common ownership upon which ten or more occupied manufactured homes are harbored, either free of charge or for revenue purposes, and shall include any building, structure, or enclosure used or intended for use as part of the equipment of the community. The term shall not be construed to include homes, buildings, or other structures temporarily maintained by any individual, educational institution, or company on their own premises and used exclusively to house their own labor or students. A “manufactured home community” means the same as a “land-leased community” defined in Iowa Code sections 335.30A and 414.28A.

Wherever used in this chapter, “home” means a mobile home, a manufactured home, or a modular home unless specific reference is made to a particular type of home.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 435.1 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 656.

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**701—105.2(435) Movement of home to another county.** If one or both installments of the tax for the current fiscal year have been paid and subsequently the home is moved to another county, the tax paid shall remain in the county in which originally collected. No reimbursement shall be made either to the owner of the home or to the county to which the home is moved. If only the first installment has been paid and the home is moved prior to January 1, the second installment shall be made to the county to which the home is moved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 435.24.

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**701—105.3(435) Sale of home.** If the owner of a home has paid one or both installments of the tax for the current fiscal year and subsequently sells the home, no reimbursement shall be made to the seller for any portion of the tax paid. If only the first installment has been paid and the home is sold prior to January 1, the purchaser is responsible for the second installment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 435.24.

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**701—105.4(435) Reduced tax rate.**

**105.4(1) Claimant.** The reduced rate of tax for Iowa residents who were at least 23 years of age on December 31 of the base year shall be computed as provided in Iowa Code subsection 435.22(2). The claimant's name must appear on the title to the home.

**105.4(2) Income.** In determining eligibility for the reduced tax rate, the claimant's income and that of the claimant's spouse shall be the income received during the base year, or the income tax accounting period ending during the base year, and must be less than the indexed amount determined pursuant to Iowa Code section 435.22(2). The base year is the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the claim is filed.

**105.4(3) Claims.** Claims for the reduced tax rate must be filed with the county treasurer on or before June 1 immediately preceding the fiscal year during which the taxes are due. The county treasurer may extend the time for filing a claim for reduced tax rate through September 30 of the same calendar year if good cause exists. The director of revenue may also extend the time for filing a claim through December 31 of the same calendar year if good cause exists. Late reduced tax rate claims will be reimbursed by the director directly to the claimant upon proof of tax payment. The claimant must own and occupy the home at the time the claim for credit is filed or, if the claimant is deceased, at the time of the claimant's death or, if a late claim, on June 1 of the claim year. The claim forms shall be provided by the department of revenue.

**105.4(4) Reports to department of revenue.** On or before November 15 of each year, the county treasurer of each county shall report to the department of revenue the amount of taxes not to be collected for the current fiscal year as a result of the reduced tax rate provided in Iowa Code subsection 435.22(2). All reports shall be made on forms provided by the department of revenue.

**105.4(5) Payment of claims.** On December 15 of each year the department of revenue shall remit to each county treasurer an amount equal to the taxes not collected during the current fiscal year as a result of the granting of the reduced tax rate.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 435.22 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 152, and is effective for reduced tax rate claims filed on or after January 1, 2000.

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**701—105.5(435) Taxation—real estate.** Homes located outside of mobile home parks or manufactured home communities must be placed on a permanent foundation and are subject to assessment and taxation as real estate. The homes are eligible for all property tax credits and exemptions applicable to other real estate. The assessor shall collect the title to a home only when a security interest is noted on the title and the secured party is given a mortgage on the land on which the home is located. Homes located outside mobile home parks or manufactured home communities as of July 1, 1994, are not subject to the permanent foundation requirements unless the home is relocated.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 435.26.

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**701—105.6(435) Taxation—square footage.** Homes located within mobile home parks or manufactured home communities are subject to a square footage tax at the rates specified in Iowa Code section 435.22. It shall be the responsibility of the owner to provide the county treasurer with appropriate documentation to verify eligibility for the reduced tax due to the home's age. Modular homes placed in mobile home parks or manufactured home communities that were not in existence on or before January 1, 1998, shall be subject to assessment and taxation as real estate.

The mobile home park or manufactured home community owner or manager shall make an annual report with the county treasurer by June 1 listing the owner and address of each home sited in the park or community. An additional report shall be filed by December 1 if any homes are moved in or out of the park or community or there are any changes in home ownership.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 435.22 and 435.24(3).

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**701—105.7(435) Audit by department of revenue.** The director of revenue may audit the books and records of the county treasurer to determine if the amounts certified by the county treasurer to the director

of revenue as tax not collected due to the reduced tax rate are true and correct. Upon investigation, the director of revenue may order the county treasurer to reimburse the state of Iowa any amounts that were erroneously paid to the county treasurer. The director of revenue may also require that additional payments be made to the county treasurer by the owner of a home if investigation reveals that the county treasurer did not receive the full amounts due in accordance with Iowa Code section 435.22.

The director of revenue may initiate investigations or assist the county treasurer's investigations into eligibility of a claimant for the reduced tax rate in accordance with Iowa Code section 435.22. Upon investigation, the director of revenue may order a claimant to reimburse the state of Iowa any amount erroneously claimed as a reduced tax rate which was reimbursed by the department of revenue to the county treasurer in accordance with Iowa Code section 435.22. The director of revenue may also issue a reimbursement directly to the claimant if it is determined the claimant did not receive the full benefits to which entitled pursuant to Iowa Code section 435.22.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 435.22.

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### **701—105.8(435) Collection of tax.**

**105.8(1) *Partial payment of tax.*** Partial payments of taxes may be allowed at the discretion of the county treasurer. If the treasurer elects to permit partial payments, the authorization shall apply to all taxpayers within the county. If the partial payments made are insufficient to fully satisfy an installment due by the delinquency date, the unpaid portion of the installment shall draw interest as provided in Iowa Code section 445.39. Current year taxes may be paid at any time regardless of any prior year delinquent taxes. The minimum payment for delinquent taxes must be equal to or exceed the interest, fees, and costs of the installment being paid.

**105.8(2) *When delinquent.*** The date on which unpaid taxes become delinquent is to be determined as follows:

- a. If the home is put to use between January 1 and March 31, the prorated tax for the period from the date the home is put to use through June 30 becomes delinquent on April 1.
- b. If the home is put to use between April 1 and June 30, the prorated tax for the period from the date the home is put to use through June 30 becomes delinquent on October 1.
- c. If the home is put to use between July 1 and September 30, the prorated tax for the period from the date the home is put to use through December 31 becomes delinquent on October 1.
- d. If the home is put to use between October 1 and December 31, the prorated tax for the period from the date the home is put to use through December 31 becomes delinquent on April 1 of the following calendar year.
- e. For purposes of this rule, a home is "put to use" upon its acquisition from a dealer or its being brought into Iowa for immediate use by a person who is not engaged in the business of manufacturing, sale, or transportation of homes.

**105.8(3) *Collection of delinquent tax.*** Delinquent taxes shall be collected by offering the home at tax sale in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 446.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 435.24 and Iowa Code sections 435.25 and 445.37.

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CHAPTER 106  
DETERMINATION OF VALUE OF RAILROAD COMPANIES

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—106.1(434) Definitions of terms.**

**106.1(1)** The term “*railroad*” shall mean and include all individuals or corporations engaged in the operation of a railway in this state and subject to valuation pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 434.

**106.1(2)** The term “*unit value*” or “*unit market value*” shall mean the market value arrived at by using the appraisal method of valuing an entire operating property, considered as a whole and capable of performing the function for which it was created, such as (by way of illustration and not limitation) transporting freight over rail.

**106.1(3)** The term “*operating property*” shall mean all property owned by or leased to a railroad company, not otherwise taxed separately or made nontaxable by law, which is necessary to and without which the railroad could not perform the activities for which the railroad is formed, such as (by way of illustration and not limitation) transporting freight over rail. With regard to property whose identity as “operating” or “nonoperating” property is not clearly ascertainable, the property shall be considered operating property if the railroad could not reasonably be expected to perform the referenced activities in the absence of such property.

**106.1(4)** The term “*nonoperating property*” shall mean all property owned by a railroad not defined by subrule 76.1(3) as “operating property.”

**106.1(5)** The term “*comparable sales*” shall mean actual sales transactions, between willing buyers and willing sellers, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell, of property which is similar in purpose, function and design to the property to which the comparison is being made. Where the determination of a unit value is being made, the sale of a portion of a unit which is nominally similar in purpose and function to the unit being valued shall not be considered a comparable sale, absent proof by evidence other than the terms of the sale itself, that the sales price was based on some unit of measurement which is common both to the property sold and the property being valued and which is not affected by the fact that less than the entire unit is being sold, such as (by way of illustration and not limitation) (1) the price per mile of track and (2) the price per square foot of the property.

**106.1(6)** The term “*income approach to unit value*” shall mean the estimate of unit market value obtained by dividing an appropriate income stream by an appropriate and compatible discount rate.

**106.1(7)** The term “*stock and debt approach to unit value*” shall mean the estimate of unit market value determined by combining the estimate of market value of the stock, debt, current liabilities, other liabilities, including capital leases, and deferred credits associated with the operating property of a railroad company.

**106.1(8)** The term “*cost approach to unit value*” shall mean the estimate of value determined by combining the original cost less a depreciation allowance for the operating property of a railroad company.

**106.1(9)** The term “*respondent*” shall include the railroad company whose property is to be valued.

**106.1(10)** The term “*leased assets*” shall mean capital leases.

**106.1(11)** The term “*original cost*” shall mean the actual cost of the property to its present owner, not the first cost at the time it was originally constructed and placed in service.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 434.

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**701—106.2(434) Filing of annual reports.**

**106.2(1)** Annual reports required to be filed by the reporting railroad company shall be on forms prescribed and supplied by the department. It shall be the responsibility of the railroad company to obtain the forms supplied by the department.

**106.2(2)** Additional schedules or attachments submitted by respondent shall be identified as to subject matter, shall be typed on paper of similar size to that used in the annual report, and all data contained in the schedules or attachments shall be adequately explained and documented as to source.

When such additional schedules or attachments are submitted, they shall be considered part of the annual report.

**106.2(3)** The department of revenue may require the filing of additional information if deemed necessary. The request for additional information shall be answered completely and in accordance with instructions therein specified. Additional information required shall be considered part of the annual report.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 434.  
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**701—106.3(434) Comparable sales.** Sale prices of comparable property in normal transactions shall be taken into consideration in arriving at its market value. In the event comparable sales are not available, the market value of operating property shall be determined by utilizing the three recognized unit approaches to value (i.e., stock and debt approach, income capitalization approach and the cost approach).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 434.15.  
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**701—106.4(434) Stock and debt approach to unit value.**

**106.4(1)** The stock and debt approach to unit value estimates the market value of the operating property by combining the market values of the common stock, preferred stock, debt, current liabilities, other liabilities, leases, and deferred credits associated with the operating property of the railroad company, on the basis that the market value of these items may be used as a surrogate for the market value of the operating property itself.

**106.4(2)** The market value of the long-term debt associated with the operating property shall be calculated by first determining a ratio, based on book values, whose numerator shall be the operating property and whose denominator shall be the total property of the railroad company. This ratio shall then be multiplied times the gross market value of the long-term debt and the result obtained shall be the market value of the long-term debt associated with the operating property.

The market value of publicly traded debt shall be determined by utilizing an average of the monthly high and low value of the debt for the 12 months preceding the valuation date. The values to be utilized shall be obtained by reference to any acceptable reporter of the market on which the securities are traded. If all or some of the securities are not publicly traded, the value of the securities shall be determined by appropriate comparable securities. The comparable securities shall be publicly traded and shall have a similar maturity date and coupon rate, as well as risk indicators similar to the untraded security. In each instance, the railroad company shall provide the department a statement of the market value of all securities and an explanation of how that market value was derived, including the identity of any comparable securities utilized. In the event that any utility is unable to utilize the foregoing rule to value its securities, it may provide the department with its own determination of the fair market value of its untraded securities together with a complete explanation of why the foregoing rule was not used and a detailed explanation of the method used.

**106.4(3)** The market value of the preferred stock associated with the operating property shall be calculated by first determining a ratio, based on book values, whose numerator shall be the operating property and whose denominator shall be the total property of the railroad company. This ratio shall then be multiplied times the gross market value of the preferred stock and the result obtained shall be the market value of the preferred stock associated with the operating property.

The market value of publicly traded shares of preferred stock shall be determined by utilizing an average of the monthly high and low value of the preferred stock for the 12 months preceding the valuation date. The values to be utilized shall be obtained by reference to any acceptable reporter of the market on which the preferred stock is traded. If all or some series of the preferred stock are not publicly traded, the value of such preferred stock shall be determined by appropriate comparable securities. The comparable securities shall be publicly traded and shall have the same or a similar dividend rate, as well as risk indicators similar to the untraded preferred stock. In each instance, the railroad company shall provide to the department a statement of the market value of its preferred stock and an explanation of how

that market value was derived, including the identity of any comparable securities utilized. In the event that any railroad company is unable to utilize the foregoing rule to value its securities, it may provide the department with its own determination of the fair market value of its untraded securities together with a complete explanation of why the foregoing rule was not used and a detailed explanation of the method used.

**106.4(4)** The market value of the common equity of a railroad company associated with the company's operating property shall be determined by capitalizing the income available to the common equity holders from the operating property, by an appropriate and compatible common equity return rate, all of which shall be determined as follows:

*a.* The calculation of the income to be capitalized shall begin with the railroad company's net income after taxes but before interest charges and preferred dividends for the 12-month period preceding the valuation date. The net income after taxes, but before interest charges and preferred dividends, shall be determined from the railroad company's regulatory report, or if no regulatory report is filed, from the audited financial statements of the railroad company. In the event the railroad company has no income or has a negative income, an alternative method shall be used to determine the market value of the common equity.

*b.* The income determined in 106.4(4) "a" shall be adjusted by deducting any net income included therein received from nonoperating property and, conversely, the referenced income shall be increased to account for any net loss created by any nonoperating property.

*c.* The income determined in 106.4(4) "a" shall be further reduced by that portion of the preferred dividends serviced by the income generated by the operating property, which shall be calculated by multiplying the total preferred dividend requirement by the ratio determined in 106.4(3).

*d.* The income determined in 106.4(4) "a" shall be further reduced by that portion of the debt service provided by the income generated by the operating property, which shall be calculated by multiplying the total debt service by the ratio determined in 106.4(2).

*e.* If there are any other interest payments required, a determination shall be made as to whether the underlying obligation was used to purchase operating or nonoperating assets. If no direct determination can be made, the interest payment shall be allocated in the same fashion as the debt service and preferred dividends. If the underlying obligation can be shown to be associated particularly, or in some specific proportion, to operating or nonoperating property, the interest payment shall be allocated either entirely or in such proportion to operating or nonoperating property. It shall be the obligation of the railroad company, in its reports to the department, to identify and detail any interest payments which are particularly associated with operating or nonoperating property, and if the railroad company fails to do so, the department may determine that all such payments may be allocated between operating and nonoperating property in the same ratio as is the debt service and preferred stock dividends (see subrules 106.4(2) and 106.4(3)).

*f.* Any extraordinary item affecting the income determined herein shall be eliminated in the calculation of the income shown under this rule.

*g.* The equity rate of return for the railroad company shall be determined by the use of the capital asset pricing model although where appropriate discounted cashflow models may be utilized as an alternative. Only in circumstances where these models are not able to be utilized will reliance be placed on a risk premium model or upon an earnings-price ratio, or other similar model, for determining the expected market rate of return on equity.

*h.* The income attributable to operating property available to the common equity holder as determined in 106.4(4) "a" to "f" shall then be divided by the equity rate as determined in 106.4(4) "g," and the result shall be the market value of the common equity associated with the operating property.

**106.4(5)** In the event the railroad company has entered into capital leases of operating property, the market value of the property leased shall be determined by calculating the net present value of the leases or net book value of the leases. The net present value shall be accomplished by discounting the future lease payments for each lease. The following is offered as an illustration of the calculation of such market value:

Length of Lease	Annual Lease Payments
1. Lease (a) 5 years	\$1,500,000
2. Lease (b) 7 years	\$ 800,000
3. Lease (c) 3 years	\$ 120,000
Net present value of leases (assuming 8 percent rate)	
Lease (a) = $1,500,000 \div (1.08)^1 + 1,500,000 \div (1.08)^2 \dots 1,500,000 \div (1.08)^5$	
Lease (b) = $800,000 \div (1.08)^1 + 800,000 \div (1.08)^2 \dots 800,000 \div (1.08)^7$	
Lease (c) = $120,000 \div (1.08)^1 + 120,000 \div (1.08)^2 \dots 120,000 \div (1.08)^3$	
Net Present Value of Lease (a)	= \$ 5,989,065
Net Present Value of Lease (b)	= \$ 4,165,096
Net Present Value of Lease (c)	= <u>\$ 309,251</u>
Total Lease Values	\$10,463,412

The discount rate shall be equal to the railroad company's overall market debt rate of return.

**106.4(6)** In the event the railroad company has other sources of capital including, but not limited to, other liabilities, capital leases, and accumulated investment tax credits which cannot be identified as having been utilized to purchase specific assets, the market value of the sources of capital shall be allocated between operating and nonoperating assets in the same manner as long-term debt or preferred stock. Current liabilities and accumulated deferred income taxes are not to be included in this calculation. The book value of accumulated deferred income taxes should be deducted from the market value of the stock and debt approach before making this calculation. Likewise, current liabilities should be deducted from current assets and the resulting figure, if positive, should be added to the market value of the stock and debt approach and, if negative, should be deducted. The resulting figure, "net working capital," shall be allocated in the same manner as long-term debt or preferred stock (see subrules 106.4(2) and 106.4(3)). If any source of capital was created specifically for the purchase of property which can be identified as operating property or nonoperating property, the railroad company must identify the sources of capital in its annual report to the department, together with the appropriate evidence. If the railroad company fails to provide the information, the department may determine that the sources of capital may be allocated in the same manner as long-term debt or preferred stock (see subrules 106.4(2) and 106.4(3)). The market value of any source of capital, in the absence of evidence to the contrary submitted by the railroad with its annual report, shall be the book value.

**106.4(7)** The value determined by summing the portions of the enumerated sources of capital associated with the operating property of the railroad company provided in subrules 106.4(2) to 106.4(6) shall be the unit value of the operating properties determined by the stock and debt approach to unit value.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 434.15.

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#### **701—106.5(434) Income capitalization approach to unit value.**

**106.5(1)** The income capitalization approach to unit value estimates the market value of the operating property by dividing the income stream generated by the operating assets by a market-derived capitalization rate based on the costs of the various sources of capital utilized or available for use to purchase the assets generating the income stream.

*a.* The net railway operating income to be capitalized shall be a weighted average net railway operating income. The weighted average net railway operating income shall consist of an average of the three 12-month periods immediately preceding the valuation date. Each of the three preceding 12-month periods shall be weighted by multiplying the first preceding period by 60 percent, the second preceding



period by 30 percent, and the third preceding period by 10 percent. There shall be no adjustment for the company's current-year deferred income taxes to this income stream.

b. The department may also utilize a "free cash flow model" in calculating the railway operating income to be capitalized. The "free cash flow model" shall consist of an average of the five 12-month periods immediately preceding the valuation date. Each of the five preceding 12-month periods shall be given equal weighting in the calculation of the five-year average railway operating income to be capitalized. Each year the net railway operating income shall be adjusted by adding the current-year deferred income taxes associated with maintenance expenditures, adding the current-year depreciation expense, and subtracting the current-year capital expenditures necessary to maintain the plant.

c. The department may give consideration to both calculations of operating income as described in this subrule to determine the railway operating income to be capitalized. The department may also consider, in both calculations, adjustments for extraordinary, unusual, and infrequent items. These adjustments would not be expected to occur annually and are different from the typical railroad business operations. The purpose and intent of the income indicator of value is to match income with sources of capital and therefore every source of capital utilized or available to be utilized to purchase assets should be reflected in the capitalization rate determination as well as all operating income. The department shall not include a separate adjustment to either income stream for noncapitalized operating leases. In the event the railroad company has no income or has a negative income, the indicator of value set forth in this subrule shall not be utilized.

**106.5(2)** If any operating property is clearly not income producing and, therefore, is not reflected in the income stream, the value of that asset shall be determined separately and added to the value of the other operating property as determined using the income indicator of value. The capitalization rate shall be adjusted, if necessary, for the market rate of return for the sources of capital utilized to purchase such non-income-producing properties where the sources can be clearly identified; otherwise the cost of the sources of capital shall be presumed to be equal to the overall market-weighted costs of the other sources of capital.

**106.5(3)** If the railroad company is one which can earn a return on assets purchased with sources of capital, excluding the company's deferred income taxes, the income will reflect the earnings on those assets, and as a consequence, a separate adjustment to the capitalization rate is required. The capitalization rate shall be determined by utilizing, where appropriate, market rates of return weighted according to a market determined capital structure. All sources of capital shall be considered in the capital structure as well as market costs associated with each source of capital; otherwise the cost of the sources of capital shall be presumed to be equal to the overall market-weighted costs of the identified sources of capital. The following is an example of the application of this rule.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Market Value	Market Rate of Return	% to Total	Component (Col. 2 × Col. 3)
Common Stock	60,000	15%	66.67	10.00
Preferred Stock	5,000	13%	5.55	.72
Debt	25,000	12%	27.78	3.33
	<u>90,000</u>		<u>100.00</u>	<u>14.05</u>

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 434.15.  
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**701—106.6(434) Cost approach to unit value.** The cost approach to unit value shall be determined by combining the cost of the operating properties of the railroad and deducting therefrom an allowance for

depreciation calculated on a straight-line basis. Other forms of depreciation may be deducted if found to exist.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 434.15.

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**701—106.7(434) Correlation.** In making a final determination of value, the department shall give consideration to each of the methodologies described in these rules, the use of which will result in the determination of the fair and reasonable market value of the railroad company's entire operating property. The stock and debt indicator of value and the income indicator of value shall each be weighted at 50 percent. In this particular circumstance, when the department utilizes the stock and debt indicator and the income indicator in the correlation process, the cost indicator will be given no weighting. If circumstances dictate that a particular method is inappropriate for a specific company, that method shall be given little or no weight in the final correlation of value.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 434.15.

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**701—106.8(434) Allocation of unit value to state.**

**106.8(1) Allocation by the department.** The department shall allocate that portion of the total unit value of the railroad company's operating property to the state of Iowa based on factors that are representative of the ratio that the railroad company's property and activity in the state of Iowa bear to the railroad company's total property and activity. These factors are:

- a. Gross operating revenue weighted 40 percent.
- b. All track mileage weighted 35 percent.
- c. Revenue traffic units weighted 15 percent.
- d. Car and locomotive mileage weighted 10 percent.

**106.8(2) Alternative methods.** In the event that the allocation prescribed by subrule 106.8(1) does not fairly and reasonably allocate unit value of the railroad company's operating property to the state of Iowa, the department shall consider such other factors as the department deems appropriate by the exercise of sound appraisal judgment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 434.15.

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**701—106.9(434) Exclusions.**

**106.9(1)** From the estimate of value pursuant to rule 701—106.8(434), there shall be a deduction for pollution control property provided in Iowa Code section 427.1(32).

**106.9(2)** From the estimate of value pursuant to rule 701—106.8(434), there shall be a deduction for interstate bridges and other locally assessed property. Locally assessed property shall mean all property subject to an assessing authority pursuant to Iowa Code section 441.54. The respondent shall supply a schedule providing the actual value as determined by the local assessor on or nearest to the current assessment date.

**106.9(3)** From the estimate of value determined under rule 701—106.8(434), the value of Iowa personal property shall be deducted pursuant to Burlington Northern Railroad Company vs. Gerald D. Bair, Director of the Department of Revenue of Iowa—United States District Court Order-Civil No. 83-100-A. The computation for the percentage of personal property shall be equal to the ratio of the net book value of personal property divided by the net book value of the total property.

**106.9(4)** From the estimate of value determined under rule 701—106.7(434), the intangible value shall be deducted pursuant to Burlington Northern Railroad Company vs. Gerald D. Bair, Director of the Department of Revenue of Iowa—United States District Court Order No: 4-90CV-60406. The deduction shall be equal to 6.6 percent of the correlated system value for the stock and debt indicator and the income indicator.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 427.1(32), 434.15 and 434.20.

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CHAPTER 107  
DETERMINATION OF VALUE OF UTILITY COMPANIES

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**701—107.1(428,433,437,438) Definition of terms.**

**107.1(1)** The term “*utility company*” shall mean and include all persons engaged in the operating of gasworks, waterworks, telephones, including telecommunication companies and cities that own or operate a municipal utility providing local exchange services pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476, pipelines, electric transmission lines, and electric light or power plants, as set forth in Iowa Code chapters 428, 433, 437, and 438. Any utility company subject to taxation under Iowa Code chapter 437A shall not be subject to valuation under this chapter. Beginning with property tax assessment years and replacement tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, any utility company subject to taxation under 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 451, sections 10 to 30, shall not be subject to valuation under this chapter.

**107.1(2)** The term “*unit value*” or “*unit market value*” shall mean the market value arrived at by using the appraisal method of valuing an entire operating property, considered as a whole and capable of performing the function for which it was created, such as (by way of illustration and not limitation) (1) generating, transmitting and distributing electricity; or (2) transporting or distributing natural gas.

**107.1(3)** The term “*operating property*” shall mean all property owned by or leased to a utility company, not otherwise taxed separately, made nontaxable by law, or property leased to companies valued and assessed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 428, which is necessary to and without which the utility could not perform the activities for which the utility is formed, such as (by way of illustration and not limitation) (1) generating, transmitting and distributing electricity; or (2) transporting or distributing natural gas. With regard to property whose identity as “operating” or “nonoperating” property is not clearly ascertainable, the property shall be considered operating property if the utility could not reasonably be expected to perform the referenced activities in the absence of such property.

**107.1(4)** The term “*nonoperating property*” shall mean all property owned by a utility not defined by subrule 107.1(3) as “operating property.”

**107.1(5)** The term “*comparable sales*” shall mean actual sales transactions, between willing buyers and willing sellers, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell, of property which is similar in purpose, function and design to the property to which the comparison is being made. Where the determination of value is being made, the sale of a portion of a unit which is nominally similar in purpose and function to the unit being valued shall not be considered a comparable sale, absent proof by evidence other than the terms of the sale itself, that the sales price was based on some unit of measurement which is common both to the property sold and the property being valued and which is not affected by the fact that less than the entire unit is being sold, such as (by way of illustration and not limitation) the price per square foot of the property.

**107.1(6)** The term “*income approach to unit value*” shall mean the estimate of unit market value obtained by dividing an appropriate income stream by an appropriate discount rate.

**107.1(7)** The term “*stock and debt approach to unit value*” shall mean the estimate of unit market value determined by combining the market value of the stock, debt, current liabilities, other liabilities, including leases, except those leases of companies valued and assessed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 428, and deferred credits associated with the operating property of a utility company.

**107.1(8)** The term “*cost approach to unit value*” shall mean the estimate of value determined by combining the original cost less a depreciation allowance for the operating property of a utility company.

**107.1(9)** The term “*respondent*” shall include the utility company whose property is to be valued.

**107.1(10)** The term “*leased assets*” shall mean both operational and capital leases.

**107.1(11)** The term “*original cost*” shall mean the actual cost of the property to its present owner, not the first cost at the time it was originally constructed and placed in service.

**107.1(12)** “*Long distance telephone company*” means an entity that provides telephone service and facilities between local exchanges and has been classified as such by the utilities board of the department

of commerce, but does not include a cellular service provider or a local exchange utility holding a certificate issued under Iowa Code section 476.29(12). The rules contained in 701—Chapter 102, rather than this chapter, apply to the assessment of long distance telephone company property first assessed for taxation on or after January 1, 1996.

**107.1(13)** The term “*replacement cost new less depreciation*” or “*RCNLD*” shall mean the cost to the present owner of acquiring or constructing at current prices a property that is the functional equivalent of an existing property less an allowance for depreciation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 428, 437, and 438 and sections 433.12 and 476.1D(10).

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**701—107.2(428,433,437,438) Filing of annual reports.**

**107.2(1)** Annual reports required to be filed by the reporting utility company shall be on forms prescribed and supplied by the department. It shall be the responsibility of the utility company to obtain the forms supplied by the department.

**107.2(2)** Additional schedules or attachments submitted by respondent shall be identified as to subject matter, shall be typed on paper of similar size to that used in the annual report, and all data contained in the schedules or attachments shall be adequately explained and documented as to source. When such additional schedules or attachments are submitted, they shall be considered part of the annual report.

**107.2(3)** The department may require the filing of additional information if deemed necessary. The request for additional information shall be answered completely and in accordance with instructions therein specified. Additional information required shall be considered part of the annual report.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 428.23, 433.1, 433.2, 437.2, 437.4, 437.14, 438.3, 438.4, 438.5 and 438.6.

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**701—107.3(428,433,437,438) Comparable sales.** Sale prices of comparable property in normal transactions shall be taken into consideration in arriving at its market value. In the event comparable sales are not available, the market value of operating property shall be determined by utilizing the three recognized unit approaches to value (i.e., stock and debt approach, income capitalization approach and the cost approach).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 428.28, 433.1, 433.2, 437.2, 437.4, 437.14, 438.3, 438.4, 438.5 and 438.6.

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**701—107.4(428,433,437,438) Stock and debt approach to unit value.**

**107.4(1)** The stock and debt approach to unit value estimates the market value of the operating property by combining the market values of the common stock, preferred stock, debt, current liabilities, other liabilities, leases, and deferred credits associated with the operating property of the utility company, on the basis that the market value of these items may be used as a surrogate for the market value of the operating property itself.

**107.4(2)** The market value of the long-term debt associated with the operating property shall be calculated by first determining a ratio, based on book values, whose numerator shall be the operating property and whose denominator shall be the total property of the utility company. This ratio shall then be multiplied times the gross market value of the long-term debt and the result obtained shall be the market value of the long-term debt associated with the operating property. The market value of publicly traded debt shall be determined by utilizing an average of the monthly high and low value of the debt for the 12 months preceding the valuation date. The values to be utilized shall be obtained by reference to any acceptable reporter of the market on which the securities are traded. If all or some of the securities are not publicly traded, the value of the securities shall be determined by appropriate comparable securities. The comparable securities shall be publicly traded and shall have a similar maturity date and coupon

rate, as well as risk indicators similar to the untraded security. In each instance, the utility company shall provide the department a statement of the market value of all securities and an explanation of how that market value was derived, including the identity of any comparable securities utilized. In the event that any utility is unable to utilize the foregoing rule to value its securities, it may provide the department with its own determination of the fair market value of its untraded securities together with a complete explanation of why the foregoing rule was not used and a detailed explanation of the method used.

**107.4(3)** The market value of the preferred stock associated with the operating property shall be calculated by first determining a ratio, based on book values, whose numerator shall be the operating property and whose denominator shall be the total property of the utility company. This ratio shall then be multiplied times the gross market value of the preferred stock and the result obtained shall be the market value of the preferred stock associated with the operating property.

The market value of publicly traded shares of preferred stock shall be determined by utilizing an average of the monthly high and low value of the preferred stock for the 12 months preceding the valuation date. The values to be utilized shall be obtained by reference to any acceptable reporter of the market on which the preferred stock is traded. If all or some series of the preferred stock are not publicly traded, the value of such preferred stock shall be determined by appropriate comparable securities. The comparable securities shall be publicly traded and shall have the same or a similar dividend rate, as well as risk indicators similar to the untraded preferred stock. In each instance, the utility company shall provide the department a statement of the market value of its preferred stock and an explanation of how that market value was derived, including the identity of any comparable securities utilized. In the event that any utility is unable to utilize the foregoing rule to value its securities, it may provide the department with its own determination of the fair market value of its untraded securities together with a complete explanation of why the foregoing rule was not used and a detailed explanation of the method used.

**107.4(4)** The market value of the common equity of a utility company associated with the company's operating property shall be determined by capitalizing the income available to the common equity holders from the operating property, by an appropriate common equity return rate, all of which shall be determined as follows:

*a.* The calculation of the income to be capitalized shall begin with the utility company's net income after taxes but before interest charges and preferred dividends for the 12-month period preceding the valuation date. The net income after taxes, but before interest charges and preferred dividends, shall be determined from the utility company's regulatory report, or if no regulatory report is filed, from the audited financial statements of the utility company. In the event that the respondent has no income or has negative income, an alternative method may be utilized to estimate the market value of the common equity.

*b.* For rate base regulated companies which do not earn a return on construction-work-in-progress, the income determined in subrule 107.4(4) shall be increased by the amount of income associated with the construction-work-in-progress which will be placed into service within one year of the assessment date. The income associated with the construction-work-in-progress shall be determined by multiplying the cost of said construction by the latest overall cost of capital as determined by the regulatory agency.

*c.* The income determined in 107.4(4) "a" shall be further reduced by that portion of the preferred dividends serviced by the income generated by the operating property, which shall be calculated by multiplying the total preferred dividend requirement by the ratio determined in 107.4(3).

*d.* The income determined in 107.4(4) "a" shall be further reduced by that portion of the debt service provided by the income generated by the operating property, which shall be calculated by multiplying the total debt service by the ratio determined in 107.4(2).

*e.* If there are any other interest payments required, a determination shall be made as to whether the underlying obligation was used to purchase operating or nonoperating assets. If no direct determination can be made, the interest payment shall be allocated in the same fashion as the debt service and preferred dividends. If the underlying obligation can be shown to be associated particularly, or in some specific proportion, to operating or nonoperating property, the interest payment shall be allocated either entirely or in such proportion to operating or nonoperating property. It shall be the obligation of the utility company, in its reports to the department, to identify and detail any interest

payments which are particularly associated with operating or nonoperating property, and if the utility company fails to do so, the department may determine that all such payments may be allocated between operating and nonoperating property in the same ratio as is the debt service and preferred stock dividends (see subrules 107.4(2) and 107.4(3)).

*f.* The income determined in 107.4(4)“a” shall be adjusted by deducting any net income included therein received from nonoperating property and, conversely, the referenced income shall be increased to account for any net loss created by any nonoperating property.

*g.* The income determined in paragraph 107.4(4)“a” for pipeline companies shall be further reduced by deducting the current year net adjustment expense for investment tax credits.

*h.* Any extraordinary item affecting the income determined herein shall be eliminated in the calculation of the income shown under this rule. Any construction-work-in-progress not placed into service within one year of the assessment date shall be separately valued by the department.

*i.* The equity rate of return for the utility company shall be determined by the use of the capital asset pricing model although where appropriate discounted cashflow model (commonly called the Gordon Growth Model -  $r = \frac{D_1}{P_0} + g$ ) may be utilized as an alternative.

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Only in circumstances where these models are not able to be utilized will reliance be placed on a risk premium model or upon an earnings-price ratio, or other similar model, for determining the expected market rate of return on equity.

*j.* The income attributable to operating property available to the common equity holder as determined in 107.4(4)“a” to “g” shall then be divided by the equity rate as determined in 107.4(4)“h,” and the result shall be the market value of the common equity associated with the operating property.

**107.4(5)** In the event the utility company has entered into leases of operating property, the market value of the property leased shall be determined by calculating the net present value of the leases, which shall be accomplished by discounting the future lease payments for each lease. The following is offered as an illustration of the calculation of such market value:

Length of Lease	Annual Lease Payments
1. Lease (a) 5 years	\$1,500,000
2. Lease (b) 7 years	\$ 800,000
3. Lease (c) 3 years	\$ 120,000
Net present value of leases (assuming 8 percent rate)	
Lease (a) = $1,500,000 \div (1.08)^1 + 1,500,000 \div (1.08)^2 + \dots + 1,500,000 \div (1.08)^5$	
Lease (b) = $800,000 \div (1.08)^1 + 800,000 \div (1.08)^2 + \dots + 800,000 \div (1.08)^7$	
Lease (c) = $120,000 \div (1.08)^1 + 120,000 \div (1.08)^2 + \dots + 120,000 \div (1.08)^3$	
Net Present Value of Lease (a)	= \$ 5,989,065
Net Present Value of Lease (b)	= \$ 4,165,096
Net Present Value of Lease (c)	= <u>\$ 309,251</u>
Total Lease Values	<u><u>\$10,463,412</u></u>

The discount rate shall be equal to the utility company’s overall market cost of capital.

**107.4(6)** In the event the utility company has other sources of capital, such as (by way of illustration and not limitation) current liabilities and accumulated investment tax credits which cannot be identified as having been utilized to purchase specific assets, the market value of such sources of capital shall be allocated between operating and nonoperating assets in the same manner as long-term debt or preferred stock (see subrules 107.4(2) and 107.4(3)). Accumulated deferred income taxes are not included in this adjustment. The book value for accumulated deferred income taxes should be removed from the stock and debt approach before making this calculation. If any such source of capital was created specifically



for the purchase of property which can be identified as operating property or nonoperating property, the utility company must identify such sources of capital in their annual report to the department, together with the appropriate evidence of such. If the utility company fails to provide such information, the department may determine that such sources of capital may be allocated in the same manner as long-term debt or preferred stock (see subrules 107.4(2) and 107.4(3)). The market value of any such source of capital, in the absence of evidence to the contrary submitted by the utility with its annual report, shall be the book value.

**107.4(7)** The value determined by summing the portions of the enumerated sources of capital associated with the operating property of the utility company provided in subrules 107.4(2) to 107.4(6) shall be the unit value of the operating properties determined by the stock and debt approach to unit value.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 428.29, 433.4, 437.6, 437.7, and 438.14.  
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**701—107.5(428,433,437,438) Income capitalization approach to unit value.**

**107.5(1)** The income capitalization approach to unit value estimates the market value of the operating property by dividing the income stream generated by the operating assets by a market derived capitalization rate based on the costs of the various sources of capital utilized or available for use to purchase the assets generating the income stream. The purpose and intent of the income indicator of value is to match income with sources of capital and, therefore, every source of capital used or available to be used to purchase assets should be reflected in the capitalization rate determination as well as all operating income.

The net operating income to be capitalized for pipeline companies shall be a weighted average net operating income. The weighted average net operating income shall consist of an average of the three 12-month periods immediately preceding the valuation date. Each of the three preceding 12-month periods shall be weighted by multiplying the first preceding period by three, the second preceding period by two, and the third preceding period by one. The income stream for pipeline companies shall be further reduced by deducting the current year net adjustment expense for investment tax credits.

If the utility company has no income or has a negative income, the indicator of value set forth in this subrule shall not be utilized.

If the utility company is one which is not allowed to earn a return on assets purchased with sources of capital such as the company's deferred income taxes, the income will not reflect the earnings on those assets, and as a consequence, a separate adjustment to the income indicator of value must be made to account for the value of those assets. In such instances, the income indicator of value shall be increased by an amount equal to the book value of the source of capital involved, such as the accumulated deferred income taxes. The adjustment to the income approach for accumulated deferred income taxes shall not be made for pipeline companies. If any other operating property is clearly not income producing and, therefore, not reflected in the income stream, the value of that asset shall be determined separately and added to the value of the other operating property as determined using the income indicator of value. The capitalization rate shall be adjusted, if necessary, for the market rate of return for the sources of capital utilized to purchase such non-income-producing properties where the sources can be clearly identified. Otherwise, the cost of the sources of capital shall be presumed to be equal to the overall market weighted costs of the identified sources of capital.

**107.5(2)** If the utility company is one which can earn a return on assets purchased with sources of capital such as the company's deferred income taxes, the income will reflect the earnings on those assets, and as a consequence, a separate adjustment to the capitalization rate is required. The capitalization rate shall be determined by utilizing, where appropriate, market rates of return weighted according to a market-determined capital structure, with the exception of deferred credits whose market value shall be equal to its value on the company's books and whose cost shall be zero. All sources of capital shall be considered in the capital structure as well as market costs associated with each source of capital, otherwise, the cost of the sources of capital shall be presumed to be equal to the overall market-weighted costs of the identified sources of capital. The following is an example of the application of this rule:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Market Value	Market Rate of Return	% to Total	Component (Col. 2 × Col. 3)
Common Stock	60,000	15%	62.50	9.38
Preferred Stock	5,000	13%	5.21	.68
Debt	25,000	12%	26.04	3.12
Deferred Credits	6,000	—0—	6.25	—0—
	<u>96,000</u>		<u>100.00</u>	<u>13.18</u>

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 428.29, 433.4, 437.6, 437.7, and 438.14.  
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**701—107.6(428,433,437,438) Cost approach to unit value.** The cost approach to unit value shall be determined by combining the cost of the operating properties of the utility and deducting therefrom an allowance for depreciation calculated on a straight-line basis. Other forms of depreciation may be deducted if found to exist. The department may use the replacement cost new less depreciation (RCNLD) valuation methodology for determining the assessed value of the Iowa operating property required under Iowa Code chapter 433.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 428.29, 433.4, 437.6, 437.7, and 438.14.  
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**701—107.7(428,433,437,438) Correlation.** In making a final determination of value, the department may give consideration to each of the methodologies described in these rules, the use of which will result in the determination of the fair and reasonable market value of the utility company's entire operating property. Generally, for other than pipeline companies, the stock and debt indicator of value shall be considered to be the most useful, the income indicator the next most useful, and the cost indicator the least useful. If circumstances dictate that a particular indicator is inappropriate or less reliable for a particular company, the correlation of the indicators of value shall be adjusted accordingly. The correlation for pipeline companies will consider the cost indicator to be the most useful, the income indicator the next most useful, and the stock and debt indicator the least useful. In making the final determination of value, the department will weigh the stock and debt indicator of value at 10 percent, the income indicator of value at 40 percent and the cost indicator of value at 50 percent.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 428.29, 433.4, 437.6, 437.7, and 438.14.  
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**701—107.8(428,433,437,438) Allocation of unit value to state.**

**107.8(1) Allocation by the department.** The department shall allocate that portion of the total unit value of the utility company's operating property to the state of Iowa based on factors that are representative of the ratio that the utility company's property and activity in the state of Iowa bear to the utility company's total property and activity. These factors are:

- a. Gross operating property weighted 75 percent, and
- b. Gross operating revenues, or MCF miles, or barrel miles weighted 25 percent. The selection of the property and use factor to be utilized shall depend on the type of utility being valued.

**107.8(2) Alternative methods.** In the event that the allocation prescribed by subrule 107.8(1) does not fairly and reasonably allocate unit value of the utility company's operating property to the state of Iowa, the department shall consider such other factors as the department deems appropriate by the exercise of sound appraisal judgment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 428.29, 433.4, 437.6, 437.7, and 438.14.  
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CHAPTER 108  
REPLACEMENT TAX AND STATEWIDE PROPERTY  
TAX ON RATE-REGULATED WATER UTILITIES

[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 78]

REPLACEMENT TAX

**701—108.1(437B) Who must file return.** Beginning with property tax years and replacement tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, each taxpayer, as defined in Iowa Code section 437B.2, shall file a true and accurate return with the director. The return shall include all of the information prescribed in Iowa Code sections 437B.4(1) “a” and “b” and any other information or schedules requested by the director. The return shall be signed by an officer or other person duly authorized by the taxpayer and must be certified as correct. If the taxpayer was inactive or ceased the conduct of any activity subject to the replacement tax during the tax year, the return must contain a statement to that effect.

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**701—108.2(437B) Time and place for filing return.** The return must be filed with the director on or before March 31 following the tax year. There is no authority for the director to grant an extension of time to file a return. Therefore, any return which is not filed on or before March 31 following the tax year is untimely.

A taxpayer whose replacement tax liability before credits is \$300 or less is not required to file a return. A taxpayer should not file a replacement tax return under such circumstances.

When the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the return will be due the following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. Iowa Code section 421.9A contains additional information on due dates that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. If a return is placed in the mail, properly addressed and postage paid in ample time to reach the director or the department on or before the due date for filing, no penalty will attach should the return not be received until after the due date for filing. The functional meaning of this requirement is that if the return is placed in the mail, properly addressed and postage paid, on or before the due date for filing, no penalty will attach. Mailed returns should be addressed to Department of Revenue, Attention: Local Government Services, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

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**701—108.3(437B) Form for filing.** Returns must be made by taxpayers on forms supplied by the department. Taxpayers not supplied with the proper forms shall make application for proper forms to the department in ample time to have the taxpayers’ returns made, verified and filed on or before the due date. Each taxpayer shall carefully prepare the taxpayer’s return so as to fully and clearly set forth the data required. All information shall be supplied and each direction complied with in the same manner as if the forms were embodied in these rules.

Failure to receive the proper forms does not relieve the taxpayer from the obligation of making the replacement tax return.

Returns received which are not completed, but merely state “see schedule attached,” “no tax due,” or some other conclusionary statement are not considered to be properly filed returns and may be returned to the taxpayer for proper completion. This may result in the imposition of penalties and interest due to the return’s being filed after the due date.

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**701—108.4(437B) Payment of tax.** Payment of tax shall not accompany the filing of the replacement tax return with the director. Payment of tax shall not be made to the director or the state of Iowa. Payment

of the proper amount of tax due shall be made to the appropriate county treasurer upon notification by the county treasurer to the taxpayer of the taxpayer's replacement tax obligation.

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#### **701—108.5(437B) Statute of limitations.**

**108.5(1)** The director has three years after a return is filed to determine the tax due if the return is found to be incorrect and to give notice to the taxpayer of the determination. This three-year statute of limitations does not apply in the instances specified in subrule 108.5(2).

**108.5(2)** If a taxpayer files a false or fraudulent return with the intent to evade any tax, the correct amount of tax due may be determined by the director at any time after the return has been filed.

**108.5(3)** If a taxpayer fails to file a return, the three-year statute of limitations does not begin until the return is filed with the director.

**108.5(4)** Waiver of statute of limitations. The department and the taxpayer may extend the three-year period of limitations provided in subrule 108.5(1) above by signing a waiver agreement form provided by the department. The agreement shall designate the period of extension and the tax year for which the extension applies. The agreement shall provide that the taxpayer may file a claim for refund of replacement tax at any time prior to the expiration of the agreement.

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#### **701—108.6(437B) Billings.**

##### **108.6(1) Notice of adjustments.**

*a. Authorization to send notice of adjustments.* An agent, auditor, clerk, or employee of the department, designated by the director to examine returns and make audits, who discovers discrepancies in returns or learns that items subject to tax may not have been listed or included as taxable, in whole or in part, or that no return was filed when one was due is authorized to notify the taxpayer of this discovery by ordinary mail. This notice is not an assessment. It informs the taxpayer what amount would be due if the information discovered is correct. A copy of such notice shall also be sent to the appropriate county treasurer.

*b. Right of taxpayer upon receipt of notice of adjustment.* A taxpayer who has received notice of an adjustment in connection with a return may pay the additional amount stated to be due to the appropriate county treasurer. If payment is made, and the taxpayer wishes to contest the matter, the taxpayer should file a timely claim for refund. However, payment will not be required until an assessment has been made, although interest will continue to accrue if timely payment is not made. If no payment has been made, the taxpayer may discuss with the agent, auditor, clerk, or employee who notified the taxpayer of the discrepancy, either in person or through correspondence, all matters of fact and law which may be relevant to the situation. The taxpayer may also ask for a conference with the Department of Revenue, Local Government Services, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. Documents and records supporting the taxpayer's position may be required.

*c. Power of agent, auditor, or employee to compromise tax claim.* No employee of the department has the power to compromise any tax claims. The power of the agent, auditor, clerk, or employee who notified the taxpayer of the discrepancy is limited to the determination of the correct amount of tax.

**108.6(2) Notice of assessment.** If, after following the procedure outlined in paragraph 108.6(1) "b," no agreement is reached and the taxpayer does not pay the amount determined to be correct to the appropriate county treasurer, a notice of the amount of tax due shall be sent to the taxpayer. This notice of assessment shall bear the signature of the director and will be sent by ordinary mail to the taxpayer with a copy sent to the appropriate county treasurer.

A taxpayer has 60 days from the date of the notice of assessment to file a protest according to the provisions of rule 701—7.8(17A), or if the taxpayer fails to timely appeal a notice of assessment, the taxpayer may make payment pursuant to rule 701—7.8(17A) to the appropriate county treasurer and file a refund claim with the director within the applicable period provided in Iowa Code section 437B.10(1) "b" for filing such claims.

**108.6(3) Supplemental assessments and refund adjustments.** The director may, at any time within the period prescribed for assessment or refund adjustment, make a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment whenever it is ascertained that any assessment or refund adjustment is imperfect or incomplete in any respect.

If an assessment or refund adjustment is appealed (protested under rule 701—7.8(17A)) and is resolved whether by informal proceedings or by adjudication, the director shall notify the appropriate county treasurer. Such resolution shall preclude the director and the taxpayer from making a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment concerning the same issue involved in the appeal for the same tax year unless there is a showing of mathematical or clerical error or showing of fraud or misrepresentation.

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### **701—108.7(437B) Refunds.**

**108.7(1)** A claim for refund of replacement tax may be made on a form obtainable from the department. All claims for refund should be filed with the director and not with the county treasurer. In the case of a refund claim filed by an agent or representative of the taxpayer, a power of attorney must accompany the claim. All claims for refund must be in writing.

**108.7(2)** A taxpayer shall not offset a refund or overpayment of tax for one tax year as a prior payment of tax of a subsequent tax year on the tax return of a subsequent year unless the provisions of Iowa Code section 437B.4(5) are applicable.

**108.7(3) Refunds—statute of limitations.** The statute of limitations with respect to which refunds or credits may be claimed are:

*a.* The later of three years after the due date of the tax payment upon which the refund or credit is claimed or one year after which such payment was actually made.

*b.* Ninety days after the due date of the tax payment upon which refund or credit is claimed if the tax is alleged to be unconstitutional.

**108.7(4)** No credit or refund of taxes alleged to be unconstitutional shall be allowed if such taxes were not paid to the appropriate county treasurer under written protest which specifies the particulars of the alleged unconstitutionality.

**108.7(5)** The taxpayer responsible for paying the tax, or the taxpayer's successors, are the only persons eligible to file claims for refund or credit of the tax with the director and are the only persons eligible to receive such refunds or credits.

**108.7(6)** The director will promptly notify the appropriate county treasurer of the acceptance or denial of any refund claim or credit. The county treasurer shall pay the refund claim or portion thereof accepted by the director.

**108.7(7)** A taxpayer has 60 days from the date of the notice of denial of a refund or credit, in whole or in part, to file a protest according to the provisions of rule 701—7.8(17A).

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**701—108.8(437B) Abatement of tax.** The abatement provisions of 701—Chapter 19 are applicable to replacement tax. In the event that the taxpayer files a request for abatement with the department, the appropriate county treasurer shall be notified. The department's decision on the abatement request shall be sent to the taxpayer and the appropriate county treasurer.

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### **701—108.9(437B) Taxpayers required to keep records.**

**108.9(1)** Records required by taxpayers taxed under Iowa Code chapter 437B. The records required in this rule must be made available for examination upon request by the director or the director's authorized representative. The records must include all of those which would support the entries required to be made on the tax return. These records include but are not limited to:

*a.* Records associated with the total number of gallons of water carried through the taxpayer's distribution system during the tax year and during each of the immediately preceding five calendar years. For calendar years prior to tax year 2013, the total number of gallons of water carried through the taxpayer's distribution system is calculated as though Iowa Code chapter 437B was in effect for such calendar year.

*b.* Records associated with the total amount of nonrevenue water, as that term is defined in Iowa Code section 437B.2(9), carried through the taxpayer's distribution system during the tax year and during each of the immediately preceding five calendar years. For calendar years prior to tax year 2013, the total number of gallons of nonrevenue water carried through the taxpayer's distribution system is calculated as though Iowa Code chapter 437B was in effect for such calendar year.

*c.* Records associated with the total taxable gallons of water delivered by the taxpayer to consumers, as that term is defined in Iowa Code section 437B.2(2), within the service area during the tax year and during each of the immediately preceding five calendar years. For calendar years prior to tax year 2013, the total taxable gallons delivered by the taxpayer to consumers by the water utility is the difference between the gallons of water calculated in paragraphs 108.9(1) "a" and "b."

*d.* For tax years 2013, 2014, and 2015, records associated with property tax amounts due and payable as the result of assessment years 2010 and 2011.

*e.* Records associated with the taxpayer's calculation of the tentative replacement taxes due for the tax year and required to be shown on the tax return.

*f.* Records associated with increases or decreases in the tentative replacement tax required to be shown to be due where the replacement delivery tax rates are subject to recalculation under the provisions of Iowa Code section 437B.4(5).

*g.* All work papers associated with any of the records described in this subrule.

*h.* Records pertaining to any additions or deletions of property described as exempt from local property tax in Iowa Code section 437B.12.

*i.* Records associated with allocation of property described in paragraph 108.9(1) "h" above among local taxing districts.

**108.9(2)** The records required to be maintained by this rule shall be maintained by taxpayers for a period of ten years following the later of the original due date for the filing of a tax return in which the replacement taxes are reported or the date on which such return is filed. Upon application to the director and for good cause shown, the director may shorten the period for which any records should be maintained by a taxpayer.

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**701—108.10(437B) Credentials.** Employees of the department have official credentials, and the taxpayer should require proof of the identity of persons claiming to represent the department. No charges shall be made nor gratuities of any kind accepted by an employee of the department for assistance given in or out of the office of the department.

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**701—108.11(437B) Audit of records.** The director or the director's authorized representative shall have the right to examine or cause to be examined the books, papers, records, memoranda or documents of a taxpayer for the purpose of verifying the correctness of a tax return filed or of information presented or for estimating the tax liability of a taxpayer. When a taxpayer fails or refuses to produce the records for examination upon request, the director shall have authority to require, by a subpoena, the attendance of the taxpayer and any other witness(es) whom the director deems necessary or expedient to examine and compel the taxpayer and witness(es) to produce books, papers, records, memoranda or documents relating in any manner to the replacement tax.

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**701—108.12(437B) Information confidential.** Iowa Code sections 437B.10(2) and 437B.10(3) apply generally to the director, deputies, auditors, and present or former officers and employees of the department. Disclosure of the gallons of water delivered by a taxpayer taxed under Iowa Code chapter 437B in a service area disclosed on a tax return, return information, or investigative or audit information is prohibited. Other persons having acquired this confidential information will be bound by the same rules of secrecy under these Iowa Code provisions as any member of the department and will be subject to the same penalties for violations as provided by law.

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#### STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX

**701—108.13(437B) Who must file return.** Each taxpayer shall file a true and accurate return with the director. The return shall include all of the information prescribed in Iowa Code section 437B.17 and any other information or schedules requested by the director. The return shall be signed by an officer or other person duly authorized by the taxpayer and must be certified as correct. If the taxpayer was inactive or ceased the conduct of any activity for which the taxpayer's property was subject to the statewide property tax during the tax year, the return must contain a statement to that effect.

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**701—108.14(437B) Time and place for filing return.** The return must be filed with the director on or before March 31 following the tax year. There is no authority for the director to grant an extension of time to file a return. Therefore, any return which is not filed on or before March 31 following the tax year is untimely.

When the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the return will be due the following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. Iowa Code section 421.9A contains additional information on due dates that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. If a return is placed in the mail, properly addressed and postage paid in ample time to reach the director or the department on or before the due date for filing, no penalty will attach should the return not be received until after that date. The functional meaning of this requirement is that if the return is placed in the mail, properly addressed and postage paid, on or before the due date for filing, no penalty will attach. Mailed returns should be addressed to Department of Revenue, Attention: Local Government Services, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

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**701—108.15(437B) Form for filing.** Rule 701—108.3(437B) is incorporated herein by reference.

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**701—108.16(437B) Payment of tax.** Payment of the tax required to be shown due on the statewide property tax return shall accompany the filing of the return. All checks shall be made payable to the Iowa Department of Revenue. Failure to pay the tax required to be shown due on the tax return by the due date shall render the tax delinquent.

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**701—108.17(437B) Statute of limitations.** Rule 701—108.5(437B) is incorporated herein by reference.

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**701—108.18(437B) Billings.**

**108.18(1) Notice of adjustments.** Subrule 108.6(1) is incorporated herein by reference.

**108.18(2) Notice of assessment.** If, after following the procedure outlined in paragraph 108.6(1) "b," no agreement is reached and the person does not pay the amount determined to be correct to the director,

a notice of the amount of tax due shall be sent to the taxpayer. This notice of assessment shall bear the signature of the director and will be sent by ordinary mail to the taxpayer.

A taxpayer has 60 days from the date of the notice of assessment to file a protest according to the provisions of rule 701—7.8(17A), or if the taxpayer fails to timely appeal a notice of assessment, the taxpayer may make payment pursuant to rule 701—7.8(17A) to the director and file a refund claim with the director within the applicable period provided in Iowa Code sections 437B.10 and 437B.18 for filing such claims.

**108.18(3) Supplemental assessments.** Subrule 108.6(3) is incorporated herein by reference.  
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**701—108.19(437B) Refunds.** Subrules 108.7(1) to 108.7(3), 108.7(5) and 108.7(7) are incorporated herein by reference.

No credit or refund of taxes alleged to be unconstitutional shall be allowed if such taxes were not paid under written protest which specifies the particulars of the alleged unconstitutionality.  
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**701—108.20(437B) Abatement of tax.** The abatement provisions of 701—Chapter 19 are applicable to the statewide property tax.  
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**701—108.21(437B) Taxpayers required to keep records.**

**108.21(1) Records required.** The records required in this rule must be made available for examination upon request by the director or the director's authorized representative. The records must include all of those which would support the entries required to be made on the tax return. These records include but are not limited to:

- a. Records associated with the assessed value and base year assessed value of property subject to the statewide property tax.
- b. Records associated with the computation of the statewide property tax required to be shown due on the tax return.
- c. Records associated with the book value of the local amount of any major addition by the local taxing district.
- d. Records associated with the book value of the statewide amount of any major addition.
- e. Records associated with the transfer or disposal of all operating property, as that term is defined in Iowa Code section 437B.2(10), in the preceding calendar year, by local taxing district.
- f. Records associated with the book value of all other taxpayer property subject to the statewide property tax.
- g. Records associated with the book value of any major addition, by situs, eligible for the urban revitalization exemption provided for in Iowa Code chapter 404.
- h. All work papers associated with any of the records described in this rule.
- i. Records associated with allocation of property subject to statewide property tax among local taxing districts.

**108.21(2)** The records required to be maintained by these rules shall be maintained by taxpayers for a period of ten years following the later of the original due date for the filing of a tax return in which the statewide property tax is reported or the date on which such return is filed. Upon application to the director and for good cause shown, the director may shorten the period for which any records should be maintained by a taxpayer.  
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CHAPTER 109  
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX AND DECLARATIONS OF VALUE

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—109.1(428A) Real estate transfer tax: Responsibility of county recorders.**

**109.1(1) Forms.** County recorders shall use only forms provided by the department of revenue for the collection of real estate transfer tax and the recording and reporting of such tax collections.

**109.1(2) Monthly reports.** County recorders shall submit a report to the department of revenue on or before the tenth day of each month enumerating real estate transfer tax collection information for the preceding month. This report shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the department of revenue and shall contain such information as is deemed necessary by the department.

**109.1(3) Evidence of payment.** The recorder or authorized employee of the recorder must enter the tax payment amount on the face of the instrument of conveyance presented for recording.

**109.1(4) Recording refused.** The county recorder shall refuse to record any deed, instrument, or writing regardless of any statement by the grantor, grantee, or their agents that the transaction is exempt pursuant to Iowa Code section 428A.2, if, in the recorder's judgment, additional facts are necessary to clarify the taxable status of the transfer or determine the full consideration paid for the property. The county recorder may request from the grantor, grantee, or their agents, any information necessary to determine the taxable status of the transfer or the full amount of consideration involved in the transaction. County recorders under no circumstance shall record any deed or instrument of conveyance for which the proper amount of real estate transfer tax has not been collected. This applies to the collection of tax in excess of the amount due for the actual amount of consideration as well as situations in which an insufficient amount of tax has been collected.

**109.1(5) Refunds or underpayments.**

*a. Refunds.* County recorders shall not refund any overpayment of a real estate transfer tax. The grantor of the real property for which the real estate transfer tax has been overpaid shall petition the state appeal board for a refund of the overpayment amount paid to the treasurer of state. A refund of the remaining portion of the overpayment shall be petitioned from the board of supervisors of the county in which the tax was paid.

*b. Underpayments.* The county recorder shall collect any amount of tax found to be due. If the county recorder is unable to collect the tax, the director of revenue shall collect the tax in the same manner as income taxes are collected and pay the county its proportionate share.

**109.1(6) Multiple parcels.** If the real estate conveyance contains multiple parcels and the parcels are located in more than one county, the tax is to be paid to each county in which the property parcels are located based on the consideration paid for each property parcel or proportionate parcel located in each county.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 428A as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 288, section 17.

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**701—109.2(428A) Taxable status of real estate transfers.**

**109.2(1) Federal rules and regulations.** In factual situations not covered by these rules and involving those portions of Iowa law which are consistent with the former federal statutes (26 U.S.C.A. 4361) that imposed a real estate transfer tax, the department of revenue and county recorders shall follow the federal rules and regulations in administering the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 428A. (1968 O.A.G. 643)

**109.2(2) Transfer of realty to a corporation or partnership.** Capital stock, partnership shares and debt securities received in exchange for real property constitutes consideration which is subject to the real estate transfer tax. Where the value of the capital stock is definite or may be definitely determined in a dollar amount, the specific dollar amount is subject to the tax. Where the value of the capital stock is not definitely measurable in a dollar amount, the tax imposed is to be calculated on the fair market value of the realty transferred. For purposes of this rule, fair market value shall be as defined in Iowa Code section 441.21. (1976 O.A.G. 776)

Real estate transfer tax is not due when real property is conveyed to a family corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company as defined in Iowa Code section 428A.2 in an incorporation or organization action where the only consideration is the issuance of capital stock, partnership shares, or debt securities of the corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company. Actual consideration other than these shares or debt securities is subject to real estate transfer tax.

**109.2(3) *Trades of real estate.*** Real estate transfers involving the exchange of one piece of real property for another are transfers subject to the real estate transfer tax. Each grantor of the real estate is liable for the tax based on the fair market value of the property received in the trade as well as other consideration including but not limited to cash and assumption of debt. (1972 O.A.G. 654)

For purposes of this rule, fair market value shall be as defined in Iowa Code section 441.21.

**109.2(4) *Conveyance to the United States government or the state of Iowa.*** Any conveyance of real estate to the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof or to the state of Iowa or any agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision thereof not exempt from the real estate transfer tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 428A.2, is subject to the real estate transfer tax. (1968 O.A.G. 579) An exception to this rule is any conveyance to the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration, which is specifically exempted by federal law (7 U.S.C.S. §1984).

**109.2(5) *Conveyance of property on leased land.*** The transfer of buildings or other structures located on leased land is subject to the real estate transfer tax. The fact that the person who owns a building or other structure does not own the land upon which the property is located does not exempt this type of conveyance from the real estate transfer tax. (1972 O.A.G. 318)

**109.2(6) *Mortgage default.*** In the factual situation where a defaulting mortgagor issues a deed or other conveyance instrument to the mortgagee as satisfaction of the mortgage debt, the transaction is subject to the real estate transfer tax. The consideration upon which the tax is calculated is the outstanding unsatisfied mortgage debt.

However, as an exception to this rule, a conveyance of real property to lienholders in lieu of forfeiture or foreclosure action is exempt from real estate transfer tax.

**109.2(7) *Completion of contract.*** A deed or other conveyance instrument given at the time of completion of a single real estate contract is subject to the real estate transfer tax. The tax is to be computed on the full amount of the purchase price as stated in the contract and not solely on the last installment payment made prior to the issuance of the deed or other conveyance instrument. If the original contract is assigned to a third party or parties prior to fulfillment of such contract, the tax is to be computed only on the original contract price upon completion of the contract.

When a single deed or other conveyance instrument is given at the time of completion of multiple successive real estate contracts, separate taxes are to be computed and paid based upon the full purchase price stated in each contract. For example, if A sells real estate to B on an installment contract, and then B sells the same property to C on another installment contract, and subsequently both A and B transfer their respective interests in the property to C via one deed, A is liable for a tax computed on the full purchase price stated in the original contract to which A was a party and B is liable for a tax computed on the full purchase price stated in the subsequent contract to which B was a party.

**109.2(8) *Assignments of contract.*** Assignments of real estate contracts by contract sellers and contract buyers are not subject to the real estate transfer tax. (1970 O.A.G. 605)

**109.2(9) *Corporate and partnership dissolution.*** A conveyance of realty by a corporation or partnership in liquidation or in dissolution to its shareholders or partners subject to the debts of the corporation or partnership is a conveyance subject to the real estate transfer tax. However, if there are no debts and the conveyance is made solely for the cancellation and retirement of the capital stock or dissolution, the tax does not apply.

Real estate transfer tax is not due when real property is conveyed from a family corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company as defined in Iowa Code section 428A.2 to its shareholders, partners, or members in a dissolution action where the only consideration is capital stock, partnership shares, or debt securities of the corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including the assumption

of debts by the shareholders, partners, or members. Actual consideration other than these shares or debt securities is subject to the real estate transfer tax.

**109.2(10) Security instruments.** Any deed or instrument given exclusively to secure a loan or debt is not subject to the real estate transfer tax.

**109.2(11) Marriage dissolution exemption.** Marriage dissolution exemption from the real estate transfer tax provided in Iowa Code section 428A.2(16) applies only to real property conveyances between former spouses specifically mandated by a dissolution decree.

**109.2(12) Family debt cancellation exemption.** The family debt cancellation exemption from the real estate transfer tax provided in Iowa Code section 428A.2(11) applies only to real estate conveyances between husband and wife, or parent and child and indebtedness between these parties.

The amount of indebtedness subject to exemption shall not exceed the fair market value of the property being transferred.

EXAMPLE 1. A son is indebted to his father for \$10,000. The son transfers real property with a fair market value of \$12,000 to his father as satisfaction of the indebtedness. No real estate transfer tax is due in this situation.

EXAMPLE 2. A son is indebted to his father for \$10,000. The son transfers real property with a fair market value of \$4,000 to his father as satisfaction of the indebtedness. Real estate transfer tax is due on \$6,000 in this situation.

**109.2(13) Assumption of debt.** Any outstanding debt on the property conveyed that is not assumed by the grantee is not to be included as consideration in computing the amount of real estate transfer tax due.

EXAMPLE. Property with a mortgage of \$40,000 is transferred from A to B. B pays A \$60,000 but does not assume the \$40,000 mortgage. The real estate transfer tax is to be computed on the \$60,000 cash payment only. If B had assumed the mortgage in addition to making the cash payment, the real estate transfer tax would be computed on \$100,000 (the sum of the payment and mortgage).

**109.2(14) Mergers, consolidations, and reorganizations.** Conveyances of real estate resulting from corporate or limited liability company mergers, consolidations, or reorganizations are exempt from the real estate transfer tax. The following definitions are intended to be general guidelines in determining eligibility for exemption under this subsection.

“*Merger*” means the uniting of two or more corporations or companies into one corporation or company in such manner that the corporation or company resulting from the merger retains its existence and absorbs the other constituent corporation(s) or company(ies) which thereby lose its or their existence.

“*Consolidation*” means the uniting of two or more corporations or companies into a single new corporation or company, all of the constituent corporations or companies thereby ceasing to exist as separate entities.

“*Reorganization*” means the transfer of substantially all of the assets of one corporation or company to another corporation or company where the persons having an interest in the old corporation or company maintain substantially the same interest in the new corporation or company.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 428A.1 as amended by 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1167, and section 428A.2 as amended by 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1170.

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### **701—109.3(428A) Declarations of value: Responsibility of county recorders and city and county assessors.**

**109.3(1) Forms and procedures.** County recorders and county and city assessors shall use only the declaration of value forms and procedures prescribed and provided by the director of revenue for reporting real estate transfers.

**109.3(2) Report of sales.** County recorders and city and county assessors shall complete the appropriate portions of the real estate transfer-declaration of value form for each real estate transfer for which a declaration of value has been completed by the buyer, seller, or agent. The completed real estate transfer-declaration of value forms shall be used in preparing the quarterly sales report to be submitted to the department as required by Iowa Code section 421.17(6).

**109.3(3) *Transmittal of forms.*** Real estate transfer-declaration of value forms filed with the county recorder shall be transmitted promptly to the department. Nothing in this subrule shall be construed to relieve, limit, or prohibit city and county assessors from completing the requirements set forth in Iowa Code sections 421.17(6) “a” and 421.17(6) “b.”

**109.3(4) *Completion of forms.*** County recorders and city and county assessors shall complete declaration of value forms in accordance with instructions issued by the department. The assessed values entered on the forms are to be the final values as of January 1 of the year in which the transfer occurred.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 428A.1.

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#### **701—109.4(428A) Certain transfers of agricultural realty.**

**109.4(1)** In determining whether agricultural realty is purchased by a corporation, limited partnership, trust, alien, or nonresident alien for purposes of providing information required for such transfers by Iowa Code section 428A.1, the definitions in this rule shall apply.

**109.4(2) Corporation defined.** “Corporation” means a domestic or foreign corporation and includes a nonprofit corporation and cooperatives.

**109.4(3) Limited partnership defined.** “Limited partnership” means a partnership as defined in Iowa Code section 488.102(13) and which owns or leases agricultural land or is engaged in farming.

**109.4(4) Trust defined.** “Trust” means a fiduciary relationship with respect to property, subjecting the person by whom the property is held to equitable duties to deal with the property for the benefit of another person, which arises as a result of a manifestation of an intention to create it. A trust includes a legal entity holding property as a trustee, agent, escrow agent, attorney-in-fact, and in any similar capacity.

Trust does not include a person acting in a fiduciary capacity as an executor, administrator, personal representative, guardian, conservator or receiver.

**109.4(5) Alien defined.** “Alien” means a person born out of the United States and unnaturalized under the Constitution and laws of the United States. (*Breuer v. Beery*, 189 N.W. 714, 194 Iowa 243, 244 (1922).)

**109.4(6) Nonresident alien defined.** “Nonresident alien” means an alien as defined in subrule 109.4(5) who is not a resident of the state of Iowa.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 428A.1.

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#### **701—109.5(428A) Form completion and filing requirements.**

**109.5(1) *Real estate transfer—declaration of value form.*** A real estate transfer—declaration of value form must be completed for any deed, contract, instrument or writing that grants, assigns, transfers or otherwise conveys real property, except those specifically exempted by law, if the document presented for recording clearly states on its face that it is a document exempt from the reporting requirements as enumerated in Iowa Code section 428A.2, subsections 2 through 5, 7 through 13, and 16 through 21, or subsection 6, except in the case of a federal agency or instrumentality, or if a transfer is the result of acquisition of property for public purposes through eminent domain, or is a deed given in fulfillment of a previously recorded real estate contract. A real estate transfer—declaration of value form is not required for any transaction that does not grant, assign, transfer or convey real property.

**109.5(2) *Real estate transfer—declaration of value: Real estate transfer tax.*** Requirements for completing real estate transfer-declaration of value forms or exceptions from filing the forms shall not be construed to alter the liability for the real estate transfer tax or the amount of such tax as provided in Iowa Code chapter 428A.

**109.5(3) *Agent defined.*** As used in Iowa Code section 428A.1, an agent is defined as any person designated or approved by the buyer or seller to act on behalf of the buyer or seller in the real estate transfer transaction.



**109.5(4) Government agency filing requirements.** The real estate transfer-declaration of value form does not have to be completed for any real estate transfer document in which the state of Iowa or any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision thereof is the grantor, assignor, transferor or conveyer or for any transfer in which the state of Iowa or any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision thereof is the grantee or assignee where there is no consideration. However, any transfer in which any unit of government is the grantee or assignee where there is consideration is subject to the real estate transfer-declaration of value filing requirements (1980 O.A.G. 92) and any transfer to which the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof is a party to the transfer is subject to the real estate transfer-declaration of value filing requirements. An exception to this subrule is conveyances for public purposes occurring through the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

**109.5(5) Recording refused.** The county recorder shall refuse to record any document for which a real estate transfer-declaration of value is required if the form is not completed accurately and completely by the buyer or seller or the agent of either. The declaration of value shall include the social security number or federal identification number of the buyer and seller and all other information required by the director of revenue (*Iowa Association of Realtors et al. v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, CE 18-10479, Polk County District Court, February 4, 1983). However, if having made good-faith effort, the person or person's agent completing the declaration of value is unable to obtain the social security or federal identification number of the other party to the transaction due to factors beyond the control of the person or person's agent, a signed affidavit stating that the effort was made and the reasons why the number could not be obtained shall be submitted with the incomplete declaration of value. The declaration of value with attached affidavit shall be considered sufficient compliance with Iowa Code section 428A.1 and the affidavit shall be considered a part of the declaration of value subject to the provisions of Iowa Code section 428A.15.

**109.5(6) Multiple parcels.** Separate declarations of value are to be submitted to each county recorder if the real estate conveyed consists of parcels located in more than one county. The consideration paid for each property must be separately stated on the declaration of value or the recorder shall refuse to record the instrument of conveyance.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 428A.1 and 428A.2, and section 428A.4 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 288, section 16.

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**701—109.6(428A) Public access to declarations of value.** Declarations of value are public records and must be made available for public inspection in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 22. However, if the declaration of value contains the social security number or federal tax identification number of the buyer or seller, the social security number or the federal tax identification number must be redacted by the government official in possession of the declaration of value form prior to its being released to the public.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 428A.7 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, House File 477, section 1.

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CHAPTER 110  
PROPERTY TAX CREDITS AND EXEMPTIONS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—110.1(425) Homestead tax credit.**

**110.1(1) *Application for credit.***

*a.* No homestead tax credit shall be allowed unless the first application for homestead tax credit is signed by the owner of the property or the owner's qualified designee and filed with the city or county assessor on or before July 1 of the current assessment year. Once filed, the claim for credit is applicable to subsequent years and no further filing shall be required provided the homestead is owned and occupied by the claimant or the claimant's spouse on July 1 of each year and, in addition, the claimant or the claimant's spouse occupies the homestead for at least six months during each calendar year in which the fiscal year for which the credit is claimed begins. It is not a requirement that the six-month period of time be consecutive. If the credit is disallowed and the claimant failed to give written notice to the assessor that the claimant ceased to use the property as a homestead, a civil penalty equal to 5 percent of the amount of the disallowed credit shall be assessed against the claimant in addition to the amount of credit allowed. The assessor, county auditor, and county board of supervisors shall act on the claim in accordance with Iowa Code section 425.3. A claim filed after July 1 of any calendar year applies to the following assessment year.

*b.* In the event July 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications for the homestead tax credit may be filed the following Monday.

*c.* In the event July 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications submitted by mail shall be accepted if postmarked on the following Monday.

*d.* An assessor may not refuse to accept an application for homestead tax credit. If it is the opinion of the assessor that a homestead tax credit should not be allowed, the assessor shall accept the application for credit and recommend disallowance.

*e.* If the owner of the homestead is on active duty in the armed forces of this state or of the United States, or is 65 years of age or older or is disabled, the application for homestead tax credit may be signed and delivered by a member of the owner's family or the owner's guardian, conservator or designated attorney-in-fact. For purposes of this rule, any person related to the owner by blood, marriage or adoption shall be considered a member of the owner's family.

*f.* If a person makes a false application for credit with fraudulent intent to obtain the credit, the person is guilty of a fraudulent practice and the claim shall be disallowed. If the credit has been paid, the amount of the credit plus a penalty equal to 25 percent of the amount of the disallowed credit and interest shall be collected by the county treasurer.

*g.* For purposes of the homestead tax credit statute, the occupancy of the homestead may constitute actual occupancy or constructive occupancy. However, more than one homestead cannot be simultaneously occupied by the claimant and multiple simultaneous homestead tax credits are not allowable. Generally, a homestead is occupied by the claimant if the premises constitute the claimant's usual place of abode. Once the claimant's occupancy of the homestead is established, such occupancy is not lost merely because the claimant, for some valid reason, is temporarily absent from the homestead premises with an intention of returning thereto.

**110.1(2) *Eligibility for credit.***

*a.* If homestead property is owned jointly by persons who are not related or formerly related by blood, marriage or adoption, no homestead tax credit shall be allowed unless all the owners actually occupy the homestead property on July 1 of each year.

*b.* No homestead tax credit shall be allowed if the homestead property is owned or listed and assessed to a corporation, partnership, company or any other business or nonbusiness organization. However, a family farm corporation, as defined in Iowa Code section 9H.1, where a shareholder of the family farm corporation occupies a homestead, as defined in Iowa Code section 425.11(1), may receive the homestead tax credit.

c. A person acquiring homestead property under a contract of purchase remains eligible for a homestead tax credit even though such person has assigned equity in the homestead property as security for a loan.

d. A person occupying homestead property pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 499A or 499B is eligible for a homestead tax credit.

e. A person who has a life estate interest in homestead property shall be eligible for a homestead tax credit, provided the remainderman is related or formerly related to the life estate holder by blood, marriage or adoption or the reversionary interest is held by a nonprofit corporation organized under Iowa Code chapter 504.

f. A homestead tax credit may not be allowed upon a mobile home which is not assessed as real estate.

g. A person occupying homestead property under a trust agreement is considered the owner of the property for purposes of the homestead tax credit.

h. A remainder is not eligible to receive a homestead tax credit until expiration of the life estate to which such person has the remainder interest.

i. In order for a person occupying homestead property under a contract of purchase to be eligible for a homestead tax credit, the contract of purchase must be recorded in the office of the county recorder where the property is located. A recorded memorandum or summary of the actual contract of purchase is not sufficient evidence of ownership to qualify a person for a homestead tax credit.

j. An owner of homestead property who is in the military service or confined in a nursing home, extended-care facility or hospital shall be considered as occupying the property during the period of service or confinement. The fact that the owner rents the property during the period of military service is immaterial to the granting of the homestead tax credit. However, no homestead tax credit shall be allowed if the owner received a profit for the use of the property from another person while such owner is confined in a nursing home, extended-care facility or hospital.

k. A person owning a homestead dwelling located upon land owned by another person or entity is not eligible for a homestead tax credit. This rule is not applicable to a person owning a homestead dwelling pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 499B or a person owning a homestead dwelling on land owned by a community land trust pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 12773, provided that such a person is liable for and pays property tax on the homestead as required under Iowa Code section 425.11(1) "e."

l. An heir occupying homestead property that is part of an estate in the process of administration is considered an owner of the property and is eligible for the homestead credit.

**110.1(3) Disabled veteran tax credit.**

a. *Qualification for credit.* The disabled veteran tax credit may be claimed by any of the following owners of homestead property:

(1) A veteran who acquired homestead property under 38 U.S.C. Sections 21.801 and 21.802 or Sections 2101 and 2102.

(2) A veteran, as defined in Iowa Code section 35.1, with a permanent service-connected disability rating of 100 percent, as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or a permanent and total disability rating based on individual unemployability that is compensated at the 100 percent disability rate, as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

(3) A former member of the national guard of any state who otherwise meets the service requirements of Iowa Code section 35.1(2) "b"(2) or 35.1(2) "b"(7), with a permanent service-connected disability rating of 100 percent, as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or a permanent and total disability rating based on individual unemployability that is compensated at the 100 percent disability rate, as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

(4) An individual who is a surviving spouse or a child and who is receiving dependency and indemnity compensation pursuant to 38 U.S.C. Section 1301 et seq., as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

b. *Under honorable conditions.* A veteran, as defined in Iowa Code section 35.1, may qualify for the disabled veteran tax credit. In addition to the other requirements under Iowa Code section 35.1, to qualify as a veteran under Iowa Code section 35.1, an individual must have been discharged

under honorable conditions from the armed forces of the United States, the reserve forces of the United States, the Iowa national guard, or the merchant marines. For purposes of benefits granted under Iowa Code section 425.15 and this rule, “under honorable conditions” means that the character of an enlisted member’s discharge from the armed forces of the United States, the reserve forces of the United States, the Iowa national guard, or the merchant marines was “honorable” or “general (under honorable conditions).” “Under honorable conditions” does not include any other character of discharge, including but not limited to:

- (1) Under other than honorable conditions;
- (2) Dishonorable;
- (3) Bad conduct;
- (4) Uncharacterized; or
- (5) A similar expression indicating that the discharge or release was not under honorable circumstances.

*c. Application for credit.* A valid application for the disabled veteran tax credit is subject to all of the following requirements:

(1) An application for the disabled veteran tax credit must be filed with the local assessor on or before July 1 of the assessment year. Any supporting documentation required by the assessor as evidence of a veteran’s service-connected disability status or rating must be current within the previous 12 months of the date on which the application is filed.

(2) For persons applying for the disabled veteran tax credit under Iowa Code section 425.15(1) “a,” “b,” and “c,” a DD-214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), or an equivalent document indicating the veteran’s type of separation and character of service, is required with an application for the credit to verify that the applicant meets the requirements of Iowa Code sections 425.15 and 35.1.

(3) For persons applying for the disabled veteran tax credit under Iowa Code section 425.15(1) “b” and “c,” a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Benefit Summary Letter (also known as a Veterans Affairs award letter) stating the veteran’s qualifying service-connected disability rating(s) is required with an application for the disabled veteran tax credit as certification of the veteran’s service-connected disability by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Where a veteran seeks eligibility as a result of a permanent and total disability rating based on individual unemployability, the Benefit Summary Letter must also indicate that the veteran is entitled to individual unemployability that is compensated at the 100 percent disability rate.

*d. Multiple discharges.* A person who has received a nonqualifying character of discharge may still qualify for the disabled veteran tax credit if it is established through the required documents under paragraph 80.1(3) “c” that the person has a service-connected disability that is related to the person’s service in the armed forces of the United States for which the person was discharged under honorable conditions, and the other requirements of Iowa Code section 425.15 and this rule are also met. In such a case, in addition to a DD-214, the applicant must include a DD-256 (Certificate of Honorable Discharge), a DD-257 (General Discharge Certificate), or an equivalent document from the relevant time of service with the application for the disabled veteran tax credit. The applicant’s Benefit Summary Letter must also indicate the applicant’s periods of service and each character of discharge.

*e. Amount of credit.* The amount of the credit is equal to the entire amount of tax payable on the homestead.

*f. Continuance of credit.* The credit shall continue to the estate or surviving spouse and child who are the beneficiaries of an owner described in subparagraph 110.1(3) “a” (1), (2), or (3) if the surviving spouse remains unmarried. If an owner or beneficiary of an owner ceases to qualify for the credit, the owner or beneficiary must notify the assessor of the termination of eligibility.

**110.1(4) Application of credit.**

*a.* Except as provided in paragraph 110.1(1) “a,” if the homestead property is conveyed to another person prior to July 1 of any year, the new owner must file a claim for credit on or before July 1 to obtain the credit for that year. If the property is conveyed on or after July 1, the credit shall remain with the property for that year provided the previous owner was entitled to the credit. However, when the property

is transferred as part of a distribution made pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 598 (Dissolution of Marriage) the transferee spouse retaining ownership and occupancy of the homestead is not required to refile for the credit.

*b.* A homestead tax credit may be allowed even though the property taxes levied against the homestead property have been suspended by the board of supervisors.

*c.* A homestead tax credit shall not be allowed if the property taxes levied against the homestead property have been canceled or remitted by the board of supervisors.

*d.* Only one homestead tax credit can be allowed per legally described tract of land. For purposes of this rule, a legally described tract of land shall mean all land contained in a single legal description.

*e.* If the owner of homestead property is also eligible for a military service tax exemption and claims the exemption on the homestead property, the military service tax exemption shall be applied prior to the homestead tax credit when computing net property tax.

*f.* If the homestead property contains two dwelling houses and one of the dwelling houses and a portion of the land is sold after a valid application for homestead tax credit has been filed, the assessor shall prorate the assessment so as to allow the seller a homestead tax credit on that portion of the property which is retained and also allow the purchaser a homestead tax credit on that portion of the property which is purchased, provided the purchaser files a valid application for homestead tax credit by July 1 of the claim year.

*g.* A homestead tax credit shall be allowed against the assessed value of the land on which a dwelling house did not exist as of January 1 of the year in which the credit is claimed provided a dwelling house is owned and occupied by the claimant on July 1 of that year.

*h.* The county treasurer shall, pursuant to Iowa Code section 25B.7, be required to extend to the claimant only that portion of the credit estimated by the department to be funded by the state appropriation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 425.

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## **701—110.2(22,35,426A) Military service tax exemption.**

### **110.2(1) Application for exemption.**

*a.* No military service tax exemption shall be allowed unless the first application for the military service tax exemption is signed by the owner of the property or the owner's qualified designee and filed with the city or county assessor on or before July 1 of the current assessment year. Once filed, the claim for exemption is applicable to subsequent years and no further filing shall be required provided the claimant or the claimant's spouse owns the property on July 1 of each year. The assessor, county auditor, and county board of supervisors shall act on the claim in accordance with Iowa Code section 426A.14. A claim filed after July 1 of any calendar year applies to the following assessment year.

*b.* In the event July 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications for the military service tax exemption may be filed the following Monday.

*c.* In the event July 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications submitted by mail shall be accepted if postmarked on the following Monday.

*d.* An assessor may not refuse to accept an application for a military service tax exemption. If it is the opinion of the assessor that a military service tax exemption should not be allowed, the assessor shall accept the application for exemption and recommend disallowance.

*e.* If the owner of the property is on active duty in the armed forces of this state or of the United States, or is 65 years of age or older or is disabled, the application for military service tax exemption may be signed and delivered by a member of the owner's family or the owner's guardian, conservator or designated attorney-in-fact. For purposes of this rule, any person related to the owner by blood, marriage or adoption shall be considered a member of the owner's family.

### **110.2(2) Eligibility for exemption.**

*a.* A person who was discharged from the draft is not considered a veteran of the military service and is not entitled to a military service tax exemption.

*b.* A military service tax exemption shall not be allowed to a person whose only service in the military was with a foreign government.

*c.* Former members of the United States armed forces, including members of the Coast Guard, who were on active duty for less than 18 months must have served on active duty during one of the war or conflict time periods enumerated in Iowa Code section 35.1. If former members were on active duty for at least 18 months, it is not necessary that their service be performed during one of the war or conflict time periods. Former members who opted to serve five years in the reserve forces of the United States qualify if any portion of their enlistment would have occurred during the Korean Conflict (June 25, 1950, to January 31, 1955). There is no minimum number of days a former member of the armed forces of the United States must have served on active duty if the service was performed during one of the war or conflict time periods, nor is there a minimum number of days a former member of the armed forces of the United States must have served on active duty if the person was honorably discharged because of a service-related injury sustained while on active duty.

Former and current members of the Iowa national guard and reserve forces of the United States need not have performed any active duty if they served at least 20 years. Otherwise, they must have been activated for federal duty, for purposes other than training, for a minimum of 90 days. Also, it is not a requirement for a member of the Iowa national guard or a reservist to have performed service within a designated war or conflict time period.

*d.* With the exception of members of the Iowa national guard and members of the reserve forces of the United States who have served at least 20 years and continue to serve, a military service tax exemption shall not be allowed unless the veteran has received a complete and final separation from active duty service.

*e.* As used in Iowa Code subsection 426A.12(3), the term minor child means a person less than 18 years of age or less than 21 years of age and enrolled as a full-time student at an educational institution.

*f.* A veteran of more than one qualifying war period is entitled to only one military service tax exemption, which shall be the greater of the two exemptions.

*g.* The person claiming a military service tax exemption must be an Iowa resident. Therefore, if the exemption is claimed by a qualified individual enumerated in Iowa Code section 426A.12, the veteran need not be an Iowa resident but the individual enumerated in Iowa Code section 426A.12 claiming the exemption must be an Iowa resident.

*h.* A person who has a life estate interest in property may claim a military service tax exemption on such property.

*i.* A remainder is not eligible to receive a military service tax exemption on property to which a remainder interest is held until expiration of the life estate.

*j.* A military service tax exemption shall not be allowed on a mobile home which is not assessed as real estate.

*k.* A divorced person may not claim the military service tax exemption of a former spouse who qualifies for the exemption.

*l.* A surviving spouse of a qualified veteran, upon remarriage, loses the right to claim the deceased veteran's military exemption as the surviving spouse is no longer an unremarried surviving spouse of the qualified veteran.

*m.* An annulled marriage is considered to have never taken place and the parties to such a marriage are restored to their former status. Neither party to an annulled marriage can thereafter be considered a spouse or surviving spouse of the other party for purposes of receiving the military service tax exemption.

*n.* No military service tax exemption shall be allowed on property that is owned by a corporation, partnership, company or any other business or nonbusiness organization. However, a family farm corporation, as defined in Iowa Code section 9H.1, where a shareholder of the family farm corporation occupies a homestead, as defined in Iowa Code section 425.11(1), may receive the military service tax exemption.

*o.* In the event both a husband and wife are qualified veterans, they may each claim their military service tax exemption on their jointly owned property. If property is solely owned by one spouse, the

owner spouse may claim both exemptions on the property providing the nonowner spouse's exemption is not claimed on other property.

*p.* No military service tax exemption shall be allowed if on July 1 of the claim year, the claimant or the claimant's unmarried surviving spouse is no longer the owner of the property upon which the exemption was claimed.

*q.* A person shall not be denied a military service tax exemption even though the property upon which the exemption is claimed has been pledged to another person as security for a loan.

*r.* A qualified veteran who has conveyed property to a trustee shall be eligible to receive a military service tax exemption on such property providing the trust agreement gives the claimant a beneficial interest in the property.

*s.* A person owning property pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 499A or 499B is eligible for a military service tax exemption.

*t.* The person claiming the exemption shall have recorded in the office of the county recorder evidence of property ownership and either the military certificate of satisfactory service or, for a current member of the Iowa national guard or a member of the reserve forces of the United States, the veteran's retirement points accounting statement issued by the armed forces of the United States or the state adjutant general. The military certificate of satisfactory service shall be considered a confidential record pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.7.

*u.* An heir of property that is part of an estate in the process of administration is considered an owner of the property and is eligible for the military exemption.

*v.* Under honorable conditions. A veteran, as defined in Iowa Code section 35.1, may qualify for the military service tax exemption. In addition to the other requirements under Iowa Code section 35.1, to qualify as a veteran under Iowa Code section 35.1, an individual must have been discharged under honorable conditions from the armed forces of the United States, the reserve forces of the United States, the Iowa national guard, or the merchant marines. For purposes of benefits granted under Iowa Code chapter 426A and this rule, "under honorable conditions" means that the character of an enlisted member's discharge from the armed forces of the United States, the reserve forces of the United States, the Iowa national guard, or the merchant marines was "honorable" or "general (under honorable conditions)." "Under honorable conditions" does not include any other character of discharge including but not limited to:

(1) Under other than honorable conditions;

(2) Dishonorable;

(3) Bad conduct;

(4) Uncharacterized; or

(5) A similar expression indicating that the discharge or release was not under honorable circumstances.

**110.2(3)** *Application of exemption.*

*a.* When the owner of homestead property is also eligible for a military service tax exemption and claims the exemption on the homestead property, the military service tax exemption shall be applied prior to the homestead tax credit when computing net property tax.

*b.* If a portion of the property upon which a valid military service tax exemption was claimed is sold on or before July 1 of the year in which the exemption is claimed, the seller shall be allowed a military service tax exemption on that portion of the property which is retained by the seller on July 1. The purchaser is also eligible to receive a military service tax exemption on that portion of the property which was purchased, provided the purchaser is qualified for the exemptions and files a valid application for the exemption on or before July 1 of the claim year.

*c.* A military service tax exemption may be allowed even though the taxes levied on the property upon which the exemption is claimed have been suspended by the board of supervisors.

*d.* A military service tax exemption shall not be allowed if the taxes levied on the property upon which the exemption is claimed have been canceled or remitted by the board of supervisors.



*e.* The county treasurer shall, pursuant to Iowa Code section 25B.7, be required to extend to the claimant only that portion of the exemption estimated by the department to be funded by the state appropriation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 22.7, 35.1, and 35.2 and chapter 426A. [ARC 7726B, IAB 4/22/09, effective 5/27/09; ARC 5310C, IAB 12/2/20, effective 1/6/21; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—110.3(427) Pollution control and recycling property tax exemption.**

**110.3(1)** To secure an exemption for pollution control or recycling property, an application must be filed with the assessing authority on or before February 1 of the assessment year for which the exemption is first claimed. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to secure the necessary certification from the department of natural resources in sufficient time to file the application for exemption with the assessing authority on or before February 1. An exemption for new pollution control or recycling property can be secured by filing an application with the assessing authority by February 1 of the assessment year following the year in which the property is installed or constructed. If no application is timely filed in that year, the property will first qualify for exemption in any subsequent year in which an application is filed with the assessing authority on or before February 1.

**110.3(2)** In the event February 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications for the exemption may be filed the following Monday.

**110.3(3)** In the event February 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications submitted by mail shall be accepted if postmarked on the following Monday.

**110.3(4)** No exemption shall be allowed unless the application is signed by the owner of the property or the owner's qualified designee.

**110.3(5)** An assessor may not refuse to accept an application for a pollution control exemption if timely filed and if the necessary certification has been obtained from the department of natural resources.

**110.3(6)** The sale, transfer, or lease of property does not affect its eligibility for exemption as long as the requirements of Iowa Code subsection 427.1(19) and rule 701—110.3(427) are satisfied.

**110.3(7)** No exemption shall be allowed unless the department of natural resources has certified that the primary use of the property for which the taxpayer is seeking an exemption is to control or abate air or water pollution or to enhance the quality of any air or water in this state or that the primary use of the property is for recycling. Recycling property is property used primarily in the manufacturing process and resulting directly in the conversion of waste glass, waste plastic, wastepaper products, waste paperboard, or waste wood products into new raw materials or products composed primarily of recycled material.

**110.3(8)** In the event that qualified property is assessed as a unit with other property not having a pollution control or recycling function, the exemption shall be limited to the increase in the assessed valuation of the unit which is attributable to the pollution control or recycling property.

EXAMPLE

Valuation of unit with pollution control or recycling property	\$100,000
Valuation of unit without pollution control or recycling property	<u>50,000</u>
Allowable amount of exemption	\$ 50,000

**110.3(9)** The value of property to be exempt from taxation shall be the fair and reasonable market value of such property as of January 1 of each year for which the exemption is claimed, rather than the original cost of such property.

**110.3(10)** An assessor shall not exempt property from taxation without first assessing the property for taxation and subsequently receiving an application for tax exemption from the taxpayer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(19) as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2633, and Iowa Code sections 427.1(18) and 441.21(1)(i).

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**701—110.4(427) Low-rent housing for the elderly and persons with disabilities.**

**110.4(1)** As used in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the term “nonprofit organization” means an organization, no part of the net income of which is distributable to its members, directors or officers.

**110.4(2)** As used in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the term “low-rent housing” means housing the rent for which is less than that being received or which could be received for similar properties on the open market in the same assessing jurisdiction. Federal rent subsidies received by the occupant shall be excluded in determining whether the rental fee charged meets this definition.

**110.4(3)** As used in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the term “elderly” means any person at least 62 years of age.

**110.4(4)** As used in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the term “persons with physical or mental disabilities” means a person whose physical or mental condition is such that the person is unable to engage in substantial gainful employment.

**110.4(5)** The exemption granted in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) extends only to property which is owned and operated, or controlled, by a nonprofit organization recognized as such by the Internal Revenue Service. Property owned and operated, or controlled, by a private person is not eligible for exemption under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21).

**110.4(6)** The income of persons living in housing eligible for exemption under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) shall not be considered in determining the property’s taxable status.

**110.4(7)** An organization seeking an exemption under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) shall file a statement with the local assessor pursuant to Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14).

**110.4(8)** The exemption authorized by Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) extends only until the final payment due date of the borrower’s original low-rent housing development mortgage on the property or until the borrower’s original low-rent housing development mortgage is paid in full or expires, whichever is sooner. If the original mortgage is refinanced, the exemption shall apply only until what would have been the final payment due date under the original mortgage or until the refinanced mortgage is paid in full or expires, whichever is sooner. This exemption for refinanced projects applies to those projects refinanced on or after January 1, 2005.

**110.4(9)** In complying with the requirements of Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14), the provisions of rule 701—108.4(427) shall apply.

**110.4(10)** In determining the taxable status of property for which an exemption is claimed under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21), the appropriate assessor shall follow rules 701—108.1(427,441) to 701—108.5(427).

**110.4(11)** If a portion of a structure is used to provide low-rent housing units to elderly persons and persons with disabilities and the other portion is used to provide housing to persons who are not elderly or disabled, the exemption for the property on which the structure is located shall be limited to that portion of the structure used to provide housing to the elderly and disabled. Vacant units and projects under construction that are designated for use to provide housing to elderly and disabled persons shall be considered as being used to provide housing to elderly and disabled persons. The valuation exempted shall bear the same relationship to the total value of the property as the area of the structure used to provide low-rent housing for the elderly and persons with disabilities bears to the total area of the structure unless a better method for determining the exempt valuation is available. The valuation of the land shall be exempted in the same proportion.

**110.4(12)** The property tax exemption provided in Iowa Code subsection 427.1(21) shall be based upon occupancy by elderly or persons with disabilities as of July 1 of the assessment year. However, nothing in this subrule shall prevent the taxation of such property in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code section 427.19.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1(14) and Supplement section 427.1(21). [ARC 7726B, IAB 4/22/09, effective 5/27/09; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

#### **701—110.5(427) Speculative shell buildings.**

**110.5(1)** *Authority of city council and board of supervisors.* A city council or county board of supervisors may enact an ordinance granting property tax exemptions for value added as a result of new construction of speculative shell buildings or additions to existing buildings or structures, or

may exempt the value of an existing building or structure being reconstructed or renovated and the value of the land on which the building or structure is located, if the reconstruction or renovation constitutes complete replacement or refitting of an existing building or structure owned by community development organizations, not-for-profit cooperative associations under Iowa Code chapter 499A, or for-profit entities. See Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(27) as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2419, for definitions. The value added exemption for new construction includes reconstruction and renovation constituting complete replacement or refitting of existing buildings and structures if the reconstruction or renovation is required due to economic obsolescence, or to implement industry standards in order to competitively manufacture or process products, or to market a building or structure as a speculative shell building. The exemption for reconstruction or renovation not constituting new construction does not have to meet these requirements but has to meet only the requirements set forth in the definition of a speculative shell building. The council or board in the ordinance authorizing the exemption shall specify if the exemption will be allowed to community development organizations, not-for-profit cooperative associations under Iowa Code chapter 499B, or for-profit entities, and the length of time the exemption is to be allowed.

**110.5(2) Eligibility for exemption.** The value added by new construction, reconstruction, or renovation and first assessed prior to January 1 of the calendar year in which an ordinance authorizing a tax exemption becomes effective is not eligible for exemption. However, the value added as of January 1 of the calendar year in which the ordinance becomes effective is eligible for exemption if the ordinance is in effect on February 1 of that calendar year. This subrule does not apply to new construction projects having received prior approval. For reconstruction and renovation projects not constituting new construction, the ordinance authorizing the exemption must be in effect by February 1 of the year the project commences for the exemption to be allowable in the subsequent assessment year.

**110.5(3) Application for exemption.**

*a.* A community development organization, not-for-profit cooperative association, or for-profit entity must file an application for exemption with the assessor between January 1 and February 1, inclusive, of the year in which the value added for new construction is first assessed for the exemption to be allowable for that assessment year. For reconstruction and renovation projects not constituting new construction, an application for exemption must be filed by February 1 of the assessment year in which the project commences for the exemption to be allowable the following assessment year. If approved, no application for exemption is required to be filed in subsequent years for the value added exemption or the reconstruction or renovation exemption not constituting new construction. An application cannot be filed if a valid ordinance has not been enacted. If an application is not filed by February 1 of the year in which the value added for new construction is first assessed, the organization, association, or entity cannot receive, in subsequent years, the exemption for that value added. However, if the organization, association, or entity has received prior approval, the application must be filed by February 1 of the year in which the total value added for the new construction is first assessed.

*b.* If February 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications for exemption may be filed the following Monday.

*c.* Applications submitted by mail must be accepted if postmarked on or before February 1 or, if February 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, a postmark date of the following Monday is acceptable.

**110.5(4) Prior approval.** To obtain prior approval for a project, the proposal of the organization, association, or entity must be approved by a specific ordinance addressing the proposal and passed by the city council or board of supervisors. The original ordinance providing for the exemption does not constitute the granting of prior approval for a project. If an organization, association, or entity has obtained a prior approval ordinance from a city council or board of supervisors, the exemption for new construction cannot be obtained until the year in which all value added for the completed project is first assessed. Reconstruction and renovation projects constituting new construction must receive prior approval to qualify for exemption. Reconstruction and renovation projects that do not constitute new construction need not receive prior approval.

**110.5(5) Termination of exemption.** The exemption continues until the property is leased or sold, the time period for the exemption specified in the ordinance elapses, or the exemption is terminated

by ordinance of the city council or board of supervisors. If the ordinance authorizing the exemption is repealed, all existing exemptions continue until their expiration and any projects having received prior approval for exemption for new construction are to be granted an exemption upon completion of the project. If the shell building or any portion of the shell building is leased or sold, the exemption for new construction shall not be allowed on that portion of the shell building leased or sold in subsequent years. If the shell building or any portion of the shell building is leased or sold, the exemption for reconstruction or renovation not constituting new construction shall not be allowed on that portion of the shell building leased or sold and a proportionate share of the land on which the shell building is located in subsequent years.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(27) as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2419.

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### **701—110.6(427B) Industrial property tax exemption.**

**110.6(1) Authority of city council and board of supervisors.** A partial exemption ordinance enacted pursuant to Iowa Code section 427B.1 shall be available to all qualifying property. A city council or county board of supervisors does not have the authority to enact an ordinance granting a partial exemption to only certain qualifying properties (1980 O.A.G. 639). As used in this rule, the term “qualifying property” means property classified and assessed as real estate pursuant to 701—subrule 102.1(7), warehouses and distribution centers, research service facilities, and owner-operated cattle facilities. “Warehouse” means a building or structure used as a public warehouse for the storage of goods pursuant to Iowa Code sections 554.7101 to 554.7603, except that it does not mean a building or structure used primarily to store raw agricultural products or from which goods are sold at retail. “Distribution center” means a building or structure used primarily for the storage of goods which are intended for subsequent shipment to retail outlets. Distribution center does not mean a building or structure used primarily to store raw agricultural products, used primarily by a manufacturer to store goods to be used in the manufacturing process, used primarily for the storage of petroleum products, or used for the retail sale of goods. A “research service facility” is one or more buildings devoted primarily to research and development activities or corporate research services. Research and development activities include, but are not limited to, the design and production or manufacture of prototype products for experimental use. A research service facility does not have as its primary purpose the providing of on-site services to the public. “Owner-operated cattle facility” means a building or structure used primarily in the raising of cattle and which is operated by the person owning the facility.

**110.6(2) Prior approval.** Only upon enactment of a partial property tax exemption ordinance in accordance with Iowa Code section 427B.1 may a city council or board of supervisors enact a prior approval ordinance for pending individual projects in accordance with Iowa Code section 427B.4. To obtain prior approval for a project, a property owner’s proposal must be approved by a specific ordinance addressing the proposal and passed by the city council or board of supervisors. The original ordinance providing for the partial exemption does not constitute the granting of prior approval for a project. Also, prior approval for a project can only be granted by ordinance of the city council or board of supervisors; an official or representative of a city or county does not have the independent authority to grant prior approval for a project. If a taxpayer has obtained a prior approval ordinance from a city council or board of supervisors, the partial exemption cannot be obtained until the year in which all value added for the project is first assessed. (1980 O.A.G. 639)

**110.6(3) Repeal of ordinance.** A new construction project having received prior approval for exemption in accordance with subrule 110.6(2) shall be granted such exemption upon completion of the project even if the city council or board of supervisors subsequently repeals the ordinance passed in accordance with Iowa Code section 427B.1. (1980 O.A.G. 639)

**110.6(4) Annexation of property previously granted exemption.** A partial property tax exemption which has been granted and is in existence shall not be discontinued or disallowed in the event that the property upon which such exemption has been previously granted is located in an area which is subsequently annexed by a city or becomes subject to the jurisdiction of a county in which an ordinance

has not been passed by the city council or county board of supervisors allowing such exemptions within that jurisdiction. The existing exemption shall continue until its expiration.

**110.6(5) Eligibility for exemption.**

*a.* The value added by new construction or reconstruction and first assessed prior to January 1 of the calendar year in which an ordinance authorizing a partial property tax exemption becomes effective, and new machinery and equipment assessed as real estate acquired and utilized prior to January 1 of the calendar year in which the ordinance or resolution becomes effective, are not eligible for exemption. However, the value added as of January 1 of the calendar year in which the ordinance becomes effective is eligible for exemption if the ordinance is in effect prior to February 1 of that calendar year and if all other eligibility and application requirements are satisfied.

EXAMPLE 1: A \$1,000,000 new construction project on qualifying property is begun in July 1984. \$500,000 in value of the partially completed project is completed in 1984 and first assessed as of January 1, 1985. The project is completed in 1985 adding an additional value of \$500,000 which is first assessed as of January 1, 1986, bringing the total assessed value of the completed project to \$1,000,000 as of the January 1, 1986, assessment.

A city ordinance authorizing the partial exemption program is passed and becomes effective January 15, 1987. This project is not eligible for a property tax exemption for any value added as a result of the new construction project.

EXAMPLE 2: Assuming the same factual situation as in Example 1, except that the ordinance authorizing the partial exemption program becomes effective on January 15, 1986, the \$500,000 in assessed value added as of the January 1, 1986, assessment is eligible for the partial exemption if an application is filed with the assessor between January 1 and February 1, 1986, inclusive.

EXAMPLE 3: Assuming the same factual situation as in Example 1, except that the ordinance authorizing the partial exemption program becomes effective on February 15, 1986. Since the statutory application filing deadline is February 1, no value added and first assessed as of January 1, 1986, is eligible for a partial exemption. The project in this example would receive no exemption for any value added as a result of the new construction.

This subrule does not apply to new construction projects having received prior approval in accordance with subrule 110.6(2).

*b.* New machinery and equipment assessed as real estate shall be eligible for partial exemption only if used primarily in the manufacturing process. For example, computer equipment used primarily to maintain payroll records would not be eligible for exemption, whereas computer equipment utilized primarily to control or monitor actual product assembly would be eligible.

*c.* If any other property tax exemption is granted for the same assessment year for all or any of the property which has been granted a partial exemption, the partial property tax exemption shall be disallowed for the year in which the other exemption is actually received.

*d.* Only qualifying property is eligible to receive the partial property tax exemption (O.A.G. 81-2-18).

*e.* A taxpayer cannot receive the partial property tax exemption for industrial machinery or equipment if the machinery or equipment was previously assessed in the state of Iowa. Industrial machinery and equipment previously used in another state may qualify for the partial exemption if all criteria for receiving the partial exemption are satisfied.

*f.* Industrial machinery and equipment is eligible to receive the partial property tax exemption if it changes the existing operational status other than by merely maintaining or expanding the existing operational status. This rule applies whether the machinery and equipment is placed in a new building, an existing building, or a reconstructed building. If new machinery is used to produce an existing product more efficiently or to produce merely a more advanced version of the existing product, the existing operational status would only be maintained or expanded and the machinery would not be eligible for the exemption. However, if the new machinery produces a product distinctly different from that currently produced, the existing operational status has been changed.

**110.6(6) Application for exemption.**

*a.* An eligible property owner shall file an application for exemption with the assessor between January 1 and February 1, inclusive, of the year for which the value added is first assessed for tax purposes. The amount of “actual value added” shall be the difference between the assessed value of the property on January 1 of the year value is added to the property and the assessed value of the property the following assessment year. An application cannot be filed if a valid ordinance has not been enacted in accordance with Iowa Code section 427B.1 (O.A.G. 82-3-5). If an application is not filed by February 1 of the year for which the value added is first assessed, the taxpayer cannot receive in subsequent years the partial exemption for that value added (O.A.G. 82-1-17). However, if a taxpayer has received prior approval in accordance with Iowa Code section 427B.4 and subrule 110.6(2), the application is to be filed by not later than February 1 of the year for which the total value added is first assessed as the approved completed project.

*b.* In the event that February 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications for the industrial property tax exemption may be filed the following Monday.

*c.* Applications submitted by mail shall be accepted if postmarked on or before February 1, or in the event that February 1 falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, a postmark date of the following Monday shall be accepted.

**110.6(7) *Change in use of property.*** If property ceases to be used as qualifying property, no partial exemption shall be allowed as of January 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the change in use takes place or for subsequent years. If property under construction ceases to be constructed for use as qualifying property, no partial exemption shall be allowed as of January 1 of the year following the calendar year in which this cessation occurs. However, such a change in the use of the property does not affect the validity of any partial exemption received for the property while it was used or under construction as qualifying property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 427B.1 to 427B.7.

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#### **701—110.7(427B) Assessment of computers and industrial machinery and equipment.**

**110.7(1)** Computers and industrial machinery and equipment are to be assessed at 30 percent of the property’s net acquisition cost through the 1998 assessment year, 22 percent of the net acquisition cost in the 1999 assessment year, 14 percent of the net acquisition cost in the 2000 assessment year, and 6 percent of the net acquisition cost in the 2001 assessment year. The property will be exempt from tax beginning with the 2002 assessment year.

Computers and industrial machinery and equipment acquired after December 31, 1993, and not previously assessed in Iowa, are exempt from tax.

Computers and industrial machinery and equipment assessed pursuant to Iowa Code section 427B.17 are not eligible to receive the partial property tax exemption under Iowa Code sections 427B.1 to 427B.7.

**110.7(2)** Computers assessed under Iowa Code section 427A.1(1) “j” are limited to the percent of the computer’s net acquisition cost as provided in Iowa Code section 427B.17 regardless of the classification of the real estate in which the computer is located.

**110.7(3)** For computers and industrial machinery and equipment, the net acquisition cost shall be the acquired cost of the property.

**110.7(4) Computation of taxpayer’s value.** Assume a machine is acquired at a net acquisition cost of \$10,000. Assume also that the actual depreciated value of the machine is \$9,000. The value on which taxes would be levied would be limited to \$3,000 ( $\$10,000 \times .30$ ). This percent will change over the course of the phaseout of the tax.

**110.7(5)** If all or a portion of the value of property assessed pursuant to Iowa Code section 427B.17 is eligible to receive an exemption from taxation, the amount of value to be exempt shall be subtracted from the net acquisition cost of the property before the taxpayer’s value prescribed in Iowa Code section 427B.17 is determined. For example, if property has a net acquisition cost of \$30,000 and is eligible to receive a pollution exemption for \$15,000 of value, the taxable net acquisition cost would be \$15,000

and the taxpayer's value would be \$4,500 ( $\$15,000 \times .30$ ). This percent will change over the course of the phaseout of the tax.

**110.7(6)** In the event the actual depreciated fair market value of property assessed pursuant to Iowa Code section 427B.17 is less than the valuation determined as a percent of the net acquisition cost of the property as provided in Iowa Code section 427B.17, the taxpayer's assessed value would be equal to the actual depreciated fair market value of the property.

**110.7(7)** Property ineligible for phaseout and exemption. Computers and industrial machinery and equipment, the taxes on which are used to fund a new jobs training project approved on or before June 30, 1995, do not qualify for the exemption provided in Iowa Code section 427B.17(2) nor the phaseout contained in Iowa Code section 427B.17(3) until the assessment year following the calendar year in which the funding obligations have been retired, refinanced, or refunded. At that time, the property will be subject to phaseout if acquired prior to January 1, 1994, or exempt from tax if acquired after December 31, 1993, and not previously assessed in Iowa. See subrule 80.7(1). The community college must notify the assessor by February 15 of each assessment year if the community college will be using a taxpayer's machinery and equipment taxes to finance a project that year. In any year in which the community college does rely on a taxpayer's machinery and equipment taxes for funding, the phaseout and exemption will not apply to that taxpayer that year.

**110.7(8)** County replacement.

*a.* For fiscal years beginning July 1, 1996, and ending June 30, 2001, the county replacement amount shall be equal to the difference between the assessed value of computers and industrial machinery and equipment as of January 1 of the previous calendar year and the assessed value of such property as of January 1, 1994, multiplied by the tax levy rate for that fiscal year. If there is an increase in valuation (the January 1, 1994, value is less), there will be no replacement for that fiscal year.

*b.* For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2004, the county replacement amount shall be equal to the difference between the assessed value of computers and industrial machinery and equipment as of January 1 of the previous calendar year and the assessed value of such property as of January 1, 1994, less, if any, the increase in the assessed value of commercial and industrial property as of January 1 of the previous calendar year and the assessed value of such property as of January 1, 1994, multiplied by the tax levy rate for that fiscal year. If the calculation results in a negative amount, there will be no replacement for that fiscal year.

*c.* The replacement amounts shall be determined for each taxing district and a replacement claim summarizing the total amounts for the county prepared and submitted by the county auditor to the department of revenue by September 1 of each year. The department shall pay the replacement amount to the county treasurer in September and March of each year.

*d.* No replacement is allowable if a community college elects not to fund a new jobs training project with a tax on computers and industrial machinery and equipment.

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### **701—110.8(404) Urban revitalization partial exemption.**

**110.8(1)** *Area designated.* An area containing only one building or structure cannot be designated as an urban revitalization area (1980 O.A.G. 786).

**110.8(2)** *Prior approval.* To obtain prior approval for a project, a property owner's proposal must be approved by a specific resolution addressing the proposal and passed by the city council or county board of supervisors. The original ordinance providing for the urban revitalization area does not constitute the granting of prior approval for any particular project. Also, prior approval for a project can only be granted by resolution of the city council or county board of supervisors; an official or representative of a city or county does not have the independent authority to grant prior approval for a project.

**110.8(3)** *Eligibility for exemption.* Improvements made as a result of a project begun more than one year prior to a city's or county's adoption of an urban revitalization ordinance are not eligible to receive the partial exemption even though some of the improvements are added during the time the area was

designated as an urban revitalization area. For a project commenced within one year prior to the adoption of an urban revitalization ordinance, the partial exemption can be allowed only for those improvements constructed on or after the effective date of the ordinance. (1982 O.A.G. 358)

**110.8(4) *Minimum value added.*** Once the minimum value added required by Iowa Code section 404.3(7) has been assessed, any amount of additional value added to the property in subsequent years is eligible for the partial exemption. The value added subject to partial exemption for the first year for which an exemption is claimed and allowed shall include value added to the property for a previous year even if the value added in the previous year was not by itself sufficient to qualify for the partial exemption.

For example, assume that an urban revitalization project is begun on commercial property having an actual value of \$50,000 as of January 1, 1984. As a result of improvements made during 1984, the actual value of the property as of January 1, 1985, is determined to be \$55,000. Additional improvements made during 1985 increase the actual value of the property to \$70,000 for the 1986 assessment. In this example, no partial exemption can be allowed for 1985 since the value added for that year is less than 15 percent of the actual value of the property prior to construction of the improvements. A partial exemption can be allowed for 1986 and subsequent years for the \$20,000 value added in both 1985 and 1986, providing a valid application for the partial exemption is filed between January 1, 1986, and February 1, 1986, inclusive.

**110.8(5) *Application for partial exemption.***

*a. Prior approval.* If a taxpayer has secured a prior approval resolution from the city council or the county board of supervisors, the partial exemption cannot be obtained until the year in which all value added for the project is first assessed. A partial exemption can be allowed only if an application is filed between January 1 and February 1, inclusive, of the year in which all value added for the project is first assessed. If an application is not filed during that period, no partial exemption can be allowed for that year or any subsequent year. The submission to the city council or the county board of supervisors of a proposal to receive prior approval does not by itself constitute an application for the partial exemption.

For example, assume a city council or county board of supervisors approves a prior approval resolution in April 1984 for a revitalization project to be completed in September 1986. Assuming all construction on the project is completed in 1986, no partial exemption can be allowed until 1987 since that would be the year in which all value added for the project is first assessed. To receive the partial exemption, a valid application would have to be filed between January 1, 1987, and February 1, 1987, inclusive.

*b. No prior approval.* If a project has not received a prior approval resolution, a taxpayer has the option of receiving the partial exemption beginning with any year in which value is added to the property or waiting until all value added to the property is first assessed in its entirety. To secure a partial exemption prior to the completion of the project, an application must be filed between January 1 and February 1, inclusive, in each year for which the exemption is claimed.

For example, assume a revitalization project is begun in June 1984 and completed in September 1985, that no prior approval resolution for the project has been approved, and that a ten-year exemption period has been selected. Assume further that as a result of construction on the project, value is added for the assessment years 1985 and 1986. If an application is filed between January 1, 1985, and February 1, 1985, inclusive, a partial exemption could be allowed for the value added for 1985 beginning with the 1985 assessment and ending with the 1994 assessment. If an application is filed between January 1, 1986, and February 1, 1986, inclusive, a partial exemption could be allowed for the value added for 1986 beginning with the 1986 assessment and ending with the 1995 assessment. The partial exemption allowable for the years 1986 through 1995 would be against the value added for 1986 as a result of improvements made during calendar year 1985.

In the example above, the taxpayer may elect not to file an application for the partial exemption in 1985. In this situation, if an application is filed between January 1, 1986, and February 1, 1986, inclusive, a partial exemption could be allowed for the total value added for 1985 and 1986 and would apply to assessments for the years 1986 through 1995.



*c. Filing deadline.* If February 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, an application for the partial exemption may be filed the following Monday. Applications submitted by mail must be postmarked on or before February 1, or on or before the following Monday if February 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

*d. Extended filing deadline.* The exemption is allowable for the total number of years in the exemption schedule if a claim for exemption is filed within two years of the original February 1 filing deadline. The city council or county board of supervisors may by resolution provide that an application for the partial exemption can be filed by February 1 of any assessment year the area is designated as an urban revitalization area. The exemption shall be allowed for the same number of years remaining in the exemption schedule selected as would have been remaining had the claim for exemption been timely filed.

**110.8(6) Value exempt.** The partial exemption allowed for a year in which an application is filed shall apply to the value added and first assessed for that year and any value added to the project and assessed for a preceding year or years and for which a partial exemption had not been received.

**110.8(7) Minimum assessment.** The partial exemption shall apply only to the value added in excess of the actual value of the property as of the year immediately preceding the year in which value added was first assessed. If the actual value of the property is reduced for any year during the period in which the partial exemption applies, any reduction in value resulting from the partial exemption shall not reduce the assessment of the property below its actual value as of January 1 of the assessment year immediately preceding the year in which value added was first assessed. This subrule applies regardless of whether the reduction in actual value is made by the assessor, the board of review, a court order, or an equalization order of the department of revenue.

**110.8(8) Value added.** As used in this rule, the term “value added” means the amount of increase in the actual value of real estate directly attributable to improvements made as part of a revitalization project. The amount of “actual value added” shall be the difference between the assessed value of the property on January 1 of the year value is added to the property and the assessed value of the property the following assessment year. “Value added” does not include any increase in actual (market) value attributable to that portion of the real estate assessed prior to the year in which revitalization improvements are first assessed. The sales price of the property rather than the assessed value of the property may be used in determining the percentage increase required to qualify for exemption if the improvements were begun within one year of the date the property was purchased.

**110.8(9) Repeal of ordinance.** An urban revitalization project which has received proper prior approval shall be eligible to receive the partial exemption following completion of the project even if the city council or county board of supervisors subsequently repeals the urban revitalization ordinance before improvements in the project are first assessed (1980 O.A.G. 639).

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## **701—110.9(427C,441) Forest and fruit-tree reservations.**

**110.9(1) Determination of eligibility for exemption.** Property for which an application for exemption as a forest or fruit-tree reservation has been filed shall be inspected by the assessor or county conservation board. The county board of supervisors designates whether all inspections in the county are to be made by the assessor, including any city assessor, or by the county conservation board. When appropriate, aerial photographs may be used in place of an on-site inspection of the property. The assessment or exemption of the property is to be based upon criteria established by the state conservation commission and findings obtained by the inspection of the property or the examination of aerial photographs of the property.

### **110.9(2) Application for exemption.**

*a.* An application for exemption must be filed with the appropriate assessor between January 1 and February 1, inclusive, of the assessment year for which the exemption is first claimed. If the inspection of the property is to be made by the county conservation board, the assessor shall forward the application

to the board for its recommendation. Once the application has been accepted, the exemption is applicable to the current and subsequent assessment years and no further application shall be required so long as the property remains eligible for the exemption.

*b.* If February 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, an application for exemption may be filed the following Monday.

*c.* An application shall be considered to be timely filed if postmarked on or before February 1 or the following Monday if February 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

**110.9(3) Notification to property owner.** If the property is to be inspected by the county conservation board, the board shall make every effort to submit its recommendation to the assessor in sufficient time for the assessor to notify the claimant by April 1. The assessor shall notify the claimant by April 1 of the disposition of the application for exemption. If because of the date on which an application is filed a determination of eligibility for the exemption cannot be made in sufficient time for notification to be made by April 1, the assessor shall assess the property and notify the property owner of the inability to act on the application. The notification shall contain the actual value and classification of the property and a statement of the claimant's right of appeal to the local board of review.

**110.9(4) Appeal of eligibility determination.** If a property for which a claim for exemption as a forest or fruit-tree reservation is assessed for taxation, the property owner may appeal the assessment to the board of review under Iowa Code section 441.37.

**110.9(5) Valuation of property.** For each assessment year for which property is exempt as a forest or fruit-tree reservation, the assessor shall determine the actual value and classification that would apply to the property were it assessed for taxation that year. In any year for which the actual value or classification of property so determined is changed, the assessor shall notify the property owner pursuant to Iowa Code sections 441.23, 441.26 and 441.28.

**110.9(6) Recapture tax.**

*a. Assessment of property.* If the county conservation board or the assessor determines a property has ceased to meet the eligibility criteria established by the state conservation commission, the property shall be assessed for taxation and subject to the recapture tax. The property shall be subject to taxes levied against the assessment made as of January 1 of the calendar year in which the property ceased to qualify for exemption. In addition, the property shall be subject to the tax which would have been levied against the assessment made as of January 1 of each of the five preceding calendar years for which the property received an exemption.

*b. Assessment procedure.* If the determination that a property has ceased to be eligible for exemption is made by the assessor by April 15, the assessor shall notify the property owner of the assessment as of January 1 of the year in which the determination is made in accordance with Iowa Code sections 441.23, 441.26, and 441.28. The assessment of the property for any of the five preceding years and for the current year, if timely notice by April 15 cannot be given, shall be by means of an omitted assessment as provided in Iowa Code section 443.6 (*Talley v. Brown*, 146 Iowa 360, 125 N.W. 243(1910)). Appeal of the omitted assessment may be taken pursuant to Iowa Code sections 443.7 and 443.8.

*c. Computation of tax.* The county auditor shall compute the tax liability for each year for which an assessment has been made pursuant to paragraph 110.9(6) "b." The tax liability shall be the amount of tax that would have been levied against each year's assessment had the property not received the exemption. In computing the tax, the valuations established by the assessor shall be adjusted to reflect any equalization order or assessment limitation percentage applicable to each year's assessment.

*d. Entry on tax list.* The tax liability levied against assessments made as of January 1 of any year preceding the calendar year in which the property ceased to qualify for exemption shall be entered on the tax list for taxes levied against all assessments made as of January 1 of the year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the property ceased to qualify for exemption. However, if those taxes have already been certified to the county treasurer, the recapture taxes shall be entered on the tax list for taxes levied against assessments made as of January 1 of the year in which the property ceased to qualify for exemption. The tax against the assessment made as of January 1 of the year in which the property ceased

to qualify for exemption shall be levied at the time taxes are levied against all assessments made as of that date.

*e. Delinquencies.* Recapture taxes shall not become delinquent until the time when all other unpaid taxes entered on the same tax list become delinquent.

*f. Exceptions to recapture tax.*

(1) Fruit-tree or forest reservations. Property which has received an exemption as a fruit-tree or forest reservation is not subject to the recapture tax if the property is maintained as a fruit-tree or forest reservation for at least five full calendar years following the last calendar year for which the property was exempt as a fruit-tree or forest reservation.

(2) Property which has been owned by the same person or the person's direct descendants or antecedents for at least ten years prior to the time the property ceases to qualify for exemption shall not be subject to the recapture tax.

(3) Property described in subparagraphs 110.9(6) "f"(1) and 110.9(6) "f"(2) is subject to assessment as of January 1 of the calendar year in which the property ceases to qualify for exemption.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 427C as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 736, and Iowa Code section 441.22.

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### **701—110.10(427B) Underground storage tanks.**

**110.10(1) Authority of city councils and county boards of supervisors.** A city council or county board of supervisors may provide by ordinance to grant property tax credits to small business owners for payment of underground storage tank cleanup costs. The ordinance is to designate the period of time over which the credit is to be granted (not to exceed ten years) and the percentage of credit to be granted each year. If the ordinance is repealed, existing credits are to continue through their designated expiration date. A small business means a business with gross receipts of less than \$500,000 per year.

**110.10(2) Application for credit.** The small business owner is required to file an application for credit with the respective city council or county board of supervisors by September 30 of the year following the calendar year in which cleanup costs were paid and each succeeding year the credit is applicable. The application for credit shall be prescribed by the director of revenue and shall contain, but not be limited to, the small business owner's cleanup costs and gross receipts for the most recent tax year.

**110.10(3) Allowance of credit.** Credits granted by a county board of supervisors are applicable only to property located outside the corporate limits of a city and credits granted by a city council are only applicable to property located within the corporate limits of the city. The amount of the credit granted cannot exceed the small business owner's cleanup costs nor the amount of city or county taxes paid on the property where the underground storage tank is located for any fiscal year the credit is applicable. Upon approval of the application for credit, the city council or county board of supervisors shall direct its city clerk or county treasurer to reimburse the small business owner in the amount of the designated credit.

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### **701—110.11(425A) Family farm tax credit.**

**110.11(1) Eligibility for credit.** Generally, the family farm tax credit is only intended to benefit tracts of agricultural land that are owned by certain individuals or enumerated legal entities if the owner or other specified persons are actively engaged in farming.

*a.* In order for a tract of land to qualify for the family farm tax credit, the following three criteria must be satisfied:

(1) The tract of land must be an "eligible tract of agricultural land" as defined in Iowa Code subsection 425A.2(5). This means the tract must be ten acres or more or contiguous to a tract of more than ten acres and used in good faith for agricultural or horticultural purposes. More than half of the acres in the tract must be devoted to the production of crops or livestock by a designated person.

Contiguous tracts under the same legal ownership and located within the same county are considered one tract. Only tracts of land that are classified as agricultural real estate qualify for the credit.

(2) The tract of land must be owned by:

1. An individual or persons related or formerly related to each other, or
2. A partnership where all the partners are related or formerly related to each other, or
3. A family farm corporation as defined in Iowa Code subsection 9H.1(8), or
4. An authorized farm corporation as defined in Iowa Code subsection 9H.1(3).

The ownership criteria must be met on June 30 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the application for credit is filed. For example, the ownership criteria must be met on June 30, 1990, for applications for credit filed in 1990.

(3) A designated person must be “actively engaged in farming” the tract during the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the application for credit is filed. If the tract is owned by an individual or related persons, the designated person who is actively engaged in farming must be an owner of the tract, the owner’s spouse, or the owner’s relative within the third degree of consanguinity or their spouses. This includes the owner’s child, stepchild, grandchild, great-grandchild, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew or their spouses. The only step relative that may qualify as a designated person is a stepchild. If the owner of the tract is a partnership, the designated person who is actively engaged in farming must be a partner or a partner’s spouse. If the owner of the tract of land is a family farm corporation, the designated person who is actively engaged in farming must be a family member who is a shareholder of the family farm corporation or the shareholder’s spouse. If the owner of the tract of land is an authorized farm corporation, the designated person who is actively engaged in farming must be the shareholder who owns at least 51 percent of the stock of the authorized farm corporation or that shareholder’s spouse.

If the owner is an individual who leases the land to a family farm corporation or partnership, a shareholder of the corporation or a partner of the partnership shall be considered a designated person if the combined stock of the family farm corporation or the combined partnership interest owned by the owner, the owner’s spouse and persons related to the owner within the third degree of consanguinity and their spouses is equal to at least 51 percent of the stock of the family farm corporation or the ownership interest in the partnership.

*b.* In order to be “actively engaged in farming” the designated person must be personally involved in the production of crops or livestock on the “eligible tract” on a regular, continuous and substantial basis. Personal involvement in the production of crops or livestock includes not only field activities such as soil preparation and testing, planting, fertilizing, spraying, inspecting, cultivating and harvesting but also managerial decision-making activities relating to hybrid selection, crop rotation planning, crop selection, equipment purchases and marketing strategies. Personal involvement in the production of crops or livestock also includes activities pertaining to crop insurance selection, loan selection, and financial record maintenance and preparation. A person performing activities in the capacity of a lessor, whether under a cash or crop-share lease and whether under a written or oral lease, is not actively engaged in farming on the area of the tract covered by the lease.

*c.* Tracts subject to a federal program pertaining to agricultural land. In lieu of satisfying the “actively engaged in farming” test, a designated person may demonstrate that the person was in general control of the tract which was subject to a federal program pertaining to agricultural land during the prior fiscal year. This alternative test is intended to apply in circumstances where the active farming criteria cannot be met because the land is in the Conservation Reserve Program (commonly referred to as the CRP) or a program substantially similar to the 0/92 option where the tract has been taken out of production.

*d.* The following examples illustrate family farm tax credit eligibility under various circumstances:

EXAMPLE 1. A and B jointly own land and were both personally involved in the farming operation. They are not related. No credit is allowable because it is a requirement that individual owners be related. If A and B were brothers, the land would qualify for the credit.

EXAMPLE 2. A owns the land and is retired. A leased the land to B, his son. B was personally involved in the farming operation. The land is eligible for the credit even though a lease arrangement

existed because the actively engaged in farming requirement can be satisfied through the activities of the owner's spouse, or the owner's relative within the third degree of consanguinity or the relative's spouse. See paragraph "a," subparagraph (3), of this subrule. No credit would be allowable if A and B were not related.

EXAMPLE 3. A owns two contiguous 40-acre tracts. A farmed all of one tract but only 15 acres of the other tract. The other 25 acres of the second tract were leased to a nondesignated person. Both tracts qualify for the credit because contiguous tracts under the same legal ownership are considered one tract and more than half of the total of 80 acres ( $40 + 15 = 55$ ) were farmed by A.

EXAMPLE 4. The land is owned by a partnership in which the partners A, B, C and D are brothers. A and B farm the land but C and D have no involvement in the farming operation. The land is eligible for the credit because it makes no difference what level of involvement each partner had nor does it matter that one or more of the partners were not personally involved in the farming operation. The only requirement for qualifying for the credit is that at least one of the partners or one of the partners' spouses was personally involved in the farming operation. No credit would be allowable if all the partners were not related to each other.

EXAMPLE 5. The land is owned by a family farm corporation in which the stock is owned equally by A, B and C. A and B are brothers but not related to C. All three partners were personally involved in the farming operation. The land qualifies for the credit because it is only a requirement that a family member who is a shareholder in the family farm corporation be involved in the farming operation. The land would qualify for the credit even if B was not involved in the farming operation. However, no credit would be allowable if only C was involved in the farming operation.

EXAMPLE 6. The land is owned by an authorized farm corporation in which 60 percent of the stock is owned by A and 40 percent of the stock is owned by B. Both A and B were personally involved in the farming operation. The credit is allowable as long as the stockholder who owns at least 51 percent of the stock was personally involved in the farming operation. No credit would be allowable if A was not personally involved in the farming operation.

**110.11(2) *Application for credit.*** To obtain the credit, the owner must file an application for credit with the assessor by November 1. If the claim for credit is approved, no further filing shall be required provided the ownership and the designated person actively engaged in farming the property remain the same during successive years. A new application for credit shall be required only if the property is sold or the designated person changes. The county board of supervisors shall review all claims and make a determination as to eligibility. The claimant may appeal a decision of the board to district court by giving written notice to the board within 20 days of the board's notice.

**110.11(3) *Application of credit.*** The county auditor shall certify to the department of revenue by April 1 the total amount of family farm tax credits due the county. The county auditor shall apply the credit to each eligible tract of land in an amount equal to the school district tax rate which is in excess of \$5.40 multiplied by the taxable value of the eligible tract.

**110.11(4) *Penalty.*** The owner shall provide written notice to the assessor if the designated person changes. Failure to do so shall result in the owner's being liable for the amount of the credit plus a penalty equal to 5 percent of the amount of the credit granted.

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### **701—110.12(427) Methane gas conversion property.**

**110.12(1) *Application for exemption.*** An application for exemption is required to be filed with the appropriate assessing authority by February 1 of each year. The assessed value of the property is to be prorated to reflect the appropriate amount of exemption if the property used to convert the methane gas to energy also uses another fuel. The first year exemption shall be equal to the estimated ratio that the methane gas consumed bears to the total fuel consumed times the assessed value of the property. The exemption for subsequent years shall be based on the actual ratio for the previous year.

**110.12(2) *Eligibility for exemption.*** To qualify for exemption, the property must be used either in an operation that decomposes waste and converts it to methane gas or other gases produced as a byproduct of waste decomposition, then collects the gases and converts them to energy; or in an operation that collects waste in order to decompose it to produce methane gas or other gases for conversion into energy. The exemption applies to both property used in connection with, or in conjunction with, a publicly owned sanitary landfill and to property not used in connection with, or in conjunction with, a publicly owned sanitary landfill.

The exemption for property not used in an operation connected with, or in conjunction with, a publicly owned sanitary landfill is limited to property originally placed in operation on or after January 1, 2008, and on or before December 31, 2012, and will be available for the ten-year period following the date the property was originally placed in operation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1(29) as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 478, section 224.

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### **701—110.13(427B,476B) Wind energy conversion property.**

**110.13(1) *Special valuation allowed by ordinance.*** A city council or county board of supervisors may provide by ordinance for the special valuation of wind energy conversion property. If the ordinance is repealed, the special valuation applies through the nineteenth assessment year following the first year the property was assessed. Once the ordinance has been repealed and the special valuation is no longer applicable, the property must be valued at market value rather than at 30 percent of net acquisition cost. The special valuation applies to property first assessed on or after the effective date of the ordinance. The local assessor must value the property in accordance with the schedule provided in Iowa Code section 427B.26(2). The property qualifies for special valuation provided the taxpayer files a declaration of intent with the local assessor by February 1 of the assessment year in which the property is first assessed for tax to have the property locally assessed. The property must not be assessed until the assessment year following the year the entire wind plant is completed. A wind plant is completed when it is placed in service.

**110.13(2) *Special valuation not allowed by ordinance.*** If a city council or county board of supervisors has not passed an ordinance providing for the special valuation of wind energy conversion property, property that was placed in service after July 1, 2005, and before July 1, 2012, is to be assessed by the department of revenue for a period of 12 years, and the taxes payable on the facilities are to be paid to the department at the same time as regular property taxes. The owner of the facility must file an annual report with the department by May 1 of each year during the 12-year assessment period, and the department must certify the assessed value of the facility by November 1 of each year to the county auditor. The board of supervisors must notify the county treasurer to state on the tax statement that the property taxes are to be paid to the department. The board must also notify the department of those facilities that are required to pay the property taxes to the department. The department must notify the county treasurer of the date the taxes were paid within five business days of receipt, and the notification is authorization for the county treasurer to mark the record as paid in the county system.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427B.26 and chapter 476B.

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### **701—110.14(427) Mobile home park storm shelter.**

**110.14(1) *Application for exemption.*** An application for exemption must be filed with the assessing authority by February 1 of the first year the exemption is requested. Applications for exemption are not required in subsequent years if the property remains eligible for exemption.

**110.14(2) *Eligibility for exemption.*** The structure must be located in a mobile home park as defined in Iowa Code section 435.1.

**110.14(3) Valuation exempted.** If the structure is used exclusively as a storm shelter, it shall be fully exempt from taxation. If the structure is not used exclusively as a storm shelter, the exemption shall be limited to 50 percent of the structure's commercial valuation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(30).  
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**701—110.15(427) Barn and one-room schoolhouse preservation.** The increase in value added to a farm structure constructed prior to 1937 or one-room schoolhouse as a result of improvements made is exempt from tax. An application must be filed with the assessor by February 1 of the first assessment year only and the exemption is to continue as long as the structure continues to be used as a barn or in the case of a one-room schoolhouse is not used for dwelling purposes. A "barn" is an agricultural structure that is used for the storage of farm products or feed or the housing of farm animals, poultry, or farm equipment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 427.1(31) and 427.1(32) as amended by 2000 Iowa Acts, House File 2560.  
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**701—110.16(426) Agricultural land tax credit.**

**110.16(1) Eligibility for credit.** The credit shall be allowed on land in tracts of ten acres or more, or land of less than ten acres if part of other land of more than ten acres, and used for agricultural or horticultural purposes.

**110.16(2) Application for credit.** No application for credit is required.

**110.16(3) Application of credit.** The county auditor shall certify to the department of revenue by April 1 the total amount of agricultural land tax credits due the county. The county auditor shall apply the credit to each eligible tract of land in an amount equal to the school district tax rate which is in excess of \$5.40 multiplied by the taxable value of the eligible tract.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 426 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 713.  
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**701—110.17(427) Indian housing property.** Property owned and operated by an Indian housing authority, as defined in 24 CFR 950.102, is exempt from taxation provided the exemption has been approved by the city council or county board of supervisors, whichever is applicable, and a valid claim for exemption has been filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 427.1(14) by February 1.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, Senate File 449.  
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**701—110.18(427) Property used in value-added agricultural product operations.** Fixtures used for cooking, refrigeration, or freezing of value-added agricultural products used in value-added agricultural processing or used in direct support of value-added agricultural processing are exempt from tax. Direct support includes storage by public refrigerated warehouses for processors of value-added agricultural products prior to the start of the value-added agricultural processing operation. The exemption does not apply to fixtures used primarily for retail sale or display. If the taxpayer is a retailer, there is a presumption that the fixtures are being used primarily for retail sale or display. The exemption applies only to fixtures that are attached in a manner set forth in Iowa Code section 427A.1(2).

The following definitions apply to this rule:

*"Fixture"* means property which was originally personal property but which by being physically attached to the realty becomes part of the realty and upon removal does not destroy the property to which it is attached.

*"Value-added agricultural processing"* means an operation whereby an agricultural product is subjected to some special treatment by artificial or natural means which changes its form, context, or

condition, and results in a marketable agricultural product to be sold at retail. These operations are commonly associated with fabricating, compounding, germinating, or manufacturing.

“*Value-added agricultural product*” means an agricultural product which, through a series of activities or processes, may be sold at a higher price than its original purchase price.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427A.1 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 715.

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**701—110.19(427) Dwelling unit property within certain cities.** Dwelling unit property owned and managed by a nonprofit community housing development organization that owns and manages more than 150 dwelling units in a city with a population of more than 110,000 is exempt from tax. The organization must be recognized by the state and the federal government pursuant to criteria contained in the HOME program of the federal National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 and must be exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The exemption does not extend to dwelling units located outside the city. The organization must file an application for exemption with the assessing authority not later than February 1 of the assessment year. Applications for exemption are not required in successive years if the property continues to qualify for the exemption.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(21A) as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2792.

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**701—110.20(427) Nursing facilities.** If the assessor determines that property is being used for a charitable purpose pursuant to Iowa Code section 427.1(8), it shall be fully exempt from tax if it is licensed under Iowa Code section 135C.1(13) by the department of inspections and appeals, exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and a valid application for exemption has been filed with the assessor by February 1 of the assessment year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(14).

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**701—110.21(368) Annexation of property by a city.** A city council may provide a partial tax exemption from city taxes against annexed property for a period of ten years. The exemption schedule is contained in Iowa Code Supplement section 368.11(3) “*m.*” All property owners included in the annexed area must receive the exemption if the city elects to allow the exemption.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 368.11(3) “*m*” as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2794.

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**701—110.22(427) Port authority.** The property of a port authority created pursuant to Iowa Code Supplement section 28J.2 when devoted to public use and not held for pecuniary profit is exempt from taxation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(34).

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**701—110.23(427A) Concrete batch plants and hot mix asphalt facilities.** A concrete batch plant includes the machinery, equipment, and fixtures used at a concrete mixing facility to process cement dry additive and other raw materials into concrete. A hot mix asphalt facility is any facility used to manufacture hot mix asphalt by heating and drying aggregate and mixing it with asphalt cements. These facilities shall not be assessed and taxed as real property regardless of the property’s attachment to real estate. The land on which the facilities are located is taxable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427A.1 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2391.

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**701—110.24(427) Airport property.** Property owned by a city or county at an airport and leased to a fixed base operator providing aeronautical services to the public is exempt from taxation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1(2) as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2794.

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**701—110.25(427A) Car wash equipment.** Property that is equipment used for the washing, waxing, drying, or vacuuming of motor vehicles and point-of-sale equipment necessary for the purchase of car wash services shall not be assessed and taxed as real property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427A.1 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2794.

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**701—110.26(427) Web search portal and data center business property.** This exemption includes computers and equipment necessary for the maintenance and operation of a web search portal or data center business, including cooling systems, cooling towers, and other temperature control infrastructure; power infrastructure for transformation, distribution, or management of electricity, including but not limited to exterior dedicated business-owned substations, and power distribution systems which are not subject to assessment under Iowa Code chapter 437A; back-up power generation systems, battery systems, and related infrastructure; and racking systems, cabling, and trays. The exemption does not apply to land, buildings, and improvements. The web search portal or data center business must meet the requirements contained in Iowa Code section 423.3, subsection 92, subsection 93, or subsection 95, for the exemption to be allowable. The owner of the property must file a claim for exemption with the assessor by February 1 of the first year the exemption is claimed. Claims for exemption in successive years will be required only for property additions.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 427.1(35) and 427.1(36) and section 427.1 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 478, section 200.

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**701—110.27(427) Privately owned libraries and art galleries.** Claims for exemption for libraries and art galleries owned and kept by private individuals, associations, or corporations for public use and not for private profit must be filed with the local assessor by February 1 of the first year the exemption is requested. Once the exemption is granted, the exemption shall continue to be granted for subsequent assessment years without further filing of claims as long as the property continues to be used as a library or art gallery for public use and not for private profit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 427.1(7) as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2400.

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**701—110.28(404B) Disaster revitalization area.** The governing body of a city or county may, by ordinance, designate an area of the city or county a disaster revitalization area if that area is within a county or portion of a county in which the governor has proclaimed a disaster emergency or the United States president has declared a major disaster. All real property within a disaster revitalization area is eligible to receive a 100 percent exemption from taxation on the increase in assessed value of the property if the increase in assessed value is attributable to revitalization of the property occurring between May 25, 2008, and December 31, 2013. The amount of increase in value shall be the difference between the assessed value of the property on January 1, 2007, and the assessed value of the property on January 1, 2010, and subsequent assessment years. The exemption is for a period not to exceed five years, starting with an assessment year beginning on or after January 1, 2010. A city or county may adopt a tax exemption percentage different from the 100 percent exemption. The different percentage adopted must not allow a greater exemption, but may allow a smaller exemption. If the homeowner elects to take the exemption provided in this rule, the homeowner may not claim any other value-added exemption. An application must be filed for each revitalization project resulting in increased assessed

value for which an exemption is claimed. The application for exemption must be filed by the owner of the property with the local assessor by February 1 of the first assessment year for which the exemption is requested. After the tax exemption is granted, the exemption will continue for succeeding years without the taxpayer's having to file an application for exemption unless additional revitalization projects occur on the property. The ordinance must expire or be repealed no later than December 31, 2016.

This rule is intended to implement 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 457, sections 23 to 30.  
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**701—110.29(427) Geothermal heating and cooling systems installed on property classified as residential.**

**110.29(1)** *In general.* An exemption from property tax shall be allowed for any value added to property by any new construction or refitted installation of a geothermal heating or cooling system if the geothermal heating or cooling system is constructed or installed on or after July 1, 2012, on property classified as residential. The exemption shall also be allowed for a residential dwelling on agricultural land. The exemption does not have to be claimed the year subsequent to the year the geothermal system is constructed or installed. However, every individual claiming the exemption under this rule shall file with the appropriate assessor, not later than February 1 of the year for which the exemption is requested, an application for exemption. The assessor shall then allow or disallow the exemption.

Upon the filing and allowance of the claim, the claim shall be allowed on the property for ten consecutive years without further filing as long as the property continues to be classified as residential. However, if the property ceases to be classified as residential or if the geothermal heating and cooling system ceases to exist before the ten years have expired, no exemption is allowed for the year in which the change in classification took place or for any subsequent years. The exemption amount shall remain fixed at the same amount that was allowed in the first year the exemption was allowed.

The property tax exemption applies to any value added by the addition of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, ductwork, or other equipment, labor, and expenses included in or required for the construction or installation of the geothermal system that would not have been included in the home if not for the installation of the geothermal heating and cooling system. Additionally, the proportionate value of any well field associated with the system and attributable to the owner is exempt.

**110.29(2)** *Calculation of value added.* As used in this rule, the terms “any value added” and “value added” mean the amount of increase in the actual assessed value of the property that is directly attributable to the new construction or refit installation of a geothermal heating or cooling system as of the first year for which the geothermal heating and cooling system is actually assessed. “Any value added” does not include speculative or indirect increases in value which, for example, may be attributable to reductions in energy consumption or reductions in the negative impact to the environment. “Any value added” does not include changes in value which are attributable to general housing market fluctuations. Cost of the new construction or refit installation of the geothermal heating or cooling system is not determinative of the value added to a property. In the event the exemption is not filed in the same year the geothermal heating and cooling system is first assessed, the amount of the exemption, upon filing, shall be the same amount as it would have been had the exemption been filed in the year the geothermal heating and cooling system was first assessed.

In the case of new construction and refit installation of a geothermal heating or cooling system, the value added is the value that would not have been included in the home if not for the construction or refit installation of the geothermal heating and cooling system. That is, the value of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, ductwork, or other equipment, labor, and expenses that would have been included with a standard heating and cooling system shall not be considered in calculating the value added. To measure the value added by a geothermal heating and cooling system, the assessor shall compute the difference between the assessed value of the residential property if the property were outfitted with a non-geothermal (standard) heating and cooling system and the assessed value of the property outfitted with the geothermal system. In the case that the new construction or refit installation takes more than one year, the assessor shall make the comparison in the year the new construction or refit installation is completed.

EXAMPLE A: Mrs. Smith wants to upgrade her current standard heating and cooling system in her home with a geothermal system. The geothermal system installation is completed on August 1, 2012. On January 22, 2013, Mrs. Smith files a claim for exemption for the value added to her property that is directly attributable to the refit installation of the geothermal system. To determine the value added that is directly attributable to the geothermal system, the assessor shall compare the value of the home as though it was outfitted with the standard heating and cooling system which was upgraded with the value of the home outfitted with the geothermal heating and cooling system; the difference between the two values is the exemption amount. That exemption amount will remain fixed for the next ten years, until Mrs. Smith's home ceases to be classified as residential, or until the geothermal system ceases to exist, whichever occurs first. For years subsequent to 2013, any increase in the value of Mrs. Smith's home beyond the assessed value of the home outfitted with the geothermal heating and cooling system is not attributable to the geothermal system and is subject to property tax. The property tax exemption amount for the geothermal heating and cooling system will remain the same as the first year for which the exemption was received even if the assessed value of Mrs. Smith's home drops.

EXAMPLE B: Same facts as Example A, except that on January 1 of year seven, Mrs. Smith's home is reclassified as commercial property. No property tax exemption is allowed for the value added by the geothermal system for year seven or any subsequent years.

EXAMPLE C: Mr. Larson is building a new home and plans to construct a new geothermal system in lieu of a standard heating and cooling system. The home and geothermal system are completed on October 24, 2012. To determine the value added that is directly attributable to the installation of the geothermal system, the assessor shall assess the home as though it had been outfitted with a standard heating and cooling system and compare that value with the assessed value of the home outfitted with the geothermal heating and cooling system. The difference between the two amounts is the value added that is directly attributable to the geothermal system and is the exemption amount. In 2013, the assessed value of Mr. Larson's home with a standard heating and cooling system is \$200,000. The assessed value of Mr. Larson's home with the geothermal system is \$210,000. Therefore, the value added to the property that is directly attributable to the geothermal system is \$10,000. Mr. Larson may claim an exemption amount of \$10,000 starting in assessment year 2013. Mr. Larson does not lose the exemption if he fails to claim the exemption by February 1, 2013; he may claim the exemption in any year subsequent to the completion of the construction of the home. An exemption amount of \$10,000 will continue for ten consecutive years after the exemption is claimed, until the property ceases to be classified as residential, or until the geothermal system ceases to exist, whichever occurs first.

EXAMPLE D: Same facts as Example C, except that Mr. Larson claims the exemption in 2019. The exemption amount in 2019, and the nine subsequent years, is the value added in the year the geothermal heating and cooling system was first assessed; here, \$10,000 in 2013. The value added and exemption amount is not calculated in the year Mr. Larson claims the exemption. The \$10,000 exemption will then continue until 2028, until the property ceases to be classified as residential or until the geothermal system ceases to exist, whichever occurs first.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1.

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## **701—110.30(426C) Business property tax credit.**

**110.30(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule, the following definitions shall govern.

“*Contiguous parcels*” means any of the following:

1. Parcels that share a common boundary. There is a rebuttable presumption that parcels separated by a roadway, alley, or waterway do not share a common boundary. The burden of proof shall be upon the property owners to provide evidence or verification that parcels separated by a roadway, alley, or waterway share a common boundary. Parcels owned to the middle of a road, waterway, alley, or railway in fee simple title are considered to share a common boundary.

2. Parcels within the same building or structure regardless of whether the parcels share a common boundary.

3. Permanent improvements to the land that are situated on one or more parcels of land that are assessed and taxed separately from the permanent improvements if the parcels of land upon which the permanent improvements are situated share a common boundary. This arrangement is more commonly referred to as buildings or permanent improvements that are taxed as buildings upon leased land.

*“Dwelling unit”* means an apartment, group of rooms, or single room that is occupied as separate living quarters, or, if vacant, is intended for occupancy as separate living quarters, in which a tenant can live and sleep separately from any other persons in the building. A vacant dwelling unit that does not have active utility services is not considered to be intended for occupancy. Dwelling units do not include hotels, motels, inns, or other buildings where rooms are rented for less than one month.

*“Parcel”* means each separate item shown on the tax list, manufactured or mobile home tax list, schedule of assessment, or schedule of rate change or charge. For fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, “parcel” also means each portion of a parcel assigned a distinct classification as set forth in rule 701—102.1(405,427A,428,441,499B).

*“Person”* means individual, corporation, limited liability company, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

*“Property unit”* means contiguous parcels all of which are located within the same county, with the same property tax classification, are owned by the same person, and are operated by that person for a common use and purpose.

**110.30(2)** *In general.* Except as provided in subrule 110.30(8), for property taxes due and payable in fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2014, one business property tax credit is available to each parcel classified and taxed as commercial property, industrial property, or railway property unless the parcel is part of a property unit for which a business property tax credit is claimed. For property taxes due and payable in fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2014, one business property tax credit is available to each property unit made up of property assessed as commercial property, industrial property, or railway property.

**110.30(3)** *Application for credit.*

a. Notwithstanding paragraph 110.30(3)“b,” for a business property tax credit against property taxes due and payable during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, the claim for credit shall be received in the office of the applicable city or county assessor not later than January 15, 2014.

b. For a business property tax credit against property taxes due and payable during fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2015, and before July 1, 2017, no business property tax credit shall be allowed unless the first application for business property tax credit is received in the office of the applicable city or county assessor on or before March 15 preceding the fiscal year during which the credit first is claimed. For example, the first application for a business property tax credit against property taxes due and payable during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, must be received in the office of the applicable city or county assessor on or before March 15, 2016.

c. For a business property tax credit against property taxes due and payable during fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2017, no business property tax credit shall be allowed unless the first application for the business property tax credit is received in the office of the applicable city or county assessor on or before July 1 preceding the fiscal year during which the credit is first claimed. For example, the first application for a business property tax credit against property taxes due and payable during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, must be received in the office of the applicable city or county assessor on or before July 1, 2016.

d. A claim filed after the filing deadlines set forth in paragraphs 110.30(3)“a,” “b,” and “c” will be applied against property taxes due and payable for the following year.

e. Once filed, the claim for credit is applicable to subsequent years, and no further filing shall be required as long as the parcel or property unit satisfies the requirements of the credit. If the parcel or property unit ceases to qualify for the credit, the owner shall provide written notice to the assessor by the date for filing claims in paragraphs 110.30(3)“b” and “c,” as applicable, following the date on which the parcel or property unit ceases to qualify for the credit. When all or a portion of a parcel or property unit that is allowed a credit is sold or transferred or ownership otherwise changes, the buyer, transferee, or new owner who wishes to receive the credit shall refile the claim for credit. When a portion of a parcel

or property unit that is allowed a credit is sold or transferred or ownership otherwise changes, the owner of the portion of the parcel or property unit for which ownership did not change shall refile the claim for credit. A transfer entered in the auditor's transfer books under 2015 Iowa Code section 558.57 shall be prima facie evidence of a change in ownership of the parcel or property unit. The burden shall be on the claimant to prove that a transfer entered in the auditor's transfer books did not result in a change in ownership. The deadline for refiling the claim shall be the same as the deadline for filing the claim.

*f.* In the event the application deadline falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, applications for the business property tax credit may be received in the office of the applicable city or county assessor the following Monday.

*g.* In the event the application deadline falls on a state holiday, applications for the business property tax credit may be received in the office of the applicable city or county assessor the following business day.

*h.* Table 1 shows the applicable claim receipt deadlines and the taxes toward which the claim applies.

Table 1

	Assessment Year 2013	Assessment Year 2014	Assessment Year 2015	Assessment Year 2016	Assessment Year 2017
Claim Receipt Deadline	January 15, 2014	March 16, 2015 <sup>1</sup>	March 15, 2016	July 1, 2016	July 3, 2017 <sup>2</sup>
For Taxes Payable	September 2014 & March 2015	September 2015 & March 2016	September 2016 & March 2017	September 2017 & March 2018	September 2018 & March 2019

<sup>1</sup> March 15, 2015, falls on a Sunday.

<sup>2</sup> July 1, 2017, falls on a Saturday.

*i.* An assessor may not refuse to accept an application for business property tax credit. Assessors shall remit claims for credit to the county auditor with a recommendation to allow or disallow the claim. If it is the opinion of the assessor that a business property tax credit should not be allowed, the assessor's recommendation to the county auditor shall include in writing the reasons for recommending disallowance.

*j.* Upon receipt from the assessor of the claims and recommendations, the county auditor shall forward the claims to the board of supervisors. The board shall allow or disallow the claims. If the board disallows a claim for credit, the board shall send written notice by mail to the claimant at the claimant's last-known address. The written notice shall state the reasons for disallowing the claim for the credit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board is not required to send notice that a claim for credit is disallowed if the claimant voluntarily withdraws the claim.

**110.30(4) Appeals.**

*a. Initial appeal.* Any person whose claim is disallowed by the board of supervisors may appeal that action to the district court of the county in which the parcel or property unit is located. Notice of appeal must be given to the county auditor within 20 days from the date on which the notification of disallowance was mailed by the board of supervisors.

*b. Reversal.* If the board of supervisors' disallowance of the claim for credit is reversed upon appeal, the credit shall be allowed on the applicable parcel or property unit. The department of revenue, the county auditor, and the county treasurer shall provide the credit and change their books and records accordingly. If the claimant has paid one or both of the installments of the tax payable in the year or years in question, the county treasurer shall remit the amount of the credit to the claimant and submit a request to the department for reimbursement from the business property tax credit fund. The amounts payable as credits awarded on appeal shall be allocated and paid from the balance remaining in the business property tax credit fund established in Iowa Code section 426C.2.

**110.30(5) Audit.**

*a. Authority and period.* The department of revenue may audit any credit provided under Iowa Code section 426C.4. However, the department shall not adjust a credit allowed more than three years from October 31 of the year in which the claim for credit was filed.

*b. Recalculation or denial.* If an audit reveals that the amount of the credit was incorrectly calculated or that the credit should not have been allowed, the department shall recalculate the credit, if applicable, and notify both the claimant and the county auditor of the recalculation and the reasons it is being made.

*c. Recapture.* If the credit has already been paid, the department shall notify the claimant, the county treasurer, and the applicable assessor of the recalculation or denial of the credit. If the claimant still owns the parcel or property unit for which the credit was claimed, the county treasurer shall collect the tax owed in the same manner as other due and payable property taxes are collected. If the claimant no longer owns the parcel or property unit for which the credit was claimed, the department may recover the amount of tax owed by filing a lien under Iowa Code section 422.26 or by issuing a jeopardy assessment under Iowa Code section 422.30. Upon collection, the amount of the erroneously allowed credit shall be deposited in the business property tax credit fund.

*d. Appeal of recalculation or denial.* The claimant or the board of supervisors may appeal any decision of the department to the director of revenue. The director shall review the department's decision within 30 days from the date of the notice of recalculation or denial provided to the claimant and county auditor. The director shall grant a hearing, at which the director shall determine the correct credit, if any. The director shall notify the claimant, board of supervisors, county auditor, and county treasurer of the decision by mail. The claimant or the board of supervisors may seek judicial review of the director's decision pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 17A.

*e. False claim and penalty.* Any person who makes a false claim for the purpose of obtaining a credit or who knowingly receives the credit without being legally entitled to it is guilty of a fraudulent practice. The claim for a credit for such a person shall be disallowed, and the director shall send a notice of disallowance. If the credit has been paid, the amount shall be recovered in the manner described in paragraph 110.30(5) "c."

**110.30(6) Property eligible for credit.**

*a. Eligible parcels and property units.*

Parcels and property units classified and taxed as commercial property, industrial property, or railway property under Iowa Code chapter 434 are eligible for the business property tax credit for the unit. The assessor shall keep a permanent file of all eligible property units in the assessor's jurisdiction. Each assessment year, the assessor shall update the file based on transfers of property from the auditor's transfer book.

*b. Taxable status of parcels and property units.*

(1) Property that is fully exempt from property tax is not eligible to receive the business property tax credit.

(2) An application for the business property tax credit shall be denied if a parcel or parcels are fully exempt from property tax at the time the application for credit is filed with the city or county assessor.

(3) Determination of eligibility of parcel or property unit based on taxable status.

1. The taxable status of the property on July 1 of the assessment year shall determine the eligibility of the parcel or property unit to receive the credit. If the parcel or property unit becomes exempt from property tax prior to July 1 of the assessment year, the credit shall be disallowed. If the parcel or property unit was taxable on July 1 of the assessment year, but becomes exempt after July 1, the parcel or property unit may receive the credit only in the prorated amount that corresponds to the amount of tax paid in that fiscal year, if any.

2. The assessor shall give notice to the auditor of partial credits allowed due to a change in taxable status of a parcel or property unit. The auditor shall update the auditor's file and give notice on forms prescribed by the department to the department of revenue of partial credits allowed due to a change in taxable status of a parcel or property unit.

(4) The owner of any parcel or property unit that has been granted the credit but becomes exempt from property tax prior to July 1 of the assessment year shall provide written notice to the city or county assessor by the date for filing claims.

(5) The taxable portion of any partially exempted property shall receive the credit only in an amount applicable to the taxable portion.

**110.30(7) Common use and purpose.** Whether parcels are operated for a common use and purpose depends on all the facts and circumstances of each set of parcels. The following nonexclusive examples illustrate common use and purpose.

EXAMPLE 1. ABC Properties is in the business of building, owning, leasing, and managing large retail spaces. ABC builds and owns a large shopping mall that covers contiguous parcels, all of which are located within the same county. Although the retail establishments that lease retail space in the shopping mall offer different products and services, the shopping mall is owned and operated by ABC for the common use and purpose of being a lessor. Thus, the parcels that make up the mall are eligible as a single property unit.

EXAMPLE 2. John's LLC owns four commercial parcels located within the same building, and they are, therefore, contiguous as defined in subrule 110.30(1). John's owns and operates two parcels as a beauty parlor. John's rents the other two parcels to a bicycle shop. The four parcels, together, do not have a common use and purpose. However, the two parcels used by John's as an owner-operator of the beauty parlor business are operated with the common use and purpose of providing beauty services and are eligible as one property unit. The two parcels that John's rents to the bicycle shop are operated with the common use and purpose of being rented out for profit as a landlord and are eligible as a second property unit.

**110.30(8) Property ineligible for credit.** The following are not eligible to receive a business property tax credit or to be part of a property unit that receives the business property tax credit:

a. Property that is rented or leased to low-income individuals and families as authorized by Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and that is subject to assessment procedures relating to Section 42 property under Iowa Code section 441.21(2) for the applicable assessment year.

b. Property that is a mobile home park, manufactured home community, land-leased community, or assisted living facility, as those terms are defined in Iowa Code section 441.21(13) or that is property primarily used or intended for human habitation containing three or more separate dwelling units.

**110.30(9) Application of credit.**

a. A person may claim and receive one business property tax credit for each eligible parcel unless the parcel is part of a property unit for which a credit is claimed.

b. A person may claim and receive one business property tax credit for each property unit. A claim for credit on a parcel that is part of a property unit constitutes a claim for credit on the entire unit.

c. A credit approved for a property unit shall be allocated to the several parcels within the property unit in the proportion that each parcel's total amount of property taxes due and payable bears to the total amount of property taxes due and payable on the property unit.

d. The classification of property used to determine eligibility for the business property tax credit shall be the classification of the property for the assessment year used to calculate the taxes due and payable in the fiscal year for which the credit is claimed.

e. Once filed and allowed, the credit shall continue to be allowed on the parcel or property unit for successive years without further filing of an application unless the parcel or property unit ceases to qualify for the credit under Iowa Code chapter 426C.

f. When all or a portion of a parcel or property unit is sold or transferred or ownership otherwise changes, the new owner must reapply for the credit. The owner of the portion of a parcel or property unit that did not change shall also reapply for the credit. When the composition of a property unit changes as the result of a sale, transfer, or change in ownership, the owner of the property unit must reapply for the credit on the entire unit.

g. The following noninclusive examples illustrate the application of the business property tax credit under various circumstances.

EXAMPLE 1. On February 13, 2015, Mr. Jones files with his county assessor an application for the business property tax credit for taxes due and payable in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. The property that Mr. Jones claims is eligible for the credit is a single parcel that is classified as commercial property. The property is not rented or leased to low-income individuals and families as authorized by Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. The property is not a mobile home park, manufactured home community, land-leased community, or assisted living facility nor is it primarily used or intended for human habitation with three or more separate dwelling units. Therefore, Mr. Jones' application should be approved as a credit against the taxes due and payable in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

EXAMPLE 2. Same facts as in EXAMPLE 1, but Mr. Jones files his application on July 3, 2016. Mr. Jones' application should be approved, but the credit will be against taxes due and payable in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

EXAMPLE 3. Davidoff LLC owns two parcels of land, both of which are classified as industrial property. Each parcel is being operated for a common use and purpose. The parcels are separated by a road. If Davidoff owns the property parcels to the middle of the road in fee simple title, the parcels are considered contiguous and would qualify as a unit, and Davidoff would be eligible for a single business property tax credit. If a third party, including the state, a municipality, or other government entity, owned the road in fee simple title, the parcels would not be considered contiguous, and Davidoff would be eligible for two separate business property tax credits.

EXAMPLE 4. In Madison County, Iowa, there is a wind farm that consists of four wind turbines that are taxed separately as permanent improvements to the land. All the wind turbines are owned by Windy LLC. The turbines sit upon four parcels of land that share a common boundary. Each parcel of land is owned by a different owner. The four wind turbines are contiguous because the wind turbines are taxed as permanent improvements to the land, they are situated upon four parcels of land that share a common boundary, and the land is assessed and taxed separately from the wind turbines. The four wind turbines qualify as a property unit and would be eligible for one business property tax credit.

**110.30(10) Calculation of credit.**

*a. Auditor certification.* On or before June 30 of each year, the county auditor shall certify to the department the following:

- (1) The claims allowed by the board of supervisors in that county;
- (2) The actual value, prior to the imposition of any applicable assessment limitations, of the parcels and property units for which credits were allowed in that county; and
- (3) The information applicable to the location of the parcels and property units.

*b. Department process and methodology.*

(1) Department of management information. The department shall obtain from the department of management tax district and applicable consolidated rates. The department shall calculate the credit using the estimated consolidated levy rates obtained from the department of management. The department shall modify the credit accordingly upon certification by the auditor of the actual consolidated levy rates.

(2) Initial amount of actual value. For each parcel or property unit certified by the county auditor, the department shall calculate, for each fiscal year, an initial amount of actual value to use for determining the amount of credit for each such parcel or property unit that provides the maximum possible credit according to the credit formula and limitations prescribed by Iowa Code section 426C.3(5). The department shall also calculate the initial amount of actual value so as to provide that the total dollar amount of credits against the taxes due and payable in the fiscal year equals 98 percent of the moneys in the business property tax credit fund following the deposit of the appropriation for the fiscal year, including any interest or earnings that have been credited to the fund.

(3) Credit amount. The amount of the credit shall be calculated as follows:

Step 1. Determine the lesser of the actual value calculated in paragraph 110.30(10) "a" and the initial value calculated in subparagraph 110.30(10) "b"(2).

Step 2. Multiply the amount determined in Step 1 by the difference between the assessment limitation percentage applicable to the parcel or property unit under Iowa Code section 441.21(5) and



the assessment limitation applicable to residential property under Iowa Code section 441.21(4). For purposes of this calculation, such difference shall be stated as a percentage.

Step 3. Divide the product of Steps 1 and 2 by \$1000.

Step 4. Multiply the quotient obtained in Step 3 by the consolidated levy rate or average consolidated levy rate per \$1000 of taxable value applicable to the parcel or property unit for the fiscal year for which the credit is claimed as certified by the county auditor under Iowa Code section 426C.3(5).

(4) Allocation to parcels. The business property tax credit approved for a property unit shall be allocated to the several parcels within the property unit in the proportion that each parcel's total amount of property taxes due and payable bears to the total amount of property taxes due and payable on the property unit.

(5) Limitation on information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the department's calculations shall be based upon the certified information it has received by June 30 of each fiscal year. Any information, whether certified or uncertified, received after June 30 of each fiscal year will not be included in the department's credit calculations for the applicable fiscal year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 426C.

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## **701—110.31(427) Broadband infrastructure.**

**110.31(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule, the following definitions shall govern.

“*Broadband*” means a high-speed, high-capacity electronic transmission medium, including fixed wireless and mobile wireless mediums, that can carry data signals from independent network sources by establishing different bandwidth channels and that is commonly used to deliver Internet services to the public.

“*Broadband infrastructure*” means the physical infrastructure used for the transmission of data that provides broadband services. “Broadband infrastructure” does not include land, buildings, structures, improvements, or equipment not directly used in the transmission of data via broadband.

“*Certified project*” means the installation of broadband infrastructure certified by the office of the chief information officer to serve a targeted service area.

“*Communications service provider*” means a service provider that provides broadband service.

“*Date of commencement*” means the date first occurring after July 1, 2015, and before July 1, 2020, in which broadband infrastructure used in a certified project becomes property taxed as real property as determined by Iowa Code section 427A.1.

“*Date of completion*” or “*completed*” means the date that a communications service provider offers or facilitates broadband service delivered at or above 25 megabits per second of download speed and 3 megabits per second of upload speed in a targeted service area.

“*Installation of the broadband infrastructure*” means the labor, construction, building, and furnishing of new physical infrastructure used for the transmission of data that provides broadband services. “Installation of the broadband infrastructure” does not include the process of removing existing infrastructure, fixtures, or other real property in preparation of installation of the broadband infrastructure.

“*Targeted service area*” means a U.S. Census Bureau census block located in this state, including any crop operation located within the census block, within which no communications service provider offers or facilitates broadband service at or above 25 megabits per second of download speed and 3 megabits per second of upload speed as of July 1, 2015.

**110.31(2) Exemption.** An exemption from property tax shall be allowed for each certified project in the amount equal to 100 percent of the actual value added by installation of the broadband infrastructure in a targeted service area that facilitates broadband service for the public at or above 25 megabits per second of download speed and 3 megabits per second of upload speed, as certified by the office of the chief information officer. The exemption shall be allowed beginning January 1 of the assessment year in which an application for exemption is approved until the exemption is revoked or at the expiration of ten years, whichever occurs earlier.

**110.31(3)** *Calculation of actual value added by installation of the broadband infrastructure.* The actual value added by installation of the broadband infrastructure is the amount of increase in the actual assessed value of the property that is directly attributable to the installation of broadband infrastructure in a targeted service area for the assessment year in which the property receives the exemption. Changes in the value of the property which are attributable to general market fluctuations are not to be included in the calculation of the actual value added by installation of the broadband infrastructure. Installation of broadband infrastructure that is not part of a certified project is not eligible to receive the exemption.

Broadband infrastructure in general may be assessed locally or by the department of revenue. Broadband infrastructure that qualifies as telephone or telegraph property under Iowa Code chapter 433 is centrally assessed by the department of revenue. Broadband infrastructure that does not qualify as telephone or telegraph property under Iowa Code chapter 433 is locally assessed under Iowa Code chapter 441. The owner of the property must separately report property that is centrally assessed from property that is locally assessed.

*a. Locally assessed property.* The local assessor shall determine the actual value added by installation of broadband infrastructure using the methodologies required under Iowa Code section 441.21.

*b. Centrally assessed property.* The department of revenue shall determine the actual value added by installation of the broadband infrastructure by using the appropriate methodologies set forth in 701—Chapter 107.

The department shall calculate the actual value added by installation of the broadband infrastructure as part of the total unit value of the operating property of the company. The exemption attributable to the installation of the broadband infrastructure shall be applied to each unit before any other exemption or credit. In no case shall the taxable value of the property be reduced below zero. The department shall certify the exemption value per line mile for each company to the county auditor pursuant to Iowa Code section 433.8.

**110.31(4)** *Commencement and completion of project.* To be eligible for the exemption, the date of commencement of the installation of the broadband infrastructure must occur on or after July 1, 2015, and the date of completion of the installation of the broadband infrastructure must occur on or before July 1, 2020.

**110.31(5)** *Application for exemption.* The owner of broadband infrastructure shall file one application with the department of revenue. The department shall forward the application to the appropriate county boards of supervisors for approval or denial for broadband infrastructure associated with property subject to local assessment. The department shall retain the application for approval or denial for broadband infrastructure associated with property subject to central assessment.

*a. Application deadline.* The owner of the property shall file the application with the department of revenue by February 1 of the year in which the broadband infrastructure is first assessed for taxation or by February 1 of the following two assessment years. If approved, the exemption shall be allowed for ten years from January 1 of the assessment year in which the application is filed or until revoked without further application. However, at any time prior to the completion of the installation of the broadband infrastructure, an owner may submit a proposal to the department requesting that the owner be allowed to file an application for exemption by February 1 of any other assessment year following completion of the installation of broadband infrastructure. The department shall approve the proposal for property that is centrally assessed. The board of supervisors shall approve the proposal by resolution for property that is locally assessed. If approved, the exemption shall be allowed for ten years from January 1 of the assessment year in which the application is approved or until revoked without further application. If an exemption that was revoked is reinstated on appeal, the exemption shall remain in effect only for the remaining period of exemption. No property shall receive an exemption for the installation of broadband infrastructure for a period greater than ten years.

Neither the department nor the board of supervisors shall approve an application for exemption that is missing any of the requirements listed in this subrule. The department or the board of supervisors may consult with the office of the chief information officer in order to obtain additional information necessary to review an application for exemption.

*b. Application requirements.* The owner shall submit the application to the department of revenue. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that the application is complete and accurate. The application must be made on forms prescribed by the department. In addition, the application must contain the following information, certifications and documentation:

(1) The nature of the broadband infrastructure installation, including the number of new line miles installed within the jurisdiction of the assessing authority to which the owner is applying for exemption, and a description of the property and how it is directly related to delivering broadband services.

(2) The percentage of homes, farms, schools, and businesses in the targeted service area that will be provided access to broadband service.

(3) The actual cost of installing the broadband infrastructure under the project, if available. The application shall contain supporting documents demonstrating actual cost.

(4) Certification from the office of the chief information officer pursuant to Iowa Code section 8B.10 that the installation is being performed or was completed in a targeted service area, including whether or not the targeted service area designation is under appeal pursuant to rule 129—21.7(8B,427), and that it facilitates broadband service at or above 25 megabits per second of download speed and 3 megabits per second of upload speed.

(5) Certification by the company of the date of commencement and actual or estimated date of completion. If an application contains only an estimated date of completion, the owner must notify the department of the actual completion date once the certified project is completed. If the actual completion date occurs after July 1, 2020, the exemption may be revoked.

(6) A copy of any nonwireless broadband-related permit issued by a political subdivision, if applicable.

*c. Special application requirements.* If an owner submits a proposal to the department prior to the completion of the installation of broadband infrastructure requesting to file an application for exemption in any other assessment year following completion of the project, the owner must provide the following information and documentation in addition to those required under paragraph 110.31(5) “b.”

(1) The actual cost already incurred for installation of broadband infrastructure, if any, with supporting documentation demonstrating the actual cost.

(2) The estimated costs for project completion.

(3) The estimated date of project completion. Once the project has been completed, the owner must notify the department of the actual completion date. If the actual completion date occurs after July 1, 2020, the exemption may be revoked.

*d. Approval or denial of application.* All applications shall be submitted to the department of revenue. The department shall forward applications for property subject to local assessment to the board of supervisors of the county in which the exempt property is located. The department shall retain the applications for centrally assessed property. The department and the board of supervisors, as applicable, shall notify an applicant of approval or denial of an application for exemption by March 1 of the assessment year in which the application was submitted. The notification shall include a notification of the applicant’s right to appeal. The board of supervisors shall forward all approved applications and any necessary information regarding the applications to the appropriate local assessor by March 1 of the assessment year in which the application was submitted.

Approval of an application involving a targeted service area that is under appeal pursuant to rule 129—21.7(8B,427) shall be contingent on the outcome of the appeal. In the event that an application is approved and the targeted service area designation subsequently is revoked upon appeal, the approved exemption shall also be revoked at that time.

**110.31(6) Revocation of exemption.** The department or board of supervisors may revoke the exemption at any time after the exemption is granted if the department or board of supervisors determines that the property owner no longer provides the broadband service to a targeted service area at the speeds required under Iowa Code section 427.1(40). The property owner has the responsibility to provide the department, the board of supervisors or the office of the chief information officer the information required to substantiate that the broadband infrastructure meets the requirements of the exemption. The department or board of supervisors, as applicable, shall provide notice of revocation

to the property owner. An owner may appeal the decision to revoke the exemption within 30 days of the issuance of the notice of revocation.

**110.31(7) Appeals.**

*a. Appeal of denial of application for exemption.* An applicant for the exemption under this rule whose application is denied may appeal the denial within 30 days of its issuance.

(1) Denial by board of supervisors. An applicant may appeal the denial of its application for exemption by the board of supervisors to the property assessment appeal board within 30 days of the issuance of the denial.

(2) Denial by the department of revenue. An applicant may appeal the denial of its application for exemption by the department of revenue to the director of revenue within 30 days of the issuance of the denial.

*b. Appeal of revocation of exemption.* An owner whose exemption is revoked may appeal the revocation within 30 days of its issuance.

(1) Revocation by board of supervisors. An owner may appeal the revocation of its exemption by the board of supervisors to the property assessment appeal board within 30 days of the issuance of the revocation.

(2) Revocation by the department of revenue. An owner may appeal the revocation of its exemption by the department of revenue to the director of revenue within 30 days of the issuance of the revocation.

*c. Appeal of value of exemption.* A property owner who is dissatisfied with the value of the owner's exemption may appeal the value assigned by the local assessor using the protest procedures under Iowa Code section 441.37. A property owner who is dissatisfied with the value of the owner's exemption may appeal the value assigned by the department using the appeal procedures under Iowa Code section 429.2.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1(40).

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**701—110.32(427,428,433,434,435,437,438) Property aiding in disaster or emergency-related work.** On or after January 1, 2016, see 701—Chapter 242 for assessment of property taxes by the department under Iowa Code sections 428.24 through 428.26, 428.28, and 428.29, or Iowa Code chapters 433, 434, 435, and 437 through 438, or by a local assessor, on property brought into Iowa to aid in the performance of disaster or emergency-related work during a disaster response period as those terms are defined in Iowa Code section 29C.24.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1(41).

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**701—110.33 to 110.48** Reserved.

**701—110.49(441) Commercial and industrial property tax replacement—county replacement claims.** For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2014, the department of revenue shall pay to the county treasurer an amount equal to the amount of the commercial and industrial property tax replacement claims in the county. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2017, if an amount appropriated for a fiscal year is insufficient to pay all replacement claims, the director of revenue shall prorate the payment of replacement claims to the county treasurers and shall notify the county auditors of the pro rata percentage on or before September 30.

**110.49(1)** For each taxing district, the commercial and industrial property tax replacement claim amount is determined by multiplying the amounts calculated in 110.49(1) "a" and "b" and dividing the resultant amount by \$1,000.

*a.* The difference between the assessed valuation of all commercial property and industrial property for the assessment year used to calculate taxes which are due and payable in the applicable fiscal year and the actual value of all commercial property and industrial property that is subject to assessment and taxation for the same assessment year; and

*b.* The tax levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value of each taxing district for that fiscal year.

**110.49(2)** Reporting requirements.

*a.* On or before July 1 of each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2014, the assessor shall report to the county auditor the total actual value of all commercial and industrial property in the county that is subject to assessment and taxation for the assessment year used to calculate the taxes due and payable in that fiscal year.

*b.* On or before September 1 of each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2014, the county auditor shall, based upon the information in the report required to be provided in paragraph 110.49(2)“*a.*,” prepare and submit a statement to the department of revenue which lists, for each taxing district in the county, the information required in 110.49(1). The county auditor shall prepare and submit the required information regardless of whether the legislature has appropriated funds to pay replacement claims for the current year.

*c.* The department shall pay the replacement amount to the county treasurer in two installments in September and March of each year.

*d.* The county treasurer shall apportion the replacement claim payments among the eligible taxing districts in the county.

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### **701—110.50(427,441) Responsibility of local assessors.**

**110.50(1)** The assessor shall determine the taxable status of all property. If an application for exemption is required to be filed, the assessor shall consider the information contained in the application in determining the taxable status of the property. The assessor may also request from any property owner or claimant any additional information necessary to the determination of the taxable status of the property. For property subject to Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14), the assessor shall not base the determination of the taxable status of property solely on the statement of objects or purposes of the organization, institution, or society seeking an exemption. The use of the property rather than the objects or purposes of the organization, institution, or society shall be the controlling factor in determining the taxable status of property. (*Evangelical Lutheran G.S. Society v. Board of Review of Des Moines*, 200 N.W.2d 509; *Northwest Community Hospital v. Board of Review of Des Moines*, 229 N.W.2d 738.)

**110.50(2)** In determining the taxable status of property, the assessor shall construe the appropriate exemption statute and these rules in a strict manner. If there exists any doubt as to the taxable status of property, the property shall be subject to taxation. The burden shall be upon the claimant to show that the exemption should be granted. (*Evangelical Lutheran G.S. Society v. Board of Review of Des Moines*, 200 N.W.2d 509; *Southside Church of Christ of Des Moines v. Des Moines Board of Review*, 243 N.W.2d 650; *Aerie 1287, Fraternal Order of Eagles v. Holland*, 226 N.W.2d 22.)

**110.50(3)** If the assessor determines that all or part of a property is subject to taxation, the assessor shall notify the taxpayer by the issuance of an assessment roll as provided in Iowa Code sections 441.26 and 441.27. If the assessor determines that property has been erroneously exempted from taxation, the assessor shall revoke the exemption for the current assessment year but not for prior assessment years.

**110.50(4)** The assessor’s determination of the taxable status of property may be appealed to the local board of review pursuant to Iowa Code section 441.37.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 427 and sections 441.17(11), 441.26, and 441.27.

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### **701—110.51(441) Responsibility of local boards of review.**

**110.51(1)** If the board of review determines that property has been erroneously exempted from taxation, the board of review shall revoke the exemption for the current assessment year, but not for prior assessment years, and shall give notice to the taxpayer as provided in Iowa Code section 441.36.

**110.51(2)** If the board of review acts in response to a protest arising from an assessor’s determination of the taxable status of property, the board of review shall notify the taxpayer of its disposition of the protest in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code section 441.37.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 441.35, 441.36, and 441.37.

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**701—110.52(427) Responsibility of director of revenue.** The director may revoke or modify an exemption on property if the exemption is found to have been erroneously granted by the local taxing officials. Any taxpayer or taxing district may request that the director revoke or modify an exemption, or the director may on the director's own determination revoke or modify an exemption. The director may revoke or modify an exemption for the tax year commencing in the tax year in which the request is made to the director or for the tax year commencing in the tax year in which the director's own motion is filed. The director shall hold a hearing on the appropriateness of the exemption prior to issuing an order for revocation or modification. The director's order to revoke or modify an exemption may be appealed in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 17A or in the district court of the county in which the property is located.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1(16).  
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**701—110.53(427) Application for exemption.**

**110.53(1)** Each society or organization seeking an exemption under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(5), 427.1(8), 427.1(21), or 427.1(33) shall file with the appropriate assessor a statement containing the following information:

- a. The legal description of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- b. The use of all portions of the property, including the percentage of space not used for the appropriate objects of the society or organization and the percentage of time such space is so utilized.
- c. A financial statement showing the income derived and the expenses incurred in the operation of the property.
- d. The name of the organization seeking the exemption.
- e. If the exemption is sought under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(8), the appropriate objects of the society or organization.
- f. The book and page number on which is recorded the contract of purchase or the deed to the property and any lease by which the property is held.
- g. An oath that no persistent violations of the laws of the state of Iowa will be permitted or have been permitted on such property.
- h. The signature of the president or other responsible official of the society or organization showing that information contained in the claim has been verified under oath as correct.

**110.53(2)** The statement of objects and uses required by Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14) shall be filed only on forms prescribed by the director of revenue and made available by assessors.

**110.53(3)** Applications for exemptions required under Iowa Code subsection 427.1(14) must be filed with the assessor not later than February 1 of the year for which the exemption is requested.

**110.53(4)** If a properly completed application is not filed by February 1 of the assessment year for which the exemption would apply, no exemption shall be allowed against the property for that year (1964 O.A.G. 437).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 427.1, subsections 5, 8, 14, 19 to 24, 27, and 29 to 33.

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**701—110.54(427) Partial exemptions.** In the event a portion of property is determined to be subject to taxation and a portion of the property exempt from taxation, the taxable value of the property shall be an amount which bears the same relationship to the total value of the entire property as the area of the portion subject to taxation bears to the area of the entire property. If a portion of a structure is subject to taxation, a proportionate amount of the value assigned to the land upon which the structure is located shall also be subject to taxation.

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**701—110.55(427,441) Taxable status of property.**

**110.55(1)** The status of property on July 1 of the fiscal year which commences during the assessment year determines eligibility of the property for exemption in situations where no claim is required to be filed to procure a tax exemption. If the property is in a taxable status on July 1, no exemption is allowable for that fiscal year. If the property is in an exempt status on July 1, no taxes are to be levied against the property during that fiscal year. Exceptions to this rule are as follows:

*a.* Land acquired by the state of Iowa or a political subdivision thereof after July 1 in connection with the establishment, improvement, or maintenance of a public road shall be taxable for that portion of the fiscal year in which the property was privately owned.

*b.* All current and delinquent tax liabilities are to be canceled and no future taxes levied against property acquired by the United States or its instrumentalities, regardless of the date of acquisition, unless the United States Congress has authorized the taxation of specific federally owned property (1980 O.A.G. 80-1-19). The following exceptions apply:

(1) Property owned by the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) and property owned by the Federal Land Bank Association are subject to taxation, and any tax liabilities existing at the time of the acquisition are not to be canceled (1982 O.A.G. 82-1-16; 12 U.S.C.S. §2055).

(2) Existing tax liabilities against property acquired by the Small Business Administration are not to be canceled if the acquisition takes place after the date of levy. However, no taxes are to be levied if the acquisition takes place prior to the levy date or for subsequent fiscal years in which the Small Business Administration owns the property on July 1 (15 U.S.C.S. §646).

*c.* Land owned by the state and leased by the department of corrections or the department of human services pursuant to Iowa Code section 904.302, 904.705, or 904.706 to an entity that is not exempt from property tax is subject to taxation for the term of the lease. This provision applies to leases entered into on or after July 1, 2003. The lessor shall file a copy of the lease with the county assessor of the county where the land is located.

**110.55(2)** The status of property during the fiscal year for which an exemption was claimed determines eligibility of the property for exemption in situations where a claim is required to be filed to procure a tax exemption. If the property is used for an appropriate purpose for which an exemption is allowable for all of the fiscal year for which the exemption is claimed, no taxes are to be levied against the property during that fiscal year. If the property for which an exemption has been claimed and received is used for an appropriate purpose for which an exemption is allowable for only a portion of the fiscal year for which the exemption is claimed, the taxes shall be prorated in accordance with the period of time the property was in a taxable status during the fiscal year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 427.1(1), 427.1(2), 427.2, 427.18, and 427.19. [ARC 7726B, IAB 4/22/09, effective 5/27/09; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—110.56(427) Abatement of taxes.** The board of supervisors may abate the taxes levied against property acquired by gift or purchase if the property was acquired after the deadline for filing a claim for property tax exemption if the property would have been exempt under Iowa Code section 427.1, subsection 7, 8, or 9, if a timely claim had been filed.

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CHAPTER 111  
ADMINISTRATION

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—111.1(441) Establishment.** Iowa Code section 441.8 established a program of continuing education to be developed and administered by the director of revenue, hereinafter referred to as the director. To administer the program, the director has established an assessor education advisory committee, hereinafter referred to as the committee.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.8.  
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**701—111.2(441) General operation.** The chairperson of the committee shall be the director. The director shall appoint to the committee a representative of the local government services division of the department of revenue and two assessor representatives. The assessor representatives shall serve four-year staggered terms. To initiate the staggered-term policy, one assessor shall serve through December 31, 2009, and the other assessor shall serve through December 31, 2011. The committee will meet at least once each year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.8.  
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**701—111.3(441) Location.** Persons may obtain information about the committee and its activities at the Department of Revenue in the Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Persons wishing to obtain information or make submissions should address their correspondence to that address.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 441.8.  
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**701—111.4(441) Purpose.** The committee is established to assist the director in developing and administering a program of continuing education for Iowa assessors and deputy assessors. The program will emphasize assessment and appraisal procedures, assessment laws, rights and responsibilities of taxpayers and property owners related to the assessment of property for taxation, duties of assessors and deputy assessors, and other matters related to the positions of assessor and deputy assessor. The director, with the assistance of the committee, will designate the courses to be offered in the program, the content of the courses, and the number of hours of classroom instruction for each course. An evaluation of the program will be conducted at least annually with any necessary changes made.

The director shall certify those assessors and deputy assessors who have received sufficient credit to be eligible for reappointment to their present position.

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CHAPTER 112  
CERTIFICATION

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—112.1(441) General.** Courses in the continuing education program may be taken for tested credit or nontested credit. To receive tested credit for a course, an assessor or deputy assessor must attend each session of the course and attain a grade of at least 70 percent on an examination given at the conclusion of the course. To receive nontested credit for a course, an assessor or deputy assessor must attend each session of the course. Credit will be given for each course equal to the number of hours of classroom instruction contained in the course. A course may be taken for credit only once during the assessor's or deputy assessor's current term of office. A person cannot receive both tested credit and nontested credit for the same course, except for those courses specifically designated by the director of revenue. At the discretion of the director, up to 30 hours of tested credit may be granted for the completion of a narrative appraisal meeting the satisfactory criteria established by a professional appraisal society designated by the director. Only one narrative appraisal may be approved for credit during an assessor's or deputy assessor's current term of office. A term of office for purposes of these rules is six years.  
[Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—112.2(441) Confidentiality.** Examinations shall be held confidential by the members of the assessor education advisory committee and by persons designated by the director to have access to the examinations. Persons given access to the examinations are those persons administering the examinations, the instructors of the course for which the examinations are given and those persons entrusted with the storage and retention of examinations by the director. The department of revenue will store records of attendance at the courses and scores of the examinations. Any person having access to examinations shall not divulge in any manner not provided by law the results of any examination.  
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**701—112.3(441) Certification of assessors.** An assessor who has received credit equal to at least 150 hours of classroom instruction, of which at least 90 hours are tested credit, during the assessor's current term shall be certified to the assessor's conference board as eligible for reappointment to that position. Upon written request by an assessor seeking a waiver of the continuing education requirements, the director may waive the requirements for good cause. Certification shall be only that the incumbent has met the requirements to be eligible for reappointment. No scores or other information will be given to the conference board.

A person who was appointed to complete an unexpired term shall be certified as eligible for reappointment if the person completes the required credits determined as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Number of months of unexpired term filled}}{72} \times 150$$

For example, if a person were appointed to fill the last 24 months of an unexpired term, the credit necessary for certification would be 50 hours determined as follows:

$$\frac{24}{72} \times 150 = 50 \text{ hours}$$

If the person appointed to complete an unexpired term is an assessor, the assessor may carry forward any credit hours received in the previous position in excess of the number that would be necessary to be considered current in that position. For example, if the assessor had completed four years of a six-year term and had completed 120 hours of continuing education credit, the assessor could carry forward to the new assessment jurisdiction 20 hours of credit (120 - 4/6 × 150).

In situations in which the required number of hours of credit must be prorated, at least 60 percent of the credits earned must be tested credit. For example, if a person must earn 31 hours of credit for certification during a 15-month period, at least 19 of the hours must be tested credit ( $31 \times .60 = 18.6 = 19$ ). Partial credit hours shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

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**701—112.4(441) Certification of deputy assessors.** A deputy assessor who has received credit equal to at least 90 classroom hours of instruction, of which at least 60 hours are tested, during each six-year period following the deputy's appointment as deputy assessor, shall be certified to the assessor employing the deputy as eligible to continue as deputy assessor in that position. Certification shall be only that the deputy has or has not met the requirements to be eligible to remain in that position. No scores or other information will be given to the assessor. For situations in which the required number of credit hours must be prorated, see rule 701—112.3(441).

If a deputy assessor fails to comply with continuing education requirements, the deputy shall be removed from that position and not reinstated until successful completion of the required hours of credit. Upon written request by a deputy seeking a waiver of the continuing education requirements, the director may waive the requirements for good cause. The number of credit hours required for the deputy to be eligible for appointment as a deputy in another jurisdiction shall be prorated according to the completed portion of the deputy's six-year term.

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**701—112.5(441) Type of credit.** A course, seminar, workshop, or symposium for which an examination is given may be taken for tested credit or nontested credit at the discretion of the assessor or deputy assessor. However, a course may not be taken twice—once for tested credit and again for nontested credit—unless specific approval is granted by the director. At the discretion of the director, up to 30 hours tested credit may be given for a narrative appraisal approved by a professional organization. In order to receive credit for a narrative appraisal, an assessor or deputy assessor is required to provide a letter from the professional organization stating the date the appraisal was approved.

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**701—112.6(441) Retaking examination.** If an assessor or deputy assessor successfully retakes an examination for a course for which nontested credit previously had been granted, the credit will be changed to tested credit upon receipt by the director of evidence of passing the examination.

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**701—112.7(441) Instructor credit.** An assessor or deputy assessor who serves as an instructor for a course approved by the director for continuing education may receive nontested credit for the number of hours of classroom instruction. The credit shall be granted only once for each course, and cannot be granted for a course for which the instructor previously received credit as a student.

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**701—112.8(441) Conference board and assessor notification.** Upon receiving credit for the required number of hours of tested and nontested credit, an assessor or deputy assessor should request that the director notify the appropriate conference board or assessor that the continuing education requirements have been satisfied to ensure timely notification.

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Rules 701—112.1(441) through 701—112.8(441) are intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 441.8 and Iowa Code section 441.11.

**701—112.9(441) Director of revenue notification.** The chairperson of the conference board shall give written notice to the director of revenue of the appointment or reappointment of an assessor and the effective date within ten days of the decision of the board, and the assessor shall give written notice to

the director of the appointment of a deputy assessor and the effective date within ten days of the decision of the assessor.

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## CHAPTER 113 COURSES

[Prior to 2/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—113.1(441) Course selection.** The courses selected by the assessor education advisory committee for the continuing education program shall emphasize the areas outlined in rule 701—111.4(441). In establishing courses, the committee will consider current assessor training programs in Iowa and other states, and information from other sources.

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**701—113.2(441) Scheduling of courses.** Courses will be scheduled in such a way as to offer a variety of times to allow flexibility for assessors and deputy assessors to schedule their continuing education program. The number of participants for any course may be limited at the time the course is established to ensure proper training can be given each participant.

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**701—113.3(441) Petitioning to add, delete or modify courses.** The director accepts and encourages the public to provide input into the development of the assessor education program. Any person or group may petition to add, delete or modify all or part of the program by submitting a written request for the committee's consideration.

The overriding consideration in determining whether a specific course is acceptable as continuing education is that it be a formal program of learning which contributes directly to the professional competence of an assessor or deputy assessor.

A continuing education course will qualify only if:

1. An outline of the course content and a description or copy of the final examination are prepared and filed with the director. In addition, any course changes are required to be filed with the director.
2. The course is at least one hour (60-minute period) in length.
3. The course is conducted by a qualified instructor, discussion leader, or lecturer. A qualified instructor, discussion leader, or lecturer is any individual whose background, training, education or experience makes it appropriate for that person to lead a discussion on the subject matter of the particular course.

4. Certificates of attendance must be sent to the director and the student.

5. An organization or person desiring accreditation of a course shall apply to the director for accreditation at least 60 days in advance of the commencement of the course on an application provided by the director (Form 51-002 "Application for Course Certification"). The director shall approve or deny the application. The application shall state the dates; subjects offered; total hours of instruction; names and qualifications of the instructor, discussion leader, or lecturer; a statement of the objectives of the course and how the objectives will be attained; an outline of the course content; a copy of the final examination; and any other pertinent information.

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**701—113.4(441) Course participation.** It is the responsibility of individual assessors or deputy assessors to comply with the enrollment provisions of respective courses designated and established by the committee.

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**701—113.5(441) Retaking a course.** If an assessor or deputy assessor fails a course by receiving a grade of less than 70 percent on the final examination or does not meet attendance requirements established by the director, the course may be retaken. Once a person has passed a course and received credit for the course, no further credit can be received by taking the course again, except for those courses so designated by the director. However, if an assessor or deputy assessor wishes to retake a course as a refresher for the materials contained in the course, the assessor or deputy assessor may do so, though no final examination need be taken. If a course is applied for by a person already having received credit,

that person will only be allowed in the course if space is available after consideration is first given to persons seeking credit for certification in the course.

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**701—113.6(441) Continuing education program for assessors.** The director, with the assistance of the committee, has determined the initial course content of the continuing education program for Iowa assessors. Courses, seminars, workshops, and schools administered by the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers (AIREA), the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO), the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR), the Society of Real Estate Appraisers (SREA), the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA), the Iowa State Association of Assessors (ISAA), the National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers (NAIFA), graduate centers, universities, community colleges and technical institutes, as qualify under rule 701—122.4(441), have been approved for certification. A copy of the approved courses may be obtained from the Director of the Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. The director, with the assistance of the committee, shall recertify courses at least every six years. At the request of the director, the organization conducting a course shall provide the director with copies of course evaluation forms completed by students.

Upon registration for an approved course, it is the responsibility of the assessor or deputy assessor to request that notification of attendance and test score be forwarded by the appropriate organization(s) to the director justifying certification.

After the taking of a course it is the responsibility of the assessor or deputy assessor to request credit for the course by completing an application provided by the director (Form 51-001 “Application for Course Credit”) and submitting it to the Director of the Iowa Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

The department of revenue will serve as the principal storage facility for records of attendance and scores of examination. The information shall be confidential in nature. Certification to the conference boards by the director shall be only that the incumbent has met the requirements of the continuing education program and is eligible for reappointment.

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CHAPTER 114  
REVIEW OF AGENCY ACTION  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—114.1(441) Decisions final.** Decisions of the director shall be considered final agency action for purposes of appeal. Any person aggrieved by an action of the director may appeal to the district court as provided by law. Results of examinations are not decisions of the director and are not appealable directly to court. If a person feels aggrieved on the results of an examination or course, the person may petition the director in accordance with rule 701—113.3(441).

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**701—114.2(441) Grievance and appeal procedures.** Prior to appealing to district court any aggrieved person may petition the director in writing to reconsider an action. In addition, the director will consider grievances which have been filed based on any area in which the director has jurisdiction.

A petition or grievance must be filed with the director within 30 days of the decision or action leading to the grievance. The petition must state the reasons for reconsideration of the director's action and a grievance must contain the facts leading to the grievance and a statement showing the director has jurisdiction.

The director shall appoint a grievance committee comprised of three members of the assessor education advisory committee to review petitions and grievances, meet with the affected parties if necessary, and recommend in writing to the director a proposed resolution of the matter. The director will consider the recommendation of the grievance committee at its next meeting and inform the affected parties of the decision in writing within ten days. The date of the written reply by the director shall constitute final agency action for purposes of appeal.

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CHAPTER 115  
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEAL BOARD  
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**701—115.1(421,441) Applicability and definitions.**

**115.1(1) *Applicability and scope.*** The rules set forth in this chapter govern the proceedings for all cases in which the property assessment appeal board (board) has jurisdiction to hear appeals from the action of a local board of review.

**115.1(2) *Definitions.*** For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Appellant*” means the party filing the appeal with the property assessment appeal board.

“*Board*” means the property assessment appeal board as created by Iowa Code section 421.1A and governed by Iowa Code chapter 17A and section 441.37A.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of revenue.

“*Electronic filing*” means the electronic transmission of a document to the electronic filing system together with the production and transmission of a notice of electronic filing.

“*Electronic filing system*” means the system established by the board for the filing of papers and service of the same to opposing parties.

“*Electronic record*” means a record, file, or document created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

“*Electronic service*” means the electronic transmission of a notification to the registered users who are entitled to receive notice of the filing.

“*Local board of review*” means the board of review as defined by Iowa Code section 441.31.

“*Nonelectronic filing*” means a process by which a paper document or other nonelectronic item is filed with the board.

“*Notice of electronic filing*” means an email notification generated by the electronic filing system when a document is electronically filed.

“*Party*” means each person or entity named or admitted as a party or properly seeking and entitled as of right to be admitted as a party.

“*PDF*” means an electronic document filed in a portable document format which is readable by the free Adobe® Acrobat® Reader.

“*Presiding officer*” means the chairperson, member or members of the property assessment appeal board who preside over an appeal of proceedings before the board.

“*Public access terminal*” means a computer located at the board’s office where the public may view, print, and electronically file documents.

“*Registered user*” means an individual who can electronically file documents and electronically view and download files through the use of a username and password.

“*Remote access*” means a registered user’s ability to electronically search, view, copy, or download electronic documents in an electronic record without the need to physically visit the board’s office.

“*Secretary*” means the secretary for the property assessment appeal board.

“*Signature*” means a registered user’s username and password accompanied by one of the following:

1. “Digitized signature” means an embeddable image of a person’s handwritten signature;
2. “Electronic signature” means an electronic symbol (“/s/” or “/registered user’s name/”) executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign; or
3. “Nonelectronic signature” means a handwritten signature applied to an original document.

“*Written consideration*” means the board’s consideration of an appeal without a hearing.

**115.1(3) *Waivers.***

a. In response to a request, or on its own motion, the board may grant a waiver from a rule adopted by the board, in whole or in part, as applied to a specific set of circumstances, if the board finds, based on clear and convincing evidence, that:

(1) The application of the rule would pose an undue hardship on the person for whom the waiver is requested;

(2) The waiver would not prejudice the substantial rights of any person;

(3) The provisions of the rule subject to a petition for waiver are not specifically mandated by statute or another provision of law; and

(4) Substantially equal protection of public health, safety, and welfare will be afforded by means other than that prescribed in the rule for which the waiver is requested.

*b.* Persons requesting a waiver may submit their request in writing. The waiver request must state the relevant facts and reasons the requester believes will justify the waiver, if the reasons have not already been provided to the board in another pleading.

*c.* Grants or denials of waiver requests shall contain a statement of the facts and reasons upon which the decision is based. The board may condition the grant of the waiver on such reasonable conditions as appropriate to achieve the objectives of the particular rule in question. The board may at any time cancel a waiver upon appropriate notice and opportunity for hearing.

**115.1(4) *Time requirements.*** Time shall be computed as provided in Iowa Code section 4.1(34). For good cause, the board may extend or shorten the time to take any action, except as precluded by statute. Except for good cause stated in the record, before extending or shortening the time to take any action, the board shall afford all parties an opportunity to be heard or to file written arguments.

**115.1(5) *Judgment of the board.*** Nothing in this chapter should be construed as prohibiting the exercise of honest judgment, as provided by law, by the board in matters pertaining to valuation and assessment of individual properties.

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## **701—115.2(421,441) Appeal and answer.**

**115.2(1) *Appeal and jurisdiction.*** The procedure for appeals and parameters for jurisdiction are as follows:

*a.* Jurisdiction is conferred upon the board by filing an appeal with the board. The appeal shall set forth the grounds for appeal and the relief sought. The appeal shall be filed with the board within 20 calendar days after the date of adjournment of the local board of review or May 31, whichever is later. Appeals postmarked within this time period shall also be considered to have been timely filed. For an appeal filed through the electronic filing system to be timely, the appeal must be filed by 11:59 p.m. on the last day for filing.

*b.* The appeal may be filed through the board's electronic filing system, delivered in person, mailed by first-class mail, or delivered to an established courier service for immediate delivery.

**115.2(2) *Form of appeal.*** The appeal shall include:

*a.* The appellant's name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number;

*b.* The address of the property being appealed and its parcel number;

*c.* The grounds for appeal;

*d.* A short and plain statement of the claim;

*e.* The relief sought; and

*f.* If the party is represented by an attorney or designated representative, the attorney or designated representative's name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number.

**115.2(3) *Amendment of appeal.*** The appellant may amend the appeal once as a matter of course within 20 days after it is filed to add or modify the grounds for appeal. Otherwise, the appellant may only amend the appeal by leave of the board or by written consent of the adverse party.

**115.2(4) *Scope of review.***

*a.* Grounds for appeal. The appellant may appeal the action of the board of review relating to protests of assessment, valuation, or the application of an equalization order. The board shall determine anew all questions arising before the local board of review which relate to the liability of the property to assessment or the amount thereof.

New grounds in addition to those set out in the protest to the local board of review may be pleaded, and additional evidence to sustain those grounds may be introduced. The board may order the appellant to clarify the grounds on which the appellant seeks relief.

*b.* Burden of proof. There shall be no presumption as to the correctness of the valuation of the assessment appealed from.

The burden of proof is on the appellant; however, when the appellant offers competent evidence that the market value of the property is different than the market value determined by the assessor, the burden of proof thereafter shall be upon the officials or persons seeking to uphold the valuation.

*c.* The appeal is a contested case.

**115.2(5)** *Notice to local board of review.* The board shall serve, through the electronic filing system, a copy of the appellant's appeal to the local board of review whose decision is being appealed. Notice to all affected taxing districts shall be deemed to have been given when written notice is served on the local board of review.

**115.2(6)** *Answer by local board of review.* Using the form provided by the board or a conforming document, the local board of review's attorney or representative shall file an answer within 30 days after service of the notice of appeal, unless the time period is shortened or extended by the board. The answer shall include:

- a.* The subject property's current assessed value;
- b.* A statement regarding the timeliness of the protest to the local board of review and the timeliness of the appeal to the board;
- c.* How the local board of review will participate in the hearing; and
- d.* If the local board of review is represented by an attorney or designated representative, the attorney or designated representative's name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number.

**115.2(7)** *Docketing.* Appeals shall be assigned docket numbers. Electronic records consisting of the case name and the corresponding docket number assigned to the case shall be maintained by the board, as well as all filings made in the appeal.

**115.2(8)** *Consolidation and severance.* The board or presiding officer may determine if consolidation or severance of issues or proceedings should be performed in order to efficiently resolve matters on appeal before the board.

*a.* *Consolidation.* The presiding officer may consolidate any or all matters at issue in two or more appeal proceedings where:

- (1) The matters at issue involve common parties or common questions of fact or law;
- (2) Consolidation would expedite and simplify consideration of the issues involved; and
- (3) Consolidation would not adversely affect the rights of any of the parties to those proceedings.

*b.* *Severance.* The presiding officer may, for good cause shown, order any appeal proceedings or portions of the proceedings severed.

**115.2(9)** *Appearances.* Any party may appear and be heard on its own behalf, or by its attorney or designated representative. Attorneys and designated representatives both shall file a notice of appearance with the board for each appeal. A designated representative who is not an attorney shall also file a power of attorney. When acting as a designated representative on behalf of a party, the designated representative acknowledges that the representative has read and will abide by the board's rules.

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### **701—115.3(421,441) Nonelectronic service on parties and filing with the board.**

**115.3(1)** *Applicability.* This rule applies to all nonelectronic filings made with the board by parties not voluntarily using the electronic filing system or in all other cases for which the board has not ordered the conversion of the case to an electronic file. Electronic filing and service of documents using the board's electronic filing system is governed by rule 701—115.4(421,441).

**115.3(2)** *Service and filing of paper documents.* After the appeal has been filed, all motions, pleadings, briefs, and other papers shall be served upon each of the parties of record contemporaneously with their filing with the board.

*a.* *Service on parties to the appeal.* All documents are deemed served at the time they are delivered in person to the opposing party; delivered to an established courier service for immediate delivery; mailed

by first-class mail, so long as there is proof of mailing; or emailed to the opposing party per mutual agreement.

*b. Filing with the board.* Except where otherwise provided by law, a document is deemed filed at the time it is delivered to the board; delivered to an established courier service for immediate delivery; or mailed by first-class mail, so long as there is proof of mailing. A registered user of the board's electronic filing system may electronically file documents with the board pursuant to rule 701—115.4(421,441).

*c. Proof of mailing.* Proof of mailing includes: a legible United States Postal Service postmark on the envelope, a certificate of service, a notarized affidavit, or a certification in substantially the following form:

I certify under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of Iowa that, on (date of mailing), I mailed copies of (describe document) addressed to the Property Assessment Appeal Board and to the names and addresses of the parties listed below by depositing the same in a (United States post office mailbox with correct postage properly affixed).  
(Date) (Signature)

**115.3(3) Board-generated documents.** The board will mail copies of all board-generated documents to any party not served by the board's electronic filing system.

**115.3(4) Conversion of filed paper documents.** The board will convert all filed paper documents to an electronic format viewable to registered users of the electronic filing system.

**115.3(5) Form of paper documents.** Each document delivered to the board must be printed on only one side and have no tabs, staples, or permanent clips. The document may be organized with paperclips, clamps, or another type of temporary fastener or be contained in a file folder.

**115.3(6) Return of copies by mail.** If a party requests that a document filed in paper form be returned by mail, the party must deliver to the board a self-addressed envelope, with proper postage, large enough to accommodate the returned document.

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## **701—115.4(421,441) Electronic filing system.**

### **115.4(1) Electronic filing and applicability.**

*a. Electronic filing.* The board will maintain an electronic filing system, which shall be the preferred method for filing documents with the board.

*b. Applicability.* This rule applies to electronic filing and service of documents using the board's electronic filing system. Nonelectronic filing and service are governed by rule 701—115.3(421,441).

(1) The board may order the conversion of any case to an electronic file. Upon such an order, all future filings must be made using the board's electronic filing system in compliance with this rule, unless a filing is subject to the exception in paragraph 115.4(1) "c."

(2) In all other cases, a party or parties to a proceeding may voluntarily choose to use the electronic filing system in compliance with this rule.

*c. Exceptions.* Any item that is not capable of electronic filing shall be filed in a nonelectronic format pursuant to rule 701—115.3(421,441).

### **115.4(2) Registration.**

*a. Registration required.* Every individual who is filing documents or viewing or downloading documents filed in an appeal must register as a registered user of the electronic filing system.

*b. How to register.* To register, an individual must complete the registration process online at [efile-paab.iowa.gov](http://efile-paab.iowa.gov), consent to the user agreement, and obtain a username and password for the electronic filing system.

*c. Changing passwords.* Once registered, the user may change the user's password. If the registered user believes the security of an existing password has been compromised, the registered user must change the password immediately. The board may require password changes periodically.

*d. Changes in a registered user's contact information.* If a registered user's email address, mailing address, or telephone number changes, the registered user must promptly make the necessary

changes to the registered user's information contained in the electronic filing system. The registered user shall promptly give notice of changes in contact information to any nonregistered party in every active proceeding in which the registered user is a party.

*e. Duties of a registered user.* Each registered user shall ensure that the user's email account information is current, that the account is monitored regularly, and that email notices sent to the account are timely opened.

*f. Canceling registration.* Withdrawal from participation in the electronic filing system cancels the registered user's profile but does not authorize nonelectronic filing of documents and is not a withdrawal from a proceeding.

*g. Use of username and password.* A registered user is responsible for all documents filed with the registered user's username and password unless proven by clear and convincing evidence that the registered user did not make or authorize the filing.

*h. Username and password security.* If a username or password is lost, misappropriated, misused, or compromised, the registered user of that username and password shall notify the board promptly.

*i. Denial of access.* The board may refuse to allow an individual to electronically file or download information in the electronic filing system due to misuse, fraud or other good cause.

**115.4(3) Signatures.**

*a. Registered user.* A username and password accompanied by a digitized, electronic, or nonelectronic signature serve as the registered user's signature on all electronically filed documents.

*b. Documents requiring oaths, affirmations or verifications.* Any document filed requiring a signature under oath or affirmation or with verification may be signed electronically or nonelectronically but shall be filed electronically.

*c. Format.* Any filing requiring a signature must be signed, with either a nonelectronic signature (actual signature scanned), an electronic signature (the symbol "/s/" or "/registered user's name/"), or a digitized signature (an inserted image of a handwritten signature).

*d. Multiple signatures.* By filing a document containing multiple signatures, the registered user confirms that the content of the document is acceptable to all persons signing the document and that all such persons consent to having their signatures appear on the document.

**115.4(4) Format and redaction of electronic documents.** All documents must be converted to a PDF format before they are filed in the electronic filing system. Prior to filing any document, the registered user shall ensure that the document is certified as confidential or that the confidential information is omitted or redacted.

**115.4(5) Exhibits and other attachments.** Any attachments to a filing, such as an exhibit, shall be uploaded and electronically attached to the filing. Each exhibit shall be filed as a separate PDF. Exhibits shall be labeled as required by paragraph 115.7(3) "d."

**115.4(6) Filing and service using electronic filing.**

*a. What constitutes filing.* The electronic transmission of a document to the electronic filing system consistent with the procedures specified in these rules, together with the production and transmission of a notice of electronic filing, constitutes the filing of the document.

*b. Electronic file stamp.* Electronic documents are officially filed when affixed with an electronic file stamp. Filings so endorsed shall have the same force and effect as documents time-stamped in a nonelectronic manner.

*c. Email or fax.* The emailing or faxing of a document to the board will not generate a notice of electronic filing and does not constitute electronic filing of the document unless otherwise authorized by the board.

*d. Public access terminal.* A public access terminal is available at the reception desk on the first floor of the Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

*e. Service of filings.* When a document is electronically filed, the electronic filing system will produce and transmit a notice of electronic filing to all parties to the appeal who are registered users. The notice of electronic filing shall constitute service of the filing on registered users. No other service is required on registered users unless ordered by the board. The filing party is responsible for ensuring service, pursuant to paragraph 115.3(2) "a," on any party that is not a registered user. Notices of

electronic filing will continue to be sent to registered users appearing or intervening in a proceeding until the users have filed a withdrawal of appearance.

*f. Proof of service of nonelectronic filings.* Parties filing a document nonelectronically pursuant to paragraph 115.3(2) “c” and rule 701—115.3(421,441) shall electronically file a notice of nonelectronic filing along with proof of service.

*g. Electronic filing and service of board-generated documents.* All board-generated documents issued in an appeal governed by this chapter shall be electronically filed and served. The board shall only mail paper copies of documents as provided in subrule 115.3(3).

**115.4(7) Filing by the board on behalf of a party.**

*a.* Where the circumstances and administrative efficiency requires, board staff may file a motion on behalf of a party to an appeal pursuant to this subrule.

*b.* When a party to an appeal contacts board staff via telephone or other means and indicates the party’s desire to file a motion or request specified in paragraph 115.4(7) “c,” board staff may file the request or motion in the electronic filing system on behalf of the party. The request or motion shall be consistent with the instructions and information provided by the party and shall only be filed with the permission of the party. Board staff shall not file any motions or requests on behalf of a party if any opposing party requires nonelectronic service under subrule 115.3(2).

*c.* Only the following motions or requests may be filed by board staff on behalf of a party:

- (1) Request to participate in a hearing in person, by telephone, or by video;
- (2) Motion for hearing;
- (3) Motion for continuance;
- (4) Motion to withdraw appeal.

*d.* Upon filing of the motion or request, board staff will provide a courtesy copy of the filing to the party.

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**701—115.5(421,441) Motions and settlements.**

**115.5(1) Authority of board to issue procedural orders.** The board may issue preliminary orders regarding procedural matters.

**115.5(2) Motions.** No technical form for motions is required. All prehearing motions shall be in writing, shall be filed with the board and shall contain the reasons and grounds supporting the motion. The board shall act upon such motions as justice may require. Motions based on matters which do not appear of record shall be supported by affidavit. Any party may file a written response to a motion no later than ten days from the date the motion is filed, unless the time period is extended or shortened by the board or presiding officer. The presiding officer may schedule oral argument on any motion.

*a. Filing of motions.* Motions pertaining to the hearing, except motions discussed in paragraph 115.5(2) “b,” must be filed and served at least ten days prior to the date of hearing unless there is good cause for permitting later action or the time for such action is lengthened or shortened by the board or presiding officer.

*b. Motions for summary judgment and motions to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction.*

(1) Motions for summary judgment shall comply with the requirements of Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.981 and shall be subject to disposition according to the requirements of that rule to the extent such requirements are not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter or any other provision of law governing the procedure in contested cases.

(2) Motions for summary judgment and motions to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction must be filed and served no later than 90 days after service of the notice of appeal, unless good cause is shown for a later filing. Good cause may include, but is not limited to, information the moving party obtains through discovery. Any party resisting the motion shall file and serve a resistance within 20 days, unless otherwise ordered by the board or presiding officer, from the date a copy of the motion was served. The board may request oral argument on the motion or may issue a ruling without argument. A summary judgment order rendered on all issues in a contested case or order on motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction is subject to reconsideration pursuant to subrule 115.9(2).



*c. Motions to withdraw.* An appellant may withdraw the appeal. Such a withdrawal of an appeal must be in writing and signed by the appellant or the appellant's designated representative. Unless otherwise provided, withdrawal shall be with prejudice and the appellant shall not be able to refile the appeal. Within 20 days of the board's granting of a withdrawal of appeal, the appellant may make a motion to reopen the file and rescind the withdrawal based upon fraud, duress, undue influence, or mutual mistake.

*d. Motions for refund.* If the board reduces an assessment following a contested case hearing, the appellant shall be notified in the board's final agency action of the appellant's right to elect to be refunded for taxes already paid by filing a motion with the board. Such a motion shall be filed within ten days of the board's final agency action. If the appellant does not timely file a motion for refund, any change in taxes resulting from the assessment reduction shall be credited toward future tax payments.

**115.5(3) Settlements.** Parties to a case may propose to settle all or some of the issues in the case at any time prior to the issuance of a final decision. A settlement of an appeal shall be jointly signed by the parties, or their designated representatives, and filed with the board. The settlement filed with the board shall indicate whether the assessment modification will result in a tax refund or a credit toward future tax payments. The board will not approve a settlement unless the settlement is reasonable in light of the whole record, consistent with law, and in the public interest. Board adoption of a settlement constitutes the final decision of the board on issues addressed in the settlement.

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#### **701—115.6(421,441) Hearing scheduling and discovery plan.**

**115.6(1) When required.** For appeals involving properties assessed at \$3 million or more, the parties shall confer and file a hearing scheduling and discovery plan within 60 days of the notice provided in subrule 115.2(5). In any other appeal, the parties may jointly file a hearing scheduling and discovery plan or the board may, on its own motion or the motion of any party, require parties to file a hearing scheduling and discovery plan. The dates established in a hearing scheduling and discovery plan under this rule shall supersede any dates set forth in any other rule in this chapter.

**115.6(2) Prehearing conference.** A party may request a prehearing conference to resolve any disputed issue pertaining to the hearing scheduling and discovery plan.

**115.6(3) Modification.** The parties may jointly agree to modify the plan. If one party seeks to modify the plan, the party must show good cause for the modification.

**115.6(4) Failure to comply.** A party that fails to comply with a plan shall be required to show good cause for failing to comply and that the other party is not substantially prejudiced. Failing to comply with a plan may result in sanctions including, but not limited to, the exclusion of evidence or dismissal of the appeal.

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#### **701—115.7(421,441) Discovery and evidence.**

**115.7(1) Discovery procedure.** The scope of discovery described in Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.503 shall apply to contested case proceedings. When considering a question of relevancy, the board shall consider the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 441, 701—Chapter 102, and other applicable law. The following discovery procedures available in the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure are available to the parties in a contested case proceeding: depositions upon oral examination or written questions; written interrogatories; production of documents, electronically stored information, and things; entry upon land for inspection and other purposes; and requests for admission. The time frames for discovery in specific Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure govern those specific procedures, unless lengthened or shortened by the board.

*a.* Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure 1.701 through 1.717 regarding depositions shall apply to any depositions taken in an appeal. Any party taking a deposition in an appeal shall be responsible for any deposition costs. Deposition costs include, but are not limited to, reimbursement for mileage of the deponent, costs of a certified shorthand reporter, and expert witness fees, as applicable.

b. Subject to the limitations in paragraph 115.7(1)“h,” Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.509 shall apply to any interrogatories propounded in an appeal.

c. Subject to the limitations in paragraph 115.7(1)“h,” Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.512 shall apply to any requests for production of documents, electronically stored information, and things; and entry upon land for inspection and other purposes in an appeal.

d. Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.510 shall apply to any requests for admission in an appeal. Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.511 regarding the effect of an admission shall apply in an appeal.

e. The mandatory disclosure and discovery conference requirements in Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure 1.500 and 1.507 do not apply to appeals before the board.

f. Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.508 shall apply to discovery of any experts identified by a party to an appeal.

g. Discovery shall be served on all parties to the appeal, but shall not be filed with the board. Parties shall file a notice with the board when a notice of deposition or a discovery request or response is served on another party. The notice filed with the board shall include the date, the manner of service, and the names and addresses of the persons served. Other discovery materials shall not be filed unless ordered by the presiding officer.

h. In addition to the limits on discovery requests in Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.509 and 1.512, the following limits shall apply to appeals of property assessed for less than \$1 million:

(1) A party shall not serve on any other party more than 15 interrogatories, including all discrete subparts.

(2) A party shall not serve on any other party more than ten requests for production of documents, electronically stored information, and things.

A party to the appeal may file a motion with the board requesting leave to serve additional discovery requests. The motion shall set forth the proposed interrogatories or requests for production of documents and the reasons establishing good cause for their use.

**115.7(2) *Discovery motions.*** Prior to filing any motion related to discovery, parties shall make a good-faith effort to resolve discovery disputes without the involvement of the board or presiding officer. Any motion related to discovery shall allege that the moving party has made a good-faith attempt to resolve the discovery issues involved with the opposing party. Opposing parties shall be given the opportunity to respond within 10 days of the filing of the motion unless the time is shortened by order of the board or presiding officer. The board or presiding officer may rule on the basis of the written motion and any response or may have a hearing or other proceedings on the motion.

**115.7(3) *Evidence.***

a. *Admissibility.* The presiding officer shall rule on admissibility of evidence and may take official notice of facts in accordance with all applicable requirements of law. Evidence obtained in discovery may be used in the case proceeding if that evidence would otherwise be admissible in that proceeding.

b. *Stipulations.* Stipulation of facts by the parties is encouraged. The presiding officer may make a decision based on stipulated facts.

c. *Scope of admissible evidence.* Evidence in the proceeding shall be confined to the issues contained in the notice from the board prior to the hearing, unless the parties waive their right to such notice or the presiding officer determines that good cause justifies expansion of the issues. Admissible evidence is that which, in the opinion of the board, is determined to be material, relevant, or necessary for the making of a just decision in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code section 441.21, 701—Chapter 102, or other applicable law. Upon an objection pursuant to paragraph 115.7(3)“e,” irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious evidence may be excluded. A finding shall be based upon the kind of evidence on which reasonably prudent persons are accustomed to rely for the conduct of their serious affairs, and may be based upon such evidence even if it would be inadmissible in a jury trial. Hearsay evidence is admissible. The rules of privilege apply in all proceedings before the board.

d. *Exhibits, exhibit and witness lists, and briefs.* The party seeking admission of an exhibit must provide an opposing party with an opportunity to examine the exhibit prior to the ruling on its admissibility. Copies of documents to be used as evidence, exhibit lists, and a list of witnesses intended to be called at hearing shall be served on the opposing party at least 21 calendar days prior to the hearing,

unless the time period is extended or shortened by the board or presiding officer or the parties have filed a hearing scheduling and discovery plan under rule 701—115.6(421,441). Rebuttal evidence need not be exchanged or served on the opposing party prior to the hearing. All exhibits and briefs admitted into evidence shall be appropriately marked and be made part of the record. The appellant shall mark each exhibit with consecutive numbers. The appellee shall mark each exhibit with consecutive letters.

(1) The local board of review's Exhibit A shall be the subject property's property record card after implementation of the final decision of the board of review, including the cost report.

(2) The local board of review's Exhibit B shall be the final decision of the local board of review.

(3) The local board of review's Exhibit C shall be the appellant's petition to the local board of review.

*e. Objections.* Any party may object to specific evidence or may request limits on the scope of examination or cross-examination. Such an objection shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the grounds upon which the objection is based. The objection, the ruling on the objection, and the reasons for the ruling shall be noted in the record. The presiding officer may rule on the objection at the time it is made or may reserve a ruling until the written decision.

*f. Offers of proof.* Whenever evidence is ruled inadmissible, the party offering that evidence may submit an offer of proof on the record. The party making the offer of proof for excluded oral testimony shall briefly summarize the testimony or, with permission of the presiding officer, present the testimony. If the excluded evidence consists of a document or exhibit, it shall be marked as part of an offer of proof and inserted in the record.

*g. Judicial notice of property record cards.* Without additional notice, the board may take judicial notice of the property record card or cost report of the subject property if electronically available to the public through the assessor's website. At its discretion, the board may take judicial notice of property record cards or cost reports of comparable properties identified by the parties as provided under Iowa Code section 17A.14(4) if electronically available to the public through the assessor's website. If the board takes judicial notice of any property record card or cost report, such card or report shall become part of the board's official agency record for the appeal.

#### **115.7(4) Subpoenas.**

##### *a. Issuance.*

(1) Pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.13(1), a subpoena shall be issued to a party on request, unless otherwise excluded pursuant to this subrule. The request shall be in writing and include the name, address, and telephone number of the requesting party. In absence of good cause for permitting later action, a request for subpoena must be received at least 14 days before the scheduled hearing.

(2) Except to the extent otherwise provided by law, parties are responsible for service of their own subpoenas and payment of witness fees and mileage expenses.

(3) The board shall refuse to issue a subpoena when there is reasonable ground to believe the subpoena is requested for the purpose of harassment; may seek irrelevant information as provided under Iowa Code section 441.21, 701—Chapter 102, or other applicable law; or is untimely. If the board refuses to issue a subpoena, the board shall provide a written statement of the ground for refusal. A party to whom a refusal is issued may obtain a prompt hearing before the board regarding the refusal by filing with the board and serving on all parties a written request for hearing.

*b. Motion to quash or modify.* Upon motion, the board or presiding officer may quash or modify a subpoena for any lawful reason in accordance with the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure or pursuant to this subrule.

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#### **701—115.8(421,441) Hearings before the board.**

**115.8(1) Prehearing conference.** An informal conference of parties may be ordered at the discretion of the board or presiding officer or at the request of any party for any appropriate purpose. Any agreement reached at the conference shall be made a part of the record in the manner directed by the board or presiding officer.

**115.8(2) Notice of hearing.** Unless otherwise designated by the board, the hearing shall be held in the hearing room of the board. All hearings are open to the public. Unless subject to a hearing scheduling and discovery plan, if a hearing is requested the board shall serve a notice of hearing to the parties at least 30 days prior to the hearing. The parties may jointly waive the 30-day notice by following the provisions of subrule 115.8(3). The notice of hearing shall contain the following information:

- a. A statement of the date, time, and place of the hearing;
- b. A statement of legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held;
- c. A reference to the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved;
- d. That the parties may appear and present oral arguments;
- e. That the parties may submit evidence and briefs;
- f. That the hearing will be electronically recorded by the board;
- g. That a party may obtain a certified court reporter for the hearing at the party's own expense;
- h. That audiovisual aids and equipment are to be provided by the party intending to use them;
- i. A statement that, upon submission of the appeal, the board will take the matter under advisement. An order will be issued to the parties; and
- j. A compliance notice required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**115.8(3) Waiver of 30-day notice.** The parties to the appeal may jointly waive the 30-day written notice requirement for a hearing in Iowa Code section 441.37A by submitting a mutually agreed upon hearing date approved by the board.

**115.8(4) Continuance.** Any hearing may be continued for "good cause." "Good cause" is equated to any cause not growing out of the fault or negligence of the movant, which satisfies the board that substantial justice will more nearly be obtained if the case is continued. A motion to continue the hearing shall be in writing and, except in exigent or other unusual circumstances, filed not later than 7 days before the hearing or immediately upon "the cause" becoming known. The motion must contain sufficient specific information or be supported by sufficient evidentiary materials or both to allow the board to determine whether there is "good cause" and whether the alleged cause grows out of the fault or negligence of the moving party. An emergency oral continuance may be obtained from the board or presiding officer based on "good cause" and at the discretion of the board or presiding officer. In determining whether to grant a continuance, the board or presiding officer may consider:

- a. Prior continuances;
- b. The interests of all parties;
- c. The likelihood of informal settlement;
- d. The existence of an emergency;
- e. Any objection;
- f. Any applicable time requirements;
- g. The existence of a conflict in the schedules of counsel, parties, or witnesses;
- h. The timeliness of the request; and
- i. Other relevant factors, including the existence of a hearing scheduling and discovery plan.

**115.8(5) Telephone and video proceedings.** The board or presiding officer may conduct a telephone or video conference in which all parties have an opportunity to participate to resolve preliminary procedural motions. Other proceedings, including contested case hearings, may be held by telephone or video. The board will determine the location of the parties and witnesses for telephone and video hearings. The convenience of the witnesses or parties, as well as the nature of the case, will be considered when the location is chosen.

**115.8(6) Hearing procedures.** A party to the appeal may request a hearing, or the appeal may proceed as a written consideration. The local board of review may be present and participate at such hearing. Hearings may be conducted by the board or by one or more of its members.

a. *Authority of presiding officer.* The presiding officer presides at the hearing and may rule on motions, require briefs, issue a decision, and issue such orders and rulings as will ensure the orderly conduct of the proceedings.

*b. Representation.* Parties to the appeal have the right to participate or to be represented in all hearings. Any party may be represented by an attorney or by a designated representative. A partnership, corporation, or association may be represented by any member, officer, director, or duly authorized agent.

*c. Participation in hearing.* The parties to the appeal have the right to introduce evidence relevant to the grounds set out in the protest to the local board of review. Subject to terms and conditions prescribed by the presiding officer, parties have the right to introduce evidence on issues of material fact, cross-examine witnesses present at the hearing as necessary for a full and true disclosure of the facts, present evidence in rebuttal, and submit briefs and engage in oral argument.

*d. Decorum.* The presiding officer shall maintain the decorum of the hearing and may refuse to admit or may expel anyone whose conduct is disorderly.

*e. Conduct of the hearing.* The presiding officer shall conduct the hearing in the following manner:

(1) The presiding officer shall give an opening statement briefly describing the nature of the proceedings;

(2) The parties shall be given an opportunity to present opening statements;

(3) The parties shall present their cases in the sequence determined by the presiding officer;

(4) Each witness shall be sworn or affirmed by the presiding officer and shall be subject to examination and cross-examination. Witnesses may be sequestered during the hearing. The presiding officer may limit questioning in a manner consistent with law; and

(5) When all parties and witnesses have been heard, parties may be given the opportunity to present final arguments.

**115.8(7) Dismissal.** If a party fails to appear or participate in an appeal hearing after proper service of notice, the presiding officer may dismiss the appeal unless a continuance is granted for good cause. If an appeal is dismissed for failure to appear, the board shall have no jurisdiction to consider any subsequent appeal on the appellant's protest.

**115.8(8) Hearing recordings.** All hearings shall be electronically recorded. Any party may request a copy of the hearing recording and pay a fee associated with preparing the copy. Any party may provide a certified court reporter at the party's own expense.

**115.8(9) Members participating.** Each appeal may be considered by one or more members of the board, and the chairperson of the board may assign members to consider appeals. If the appeal is considered by less than the full membership of the board, the determination made by such members shall be forwarded to the full board for approval, rejection, or modification. Decisions shall affirm, modify, or reverse the decision, order, or directive from which an appeal was made. In order for the decision to be valid, a majority of the board must concur on the decision on appeal.

**115.8(10) Ex parte communications with board members.** Written, oral or other forms of communication are "ex parte" if made without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. Ex parte communications between a person or party and any board members in connection with any issue of fact or law in the contested case proceeding is prohibited except as permitted by Iowa Code section 17A.17. All of the provisions of Iowa Code section 17A.17 apply to proceedings before the board.

**115.8(11) Disqualification of board member.** A board member or members must, on their own motion or on a motion from a party in the proceeding, withdraw from participating in an appeal if there are circumstances that warrant disqualification.

*a.* A board member or members shall withdraw from participation in the making of any proposed or final decision in an appeal before the board if that member is involved in one of the following circumstances:

(1) Has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party or a representative of a party;

(2) Has personally investigated, prosecuted, or advocated in connection with the appeal, the specific controversy underlying that appeal, or another pending factually related matter, or a pending factually related controversy that may culminate in an appeal involving the same parties;

(3) Is subject to the authority, direction, or discretion of any person who has personally investigated, prosecuted, or advocated in connection with that matter, the specific controversy underlying the appeal, or a pending factually related matter or controversy involving the same parties;

- (4) Has acted as counsel to any person who is a private party to that proceeding within the past two years;
  - (5) Has a personal financial interest in the outcome of the appeal or any other significant personal interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the appeal;
  - (6) Has a spouse or relative within the third degree of relationship who:
    - 1. Is a party to the appeal, or an officer, director or trustee of a party;
    - 2. Is a lawyer in the appeal;
    - 3. Is known to have an interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the appeal;
- or
- 4. Is likely to be a material witness in the appeal; or
  - (7) Has any other legally sufficient cause to withdraw from participation in the decision making in that appeal.

*b.* Motion for disqualification.

(1) If a party asserts disqualification on any appropriate ground, including those listed in paragraph 115.8(11)“a,” the party shall file a motion supported by an affidavit pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.11. The motion must be filed as soon as practicable after the reason alleged in the motion becomes known to the party. If, during the course of the hearing, a party first becomes aware of evidence of bias or other grounds for disqualification, the party may move for disqualification, but must establish the grounds by the introduction of evidence into the record.

(2) If a majority of the board determines that disqualification is appropriate, the board member shall withdraw. If a majority of the board determines that withdrawal is not required, the board shall enter an order to that effect.

*c.* The term “personally investigated” means taking affirmative steps to interview witnesses directly or to obtain documents or other information directly. The term “personally investigated” does not include general direction and supervision of assigned investigators, unsolicited receipt of information which is relayed to assigned investigators, review of another person’s investigative work product in the course of determining whether there is probable cause to initiate a proceeding, or exposure to factual information while performing other functions of the board, including fact gathering for purposes other than investigation of the matter which culminates in an appeal. Factual information relevant to the merits of an appeal received by a person who later serves as presiding officer or a member of the board shall be disclosed if required by Iowa Code section 17A.11 and this rule.

*d.* Withdrawal. In a situation where a presiding officer or any other board member knows of information which might reasonably be deemed to be a basis for disqualification and decides voluntary withdrawal is unnecessary, that person shall submit the relevant information for the record by affidavit and shall provide for the record a statement of the reasons for the determination that withdrawal is unnecessary.

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#### **701—115.9(421,441) Posthearing motions.**

**115.9(1) Motion to reopen records.** The board or presiding officer, on the board’s or presiding officer’s own motion or on the motion of a party, may reopen the record for the reception of further evidence. A motion to reopen the record may be made anytime prior to the issuance of a final decision. A motion to reopen the record filed after issuance of the final decision will not be considered. In ruling on a motion to reopen the record from a party filed prior to issuance of the final decision, the board may consider:

- a.* Whether the information sought to be admitted is material;
- b.* The timeliness of the motion;
- c.* Whether the information sought to be admitted was available as of the date for hearing or written consideration and whether there is good cause for failing to present it;
- d.* The prejudice on the other party;
- e.* Any and all other factors deemed relevant by the board.

**115.9(2) Rehearing and reconsideration.**

*a. Application for rehearing or reconsideration.* Any party to a case may file an application for rehearing or reconsideration of the final decision. The application for rehearing or reconsideration shall be filed within 20 days after the final decision in the case is issued. The board's consideration of the application shall be limited to the admitted exhibits and testimony offered at the hearing. No new evidence will be accepted or considered.

*b. Contents of application.* Applications for rehearing or reconsideration shall specify the findings of fact and conclusions of law claimed to be erroneous, with a statement of the alleged grounds of error and the relief sought. If a claim of error of fact is asserted, the application should clearly specify the factual error and cite to admitted exhibits or testimony in support of the claim. If a claim of error of law is asserted, the application should clearly specify the legal error and cite statutes, case law, administrative rules, or other sources of law in support of the claim.

*c. Notice to other parties.* The applicant shall serve a copy of the application on all parties to the contested case in accordance with rules 701—115.3(421,441) and 701—115.4(421,441). If the application does not contain a certificate of service, the board shall serve copies on all parties.

*d. Resistance to applications for rehearing or reconsideration.* A resistance to an application for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed within ten days of the date the application was filed with the board, unless otherwise ordered by the board.

*e. Disposition.* Any application for a rehearing shall be deemed denied unless the board grants the application within 20 days after its filing.

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**701—115.10(17A,441) Judicial review.**

**115.10(1) Appeals of board decisions.** A party may seek judicial review of a decision rendered by the board. The filing of the petition does not itself stay execution or enforcement of the board's final decision. The board may grant a stay on appropriate terms or other temporary remedies during the pendency of judicial review.

*a.* A party may seek judicial review of a decision rendered by the board by filing a petition for judicial review with the clerk of the district court where the property is located within 30 days after the board's action pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 17A. Within ten days of filing for judicial review, the party seeking judicial review must serve notice on the board and notice on all parties to the contested case proceeding pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 17A.

*b.* The party or parties seeking judicial review shall bear the costs of preparing the transcription of the board hearing, if a transcription is required by the reviewing court.

**115.10(2) Stays of agency actions.** Any party to a contested case proceeding may petition the board for a stay or other temporary remedies pending judicial review of all or part of that proceeding. The petition shall state the reasons justifying a stay or other temporary remedy. In determining whether to grant a stay, the board or presiding officer shall consider the factors listed in Iowa Code section 17A.19(5) "c." A stay may be vacated by the board upon application of any other party.

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**701—115.11(22,421) Records access.**

**115.11(1) Location of record.** A request for access to a record should be directed to the custodian.

**115.11(2) Office hours.** Open records shall be made available during all customary office hours, which are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

**115.11(3) Request for access.** Requests for access to open records may be made in writing, in person, by email, or by telephone. Requests shall identify the particular records sought by name or description in order to facilitate the location of the record. Mail, email, and telephone requests shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting the information. A person shall not be required to give a reason for requesting an open record.

**115.11(4) Response to requests.** Access to an open record shall be provided promptly upon request unless the size or nature of the request makes prompt access infeasible. If the size or nature of the request

for access to an open record requires time for compliance, the custodian shall comply with the request as soon as feasible. Access to an open record may be delayed for one of the purposes authorized by Iowa Code section 22.8(4) or 22.10(4). The custodian shall promptly give notice to the requester of the reason for any delay in access to an open record and an estimate of the length of that delay and, upon request, shall promptly provide that notice to the requester in writing. The custodian of a record may deny access by members of the public to the record only on the grounds that such a denial is warranted under Iowa Code sections 22.8(4) and 22.10(4), or that it is a confidential record, or that its disclosure is prohibited by a court or board order. Access by members of the public to a confidential record is limited by law and, therefore, may generally be provided only in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

**115.11(5) *Security of record.*** No person may, without permission from the secretary, search or remove any record from board files. Examination and copying of board records shall be supervised by the secretary. Records shall be protected from damage and disorganization.

**115.11(6) *Copying.*** A reasonable number of copies of an open record may be made in the board's office. If photocopy equipment is not available, the custodian shall permit examination of the record and shall arrange to have copies promptly made elsewhere.

**115.11(7) *Fees.***

*a. When charged.* The board may charge fees in connection with the examination or copying of records only if the fees are authorized by law. To the extent permitted by applicable provisions of law, the payment of fees may be waived when the imposition of fees is inequitable or when a waiver is in the public interest.

*b. Copying and postage costs.* Price schedules for published materials and for photocopies of records supplied by the board are available from the custodian. Copies of records may be made by or for members of the public on board photocopy machines or from electronic storage systems at cost as determined and made available by the custodian. When the mailing of copies of records is requested, the actual costs of such mailing may also be charged to the requester.

*c. Supervisory fee.* An hourly fee may be charged for actual board expenses in supervising the examination and copying of requested records when the supervision time required is in excess of one hour. The custodian shall provide the hourly fees to be charged for supervision of records during examination and copying. That hourly fee shall not be in excess of the hourly wage of a board clerical employee who ordinarily would be appropriate and suitable to perform this supervisory function.

*d. Advance deposits.*

(1) When the estimated total fee chargeable under this subrule exceeds \$25, the custodian may require a requester to make an advance payment to cover all or a part of the estimated fee.

(2) When a requester has previously failed to pay a fee chargeable under this subrule, the custodian may require advance payment of the full amount of any estimated fee before the custodian processes a new request from that requester.

**115.11(8) *Retention of board records.*** The board will follow the records retention schedule for administrative case files established by the state records commission.

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CHAPTER 116  
REASSESSMENT EXPENSE FUND  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—116.1(421) Reassessment expense fund.** The reassessment expense fund is created in the office of the treasurer of state for the purpose of providing loans to city and county conference boards for conducting reassessments of property. The director of revenue is responsible for maintaining and administering the reassessment expense fund. Persons wishing to obtain information pertaining to the reassessment expense fund or to make submissions or requests should direct correspondence to the attention of the Director, Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.30.  
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**701—116.2(421) Application for loan.** Applications for loans from the reassessment expense fund may be made by a conference board established under Iowa Code section 441.2. The application shall be made on forms provided by the director of revenue and shall be submitted to the director. Applications shall contain the following information:

1. A statement of the amount of funds in the special appraisal fund, any unencumbered balance in the assessment expense fund, and the maximum amount of revenue which could be raised from the assessment expense fund and the special appraisal fund.
2. A detailed statement as to how moneys obtained from the reassessment expense fund will be expended, such statement to be itemized to indicate specific expenditures for personnel, supplies and materials, mileage, public information, and payment for any work performed under contract with a professional appraisal firm.
3. A copy of the assessing jurisdiction's most recent budget as approved by the office of management.
4. A copy of any proposed contract with a professional appraisal company.

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**701—116.3(421) Criteria for granting loan.** In determining whether to grant a loan from the reassessment expense fund and the amount of any loan, the director shall consider the following factors:

1. The amount of moneys presently on hand and not encumbered or intended for another purpose in both the assessment expense fund and the special appraisal fund.
2. When the assessing jurisdiction can next begin to collect revenues from the tax levied for the special appraisal fund.
3. The reasonableness and accuracy of the jurisdiction's statement as to how the funds are to be expended, giving special attention as to whether such funds will be expended in such a manner as to ensure compliance with the reassessment order.
4. The capability of the jurisdiction to repay the loan within the time period specified in Iowa Code section 421.30.

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DEFINITIONS

[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 211]

This chapter includes cross references to provisions in 701—Chapters 15 to 20, 21, 26, 30, 32 and 33 that were applicable prior to July 1, 2004.

**701—200.1(423) Definitions.** The definitions set out in this chapter are applicable wherever the terms they define appear in this title unless the context indicates otherwise.

*“Agent”* means a person appointed by a seller to represent the seller before the member states.

*“Agreement”* means the streamlined sales and use tax agreement authorized by 2003 Iowa Acts, First Extraordinary Session, chapter 2, division XIV, to provide a mechanism for establishing and maintaining a cooperative, simplified system for the application and administration of sales and use taxes.

*“Agricultural production”* is limited to what would ordinarily be considered a farming operation undertaken for profit. The term “agricultural production” refers to the raising of crops or livestock for market on an acreage. Included within the meaning of the phrase “agricultural production” is any feedlot operation whether or not the land upon which a feedlot operation is located is used to grow crops to feed the livestock in the feedlot and regardless of whether or not the livestock fed are owned by persons conducting the feedlot operation, and operations growing and raising hybrid seed corn or other seed for sale to nurseries, ranches, orchards, and dairies. “Agricultural production” includes the raising of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants in commercial greenhouses or elsewhere for sale in the ordinary course of business. “Agricultural production” also includes any kind of aquaculture; silviculture; commercial greenhouses; and raising catfish. Beekeeping and the raising of mink, other nondomesticated furbearing animals, and nondomesticated fowl (other than ostriches, rheas, and emus) continue to be excluded from the term “agricultural production.” The above list of exclusions and inclusions within the term “agricultural production” is not exhaustive. “Agricultural products” includes flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants and those products of aquaculture and silviculture.

*“Aquaculture”* means the cultivation of aquatic animals and plants, including fish, shellfish, and seaweed, in natural or controlled marine or freshwater environments.

*“Business”* means any activity engaged in by any person or caused to be engaged in by the person with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage, either direct or indirect.

*“Certificate of title”* means a certificate of title issued for a vehicle or for manufactured housing under Iowa Code chapter 321.

*“Certified automated system”* means software certified under the agreement to calculate the tax imposed by each jurisdiction on a transaction, determine the amount of tax to remit to the appropriate state, and maintain a record of the transaction.

*“Certified service provider”* means an agent certified under the agreement to perform all of a seller’s sales or use tax functions, other than the seller’s obligation to remit tax on its own purchases.

*“Chemical”* means a substance which is primarily used for producing a chemical effect. A chemical effect results from a chemical process wherein the number and kind of atoms in a molecule are changed in form (e.g., where oxygen and hydrogen are combined to make water). A chemical process is distinct from a physical process wherein only the state of matter changes (e.g., where water is frozen into ice or heated into steam).

*“Computer”* means an electronic device that accepts information in digital or similar form and manipulates the information for a result based on a sequence of instructions.

*“Computer software”* means a set of coded instructions designed to cause a computer or automatic data processing equipment to perform a task.

*“Delivered electronically”* means delivered to the purchaser by means other than tangible storage media.

*“Delivery charges”* means charges assessed by a seller of personal property or services for preparation and delivery to a location designated by the purchaser of personal property or services including, but not limited to, transportation, shipping, postage, handling, crating, and packing charges.

*“Department”* means the department of revenue.

*“Direct mail”* means printed material delivered or distributed by United States mail or other delivery service to a mass audience or to addressees on a mailing list provided by the purchaser or at the direction of the purchaser when the cost of the items is not billed directly to the recipients. “Direct mail” includes tangible personal property supplied directly or indirectly by the purchaser to the direct mail seller for inclusion in the package containing the printed material. “Direct mail” does not include multiple items of printed material delivered to a single address.

*“Director”* means the director of revenue.

*“Domesticated fowl”* means any domesticated bird raised as a source of food, either eggs or meat. “Domesticated fowl” includes, but is not limited to, chickens, ducks, turkeys, pigeons, ostriches, rheas, and emus which are raised for meat rather than for racing or as pets. Excluded from the meaning of “domesticated fowl” are nondomesticated birds, such as pheasants, raised for meat or any other purpose.

*“Educational institution”* means an institution which primarily functions as a school, college, or university with students, faculty, and an established curriculum. The faculty of an educational institution must be associated with the institution, and the curriculum must include basic courses which are offered every year. “Educational institution” includes an institution primarily functioning as a library.

*“Electronic”* means related to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

*“Farm deer”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 170.1.

*“Farm machinery and equipment”* means machinery and equipment used in agricultural production.

*“First use of a service”* means when a service is rendered, furnished, or performed in Iowa or, if rendered, furnished, or performed outside of Iowa, when the product or result of the service is used in Iowa.

*“Goods, wares, or merchandise”* means the same as “tangible personal property.”

*“Governing board”* means the group comprised of representatives of the member states of the agreement, which is created by the agreement to be responsible for the agreement’s administration and operation.

*“Implement of husbandry”* means any tool, equipment, or machine necessary to the carrying on of the business of agricultural production and without which the work could not be done. *Reaves v. State*, 50 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. Crim. App. Ct. 1932). An airplane or helicopter designed for and used primarily in spraying or dusting of plants which are raised as part of agricultural production for market is an implement of husbandry.

*“Installed purchase price”* means the amount charged, valued in money whether paid in money or otherwise, by a building contractor to convert manufactured housing from tangible personal property into realty. “Installed purchase price” includes, but is not limited to, amounts charged for the building contractor’s installing a foundation and electrical and plumbing hookups. “Installed purchase price” excludes any amount charged for landscaping in connection with the conversion.

*“Lease or rental.”*

1. “Lease or rental” means any transfer of possession or control of tangible personal property for a fixed or indeterminate term for consideration. A “lease or rental” may include future options to purchase or extend.

2. “Lease or rental” includes agreements covering motor vehicles and trailers when the amount of consideration may be increased or decreased by reference to the amount realized upon sale or disposition of the property as defined in 26 U.S.C. Section 7701(h)(1).

3. “Lease or rental” does not include any of the following:

- A transfer of possession or control of property under a security agreement or deferred payment plan that requires the transfer of title upon completion of the required payments.

- A transfer of possession or control of property under an agreement that requires the transfer of title upon completion of required payments, and payment of any option price does not exceed the greater of \$100 or 1 percent of the total required payments.
- Providing tangible personal property along with an operator for a fixed or indeterminate period of time. A condition of this exclusion is that the operator is necessary for the equipment to perform as designed. For the purpose of this paragraph, an operator must do more than maintain, inspect, or set up the tangible personal property.

4. This definition of “lease or rental” shall be used for sales and use tax purposes regardless of whether a transaction is characterized as a lease or rental under generally accepted accounting principles, the Internal Revenue Code, the Uniform Commercial Code, or other provisions of federal, state, or local law.

“*Livestock*” means domestic animals which are raised on a farm as a source of food or clothing, *Van Clief v. Comptroller of State of Md.*, 126 A.2d 865 (Md. 1956) and *In the Matter of Simonsen Mill Inc.*, Declaratory Ruling of the State Board, Docket No. 211, April 24, 1980. “Livestock” includes cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, chickens, ducks, turkeys, ostriches, rheas, emus, bison, and farm deer. “Farm deer” is defined as set forth in Iowa Code section 170.1 and commonly includes animals belonging to the Cervidae family, such as fallow deer, red deer or elk and sika. However, “farm deer” does not include unmarked free-ranging elk. Fish and any other animals which are products of aquaculture are considered to be “livestock” as well.

Excluded from the term “livestock” are horses, mules, other draft animals, dogs, cats, and other pets. Also excluded from the term “livestock” are mink, bees, or other nondomesticated animals even if raised in captivity and even if raised as a source of food or clothing. Also excluded from “livestock” is any animal raised for racing.

“*Manufactured housing*” means “manufactured home” as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1.

“*Manufacturer*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(47).

“*Member state*” means any state which has signed the agreement.

“*Mobile home*” means “manufactured or mobile home” as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1.

“*Model 1 seller*” means a seller that has selected a certified service provider as its agent to perform all the seller’s sales and use tax functions, other than the seller’s obligation to remit tax on its own purchases.

“*Model 2 seller*” means a seller that has selected a certified automated system to perform part of its sales and use tax functions, but retains responsibility for remitting the tax.

“*Model 3 seller*” means a seller that has sales in at least five member states, has total annual sales revenue of at least \$500 million, has a proprietary system that calculates the amount of tax due each jurisdiction, and has entered into a performance agreement with the member states that establishes a tax performance standard for the seller. As used in this definition, a “seller” includes an affiliated group of sellers using the same proprietary system.

“*Nonresidential commercial operations*” means industrial, commercial, mining, or agricultural operations, whether for profit or not, but does not include apartment complexes or mobile home parks.

“*Not registered under the agreement*” means lack of registration by a seller with the member states under the central registration system referenced in 2005 Iowa Code section 423.11, subsection 4.

“*Person*” means an individual, trust, estate, fiduciary, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, corporation, or any other legal entity.

“*Place of business*” means any warehouse, store, place, office, building, or structure where goods, wares, or merchandise is offered for sale at retail or where any taxable amusement is conducted, or each office where gas, water, heat, communication, pay television, or electric services are offered for sale at retail. When a retailer or amusement operator sells merchandise by means of vending machines or operates music or amusement devices by coin-operated machines at more than one location within the state, the office, building, or place where the books, papers, and records of the taxpayer are kept shall be deemed to be the taxpayer’s place of business.

“*Plants*” means fungi such as mushrooms and crops commonly grown in this state such as corn, soybeans, oats, hay, alfalfa hay, wheat, sorghum, and rye. Also included within the meaning of the term

“plants” are flowers, shrubs, and fruit trees. Excluded from the meaning of the term “plants” are products of silviculture, such as trees raised for Christmas trees and any trees raised to be harvested for wood.

“*Prewritten computer software*” means software designed and developed by the author or other creator to the specifications of a specific purchaser when it is sold to a person other than the purchaser. The combining of two or more prewritten computer software programs or prewritten portions of prewritten programs does not cause the combination to be other than prewritten computer software. “Prewritten computer software” also means computer software, including prewritten upgrades, which is not designed and developed by the author or other creator to the specifications of a specific purchaser.

When a person modifies or enhances computer software of which the person is not the author or creator, the person shall be deemed to be the author or creator only of such person’s modifications or enhancements. Prewritten computer software or a prewritten portion of the prewritten software that is modified or enhanced to any degree, when such modification or enhancement is designed and developed to the specifications of a specific purchaser, still is classified as prewritten computer software. However, when there is a reasonable, separately stated charge or an invoice or other statement of the price given to the purchaser for such modification or enhancement, such modification or enhancement shall not constitute prewritten computer software.

“*Property purchased for resale in connection with the performance of a service*” means property which is purchased for resale in connection with the rendition, furnishing, or performance of a service by a person who renders, furnishes, or performs the service if all of the following occur:

1. The provider and user of the service intend that a sale of the property will occur.
2. The property is transferred to the user of the service in connection with the performance of the service in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value.
3. The sale is evidenced by a separate charge for the identifiable piece of property.

“*Purchase*” means any transfer, exchange, or barter, conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, for a consideration.

“*Purchase price*” means the same as “sales price” as defined in this rule.

“*Purchaser*” means a person to whom a sale of personal property is made or to whom a service is furnished.

“*Reagent*” means a substance used for various purposes (i.e., in detecting, examining, or measuring other substances, in preparing materials, in developing photographs) because it takes part in one or more chemical reactions or biological processes. A reagent is also a substance used to convert one substance into another by means of the reaction that it causes. To be a reagent for purpose of the exemption, a substance must be primarily used as a reagent.

“*Receive*” and “*receipt*” mean any of the following:

1. Taking possession of tangible personal property.
2. Making first use of a service.
3. Taking possession or making first use of digital goods, whichever comes first.

“Receive” and “receipt” do not include possession by a shipping company on behalf of a purchaser.

“*Registered under the agreement*” means registration by a seller under the central registration system referenced in 2005 Iowa Code section 423.11, subsection 4.

“*Relief agency*” means the state or any county, city and county, city, or district thereof, or any agency engaged in actual relief work.

“*Retailer*” means and includes every person engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property or taxable services at retail or the furnishing of gas, electricity, water, pay television, or communication service, and tickets or admissions to places of amusement and athletic events or operating amusement devices or other forms of commercial amusement from which revenues are derived. However, when in the opinion of the director it is necessary for the efficient administration of these rules to regard any salespersons, representatives, truckers, peddlers, or canvassers as agents of the dealers, distributors, supervisors, employers, or persons under whom the salespersons, representatives, truckers, peddlers, or canvassers operate or from whom they obtain tangible personal property sold by them irrespective of whether or not they are making sales on their own behalf or on behalf of such dealers, distributors, supervisors, employers, or persons, the director may so regard them, and may



regard such dealers, distributors, supervisors, employers, or persons as retailers for the purposes of these rules. "Retailer" includes a seller obligated to collect sales or use tax.

*"Retailer maintaining a place of business in this state"* or any like term includes any retailer having or maintaining within this state, directly or by a subsidiary, an office, distribution house, sales house, warehouse, or other place of business, or any representative operating within this state under the authority of the retailer or its subsidiary, irrespective of whether that place of business or representative is located here permanently or temporarily, or whether the retailer or subsidiary is admitted to do business within this state pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 490.

*"Retailer's price"* means the total amount of consideration, including cash, credit, property, and services, valued in money, which a retailer states must be paid before the personal property or services offered by the retailer are sold or furnished, without deduction for one or more of the items mentioned in paragraph "b" of the definition of "sales price."

*"Retailers who are not model sellers"* means all retailers other than model 1, model 2, or model 3 sellers.

*"Retail sale"* or *"sale at retail"* means any sale, lease, or rental for any purpose other than resale, sublease, or subrent.

*"Sales"* or *"sale"* means any transfer, exchange, or barter, conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, for consideration.

*"Sales price"* means the measure subject to sales tax.

a. "Sales price" means the total amount of consideration, including cash, credit, property, and services, for which personal property or services are sold, leased, or rented, valued in money, whether received in money or otherwise, without any deduction for any of the following:

1. The seller's cost of the property sold.
2. The cost of materials used, labor or service cost, interest, losses, all costs of transportation to the seller, all taxes imposed on the seller, and any other expenses of the seller.
3. Charges by the seller for any services necessary to complete the sale, other than delivery and installation charges.
4. Delivery charges.
5. Installation charges.
6. The value of exempt personal property given to the purchaser where taxable and exempt personal property have been bundled together and sold by the seller as a single product or piece of merchandise.
7. Credit for any trade-in authorized by 2005 Iowa Code section 423.3, subsection 58.

b. "Sales price" does not include:

1. Discounts, including cash, term, or coupons that are not reimbursed by a third party that are allowed by a seller and taken by a purchaser on a sale.
2. Interest, financing, and carrying charges from credit extended on the sale of personal property or services, if the amount is separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser.
3. Any taxes legally imposed directly on the consumer that are separately stated on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document given to the purchaser.
4. The amounts received for charges included in paragraph "a," paragraphs "3" through "7," if they are separately contracted for and separately stated on the invoice, billing, or similar document given to the purchaser and the amounts represent charges which are not the sales price of a taxable sale or of the furnishing of a taxable service.
5. Trade discounts given or allowed by manufacturers, distributors, or wholesalers to retailers or by manufacturers or distributors to wholesalers and payments made by manufacturers, distributors, or wholesalers directly to retailers or by manufacturers or distributors to wholesalers to reduce the sales price of the manufacturer's, distributor's, or wholesaler's product or to promote the sale or recognition of the manufacturer's, distributor's, or wholesaler's product. This paragraph does not apply to coupons issued by manufacturers, distributors, or wholesalers to consumers.

c. For the purposes of this definition, the sales price from a rental or lease includes rent, royalties, and copyright and license fees.

“*Sales tax*” means the tax levied under 2005 Iowa Code sections 423.2 to 423.4.

“*Seller*” means any person making sales, leases, or rentals of personal property or services.

“*Services*” means all acts or services rendered, furnished, or performed, other than services used in processing of tangible personal property for use in retail sales or services, for an employer who pays the wages of an employee for a valuable consideration by any person engaged in any business or occupation specifically enumerated in 2005 Iowa Code section 423.2. The tax shall be due and collectible when the service is rendered, furnished, or performed for the ultimate user of the service.

“*Services used in the processing of tangible personal property*” means the reconditioning or repairing of tangible personal property of the type normally sold in the regular course of the retailer’s business and which is held for sale.

“*Silviculture*” means the establishment, growth, care, and cultivation of trees. “*Silvicultural activities*” includes logging. “*Silvicultural products*” includes trees raised and offered for sale for Christmas trees and any trees raised to be harvested for wood.

“*Solvent*” means a substance in which another substance can be dissolved and which is primarily used for that purpose.

“*Sorbent*” means a solid material, often in a powder or granular form, which acts to retain another substance, usually on the sorbent’s surface, thereby removing the other substance from the gas or liquid phase. The sorbent and the second material bond together at the molecular or atomic scale via physiochemical interactions. A substance is not a sorbent based on an ability to absorb heat or thermal energy.

“*State*” means any state of the United States and the District of Columbia.

“*System*” means the central electronic registration system maintained by Iowa and other states which are signatories to the agreement.

“*Tangible personal property*” means personal property that can be seen, weighed, measured, felt, or touched, or that is in any other manner perceptible to the senses. “*Tangible personal property*” includes electricity, water, gas, steam, and prewritten computer software.

“*Tax*” means the tax upon retail sales or use of tangible personal property or taxable services.

“*Taxpayer*” means any person who is subject to Iowa sales and use tax, whether acting on the person’s own behalf or as a fiduciary.

“*Trailer*” means every trailer, as is now or may be hereafter so defined by Iowa Code chapter 321, which is required to be registered or is subject only to the issuance of a certificate of title under Iowa Code chapter 321.

“*Use*” means and includes the exercise by any person of any right or power over tangible personal property incident to the ownership of that property. A retailer’s or building contractor’s sale of manufactured housing for use in this state, whether in the form of tangible personal property or of realty, is a use of that property.

“*User*” means the immediate recipient of the services who is entitled to exercise a right of power over the product of such services.

“*Use tax*” means the tax levied under 2005 Iowa Code chapter 423, subchapter III, for which the retailer collects and remits tax to the department.

“*Value of services*” means the price to the user exclusive of any direct tax imposed by the federal government or under these rules.

“*Vehicles subject to registration*” means any vehicle subject to registration pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.18.

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CHAPTER 201  
SALES AND USE TAX PERMITS  
[Prior to 7/13/22, see 701—Chapter 13]

**701—201.1(423) Permit required.**

**201.1(1) *Sales subject to sales tax.*** A person shall not make taxable sales of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services until the person has received a permit from the department. There is no charge for a sales and use tax permit. If a person makes retail sales from more than one location, each location from which taxable sales of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services will occur shall be required to hold a permit.

**201.1(2) *Purchases subject to use tax.*** A person purchasing tangible personal property, specified digital products, or taxable services from an out-of-state source for use in Iowa subject to the use tax law shall be liable for the payment of use tax. The person shall be required to file a sales and use tax return with the department, reporting and remitting use tax on all property or taxable service purchased for use in Iowa during the tax period covered by the return, unless the seller from whom the purchase is made is registered with the department and has collected sales or use tax on the purchase.

**201.1(3) *Sales subject to use tax.*** An out-of-state person making sales into Iowa or sales of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or taxable services without meeting or exceeding the sales threshold as defined in rule 701—207.1(423) may register for a sales and use tax permit to collect use tax on such sales. The person collecting use tax on these sales shall report these sales as sales subject to use tax on the sales and use tax return. Rule 701—207.6(423) contains additional information about sales tax collection obligations for out-of-state persons.

**201.1(4) *Infrequent purchases.*** A person who does not regularly make purchases subject to use tax but needs to remit tax may use the Iowa nonpermit use tax return. If a person owes less than \$1,200 per year in use tax, the person does not need to obtain a permit and may file the Iowa nonpermit use tax return.

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**701—201.2(423) Application for permit.**

**201.2(1) *Permit application.*** An application for a sales and use tax permit shall be made upon a form provided by the department, and the applicant shall furnish all information requested on such form. An application for a permit for a business operating under a trade name shall state the trade name, as well as the individual owner's name, in the case of a sole ownership by an individual, or the trade name and the name of all partners in the case of a partnership. The application shall state the date when the applicant will begin selling tangible personal property, specified digital products, or taxable services at retail in Iowa from the location for which the application is made.

**201.2(2) *Signatures required.***

*a. Paper applications.* The application shall be signed by the owner, in the case of an individual business; by a partner, in the case of a partnership, although all partners' names shall appear on the application; and by the president, vice president, treasurer or other principal officer, in the case of a corporation or association, unless written authorization is given by the officers for another person to sign the application.

*b. Electronic applications.* For electronically transmitted applications, the application form shall state that in lieu of a person's handwritten signature, an email address will constitute a valid signature.

**201.2(3) *Retroactive permits and returns for prior periods.*** A person may indicate on a permit application that the effective date of the permit is in a prior tax period. Returns must be filed for all prior tax periods dating back to the effective date of the permit. Penalty and interest may apply and be imposed by the department for returns filed for those prior tax periods. 701—Chapter 10 contains more information about penalties and interest. Submission of a retroactive permit application makes a person ineligible for a voluntary disclosure agreement for those prior tax periods. 701—Chapter 3 contains more information about the voluntary disclosure program.

**201.2(4) Address only required for retail sales locations.** If a person is subject to sales tax and has physical presence or economic presence and is not making sales exclusively through a marketplace facilitator, the person shall provide a location for its sales and use tax permit.

**201.2(5) Seasonal filers.** A seasonal business retailer with sales in up to four months during the calendar year may register to file a return and remit tax as a seasonal filer. The retailer will be expected to only file returns for the specific months in which the retailer conducts business as indicated by the retailer upon registration. The retailer will not be expected to file a return or remit tax for the other months of the year. Like any other retailer, the seasonal retailer must still notify the department when it ceases operation permanently; if it does not, it will receive a nonfiler notice from the department.

EXAMPLE: Retailer A plans to start selling Christmas trees annually starting in 2022. Retailer A only plans to sell trees in November and December each year. Retailer A may request to be designated as a seasonal filer such that it only is required to file returns for November and December each year. Retailer A fails to file a sales and use tax return for November 2029. Retailer A will receive a notice from the department even if Retailer A stopped selling trees after 2028.

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**701—201.3(423) Retailers selling nontaxable goods and services.** Persons regularly engaged in selling tangible personal property or a specified digital product which is exempt from tax, making nontaxable transactions, or performing a service which is not enumerated in Iowa Code section 423.2 shall not be required to obtain a sales tax permit. However, if the retailer makes taxable sales or provides taxable services, the retailer will be required to hold a permit under the provisions of this chapter and Iowa Code section 423.36.

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**701—201.4(423) Reinstatement of canceled permit.** A person who previously held and canceled a permit who wishes to reengage in business shall apply to the department for a new permit and file any previously unfiled tax returns. Upon receipt of the proper clearance for previous tax returns, a new permit shall be issued.

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**701—201.5(423) Permit not transferable—sale of business.** Permits shall not be transferable. The owner of a business holding a permit that sells the business shall cancel the permit, and the purchaser of the business shall apply for a new permit in the purchaser's own name.

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**701—201.6(423) Change of location.** A business changing its location shall cancel its original permit and apply for a new permit.

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**701—201.7(423) Change of ownership.** A retailer changing its business entity shall apply for a new permit under the name of the new entity. This includes but is not limited to such entity changes as proprietorship to partnership, partnership to corporation, or any combination thereof.

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**701—201.8(423) Change of legal or operating name of a business.**

**201.8(1) Change to legal name.** A retailer changing its legal name but maintaining its ownership may continue to use its existing sales and use tax permit. The retailer shall notify the department of

the change in legal name and shall provide legal documentation proving the change in name before the department will change the legal name for the permit.

**201.8(2) *Change to operating name.*** A retailer changing its operating, or “doing business as,” name may continue using its existing sales and use tax permit. The retailer shall notify the department of the change in operating name. No documentation is required for the department to update the operating name associated with the permit.

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**701—201.9(423) Trustees, receivers, executors and administrators.** By virtue of their appointment, trustees, receivers, executors and administrators who continue to operate, manage or control a business involving the sale of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or taxable services or engage in liquidating the assets of a business by means of sales made in the usual course of trade shall collect and remit tax on inventory and noninventory items. A permit of a ward, decedent, cestui que trust, bankrupt, assignor or debtor for whom a receiver has been appointed, which is valid at the time a fiduciary relation is created, shall continue to be a valid permit for the fiduciary to continue the business for a reasonable time or to close out the business for the purpose of settling an estate or terminating or liquidating a trust.

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**701—201.10(423) Substantially delinquent tax—denial of permit.**

**201.10(1) *Substantial delinquency of tax.***

*a. Applicant identity.* The department may deny a permit to any applicant who is, at the time of application, substantially delinquent in paying any tax due which is administered by the department or the interest or penalty on the tax. If the applicant is a partnership, a permit may be denied if a partner is substantially delinquent in paying any tax, penalty, or interest regardless of whether the tax is in any way a liability of or associated with the partnership. If an applicant for a permit is a corporation, the department may deny the applicant a permit if any officer with a substantial legal or equitable interest in the ownership of the corporation owes any delinquent tax, penalty, or interest of the applicant corporation. In this latter instance, the corporation must initially owe the delinquent tax, penalty, or interest and the officer must be personally and secondarily liable for the tax. This is in contrast to the situation regarding a partnership.

*b. Tax administered by the department.* The local option sales tax is a tax administered by the department. Local vehicle; property, whether imposed on centrally assessed property or not; beer and liquor; and insurance premium taxes are nonexclusive examples of taxes which are not administered by the department.

**201.10(2) *Substantial delinquency factors.*** The amount of tax delinquent, the number of filing periods for which a tax remains due and unpaid, and the length of time a tax has been unpaid are the principal, but nonexclusive circumstances, that the department will use to determine whether an applicant is substantially or insubstantially delinquent in paying a tax. The department may deny a permit for substantial delinquency. Nonexclusive factors that the department will consider in determining whether substantial delinquency will or will not result in the denial of an application for a permit are the following: whether the delinquency was inadvertent, negligent, or intentional; the amount of tax, interest, or penalty owed in relation to the applicant’s total financial resources; and whether the applicant’s business is likely to survive over the long term if a license or permit is granted.

**201.10(3) *Child support noncompliance.*** The department will deny a permit to any applicant, who is an individual, if the department has received a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit in regard to the individual, until the unit furnishes the department with a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.36.  
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**701—201.11(423) Substantially delinquent tax—revocation of permit.**

**201.11(1) Substantial delinquency of tax.** The department may revoke a permit if the permit holder has become substantially delinquent in paying any tax which is administered by the department or the interest or penalty on the tax. If the person holding a permit is a corporation, the department may revoke the permit if any officer with a substantial legal or equitable interest in the ownership of the corporation owes any delinquent tax, penalty, or interest of the permit-holding corporation. In this latter instance, the corporation must initially owe the delinquent tax, penalty, or interest and the officer must be personally and secondarily liable for the tax. If the permit holder is a partnership, a permit cannot be revoked for a partner's failure to pay a tax which is not a liability of the partnership. This is in contrast to the situation regarding an application for a permit. Rule 701—201.10(423) contains characterizations of the terms “tax administered by the department” and “substantially delinquent” and a description of some of the factors that the department will use in determining whether substantial delinquency will or will not result in the revocation of a permit.

**201.11(2) Child support noncompliance.** A revoked permit will not be reinstated if the department has received a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit in regard to the permit holder who is an individual requesting reinstatement, until the unit furnishes the department with a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance.

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#### **701—201.12(423) Reinstatement of revoked permit.**

**201.12(1)** A revoked permit shall be reinstated only on such terms and conditions as the case may warrant. Terms and conditions include payment of any tax liability that may be due to the department. Rule 701—201.11(423) includes a description of the circumstances under which nonpayment of taxes may lead to revocation of a permit.

**201.12(2)** Pursuant to the director's statutory authority in Iowa Code section 423.36(6) to restore licenses after a revocation, the director has determined that upon the initial revocation of a sales and use tax permit, the permit holder will be required to pay all delinquent sales tax liabilities, to file returns, and to post a bond and to refrain from taxable occurrences under Iowa Code section 423.2 as required by the director prior to the reinstatement or issuance of a new sales tax permit.

**201.12(3)** As set forth above, the director may impose a waiting period during which the permit holder must refrain from taxable occurrences pursuant to the penalties of Iowa Code section 423.40, not to exceed 90 days, to restore a permit or issue a new permit after a revocation. The department may require a sworn affidavit, subject to the penalties of perjury, stating that the permit holder has fulfilled all requirements of said order of revocation, and stating the dates on which the permit holder refrained from taxable occurrences.

**201.12(4)** Each of the following situations will be considered one offense, for the purpose of determining the waiting period to reinstate a revoked permit or issue a new permit after a revocation unless otherwise noted.

- a. Failure to post a bond as required.
- b. Failure to file a return timely.
- c. Failure to pay tax timely (including dishonored checks, failure to pay, and late payments).
- d. Failure to file a return and pay tax shown on the return timely (counts as two offenses).

**201.12(5)** The administrative law judge or director of revenue may order a waiting period after the revocation not to exceed:

- a. Five days for one through five offenses.
- b. Seven days for six through seven offenses.
- c. Ten days for eight through nine offenses.
- d. Thirty days for ten offenses or more.

**201.12(6)** The administrative law judge or director of revenue may order a waiting period not to exceed:

- a. Forty-five days if the second revocation occurs within 24 months of the first revocation.
- b. Sixty days if the second revocation occurs within 18 months of the first revocation.



- c. Ninety days if the second revocation occurs within 12 months of the first revocation.
- d. Ninety days if the third revocation occurs within 36 months of the second revocation.

**201.12(7)** A revoked permit will not be reinstated if the department has received a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit in regard to the permit holder, who is an individual requesting reinstatement, until the unit furnishes the department with a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance.

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**701—201.13(423) Withdrawal of permit.** After investigation, the department will withdraw a permit under the following conditions:

**201.13(1)** Upon a determination that the permit holder cannot be located in the state of Iowa and upon failure to obtain service of an order to appear and show cause, after sending the notice by registered certified mail or an attempt to personally serve the notice of the order.

**201.13(2)** Upon a determination that the permit holder cannot be located in the state of Iowa and upon a determination by the department that a business has been terminated or abandoned by the permit holder, without a request for cancellation signed by the permit holder.

**201.13(3)** The permit holder has become incapacitated or unable to respond or is deceased and has no duly appointed trustee, guardian or individual holding a power of attorney, executor or administrator. The withdrawal shall not constitute a revocation of said license, nor shall any penalties imposed for revocation be applicable. A permit so withdrawn shall be reissued in its prior status at such time as any affected permit holder so requests. The proceedings for withdrawal will be in conformity with Iowa Code section 17A.18.

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CHAPTER 202  
FILING RETURNS AND PAYMENT OF TAX  
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**701—202.1(423) Sales and use tax return filing.**

**202.1(1) *In general.*** A retailer owing \$1,200 or more in sales or use tax per calendar year shall file a sales and use tax return once per month. This monthly return is due on or before the last day of the month following the end of the month in which the tax was collected. A retailer owing less than \$1,200 in sales or use tax per calendar year shall file a sales and use tax return at least once per annual year, due on or before January 31 for the prior calendar year. A retailer otherwise expected to file a return annually may file a return on a monthly basis if the retailer prefers to do so. Every return shall be signed and dated.

**202.1(2) *New retailers.*** A retailer who has never held an Iowa sales or use tax permit and has never collected or accrued sales or use tax in Iowa shall indicate at the time the retailer registers for its permit whether it expects to file a return monthly or annually.

**202.1(3) *Changes to filing frequency.*** A retailer registered to file an annual sales and use tax return should update its return filing frequency as needed. The department may adjust a retailer's filing frequency if the retailer has remitted \$1,200 or more in its first year of operation in Iowa and the department has notified the retailer that it meets or exceeds the filing threshold.

**202.1(4) *Calculating the \$1,200 filing frequency threshold.*** The threshold for determining whether a retailer should file a monthly or an annual sales and use tax return shall be calculated by adding sales and use taxes due in a calendar year. Other excise taxes should not be included in the calculation, even though they may be reported on the sales and use tax return.

**202.1(5) *Electronic filing requirement and exception.*** Retailers required to file a monthly sales and use tax return shall file the return through GovConnectIowa. A retailer who is unable to file a return electronically may request permission from the director to file a paper return. A retailer requesting such permission shall provide proof of its inability to file electronically.

**202.1(6) *Simplified electronic return due date.*** A retailer registered to collect Iowa tax through the Streamlined Sales Tax Registration System shall file a simplified electronic return on or before the twentieth day of each month following the end of the month in which the tax was collected. Any other retailer using the simplified electronic return shall file the return on or before the last day of the month following the end of the month in which the tax was collected.

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**701—202.2(423) Reporting sales or use taxes.** A taxpayer with a reporting obligation for either sales tax or use tax but not both shall indicate on the sales and use tax return that it has no tax to report for the appropriate tax type. A taxpayer does this by making the appropriate indication on an electronic return or by entering a zero on the taxable amount line in the tax section of a paper return for which the taxpayer does not have tax to report. A taxpayer who fails to do so will be treated as not reporting for that tax type.

EXAMPLE: Retailer B holds a sales and use tax permit and files a monthly return. Retailer B does not owe any use tax for the July 2023 tax period. After entering information related to sales tax liability for the period, Retailer B must affirmatively state it has no use tax to report in the use tax section of its electronic return for the July 2023 tax period.

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**701—202.3(423) Sales and use tax remittance.** Sales or use tax owed by a retailer shall accompany the sales and use tax return for the period in which the tax became due. Retailers filing a monthly sales and use tax return electronically shall remit tax electronically. Retailers filing a paper return may remit tax by mail, payable to the Iowa Department of Revenue. Remittances transmitted electronically are considered to have been made on the date the remittance is completed in GovConnectIowa.

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**701—202.4(423) Due dates, weekends, and holidays.** Due dates that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday shall be treated in accordance with Iowa Code section 421.9A. Iowa Code section 421.9A contains a definition of “holiday.”

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.9A.  
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**701—202.5(423) Consolidated returns.** Two types of permit holders have the option of filing a consolidated return. The first is a permit holder with multiple locations from which taxable sales are made, and the second is certain affiliated corporations.

**202.5(1) Permit holders with multiple locations.**

*a. Permit holder option.* A permit holder procuring more than one permit may file a separate return for each permit or, if a request to consolidate has been approved by the department pursuant to this rule, the permit holder may file one consolidated return reporting sales made at all locations for which a permit is held.

*b. Filing a consolidated return.*

(1) In order to file a complete consolidated sales tax return, the taxpayer must file a form entitled Schedule of Consolidated Business Locations with its sales and use tax return, and the schedule must include all of the following items:

1. The taxpayer’s consolidated permit number;
2. The permit number for each Iowa location;
3. The amount of state sales tax by business location; and
4. The amount of state sales tax due on goods consumed that are not assigned to a specific business location.

(2) Failure by the taxpayer to file a Schedule of Consolidated Business Locations form with its sales and use tax return will result in the consideration of the return as incomplete, and the taxpayer will be subject to the penalty provisions set forth in Iowa Code section 421.27.

**202.5(2) Affiliated corporations.**

*a. Application by affiliate group.* Any group consisting of a parent and its affiliates, which is entitled to file a consolidated return for federal income tax purposes and which makes retail sales of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or taxable services, may make application to the director for permission to file a consolidated Iowa sales tax return. The application shall be in writing and shall be signed by an officer of the parent corporation. It shall contain the business name, address, federal identification number, and Iowa sales tax identification number of every corporation seeking the right to file a consolidated return. The application shall state the initial tax period for which the right to file a consolidated return is sought and shall be filed no later than 90 days prior to the beginning of that period. The application shall also contain any additional relevant information that the director may, in individual instances, require.

*b. Joint and several liability.* A parent corporation and each affiliate corporation that file a consolidated return are jointly and severally liable for all tax, penalty, and interest found due for the tax period for which a consolidated return is filed or required to be filed.

**202.5(3) Requirements common to returns filed under this rule.** The following provisions apply to permit holders filing consolidated returns pursuant to either subrule 202.5(1) or 202.5(2):

*a. Proper form.* Taxpayers shall file consolidated returns through GovConnectIowa.

*b. Working papers.* All working papers used in the preparation of the information required to complete the returns must be available for examination by the department.

*c. Offsetting collections among affiliates.* Undercollections of sales tax at one or more locations or by one or more affiliates may not be offset by overcollections at other locations or by other affiliates.

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**701—202.6(423) Direct pay permits and negotiated rate agreements.**

**202.6(1) Direct pay permits in general.** Qualified purchasers, users, and consumers of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or taxable services pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 423

may remit tax owed directly to the department instead of having the tax collected and remitted by the seller. A qualified purchaser, user, or consumer may not be granted or exercise this direct pay option except upon proper application to the department and only after issuance of the direct pay permit by the director of the department or personnel authorized by the director.

*a. Qualifications for a direct pay permit.* To qualify for a direct pay permit, all of the following criteria must be met:

(1) The applicant must be a purchaser, user, or consumer of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or taxable services.

(2) The applicant must have an accrual of sales and use tax liability on consumed goods of more than \$8,000 in a month. A purchaser, user, or consumer may have more than one business location and can combine the sales and use tax liabilities on consumed goods of all locations to meet the requirement of \$8,000 in sales and use tax liability in a month to qualify if the records are located in a centralized location. If a purchaser, user, or consumer is combining more than one location, only one direct pay tax return for all of the combined locations needs to be filed with the department. However, local option sales tax should not be included in the tax base for determining qualification for a direct pay permit. If a purchaser, user, or consumer has more than one location, but not all locations wish to remit under a direct pay permit, the purchaser, user, or consumer must indicate which locations will be utilizing the direct pay permit at the time of application.

(3) The applicant must remit tax and file returns pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.36. Paragraph 202.6(1)“d” contains further details.

*b. Nonqualifying purchases or uses.* The granting of a direct pay permit is not allowed for any of the following:

(1) Taxes imposed on the sale, furnishing, or service of gas, electricity, water, heat, pay television service, or communication service.

(2) Taxes imposed under Iowa Code chapter 423C (automobile rental excise tax), Iowa Code section 423.26 (use tax on vehicles subject only to issuance of title), or Iowa Code section 423.26A (use tax on manufactured housing).

*c. Application and permit information.* To obtain a direct pay permit, a purchaser, user, or consumer must properly complete an application form prescribed by the director and provide certification that the purchaser, user, or consumer has paid sales and use tax to the department or vendors over the last two years prior to application, an average of \$8,000 in a month. Upon approval, the director or personnel authorized by the director will issue a direct pay permit to qualifying applicants. The permit will contain direct pay permit identifying information including a direct pay permit identification number. The direct pay permit should be retained by the permit holder. When purchasing from a vendor, a permit holder should give the vendor a certificate of exemption containing the information as set forth in rule 701—288.3(423).

*d. Remittance and reporting.* Direct pay permit holders shall remit and report sales, use, and local option sales tax on a monthly basis. Remittance of tax due under a direct pay permit will begin with the first month after the direct pay permit is issued to the holder. The tax to be paid under a direct pay permit shall be remitted directly to the department by electronic funds transfer (EFT) only. A permit holder need not have remitted by EFT prior to obtaining a direct pay permit to qualify for such a permit. However, a permit holder must remit taxes due by EFT for transactions entered into on or after the date the permit is issued. All local option sales tax due must be reported and remitted at the same time as the sales and use taxes due under the direct pay permit for the corresponding tax period. However, local option sales tax should not be included in the tax base for determining qualification for a direct pay permit or frequency of remittance. Reports should be filed with the department on a monthly basis. The director may, when necessary and advisable in order to secure the collection of tax due, require an applicant for a direct pay permit or a permit holder to file with the director a qualified surety bond as set forth in Iowa Code section 423.35. A permit holder who fails to report or remit any tax when due is subject to the penalty and interest provisions set forth in Iowa Code section 421.27.

*e. Permit revocation and nontransferability.* A direct pay permit may be used indefinitely unless it is revoked by the department. A direct pay permit is not transferable and may not be assigned to

a third party. The department may revoke a direct pay permit at any time the permit holder fails to meet the requirements for a direct pay permit, misuses the direct pay permit, or fails to comply with the provisions in Iowa Code section 423.36(9). If a direct pay permit is revoked, it is the responsibility of the prior holder of the permit to inform all vendors of the revocation so the vendors may begin to collect tax at the time of purchase. A prior permit holder is responsible for any tax, penalty, and interest due for failure to notify a vendor of revocation of a direct pay permit.

*f. Record-keeping requirements.* The parties involved in transactions involving a direct pay permit shall have the following record-keeping duties:

(1) Permit holder. The holder of a direct pay permit must retain possession of the direct pay permit. The permit holder must keep a record of all transactions made pursuant to the direct pay permit in compliance with rule 701—11.4(423).

(2) Vendor. A vendor must retain a valid exemption certificate under rule 701—288.3(423) that is received from the direct pay permit holder and retain records of all transactions engaged in with the permit holder in which tax was not collected, in compliance with rule 701—11.4(423). A vendor's liability for uncollected tax is governed by the liability provisions of a seller under an exemption certificate set forth in rule 701—288.3(423).

**202.6(2) Negotiated rate agreements.**

*a. In general.* Any person who has been issued or who has applied for a direct pay permit may request the department to enter into a negotiated rate agreement with the permit holder or applicant. These agreements are negotiated on a case-by-case basis and, if approved by the department, allow a direct pay permit holder to pay the state sales, local option sales, or use tax on a basis calculated by agreement between the direct pay permit holder and the department. Negotiated rate agreements are not applicable to sales and use taxes set out in paragraph 202.6(1) "b," and no negotiated rate agreement is effective for any period during which a taxpayer who is a signatory to the agreement is not a direct pay permit holder.

*b. Required information.* All negotiated rate agreements shall contain the following information or an explanation for its omission:

- (1) The name of the taxpayer who has entered into the agreement with the department.
- (2) The name and title of each person signing the agreement and the name, telephone or fax number, and email or physical address of at least one person to be contacted if questions regarding the agreement arise.
- (3) The period during which the agreement is in effect, the renewal or extension rights (if any) of each party, and the effective date of the agreement.
- (4) The negotiated rate or rates, the classes of sales or uses to which each separate rate is applicable, any items that will be excluded from the agreement, and any circumstances that will result in a changed rate or rates or changed composition of classes to which rates are applicable.
- (5) Actions or circumstances that render the agreement void, or voidable at the option of either party, and the time frame in which the agreement will be voided.
- (6) Rights, if any, of the parties to resort to mediation or arbitration.
- (7) An explanation of the department's right to audit aspects of the agreement, including any right to audit remaining after the agreement's termination.
- (8) The conditions by which the agreement may be terminated and the effective date of the termination.
- (9) The methodology used to determine the negotiated rate and any schedules needed to verify percentages.
- (10) Any other matter deemed necessary to the parties' mutual understanding of the agreement.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.36.

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**701—202.7(423) Regular permit holders responsible for collection of tax.** A permit holder may operate by selling merchandise by trucks, canvassers, or itinerant salespeople over fixed routes within the county in which the permanent place of business is located or other counties in this state. When

this occurs, the permit holder is liable for reporting and paying tax on these sales. The person doing the selling for the permit holder shall be required to have a form, either in possession or in the vehicle, which authorizes that person to collect tax. This form is obtained from the department and shall contain the name, address, and permit number of the retailer according to the records of the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.14 and 423.36.  
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#### **701—202.8(423) Sale of business.**

**202.8(1) Final return due.** A retailer selling the business shall file a return within the succeeding month and pay all tax due. Any unpaid tax shall be due prior to the transfer of title of any personal property to the purchaser, and the tax becomes delinquent one month after the sale.

**202.8(2) Record retention.** A retailer discontinuing business shall maintain the business's records for a period of five years from the date of discontinuing the business unless a release from this provision is given by the department. 701—subrule 285.28(2) provides for possible sales and use tax consequences relating to the sale of a business.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.33.  
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**701—202.9(423) Bankruptcy, insolvency, or assignment for benefit of creditors.** In cases of bankruptcy, insolvency or assignment for the benefit of creditors by the taxpayer, the taxpayer shall immediately file a return with the tax being due.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.31.  
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**701—202.10(423) Vending machines and other coin-operated devices.** An operator who places machines on location shall file a return that includes the sales price from sales from all machines or devices operated by the retailer in Iowa during the tax period covered by the return. The mandatory beverage container deposit required under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 455C shall not be considered part of the sales price.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1 and 423.2.  
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#### **701—202.11(423) Claim for refund of tax.**

**202.11(1) Eligibility for refund; filing claims.** Refunds of tax shall be made only to those who have actually paid the tax. A person or persons may designate the retailer who collects the tax as an agent for purposes of receiving a refund of tax. A person or persons who claim a refund shall prepare the claim on Form IA 843, Refund Return. A claim for refund shall be filed with the department, stating in detail the reasons and facts and, if necessary, supporting documents for which the claim for refund is based.

**202.11(2) Denial of refund claim—appeal.** If the claim for refund is denied, and the person wishes to appeal the denial, the department will consider an appeal to be timely if filed no later than 60 days following the date of denial. Rule 701—7.9(17A) contains more information on appeals.

**202.11(3) Request for abeyance.** When a person is in a position of believing that the tax, penalty, or interest paid or to be paid will be found not to be due at some later date, then in order to prevent the statute of limitations from running out, a claim for refund or credit must be filed with the department within the statutory period provided for in Iowa Code section 423.47. The claim must be filed requesting that it be held in abeyance pending the outcome of any action that will have a direct effect on the tax, penalty, or interest involved. Nonexclusive examples of such action would be court decisions, departmental orders and rulings, and commerce commission decisions.

EXAMPLE A: X, an Iowa sales tax permit holder, is audited by the department for the period July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2017. A \$10,000 tax, penalty, and interest liability is assessed on materials the department determines are not used in processing. X does not agree with the department's position but still pays the full liability even though X is aware of pending litigation involving the materials taxed in the audit.

Y is audited for the same period involving identical materials used to those taxed in the audit of X. However, Y, rather than paying the assessment, takes the department through litigation and wins. The final litigation is not completed until September 30, 2023.

X, on October 1, 2023, upon finding out about the decision of Y's case, files a claim for refund relating to its audit completed in June 2017. The claim will be totally denied as beyond the three-year statute of limitations. However, if X had filed a claim along with payment of its audit in June 2017, and requested that the claim be held in abeyance pending Y's litigation, then X would have received a full refund of its audit liability if the decision in Y's case was also applicable to X.

EXAMPLE B: X is audited by the department for the period July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2018, and assessed July 31, 2018. X pays the assessment on December 31, 2018. No protest was filed, and no claim for refund or credit was filed requesting it be held in abeyance. On January 31, 2020, X files a claim for refund relating to the entire audit. The claim is based on a recent court decision which makes the tax liability paid by X now refundable. However, only the tax paid from January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, will be allowed since this is the only portion within the three-year statute of limitations set forth in Iowa Code section 423.47. If the claim had been filed on or before December 31, 2019, then the entire audit period could have been considered for refund since the claim would have been filed within one year of payment.

**202.11(4) Refund of use tax.** A taxpayer cannot use Form IA 843, Refund Return, to claim a refund of use tax. A taxpayer must file an amended return to claim a refund of use tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.45 and 423.47.  
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**701—202.12(423) Immediate successor liability for unpaid tax.** A retailer ceasing to do business is obligated to prepare a final return and pay all tax due within the time required by law. If a retailer ceasing to do business fails to prepare such final return and pay all tax due within the time required by law, any immediate successor to the retailer who purchases the business or stock of goods is obligated to withhold from the purchase price enough of the purchase price to pay the tax, interest, or penalty that the retailer owes. Any immediate successor who intentionally fails to withhold a sufficient portion of the purchase price to pay the delinquent tax, interest, or penalty is personally liable for the payment of the delinquent tax, interest, or penalty. However, if the immediate successor's purchase of the business or stock of goods was made in good faith that the retailer owed no tax, interest, or penalty, then the department may waive the immediate successor's liability. For the purpose of this rule, "retailer" includes all persons liable for tax under Iowa Code sections 421.26 and 423.33.

**202.12(1) Immediate successors having a duty to withhold.**

a. Only an immediate successor who, pursuant to a contract of sale, pays a purchase price to a retailer in return for the transfer of a going business or a stock of goods is obligated to inquire if tax, penalty, or interest are due and to withhold a portion of the purchase price if necessary. Persons who fail some aspect of this test are not obligated to investigate or withhold. Nonexclusive examples of persons not so obligated are as follows:

- (1) A person foreclosing on a valid security interest.
- (2) A person retaking possession of premises under a valid lease.
- (3) A spouse electing to take against a will.
- (4) A person taking by gift.

(5) Any other person taking for what would legally be considered "value" but without the payment of a recognizable "purchase price."

b. Included within the meaning of the phrase "immediate successor" is a corporation resulting from the action of a sole proprietor who incorporates a business in which the sole proprietor is the only or the controlling shareholder, or a sole proprietorship established from a corporation of which the sole proprietor was the exclusive, majority, or controlling stockholder.

**202.12(2) More than one immediate successor.** If a retailer sells a business or stock of goods to two or more persons, the following requirements apply:



*a. Sale of stock of goods to two or more persons.* If a retailer sells a substantial portion of the retail business's stock of goods to another person who will in turn offer those goods for sale in a retail business, that person is an immediate successor and personally liable for payment of tax to the extent of tax, interest, or penalty owed or the amount of the individual purchase price, whichever is the lesser.

EXAMPLE: A sells the stock of goods from a furniture business, in unequal portions, to B, C, and D. B pays a \$5,000 purchase price for a portion of the stock of goods, C pays a \$20,000 purchase price for a portion of the stock of goods, and D pays a \$30,000 purchase price for the remainder of A's stock of goods. A, at the time of the transfers, owes the department of revenue \$10,000 in sales tax, interest, and penalty. Neither B, C, nor D withholds any amount for payment of tax from the purchase price. B, C, and D individually and together are liable for payment of the tax. Each is personally liable up to the amount of the purchase price that each has paid or the amount of tax, interest, and penalty owing, whichever is the lesser. In this example, B is liable for \$5,000, the lesser amount of B's purchase price (\$5,000) and the amount of tax that A owes (\$10,000); C is liable for \$10,000, since the purchase price and tax owed are equal; and D is liable for \$10,000, the lesser amount of tax owed (\$10,000) and D's purchase price (\$30,000). The department may at its discretion proceed against any one, two, or all three of the immediate successors up to the amount of tax that each owes.

*b. Purchase of differing places of business.* If one person owns two or more places of business, each having a separate sales tax permit, each location having its own permit is a separate business and has a separate stock of goods for the purpose of determining successor liability. A person purchasing the business at one location or the stock of goods from one location would be personally liable only for the tax owed under the permit assigned to that location.

**202.12(3)** *"Sale of a retailer's business" characterized.* Usually, the sale of only the machinery or equipment used in a business without the sale or leasing of the realty of the business is not a sale of the business itself. The transfer of a retailer's machinery or equipment and business realty to a person who continues to use the machinery, equipment, and realty for the sale of any type of tangible personal property or specified digital products constitutes the selling of the retailer's business, and the person to whom the business is sold is an immediate successor and liable for tax.

EXAMPLE: A is a furniture dealer. The furniture business falls on hard times. A sells the stock of goods (the furniture offered for sale) to B. A then sells the furniture store (business realty) to C. A also sells C the office equipment and all other tangible personal property and specified digital products used in the operation of the furniture store except for the stock of goods (furniture). C then uses the purchased store and the office equipment in the operation of a sporting goods store. B takes the furniture purchased from A to B's furniture store where it is sold. A owed the department \$7,000 in sales tax. Both B and C are immediate successors to A and personally liable for the sales tax.

**202.12(4)** *"Good faith" characterized.* An immediate successor to a licensee's, retailer's, or seller's business or stock of goods has purchased the licensee's, retailer's, or seller's business or stock of goods in good faith that no delinquent tax, interest, or penalty was due and unpaid if the immediate successor demonstrates, by suitable evidence, that one of the following situations exists. The list of situations is exclusive:

*a.* The department has provided the immediate successor with a certified statement that no delinquent tax, interest, or penalty is unpaid. Immediate successors shall not rely upon oral statements from department personnel that no tax, interest, or penalty is unpaid. An immediate successor may request a certified statement from the department on forms provided by the department.

(1) Prior to issuing a certified statement, the department may contact both the immediate successor and the licensee, retailer, or seller regarding the request for a certified statement from the department.

(2) A certified statement provided by the department will be recognized by the department as valid as of the issuance of the statement.

*b.* The immediate successor has taken in good faith a certified statement from the licensee, retailer, or seller that no delinquent tax, interest, or penalty is unpaid as of the date of purchase.

(1) A "certified statement" from a licensee, retailer, or seller is a statement the truth of which is attested to before a notary public. A certified statement from a licensee, retailer, or seller will not be recognized by the department as valid unless it includes all of the following:

1. The name of the business being purchased or a description of the stock of goods being purchased.
2. The names of the licensee, retailer, or seller and the prospective purchaser(s).
3. The tax identification numbers of both the licensee, retailer, or seller and prospective purchaser(s). Entities shall include a federal employer identification number (FEIN). Individuals shall include a social security number (SSN) or individual tax identification number (ITIN).
4. An attestation signed by the licensee, retailer, or seller attesting that no delinquent tax, interest, or penalty of the retailer is unpaid as of the date of the closing of the sale.
  - (2) A certified statement has been taken from a licensee, retailer, or seller “in good faith” if the immediate successor, in the exercise of due diligence, had no reason to believe a retailer’s statement was false or no reason to question the truth of the retailer’s statement.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.28 and 423.33.  
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**701—202.13(423) Officers and partners—personal liability for unpaid tax.** If a retailer or purchaser fails to pay sales tax when due, any officer of a corporation or association, or any partner of a partnership, who has control of, supervision of, or the authority for remitting the sales tax payments and has a substantial legal or equitable interest in the ownership of the corporation or partnership is personally liable for payment of the tax, interest, and penalty if the failure to pay the tax is intentional. This personal liability is not applicable to sales tax due and unpaid on accounts receivable. The dissolution of a corporation, association, or partnership does not discharge a responsible person’s liability for failure to pay tax.

**202.13(1) Personal liability—how determined.** There are various criteria which can be used to determine which officers of a corporation have control of, supervision of, or the authority for remitting tax payments. Some criteria are:

- a. The duties of officers as outlined in the corporate bylaws.
- b. The duties that various officers have assumed in practice.
- c. Which officers are empowered to sign checks for the corporation.
- d. Which officers hire and fire employees.
- e. Which officers control the financial affairs of the corporation.

(1) An officer in control of the financial affairs of a corporation may be characterized as one who has final control as to which of the corporation’s bills should or should not be paid and when bills that had been selected for payment will be paid.

(2) “Final control” means a significant control over which bills should or should not be paid, rather than exclusive control.

(3) The observations in paragraph 202.13(1)“e” are applicable to partnerships as well as corporations.

**202.13(2) “Accounts receivable” described.** Officers and partners are not responsible for sales tax due and owing on accounts receivable. An “account receivable” is a contractual obligation owing upon an open account. An open account is one that is neither finally settled nor finally closed but is still running and “open” to future payments or the assumption of future additional liabilities. The ordinary consumer installment contract is not an “account receivable.” The amount due has been finally settled and is not open to future adjustment. The usual consumer installment contract is a “note receivable” rather than an account receivable. An account receivable purchased by a factor or paid by a credit card company is, as of the date of purchase or payment, not an account receivable. An officer or partner will be liable for the value of the account receivable purchased or paid. Officers and partners have the burden of proving that tax is not due because it is a tax on an account receivable.

**202.13(3) Beginning date of personal liability.** Officers and partners are not personally liable for state sales tax due and unpaid prior to March 13, 1986. They are liable for state or local sales taxes that are both due and unpaid on and after that date.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.26.  
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**701—202.14(423) Sales tax or use tax paid to another state.**

**202.14(1) *Equal or greater tax paid to another state.*** When a person has already paid to any other state of the United States a state sales, use, or occupational tax on specifically identified tangible personal property or taxable services on its sale or use, prior to bringing the property into Iowa, and the tax is equal to or greater than the current rate of tax imposed by the Iowa use tax law, no additional use tax shall be due the state of Iowa by such person.

**202.14(2) *Less tax paid to another state.*** If the amount of tax already paid by such person to any other state of the United States on specifically identified tangible personal property or taxable services prior to bringing the property into Iowa is less than the current rate of tax imposed by Iowa law, use tax shall be due the state of Iowa on the difference in tax paid to the foreign state and the tax due under the Iowa law.

**202.14(3) *Claiming exemption for tax paid.*** When a person claims exemption from payment of use tax on the grounds that the tax has already been paid to any other state of the United States with respect to the sale or use of the property or service in question prior to bringing the property into Iowa, the burden of proof is upon that person to show the department, county treasurer, or motor vehicle division of the Iowa department of transportation, by document, that the tax has been paid.

**202.14(4) *Credit not allowed against Iowa tax.*** Credits shall not be allowed for sales, use, or occupational tax already paid in any state of the United States against the Iowa use tax relating to the acquisition cost of property being brought into this state when such tax already paid was paid on the sales price of lease or rental payments of tangible personal property used in another state.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.25.  
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**701—202.15(423) Registered retailers selling tangible personal property on a conditional sale contract basis.** A retailer shall report and remit to the department the full amount of tax computed on the full sale price on the return for the tax period during which the sale was made.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1 and 423.2.  
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**701—202.16(423) Registered vendors repossessing goods sold on a conditional sale contract basis.** A registered retailer repossessing tangible personal property that has been sold on a conditional sale contract basis and remitting use tax to the department on the full purchase price may take a deduction on the retailer's sales and use tax return for the tax period in which the goods were repossessed, in an amount equal to the credit allowed to the purchaser for the goods returned, if the retailer has returned use tax to the purchaser on the unpaid balance.

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CHAPTER 203  
ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN AND EXCLUDED  
FROM A TAXABLE SALE AND SALES PRICE

[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 212]

Rules in this chapter include cross references to provisions in 701—Chapter 26 that were applicable prior to July 1, 2004.

**701—203.1(423) Tax not to be included in price.** When a retailer prices an article for retail sale and displays or advertises the same to the public with that price marked, the price so marked or advertised shall include only the sales price of such article unless it is stated on the price tag that the price includes tax.

EXAMPLE. The advertised or marked price is \$1. When a sale is made, the purchaser pays or agrees to pay \$1.05, which represents the purchase price plus tax, which, when added, becomes a part of the sale price or charge.

This rule does not prohibit advertising or displaying the sale price plus tax or the price including tax, as shown in the following examples:

“This dress—\$10 plus tax”; “This dress—\$10 plus 50 cents tax”; or “This dress—\$10.50 including tax.”

When a retailer conspicuously advertises in such manner and position so that it may be readily seen and read by the public that the price “includes tax,” the retailer will be allowed to determine sales price by dividing the total of such retailer’s price which includes tax by the applicable percentage. For example, a retailer in a jurisdiction that has the state sales tax plus a 1 percent local option tax would use a factor of 106 percent.

However, where an invoice is given to the purchaser as a part of the sale, either the invoice must show the tax separately from the retailer’s price or it must be stated on each invoice that tax is included in the retailer’s price. If the invoice states “tax included,” the seller may determine sales price by the applicable percent method described above. It shall be the responsibility of the retailer that uses or has used the applicable percent method for reporting to provide proof that the retailer has complied with the method of advertising or displaying the retailer’s price, as described above.

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**701—203.2(423) Finance charge.** Interest or other types of additional charges that result from selling on credit or under installment contracts are not subject to sales tax when such charges are separately stated and when such charges are in addition to an established cash sales price. However, if finance charges are not separately stated and a sale is made for a lump sum amount, the tax is due on the total retailer’s price.

When interest and other types of additional charges are added as a condition of a sale in order to obtain title rather than as a charge to obtain credit where title to goods has previously passed, such charges will be subject to tax even though they may be separately stated. *State ex rel. Turner v. Younker Bros., Inc.*, 210 N.W.2d 550 (Iowa 1973); *Road Machinery Supplies of Minneapolis, Inc. v. The Commissioner of Revenue*, Minnesota Tax Court of Appeals, 1977, 2 Minn. CCH State Tax Reporter II 200-835, 1977 WL 963 (Minn. Tax.). See rule 701—213.3(423) relating to conditional sales contracts.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.1(47)“b”(2).  
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**701—203.3(423) Retailers’ discounts, trade discounts, rebates and coupons.**

**203.3(1) Retailers’ discounts.** A retailer’s discount reduces the retailer’s price of a property or service with the remainder being the actual sales price of the goods charged in the account. The purchaser entitled to the discount will never owe the retailer’s price as a debt, the debt being the sales price after the agreed discount has been deducted. The word “discount” means “to buy at a reduction.” *Benner Tea Company v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 252 Iowa 843, 109 N.W.2d 39 (1961).

Any discount a retailer allows that reduces a retailer's price to a sales price is a proper deduction when collecting and reporting tax. This is not the case when the retailer offers a discount to a purchaser but bills and collects tax on the retailer's price rather than on the sales price. The customer must receive the benefit of the discount, for sales tax purposes, in order for the retailer to exclude the discount from the sales price when collecting and reporting tax.

Certain retailers bill their customers on a gross and net basis, with the difference considered to be a discount for payment purposes. When a customer does not resolve the bill within the net payment period, tax shall apply on the gross charge shown on the billing, the gross charge having become the taxable sales price by virtue of the customer's failure to take the action which allows the discount to be taken.

**203.3(2) Rebates.** A "rebate" is a return of part of an amount paid for a product. Manufacturers' rebates are not discounts and cannot be used to reduce the sales price received from a sale or to reduce the purchase price of a product. This subrule applies even though the rebate is used by the retailer to reduce the retailer's price to a sales price or is used by the purchaser as a down payment. The rebate is considered a transaction between the manufacturer and the purchaser. See 1972 O.A.G. 332.

**203.3(3) Coupons.** Coupons issued by the producer of a product are not discounts and cannot be used as an abatement from the retailer's price of the product. Coupons issued by the retailer which actually reduce the price of the product to the purchaser are treated as a discount as provided in subrule 203.3(1). *Saxon-Western Corporation v. Mahin*, 369 N.E.2d 1185 (Ill. 1979).

EXAMPLE 1. C acquires a 30¢ off coupon issued by manufacturer of A-B Band-aids for A-B Band-aids. The coupon can be redeemed at a store which sells the product. C goes to store D and purchases a box of A-B Band-aids which shows a price of \$1.50. C pays \$1.20 plus the 30¢ coupon. D is reimbursed the 30¢ for the coupon by the manufacturer. Tax is due on the \$1.50 because D's total sales price is \$1.50. The coupon is not used as a discount in this situation.

EXAMPLE 2. E offers a two-for-the-price-of-one coupon for its super hamburger. Each hamburger normally sells for \$2. The coupon can only be redeemed at E's retail store. F acquires the coupon and redeems it at E's store. The purchase price for F was \$2 for both hamburgers. The tax is due on the \$2 because this amount is the sales price for E, even though the value of the two hamburgers would normally be \$4. In this situation, the sales price for the two hamburgers is \$2.

**203.3(4) Trade discounts.** A "trade discount" is a discount from a seller's list price which is offered to a class or category of customer, e.g., retailers or wholesalers. Trade discounts given or allowed by manufacturers, distributors, or wholesalers to retailers or by manufacturers or distributors to wholesalers and payments made by manufacturers, distributors, or wholesalers directly to retailers or by manufacturers or distributors to wholesalers to reduce the sales price of a manufacturer's, distributor's, or wholesaler's product (e.g., cigarettes) or to promote the sale or recognition of the manufacturer's, distributor's, or wholesaler's product are not to be included in any taxable sales price. This subrule does not apply to coupons issued by manufacturers, distributors, or wholesalers to consumers; see subrule 203.3(3).

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#### **701—203.4(423) Excise tax included in and excluded from sales price.**

**203.4(1)** An excise tax which is not an Iowa sales or use tax may be excluded from the sales price or purchase price of the sale or use of property or taxable services only if all of the following conditions exist:

*a.* The excise tax is imposed upon the identical sales price on which the Iowa sales tax is imposed or upon the purchase price which measures the amount of taxable use or upon a use identical to the Iowa taxable use and not upon some event or activity which precedes or occurs after the sale or use.

*b.* The legal incidence of the excise tax falls upon the purchaser who is also responsible for payment of the Iowa sales tax. The purchaser must be obligated to pay the excise tax either directly to the government in question or to another person (e.g., the retailer) who acts as a collector of the tax. See *Gurley v. Rhoden*, 421 U.S. 200, 95 S. Ct. 1605, 44 L.Ed.2d 110 (1975) for a description of the

circumstances under which the legal, as opposed to the economic, burden of an excise tax falls upon the purchaser.

*c.* The name of the excise tax is specifically stated, and the amount of the excise tax is separately set out on the invoice, bill of sale, or another document which embodies a record of the sale.

EXAMPLE 1. The federal government imposes an excise tax upon the act of manufacturing tangible personal property within the United States. The amount of the tax is measured as a percentage of the price for the first sale of the property, which is usually to a wholesaler. However, one particular manufacturer sells its manufactured goods at retail in Iowa. Even if this tax meets the requirements for exclusion of paragraphs “*b*” and “*c*” above, it is not excludable because it does not meet the requirements of paragraph “*a*.” The tax is not imposed upon the act of selling but upon the prior act of manufacturing. The tax is merely measured by the amount of the proceeds of the sale.

EXAMPLE 2. The federal government imposes an excise tax of 4 percent on a retailer’s sales price from sales of tangible personal property. The law allows the retailer to separately identify and bill a customer for the tax. However, if a retailer fails to pay the tax, the government cannot collect it from a purchaser, and if the government assesses tax against the retailer and secures a judgment requiring the retailer to pay the tax, the retailer that has failed to collect the tax from a purchaser on the initial sale has no right of reimbursement from the purchaser. This tax is not excludable from Iowa excise tax. Its economic burden falls upon the purchaser. However, since neither the government nor the retailer has any legal right to demand payment of the tax from a purchaser, the legal incidence of the tax is not upon the purchaser; and the tax would not meet the requirements of paragraph “*b*” above.

**203.4(2)** The following federal excise taxes are to be included in the sales price upon which Iowa sales tax is to be paid for purposes of collecting Iowa sales tax:

*a.* The federal gallonage taxes imposed by 26 U.S.C. Sections 5001, 5041, and 5051 on distilled spirits, wines, and beer.

*b.* The tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. Section 5701 with regard to cigars, cigarettes, cigarette papers and tubes, smokeless tobacco, and pipe tobacco.

*c.* The federal tax imposed under 26 U.S.C. Section 4081 on gasoline.

*d.* The federal tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. Section 4071 which expires October 1, 2005, on tires.

**203.4(3)** The following excise taxes are excluded from the amount of the sales price:

*a.* The federal tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. Section 4251(a) on the communication services of local telephone service, toll telephone service, and teletypewriter exchange service.

*b.* The federal tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. Section 4051 upon the first retail sale of automobile and truck chassis and bodies; truck trailer and semitrailer chassis and bodies and tractors of the kind chiefly used for highway transportation in combination with trailers or semitrailers.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.1(47) “*b*”(3).  
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### **701—203.5(423) Trade-ins.**

**203.5(1)** Trade-ins. When tangible personal property is traded toward the purchase price of other tangible personal property, the sales price shall be only that portion of the purchase price which is payable in money to the retailer if the following conditions are met:

*a.* The tangible personal property is traded to a retailer, and the property traded is the type normally sold in the regular course of the retailer’s business; and

*b.* The tangible personal property traded to a retailer is intended by the retailer to be ultimately sold at retail; or

*c.* The tangible personal property traded to a retailer is intended to be used by the retailer or another in the remanufacturing of a like item.

EXAMPLE 1. A owns a car valued at \$5,000. A trades his used car to XY car dealer for a used car valued at \$12,000. XY car dealer normally sells used cars. Use tax would be due on the \$7,000 in money which A paid to XY car dealer, as both conditions “*a*” and “*b*” have been met.

EXAMPLE 2. John Doe has a pickup truck with a value of \$2,000. John wants a boat, so he offers to trade his \$2,000 pickup to ABC boat dealer for the purchase of a boat valued at \$5,000. ABC boat

dealer is a new and used boat dealer. ABC boat dealer agrees to accept the \$2,000 pickup and \$3,000 cash in trade for the boat. In this example, the tax would be computed on \$5,000. The trade-in provision would not apply because condition “a” has not been met. The property traded is not the type of property normally sold by ABC boat dealer in the regular course of the boat dealer’s business.

EXAMPLE 3. ABC Corporation trades 500 bushels of corn and \$500 cash to the local cooperative elevator for the purchase of various hand tools. In its regular course of business, the local cooperative elevator sells grain for processing into bread. The trade-in provision in this example would not apply because condition “b” has not been met. When ultimately sold by the cooperative elevator, the grain traded toward the purchase price of the hand tools is sold for processing and not at retail.

EXAMPLE 4. Hometown Appliance store is in the business of selling stoves, refrigerators, and other various appliances in Iowa. Hometown Appliance has a refrigerator valued at \$650. Customer A wishes to trade a used refrigerator toward the purchase price of the new refrigerator. Hometown Appliance agrees to accept A’s used refrigerator at a value of \$150 toward the purchase price of the new refrigerator. A pays Hometown Appliance \$500 in cash. The trade-in provision applies as both conditions “a” and “b” have been met, and tax would be due on the \$500.

Several months later, Hometown Appliance sells the used refrigerator it received from customer A to the local school district, which is exempt from sales tax on its purchase. The trade-in provision on the original transaction is still applicable because both conditions “a” and “b” were met. The sale is “at retail,” even if the sales price is exempt from tax.

EXAMPLE 5. ABC Auto Supply is in the business of selling various types of automobile and farm implement supplies. The normal selling price for a car generator is \$80. ABC Auto Supply allows a \$20 trade-in credit to any customer who wishes to trade in an unworkable generator. At the time ABC Auto Supply accepts the unusable generator, it knows that the generator will not be sold at retail; however, ABC Auto Supply also knows that the generator will be sold to XYZ Company, which is in the business of rebuilding generators by using existing parts plus new parts. In this example, the trade-in provision would apply since conditions “a” and “c” have been met.

**203.5(2)** All the provisions of subrule 203.5(1) apply to the trade-in of vehicles subject to registration when the trade involves retailers of vehicles.

When vehicles subject to registration are traded among persons who are not retailers of vehicles subject to registration, the conditions set forth in 203.5(1) need not be met. The purchase price is only that portion of the purchase price represented by the difference between the total purchase price of the vehicle subject to registration acquired and the value of the vehicle subject to registration traded.

This rule applies only when a vehicle is traded for tangible personal property, regardless of whether the transaction is between a retailer and a nonretailer or between two nonretailers. The vehicle traded in must be owned by the person(s) trading in the vehicle. It is presumed that the name or names indicated on the title of the vehicle dictate ownership of the vehicle as set forth in Iowa Code chapter 321.

EXAMPLE 1. John Doe has an automobile with a value of \$2,000. John and his neighbor Bill Jones, who has an automobile valued at \$3,500, decide to trade automobiles. John pays Bill \$1,500 cash. Vehicles subject to registration are subject to use tax, which is payable to the county treasurer at the time of registration. In this example, John would owe use tax on \$1,500 since this is the amount John paid Bill and tax is only due on the cash difference. Bill would not owe any use tax on the vehicle acquired through the trade.

EXAMPLE 2. Joe has a Ford automobile with a value of \$5,000. Joe and his friend Jim, who has a Chevrolet automobile also valued at \$5,000, decide to trade automobiles. Joe and Jim make an even trade, automobile for automobile, with no money changing hands. In this example, there is no tax due on either automobile because there is no exchange of money.

**203.5(3)** Trade for services. The trade-in provisions referenced in Iowa Code section 423.1(47) “a”(7) and found in Iowa Code section 423.3(59) do not apply to taxable enumerated services. When taxable enumerated services are traded, the sales price would be determined based on the value of the service or other consideration.

EXAMPLE: A and B agree that A will purchase a car which B now owns. The two parties agree on a purchase price of \$9,000. In return for transfer of title from B, A agrees to pay B \$7,000 in cash



and to paint B's house with paint provided by B. A and B agree that the value of B's house painting services is \$2,000. House painting is a taxable enumerated service; rule 701—219.13(423) contains more information about this service. Since the trade-in provisions are not applicable to the value of taxable enumerated services, the purchase price of the car is \$9,000 and not \$7,000.

**203.5(4)** Three-way trade-in transactions. In a three-way transaction, the agreement provides that a lessee sell to a third-party dealer a vehicle (or other tangible personal property) which the lessee owns. The lessor then purchases another vehicle from the third-party dealer at a reduced price and leases the vehicle to the lessee. The difference between the reduced sale price and retail price of the vehicle is not allowed as a trade-in on the vehicle for use tax purposes.

EXAMPLE. A enters into a three-way agreement with B, the lessor. Under the terms of the contract, A sells a 2005 Ford Taurus owned by A to C, a used car dealer. The retail price for the Ford Taurus is \$30,000. C then sells the Ford Taurus to B for the reduced price of \$25,000. B then leases the Ford Taurus to A for a period of 12 months. The \$5,000 difference between the reduced sale price and the retail price of the vehicle is not allowed as a trade-in on the sale of the vehicle for use tax purposes. See also *Reynolds Motor Co. et al. v. Iowa Dep't. of Revenue*, Equity 72050, Dist. Ct. of Scott Cty., Iowa, August 28, 1987.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(47) "a"(7) and 423.3(59).  
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**701—203.6(423) Installation charges when tangible personal property is sold at retail.** When the sale of tangible personal property includes a charge for installation of the personal property sold, the current rate of tax shall be measured on the entire sales price from the sale. The installation charges would not be taxable if the installation service is not an enumerated service, and where a sales agreement exists, the installation charges are separately contracted. If the written contract contains no provisions separately itemizing such charges, tax is due on the full contract price with no deduction for installation charges, whether or not such installation charges are itemized separately on the invoice.

If the installation services are enumerated services, the installation charges would not be taxable if (1) the services are exempt from tax (e.g., the services are performed on or connected with new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion or remodeling of a building or structure); or the services are rendered in connection with the installation of new industrial machinery or equipment, and (2) where a sales agreement exists, the installation charges are separately contracted. If the written contract contains no provisions separately itemizing such charges, tax is due on the full contract price with no deduction for installation charges, whether or not such installation charges are itemized separately on the invoice. If no written contract exists, the installation charges must be separately itemized on the invoice to be exempt from tax. See rule 701—219.13(423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(47) "a"(5) and 423.1(47) "b"(4).  
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**701—203.7(423) Service charge and gratuity.** When the purchase of any food, beverage or meal automatically and invariably results in the inclusion of a mandatory service charge to the total price for such food, beverage or meal, the amounts so included shall be subject to tax. The term "service charge" means either a fixed percentage of the total price of or a charge for food, a beverage or a meal.

The mandatory service charge shall be considered: (1) a required part of a transaction arising from a taxable sale and a contractual obligation of a purchaser to pay to a vendor a charge arising directly from and as a condition of the making of the sale and (2) a fixed labor cost included in the price for food, a beverage or a meal even though such charge is separately stated from the charge for the food, beverage or meal.

When a gratuity is voluntarily given for food, a beverage or a meal, it shall be considered a tip and not subject to tax. *Cohen v. Playboy Club International, Inc.*, 19 Ill. App. 3d 215, 311 N.E.2d 336; *Baltimore Country Club, Inc. v. Comptroller of Treasury*, 272 Md. 65, 321 A.2d 308.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(47) and 423.2(1).  
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**701—203.8(423) Payment from a third party.** The sales price from the sales of tangible personal property, services, or enumerated services includes consideration received by the seller from third parties. The following conditions shall apply:

**203.8(1)** The seller actually receives consideration from a party other than the purchaser, and the consideration is directly related to a price reduction or discount on the sale;

**203.8(2)** The seller has an obligation to pass the price reduction or discount through to the purchaser;

**203.8(3)** The amount of the consideration attributable to the sale is fixed and determinable by the seller at the time of the sale of the item to the purchaser; and

**203.8(4)** One of the following criteria is met:

*a.* The purchaser presents a coupon, certificate or other documentation to the seller to claim a price reduction or discount where the coupon, certificate or documentation is authorized, distributed or granted by a third party with the understanding that the third party will reimburse any seller to whom the coupon, certificate or documentation is presented;

*b.* The purchaser identifies himself or herself to the seller as a member of a group or organization entitled to a price reduction or discount (a “preferred customer” card that is available to any patron does not constitute membership in such a group); or

*c.* The price reduction or discount is identified as a third-party price reduction or discount on the invoice received by the purchaser or on a coupon, certificate or other documentation presented by the purchaser.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 423.

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**701—203.9(423) Taxation of transactions due to rate change.** The following provisions shall apply in determining whether or not a transaction is subject to an existing rate of sales or use tax or to a new rate of sales or use tax. In the examples contained in the rest of this rule, assume that a bill has been enacted into law which increases the sales and use tax rate from 6 to 7 percent and that the effective date of this bill is July 1.

**203.9(1) General principles.** A change in the sales tax rate applies to a sale of tangible personal property and specified digital products if delivery of the property or product under a contract of sale occurs on or after the effective date of the legislation which changes the rate of taxation. The intent of the parties to the contract for sale determines when delivery occurs. However, in the event the intent is not readily established from the contract, the rules set out in the Uniform Commercial Code (Iowa Code chapter 554) shall apply in order to determine the place of delivery.

In the examples below, so long as delivery under a contract for sale occurs on or after July 1, the 7 percent sales tax rate applies. It is not necessary that any other aspects of the sale, such as payment for the delivered property, occur on or after that date.

In the three examples immediately below, “delivery” is physical transfer of possession of the tangible personal property directly from the seller to the purchaser. However, see subrule 203.9(2) for examples of delivery which do not involve transfer of possession directly from the buyer to the seller, and subrule 203.9(3) which explains a type of delivery which does not involve any physical transfer of possession of property.

**EXAMPLE A:** A enters into a sales contract to purchase a riding lawn mower from B. This contract (offer and acceptance) is entered into on June 20. B delivers the lawn mower to A on June 28, and A pays B for the lawn mower on July 3. Since delivery, under the contract for sale, occurred prior to July 1, the sales tax in this example is computed at the rate of 6 percent.

**EXAMPLE B:** A wants to purchase a home computer from B. On June 28, A orders the computer from B and the parties agree that the contract of sale is made if and when B makes delivery of the home computer to A. B delivers the computer on July 10. In this example, the sales tax is at the rate of 7 percent because delivery was not made until July 10. It is the delivery after July 1, rather than the lack of the valid contract of sale prior to that date, which determines that the rate of tax shall be 7 rather than 6 percent.

EXAMPLE C: On May 1, A enters into a conditional sales contract with B to purchase a television set. The contract requires A to make monthly installment payments for 36 months, beginning June 1. The contract also requires B to deliver the television to A on or before July 15. B retains title to the television set solely for the purpose of securing payment from A. A makes the first monthly payment to B on June 1. B delivers the television to A on the last day allowable, July 15. The 7 percent rate will apply. See subrule 203.9(4) for more discussion of conditional sales.

**203.9(2) *Shipment by carrier.*** The following principles shall be used to determine the conditions under which delivery is made pursuant to a contract for sale when the retailer utilizes a carrier to ship tangible personal property to a purchaser. If the contract for sale makes no reference of an F.O.B. (free on board) or F.A.S. (free along side) point or of any other point at which title and risk of loss with regard to the tangible personal property are transferred from the retailer to the purchaser and contains no other indication of a delivery point, it shall be presumed that delivery of the property occurs when the seller transfers possession of the property to the carrier. If property is sold under a C.I.F. (cost, insurance and freight) or a C. & F. (cost and freight) contract, it shall also be presumed that delivery occurs when the retailer transfers possession of the property to the carrier. If a contract for sale makes mention of an F.O.B. or F.A.S. point, it shall be presumed that the parties intended delivery of the property at the time the property reaches that point.

**203.9(3) *Constructive delivery.*** “Constructive delivery” has occurred if the retailer and the purchaser agree that title, risk of loss, and right of possession to tangible personal property have passed from the retailer to the purchaser; that is, the parties agree that a sale has occurred, but actual physical possession of the property remains with the retailer or someone other than the buyer after the sale. If parties to a contract of sale have agreed upon constructive delivery, the sale occurs at the time of constructive delivery and not at the time of transfer of physical possession of the property from buyer to seller or at an F.O.B., F.A.S., or similar type of point.

EXAMPLE: A owns an art gallery in Des Moines. Art collector B from Cedar Rapids visits the gallery. Collector B wishes to purchase a painting that is very large. However, collector B cannot immediately transport the painting back to Cedar Rapids. On June 1, A and B sign a contract for the sale of the painting. Title to the painting, risk of loss, and the right to take possession of the painting immediately pass to B. However, the parties also agree that B can store the painting with A in return for a small monthly charge. B inquires of various parties whether or not they would be willing to transport the painting from Des Moines to Cedar Rapids. B finds no one satisfactory to do this and eventually signs a separate contract for transport with A in which A agrees to do the transporting. The transport of the painting is accomplished on September 1. The painting was delivered from A to B in Des Moines on June 1. Thus, its sale occurred on that date rather than September 1. Delivery was accomplished with the “constructive” delivery which occurred on June 1 rather than by the physical transfer of possession from A to B which occurred on September 1. Because of this, the rate of tax is 6 and not 7 percent.

**203.9(4) *Conditional sales.*** A “conditional sale” is no different from an absolute sale, except in the matter of payment. *Hansen v. Kuhn*, 284 N.W. 249, 226 Iowa 794 (1939). A conditional sale has not occurred until delivery under a contract of conditional sale has occurred. See Example C in subrule 203.9(1) for an example of a conditional sales contract in which delivery of the property under the contract occurred long after the making of the contract and after the buyer had made several payments under the contract. As soon as delivery has occurred, tax on the sales price of the sale is due to the department. See rule 701—213.3(423) for additional discussion of conditional sales.

**203.9(5) *Use tax—changed rate of taxation on the use of tangible personal property and specified digital products.*** A changed use tax rate applies to the use of tangible personal property and specified digital products in Iowa when the first taxable use occurs on or after the effective date of the legislation which changes the rate of tax. In the following example, assume that the change in the use tax rate is from 6 to 7 percent and that the legislation which enacts this change is effective as of July 1.

EXAMPLE: On May 24, A and B enter into a contract for A’s purchase of a machine from B. Under the contract, delivery of the machine to A is to occur outside the state of Iowa, F.O.B., Minneapolis, Minnesota. On June 27, A takes delivery of the machine in Minneapolis. A then transports the machine into Iowa on July 2. A’s transport of the machine into Iowa constitutes a use of the machine by A in

Iowa for the first time. Under these circumstances, the machine is subject to the 7 percent rate since the tax rate in effect at the time of first use, July 2, governs if property is purchased outside of Iowa.

**203.9(6) *Changed rate for the sales tax on enumerated services.*** A changed sales tax rate on enumerated services applies if services are rendered, furnished, or performed in Iowa on or after the effective date of the legislation which changes the rate. The date upon which the parties enter into a service contract is not of importance in determining whether the old rate or new rate is applicable. Nor, for the purpose of computing the sales tax, is it important to know when the product or result of the service is used by the ultimate user. This situation must be distinguished from the application of use tax to services. For use tax purposes, the date when the product or result of the service is used may be important. See subrule 203.9(7). For the purposes of this subrule and subrules 203.9(7), 203.9(8), and 203.9(9), assume that the rate of tax is being raised from 6 to 7 percent and that the effective date of the legislation which increases the rate is July 1.

**EXAMPLE A:** On June 1, A and B enter into a service contract in which B agrees to provide testing laboratory services to A. B performs these services in Iowa on June 26. The results of these services are forwarded to A on July 8, and A observes those results and makes use of them on that latter day. Under these circumstances, the testing laboratory services were subject to service tax at the rate of 6 percent because B rendered, furnished, or performed the services on June 26, which is prior to July 1.

**EXAMPLE B:** On June 1, B offers to perform testing laboratory services for A. A and B agree that the offer is not accepted until B actually performs the test laboratory services. The services are performed on July 5, and the results forwarded to A on July 8. Under these circumstances, the testing laboratory services are subject to tax at the 7 percent rate. The services are subject to that rate because the services were rendered on July 5 and not because the parties entered into the contract for services on July 5. As in Example A above, if a contract had been entered into before July 1, and the services performed after that date, service tax at the 7 percent rate would still have been applicable.

**EXAMPLE C:** On June 7, A enters into a service contract with B for the repair of A's automobile. The contract provides that A shall make installment payments for 12 months. The automotive repairs are extensive. B begins repair of the automobile on June 9 and completes repair on June 27. Since sales tax is due when the service is rendered, furnished, or performed, the tax is 6 percent of the contract price. Installment payments made on and after July 1 do not accrue any greater rate of tax. This situation is different from a service contract entered into prior to July 1, which requires periodic payments for continuous services, as set forth under subrule 203.9(8).

**EXAMPLE D:** A, a civic center, contracts with B, an orchestra, to perform on July 10. The contract is made on May 26. A sells tickets of admission for B's July 10 concert. The tickets are sold in the month of June and from July 1 to and including July 9. All ticket sales in June are subject to tax at the 6 percent rate, and all ticket sales in July are subject to tax at the 7 percent rate. In this example, the contract between A and B is not a taxable service contract. The taxable events are the sales of admission tickets between A and the purchasers of the tickets. The date when a ticket is delivered to a purchaser controls whether the tax rate is 6 or 7 percent.

**203.9(7) *Changed rate of use tax on services.*** If the product or result of a taxable service rendered, furnished, or performed outside of this state is first used in this state on or after July 1, the 7 percent use tax rate applies.

**EXAMPLE:** On June 14, A and B enter into a contract for repair of A's machine, the repair to be done outside of Iowa. On June 28, the machine is delivered to B who performs the taxable service of machine repair and returns the machine to A in Iowa on July 1. Under these circumstances, the product or result of the taxable machine repair service is first used by A on July 1; therefore, the 7 percent tax rate applies.

**203.9(8) *Service contracts requiring periodic payments.*** If parties enter into a service contract prior to July 1, and the contract requires periodic payments, payments made on or after July 1 under the contract are subject to the 7 percent sales or use tax rate.

**EXAMPLE A:** A and B enter into an agreement for the lease of equipment on April 1. The lease is for a term of five years and requires monthly payments. A is the lessee and B is the lessor. For all rental payments made on or after July 1, the tax rate is 7 percent.

EXAMPLE B: On May 1, A joined a private club and paid membership fees for the privilege of participating in athletic sports provided to club members. A must make periodic payments every three months. These payments are made in January, April, July, and October. Under these circumstances, A's July payment and payments made subsequently are subject to tax at the rate of 7 percent.

**203.9(9)** *Gas, electricity, water, heat, solid waste collection, sewer, pay television, and communication services.* The sales price from the sales, furnishing, or service of gas, electricity, water, heat, and communication service are subject to the sales, services, and use tax at the 7 percent rate when the date of billing the customer falls on or after July 1. The sales price from the services of solid waste collection and disposal, sewer, and pay television are also treated in this manner.

EXAMPLE A: A is the customer of the B water utility. A receives a bill from B on July 5. The billing date is July 1, and the bill is for water provided during the month of June. Under these circumstances, sales tax should be billed at the rate of 7 percent, because the date of billing is July 1.

EXAMPLE B: A is the customer of the B electric utility company. A receives a bill from the B company on July 2. There is no billing date set forth on the bill. The bill was mailed by the B company to A on June 28. Under these circumstances, the billing date is June 28, and the sales tax should be billed at the rate of 6 percent. Had B listed a billing date in its books and records as a receivable different than the mailing date, i.e., June 26, this latter date (June 26) would be considered the billing date.

EXAMPLE C: A is the customer of the B rural electric cooperative (REC). A is responsible for reading its meter and remitting the proper amount for electricity and sales tax to B. B, in its tariff filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), has set forth the first date of each month as the last day for its customers to read their meters. B does not send a bill to A. Under these circumstances of customer self-billing where no bill is sent by B to A, the first date of each month is the billing date and where that date falls on July 1 and the first date of each month thereafter, the sales tax should be paid at the rate of 7 percent.

If the date set forth in the tariff had been the last day of the month, then a self-billing attributable to June 30 would require payment of sales tax at the 6 percent rate.

EXAMPLE D: A is the customer of B telephone company. A receives a bill from B company on July 3, covering intrastate long distance telephone calls in June and local service in July. The billing date on the face of the bill is June 28. Under these circumstances, all telephone services, local and intrastate long distance, should be billed sales tax at the rate of 6 percent.

If, in this example, the billing date on the bill had been July 1, the sales tax should be billed at the rate of 7 percent for all telephone services, local and intrastate long distance.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.

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CHAPTER 204  
RULES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE STREAMLINED SALES  
AND USE TAX AGREEMENT

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**701—204.1(423) Allowing use of the lowest tax rate within a database area and use of the tax rate for a five-digit area when a nine-digit zip code cannot be used.** Any database maintained by the department which displays tax rates and tax jurisdictional boundaries based on either a five-digit or nine-digit zip code system shall, if an area encompassing one zip code has two or more rates of tax, provide to retailers a means of identifying and applying the lowest rate within the area for use in computing tax due. If a nine-digit zip code designation is not available for a street address or if a seller is unable to determine the nine-digit zip code designation of a purchaser after exercising due diligence to determine the designation, the seller may apply the lowest rate for the five-digit zip code area.

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**701—204.2(423) Permissible categories of exemptions.**

**204.2(1) Definitions.**

*“Entity-based exemption”* means an exemption based on who purchases the product or who sells the product.

*“Product-based exemption”* means an exemption based on the description of the product and not based on who purchases the product or how the purchaser intends to use the product.

*“Use-based exemption”* means an exemption based on the purchaser’s use of the product.

**204.2(2) Product-based exemptions.** Iowa will enact a product-based exemption without restriction only if the agreement does not have a definition for the product or for a term that includes the product. If the agreement has a definition for the product or for a term that includes the product, Iowa will exempt all items included within the definition but will not exempt only part of the items included within the definition unless the agreement sets out the exemption for part of the items as an acceptable variation.

**204.2(3) Entity-based and use-based exemptions.** Iowa will enact an entity-based or a use-based exemption without restriction only if the agreement has no definition for the product whose use or purchase by a specific entity is exempt or for a term that includes the product. If the agreement has a definition for the product whose use or specific purchase is exempt, Iowa will enact an entity-based or a use-based exemption that applies to that product only if the exemption utilizes the agreement’s definition of the product. If the agreement does not have a definition for the product whose use or specific purchase is exempt but has a definition for a term that includes the product, Iowa has the power to enact an entity-based or a use-based exemption for the product without restriction.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code chapter 423, subchapter IV.  
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**701—204.3(423) Requirement of uniformity in the filing of returns and remittance of funds.** Any model 1, 2, or 3 seller may submit its sales or use tax returns in a simplified format that does not include more data fields than permitted by the governing board. The department will require only one remittance for each return except as otherwise allowed by the agreement. If any additional remittance is required, it will only be required from sellers that have collected more than \$30,000 in sales and use taxes in Iowa during the preceding calendar year. The amount of the additional remittance shall be determined through a calculation method rather than actual collections and shall not require the filing of an additional return.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code chapter 423, subchapter IV.  
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**701—204.4(423) Allocation of bad debts.** If a seller is entitled under the provisions of 2005 Iowa Code section 423.21 to deduct bad debts owed to it and those bad debts consist of any sales price or purchase price upon which tax has been paid to the state of Iowa as well as a state or states other than Iowa, then

allocation of the bad debt is allowed. The seller must support an allocation of the bad debts between Iowa and the other state or states through the proper accounting of its books and records.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code chapter 423, subchapter IV.  
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**701—204.5(423) Purchaser refund procedures.** Iowa law allows a purchaser to seek a return of overcollected sales or use taxes from the seller who collected them. See 2005 Iowa Code subsection 423.45(2). In connection with any purchaser's request of a seller that the seller return sales or use tax alleged to have been overcollected, the seller to whom the request is directed shall be rebuttably presumed to have a reasonable business practice if, in the collection of such sales or use tax, the seller uses either a provider or a system, including a proprietary system, which is certified by this state; and has remitted all taxes collected by the use of that provider system to the department, less any deductions, credits, or collection allowances.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code chapter 423, subchapter IV.  
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**701—204.6(423) Relief from liability for reliance on taxability matrix.** Iowa provides and maintains a taxability matrix in a database that is in a downloadable format approved by the governing board. All sellers and certified service providers are relieved from liability to Iowa and any jurisdiction imposing a local option tax under Iowa Code chapter 423B or 423E for having charged and collected the incorrect amount of sales or use tax resulting from the seller's or certified service provider's reliance on erroneous data provided by that taxability matrix.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code chapter 423, subchapter IV.  
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**701—204.7(423) Effective dates of taxation rate increases or decreases when certain services are furnished.** Certain taxable services are usually furnished over an extended period of time (e.g., utilities, janitorial, and ministorage services), and the user of such a service is billed at regular intervals (e.g., monthly or quarterly). The beginning date when a rate change is imposed on the sales price of this type of service differs, depending upon whether a rate increase or rate decrease is involved. If the rate of taxation has been increased, the beginning date of the rate change shall be the first day of the first billing period occurring on or after the effective date of the rate increase. If the rate of taxation has been decreased, the new rate shall apply to bills rendered on or after the effective date of the rate decrease.

This rule is intended to implement 2011 Iowa Code chapter 423, subchapter IV.  
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**701—204.8(423) Prospective application of defining "retail sale" to include a lease or rental.** The definition of "retail sale" which includes leasing or renting (see 701—Chapter 200) is applied only prospectively from the date of July 1, 2004, and will have no retroactive impact on leases or rentals existing prior to that date. This definition of "retail sale" does not impact any Iowa exemption or exclusion in force prior to July 1, 2004, and applicable to a sale-leaseback transaction, nor does the definition preclude this state from adopting a sale-leaseback exemption or exclusion after July 1, 2004.

This rule is intended to implement 2003 Iowa Acts, First Extraordinary Session, chapter 2, section 205.

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CHAPTER 205  
SOURCING OF TAXABLE SERVICES, TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND SPECIFIED  
DIGITAL PRODUCTS

[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 223]

**701—205.1(423) Definitions.**

“*Agreement*” means the streamlined sales and use tax agreement authorized by subchapter IV of Iowa Code chapter 423 to provide a mechanism for establishing and maintaining a cooperative, simplified system for the application and administration of sales and use tax.

“*Department*” means, for the purpose of this chapter, the Iowa department of revenue.

“*First use of a service*” occurs, for the purpose of this chapter, at the location at which the service is received.

“*First use of a service performed on tangible personal property*” means, for the purpose of this chapter, receiving, with the ability to use, whether or not actually used, the tangible personal property on which the taxable service was performed.

“*Governing board*” means the group comprised of representatives of the member states of the agreement and created by the agreement to be responsible for the agreement’s administration and operation.

“*Receive*” or “*receipt*,” with regard to sales of services, means making “first use of services” pursuant to this chapter. For purposes of receipt of services performed on tangible personal property under rule 701—205.3(423), the location (or locations) where the purchaser (or the purchaser’s donee) regains possession or can potentially make first use of the tangible personal property on which the seller performed the service is the location (or locations) of the receipt of the service. The location where the seller performs the service is not determinative of the location where the purchaser receives the service. The terms “receive” and “receipt” do not include possession by a shipping company on behalf of the purchaser; this is treated as though the retailer delivered to the purchaser the tangible personal property on which the service was performed. When a shipping company delivers tangible personal property on which the service was performed, the service is deemed “received” where the shipping company delivers the tangible personal property to the purchaser. For the purposes of sales of personal care services described in rule 701—205.4(423), the location (or locations) where the service is performed on the purchaser (or the purchaser’s donee) is the location where the purchaser receives the service.

“*Retailer*” means and includes every person engaged in the business of selling taxable services at retail. “Retailer” includes a seller obliged to collect sales or use tax.

“*Seller*” means a person making sales, leases or rentals of services.

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**701—205.2(423) General sourcing rules for taxable services.** Except as otherwise provided in the agreement, retailers providing taxable services in Iowa shall source the sales of those services using the destination sourcing requirements described in Iowa Code section 423.15. In determining whether to apply the provisions of Iowa Code section 423.15 to the sale of a taxable service, it is necessary to determine the location where the result of the service is received, first used, or could potentially be first used, by the purchaser or the purchaser’s donee. The provisions of these rules do not affect the obligation of a purchaser or lessee to remit additional tax, if any, to another taxing jurisdiction based on the use of the service at another location.

**205.2(1) Determining the “result” of a service.** Determining the location where the result of a service is received by a purchaser requires a fact-based inquiry on a case-by-case basis.

EXAMPLE 1: Company Z is a photography business located in Mason City, Iowa. Company Z enters into an agreement with Customer Y, a resident of the state of Illinois, to take a photoshoot in Okoboji, Iowa. Company Z charges Customer Y \$2,000 for the photoshoot itself and \$1,000 for printed photos once they are finalized. Customer Y pays Company Z \$3,000 in advance for the photoshoot and photographs. The photoshoot takes place as planned in Okoboji, and three weeks later Company Z sends Customer Y a package containing the photographs to Customer Y’s Illinois address.

The photoshoot is the result of Company Z's service, which occurs in Okoboji, Iowa—the location where the performance of the photoshoot begins. Company Z must therefore charge Iowa sales tax and any applicable local option tax on the \$2,000 charge for the photoshoot. The \$1,000 charge for the photographs is a sale of tangible personal property and is sourced to Illinois—the location where the photographs are delivered. Company Z therefore does not need to charge Iowa sales tax on the \$1,000 but may be responsible for collecting and remitting Illinois tax.

EXAMPLE 2: Same facts as in Example 1, except that Company Z charges Customer Y a one-time, flat \$3,000 charge without any itemization or breakdown of the cost. This \$3,000 charge represents the sale of tangible personal property and is sourced to Illinois—the location where the photographs are delivered. Company Z therefore does not need to charge Iowa sales tax on the \$3,000 but may be responsible for collecting and remitting Illinois tax.

**205.2(2) *Subsequent use in Iowa.*** If an Iowa purchaser is determined to owe sales tax in another state based on first use, Iowa use tax may still apply. If, subsequent to the first use in another state, the product or result of a service is used in Iowa, Iowa use tax applies. (See Iowa Code section 423.5.)

**205.2(3) *Measurement of use tax due.*** If tax has been imposed on the sales price of services performed on tangible personal property in another state at a rate that is less than the Iowa use tax rate, the purchaser will have to pay Iowa use tax at a rate measured by the difference between the Iowa use tax rate and the tax rate imposed in the state where the service was first used. (See Iowa Code section 423.22.) There is no local option use tax.

EXAMPLE: An Iowa resident first uses the results of services performed on tangible personal property in another state and pays that state's 5 percent sales tax to that state. The Iowa resident returns to Iowa to use the tangible personal property on which the service was performed. Iowa's use tax rate on the services performed on the tangible personal property is 6 percent. The resident must remit to the department 1 percent use tax; no local option use tax is due. If, on the other hand, the other state's sales tax rate is equal to or greater than Iowa's use tax rate, the Iowa resident does not have to remit use tax to the department on the services performed on tangible personal property.

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### **701—205.3(423) First use of services performed on tangible personal property.**

**205.3(1) *First use of services performed on tangible personal property defined.*** A service performed on tangible personal property is a service that changes some aspect of the property, such as its appearance or function. Services with respect to tangible personal property, but not necessarily performed on tangible personal property, such as inspection and appraisal, are not addressed in this rule. Except as otherwise provided in the agreement or the rules adopted by the governing board, a service performed on tangible personal property is first used at, and sourced to, the location where the customer receives, regains possession of, or can potentially make first use of, whether or not actually used, the tangible personal property on which the seller performed the service. In general, this is the location where the tangible personal property is returned to the purchaser or the purchaser's donee.

**205.3(2) *Sourcing of taxable services performed on tangible personal property as applied to local option sales and services tax.*** A local option sales and services tax shall be imposed on the same basis as the state sales and services tax. With respect to sourcing of taxable services performed on tangible personal property, the local option sales and services tax sourcing rules shall be the same as the destination sourcing requirements described in Iowa Code section 423.15 and as set forth in rules 701—205.1(423) and 701—205.2(423) and subrule 205.3(1). However, the location of the taxable service performed on tangible personal property shall be sourced to the taxing jurisdiction, rather than to the state, where the customer regains possession or can potentially make first use of the tangible personal property on which the seller performed the service. Iowa does not impose a local option use tax.

**205.3(3) *Specific examples of taxable enumerated services.*** Specific examples of services performed on tangible personal property taxable in Iowa under Iowa Code section 423.2 include, but are not limited to:

- a. Alteration and garment repair;
- b. Vehicle repair and vehicle wash and wax;
- c. Boat repair;
- d. Carpentry;
- e. Roof, shingle and glass repair;
- f. Dry cleaning, pressing, dyeing, and laundering;
- g. Electrical and electronic repair and installation;
- h. Farm implement repair of all kinds;
- i. Furniture, rug, carpet, and upholstery repair and cleaning;
- j. Gun and camera repair;
- k. Household appliance, television, and radio repair;
- l. Jewelry and watch repair;
- m. Machine repair of all kinds, including office and business machine repair;
- n. Motor repair;
- o. Motorcycle, scooter, and bicycle repair;
- p. Pet grooming;
- q. Wood preparation;
- r. Sewing and stitching;
- s. Shoe repair and shoeshine; and
- t. Taxidermy services.

**205.3(4)** *Examples of sourcing rules for motor and machine repair.* The following examples are intended to clarify when motor and machine repair services are deemed “received.”

EXAMPLE A: Ms. Brown of Muscatine, Iowa, takes her lawnmower to a repair shop in Moline, Illinois, to have its engine repaired. When the lawnmower is repaired, she picks it up at the Illinois repair shop and returns to Muscatine. The repair service is received at the repair shop location in Illinois since Ms. Brown has the potential first use of the repaired item at that location. The repair transaction is sourced to Illinois. Ms. Brown’s subsequent use of the repair services performed on the lawnmower obliges her to remit use tax to the department to the extent Iowa’s use tax rate exceeds Illinois’s tax rate on lawnmower repair services. That is, Ms. Brown must remit Iowa use tax at a rate measured by the difference between Iowa’s use tax rate and the tax rate imposed in Illinois on lawnmower repair services. If Illinois does not tax motor and machine repair, Ms. Brown must remit use tax to the Department at a rate equal to Iowa’s entire use tax rate.

EXAMPLE B: Same facts as in subrule 205.3(4), Example A, except that the Illinois repair shop delivers the repaired lawnmower to the owner’s residence in Iowa. In this case, the potential first use is at Ms. Brown’s residence. Thus, Ms. Brown receives the repair service at, and the repair service is sourced to, her residence in Iowa; Iowa sales tax is due.

EXAMPLE C: Mr. Cho, a homeowner in Iowa, contacts an appliance repair service provider located in Missouri to have a clothes dryer repaired. The repair service provider dispatches a technician to Mr. Cho’s home in Iowa to make the needed repairs. Mr. Cho received the repair service in Iowa because the potential first use of the repaired clothes dryer was in Iowa. This transaction is sourced to Iowa; Iowa sales tax is due.

EXAMPLE D: A manufacturer in Iowa uses gauges in its production process to ensure that its product meets specifications. Periodically, the manufacturer ships the gauges to a test laboratory in Minnesota to verify that they are producing proper measurements. The test laboratory tests the gauges and adjusts the calibration on the gauges. The test laboratory ships the gauges back to the manufacturer’s location in Iowa. The manufacturer regained possession and had potential first use of the gauges in Iowa so the transaction is sourced to the location of the manufacturer in Iowa; Iowa sales tax is due.

EXAMPLE E: Same facts as in subrule 205.3(4), Example D, except that the manufacturer picks up the calibrated gauges from the test laboratory in Minnesota. The potential first use of the calibrated gauges (the result of the test laboratory services) is in Minnesota, and the transaction is sourced to the test laboratory’s location in Minnesota. The manufacturer must remit use tax to the department to the extent Iowa’s use tax rate exceeds Minnesota’s tax rate on test laboratory services. That is, the manufacturer is

obliged to pay Iowa use tax at a rate measured by the difference between Iowa's use tax rate and the tax rate imposed in Minnesota on test laboratory services. If Minnesota does not tax test laboratory services, the manufacturer must remit use tax to the department at a rate equal to Iowa's entire use tax rate.

EXAMPLE F: Same facts as in subrule 205.3(4), Example D, except that the manufacturer hires a shipping company, such as a common or contract carrier, to pick up the tested and recalibrated gauges from the test laboratory and deliver them to the manufacturer's location in Iowa. Since the terms "receive" and "receipt" do not include possession by a shipping company on behalf of the purchaser, the transaction is sourced to the manufacturer's location in Iowa where the manufacturer regains possession and has potential first use of the gauges. Iowa sales tax is due.

**205.3(5)** *Examples of sourcing rules for the painting of tangible personal property.* The following examples are intended to clarify when the service of painting of tangible personal property is deemed "received."

EXAMPLE A: A law office in Iowa has antique bookcases it wishes to have painted. The bookcases are picked up by a painter and taken to and painted in the painter's shop in Illinois. The painter then delivers the painted bookcases to the law office. The transaction is sourced to the location of the law office in Iowa; Iowa sales tax is due. If, instead, the law office sends one of its employees to the painter's shop in Illinois to pick up the painted bookcases, the transaction is sourced to the painter's location in Illinois where possession or potential first use occurs. The law office must remit use tax to the department to the extent Iowa's use tax rate exceeds Illinois's tax rate on painting services. If Illinois does not tax painting services, the law office must remit use tax to the department at a rate equal to Iowa's entire use tax rate.

EXAMPLE B: A business in Davenport, Iowa, hires a painter from Rock Island, Illinois, to paint several file cabinets. The painter does the painting on site at the purchaser's office location. Because the file cabinets remain at the same location and the purchaser's potential first use of the cabinets is in Iowa, the transaction is sourced to the purchaser's office location in Davenport. Iowa sales tax is due.

**205.3(6)** *Example of sourcing rules for dry cleaning services.* The following example is intended to clarify when dry cleaning services are deemed "received."

EXAMPLE: Mr. Riley, a Council Bluffs, Iowa, resident, takes laundry to an Omaha, Nebraska, dry cleaner's store. After his clothing is dry-cleaned, Mr. Riley returns to the dry cleaner in Omaha to pick up the clothing. The dry cleaner returns the clothes to Mr. Riley at the dry cleaner's store. Mr. Riley regains possession of his dry-cleaned clothes at the store in Omaha, so the transaction is sourced to Nebraska. Mr. Riley must remit use tax to the department to the extent Iowa's use tax rate exceeds Nebraska's tax rate on dry-cleaning services. If Nebraska does not tax dry-cleaning services, then Mr. Riley must remit use tax to the department at a rate equal to Iowa's entire use tax rate.

**205.3(7)** *Example of sourcing rules for vehicle wash and wax services.* The following example is intended to clarify when vehicle wash and wax services are deemed "received."

EXAMPLE: Mr. Moyle lives in Sioux City, Iowa, but he drives his vehicle to a car wash in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota, for a vehicle wash and wax service. The car wash operator washes and waxes the vehicle in Dakota Dunes. When the car wash operator completes the vehicle wash and wax service, Mr. Moyle pays the car wash operator and drives back to Sioux City, Iowa. Since the owner regains possession of the car at the car wash, the transaction is sourced to South Dakota. Mr. Moyle must remit use tax to the department to the extent that Iowa's use tax rate exceeds South Dakota's tax rate on vehicle wash and wax services. If South Dakota does not tax vehicle wash and wax services, then Mr. Moyle must remit use tax to the department at a rate equal to Iowa's entire use tax rate.

**205.3(8)** *Examples of sourcing rules for animal grooming services.* The following examples are intended to clarify when animal grooming services are deemed "received."

EXAMPLE A: Ms. Decker of Lake Mills, Iowa, hires a mobile pet washing and grooming service based in Albert Lea, Minnesota, to come to her home and bathe and groom her dog Sascha. The grooming service is performed on Sascha at Ms. Decker's home in Lake Mills. Therefore, the pet washing service transaction is sourced to Ms. Decker's home in Iowa. Iowa sales tax is due.

EXAMPLE B: Mr. Marx who resides in Bettendorf, Iowa, takes his cat Fluffy to a Milan, Illinois, grooming shop. The cat groomer cuts and washes Fluffy's fur. Once Fluffy is groomed, Mr. Marx returns

to the grooming shop, pays for the service, and drives Fluffy home to Bettendorf. Since Mr. Marx picks up Fluffy at the shop in Illinois, the first use of the grooming services is in Illinois, and the transaction is sourced to Illinois. Mr. Marx must remit use tax to the department to the extent Iowa's use tax rate exceeds Illinois's tax rate on animal grooming services. If Illinois does not tax animal grooming services, then Mr. Marx must remit use tax to the department at a rate equal to Iowa's entire use tax rate.

**205.3(9)** *Example of local option sales and service tax sourcing rules for camera repair services.* The following example is intended to clarify when camera repair services are deemed "received."

EXAMPLE: Mr. Pagano, a photographer in Promise City, Iowa, contacts Bob's Camera Shop, which is located in Appanoose County, Iowa, to arrange for one of his cameras to be repaired. Promise City has imposed local option sales and service tax. Bob's Camera Shop dispatches a repairperson to Mr. Pagano's studio in Promise City to repair the camera. Mr. Pagano receives the repair service in Promise City since he can potentially make first use of his repaired camera at that location. The repair service is sourced to Promise City even though the camera shop is located in Appanoose County. Local option sales and service tax imposed by Promise City and Iowa sales tax are due on the sales price of the camera repair service.

**205.3(10)** *Examples of local option sales and service tax sourcing rules for bicycle repair services.* The following examples are intended to clarify when bicycle repair services are deemed "received."

EXAMPLE A: Mr. Edwards, a resident of Slater, Iowa, contacts Bike-o-rama Repair Shop in Ankeny, Iowa, to arrange for his bicycle to be repaired. Slater has imposed local option sales and service tax; Ankeny has not. Mr. Edwards delivers his bicycle to Bike-o-rama and leaves it there to be repaired. Because he is a preferred customer, Bike-o-rama has one of its employees deliver Mr. Edwards' bicycle to his home in Slater when the bicycle repair service is completed. Mr. Edwards' potential first use of his bicycle is in Slater; therefore, the transaction is sourced to Slater. Local option sales and service tax is due even though Bike-o-rama is located in Ankeny where there is no local option sales and service tax. Iowa sales tax is also due.

EXAMPLE B: Same facts as in subrule 205.3(10), Example A, but Mr. Edwards picks up his repaired bicycle at Bike-o-rama in Ankeny. Because Mr. Edwards regains possession and can make potential first use of the repaired bicycle in Ankeny, the repair transaction is sourced to Ankeny, and no local option sales and service tax is due on the sales price of the repair. Iowa sales tax is due.

EXAMPLE C: Same facts as in subrule 205.3(10), Example A, but Bike-o-rama is located in Willow Glen, California, and Bike-o-rama ships Mr. Edwards' bike to his home in Slater, Iowa. Since the terms "receive" and "receipt" do not include possession by a shipping company on behalf of the purchaser, the transaction is sourced to Slater. Slater's local option sales and service tax is due even though Bike-o-rama is located in Willow Glen, California. Iowa sales tax is also due.

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## **701—205.4(423) Sourcing rules for personal care services.**

**205.4(1)** *Definition.* "Personal care services" means services that are performed on the physical human body. Examples of personal care services governed by this rule include, but are not limited to:

- a. Barber and beauty services;
- b. Massage, excluding services provided by massage therapists licensed under Iowa Code chapter 152C;
- c. Reflexology;
- d. Reducing salons; and
- e. Tanning beds and salons.

**205.4(2)** *Sourcing of personal care services.* Except as otherwise provided in the agreement or the rules adopted by the governing board, a purchaser receives a personal care service within the meaning of rule 701—200.1(423) at the location where the services are performed, which is the same location where

the services are received by the purchaser (or the purchaser's donee). The services will be received by the purchaser (or the purchaser's donee) either at the seller's location, pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "a," or at the purchaser's (or the purchaser's donee) location, pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "b."

**205.4(3) Examples of sourcing of personal care services.** The following examples are intended to clarify sourcing rules for personal care services.

EXAMPLE A: Mr. Fernandez, a resident of Illinois, goes to a barber shop to have his hair cut. The barber is located within Iowa. The barber is providing personal care services, and the sale of these services must be sourced to the location where the services are received (place of first use). Mr. Fernandez makes first use of the services in Iowa where his hair is cut. The sale is sourced to Iowa; Iowa sales tax is due.

EXAMPLE B: Ms. Jackson, a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa, goes to a tanning salon in Omaha, Nebraska, and pays for use of a tanning bed. The tanning salon is providing personal care services, and the sale of these services must be sourced to the location of the tanning salon since this is where the services are received (place of first use). Since the tanning salon is located in Nebraska, the sale is sourced to Nebraska. If Nebraska taxes tanning salon services and that rate is lower than Iowa's use tax rate, Ms. Jackson is obliged to pay Iowa use tax to the department at a rate measured by the difference between Iowa's use tax rate and the tax rate imposed on tanning salon services in Nebraska. If Nebraska does not tax tanning salon services, then Ms. Jackson must remit use tax to the department at a rate equal to Iowa's entire use tax rate.

EXAMPLE C: Ms. Zastrow, a resident of Iowa, contacts a massage therapist (who is not licensed under Iowa Code chapter 152C) located in Nebraska for a therapeutic massage. Ms. Zastrow requests that the therapist perform the massage at Ms. Zastrow's residence in Iowa. The therapist travels to Ms. Zastrow's residence and performs the massage. The therapist is providing personal care services, and the sale of these services must be sourced to the location where the services are received (place of first use). Ms. Zastrow makes first use of the services in Iowa where the massage is performed. The sale is sourced to Iowa, and therefore Iowa sales tax is due.

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**701—205.5(423) Sourcing of tickets or admissions to places of amusement, fairs, and athletic events.** Sales of tickets or admissions to places of amusement, fairs, and athletic events are sourced in the same manner as services, using the destination sourcing requirements described in Iowa Code section 423.15 and as set forth in rule 701—205.2(423). Generally, the sale of a service is sourced to the location where the purchaser makes first use of the service. In the case of an event that the purchaser attends at a physical location, first use would occur at the location of the event.

EXAMPLE: X makes retail sales of tickets to music concerts in Iowa. X is a retailer maintaining a place of business in this state under Iowa Code section 423.1(48) and therefore is required to collect Iowa sales tax and local option sales tax on retail sales of these tickets. See Iowa Code section 423.2(3). Y is a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa. Y purchases two tickets to attend a concert in Ames, Iowa. The sale is sourced to Ames, the location of the event. The result is the same regardless of how or where Y's tickets are delivered. X must charge Iowa sales tax and any local option sales tax that applies to sales sourced to Ames, Iowa.

**205.5(1) Sales of admissions to virtual events.** First use of a ticket of admission to a virtual event occurs at the location where the attendee first participates in or accesses the event, if known to the seller. If this location is unknown, the sale is sourced pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.15(1).

EXAMPLE: X is hosting a virtual video game tournament. X is a retailer maintaining a place of business in this state under Iowa Code section 423.1(48). Y purchases admission to participate in the virtual video game tournament from a residence in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Y's access to the tournament begins immediately upon purchase, and Y's location is known to X. Therefore, X must source the admission to Council Bluffs, Iowa. X must charge Iowa sales tax and any local option sales tax that applies to sales sourced to Council Bluffs, Iowa.

**205.5(2)** *Sales of admissions that can be used at multiple locations.* Admissions that may be used at multiple locations should be sourced to the location where the admission is purchased if the purchaser picks it up in person and it can be used at that location. If the service cannot be used at that location or the sale is made online, the sale should be sourced using the provisions of Iowa Code section 423.15 and these rules that apply when the location of first use is unknown.

EXAMPLE 1: X is a movie theater located in West Des Moines, Iowa. X sells movie passes that can be used at its location and other locations across Iowa. Y purchases a movie pass at X's location in West Des Moines. Y's purchase is sourced to West Des Moines. X must collect Iowa sales tax and any local option sales tax that applies to sales sourced to West Des Moines, Iowa.

EXAMPLE 2: X is a health club with locations across Iowa. X has a website where memberships can be purchased. Memberships can be used at any of X's locations. Y purchases a membership through X's website. Y is required to provide an address when the membership purchase information is filled out. Y provides an address in Clive, Iowa. Therefore the sale is sourced to Clive. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "c." X must therefore collect Iowa sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Clive.

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**701—205.6(423) Sourcing rules for tangible personal property and specified digital products.** All sales of tangible personal property and specified digital products by sellers obligated to collect sales and use tax, except those enumerated in Iowa Code section 423.16, shall be sourced using the destination sourcing requirements described in Iowa Code section 423.15. Products received by a purchaser at a seller's business location shall be sourced to that business location. When the retailer has the address to which the retailer or a shipping company will deliver a product to the purchaser, Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "b" applies and the sale is sourced to the delivery address. The sale of a product delivered to a shipping company is not sourced to the location of the shipping company. The terms of a sale as F.O.B. (origin) are irrelevant for purposes of sourcing a sale. See Iowa Code section 423.1(43) "b" and *In the Matter of Clipper Windpower, LLC*, Iowa Dep't of Revenue Declaratory Order No. 2016-300-2-0058 (Sept. 8, 2017).

**205.6(1)** *General examples of sourcing of tangible personal property.* The following examples illustrate the sourcing principles of Iowa Code section 423.15(1) as applied to sales, but not leases or rentals, of tangible personal property.

EXAMPLE 1: Item received at retail store of the seller. X purchases a product at a retail store in Waterloo, Iowa. X takes the product home from the retail store that day. The sale is sourced to the retail store in Waterloo, Iowa, because that is the business location where X receives the product. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "a." The retailer must therefore collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Waterloo.

EXAMPLE 2: Item received at warehouse of the seller. X purchases a product at a retail store in Waterloo, Iowa, but X has to pick up the product at a warehouse in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The sale is sourced to the warehouse in Cedar Falls because that is the business location where X receives the product. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "a." The retailer must therefore collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Cedar Falls.

EXAMPLE 3: Item received at alternate location. X purchases a product at a retail store in Waterloo, Iowa. While purchasing the product, X provides the retail store with X's home address as the location where X would like to have the product delivered. The retail store's delivery truck delivers the product to X's home in Waverly, Iowa. The sale is sourced to X's home in Waverly, Iowa, because that is the location where X receives the product and the location is known to the seller. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "b." The retailer must therefore collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Waverly. The outcome in this example is the same regardless of whether the retail store delivered the product with its own truck or by common carrier.

EXAMPLE 4: Sale by Iowa seller, product received by buyer in Iowa, but product delivered from outside of Iowa. X lives in Maxwell, Iowa. X purchases a product online from an Iowa seller with a retail

location in Des Moines, Iowa. While purchasing the product, X provides the retail store with X's home address as the location where X would like to have the product delivered. The seller sends the product to X via a common carrier from its shipping facility in Lincoln, Nebraska, and X receives the product at X's home in Maxwell. The sale is sourced to Maxwell because the product is received at that location and that location is known to the seller. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "b." The outcome in this example is the same regardless of the fact that the product was delivered by a third party and regardless of the fact that the product was delivered from out of state. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "b." The retailer must therefore collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Maxwell.

EXAMPLE 5: Sale by remote seller, product delivered into Iowa. X lives in Maxwell, Iowa. X purchases a product online from a remote seller (a seller who has no physical presence in Iowa) located in Kansas City, Missouri, who is required to collect Iowa sales and local option taxes on Iowa sales pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.14A(3). While purchasing the product, X inputs X's home address as the delivery address. The product is shipped via common carrier. The sale is sourced to Maxwell, Iowa, because the product is received at that location and that location is known to the seller. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "b." It is irrelevant that the product was delivered by a third-party common carrier. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "b." The retailer must therefore collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Maxwell.

EXAMPLE 6: Location of receipt by a purchaser's donee. X lives in Omaha, Nebraska. X purchases a birthday gift for Y, who lives in Davenport, Iowa. X purchases the gift from a remote seller (a seller who has no physical presence in Iowa) located in Chicago, Illinois, who is required to collect Iowa sales and local option taxes on Iowa sales pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.14A(3). While purchasing the gift, X inputs Y's Davenport, Iowa, address as the delivery address. The sale is sourced to Davenport, Iowa. Y is the purchaser's donee. The gift is received by Y in Davenport, Iowa, and that location is known to the seller. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "b." The retailer must therefore collect states sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Davenport.

EXAMPLE 7: Location of receipt unknown to the seller, but purchaser's address available from seller's business records. X purchases a product at a retail store in Waterloo, Iowa. X provides a billing address located in Fort Dodge, Iowa, with X's payment information. X indicates to the retail store that X will arrange for a third-party shipping company to pick up the product. X does not provide the retailer a shipping address. Even though the retailer does not know the delivery address, the retailer's business records indicate that the purchaser's address is in Fort Dodge. Therefore, the sale is sourced to Fort Dodge. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "c." The retailer must therefore collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Fort Dodge.

EXAMPLE 8: Location of receipt unknown to the seller, but purchaser's address only indicated on a payment instrument used in the transaction. X purchases a product at a retail store in Waterloo, Iowa. X pays with a check that lists a Fort Dodge, Iowa, address for X. X indicates to the retail store that X will arrange for a third-party shipping company to pick up the product. X does not provide a shipping address to the retail store. Even though the retail store does not have a shipping address or other address for X on file, the check lists an address for the purchaser in Fort Dodge. Therefore, the sale is sourced to Fort Dodge. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "d." The retailer must therefore collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Fort Dodge.

EXAMPLE 9: Location from which the item was shipped, if location of receipt is unknown to the seller and the seller has no other record or indication of buyer's address. X orders a product at a retail store in Adel, Iowa. X pays in cash and indicates to the retail store that X will arrange for a third-party shipping company to pick up the product. X does not provide a shipping address or a billing address, and the retail store does not have an address on file for X. Because X paid in cash, X's address is not indicated on a payment instrument. The retail store may source the sale to its location in Adel, Iowa. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "e." The retailer must therefore collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Adel.

**205.6(2)** *General examples of sourcing of specified digital products.* The following examples illustrate the sourcing principles of Iowa Code section 423.15(1) as applied to specified digital products.



EXAMPLE 1: Specified digital product purchased at seller's business location. Y owns and operates a restaurant in Sioux City, Iowa. Y provides guests access to an on-site electronic device on which guests may purchase access to video games to play while they wait to receive their food. Guests' access to the games ends once they pay their bill, and the charge for the access is included on the final bill. All sales of video games from Y's on-site electronic devices are sourced to Sioux City, the location at which guests receive access to the video games. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1)"a." Y must therefore collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Sioux City.

EXAMPLE 2: Location of receipt by purchaser known to seller. X purchases and receives a specified digital product on X's smart phone through an online application marketplace. The marketplace knows X is in Ames, Iowa, when X purchases and downloads the specified digital product. The sale is sourced to Ames because the product is received at that location (see Iowa Code section 423.1(43)) and that location is known to the seller. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1)"b." If the marketplace meets the thresholds described in Iowa Code section 423.14A(3), the marketplace must collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Ames.

EXAMPLE 3: Location of receipt by purchaser unknown, but purchaser's address is available from seller's business records. X purchases a specified digital product from C's website. Prior to purchasing the specified digital product, X creates a user account through C's website and lists X's home address in Jefferson, Iowa. When X purchases the specified digital product, C does not know where X received the specified digital product. Even though C does not know where the specified digital product is received by X, C's business records that are maintained in the ordinary course of business indicate that X's address is in Jefferson, Iowa. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1)"c." If C meets the thresholds described in Iowa Code section 423.14A(3), C must collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Jefferson.

EXAMPLE 4: Location of receipt by purchaser unknown, but purchaser's address only indicated on a payment instrument used in the transaction. X downloads a mobile video game application on X's phone through an online application marketplace. X pays for the video game with X's credit card. The marketplace saves the Ames, Iowa, home address associated with X's credit card. However, the marketplace does not know X's location when X downloads and purchases the video game. The marketplace may rely on the Ames address associated with X's payment information to source the sale. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1)"d." If the marketplace meets the thresholds described in Iowa Code section 423.14A(3), the marketplace must collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Ames.

**205.6(3)** *Examples of sourcing of leases and rentals of tangible personal property other than transportation equipment or products described in Iowa Code section 423.16.* The following examples illustrate the sourcing principles of Iowa Code section 423.15(2) as applied to leases or rentals of tangible personal property, other than transportation equipment as defined in Iowa Code section 423.15(3). This rule does not cover products described in Iowa Code section 423.16.

EXAMPLE 1A: Lease that requires recurring periodic payments. X resides in Indianola, Iowa. X enters into a rental agreement with Y, a furniture rental company located in Des Moines, for the rental of a couch. The agreement specifies that X will pay to Y a \$50 down payment and \$20 each month thereafter until the rental is terminated.

In exchange for possession of the couch, X makes the required \$50 down payment to Y at Y's office in Des Moines, Iowa. X receives the couch at Y's office in Des Moines, and X takes the couch to X's home in Indianola, Iowa. While purchasing the couch, X provides Y with X's Indianola address, which Y keeps on file. For the remainder of the rental period, X's primary address remains the same.

The first periodic payment—the down payment—is sourced the same as sales under Iowa Code section 423.15(1). See Iowa Code section 423.15(2)"a." In this case, the down payment was made and the product was received at the seller's business location. Iowa Code section 423.15(1)"a" governs the sourcing of the down payment. See subrule 205.5(1). Therefore in this case, the down payment is sourced to Des Moines. Y must collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Des Moines on the down payment.

Because X's home address is on file with Y for the remainder of the rental period, X's address is the "primary property location" of the couch during those periods. See Iowa Code section 423.15(2) "a." Therefore, the subsequent monthly payments are sourced to X's Indianola address that is contained in the records maintained by Y in the ordinary course of business. See Iowa Code section 423.15(2) "a." Y must collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Indianola on the monthly payments.

EXAMPLE 1B: Assume the same facts as Example 1A. In this example, however, X provides the \$50 down payment, gives Y X's home address in Indianola, Iowa, and arranges to have Y deliver the couch to X's home in Indianola, Iowa. The \$50 down payment constitutes the "first periodic payment" and is therefore sourced to Indianola in accordance with Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "b." See Iowa Code section 423.15(2) "a." Because Y knows the location where the product will be received by the purchaser, Y must collect Iowa sales and any local option sales tax applicable in the city of Indianola on the down payment. See subrule 205.6(1). The result is the same regardless of whether Y or a third-party shipping agent delivers the product and regardless of whether the product is shipped from outside of Iowa. See subrule 205.6(1), Examples 3 and 4.

All other facts and results from Example 1A remain the same.

EXAMPLE 1C: Same facts as in Example 1A. In this example, however, partway through the rental period, X moves to Clinton, Iowa, for the remainder of the rental period. X informs Y of the change in address and that X is bringing the couch to Clinton as part of the move. Y updates Y's business records to reflect X's new address and the location of the couch.

Every payment that occurs after X informed Y of X's new address is sourced to Clinton, Iowa, because the "primary property location" as indicated by an address for the property provided by the lessee was updated to Clinton, Iowa. See Iowa Code section 423.15(2) "a."

EXAMPLE 1D: Same facts as Example 1A. X makes the first several monthly payments while residing in Indianola. However, partway through the rental period, X moves to Ames and brings the couch. X does not update Y about the new address and location of the couch. Y does not receive any record from X indicating X's new address.

Even though the couch is actually located in Ames, the "primary property location" indicated by an address for the property provided by X that is available to Y from records maintained in the ordinary course of business is the Indianola address. See Iowa Code section 423.15(2) "a." Therefore, Y is correct in sourcing each lease payment to Indianola.

EXAMPLE 2: Rental that does not require recurring periodic payments. B rents a woodchipper from C for a week in exchange for a single, up-front payment. C delivers the woodchipper to B at a location in Sioux Center, Iowa. The rental payment is sourced to Sioux Center, Iowa, because that is the location where B receives the woodchipper and the location is known to C, the seller. See Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "b." C must therefore collect state sales tax and any local option sales tax imposed in the city of Sioux Center. A rental that does not require recurring period payment is sourced the same as retail sales under Iowa Code section 423.15(1) and subrule 205.6(1). See Iowa Code section 423.15(2) "b."

**205.6(4)** *Sales of items from vending machines.* Sales from vending machines are sourced to the location of the individual vending machine at which the purchaser receives the item.

**205.6(5)** *Sales of items by an itinerant merchant, peddler, or salesperson having a route.* When an itinerant merchant, peddler, or mobile salesperson meets with a customer and solicits an order or completes a contract for sale and the customer receives the item at that location, the sale is sourced to that location pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "b," regardless of whether the location is the customer's home, a business establishment, or elsewhere. This rule applies to all other sales by itinerant merchants, peddlers, and mobile salespersons in the same manner as they apply to any other seller.

**205.6(6)** *Items purchased for resale but withdrawn from inventory.* If a person purchases items for resale or processing but withdraws and uses any of those items from inventory or from a stock of materials held for processing, the gross receipts from the sales of the items withdrawn and used are sourced to the county in which they are withdrawn regardless of where the items were purchased for resale.

EXAMPLE: X owns and operates a home and furniture store located in Black Hawk County, Iowa. In Johnson County, Iowa, X purchases five rocking chairs. X provides the Johnson County retailer with

sales tax exemption certificates stating that the rocking chairs are purchased for resale; the retailer accepts the certificates and does not charge Iowa sales tax on the sale of the rocking chairs. After returning to Black Hawk County, X decides to use one rocking chair in X's home instead of selling it. Because the rocking chair was withdrawn from inventory in Black Hawk County, sales tax and the applicable local option tax in Black Hawk County are due.

**205.6(7) *Items withdrawn from inventory by a manufacturer.*** Where a manufacturer manufactures tangible personal property and uses the property it manufactures for any purpose except for resale or processing, such use by the manufacturer is subject to sales tax and sourced to the county in which the manufacturer first used the property. Taxable use includes using such property as building materials, supplies, or equipment in the performance of a construction contract. Tax is computed upon the cost to fabricate the property. See rule 701—219.6(423) for more information.

EXAMPLE: X manufactures steel beams in Madison County, Iowa. X withdraws a beam from inventory to use on a construction project at its facility. X's withdrawal of the beam for use in the construction project is sourced to Madison County, Iowa, and sales tax and the applicable local option tax are due.

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CHAPTER 206  
BUNDLED TRANSACTIONS  
[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 216]

**701—206.1(423) Taxability of bundled transactions.** The sales price of a bundled transaction is subject to tax if any product included in the bundled transaction would be taxable if sold separately. For purposes of this rule, products include tangible personal property, services, and specified digital products and exclude real property and services to real property.

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**701—206.2(423) Bundled transaction.** A “bundled transaction” is the retail sale of two or more products where the products are otherwise distinct and identifiable and the products are sold for one nonitemized price.

**206.2(1) Distinct and identifiable product.** “Distinct and identifiable product” does not include any of the following:

*a.* Packaging or other materials that accompany the retail sale of the products and are incidental or immaterial to the retail sales of the products. Packaging or other materials include, but are not limited to, containers, boxes, sacks, bags, bottles, envelopes, wrapping, labels, tags, twine, garment hangers, and instruction guides.

EXAMPLE 1: Seller Z provides paper and plastic bags for purchasers to use to carry away their purchased items. The bags are incidental or immaterial to the retail sales of the products and are not distinct and identifiable products. Seller Z’s retail sale of purchased items in the provided bags does not constitute a bundled transaction.

EXAMPLE 2: Seller X sells brownies and offers purchasers the option of adding a premium box for an increased price. The sales price of the brownies is the same whether they are sold on their own or with a standard box, but the total sales price increases if the purchasers select a premium box. The premium box is distinct and identifiable from the food product because it requires separate shopping preferences and product selection by the purchaser and is not standard with every order of food product. The retail sale of the brownies and the premium box may constitute a bundled transaction if the other requirements pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.2(8) are satisfied.

EXAMPLE 3: Seller A offers purchasers the option to buy reusable, long-lasting grocery bags to use to carry away purchased grocery items. If the reusable grocery bags are purchased with other items and separately itemized, they are taxable and the sale does not constitute a bundled transaction.

*b.* A product that is provided free of charge to the consumer in conjunction with the required purchase of another product, if the sales price of the other product does not vary depending on whether the product provided free of charge is included in the transaction. Examples include a free car wash with the purchase of gasoline or free dinnerware with the purchase of groceries.

*c.* Items specified in the definition of “sales price” in Iowa Code section 423.1.

**206.2(2) One nonitemized price.** “One nonitemized price” does not include the following:

*a.* A price that is separately identified by product on a binding sales document, or other sales-related documentation, that is made available to the customer in paper or electronic form, including but not limited to an invoice, a bill of sale, a receipt, a contract, a service agreement, a lease agreement, a periodic notice of rates and services, a rate card or a price list.

*b.* A price for which the sales price varies or is negotiable based on the purchaser’s selection of the products included in the transaction even if the seller only provides one price on its invoice to the purchaser.

EXAMPLE 1: Seller A sells a bakery item as part of a meal which consists of taxable prepared food. The purchaser selects items from a list of options of prepared food to be included in the meal. The individual items of the meal are not itemized on the receipt and the meal is always the same price, notwithstanding the items selected by the purchaser. The meal is sold for one nonitemized price, and the sales price of the meal is subject to tax as a bundled transaction.

EXAMPLE 2: Seller B enters into a contract with buyer D to provide various information technology services. Buyer D selects the information technology services it wants from seller B. Through

negotiation, buyer D and seller B agree on a price based on the services selected and seller B bills buyer D one price for all of the services, some of which are taxable and some of which are not taxable. Although the invoice from seller B to buyer D only contains one price for all of the services, since the price was based on the products selected by buyer D, the price is not one nonitemized price and the sale does not constitute a bundled transaction.

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**701—206.3(423) Transactions not taxable as bundled transactions.** Generally, the entire sales price from a bundled transaction is subject to sales tax. However, the transactions described in this rule are not taxable as bundled transactions:

**206.3(1) Sales involving mixed tangible personal property and services.** The retail sale of tangible personal property or specified digital product and a service, if the tangible personal property or specified digital product is essential to the use of the service, and provided exclusively in connection with the service, and if the true object of the transaction is the service.

EXAMPLE: Seller A charges customer B for computer programming services where customer B is also given a backup disk and instruction manual. The true object of the transaction is the provision of the programming services. Seller A is selling nontaxable services and is not making a sale of a bundled transaction. Iowa sales tax is not due on the programmer's charge for services; sales tax is due on seller A's purchases of tangible personal property used to fulfill the service.

**206.3(2) Sales involving services.** The retail sale of services, if one of the services is essential to the use or receipt of a second service, and provided exclusively in connection with the second service, and if the true object of the transaction is the second service. If the transaction is not a bundled transaction as a result of this exclusion, then the true object of the transaction will be the retail sale of the second service and should be taxed accordingly.

**206.3(3) True object test.** The true object of a transaction is the main product that is the subject of the transaction. Determining the true object of a transaction is a fact-based inquiry and shall be made on a case-by-case basis. Factors that may be considered in determining the true object of a transaction include, but are not limited to, the nature of the seller's business and purchaser's reason for making the purchase.

**206.3(4) Sales involving "de minimis" taxable products.** A transaction that includes taxable and nontaxable products and the seller's purchase price or sales price of the taxable products is de minimis. "De minimis" means the seller's purchase price or sales price of the taxable products is 10 percent or less of the total purchase price or sales price of the bundled products. A seller shall use either the seller's purchase price or seller's sales price of the products to determine if the taxable products are de minimis. A seller may not use a combination of the seller's purchase price and seller's sales price of the products to determine if the taxable products are de minimis.

EXAMPLE 1: Seller H sells a coupon book that includes a packet of stickers for one nonitemized price of \$75. The packet of stickers is not provided free of charge. Seller H purchased the stickers, a taxable product, for \$2 per packet, which does not exceed 10 percent of the total purchase price of the coupon book and stickers. Seller H's sale of the coupon book and stickers is not a bundled transaction, and the sales price of \$75 is not subject to tax.

EXAMPLE 2: Technology Company F (company F) sells access to a day-long live webinar about the latest trends occurring in the technology industry for one nonitemized price of \$200. The webinar, which does not allow people viewing the presentation to submit questions, is not subject to Iowa sales tax. The customer also receives a smartwatch that is included in the payment of the webinar but is not provided free of charge. Company F's sales price of the smartwatch is \$50, which exceeds 10 percent of the total sales price of the fee. The watch is subject to sales tax by the customer. Because company F's purchase price of the watch is not de minimis, the \$200 transaction is a bundled transaction and is subject to tax.

**206.3(5) Sales involving taxable and exempt food or medical products.** The retail sale of exempt tangible personal property and taxable tangible personal property where all of the following apply:

a. The transaction includes food and food ingredients, drugs, durable medical equipment, mobility enhancing equipment, prosthetic devices, or medical supplies; and

*b.* The seller's purchase price or sales price of the taxable tangible personal property is 50 percent or less of the total purchase price or sales price of the bundled tangible personal property. Sellers may not use a combination of the purchase price and sales price of the tangible personal property when making the 50 percent determination for a transaction.

EXAMPLE: Seller F offers its customers a package containing two prepared hot dogs and five frozen hot dogs. The sales price for the two prepared hot dogs is \$5, and the sales price of the five frozen hot dogs is \$10. The package is sold for one nonitemized price of \$15. The sales price of the package is not taxable because the sales price of the taxable items (the two prepared hot dogs) is 50 percent or less of the total sales price of the package.

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CHAPTER 207  
REMOTE SALES AND MARKETPLACE SALES  
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**701—207.1(423) Definitions.**

**207.1(1) Incorporation of definitions.** To the extent they are consistent with Iowa Code chapter 423 and this chapter, all other words and phrases used in this chapter shall mean the same as defined in Iowa Code sections 423.1 and 423.14A and rule 701—200.1(423).

**207.1(2) Chapter-specific definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“*Gross revenue from sales*” means all revenue from Iowa sales.

“*Iowa sales*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.14A(1) “a.” “Iowa sales” includes all retail sales, whether taxable or exempt, and other sales of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services otherwise sold into Iowa or for delivery into Iowa, including wholesale or sale for resale. “Iowa sales” includes sales made through a marketplace.

“*Marketplace*” means any physical or electronic place, including but not limited to a store, booth, Internet website, catalog, television or radio broadcast, or a dedicated sales software application, where a marketplace seller sells or offers for sale tangible personal property, or specified digital products, or where services are offered for sale into Iowa regardless of whether the tangible personal property, specified digital product, marketplace seller, or marketplace has a physical presence in Iowa.

“*Physical presence in Iowa*” means the activities described in Iowa Code section 423.1(48) “a” (1).

“*Remote seller*” means a retailer that does not have a physical presence in Iowa but that makes sales of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services that are sourced to Iowa.

“*Retailer*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1(47). “Retailer” includes a marketplace facilitator that meets or exceeds the sales threshold and includes a remote seller.

“*Sales threshold*” means the revenue level that triggers collection and remittance obligations for Iowa sales tax and local option tax as described in Iowa Code section 423.14A(3): \$100,000 or more in gross revenue from Iowa sales into Iowa in either the current or immediately prior calendar year.

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**701—207.2(423) Retailers with physical presence in Iowa.**

**207.2(1) Sales threshold inapplicable.** The sales threshold does not apply to any seller, marketplace facilitator, or other retailer that has physical presence in Iowa. A seller, marketplace facilitator, or other retailer with physical presence in Iowa must collect and remit Iowa sales tax and any applicable local option sales tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.14 even if the sales threshold is not met.

**207.2(2) Mixed marketplace and nonmarketplace sales.** A retailer with physical presence in Iowa who makes both marketplace and nonmarketplace sales must do the following:

a. Collect Iowa sales tax and any applicable local option tax on any taxable sales on which the marketplace does not collect tax.

b. Report on its Iowa sales tax return its gross revenue from all Iowa sales, including any marketplace sales on which the marketplace facilitator collected Iowa sales tax and applicable local option tax, regardless of whether the sales threshold is met.

EXAMPLE: Seller X is an Iowa-based business, with property and personnel located in Iowa. Seller X has \$80,000 in gross revenue from Iowa sales. Seller X makes \$10,000 of gross revenue from Iowa sales through a marketplace facilitator that collects Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax. The remaining \$70,000 in gross revenue comes from Iowa sales made at Seller X’s storefront in Iowa. Seller X must collect and remit Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on the \$70,000 in nonmarketplace sales. On its Iowa sales tax return, Seller X should report \$80,000 in gross revenue from sales. Seller X may take a deduction on its Iowa sales tax return of \$10,000 for sales on which the marketplace collected Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax.

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**701—207.3(423) Remote sellers—registration and collection obligations.**

**207.3(1) Combined Iowa sales from all sources.** Remote sellers must determine whether they meet the sales threshold based on the total of their Iowa sales through marketplaces combined with their nonmarketplace Iowa sales.

**207.3(2) Remote sellers with Iowa sales solely through marketplaces.** If a remote seller meets the sales threshold but only makes retail sales in Iowa through marketplaces, the remote seller's registration and collection obligations depend on whether all of the marketplace facilitators through which the remote seller makes Iowa sales are registered to collect Iowa sales tax and applicable local option tax.

*a. Registered marketplace facilitators.* If all the marketplace facilitators used by the remote seller to make taxable Iowa sales collect Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax, the remote seller does not have to collect the tax. The marketplace facilitator will report and pay Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on a sales tax return filed by the marketplace facilitator.

EXAMPLE: Seller X has \$200,000 in gross revenue from Iowa sales. Seller X makes all of its Iowa sales through a marketplace facilitator that collects Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on sales. Seller X does not need to register for an Iowa sales tax permit or file an Iowa sales tax return. The marketplace facilitator will report the Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on the marketplace facilitator's Iowa sales tax return.

*b. Nonregistered marketplace facilitators.* If a marketplace facilitator is not required to or fails to register and collect tax in Iowa, remote sellers who exceed the sales threshold must obtain an Iowa sales tax permit, collect Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax, and file Iowa sales tax returns for sales made on that marketplace.

EXAMPLE: Seller X has \$200,000 in gross revenue from Iowa sales. Seller X has \$2,000 gross revenue from sales on Marketplace Y and \$198,000 in gross revenue from sales on Marketplace Z. Marketplace Y meets the sales threshold and is registered to collect and remit Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax in Iowa. Marketplace Z, however, has very few, low-cost Iowa sales, and meets neither the gross revenue nor volume of sales threshold, and is therefore not required to and does not collect tax on Iowa sales. Seller X must collect Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on retail sales sourced to Iowa that are made on Marketplace Z.

**207.3(3) Remote sellers making both marketplace and nonmarketplace sales.** A remote seller that exceeds the sales threshold and makes nonmarketplace Iowa sales, such as through the remote seller's own website, must obtain an Iowa sales tax permit. The remote seller must report on its Iowa sales tax return its gross revenue from all Iowa sales. The remote seller would be able to deduct the amount of gross sales made through any marketplaces registered to collect tax in Iowa on the remote seller's sales tax return. A remote seller making Iowa sales through a marketplace operated by an unregistered marketplace facilitator must collect and remit Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on those sales.

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**701—207.4(423) Marketplace facilitators—registration and collection obligations.** Marketplace facilitators that meet the sales threshold must collect and remit Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on all taxable sales made through their marketplace that are sourced to Iowa. Marketplace facilitators must collect Iowa sales tax on all taxable Iowa sales, regardless of the location or sales volume of the marketplace sellers who make sales on marketplace facilitator's marketplaces.

EXAMPLE: M is a marketplace facilitator that meets the sales threshold and therefore collects Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on Iowa sales facilitated through M's marketplace. Seller S lists soccer balls for sale on M's marketplace. A purchaser in Iowa buys a soccer ball listed by S on M's marketplace. The soccer ball is delivered to the purchaser's home address in Iowa. M must collect Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on the sale of the soccer ball. The outcome is the same regardless of whether S is located in Iowa and regardless of S's Iowa sales volume.

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**701—207.5(423) Advertising on a marketplace.** A marketplace seller does not sell or offer to sell tangible personal property, a specified digital product, or a service on a marketplace when merely advertising that product on a marketplace.

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**701—207.6(423) Commencement of collection obligation and sales tax liability.**

**207.6(1) Commencement of collection obligation.** If a remote seller or marketplace facilitator without physical presence in Iowa did not exceed the sales threshold for the prior year, and therefore does not collect sales tax in the current year, and exceeds the sales threshold in the current year, the remote seller or marketplace facilitator must collect Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax starting on the first day of the next calendar month that starts at least 30 days from the day the remote seller or marketplace facilitator first exceeded the sales threshold. The remote seller or marketplace facilitator must collect tax through the end of the calendar year in which the sales threshold was met or exceeded as well as the entire next calendar year.

EXAMPLE: Company S, a remote seller, did not exceed the sales threshold in 2018. On September 15, 2019, S exceeds the sales threshold for the first time. S must register to collect Iowa sales tax and must begin collecting Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on November 1, 2019. S must continue to collect through at least December 31, 2020. S's sales volume in 2020 and later years will determine whether S must collect Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax after December 31, 2020.

**207.6(2) Commencement of sales tax liability.** If a remote seller or marketplace facilitator without physical presence in Iowa exceeds the sales threshold as described in subrule 207.6(1), the remote seller or marketplace facilitator without physical presence in Iowa shall not be liable for any Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax not collected beginning on January 1 of the current year through the day prior to the date the remote seller or marketplace facilitator without physical presence in Iowa is obligated to collect the tax as described in subrule 207.6(1). Purchasers will be liable for any use tax that accrues prior to the date the remote seller or marketplace facilitator without physical presence in Iowa is obligated to collect Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax as described in subrule 207.6(1).

**207.6(3) Permit registration.** If a remote seller or marketplace facilitator without physical presence in Iowa that makes taxable sales exceeds the sales threshold, the remote seller or marketplace facilitator without physical presence in Iowa must register for a sales and use tax permit under 701—Chapter 201 prior to the date the remote seller or marketplace facilitator without physical presence in Iowa is obligated to collect Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax as described in subrule 207.6(1).

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**701—207.7(423) Retailers registered and collecting who fail to meet or exceed sales threshold.** If a retailer is registered to collect Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax and collects in year 1 and fails to meet or exceed the sales threshold in year 2, the retailer must still collect all applicable sales taxes in year 2. If the retailer does not meet or exceed the sales threshold at any point in year 2, the retailer is not required to collect and remit Iowa sales tax or applicable local option sales tax in year 3. However, if a retailer is registered to collect, the retailer must continue collecting regardless of the impact of the sales threshold. A retailer that falls under the sales threshold may either submit sales tax returns demonstrating it did not collect tax until a time in the future when the retailer meets or exceeds the sales threshold or cancel its sales tax permit if it wishes to cease collecting. If the retailer meets or exceeds the sales threshold at any point thereafter, the retailer would need to register again in accordance with 701—Chapter 201 and begin collecting in accordance with this chapter.

EXAMPLE: Company S, a remote seller, exceeds the sales threshold on June 25, 2019. S must collect Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax beginning August 1, 2019, and must collect for all of 2020. S does not meet or exceed the sales threshold in 2020. S is not obligated to collect sales tax on January 1, 2021. S may cease collection and cancel its sales tax permit effective January 1, 2021.

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**701—207.8(423) Coupons; incorporation of rule 701—203.3(423).** Coupons and other discounts offered by marketplace facilitators and remote sellers are retailer's discounts, which reduce the sales price and thus the taxable amount of a sale. The requirements of rule 701—203.3(423) shall apply to marketplace facilitators and remote sellers in the same manner that those requirements apply to retailers. [ARC 4644C, IAB 8/28/19, effective 10/2/19; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

**701—207.9(423) Customer returns marketplace purchase directly to marketplace seller.**

**207.9(1)** If a marketplace facilitator collects Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on the sale and the customer returns the item directly to the marketplace seller, either the marketplace facilitator or marketplace seller shall refund the full price paid by the customer including all tax collected by the marketplace facilitator upon acknowledgement of receipt of the item by the marketplace seller.

**207.9(2)** If the marketplace facilitator does not refund the amount paid and instead requires or permits the marketplace seller to do so, the marketplace seller shall refund the full price paid by the customer including all tax collected by the marketplace facilitator. The marketplace seller shall seek reimbursement of Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax from the marketplace facilitator. The marketplace facilitator shall reimburse the returned Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax to the marketplace seller once the marketplace seller has adequately demonstrated that the marketplace seller returned the tax in conjunction with a return made directly to the marketplace seller. The marketplace facilitator may claim a credit for the return of Iowa sales tax and local option sales tax on its Iowa sales tax return.

**207.9(3)** Nothing in this rule requires a marketplace seller to accept a return as described in this rule. Nothing in this rule requires a marketplace facilitator to allow returns to be made directly to a marketplace seller.

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**701—207.10(423) Exempt and nontaxable sales.**

**207.10(1) Exempt sales.** A retailer required to collect and remit Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax in accordance with Iowa Code section 423.14A and this chapter is responsible for correctly applying exemptions for tangible personal property, specified digital products, and services. As a member of the streamlined sales tax governing board, the department maintains a taxability matrix to describe whether various items are taxable or exempt. See rule 701—204.6(423) for an explanation of the liability relief provided to retailers who rely on the taxability matrix in determining whether to collect tax on an item.

**207.10(2) Nontaxable sales.** A retailer, including an Iowa retailer with a physical presence in Iowa, a remote seller, or a marketplace facilitator, that makes or facilitates only nontaxable sales, such as sale for resale or wholesale transactions, is not required to register for a sales tax permit.

**207.10(3) Exemption certificates submitted to a marketplace facilitator.** An exemption certificate as described in rule 701—288.3(423) that identifies the marketplace facilitator as the seller may be used by the purchaser for sales made or facilitated by the marketplace facilitator.

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**701—207.11(423) Other taxes for marketplace sales and items not subject to sales/use tax.** A marketplace facilitator is not obligated to collect tax on a product sold through a marketplace it operates that is not subject to Iowa sales and use tax.

**EXAMPLE:** A marketplace facilitator allows marketplace sellers to list for sale vehicles subject to registration under Iowa Code chapter 321, including the fee for new registration imposed in accordance with Iowa Code section 321.105A. Because the fee for new registration is not imposed under Iowa Code chapter 423, the marketplace facilitator is not obligated to collect the fee for new registration.

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**701—207.12(423) Administration; incorporation of 701—Chapter 11.** Except as otherwise stated in this chapter, the requirements of 701—Chapter 11 shall apply to all retailers, including remote sellers and marketplace facilitators, required to collect and remit sales tax under this chapter.  
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**701—207.13(423) Filing returns; payment of tax; penalty and interest; incorporation of 701—Chapter 202.** Except as otherwise stated in this chapter, the filing requirements of 701—Chapter 202 shall apply to all retailers, including remote sellers and marketplace facilitators, required to collect and remit sales tax under this chapter.  
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**701—207.14(423) Permits; incorporation of 701—Chapter 201.** Except as otherwise stated in this chapter, the permit requirements of 701—Chapter 201 shall apply to all retailers, including remote sellers and marketplace facilitators, required to collect and remit Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax under this chapter.  
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CHAPTER 208  
MULTILEVEL MARKETER AGREEMENTS

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**701—208.1(421) Multilevel marketers—in general.** Multilevel marketer companies may enter into a written contract with the department to collect and remit state and local option sales taxes on sales of tangible personal property to independent distributors for resale and remit the taxes directly to the department. To be eligible for the multilevel marketer’s program, the company must meet certain eligibility requirements and agree to certain terms in the multilevel marketer agreement as set forth in 701—subrules 208.1(3) and 208.1(4). All written contacts with the department should be sent to Nonfiler Unit, Compliance Division, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10456, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0456.

**208.1(1) Definitions.** The following definitions of terms are applicable to this chapter:

“*Independent distributor*” means a seller who purchases products for resale to an Iowa consumer based on a price suggested by a multilevel marketer.

“*Multilevel marketer*” means a wholesaler that sells tangible personal property for resale via a network of independent distributors who then sell the property to the ultimate consumers located in Iowa at a retail price suggested by the multilevel marketer.

“*Sales tax*” or “*sales taxes*” for the purpose of this rule means Iowa state sales tax, including local option sales and service taxes, and state use tax. To determine if local option sales and service taxes are due, see 701—Chapter 270.

**208.1(2) Collection of tax.** Iowa state sales tax is to be collected on the wholesale or retail selling price if delivery of the multilevel marketer’s tangible personal property occurs in Iowa or the property is used in Iowa (see subparagraph 208.1(4)“a”(1) for further details). In addition, local option sales tax is due on the sale if delivery of the tangible personal property to the consumer occurs within a local option tax jurisdiction. See information and examples illustrating delivery and taxation in 701—Chapter 270.

**208.1(3) Eligibility requirements.** To be eligible for a multilevel marketer agreement as a multilevel marketer, the following criteria must be met:

*a.* Tangible personal property is sold by the multilevel marketer to an independent distributor for resale to an Iowa end user or for a distributor’s personal use.

*b.* Unless authorized by the department, the multilevel marketer must not have been previously required to be registered to remit sales tax.

*c.* The multilevel marketer must have contacted the department with a request to collect and remit sales taxes directly to the department on sales made by an independent distributor.

*d.* The multilevel marketer must not be under audit or examination by the department on the effective date of the agreement.

The department has full discretion to determine if a multilevel marketer meets the eligibility requirements for a multilevel marketer agreement. The department can request any and all information and documentation necessary to determine whether eligibility requirements are met. Failure to timely submit information and documents requested by the department will result in the department’s refusal to enter into an agreement with the multilevel marketer.

**208.1(4) Terms of the multilevel marketer agreement.** The multilevel marketer agreement will become effective on the date an authorized representative of the multilevel marketer executes the agreement. Unless terminated in accordance with subrule 208.1(5), the multilevel marketer agreement remains in effect as long as the multilevel marketer has an independent distributor making sales in Iowa. Terms of agreements are based on results of negotiations between the multilevel marketer and the department. However, the following general terms must be in each multilevel marketer agreement:

*a.* The multilevel marketer agrees to the following terms:

(1) The multilevel marketer agrees to collect tax on the following three types of sales, excluding sales properly exempt from tax and evidenced by a valid exemption certificate:

1. The multilevel marketer agrees to collect sales tax from the independent distributors based on the suggested retail price of its product;

2. If the multilevel marketer allows independent distributors to purchase its product at a wholesale price for the distributor's personal use, then the multilevel marketer agrees to collect sales tax on sales which are based on the wholesale price to the independent Iowa distributor, unless the department waives this requirement; and

3. The multilevel marketer agrees to collect sales tax on all retail sales by the multilevel marketer to consumers that are subject to sales tax;

(2) The multilevel marketer will timely remit sales tax on transactions described in subparagraph 208.1(4) "a"(1);

(3) The multilevel marketer will maintain records to establish the accuracy of the sales tax returns within the applicable statutes of limitation;

(4) The multilevel marketer agrees that the sales tax shall be added to the retail price charged to the consumer, as required by Iowa Code section 422.48;

(5) The multilevel marketer agrees to be subject to audit and to pay any tax, penalty, and interest that are ultimately found to be legally due and that were required to be collected by the multilevel marketer under Iowa law, these rules and the multilevel marketer agreement;

(6) The multilevel marketer agrees to abide by the rules in 701—Chapter 208; and

(7) The multilevel marketer agrees to register for an Iowa retailer's use tax permit.

b. The department agrees to the following terms:

(1) The department will not audit, assess or demand payment of sales tax, penalty or interest from the multilevel marketer for any tax periods ending before the effective date of the multilevel marketer agreement, unless the multilevel marketer had a permit registration with the department prior to the effective date of this multilevel marketing agreement. If a multilevel marketer had a permit registration with the department prior to the effective date of this multilevel marketing agreement, the department may audit, assess, refund, or demand payment of tax, penalty, and interest from the multilevel marketer for any of those previous tax periods within the applicable statute of limitation.

(2) Unless required for transactions outside the multilevel marketer agreement, the department will not require the multilevel marketer to retroactively register for an Iowa sales tax permit or file Iowa sales tax returns for periods ending on or before the effective date of this agreement.

(3) The department agrees to allow a deduction from taxable sales reported by the multilevel marketer for merchandise returned by an independent distributor for which tax has already been paid to the department and for which the multilevel marketer, via the distributor, has allowed a credit or refund of the tax to the consumer.

c. Other general agreement terms:

(1) The multilevel marketer agreement is binding upon all parties, including their successors and assignees; and

(2) The terms, provisions, interpretations and enforcement of the multilevel marketer agreement are to be governed by the laws of the state of Iowa.

d. Refunds. Refunds for any overpayment of taxes paid by a consumer as a result of a multilevel marketer agreement should be claimed on the proper Iowa refund claim form as designated by the director.

Under this agreement, if the retail sale is made by an Iowa retailer to an out-of-state consumer, the multilevel marketer agrees to forego any claim for refund of tax which was paid on such sale.

**208.1(5) Termination of a multilevel marketer agreement.** If any of the following events occur, an executed multilevel marketer agreement may be declared null and void:

a. Termination of a multilevel marketer agreement at the department's discretion.

(1) The multilevel marketer has misrepresented any material fact regarding its activities, operations, tax liabilities, or eligibility under the agreement.

(2) It is determined by the department that the multilevel marketer had been notified that it was to be or was under audit by the department prior to the time the multilevel marketer executed the multilevel marketer agreement.

b. Termination of a multilevel marketer agreement by mutual agreement of the parties.

(1) Change occurs in law that impacts the tax liability subject to the multilevel marketer agreement.



(2) Collection and remittance of sales tax as required under the agreement are more feasible by other means.

Written notice of termination will be promptly given by the department in the event of termination under paragraph 208.1(5)“a.” To accommodate the time necessary to effectuate changes by the multilevel marketer and the department, the effective date of the termination of the multilevel marketer agreement shall be 60 days from the date of the notice of the written termination, unless a request for additional time is made by the multilevel marketer and the request is granted by the department.

**208.1(6) *Liability of independent distributors.*** After execution of a multilevel marketer agreement, an independent distributor must collect, report, and remit to the department, unless remitted to the multilevel marketer, any and all sales taxes that the independent distributor is required to collect, report, and remit that exceed the amount of tax that the independent distributor has previously remitted to the multilevel marketer company. If such excess tax is remitted to the multilevel marketer, the multilevel marketer shall report and remit the tax to the department.

EXAMPLE 1. An independent distributor purchased products from the multilevel marketer at the wholesale price because the distributor thought that the product would be for the personal use of the distributor. The distributor paid Iowa tax based on the wholesale price to the multilevel marketer and the multilevel marketer remitted the tax to the state of Iowa. Subsequently, the distributor resold the product to an Iowa customer at a retail price, which is greater than the wholesale price. The distributor is required to charge Iowa tax on the retail price. The distributor is also required to report and remit directly to the department or the multilevel marketer the difference between the tax previously paid on the wholesale price and the tax collected on the retail price from the Iowa customer.

EXAMPLE 2. An independent distributor purchased products from a multilevel marketer for resale at the retail price suggested by the multilevel marketer. Tax was collected by the multilevel marketer from the independent distributor on the suggested retail price of the products and remitted to the department by the multilevel marketer. The independent distributor subsequently sold the product to an Iowa customer for a price greater than the suggested retail price. The independent distributor is required to charge Iowa tax on the full sale price. The independent distributor is also required to report and remit directly to the department or to the multilevel marketer the difference between the tax previously paid on the suggested retail price and the tax collected on the price charged the Iowa customer.

If an independent distributor makes sales that are exempt from sales taxes, then the independent distributor must obtain a valid exemption certificate from the purchaser to evidence the transaction and provide a copy of the completed exemption certificate to the multilevel marketer who has the multilevel marketer agreement with the department.

**208.1(7) *Legislative changes.*** All multilevel marketer agreements are subject to all applicable legislative enactments which are made subsequent to the agreement and which impact the agreement.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.5 and 421.17.

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CHAPTER 209  
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CHAPTER 210  
PURCHASES BY BUSINESSES

**701—210.1(423) Wholesalers and jobbers selling at retail.** Sales made by a wholesaler or jobber to a purchaser for use or consumption by the purchaser or in the purchaser's business and not for resale are considered retail sales and subject to tax, even if sales are made at wholesale prices or in wholesale quantities.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(1).  
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**701—210.2(423) Materials and supplies sold to retail stores.** The sales price of materials and supplies sold to retail stores for their use and not for resale shall be subject to tax. The retail store is the final buyer and ultimate consumer of such items as fuel, cash registers, adding machines, typewriters, stationery, display fixtures and numerous other commodities that are not sold by the store to its customers.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.3(423) Tangible personal property and specified digital products purchased for resale but incidentally consumed by the purchaser.** A retailer engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property or specified digital products who takes merchandise from stock for personal use, consumption, or gifts shall report these items as "goods consumed" on the sales and use tax return and remit sales tax and any applicable local option sales tax on the purchase cost of the items. This rule does not authorize purchase for resale of items intended to be used by the retailer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.  
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**701—210.4(423) Property furnished without charge by employers to employees.** When an employer furnishes tangible personal property, including meals, or specified digital products to employees without charge or uses merchandise for gifts or consumption, the cost to the employer of the tangible personal property or specified digital products shall be subject to sales tax and any applicable local option sales tax and reported on the employer's return as "goods consumed" if the employer has not previously paid tax to a retailer. However, the food purchased by the employer for meals prepared for employees is not subject to tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.5(423) Owners or operators of buildings.** Owners or operators of buildings who purchase items to be used by them in maintaining the building are the users or consumers and shall pay sales tax to their suppliers.

**210.5(1)** When owners or operators of buildings remeter and bill their tenants for electric current, gas, or any other taxable service consumed by the tenants, such owners or operators shall be considered to be purchasing the electric current, gas, or other taxable service for resale. These owners or operators shall hold permits and shall be liable for the tax upon the sales price of the sale of such service. When the building owners or operators purchase all of the electric current, gas, or other services for resale and consume a portion in the operation of the building, they shall be liable for sales tax on that portion consumed, based upon the cost of the electric current or gas purchased for resale.

**210.5(2)** When the management of a building sells heat to other buildings or other persons and charges for such service as a sale of heat, such transactions are considered sales at retail and shall be subject to tax.

**210.5(3)** When heat is furnished to tenants as a service to them, incidental to the renting of the space, there shall be no tax. When heat is sold separately and billed to the tenants separately, such service shall be taxable.

**210.5(4)** When a building manager makes sales of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or taxable services at retail, the manager shall be required to procure a permit and collect and remit tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.6(423) Blacksmith and machine shops.** When a blacksmith or machine shop operator fabricates finished tangible personal property from raw materials and sells such property at retail, tax shall apply on the total charge which includes the fabrication labor. Rule 701—211.17(423) contains information on the taxable service of machine operation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.  
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**701—210.7(423) Truckers engaged in retail business.** Truckers or haulers engaged in the sale of tangible personal property to ultimate users or consumers shall be deemed as making taxable sales.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.8(423) Out-of-state truckers selling at retail in Iowa.** Truckers or persons engaged in the sale of tangible personal property at retail in Iowa based outside of Iowa by means of hauling the tangible personal property into the state shall collect and remit Iowa sales tax. To ensure the remission of tax on Iowa sales, the department has the statutory authority to require a bond deposit from sellers classified in this rule. This right shall be exercised when necessary.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.9(423) Iowa dental laboratories.**

**210.9(1) Sales by dental laboratories.** Iowa dental laboratories are engaged in selling tangible personal property to Iowa dentists. Such laboratories shall hold a retail sales tax permit and collect and report all tax due from dentists in all transactions involving taxable retail sales.

**210.9(2) Purchases not subject to tax.** Iowa dental laboratories shall not be subject to tax on those purchases of tangible personal property that form a component or integral part of new work or repair work being furnished to Iowa dentists or other dentists or would be exempt if purchased directly by the dentist's patient.

**210.9(3) Purchases subject to tax.** Iowa dental laboratories are the final user or consumer of all tangible personal property, including tools, office supplies, equipment, and any other tangible personal property not otherwise exempt. Sales tax shall be remitted to its Iowa supplier when purchasing in this state, and use tax shall be remitted directly to the department when such items are purchased from out-of-state suppliers, unless the out-of-state supplier is registered with the department and collects sales or use tax for the state.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2 and 423.33.  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.10(423) Dental supply houses.** Dental supply houses are engaged in selling tangible personal property to dentists and dental laboratories. Such dental supply houses shall collect and report all tax due from purchasers in all transactions involving taxable retail sales. This shall not include sales of tangible personal property that will form a component or integral part of new work or repair work being furnished to Iowa dentists or other dentists or would be exempt if sold directly to an individual.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.11(423) News distributors and magazine distributors.** News distributors and magazine distributors engaged in intrastate sales of magazines and periodicals in Iowa to vendors that are engaged

in part-time distribution of such magazines are deemed to be making sales at retail. The sales price of such sales shall be subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.12(423) Magazine subscriptions by independent dealers.** The sales price of the sale of subscription magazines or periodicals derived by independent distributors or dealers in the state of Iowa that secure such subscriptions as independent dealers or distributors shall be subject to tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.13(423) Sales by finance companies.** A finance company that repossesses or acquires tangible personal property or specified digital products in connection with its finance business and sells tangible personal property or specified digital products at retail in Iowa shall be required to hold a permit and remit the current rate of tax on the sales price of such sales at retail in Iowa.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.14(423) Bowling.**

**210.14(1) Pinsetters.** The rental of automatic pinsetters by bowling alley operators is subject to the imposition of sales tax since the pinsetters are not resold to patrons. Therefore, the operator of the alley is considered the consumer of the pinsetter rental.

**210.14(2) Shoes.** The rental of bowling shoes is subject to the imposition of sales tax as equipment rental.

**210.14(3) Score sheets.** The sales of bowling score sheets to operators of bowling establishments are subject to the imposition of sales tax since the operators are the consumers of such score sheets.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.15(423) Various special problems relating to public utilities.**

**210.15(1) Late payment charges.** The amount of any charge, commonly called a “late payment charge,” imposed by a public utility on its customers shall not be subject to tax if the charge is in addition to any charge for the utility’s sale of its commodity or service and is imposed solely for the privilege of deferring payment of the purchase price of the commodity or service and furthermore is separately stated and reasonable in amount.

**210.15(2) Due dates.** The date of the billing of charges for a public utility’s sales shall be used to determine the period in which the utility shall remit tax upon the amount charged. The utility shall remit tax upon the sales price of any bill during the period that includes the billing date. Thus, if the date of a billing is March 31 and the due date for payment of the bill without penalty is April 20, tax upon the sales price contained in the bill shall be included in the return for the first quarter of the year. The same principle shall be used to determine when tax will be included in payment of a deposit.

**210.15(3) Franchise fees.** In general, the amount of any franchise fee that a public utility pays to a city for the privilege of operating and that is directly or indirectly passed on to the utility’s customers shall be included in sales price subject to tax. This will be true even if the amount of the franchise fee is computed as a percentage of other sales price subject to tax and is separately stated and separately charged to the immediate consumer of the commodity or service. However, if, in the future, it becomes lawful for a city to impose a sales or use tax and such tax is imposed upon the customers of public utilities in the guise of a franchise fee, the amount of this city excise tax shall not be subject to Iowa tax if the tax imposed by the city is separately stated and separately billed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(2).  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.16(423) Sales of engraved, bound, printed, and vulcanized materials.**

**210.16(1) Engraving.** Engraving includes the business of engraving on wood, metal, stone, or any other material. The engraved material is tangible personal property, the sales price of which is subject to tax.

**210.16(2) Binding.** Persons engaged in the business of binding any printed matter, other than for the purpose of ultimate sale at retail, are engaged in the sale of tangible personal property, the sales price of which is subject to tax.

**210.16(3) Printing.** Printing includes, but is not limited to, any type of printing, lithographing, mimeographing, photocopying and similar reproduction. The following activities are nonexclusive examples of printed tangible personal property that are subject to tax: printing of pamphlets, leaflets, stationery, envelopes, folders, bond and stock certificates, abstracts, law briefs, business cards, matchbook covers, campaign posters and banners for the users thereof.

**210.16(4) Vulcanizing.** “Vulcanizing” means the act or process of treating crude rubber, synthetic rubber, or other rubberlike material with a chemical and subjecting it to heat in order to increase its strength and elasticity. The item produced after vulcanizing is tangible personal property, the sales price of which is subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(1) “a.”  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.17(423) Communication services furnished by hotel to its guests.** As a common practice, hotels in the state of Iowa purchase telephone communication services from telephone companies and furnish those services to the guests of the hotel. The hotel makes a charge for this communication service to its guests in an amount which exceeds the cost of such service to it from the telephone company. Tax shall apply to the entire charge which the hotel makes to its guests for such communication service, regardless of whether a guest’s calls are local or long-distance within the state. However, the hotel would purchase any communication service which it furnishes for a charge to a guest exempt from tax as a service purchased for subsequent resale.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(2).  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.18(423) Explosives used in mines, quarries and elsewhere.** A person engaged in the business of selling explosives to miners, quarries or others shall be subject to sales tax on the sales price from the sale of such property at retail in Iowa. The purchaser shall be liable for use tax upon all purchases for use in Iowa not subject to sales tax. *Linwood Stone Products Company v. State Department of Revenue, Iowa*, 175 N.W.2d 393 (1970).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(1) and 423.5(1).  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.19(423) Sales of signs at retail.** A person engaged in selling illuminated signs, bulletins, or other stationary signs (whether manufactured by that person or by others) to users or consumers is selling tangible personal property at retail. The sales price shall be taxable, even when the sales price of the sign includes a charge for maintenance or repair service in addition to the charge for the sign.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(1) and 423.5(1).  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—210.20(423) Sale, transfer or exchange of tangible personal property or taxable enumerated services between affiliated corporations.** The sales price of the sale, transfer or exchange of tangible personal property or taxable services among affiliated corporations, including but not limited to a parent corporation to a subsidiary corporation, for a consideration is subject to tax. A bookkeeping entry for an “account payable” qualifies as consideration as well as the actual exchange of money or its equivalent.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.1(50).  
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CHAPTER 211  
TAXABLE SERVICES

**701—211.1(423) Definitions and scope.**

**211.1(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter:

“*Persons engaged in the business of*” means persons who offer the named service or services to the public or others in exchange for consideration, regardless of whether such person offers the service or services continuously, part-time, seasonally, or for short periods.

“*Repair*” includes the mending or renovation of existing parts and the replacement of defective parts or subassemblies. Repair does not include the installation of new parts or accessories that are not replacements.

“*Sales price*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1(51).

“*Services*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1(54).

**211.1(2) Scope.** Iowa imposes tax upon the sales price of rendering, furnishing, or performing at retail certain enumerated services, described in more detail in this chapter.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.

[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.2(423) Interstate commerce.** Services performed in interstate commerce are exempt from tax if the imposition of tax would violate the United States or Iowa Constitution or laws of the United States. Services performed on tangible personal property are exempt from tax if those services are performed on property that the retailer of the property transfers to a carrier for shipment to a point outside Iowa, places in the United States mail or parcel post directed to a point outside Iowa, or transports to a point outside Iowa by means of the retailer’s own vehicles and that is not thereafter returned to a point within Iowa, except solely in the course of interstate commerce or transportation. This exemption does not apply to services performed on property if the purchaser, the consumer, or the agent of either a purchaser or consumer, other than a carrier, takes physical possession of the property in Iowa. Iowa Code sections 423.3(1) and 423.3(43) contain more information.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(1).

[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.3(423) Services performed for employers.** Services rendered, furnished, or performed for an “employer,” as defined in Iowa Code section 422.4, are not taxable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.1(54).

[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.4(423) Services purchased for resale.** Services purchased for resale are not subject to sales tax. A service is purchased for resale when it is subcontracted by the person contracted to perform the service. Tax imposed on services is collectible at the time the service is complete even if the services are not purchased by the ultimate beneficiary.

EXAMPLE 1: X is a printer and enters into a contract with Y to print 500 bulletins. X subcontracts the job to Z, who prints the 500 bulletins. Tax does not apply to the contract between X and Z since X purchased the printing service from Z for resale to Y. The sale from X to Y is subject to sales tax.

EXAMPLE 2: D owns an auto repair shop, and F brings an automobile in to have the air conditioner fixed. D is unable to fix the unit, so the car is sent to G who is an air conditioning specialist. The sale of G’s service to D is a sale for resale by D to F, so there is no tax imposed. The sale from D to F is subject to sales tax.

EXAMPLE 3: K operates a test laboratory business. K agrees to provide testing services to J. In the course of conducting the tests, K rents equipment from M. In computing the fee that J has agreed to pay K for testing services, K will include K’s costs, including the taxable rental K paid to M in rendering the testing services. Under these circumstances, K furnished J with testing services and not with the equipment rental services, which M furnished to K. K is the consumer of the equipment rental services

that are not resold to J, and J is the consumer of the testing services. Rule 701—288.3(423) contains more information regarding resale certificates.

**EXAMPLE 4:** R operates a retail farm implement dealership. R accepts a motorboat as part consideration for a piece of farm equipment. R then contracts with D to repair the motor on the boat. R does not normally sell motorboats in the regular course of R's business. Therefore, the repair service performed by D for R is subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(2).  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.5(423) Alteration and garment repair.** Persons engaged in the business of altering or repairing any type of garment or clothing are selling a service subject to sales tax. This includes services rendered, furnished, or performed by tailors, dressmakers, furriers, and others engaged in similar occupations.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "a."  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.6(423) Dry cleaning, pressing, dyeing and laundering.** Persons engaged in the business of dry cleaning, pressing, dyeing, or laundering services are selling a service subject to sales tax. Self-pay washers and dryers are excluded from this rule.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "o."  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.7(423) Sewing and stitching.** Persons engaged in the business of sewing and stitching are selling a service subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "au."  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.8(423) Shoe repair and shoeshine.** Persons engaged in the business of repairing or shining any type of footwear including but not limited to shoes, boots, and sandals are selling a service subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "av."  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.9(423) Furniture, rug, and upholstery repair and cleaning.**

**211.9(1) In general.** Persons engaged in the business of repairing, restoring, renovating, or cleaning furniture, rugs, or upholstery are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.9(2) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

"Furniture" includes all indoor and outdoor furnishings.

"Rugs" includes all types of rugs and carpeting.

"Upholstery" includes all materials used to stuff or cover any piece of furniture.

This rule intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "t."  
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**701—211.10(423) Fur storage and repair.**

**211.10(1) In general.** Persons engaged in the business of storing fur for preservation and future use and refurbishing, repairing, and renovating fur, including the addition of new skins and furs, are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.10(2) Definition.** For purposes of this rule:

"Fur" includes both natural fur and synthetic products resembling fur.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "u."  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.11(423) Investment counseling.** Persons engaged in the business of counseling others relative to investment in or on the disposition of property or rights, whether real, personal, tangible, or intangible,

and who charge for that counseling, are selling a service subject to sales tax. This includes investment counseling rendered, furnished, or performed by a trust department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6)“e.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.12(423) Bank and financial institution service charges.**

**211.12(1) *In general.*** The service charges imposed by financial institutions relating to a depositor’s checking account are subject to sales tax. If the same service is performed by a financial institution relating to an account that does not qualify as a checking account, the service charge imposed by the financial institution is not subject to sales tax.

**211.12(2) *Definitions.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Bank*” means an institution empowered to do all banking business, including issue negotiable notes, discount notes, receive deposits payable on demand, and buy and sell bills of exchange. Savings and loan associations and other financial institutions not commonly considered to be banks do not fall within the meaning of a bank.

“*Checking account*” means an account on which withdrawals may be made from the account via a written instrument, including but not limited to a check, draft, or negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW). Whether or not an account pays interest does not determine whether an account qualifies as a checking account. The term “checking account” is characterized by its general meaning rather than a technical definition, and other types of accounts, not described in this rule, may qualify as checking accounts. Certificates of deposits do not qualify as checking accounts.

“*Financial institutions*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.2(6)“f.”

**211.12(3) *Checking account charges.*** All charges relating to a checking account are subject to sales tax, including but not limited to charges for the following:

- a. Withdrawals made by check or bank card.
- b. Nonproprietary automatic teller machine (ATM) transactions.
- c. Transferring funds from one account to another (if billed to a checking account).
- d. Stop payment.
- e. Debit card replacement.
- f. Copy and research.
- g. Bill payment.
- h. Returned deposit items.
- i. Issuance of a certified check, drawn from a particular account.

**211.12(4) *Other service charges.*** Service charges not usually subject to sales tax by virtue of having no relationship to checking accounts include but are not limited to:

- a. Safety deposit box rentals.
- b. Mortgage and loans.
- c. Trust department fees for probating estates, administering trusts, administering agency accounts, administering pension and profit-sharing plans, serving as stock transfer agents or registrars, serving as farm managers, and fees or commissions charged to customers for handling security transactions. Some of these services may qualify as investment counseling and may be subject to sales tax. Rule 701—211.11(423) contains more information about investment counseling services.

- d. Real estate appraisals.
- e. Servicing real estate loans.
- f. Contract collection and collection not related to the maintenance of a checking account.
- g. Special lockbox handling.
- h. Finance charges, including those for credit cards.
- i. Escrow agent.
- j. Safekeeping, handling and cashing coupons or certificates kept in a bank’s possession.
- k. Penalties on early withdrawal for saving certificates.
- l. Purchasing or selling securities for customers, unless used as a disguise for investment counseling fees.

- m.* Real estate collection exchange, including collecting and transferring mortgage payments.
- n.* Traveler's or a similar type of check, bank cashier's checks, bank drafts, or money orders with no relation to a customer's checking account.
- o.* Check exchanges.
- p.* Noncustomer point of sale or ATM access fees or service charges.

**211.12(5) Exceptions.** Fees charged to a checking account depositor for a depositor's failure to adhere to contractual obligations with a bank or financial institution are not subject to sales tax. These charges, such as fees for overdrafts or returned checks, are penalties rather than service charges. Bank service charges that are never assessed against the expense of maintaining a checking account are not subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "f."  
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### **701—211.13(423) Barber and beauty.**

**211.13(1) In general.** Persons engaged in the business of barbering and beauty are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.13(2) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

"*Barbering*" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 158.1.

"*Barbershop*" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 158.1.

"*Beauty*" means the same as "cosmetology" and "esthetics" as those terms are defined in Iowa Code section 157.1.

**211.13(3) Sales tax permits.**

*a.* Each barber, beauty or other beautification shop or establishment shall receive only one permit and remit tax as one enterprise when operated under a common management.

*b.* When an operator leases space and is an independent operator, the lessee shall notify the department and secure a sales tax permit whereby the lessee will be responsible directly for the sales tax due. In order to be considered independent, the lessee must also be independent from the lessor for the purposes of withholding income tax, unemployment compensation, and social security taxes.

**211.13(4) Leasing.** The lessor who has leased a part of the premises shall report to the department the names and addresses of all lessees. If the lessor is accounting for the lessee's sales, the lessor shall, after the name of each lessee, show the amount of net taxable sales made by the lessee on each report to the department and which net taxable sales are included in the lessor's return. Rule 701—288.11(423) contains more information.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(6) "g" and 423.36.  
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### **701—211.14(423) Photography and retouching.**

**211.14(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

"*Photography*" means the art or process of capturing or producing still or moving images, films, or videos using any device designed to record or capture images, film, or video. Taxable sales associated with photography services include but are not limited to sitting or photoshoot fees and fees relating to taking or producing photographs or videos, including editing.

"*Retouching*" means the alteration, restoration, or renovation of a picture, film, video, image, artwork, likeness, or design.

**211.14(2) In general.** The sales price of photography services and retouching services are taxable regardless of whether the service results in the production of tangible personal property or specified digital products.

EXAMPLE 1: Standalone photography service. X operates a photography business where customers can purchase a half-hour photoshoot session for \$50 and may purchase physical or electronic copies of any photographs taken during the photoshoot for \$10 each. Y purchases a half-hour photoshoot from X for \$50; however, after viewing the images, Y decides not to purchase any copies of any of the photographs. X must collect and remit sales tax and any applicable local option tax on \$50, the cost of the photography service, even though Y decided not to purchase any of the resulting photographs.

EXAMPLE 2: Photography service and sale of photographs. Same facts as Example 1, except that Y decides to purchase ten photographs for \$10 each. X must collect and remit sales tax and any applicable local option tax on \$150, the total cost of the \$50 photography service and the \$100 cost of the ten photographs. Here, the photography service is taxable and the photographs are taxable as the sale of tangible personal property if they are delivered in hard copy or as the sale of specified digital products if they are delivered electronically.

**211.14(3) Sourcing.** More information about how various aspects of photography services may be sourced is available in 701—subrule 205.2(1).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(6) “*bo*” and “*bp*.”  
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**701—211.15(423) Household appliance, television, and radio repair.**

**211.15(1) In general.** Persons engaged in the business of repairing household appliances, television sets, or radio sets are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.15(2) Definition.** For purposes of this rule:

“*Household appliances*” includes all mechanical devices normally used in the home, whether or not the appliances are actually used in the home.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*y*.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.16(423) Jewelry and watch repair.** Persons engaged in the business of repairing jewelry or watches are selling a service subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*aa*.”  
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**701—211.17(423) Machine operators.**

**211.17(1) In general.** Persons engaged in the business of operating machines of all kinds that belong to other persons and charge a fee for operating are selling a service subject to sales tax. Operation of the machine must be the central function of the service being performed and not incidental to the performance of the service the operator was hired to perform.

**211.17(2) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

“*Machine*” includes but is not limited to typewriters, computers, calculators, cash registers, and manufacturing machinery and equipment. “*Machine*” does not include telephones, automobiles, or airplanes.

“*Machine operator*” is a person who manages, controls, and conducts a mechanical device or a combination of mechanical powers and devices used to perform a function and produce a certain result or effect.

**211.17(3) Machine operators as employees.** The services of a machine operator are not subject to sales tax if the operation of machinery is by an employee directly for an employer. Rule 701—211.3(423) contains information about services performed by an employee for an employer.

EXAMPLE 1: Employee A is hired to perform data entry on a computer for A’s employer. While Employee A is performing the service of a machine operator, because Employee A is performing the service directly for A’s employer, A’s service is not subject to sales tax.

EXAMPLE 2: Through a temporary employment agency, Worker B performs data entry on a computer for Company Z. Company Z pays a set per-hour fee for data entry services. Worker B is performing the service of a machine operator, not directly for Company Z but for the temporary employment agency. Company Z must pay sales or use tax on the fee imposed by the temporary employment agency. Rule 701—211.23(423) contains information about the service of private employment agencies.

EXAMPLE 3: Through a temporary employment agency, Worker C performs telemarketing services for Company X. Because Worker C is operating a telephone, which is not considered a machine for purposes of this rule, Company X would not pay sales or use tax on the fee imposed by the temporary employment agency.

EXAMPLE 4: Company Y hires Lawyer D through a temporary employment agency. Lawyer D spends most of the work time performing legal research and writing memoranda, both of which are done at a computer. Lawyer D is not a machine operator just because Lawyer D uses a computer. Lawyer D was hired by Company Y to perform legal services. Lawyer D's use of the computer is incidental to the legal services Lawyer D was hired to perform.

EXAMPLE 5: Company X hires Employee A as a purchaser. In this role, Employee A procures materials for Company X, negotiates and manages purchasing agreements, and communicates with vendors. To perform these job duties, Employee A spends the majority of working hours on a computer. Employee A is not a machine operator, because the central function of the job is as a purchaser and the computer use is incidental to the performance of job duties.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "ad."  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

#### **701—211.18(423) Machine repair of all kinds.**

**211.18(1) In general.** Persons engaged in the business of repairing machines of all kinds are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.18(2) Definition.** For purposes of this rule:

"Machine" means a mechanical device or combination of mechanical powers and devices used to perform some function and produce a certain result or effect. Machines include devices that have moving parts, are operated by hand, and are powered by a motor, engine, or other form of energy.

**211.18(3) Musical instruments.** For purposes of this rule, a musical instrument does not constitute a machine.

EXAMPLE: Person A owns an electric piano and an acoustic upright piano. Both pianos require repairs; the electric piano needs a new power cord, and the acoustic piano needs keys replaced. The electric piano repair would be taxable under 701—subrule 219.13(8). The repair to the acoustic piano is not taxable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "ae."  
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**701—211.19(423) Motor repair.** Persons engaged in the business of repairing motors powered by any means are selling a service subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "af."  
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#### **701—211.20(423) Oilers and lubricators.**

**211.20(1) In general.** Persons engaged in the business of oiling, changing oil in, lubricating, or greasing vehicles and machines of all types are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.20(2) Definition.** For purposes of this rule:

"Machine" includes those items with moving parts or powered by a motor or engine or other form of energy. "Machine" also includes heavy equipment vehicles or implements, whether such equipment functions in a state of rest or a state of motion.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "ah."  
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**701—211.21(423) Office and business machine repair.** Persons engaged in the business of repairing office and business machines are selling a service subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "ai."  
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#### **701—211.22(423) Parking facilities.**

**211.22(1) In general.** Persons engaged in the business of operating a parking facility for a fee are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.22(2) Definition.** For purposes of this rule:

“*Parking facility*” means any place that is used for parking a vehicle for consideration. It is irrelevant whether the charge is by the hour, day, month, or any other period of time.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*ak.*”  
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**701—211.23(423) Private employment agency, executive search agency.**

**211.23(1) *In general.*** Private employment agencies engaged in the business of providing listings of available employment, counseling others with respect to future employment, or aiding another in any way to procure employment are selling a service subject to sales tax, regardless of whether the service is rendered for a prospective employer or prospective employee.

**211.23(2) *Principal place of employment outside of Iowa.*** Services rendered by private employment agencies which place a person and where the person’s principal place of employment is outside of Iowa are not subject to Iowa sales tax. For purposes of this rule, “principal place of employment” means the primary work location of the employee.

EXAMPLE 1: Company X contracts with Agency Z, an Iowa employment agency, to secure employment for an employee to work at a production plant in Illinois. Agency Z finds a suitable employee who is hired by Company X. Because the employee’s principal place of employment is outside the state, this service is not subject to Iowa sales tax.

EXAMPLE 2: Company B, a sales company, contracts with Agency C, an employment agency, to secure a salesperson to travel throughout Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska. Both Company B and Agency C are located in Iowa. Agency C is successful in finding a salesperson for Company B. Though the salesperson will be traveling throughout the three states, because Company B, the principal place of the salesperson’s employment, is located within Iowa, Agency C’s service is subject to Iowa sales tax.

**211.23(3) *Executive search agencies.*** Executive search agencies that are engaged in the business of securing employment for top-level management positions are selling a service subject to sales tax, regardless of whether the executive search agency is licensed under Iowa Code chapter 94A or not. Further, unlike the exclusion found in subrule 211.23(2) for private employment agencies, executive search agencies’ services performed in Iowa are subject to Iowa sales tax regardless of whether the principal place of employment for the person the agency placed into employment is located within Iowa.

**211.23(4) *Private employment versus executive search agencies.*** To determine if an agency is an executive search agency or a private employment agency, the following nonexhaustive lists of elements may be used to distinguish the two.

- a.* Private employment agency:
- (1) All levels of jobs in an organization. All salary levels.
  - (2) Large number of clients at all times. Both possible employers and employees.
  - (3) Individual’s résumé circulated to many possible employers.
  - (4) No extensive analysis of the position or the individual.
  - (5) Normally does not make travel arrangements for interviews, does not conduct salary negotiations, does not perform detailed follow-up studies.
  - (6) Paid by either the company or the job seeker.
  - (7) Paid on a contingent-fee basis. Paid only if a referred person is hired.
  - (8) Does engage in general advertising of available positions.
  - (9) Overall placement of an individual is not as extensive or sophisticated.
- b.* Executive search agency:
- (1) Top-level management positions.
  - (2) Serve only a few clients at one time. Employers only.
  - (3) Send information regarding one individual to one possible employer only. Résumés never circulated to other possible employers.
  - (4) Extensive analysis of the position to be filled. Extensive analysis of the individuals who are candidates. Preparation of detailed professional assessment of strengths and weaknesses of individuals.
  - (5) Make travel arrangements for interviews, conduct salary negotiations, perform follow-up studies.

- (6) Only paid by the company seeking the employee.
- (7) Paid on retainer or by an hourly charge or by contract. Paid whether or not an individual is hired.
- (8) Does not advertise available positions.
- (9) Overall placement of an individual requires extensive and sophisticated analysis of position and individual.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*ap*” and “*aq*.”  
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#### **701—211.24(423) Storage of household goods and mini-storage.**

**211.24(1) *In general.*** The sales price from the sale of the storage of household goods and mini-storage are subject to sales and use tax.

**211.24(2) *Definitions.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Household goods*” means tangible personal property ordinarily located in a person’s residence that is not inventory.

“*Mini-storage*” means a commercial operation that provides individual storage units of various sizes to persons for the purpose of storing tangible personal property. “Mini-storage” includes a secured area in which vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles, camping trailers and other types of tangible personal property can be stored. “Mini-storage” is taxable, regardless of whether the buyer or the seller provides particular security measures including but not limited to locks, fences, gates, security cameras, or password-protected entrances. “Mini-storage” is taxable regardless of whether the buyer has sole access to the unit. “Mini-storage” does not include storage lockers, storage units, or garages at apartment complexes for the primary convenience of the tenant if such lockers, units, or garages are part of the nonitemized price of an apartment rental. Mini-storage space is not a warehouse. Rule 701—214.22(423) contains provisions on warehousing of raw agricultural products.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*ax*.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.25(423) Telephone answering service.** Persons engaged in the business of providing a telephone answering service, whether by person or machine, are selling a service subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*bb*.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

#### **701—211.26(423) Test laboratories.**

**211.26(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of providing laboratory testing of any substance for any experimental, scientific, or commercial purpose are selling a service subject to sales tax. “Test laboratories” includes but is not limited to mobile testing laboratories and field testing by test laboratories.

**211.26(2) *Exempt testing services.*** Test laboratory services performed on humans and animals and environmental testing services are not taxable. “Environmental testing services” includes but is not limited to the physical and chemical analysis of soil, water, wastewater, air, or solid waste performed in order to ascertain the presence of environmental contamination or degradation.

**211.26(3) *Nonprofit blood centers.*** Test laboratory services rendered, furnished, or performed for a nonprofit blood center registered by the federal Food and Drug Administration are exempt when the services are directly and primarily used in the processing of human blood.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(6) “*bc*,” 423.3(102), and 423.3(26A).  
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#### **701—211.27(423) Termite, bug, roach, and pest eradicators.**

**211.27(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of eradicating, controlling, or preventing the infestation by termites, insects, roaches, and all other living pests, by spraying or other means, are selling a service subject to sales tax. This includes persons who eradicate, prevent, or control pest infestations in farmhouses, outbuildings, and other structures, such as grain bins, used in agricultural production.



**211.27(2) *Spraying of cropland exempt.*** This rule does not include those persons who are engaged in the business of spraying cropland used in agricultural production to eradicate or prevent the infestation by pests of the cropland. The service of spraying cropland is exempt. Rule 701—200.1(423) contains the definition of “agricultural production.”

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(6) “*bd*” and 423.3(5).  
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**701—211.28(423) Tin and sheet metal repair.** Persons engaged in the business of repairing tin or sheet metal, whether it has or has not been formed into a finished product, are selling a service subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*be*.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.29(423) Turkish baths, massage, and reducing salons.**

**211.29(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of operating Turkish baths, massage, and reducing salons are selling a service subject to sales tax. This includes persons engaged in the business of operating a health studio which, as a part of its operation, offers any services of Turkish baths, massage, or reducing facilities or programs. The sales price of those services is subject to sales tax.

**211.29(2) *Definitions.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Massage*” means the kneading, rubbing, or manipulation of the body to condition the body. “*Massage*” does not include any body manipulation undertaken and incidental to the practice of one or more of the healing arts or those provided by massage therapists licensed under Iowa Code chapter 152C.

“*Reducing salons*” means any type of establishment that offers facilities or a program of activities for the purpose of weight reduction.

“*Turkish baths*” means any type of facility where an individual is warmed by steam or dry heat.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*bg*.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.30(423) Weighing.** Persons engaged in the business of weighing any item of tangible personal property are selling a service subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*bi*.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.31(423) Welding.** Persons engaged in the business of welding materials for whatever purpose are selling a service subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*bj*.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.32(423) Wrapping, packing, and packaging of merchandise other than processed meat, fish, fowl, and vegetables.** Persons engaged in the business of wrapping, packing, and packaging of merchandise other than processed meat, fish, fowl, and vegetables are selling a service subject to sales tax. A person who provides a service described in this rule incidental to the sale of such items without charging separately for the service does not need to collect or remit tax. 701—Chapter 206 contains additional information on bundled transactions.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*bl*.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.33(423) Wrecking service.**

**211.33(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of wrecking are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.33(2) *Definition.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Wrecking*” includes defacing or demolishing tangible personal or real property or any part thereof.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*bm*.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.34(423) Cable and pay television.**

**211.34(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of distributing the signals of one or more television broadcasting stations or other television programming to subscribers and using any transmission path, including but not limited to cable, satellite, streaming video, video on-demand, or pay-per-view, for those signals are selling a service subject to sales tax. The sales price for the rental of any device used to decode or receive television broadcasting signals from a communications satellite is also subject to sales tax.

**211.34(2) *Signals to exhibitors.*** Any person distributing or providing signals to exhibitors on screens in auditoriums or other buildings that show sporting or other events are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.34(3) *Applicability.*** This rule applies to the transmissions of single events and subscriptions and to television services that serve fewer than 50 subscribers or are serving only customers located in one or more multiple unit dwellings that are under common ownership, control, or management.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*al.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.35(423) Camera repair.**

**211.35(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of camera repair are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.35(2) *Definition.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Camera repair*” includes the repair of any still photograph, motion picture, video, digital, or television camera. “*Camera repair*” includes the repair of any part of a camera considered to be a part of a camera that may be detached from the camera body but can only be used with a camera. Examples of such accessories include but are not limited to detachable lenses, flash units, and motor drives. “*Camera repair*” does not include the repair of cameras that are built into a cell phone or computer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*w.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.36(423) Gun repair.**

**211.36(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of repairing guns are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.36(2) *Definition.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Gun repair*” means the repair of any pistol, revolver or other hand gun, as well as the repair of any shoulder or hip-fired gun such as a rifle or shotgun.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*w.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.37(423) Janitorial and building maintenance or cleaning.**

**211.37(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of performing one or a number of janitorial services and building maintenance or cleaning are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.37(2) *Definitions.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Building maintenance or cleaning*” includes but is not limited to the cleaning of exterior walls or windows of any building and any other act performed upon the exterior of a building with the intent to keep it in good condition or upkeep.

“*Janitorial services*” means the type of cleaning services performed by a janitor in the regular course of duty. These services may be performed individually under a separate contract or included within a general contract to perform a combination of such services. These services may include but are not limited to interior window washing, floor cleaning, vacuuming, waxing, cleaning of interior walls and woodwork, cleaning of restrooms and furnaces, and the movement of furniture or other personal property within a building.

**211.37(3) *Exempt services.***

*a.* Janitorial services performed in a private residence, including apartment or multiple housing units, and paid for by the occupant of the residence are exempt from sales tax.

*b.* Repairs and any service performed upon the exterior of a building that is a private residence and paid for by an occupant of the building are excluded from the meaning of “building maintenance or cleaning.” However, these services may be taxable under a construction-related enumerated service, described in rule 701—219.13(423).

*c.* Janitorial services and building maintenance or cleaning performed on or in connection with new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion or remodeling of a structure are exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “z.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

### **701—211.38(423) Lawn care, landscaping, and tree trimming and removal.**

#### **211.38(1) Lawn care.**

*a. In general.* Persons engaged in the business of lawn care are selling a service subject to sales tax. Lawn care is a taxable service regardless of the age of the person performing the service. Lawn care services performed on properties including but not limited to cemetery grounds, golf courses, parks, and residential or commercial properties containing one or more buildings or structures are subject to sales tax.

*b. Definitions.* For purposes of this rule:

“*Landscaping*” includes services related to the arrangement and modification of a given parcel or tract of land so as to render the land suitable for public or private use or enjoyment.

“*Lawn*” means an open space between woods or ground that is covered with grass and is generally kept mowed or required to be kept mowed.

“*Lawn care*” includes but is not limited to services related to mowing, trimming, watering, fertilizing, reseeding, resodding, and the killing of weeds, fungi, vermin, and insects that may threaten a lawn.

*c. Not taxable.* The mowing of grass within a ditch is not a taxable service.

#### **211.38(2) Landscaping.**

*a. In general.* Persons engaged in the business of landscaping are selling a service subject to sales tax.

*b. Landscape architects.* Services that require licensure as a “landscape architect” pursuant to Iowa Code section 544B.2 are not subject to sales tax under this rule if those services are performed by a licensed landscape architect, are separately stated, and are separately billed as a charge for landscape architecture.

*c. Exempt.* Landscaping services performed on or in connection to new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion, or the remodeling of real property are not subject to sales tax. 701—Chapter 219 contains additional information on new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion, and the remodeling of real property.

#### **211.38(3) Tree trimming and removal.**

*a. In general.* Persons engaged in the business of tree trimming, tree removal, and stump removal are selling a service subject to sales tax. This includes but is not limited to removal of any portion of a tree, including branches or a trunk.

*b. Shrubs with woody stems or trunks.* For purposes of this rule, tree trimming and tree removal include the trimming or removal of any shrub that has a woody main stem or trunk with branches.

*c. Sale of cut wood.* Persons engaged in the business of tree trimming and tree removal who cut wood from the trees that they trim or remove into sizes suitable for sale as firewood and sell the wood as firewood are engaged in the sale of tangible personal property. The tree trimming or removal is not a sale for resale. The sales price from the sale of this wood is subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “ab.”  
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### **701—211.39(423) Pet grooming.**

**211.39(1) In general.** Persons engaged in the business of pet grooming are selling a service subject to sales tax. This includes persons who are not veterinarians and groom dogs.

**211.39(2) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

“*Pet*” means any animal that has been tamed or gentled and is kept by its owner for pleasure or affection, rather than for utility or profit. Service animals or assistance animals as defined in Iowa Code section 216.8B and livestock are not considered pets.

“*Pet grooming*” includes any act performed to maintain or improve the appearance of a pet. This includes but is not limited to washing, combing, currying, hair cutting, and nail clipping, regardless of whether the person performing the act is a veterinarian.

**211.39(3) *Veterinary pet grooming.*** 701—Chapter 206 contains more information on bundled transactions to aid in determining the taxability of pet grooming when it is completed for both veterinary and cosmetic reasons.

**211.39(4) *Livestock showing.*** Services related to the pet grooming of livestock, including but not limited to the preparation of livestock for exhibition at fairs or shows, are exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*am.*”  
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#### **701—211.40(423) Reflexology.**

**211.40(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of reflexology are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.40(2) *Definition.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Reflexology*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 152C.1.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*ar.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.41(423) Tanning beds and tanning salons.** Persons engaged in the business of providing tanning beds and tanning salons are selling a service subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*az.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

#### **701—211.42(423) Water conditioning and softening.**

**211.42(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of water conditioning and softening are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.42(2) *Definitions.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Water conditioning*” means any action other than water softening taken with respect to water that renders the water fit for its intended use, more healthful, or enjoyable for human consumption. “*Water conditioning*” includes but is not limited to water filtration, purification, deionization, and reverse osmosis.

“*Water softening*” means the removal of minerals from water to render it more suitable for drinking and washing.

**211.42(3) *Water purification.*** When performed for residential, commercial, industrial, or agricultural users, the service of water purification is subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*bh.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

#### **701—211.43(423) Security and detective services.**

**211.43(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of providing security or detective services are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.43(2) *Definitions.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Detective service*” means a service of investigation with the purpose to obtain information regarding any of the following subjects: crimes or wrongs done or threatened; the habits, conduct, movements, location, associations, transactions, reputation, or character of a person; credibility of witnesses or other persons; inquiry or recovery of lost or stolen property; cause, origin, or responsibility of a fire, accident, or damage to property; or veracity or falsity of any statement or representation, or means a service of investigation with the purpose to detect deception or to secure evidence to be used

before an authorized investigation committee, before boards of award or arbitration, or in a civil or criminal trial.

“*Security service*” means a service with the purpose to protect property from theft, vandalism, or destruction or individuals from physical attack or harassment. “Security service” includes but is not limited to the rental of guard dogs; burglar or fire alarms; providing security guards, bodyguards or mobile patrols; or the protection of computer systems against unauthorized access.

**211.43(3) Exempt.** The sales price of the following services or activities are not subject to sales tax under this rule:

- a. Peace officer engaged privately in security or detective work with the knowledge and consent of the chief executive officer of the peace officer’s law enforcement agency.
- b. Person employed full- or part-time by an employer in connection with the affairs of the employer.
- c. Attorney licensed to practice law in Iowa while performing duties as an attorney.
- d. Person engaged exclusively, either as an employee or independent contractor, in conducting investigations and adjustments for insurance companies.
- e. Person serving notice or any other document to a party, witness, or any other individual in connection with any criminal, civil, or administrative litigation.
- f. Solicitation of a debtor to pay or collect payment for a debt.
- g. Consulting, rendering advice, or providing training with regard to security or detection matters.
- h. Charges for mileage, travel expenses, lodging, meal expenses, fees paid for records, and amounts paid for information if those charges are separately identified, separately billed, and reasonable in amount.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “as.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

#### **701—211.44(423) Solid waste collection and disposal services.**

**211.44(1) In general.** Persons engaged in the business of solid waste collection and disposal are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.44(2) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

“*Nonresidential commercial operation*” means any operation that is an industrial, commercial, agricultural, or mining operation, whether for profit or not. “Commercial” refers to those involved in the buying and selling of goods and services, rather than just meaning a for-profit operation.

1. “Nonresidential commercial operation” includes but is not limited to hotels, motels, restaurants, realtors, professional firms (doctors, lawyers, accountants, or dentists), repair persons, persons selling and renting all sorts of tangible personal property, persons selling insurance of any kind, appraisers, skilled trades (e.g., plumbers, carpenters, and electricians), construction contractors, banks, savings and loans, barbers and beauticians, day care centers, counseling services, employment agencies, janitorial services, landscapers, painters, pest control, photography, printing, and storage services. Also included within the meaning of nonresidential commercial operation are the United Way, the American Cancer Society, the Elks, Masons, houses of worship (e.g., churches, synagogues, and mosques), and not-for-profit hospitals that are not licensed under Iowa Code chapter 135B.

2. “Nonresidential commercial operation” does not include apartment complexes, mobile home parks, manufactured home communities, and single-family or multifamily dwellings. Also excluded from the meaning are nonprofit hospitals licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135B.

“*Recyclable material*” includes but is not limited to used motor oil, paper, glass, metals (e.g., copper, aluminum, and iron), and batteries, as long as the recycled materials are separated from the solid waste for the purpose of recycling the materials.

“*Recycling facilities*” means facilities where recyclable materials are separated or processed for the purpose of reusing a material in its original form or using it in a manufacturing process that will not cause the destruction of the recyclable material to preclude its further use. A facility that produces insulation from used glass would qualify as a recycling facility under this rule, while a facility that separates or processes recyclable materials for use as fuel would not qualify as a recycling facility under this rule.

“*Solid waste*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.2(7).

**211.44(3) *Nonresidential commercial operations.*** Counties, municipalities, and cities that provide the service of solid waste collection and disposal to nonresidential commercial operations are obligated to collect and remit the tax from these services. Additionally, any person who has contracted to provide solid waste collection and disposal service to a city or municipality is obligated to collect and remit the tax from those services provided to nonresidential commercial operations located within that city or municipality. If the solid waste collection and disposal service is rendered to multiple businesses or organizations, tax must be collected and remitted only on those portions that meet the definition of nonresidential commercial operations.

**211.44(4) *Bundled transaction of solid waste collections and disposal services.*** 701—Chapter 206 contains more information on bundled transactions regarding when both taxable and nontaxable solid waste collection and services are provided to a customer.

**211.44(5) *Disposal or tipping charges.***

*a. Taxable.* Charges for disposal or tipping of solid waste are also subject to sales tax. Persons or businesses who transport their own solid waste and persons who transport, without compensation, solid waste generated by another must pay the required tax upon the disposal or tipping charge or fee imposed by the collection or disposal facility.

*b. Exempt.* Charges or fees imposed for the service of collecting and managing recyclable material separated by solid waste by a waste generator are not subject to sales tax.

**211.44(6) *Recycling facilities.*** The sales price of the service of solid waste collection and disposal provided to recycling facilities that separate or process recyclable materials is not subject to sales tax if, as a result of the separation or processing, the volume of the waste collected is reduced by 85 percent and the waste is collected and disposed of separately from other solid waste.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(7).

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#### **701—211.45(423) Sewage services.**

**211.45(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in providing sewage service to nonresidential commercial operations are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.45(2) *Definitions.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Agricultural operation*” means any enterprise engaged in the raising of crops or livestock for market on an acreage.

“*Industrial operation*” means a business that purchases or rents machinery or equipment eligible for the Iowa sales and use tax exemption for industrial machinery and equipment.

“*Mining operation*” means a business engaged in underground mining, strip mining, or quarrying.

“*Nonresidential commercial operation*” means the same as defined in rule 701—211.44(423).

“*Sewage services*” means the services of collecting rainwater, liquid and solid refuse, or excreta for drainage or purification by means of pipes, channels, or conduits usually placed underground.

**211.45(3) *Nonresidential commercial operations.*** Counties, municipalities, sanitary districts, or any other person providing sewage service to nonresidential commercial operations are obligated to collect and remit the applicable Iowa sales tax. Any person or entity that has contracted to provide sewage services to a county or municipality is obligated to collect and remit the applicable Iowa sales tax performed for the county or city on behalf of the nonresident commercial operations located within that county or city.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*at.*”

[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

#### **701—211.46(423) Aircraft rental.**

**211.46(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of renting aircraft for 60 days or less are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.46(2) *Definition.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Aircraft*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 328.1. “Aircraft” also includes any drone aircraft or any aircraft transporting only the pilot.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*bf.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.47(423) Sign construction and installation.**

**211.47(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of constructing and installing signs are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.47(2) *Definition.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Sign*” means notices erected and maintained for the purpose of providing information, notices, markers, and the advertising of products or services. Signs include but are not limited to billboards, indoor or outdoor sign devices, and any structure erected and maintained for the purpose of conveying information.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*aw.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.48(423) Swimming pool cleaning and maintenance.** Persons engaged in the business of cleaning or maintaining a swimming pool are selling a service subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*ay.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.49(423) Taxidermy.**

**211.49(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of taxidermy are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.49(2) *Definition.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Taxidermy*” means the art or operation of preparing, stuffing, or mounting the skin, head, carcass, or part of a carcass of a dead animal.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*ba.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.50(423) Dating services.**

**211.50(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in providing dating services are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.50(2) *Definition.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Dating service*” means the service of providing an opportunity for individuals to meet and interact socially with the possibility of forming a relationship. Dating services include but are not limited to the services of those who provide an opportunity for individuals to describe themselves to and meet potential partners through escort services, smartphone applications, online websites and applications, and videotapes. Excluded from the definition are marriage matchmakers, telephone numbers that only provide opportunities for conversation rather than in-person interaction, and advertisements in newspapers or magazines soliciting companionship.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*n.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.51(423) Personal transportation service.**

**211.51(1) *Personal transportation service defined.*** “Personal transportation service” means the arrangement or provision of transportation of a person or persons for consideration, regardless of whether the person or entity providing such service supplies or uses a vehicle in conjunction with the service. “Personal transportation service” includes but is not limited to the following:

*a.* Transportation services provided by a human driver, including but not limited to drivers with a Class C, Class D endorsement 3, or Class M license, or by a chauffeur as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1(8). Examples of such services include but are not limited to taxi services, driver services, limousine services, bus services, shuttle services, and rides for hire;

b. Transportation services provided by a nonhuman driver, autonomous vehicle, or driverless vehicle; and

c. Ride sharing services, including but not limited to use of a network to connect transportation network company riders to transportation network company drivers who provide prearranged rides as defined in Iowa Code section 321N.1(4).

EXAMPLE 1: Marketplace X is a transportation network company that operates a network to connect drivers to riders. Driver D provides rides in Iowa exclusively through X's network. A person in Iowa requests a ride through X's network, and D provides the ride in D's car. X is a marketplace facilitator. X must collect Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on the sales price of the ride. Because D makes all of D's Iowa sales through X, which collects all applicable taxes on all of D's rides, D does not need to register for an Iowa sales tax permit or file an Iowa sales tax return. X will report the sales tax on X's Iowa sales tax return.

EXAMPLE 2: D provides rides for X and Y, two different transportation network companies. X is a marketplace facilitator responsible for collecting and remitting Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on the sales price of the rides D provides through X's network. Y is also a marketplace facilitator responsible for collecting all applicable taxes on the rides D provides through Y's network. D does not need to register for an Iowa sales tax permit or file an Iowa sales tax return.

EXAMPLE 3: D independently provides rides in addition to providing rides through X's network. X must collect all applicable taxes on the rides D provides through its network. X is not responsible for collecting tax on any of the rides D provides independent from X's network. D, a seller of personal transportation service with physical presence in Iowa, must collect and remit Iowa sales tax and applicable local option sales tax on the sales price of the rides D sells independent of X's network.

**211.51(2) *Tax imposed; sourcing.*** The sales price from the sale of personal transportation service in Iowa is subject to Iowa sales tax. The tax is imposed if the personal transportation service is first used in Iowa and is sourced to the location at which the service is first received.

EXAMPLE: R schedules a personal transportation service while at R's residence in Des Moines. R schedules the transportation service to transport R from Grinnell to Iowa City. R independently travels to Grinnell, where R enters a vehicle owned by the transportation service. The transportation service takes R from Grinnell to Iowa City, where the service ends and R pays for the service. The sale is sourced to Grinnell, the location at which R first received the transportation service. The transportation service must charge sales tax and the applicable local option tax in Grinnell, even though R scheduled the service while in Des Moines and the service concluded and payment was made in Iowa City.

**211.51(3) *No tax imposed on interstate motor carrier transportation service.*** Where a personal transportation service involves interstate travel by a motor carrier as defined in 49 U.S.C. Section 13102(14), no tax shall be imposed on the transaction to the extent prohibited by 49 U.S.C. Section 14505.

**211.51(4) *Exemption for transportation services furnished by a qualified public transit system, medical transportation service, or paratransit service.*** The sales price from sales of transportation services by public transit systems, medical transportation services, or paratransit services is exempt from tax. For purposes of the exemption under Iowa Code section 423.3(106), the following definitions shall apply:

*"Medical transportation"* means a personal transportation service for an individual to travel to a health care provider for the individual's medical care. Medical transportation is not limited to transportation services for immediate life-threatening or serious injuries.

*"Paratransit service"* means a personal transportation service provided to individuals with disabilities.

*"Public transit system"* means a public transit system as defined in Iowa Code section 324A.1(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(6) "*ac*" and 423.3(106).

[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

## **701—211.52(423) Information services.**



**211.52(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of providing access to information services provided through any tangible or electronic medium are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.52(2) *Definition.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Information services*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1(22A).

**211.52(3) *Taxable examples.*** Examples of information services include but are not limited to database files, research databases, genealogical information, mailing lists, subscription files, credit reports, surveys, real estate listings, bond rating reports, abstracts of title, bad check lists, broadcasting rating services, wire services, price lists or guides, scouting reports, and other similar items of compiled information prepared for a particular customer.

**211.52(4) *Nontaxable examples.*** “Information services” does not include the furnishing of artwork (including musical compositions and films), drawings, illustrations, or other graphic material or information prepared for general dissemination to the public in the form of books, magazines, newsletters, videotapes or audiotapes, compact discs, or any other medium commonly used to communicate with large numbers of customers. The sale of a book, magazine, or similar item is not the sale of an information service, even if the item contains material of practical use (e.g., in conducting a private, for-profit business) to its purchaser. These items sold in digital formats may be taxable as a specified digital product.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*br.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

#### **701—211.53(423) Software as a service.**

**211.53(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of providing software as a service are selling a service subject to sales tax. The content or material accessed by way of software as a service does not impact the taxability of the software itself.

**211.53(2) *Definitions.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Software as a service*” means the sale, storage, use, or other consumption of vendor-hosted computer software, such as but not limited to software accessible on the cloud. “Software as a service” does not include services commonly understood to constitute “infrastructure as a service” but may include what is described as “platform as a service” based on the facts and circumstances relating to that particular service. A relevant declaratory order, *In the Matter of study.com, LLC*, Iowa Dep’t of Revenue Declaratory Order No. 2020-310-2-0649 (Apr. 20, 2021), provides further discussion of software as a service.

“*Vendor-hosted computer software*” means computer software that is accessed through the Internet or a vendor-hosted server whether the access is permanent or temporary, whether any downloading occurs, or whether the software is hosted by the retailer of the software or by a third party.

**211.53(3) *Exemptions.*** Software as a service may be exempt from sales tax in accordance with Iowa Code section 423.3(104) and rule 701—225.8(423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*bu.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

#### **701—211.54(423) Video game services and tournaments.**

**211.54(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of providing video game services and tournaments are selling a service subject to sales tax. Taxable services relating to video game tournaments include fees paid for participating in such tournaments and related services as well as observing a video game tournament. Participation in or observation of such tournaments is taxable regardless of whether or not a prize is provided to any participants.

**211.54(2) *Definitions.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Video games*” means any virtual, digital, or electronic game in which a user interacts with a user interface to generate visual feedback on a video device such as a computer monitor, television screen, or mobile device. Video games may be transferred through any physical or electronic medium, including by cartridge, disc, or electronic file, or through access to any server or network of servers.

“*Video game services*” means providing access to video games, support and account services, in-game currency exchanges, payment processing services, and any other service related to the hosting or provision of video games.

“*Video game tournament*” means an event where participants compete in the playing of video games. Participants may be playing video games by being physically present in the same location or playing remotely.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*bt.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.55(423) Services related to specified digital products or software sold as tangible personal property.**

**211.55(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of providing services arising from or related to installing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, operating, upgrading, or enhancing specified digital products or software sold as tangible personal property are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.55(2) *Definition.***

“*Specified digital products*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1.

**211.55(3) *Exemption.*** Services arising from or related to installing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, operating, upgrading, or enhancing specified digital products or software sold as tangible personal property may be exempt from sales tax in accordance with Iowa Code section 423.3(104) and rule 701—225.8(423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*bs.*”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—211.56(423) Storage of tangible or electronic files, documents, or other records.**

**211.56(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of providing storage of tangible or electronic files, documents, or other records are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**211.56(2) *Exemption.*** Storage of tangible or electronic files, documents, or other records may be exempt from sales tax in accordance with Iowa Code section 423.3(104) and rule 701—225.8(423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*bq.*”  
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CHAPTER 212  
GOVERNMENTS AND NONPROFITS

**701—212.1(423) Sales to certain corporations organized under federal statutes.** The sale of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or taxable services at retail to the following corporations are sales for final use or consumption to which tax shall apply:

1. Federal savings and loan associations.
2. Federal savings and trust companies.
3. National banks.
4. Other organizations of like character.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.

[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

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CHAPTER 213  
MISCELLANEOUS TAXABLE SALES

Rules in this chapter include cross references to provisions in 701—Chapters 15 and 18 that were applicable prior to July 1, 2004.

**701—213.1(423) Tax imposed.** Rescinded **ARC 6508C**, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22.

**701—213.2(423) Athletic events.** Rescinded **ARC 6508C**, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22.

**701—213.3(423) Conditional sales contracts.** Iowa Code section 423.1(46) defines sales to include “conditional sales.” A conditional sale is a sale in which the vendee receives the right to the use of the goods which are the subject matter of the sale, but the transfer of title to the vendee is dependent on the performance of some condition by the vendee, usually the full payment of the purchase price.

Conditional sales in most cases are evidenced by the facts supporting the nature of the vendor’s business, the intent of the parties, and the facts supporting the control over the tangible personal property by the vendee. A conditional sales contract would exist where: the vendee/lessee has total control over the property and is responsible for all losses or damages; the transfer of the property is complete except for title, which passes upon the condition of full payment; and where such full payment is performed under nearly all the vendor’s “lease” agreements, except in cases of default; and the vendor has no intent of retaining control over the property except for purposes of selling it or financing it for sale. In determining whether an agreement constitutes a conditional sale or a true lease, substance shall prevail over form, and the terminology of the written agreement will be considered only to the extent that it accurately represents the true relationship of the parties.

When a conditional sale exists, the seller shall bill the purchaser for the full amount of tax due, and sales tax is due on the full contract price upon delivery of the property which is the subject of the contract. *Harold D. Sturtz v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 373 N.W.2d 131 (Iowa 1985). No further tax is due on the periodic payments. Interest and finance charges shall not be considered part of the sales price if they are separately stated and reasonable in amount and are, therefore, not subject to tax. *State ex rel. Turner v. Younker Bros., Inc.*, 210 N.W.2d 550, 562 (Iowa 1973).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(46) and 423.2(1).

**701—213.4(423) The sales price of sales of butane, propane and other like gases in cylinder drums, etc.** Sales of butane, propane and other like gases in cylinder drums and other similar containers purchased for cooking, heating and other purposes shall be taxable. However, see rule 701—220.16(423), which provides for a phase-out of and eventual complete exemption from tax for propane and other gases sold for use in residential heating.

When gas of this type is sold and motor vehicle fuel tax is collected by the seller, sales or use tax shall not be due. If Iowa motor vehicle fuel tax is not collected by the seller at the time of the sale, sales or use tax shall be collected and remitted to the department, unless the sale is specifically exempt.

If tax is not collected by the seller at the time of sale, any tax due shall be collected by the department at the time the user of the product makes application for a refund of the motor vehicle fuel tax.

The sales price from the rental of cylinders, drums and other similar containers by the distributor or dealer of the gas shall be subject to tax when the title remains with the dealer. The sales price of gas converter equipment which might be sold to an ultimate consumer shall be subject to tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(46) and 423.2(1).

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**701—213.5(423) Antiques, curios, old coins, collector’s postage stamps, and currency exchanged for greater than face value.** Curios, antiques, art work, coins, collector’s postage stamps and such articles sold to or by art collectors, philatelists, numismatists and other persons who purchase or sell such items of tangible personal property for use and not primarily for resale are sales at retail, and their sales price shall be subject to tax.

**213.5(1)** The sales price of stamps, whether canceled or uncanceled, which are sold by a collector or person engaged in retailing stamps to collectors shall be taxable.

**213.5(2)** The distinction between stamps which are purchased by a collector and stamps which are purchased for their value as evidence of the privilege of the owner to have certain mail carried by the United States government is that which determines whether or not the sales price of a stamp is taxable or not taxable. A stamp becomes an article of tangible personal property having market value when, because of the demand, it can be sold for a price greater than its face value. On the other hand, when a stamp has only face value, as evidence of the right to certain services or an indication that certain revenue has been paid, its sales price shall not be subject to either sales or use tax.

**213.5(3)** The sales price from any exchange, transfer, or barter of merchandise for a consideration paid in gold, silver, or other coins or currency shall be subject to tax to the extent of the agreed-upon value of the coins or currency so exchanged. This agreed-upon value constitutes the sales price or purchase price subject to tax. Currency or coins become articles of tangible personal property having a value greater than face value when the currency or coins are exchanged for a price greater than face value. However, when a coin or other currency, in the course of circulation, is exchanged at its face value, the sales price of the sale shall be subject to tax for the face value alone. *Losana Corp. v. Porterfield*, 14 Ohio St.2d 42, 236 N.E.2d 535 (1968).

EXAMPLE 1. Taxpayer operates a furniture store. The taxpayer offers to exchange furniture for silver coins at ten times the face value of any coins dated prior to January 1, 1965. Upon any exchange pursuant to the offer, the value of the coins for purposes of determining the tax on the exchange will be equivalent to the value as agreed upon by the parties, without regard to the face value of the coins.

EXAMPLE 2. Taxpayer operates a hardware store. In the regular course of business, the taxpayer receives silver coins dated prior to January 1, 1965. Taxpayer has received the coins at face value for the sales price and only that value is subject to tax. Also see Attorney General Opinion Griger to Bair, Director of Revenue, May 15, 1980, #80-5-13.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(47), 423.2(1) and 423.5.

**701—213.6(423) Communication services furnished by hotel to its guests.** Renumbered as 701—210.17(423), **ARC 6508C**, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22.

**701—213.7(423) Consignment sales.** When a retailer receives tangible personal property on consignment from others and the consigned merchandise is sold in the ordinary course of business with other merchandise owned or services performed by the retailer, the retailer or consignee shall be making sales at retail. In these cases, the consignee shall file a return and remit tax to the department along with the returns and remittances of tax on the sales price from the sale of other merchandise.

The sales price of sales of tangible personal property by an agent or consignee for another person shall be exempt if the sales meet the requirements of a casual sale or any other exemptions.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(1).

**701—213.8(423) Electrotypes, types, zinc etchings, halftones, stereotypes, color process plates, wood mounts and art productions.** The sales price of electrotypes, types, zinc etchings, halftones, stereotypes, color process plates, wood mounts and art productions shall be subject to tax when sold to users or consumers. Reference 701—285.33(422,423) for sales to printers. The listed articles do not become an integral or component part of merchandise intended to be sold ultimately at retail. *Long v. Roberts & Son*, 234 Ala. 570 176 So. 213 (1937); *People ex rel. Walker Engraving Corporation v. Groves*, 268 N.Y. 648, 193 N.E. 539 (1935).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(1) and 423.3(51).

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**701—213.9(423) Explosives used in mines, quarries and elsewhere.** Renumbered as 701—210.18(423), **ARC 6508C**, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22.

**701—213.10(423) Sales on layaway.** The sales price from sales on layaway is subject to tax. A layaway sale involves two separate and distinct contracts. Under the first contract, the customer and the retailer enter into an agreement to give the customer an option to purchase a certain item of tangible personal property. Under the second contract, the sale of property takes place. During the period of the option to purchase, the item is placed aside “on layaway” and is not available for sale to the general public. This option to purchase is exercised by the customer’s making one or more “layaway payments.” The customer exercises the option to buy by completing the layaway payments. The last layaway payment is also the tendered payment under the separate contract for sale of the property. The contract for sale is complete when the seller delivers the property to the buyer. See *Holland v. Brown*, 15 Utah 2d 422, 394 P.2d 77 (1964) and *Sturtz v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 373 N.W.2d 131 (Iowa 1985). Tax must be reported during the period (e.g., the quarter or month) in which delivery under the contract for sale portion of the layaway occurs. This will nearly always be the reporting period in which physical transfer of possession passes from the retailer to the buyer.

A sale on layaway should not be confused with a “conditional sale.” The differences are these: (1) In a conditional sale, physical transfer of property occurs before, rather than after, the buyer makes all periodic payments necessary to purchase the property; and (2) in a conditional sale, physical possession of and title to the property pass to the buyer at different times. In a conditional sales situation, physical possession passes first; then after all periodic payments are made, title (ownership) passes to the buyer. In a layaway sale, both possession and title pass at the same time after all payments are made. The conditional sale is a much more common commercial arrangement than the sale on layaway.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(46) and 423.2(1).

**701—213.11(423) Memorial stones.** Persons engaged in the business of selling memorial stones are selling tangible personal property, the sales price of which shall be subject to tax. When the seller of a memorial stone agrees to erect a stone upon a foundation, the total sales price from such sale shall be taxable. Any separately itemized charge for engraving is part of the taxable sales price of a memorial stone.

The sales price of any designs, lettering or engraving performed on a memorial stone or monument is also subject to tax. See *In Re Des Moines-Winterset Monuments, Inc.*, Docket No. 79-228-6A-DR, March 13, 1980.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(1).

**701—213.12(423) Creditors and trustees.** Pursuant to the provisions of any piece of chattel paper or any other document evidencing a creditor’s interest in tangible personal property, the sales price from the sale of tangible personal property at a public auction shall be taxable even if the sale is made by virtue of a court decree of foreclosure by an officer appointed by the court for that purpose.

The tax applies to the sales price of inventory and noninventory goods, provided the owner is in the business of making retail sales of tangible personal property or taxable services. *In Re Hubs Repair Shop, Inc.*, 28 B.R. 858 (Bkrcty. 1983).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(1) and 423.5(1).

**701—213.13(423) Sale of pets.** A retailer selling pets shall procure a permit and report tax on the sales price from the sale of such pets.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(54) and 423.2(1).

**701—213.14(423) Redemption of meal tickets, coupon books and merchandise cards as a taxable sale.** When meal tickets, coupon books, or merchandise cards are sold by persons engaged exclusively in selling taxable commodities or services, tax shall be levied at the time such items are redeemed by the customer. Tax shall not be added at the time of actual purchase of the meal ticket, coupon book, or merchandise card. When a retailer sells gift certificates, tax shall be added at the time the gift certificate is redeemed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1 and 423.2.

**701—213.15(423) Rental of personal property in connection with the operation of amusements.** The sales price from rental of tangible personal property in connection with the operation of amusements shall be taxable. Such rentals shall include all tangible personal property or equipment used by patrons in connection with the operation of commercial amusements, notwithstanding the fact that the rental of such personal property may be billed separately.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(1).

**701—213.16(423) Repossessed goods.**

**213.16(1) Sale subject to tax.** When tangible personal property which has been repossessed either by the original seller or by a finance company is resold to final users or consumers, the sales price from those sales is subject to tax.

**213.16(2) Bad debts.** A retailer repossessing previously sold merchandise shall be entitled to claim a credit on tax paid for bad debts in the same fashion as any other retailer that has paid tax to the department upon a sales price which ultimately constitutes a bad debt.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(1) and 423.5(1).

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**701—213.17(423) Sales of signs at retail.** Renumbered as 701—210.19(423), ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22.

**701—213.18(423) Tangible personal property made to order.** When a retailer contracts to fabricate items of tangible personal property from materials available in stock or through placing orders for materials which have been selected by customers, all expenses and profits from the sale of such fabricated articles shall be included in the sales price. The retailer shall not deduct fabrication or production charges, even though such charges are separately billed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(1) and 423.5(1).

**701—213.19(423) Used or secondhand tangible personal property.** The sales price on the sale of used or secondhand tangible personal property in the form of goods, wares, or merchandise shall be taxable in the same manner as new property. This condition eliminates any consideration for secondhand merchandise to be treated differently than new merchandise when sold at retail for sales tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(1) and 423.5(1).

**701—213.20(423) Carpeting and other floor coverings.** The sale of carpeting and other floor coverings to any person constitutes a sale at retail of tangible personal property, and the sales price of these sales is subject to sales or use tax unless the carpeting and other floor coverings are purchased for resale or are otherwise exempt from tax.

The sales price of floor coverings other than carpeting which are shaped to fit a particular room or area and which are attached to the supporting floor with cement, tacks, or by some other method making a permanent attachment with the building or structure are considered to be building materials and shall be taxable in the same manner as building materials which are used or consumed in the performance of a construction contract. See rule 701—219.2(423) and 701—subrule 219.3(3) for tax treatment.

The sale of carpeting is not to be treated as the sale of a “building material.” The sales price of rugs, mats, linoleum, and other types of floor coverings which are not attached but which are simply laid on finished floors and are not considered building materials is subject to tax unless the floor coverings are purchased for resale or are otherwise exempt from tax.

The sale of “carpeting” to owners, contractors, subcontractors or builders is not the sale of a building material, but the sale of ordinary tangible personal property, which can be purchased for resale by owners, contractors, subcontractors or builders. “Carpeting” is any floor covering made of fabric, usually of wool or synthetic fibers. For purposes of this rule, “carpeting” also includes any pads, tack strips, adhesive, and other materials other than subflooring necessary for installation of the carpeting. Sellers of carpeting should charge purchasers sales tax unless the carpeting is purchased for resale or some other exempt purpose, in which case the purchaser must provide the seller with an exemption certificate upon demand.



The sales price of carpeting, with installation, is taxable in the following manner:

1. If separate contracts exist for the sale of the carpeting and for the installation, only the sales price of the carpeting is subject to tax.
2. If the selling price of the carpeting and the installation charge are stated as one charge or lump sum, the entire charge is subject to sales tax.
3. If the invoice itemizes the installation charge separately from the selling price of the carpet, only the selling price of the carpet is subject to sales tax if the installer and the purchaser of the carpet intend that a sale of the carpet shall occur. See 701—subrule 225.4(1) for more information.

In the following examples, assume that contractor A purchases carpeting from supplier B for installation in customer C's home. Whether or not A will purchase the carpeting from B for A's own consumption (and thus, A will pay the tax to B) or A will purchase the property from B for resale to C (and thus, C will pay the tax to A) depends upon any contracts existing between A (the contractor) and C (the customer).

**EXAMPLE A.** A contracts with C to install carpeting in C's home. Separate contracts exist between A and C for the sale of the carpeting and for its installation. Under these circumstances, A purchases the carpeting from B for resale to C. No tax is due upon the sales price of the transaction between A and B; tax is due upon A's resale of the carpet to C, but not upon A's charges for carpet installation, a nontaxable service.

**EXAMPLE B.** A charges C one lump sum for the carpeting and installation. In this case, A collects sales tax from C on the entire lump sum. The lump sum is treated, for sales tax purposes, as the sales price from the sale of tangible personal property; so A purchases the carpet from B for resale and without tax.

**EXAMPLE C.** A and C contract for the sale of the carpet separate from its installation. A sends C one invoice for the installation and sale of the carpet with the installation charge listed on the invoice separately from the selling price of the carpet. Under these circumstances, only the selling price of the carpet listed on the invoice is subject to sales tax and A purchases the carpet from B for resale and thus, without obligation to pay sales tax to B.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(1) "b."

**701—213.21(423) Goods damaged in transit.** If goods shipped by a retailer have been delivered under a contract for sale to a consumer, and thereafter the goods are damaged in the course of transit to the consumer, the retailer and purchaser shall be liable for tax upon the full sale price of the goods, as the sale to the consumer has been completed. *Harold D. Sturtz v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 373 N.W.2d 131 (Iowa 1985).

If the goods have not been delivered to the consumer, the sale to the consumer has not been completed, and the retailer shall not be taxed for the amount agreed to be paid by the consumer.

**EXAMPLE.** A company in Chicago transports furniture in its own truck to customer B in Des Moines. Under the contract of sale, delivery of the furniture would occur in Des Moines and sales tax would ordinarily be due upon the sales price of the sale. However, in East Moline, Illinois, the furniture truck is involved in an accident, and B's furniture is destroyed. There was no delivery of the furniture to B, thus no sale to B and thus no sales tax is due. Had the point of delivery been Chicago, Illinois, a sale would have occurred outside this state, but no use tax would be due because B never made any "use" of the furniture in Iowa.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2.

**701—213.22(423) Snowmobiles, motorboats, and certain other vehicles.** The sales price of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, race karts or go-carts, and motorboats shall be subject to tax when purchased and shall not be classified as vehicles subject to registration.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 423.

**701—213.23(423) Photographers and photostaters.** Tax shall apply to the sales price of photographs and photostat copies, whether or not produced to the special order of the customer, and to charges for the

making of photographs or photostat copies out of materials furnished by the customer. A deduction shall not be allowed for the expenses incurred by the photographer, such as rental of equipment or salaries or wages paid to assistants or models, whether or not the expenses are itemized in billings to customers.

Tax shall not apply to the sales price of tangible personal property to photographers and photostat producers which becomes an ingredient or component part of photographs or photostat copies sold, such as mounts, frames and sensitized paper; but tax shall apply to the sales price of materials to photographers or producers which is used in the processing of photographs or photostat copies.

The sales price of photographs by a person engaged in the business of making and selling photographs to newspaper or magazine publishers for reproduction shall be taxable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2 and 423.5.

**701—213.24(423) Sale, transfer or exchange of tangible personal property or taxable enumerated services between affiliated corporations.** Renumbered as 701—210.20(423), ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22.

**701—213.25(423) Urban transit systems.** A privately owned urban transit system which is not an instrumentality of federal, state or county government is subject to sales tax on fuel purchases which are within the urban transit system's charter.

Tax shall not apply to the sales price of fuel purchases made by a privately owned urban transit company for use outside the urban transit system charter in which a fuel tax has been imposed and paid and no refund has been or will be allowed.

Whether an urban transit company will be considered an instrumentality of federal, state or county government for the purpose of receiving sales tax exemption on its fuel purchases, which are also exempted from fuel tax and used for public purposes, depends upon consideration of the following:

1. Whether the urban transit system is created by government.
2. Whether the urban transit system is wholly owned by government.
3. Whether the urban transit system is operated for profit.
4. Whether the urban transit system is primarily engaged in the performance of some essential governmental function.

5. Whether the payment of tax will impose an economic burden upon the corporation, or whether payment of tax serves to materially impair the usefulness or efficiency of the corporation or the payment of tax materially restricts the corporation in the performance of its duties.

The considerations enumerated above are not all-inclusive, and the presence of some considerations and absence of others does not necessarily establish the exemption. Unemployment compensation of *North Carolina v. Wachovia Bank and Trust Company*, 2 S.E.2d 592, 595, 215 No. Car. 491 (1939); 1976 O.A.G. 823, 827, 828.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.3(1) and 423.3(31).

**701—213.26(423) Sales of prepaid telephone cards or calling services.** Sales of prepaid telephone calling cards and prepaid authorization numbers that furnish the holder with communication service are taxable as sales of tangible personal property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(1) "a."  
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**701—213.27(423) Webinars.**

**213.27(1) In general.** Webinars are generally taxable as specified digital products. Specifically, webinars fall into the "other digital products" category as a news or information product. Purchasing access to a live or pre-recorded webinar, even if the webinar's purpose is educational or otherwise, is not treated as purchase of a service.

**213.27(2) Nontaxable live webinars with virtual participation.** Purchases of access to a live webinar, meaning access to viewing a presentation occurring in real time, are not always subject to sales tax. Attending a presentation in person, if it is not an admission to an amusement, is generally not taxable

under Iowa law. Similarly, purchasing access to a live webinar is not taxable if the live webinar allows for a level of participation that is substantially similar to an in-person presentation.

**213.27(3) Exemptions.** Since purchases of webinars are taxable as specified digital products, any sales tax exemptions that apply to specified digital products may also apply to webinars.

EXAMPLE 1: A person purchases access to a live webinar to view on the person's computer or mobile device. The in-person presentation, which can be viewed by people with access to the live webinar, allows for in-person attendees to ask questions throughout the presentation. Persons viewing the presentation through the live webinar on their computer or mobile device cannot submit questions to the presenter throughout the duration of the webinar. The level of participation between the in-person presentation and the live webinar are not substantially similar. The purchase of access to view this live webinar is subject to sales tax.

EXAMPLE 2: A person purchases access to a live webinar to view on the person's computer or mobile device. The in-person presentation, which is viewable by people with access to the live webinar, does not allow in-person attendees to ask questions throughout the presentation. The person viewing the presentation through the live webinar on the person's computer or mobile device cannot submit questions to the presenter throughout the duration of the webinar. The level of participation between the in-person presentation and the live webinar is substantially similar. The purchase of access to view this live webinar is not subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.1(55B).  
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CHAPTER 214  
AGRICULTURAL RULES  
[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 226]

**701—214.1(423) Sale or rental of farm machinery and equipment and items used in agricultural production that are attached to a self-propelled implement of husbandry.** The sales price from the sale or rental of farm machinery and equipment directly and primarily used in production of agricultural products and certain items used in agricultural production that are attached to or towed by a self-propelled implement of husbandry is exempt from sales and use tax.

**214.1(1) Farm machinery and equipment.**

*a. Exempt.* Under this rule, to be eligible for the exemption from the tax, the farm machinery or equipment must be directly and primarily used in production of agricultural products and must also be one of the following:

- (1) A self-propelled implement; or
- (2) An implement customarily drawn or attached to a self-propelled implement; or
- (3) A grain dryer; or
- (4) An auxiliary attachment which improves the performance, safety, operation, or efficiency of a qualifying implement or grain dryer; or
- (5) A replacement part for any item described in subparagraph (1), (2), (3), or (4).

*b. Taxable.* A vehicle subject to registration as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1, an implement customarily drawn by or attached to a vehicle subject to registration, an auxiliary attachment for a vehicle subject to registration, or any replacement part for a vehicle, implement, or auxiliary attachment for a vehicle subject to registration is not eligible for the exemption allowed under this rule.

**214.1(2) Attachments to self-propelled implements of husbandry.**

*a. Exempt.* Exempt from the tax under this rule are the following items if, and only if, they are used in agricultural production:

- (1) A snow blower that is to be attached to a self-propelled implement of husbandry; or
- (2) A rear-mounted or front-mounted blade that is to be attached to or towed by a self-propelled implement of husbandry; or
- (3) A rotary cutter that is to be attached to a self-propelled implement of husbandry.

*b. Used in agricultural production.* Under this subrule, the items must be used in agricultural production, and not “directly and primarily” used in production of agricultural products as is required under subrule 214.1(1).

EXAMPLE: Farmer Jones purchases a front-mounted blade that will be attached to a self-propelled implement of husbandry (e.g., farming tractor). Farmer Jones primarily uses the blade to prepare previously uncultivated land—a use that is not for agricultural production. See subrule 214.1(3). However, Farmer Jones sporadically uses the front-mounted blade for agricultural production. Even though Farmer Jones does not directly and primarily use the front-mounted blade in agricultural production, the front-mounted blade is exempt from sales or use tax because the blade is occasionally used in agricultural production and it is attached to a self-propelled implement of husbandry.

**214.1(3) Definitions and specific provisions.** For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions and provisions apply.

*a. Production of agricultural products.* The term “production of agricultural products” means the same as the term “agricultural production,” which is defined in rule 701—200.1(423) to mean a farming operation undertaken for profit by the raising of crops or livestock. Nonexclusive examples of items not included within the meaning of the term “agricultural production” are the clearing or preparation of previously uncultivated land, the creation of farm ponds, and the erection of machine sheds, confinement facilities, storage bins, or other farm buildings. Machinery and equipment used for these purposes would be used for activities which are preparatory to, but not a part of, the production of agricultural products and, therefore, are not exempt.

*b. Farm machinery and equipment.* The term “farm machinery and equipment” means machinery and equipment specifically designed for use in the production of agricultural products and machinery

and equipment that are not specifically designed for use in the production of agricultural products but are directly and primarily used for that purpose.

EXAMPLE: Farmer Jones raises livestock, and his farming operation requires that fences be repaired to confine the livestock. Farmer Jones purchases a posthole digger that is customarily attached to a tractor and uses the digger to repair the fences used to confine the livestock. The posthole digger is not specifically designed for use in the production of agricultural products but is directly and primarily used in the production of agricultural products. Therefore, the exemption would apply.

*c. Self-propelled implement.* The term “self-propelled implement” means an implement which is capable of movement from one place to another under its own power. An implement is not self-propelled merely because it has moving parts. The term “self-propelled implement” includes, but is not limited to, the following items: skid loaders and tractors. The term also includes, but is not limited to, the following machinery if capable of movement under its own power: combines, corn pickers, fertilizer spreaders, hay conditioners and windrowers, sprayers, and bean buggies.

*d. Implements customarily drawn or attached to self-propelled implements.* The following is a nonexclusive, representative list of implements customarily drawn or attached to self-propelled implements: augers, balers, blowers, combines, conveyers, cultivators, disks, drags, dryers (portable), farm wagons, feeder wagons, fertilizer spreaders, front- and rear-end loaders, harrows, hay loaders, hay mowers, hay rakes, husking machines, manure spreaders, planters, plows, rotary hoes, sprayers and tanks, and tillage equipment.

*e. Directly used in agricultural production.*

(1) Property is “directly used” only if it is used to initiate, sustain, or terminate an exempt activity. In determining whether any property is directly used, consideration should be given to the following factors:

1. The physical proximity of the property to other property clearly exempt as directly used in agricultural production. The closer the property is to exempt property, the more likely it is that the property is directly used in agricultural production.

2. The chronological proximity of the use of the property in question to the use of property clearly exempt as directly used in agricultural production. The closer the proximity of the property’s use within the production process to the use of exempt property, the more likely the use is direct rather than remote.

3. The active causal relationship between the use of the property in question and agricultural production. The fewer intervening causes between the use of the property and the production of the product, the more likely it is that the property is directly used in agricultural production.

(2) The fact that particular machinery or equipment is essential to the production of agricultural products because its use is required either by law or practical necessity does not, of itself, mean that the machinery or equipment is directly used in the production of agricultural products. Machinery or equipment that comes into actual physical contact with the soil or crops during the operations of planting, cultivating, harvesting, and soil preparation will be presumed to be machinery or equipment used in agricultural production.

*f. Primarily used in agricultural production.* Property is “primarily used” in agricultural production based on the total time it is used in agricultural production in comparison to the time it is used for other purposes. Any property used in agricultural production more than 50 percent of its total use time is eligible for exemption.

*g. Beginning and end of agricultural production.* Agricultural production begins with the cultivation of land previously cleared for the planting of crops or begins with the purchase or breeding of livestock or domesticated fowl. Agricultural production ceases when an agricultural product has been transported to the point where it will be sold by the producer or processed for further use.

EXAMPLE: Farmer Brown uses a tractor and wagon to haul harvested corn from a field to a grain dryer located on the farm. After the corn is dried, the same tractor and wagon are used to move the grain to a storage bin, also located on the farm. Later, the same tractor and wagon are used to deliver the corn from the farm to the local elevator where the corn is sold. After Farmer Brown deposits the corn there, the local elevator uses its own tractor and wagon to move the corn to a place of relatively permanent storage. Farmer Brown has used the tractor and wagon in the production of agricultural products, and

the exemption would apply to Farmer Brown's tractor and wagon. However, the elevator has not used its tractor and wagon in agricultural production; thus, the exemption would not be allowed for the elevator's tractor and wagon.

*h. Grain dryer.* The term "grain dryer" includes the heater and the blower necessary to force the warmed air into a grain storage bin. The term "grain dryer" does not include equipment, such as augers and spreaders, used in grain storage or movement, nor does it include any other equipment, such as specialized flooring, that is not a grain dryer. Equipment that is not a grain dryer but is used in grain drying may be exempt if the equipment is a self-propelled implement or customarily drawn or attached to a self-propelled implement and is directly and primarily used in agricultural production.

*i. Replacement parts.* The term "replacement parts" means any farm machinery or equipment which is substituted for another part that has broken, worn out or has become obsolete or otherwise unable to perform its intended function. Replacement parts are those parts which materially add to the value of farm machinery or equipment, appreciably prolong its life or keep it in its ordinarily efficient operating condition. Excluded from the meaning of the term "replacement parts" are supplies and computer software. Sales of supplies and computer software are taxable. Nonexclusive examples of supplies include: lubricants, oils, greases, and coolants.

Tangible personal property which has an expected useful life of 12 months or more and is used in the operation of farm machinery or equipment is rebuttably presumed to be a replacement part. Tangible personal property which is used in the same manner but has an expected useful life of less than 12 months is rebuttably presumed to be a supply.

(1) For periods prior to July 1, 2008, the sale or lease of a replacement part is exempt from tax if the replacement part is essential to any repair or reconstruction necessary to the exempt piece of farm machinery or equipment used in the production of agricultural products. The term "replacement parts" does not include attachments and accessories which are not essential to the operation of the farm machinery or equipment. Nonexclusive examples of attachments or accessories that are not essential include: cigarette lighters, radios, portable global positioning devices, and add-on air-conditioning units.

(2) For periods beginning on and after July 1, 2008, the sale or lease of a replacement part is exempt from tax if the replacement part is used in any repair or reconstruction of the exempt piece of farm machinery or equipment used in the production of agricultural products. Nonexclusive examples of replacement parts to machinery and equipment which would be exempt include: air-conditioning parts, computer equipment parts, fire equipment parts, glass parts, mirrors, headlights, communication systems, and global positioning equipment parts.

*j. Implement of husbandry.*

(1) The term "implement of husbandry" means any tool, equipment, or machinery necessary to the carrying on of the business of agricultural production and without which that could not be done. To be an implement of husbandry, the following must both be true:

1. The tool, equipment, or machine must be necessary to the carrying on of the business of agricultural production; and

2. Agricultural production must be impossible without the use of the tool, equipment, or machine.

(2) Whether a given item is an implement of husbandry depends on the facts of each particular case (*Hester v. State*, 108 So.2d 385, 388 (1959)), and in each particular case the person claiming the exemption has the burden of proving that the person is entitled to the exemption. *Dial Corp. v. Iowa Dep't of Revenue*, 634 N.W.2d 643, 646 (Iowa 2001).

*k. Snow blower.* "Snow blower" as used in this rule means an attachment that has the primary purpose of snow removal by the throwing of snow and that is ordinarily thought of as a snow blower.

*l. Rear-mounted or front-mounted blade.* "Rear-mounted or front-mounted blade" as used in this rule means a stationary attachment that has a primary purpose of pushing or leveling, for example, sand, dirt, snow, gravel, or manure. The term "rear-mounted or front-mounted blade" does not include mounted buckets or loaders that have a primary purpose of loading or digging.

*m. Rotary cutter.* "Rotary cutter" as used in this rule means an attachment used for mowing of grassy areas, pastures, and brush, but does not include attachments often referred to as "finishing mowers" and "mid-mount mowers."

**214.1(4) *Taxable and nontaxable transactions.*** The following are nonexclusive examples of sales and leases of and services for farm machinery or equipment subject to or exempt from tax. Taxable services performed on farm machinery or equipment are subject to tax even when the replacement parts are exempt.

*a.* A lessor's purchase of farm machinery or equipment is not subject to tax if the machinery or equipment is leased to a lessee who uses it directly and primarily in the production of agricultural products and if the lessee's use of the machinery or equipment is otherwise exempt. To claim exemption from tax, the lessor does not need to make an exempt use of the machinery or equipment as long as the lessee uses the machinery or equipment for an exempt purpose. On and after July 1, 2004, the lease of tangible personal property is treated as the sale of that property for the purposes of Iowa sales and use tax law because leases of tangible personal property are taxable retail sales of that property.

*b.* A lessor's purchase of a snow blower, rear-mounted or front-mounted blade, or rotary cutter is not subject to tax if such item is leased to a lessee who uses the item in agricultural production and the item will be attached to an implement of husbandry.

*c.* The owner or lessee of farm machinery or equipment need not be a farmer as long as the machinery or equipment is directly and primarily used in the production of agricultural products and the owner or lessee and the machinery or equipment meet the other requirements of this rule. For example, a person who purchases an airplane designed for use in agricultural aerial spraying and who uses the airplane directly and primarily for agricultural production is entitled to the benefits provided under this rule even though that person is not the owner or occupant of the land where the airplane is used.

*d.* The owner or lessee of a snow blower, rear-mounted or front-mounted blade, or rotary cutter need not be a farmer as long as the snow blower, rear-mounted or front-mounted blade, or rotary cutter is used in agricultural production and the snow blower, rear-mounted or front-mounted blade, or rotary cutter is attached to an implement of husbandry.

*e.* The sale or lease, within Iowa, of any farm machinery, equipment, or replacement part for direct and primary use in agricultural production outside of Iowa is a transaction eligible for the exemption if the transaction is otherwise qualified for an exemption under this rule.

*f.* The sale or lease, within Iowa, of any snow blower, rear-mounted or front-mounted blade, or rotary cutter which is used, outside of Iowa, in agricultural production while attached to an implement of husbandry is a transaction eligible for the exemption, if the transaction is otherwise qualified for an exemption under this rule.

**214.1(5) *Auxiliary attachments.*** The following is a nonexclusive list of auxiliary attachments for which the sale or use in Iowa is exempt from tax: auxiliary hydraulic valves, cabs, coil tine harrows, corn head pickup reels, dry till shanks, dual tires, extension shanks, fenders, fertilizer attachments and openers, fold kits, grain bin extensions, herbicide and insecticide attachments, kit wraps, no-till coulters, quick couplers, rear-wheel assists, rock boxes, rollover protection systems, rotary shields, stalk choppers, step extensions, trash whips, upper beaters, silage bags, and weights.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.3(8) and 423.3(11).  
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**701—214.2(423) *Packaging material used in agricultural production.*** The sales price from the sale of property which is a container, label, carton, pallet, packing case, wrapping, baling wire, twine, bag, bottle, shipping case, or other similar article or receptacle sold for use in agricultural, livestock, or dairy production is exempt from sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(15).  
[ARC 7870B, IAB 6/17/09, effective 7/22/09; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—214.3(423) *Irrigation equipment used in agricultural production.*** The sales price from the sale or rental of irrigation equipment used in agricultural production is exempt from tax. The term "irrigation equipment" includes, but is not limited to, circle irrigation systems and trickle irrigation systems, whether installed aboveground or belowground, as long as the equipment is sold to or rented by a contractor or



farmer and the equipment is directly and primarily used in agricultural production. The term “agricultural production” is defined in rule 701—200.1(423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.3(12) and 423.3(13).  
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**701—214.4(423) Sale of a draft horse.** The sales price from the sale of draft horses, when they are purchased for use and used as draft horses, is not subject to tax. Draft horses are horses that pull loads, including loads in shows, or transport persons or property. For purposes of this rule, horses commonly known as Clydesdales, Belgians, Shires, and Percherons are draft horses. However, upon proper showing by the person or entity claiming exemption, the sales price exemption will be granted by the director for other breeds. However, the burden of proof lies with the person or entity claiming exemption.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(14).  
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**701—214.5(423) Veterinary services.** Veterinary services are not subject to sales tax. Purchases of food, drugs, medicines, bandages, dressings, serums, tonics, and the like which are used in treating livestock raised as part of agricultural production are exempt from tax. Where these same items are used in treating animals maintained as pets or for hobby purposes, sales tax is due. Purchases of equipment and tools used in the veterinary practice are subject to tax. Rule 701—214.17(423) explains the exemption for machinery or equipment used in livestock or dairy production which may be applicable to veterinarians, but should only be claimed with caution. A veterinarian must charge sales tax on any sales of tangible property or enumerated services, such as pet grooming, that are not part of professional veterinarian services.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(5).  
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**701—214.6(423) Commercial fertilizer and agricultural limestone.**

**214.6(1) Commercial fertilizer.** Sales of commercial fertilizer are exempt from sales and use tax. Plant hormones are considered to be commercial fertilizer.

**214.6(2) Agricultural limestone.** Sales of agricultural limestone are exempt from sales and use tax only if the purchaser intends to use the limestone for disease control, weed control, insect control, or health promotion of plants or livestock produced for market as part of agricultural production. Rule 701—200.1(423) contains definitions of “agricultural production” and “plants.” Sales of agricultural limestone used for other purposes are subject to sales tax. Examples of taxable sales include, but are not limited to, sales of agricultural limestone for application on a lawn, golf course, or cemetery.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.3(4) and 423.3(5).  
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**701—214.7(423) Sales of breeding livestock.** The sale of agricultural livestock is exempt from tax only if at the time of purchase the purchaser intends to use the livestock primarily for breeding. The sale of agricultural livestock that is capable of breeding, but will not be used for breeding or primarily for breeding, is not exempt from tax. However, sales of most nonbreeding agricultural livestock to farmers would be a sale for resale and exempt from tax. Rule 701—200.1(423) contains a definition of “livestock.”

EXAMPLE 1: A breeding service purchases a prize bull from a farmer. At the time of sale, the intent of the purchaser is to use the bull for breeding other cattle. The sale of the bull is exempt from tax even though three years later the breeding service sells the bull to a meat packer.

EXAMPLE 2: A farmer purchases dairy cows. To ensure production of milk over a sustained period of time, dairy cows must be bred to produce calves. If a farmer purchases dairy cows for the primary purpose of using them to produce milk and incidentally breeds them to ensure that this milk will be produced, the sale of the dairy cows to the farmer is not exempt from tax. If the farmer purchases the

dairy cows for the primary purpose of using them to produce calves and, incidental to that purpose, at times sells the milk which the cows produce, the sale of the dairy cows to the farmer is exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(3).  
[ARC 7870B, IAB 6/17/09, effective 7/22/09; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—214.8(423) Domesticated fowl.** The purchase of any domesticated fowl for the purpose of providing eggs or meat is exempt from tax, whether purchased by a person engaged in agricultural production or not. Rule 701—200.1(423) contains a definition of the term “domesticated fowl.”

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(3).  
[ARC 7870B, IAB 6/17/09, effective 7/22/09; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—214.9(423) Agricultural health promotion items.**

**214.9(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

“*Adjuvant*” means any substance which is added to a herbicide, a pesticide, or an insecticide to increase its potency.

“*Agricultural production*” means the same as defined in rule 701—200.1(423).

“*Food*” includes vitamins, minerals, other nutritional food supplements, and hormones sold to promote the growth of livestock.

“*Herbicide*” means any substance intended to prevent, destroy, or retard the growth of plants including fungi. The term shall include preemergence, postemergence, lay-by, pasture, defoliant, and desiccant herbicides and fungicides.

“*Insecticide*” means any substance used to kill insects. Any substance used merely to repel insects is not an insecticide. Mechanical devices which are used to kill insects are not insecticides.

“*Livestock*” means the same as defined in rule 701—200.1(423). For the purposes of this rule, “livestock” includes domesticated fowl.

“*Medication*” includes antibiotics or other similar drugs administered to livestock.

“*Pesticide*” means any substance which is used to kill rodents or smaller vermin, other than insects, such as nematodes, spiders, or bacteria. For the purposes of this rule, a disinfectant is a pesticide. Excluded from the term “pesticide” is any substance which merely repels pests or any device, such as a rat trap, which kills pests by mechanical action.

“*Plants*” means the same as defined in rule 701—200.1(423).

“*Surfactant*” means a substance which is active on a surface.

**214.9(2) Sales of agricultural health promotion items and adjuvants.** Sales of herbicides, pesticides, insecticides, food, and medication which are to be used in disease, weed, or insect control or health promotion of plants or livestock produced as part of agricultural production for market are exempt from tax. Sales of adjuvants, surfactants, and other products which enhance the effects of herbicides, pesticides, or insecticides used in disease, weed, or insect control or health promotion of plants or livestock produced as part of agricultural production for market are also exempt from tax. Sales of herbicides, pesticides, insecticides, food, medication, and products to any person not engaged in agricultural production for market are exempt if the property sold will be used for an exempt purpose, e.g., in disease control or on the behalf of another person engaged in agricultural production for market.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.3(5) and 423.3(16).  
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**701—214.10(423) Drainage tile.** The sale or installation of drainage tile which is to be used in disease control or weed control or in health promotion of plants or livestock produced as part of agricultural production for market is exempt from tax. In all other cases, drainage tile will be considered a building material and subject to tax under the provisions of Iowa Code section 423.2. Sales of the following materials associated with the installation of agricultural drainage tile are also exempt from tax: tile intakes, outlet pipes and outlet guards, aluminum and gabion structures, erosion control fabric, water control structures, and tile fittings.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3.  
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**701—214.11(423) Materials used for seed inoculations.** Materials used for seed inoculations are exempt from sales tax. All forms of inoculation, whether for promotion of better growth and healthier plants or for the prevention or cure of plant mildew or disease of seeds and bulbs, are intended for the same general purpose and are therefore exempt.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3.  
 [ARC 7870B, IAB 6/17/09, effective 7/22/09; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—214.12(423) Fuel used in agricultural production.**

**214.12(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

“*Aquaculture*” means the same as defined in rule 701—200.1(423).

“*Fuel*” includes electricity.

“*Implement of husbandry*” means the same as defined in rule 701—200.1(423).

“*Livestock*” means the same as defined in rule 701—200.1(423) and includes domesticated fowl.

**214.12(2) Exemptions.**

a. *Fuel used for livestock buildings.* The sale of fuel used to provide heating or cooling for livestock buildings is exempt from tax.

b. *Fuel used for flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production buildings.*

(1) Sales of fuel for heating or cooling greenhouses, buildings, or parts of buildings used for the production of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants intended for sale in the ordinary course of business are exempt from tax. See subparagraph (3) for the formula for calculating exempt use if a building is only partially used for growing flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants.

(2) Fuel used in a flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production building for purposes other than heating or cooling (e.g., lighting) or for purposes other than direct use in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production (e.g., heating or cooling office space) is not eligible for this exemption. Examples of nonexempt purposes for which a portion of a greenhouse might be used include, but are not limited to, portions used for office space; loading docks; storage of property other than flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants; housing of heating and cooling equipment; and packaging flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants for shipment.

(3) Calculating proportional exemption. It may be possible to calculate the amount of total fuel used in plant production by dividing the number of square feet of the greenhouse heated or cooled and used for raising flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants by the number of square feet heated or cooled in the entire greenhouse. It may be necessary to alter this formula (by the use of separate metering, for example) if a greenhouse has a walk-in cooler and the cooler is used directly in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production. See 701—subrule 288.3(3) regarding fuel exemption certificates and subrule 214.18(12) regarding seller’s and purchaser’s liability for sales tax.

EXAMPLE 1: Bill Brown’s herb farming operation has a separate greenhouse used to grow his herbs. All other aspects of his farm operations are conducted in other facilities. Because the greenhouse is used exclusively for raising flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants, Bill Brown is able to claim exemption from sales tax on the cost of fuel used to heat and cool the greenhouse.

EXAMPLE 2: Martha Green’s greenhouse has a separate meter to track the electricity used only for heating or cooling. Her greenhouse is used partially for growing flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants and partially for a nonexempt purpose. Martha Green is able to claim a proportional exemption from sales tax on the cost of fuel used to heat and cool her growing flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants. Martha Green calculates her exempt amount by dividing the number of heated or cooled square feet of her greenhouse that are used for raising flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants by the total number of square feet heated or cooled in the entire greenhouse.

Total square footage used for raising flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants	=	800
Total square footage	=	1,000
TOTAL:	$800 \div 1,000$	= .80 or 80%

Thus, 80 percent of the cost of the fuel used to heat and cool Martha Green's greenhouse is exempt from sales tax.

*c. Sales of fuel used for aquaculture.* Sales of fuel used in the raising of agricultural products by aquaculture are exempt from tax.

*d. Sales of fuel, gas, electricity, water, and heat consumed in implements of husbandry.* The sale of fuel used in any implement of husbandry, whether self-propelled or not, is exempt from tax if the fuel is consumed while the implement is engaged in agricultural production. For example, the sale of fuel used not only in tractors or combines, but also used in implements which cannot move under their own power, is exempt from tax. The sale of fuel used in milk coolers and milking machines, grain dryers, and stationary irrigation equipment and in implements used to handle feed, grain, and hay and to provide water for livestock is exempt from tax even though these implements of husbandry would not ordinarily be considered self-propelled.

**214.12(3) Partial use.** If a building is used partially for an exempt agricultural purpose and partially for a nonexempt purpose, a proportional exemption from sales tax may be claimed based upon a percentage obtained by dividing the number of square feet of the building heated or cooled and used for an exempt agricultural purpose by the number of square feet heated or cooled in the entire building.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(6).

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**701—214.13(423) Water used in agricultural production.** Water sold to farmers who are purchasing water for household use, sanitation, swimming pools, or other personal use is subject to sales tax. Water sold to farmers and others and used directly as drinking water for livestock production (including the production of domesticated fowl) is exempt from sales tax. When water is used for exempt purposes, as in livestock production, as well as for taxable purposes, the water may, when practical, be separately metered and separately billed to clearly distinguish the water consumed for exempt purposes from taxable purposes. When it is impractical to separately meter exempt water from taxable water, the purchaser may furnish to the seller a statement enabling the seller to determine the percentage of water subject to exemption. In the absence of proof to the contrary, the retailer of the water shall bill and collect tax on the first 5,000 gallons of water per month. The first 5,000 gallons of water per month will be considered to be for nonexempt use, and the balance will be considered to be used as part of agricultural production.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(5).

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**701—214.14(423) Bedding for agricultural livestock or fowl.** The sales price from the sale of woodchips, sawdust, hay, straw, paper, or any other materials used for bedding in the production of agricultural livestock (including domesticated fowl) is exempt from tax. Rule 701—200.1(423) contains definitions applicable to this rule.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(9).

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**701—214.15(423) Sales by farmers.** The sale of grain, livestock, or any other farm or garden product by the producer thereof ordinarily constitutes a sale for resale, processing, or human consumption, and is not subject to tax. Farmers selling tangible personal property not otherwise exempt to ultimate consumers or users shall hold a permit and collect and remit sales tax on the sales price from their sales.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.3(2), 423.3(51), and 423.3(57).

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**701—214.16(423) Sales of livestock (including domesticated fowl) feeds.** Tax shall not apply to the sale of feed for any form of animal life when the product of the animals constitutes food for human consumption. Tax shall apply on feed sold for consumption by pets. Antibiotics that are administered

as an additive to feed or drinking water and vitamins and minerals that are sold for livestock (including domesticated fowl) are exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(16).  
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**701—214.17(423) Farm machinery, equipment, and replacement parts used in livestock or dairy production.**

**214.17(1)** Sales or rentals of farm machinery, equipment, and replacement parts used in livestock or dairy production are exempt from sales and use tax.

**214.17(2)** Definitions and special provisions. For purposes of this rule, the following definitions and special provisions apply.

*a. Machinery.* The term “machinery” means major mechanical machines, or major components thereof, which contribute directly and primarily to the livestock or dairy production process. Usually, a machine is a large object with moving parts which performs work through the expenditure of energy, either mechanical (e.g., gasoline or other fuel) or electrical.

*b. Equipment.* The term “equipment” means tangible personal property (other than a machine) that is directly and primarily used in livestock or dairy production. Equipment may be characterized as property which performs a specialized function and which has no moving parts, or if the equipment does possess moving parts, its source of power is external to it. The following nonexclusive examples differentiate between machinery and equipment:

EXAMPLE 1: An auger places feed into a cattle feeder. The auger is a piece of machinery; the cattle feeder is a piece of equipment.

EXAMPLE 2: An electric pump is used to pump milk into a bulk milk tank. The electric pump is a piece of machinery; the bulk milk tank is equipment.

*c. Property used in livestock or dairy production which is neither equipment nor machinery.*

(1) Real property. The ground or the earth is not machinery or equipment. A building is not machinery or equipment. See *Cloverleaf Cold Storage Co. v. Dep’t of Revenue and Fin.*, 2002 WL 31769009 (Iowa Dept. Insp. App. July 26, 2002). Therefore, tangible personal property which is sold for incorporation into the ground or a building in such a manner that the property will become a part of the ground or the building is taxable except for machinery and equipment. Generally, property incorporated into the ground or a building has become a part of the ground or the building if its removal would substantially damage the property, ground, or building or would substantially diminish the value of the property, ground, or building. Fence posts embedded in concrete, electrical wiring, light fixtures, fuse boxes, and switches are examples of property sold for incorporation into the ground or a building, respectively. For the purpose of the following example, assume that property is being sold to a contractor rather than a person engaged in livestock or dairy production. If the property is sold to a contractor, the retailer would be required to consider the property building material and charge the contractor sales tax upon the purchase price of the building material. If the property is building material, sale of the property is not exempt from Iowa sales tax. Rule 701—219.3(423) contains a characterization of building material and a list of specific examples of building material.

(2) Supplies. Supplies are neither machinery nor equipment. Tangible personal property is a farm supply if it is used up or destroyed by virtue of its use in livestock or dairy production or, because of its nature, can only be used once in livestock or dairy production. A light bulb is an example of a farm supply which is not machinery or equipment. See subrule 214.19(4) for examples of farm supplies which could be mistaken for equipment and are not exempt from tax on other grounds.

*d. Hand tools.* The term “hand tools” means tools which can be held in the hand or hands and which are powered by human effort. Hand tools specifically designed for use in livestock or dairy production are exempt from tax as equipment. Mechanical devices that are held in the hand and driven by electricity from some source other than human muscle power are, if they meet all other qualifications, exempt from tax as farm machinery.

*e. “Directly used” in livestock or dairy production.* To determine if machinery or equipment is “directly used” in livestock or dairy production, one must first ensure that the machinery or equipment

is used during livestock or dairy production and not before that process has begun or after it has ended. See paragraph “g” of this subrule for an explanation of when livestock or dairy production begins and ends.

(1) Definition. If the machinery or equipment is used in livestock or dairy production, “directly used” means the use is an integral and essential part of production as distinguished from use that is incidental or merely convenient to production or use that is remote from production. Machinery or equipment may be necessary to livestock or dairy production, but its use is so remote from production that it is not directly used in that production.

(2) Determination. In determining whether machinery or equipment is directly used, consideration should be given to the following factors:

1. The physical proximity of the machinery or equipment to other machinery or equipment clearly exempt as directly used in livestock or dairy production. The closer the machinery or equipment is to exempt machinery or equipment, the more likely it is that the machinery or equipment is directly used in livestock or dairy production.

2. The chronological proximity of the use of machinery or equipment in question to the use of machinery clearly exempt as directly used in livestock or dairy production. The closer the proximity of the machinery’s or equipment’s use within the production process to the use of exempt machinery or equipment, the more likely the use is direct rather than remote.

3. The active causal relationship between the use of the machinery or equipment in question and livestock or dairy production. The fewer intervening causes between the use of the machinery or equipment and the production of the product, the more likely it is that the machinery or equipment is directly used in production.

*f. “Primarily used” in livestock or dairy production.* Machinery or equipment is “primarily used” in livestock or dairy production based on the total time it is used in livestock or dairy production in comparison to the time it is used for other purposes. Any unit of machinery or equipment directly used in livestock or dairy production more than 50 percent of its total use time is eligible for exemption.

*g. Beginning and end of livestock or dairy production.* Livestock or dairy production begins with the purchase or breeding of livestock or dairy animals. Livestock or dairy production ceases when an animal or the product of an animal’s body (e.g., wool) has been transported to the point where it will be sold by the farmer or processed.

*h. Machinery and equipment design.* Farm machinery and equipment used in livestock or dairy production is eligible for exemption if specifically designed for use in livestock or dairy production. Farm machinery and equipment which are not specifically designed for use in livestock or dairy production, but are directly and primarily used in livestock or dairy production, are eligible for exemption with the exception of common or ordinary hand tools.

EXAMPLE: Farmer Jones raises livestock and must use fans to cool the animals. Farmer Jones buys electric fans designed for use in a residence, but uses them directly and primarily to cool the livestock. The fans’ use would be considered exempt.

*i. Replacement parts.* The term “replacement parts” means the same as defined in paragraph 214.1(3)“i.”

**214.17(3)** Examples of machinery and equipment directly used in livestock or dairy production.

*a.* Machinery and equipment used to transport or limit the movement of livestock or dairy animals (e.g., electric fence equipment, portable fencing, head gates, and loading chutes) are directly used in livestock or dairy production.

*b.* Machinery and equipment used in the conception, birth, feeding, and watering of livestock or dairy animals (e.g., artificial insemination equipment, portable farrowing pens, feed carts, and automatic watering equipment) are directly used in livestock or dairy production.

*c.* Machinery and equipment used to maintain healthful or sanitary conditions in the immediate area where livestock are kept (e.g., manure gutter cleaners, automatic cattle oilers, fans, and heaters if not real property) are directly used in livestock or dairy production.

*d.* Machinery and equipment used to test or inspect livestock during production are directly used in livestock or dairy production.

**214.17(4)** Taxable examples. The following are nonexclusive examples of machinery or equipment which would not be directly used in livestock or dairy production.

*a.* Machinery or equipment used to assemble, maintain, or repair other machinery or equipment directly used in livestock or dairy production (e.g., welders, paint sprayers, and lubricators).

*b.* Machinery or equipment used in farm management, administration, advertising, or selling (e.g., a computer used for record keeping, calculator, office safe, telephone, books, and farm magazines).

*c.* Machinery or equipment used in the exhibit of livestock or dairy animals (e.g., blankets, halters, prods, leads, and harnesses).

*d.* Machinery or equipment used in safety or fire prevention, even though the machinery or equipment is required by law.

*e.* Machinery or equipment for employee or personal use. Machinery or equipment used for the personal comfort, convenience, or use by a farmer, the farmer's family or employees, or persons associated with the farmer is not exempt from tax. Examples of such machinery and equipment include the following: beds, mattresses, blankets, tableware, stoves, refrigerators, and other equipment used in conjunction with the operation of a farm home, or other facilities for farm employees.

*f.* Machinery or equipment used for heating, cooling, ventilation, and lighting of farm buildings generally.

*g.* Vehicles subject to registration.

**214.17(5)** The sales price, not including services, of the following machinery or equipment is exempt from tax regardless of whether the machinery or equipment remains tangible personal property after installation or is incorporated into the realty: auxiliary attachments which improve the performance, safety, operation, or efficiency of the machinery and equipment, including auger systems, curtains and curtain systems, drip systems, fan and fan systems, shutters, inlets, shutter or inlet systems, refrigerators, and replacement parts if all of the following conditions are met:

*a.* The implement, machinery, or equipment is directly and primarily used in livestock or dairy production.

*b.* The implement is not a self-propelled implement or implement customarily drawn or attached to self-propelled implements.

*c.* The replacement part is used in a repair or reconstruction of the exempt piece of farm machinery or equipment used in the production of agricultural products.

**214.17(6)** Auxiliary attachments exemption. Sales of auxiliary attachments which improve the performance, safety, operation, or efficiency of exempt machinery or equipment are exempt from tax. Sales of replacement parts for these auxiliary attachments are also exempt.

**214.17(7)** Seller's and purchaser's liability for sales tax. The seller shall be relieved of sales tax liability if the seller takes from the purchaser an exemption certificate stating that the purchase is of machinery and equipment meeting the requirements of this rule. The exemption certificate must be fully completed. If items purchased tax-free pursuant to an exemption certificate are used or disposed of by the purchaser in a nonexempt manner, the purchaser is solely and directly liable for sales tax and shall remit the tax to the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.3(11) and 423.3(15).

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## **701—214.18(423) Machinery, equipment, and replacement parts used in the production of flowering, ornamental, and vegetable plants.**

**214.18(1)** The sales or rentals of machinery, equipment, and replacement parts used in the production of flowering, ornamental, and vegetable plants are exempt from sales and use tax. The production of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants by a grower in a commercial greenhouse or at another location is considered to be a part of agricultural production and exempt from sales tax. The term "flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants" does not include silvicultural products or fungi.

**214.18(2)** Definitions and special provisions. For purposes of this rule, the following definitions and special provisions apply.

*a. Machinery.* The term “machinery” means major mechanical machines, or major components thereof, which contribute directly and primarily to the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process. Usually, a machine is a large object with moving parts which performs work through the expenditure of energy, either mechanical (e.g., gasoline or other fuel) or electrical.

*b. Equipment.* The term “equipment” means tangible personal property (other than a machine) that is directly and primarily used in the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process. Equipment may be characterized as property which performs a specialized function which, of itself, has no moving parts, or if the equipment does possess moving parts, its source of power is external to it.

*c. Reserved.*

*d. Property used in the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process which is neither equipment nor machinery.*

(1) Real property. The ground or the earth is not machinery or equipment. A building is not machinery or equipment. See *Cloverleaf Cold Storage Co. v. Dep’t of Revenue and Fin.*, 2002 WL 31769009 (Iowa Dept. Insp. App. July 26, 2002). Therefore, tangible personal property which is sold for incorporation into the ground or a building in such a manner that the property will become a part of the ground or the building is taxable except for machinery and equipment. Generally, property incorporated into the ground or a building has become a part of the ground or the building if its removal would substantially damage the property, ground, or building or would substantially diminish the value of the property, ground, or building. Fence posts embedded in concrete, electrical wiring, light fixtures, fuse boxes, and switches are examples of property sold for incorporation into the ground or a building, respectively. For the purpose of this example, assume that the property is being sold to a contractor rather than a person engaged in the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process. If the property is sold to a contractor, the retailer would be required to consider the property building material and charge the contractor sales tax upon the purchase price of this building material. If the property is building material, sale of the property is not exempt from Iowa sales tax. Rule 701—219.3(423) contains a characterization of building material and a list of specific examples of building material.

(2) Supplies. Supplies are neither machinery nor equipment. Tangible personal property is a supply if it is used up or destroyed by virtue of its use in the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process or, because of its nature, can only be used once in the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process. A light bulb is an example of a supply which is not machinery or equipment. See subrule 214.19(4) for examples of supplies which could be mistaken for equipment and are not exempt from tax on other grounds.

*e. Hand tools.* The term “hand tools” means tools which can be held in the hand or hands and which are powered by human effort. Hand tools specifically designed for use in the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process are exempt from tax as equipment. Mechanical devices that are held in the hand and driven by electricity from some source other than human muscle power are, if they meet all other qualifications, exempt from tax.

*f. “Directly used” in the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process.* To determine if machinery or equipment is “directly used” in the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process, one must first ensure that the machinery or equipment is used during the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process and not before that process has begun or after it has ended. See paragraph “h” of this subrule for an explanation as to when the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process begins and ends.

(1) Definition. If the machinery or equipment is used in the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process, “directly used” means the use is an integral and essential part of production as distinguished from use that is incidental or merely convenient to production or use that is remote from production. Machinery or equipment may be necessary to the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process, but its use is so remote from production that it is not directly used in that production.

(2) Determination. In determining whether machinery or equipment is directly used, consideration should be given to the following factors:

1. The physical proximity of the machinery or equipment to other machinery or equipment clearly exempt as directly used in the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process. The closer



the machinery or equipment is to exempt machinery or equipment, the more likely it is that the machinery or equipment is directly used in the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process.

2. The chronological proximity of the use of machinery or equipment in question to the use of machinery clearly exempt as directly used in the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process. The closer the proximity of the machinery's or equipment's use within the production process is to the use of exempt machinery or equipment, the more likely the use is direct rather than remote.

3. The active causal relationship between the use of the machinery or equipment in question and the flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production process. The fewer intervening causes between the use of the machinery or equipment and the production of the product, the more likely it is that the machinery or equipment is directly used in production.

*g. "Primarily used" in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production.* Machinery or equipment is "primarily used" in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production based upon the total time it is used in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production in comparison to the time it is used for other purposes. Any unit of machinery or equipment directly used in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production more than 50 percent of its total use time is eligible for exemption.

*h. Beginning and end of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production.* Flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production begins with the purchase of seeds or starter plants. Flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production ceases when a plant has grown to the size or weight at which it will be prepared for shipment to the destination where it will be marketed.

*i. Machinery and equipment design.* Machinery and equipment used in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production are eligible for exemption if they were specifically designed for use in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production. Machinery and equipment which are not specifically designed for use in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production, but are directly and primarily used in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production, are eligible for exemption with the exception of common or ordinary hand tools.

EXAMPLE: Bob Jones raises tulips and must use a thermometer to monitor the temperature in his greenhouse. Bob Jones buys a thermometer designed for use in a residence, but uses it directly and primarily to monitor the temperature in his greenhouse. The thermometer's use would be considered exempt.

*j. Replacement parts.* The term "replacement parts" means the same as defined in paragraph 214.1(3) "i."

**214.18(3)** Examples of machinery and equipment directly used in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production can be found in subrule 214.19(3).

**214.18(4)** Taxable examples. The following are nonexclusive examples of machinery or equipment which would not be directly used in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production.

*a.* Machinery or equipment used to assemble, maintain, or repair other machinery or equipment directly used in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production.

*b.* Machinery or equipment used in the growing operation's management, administration, advertising, or selling (e.g., calculators, office safes, telephones, books, and plant magazines).

*c.* Machinery or equipment used in the exhibit of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants.

*d.* Machinery or equipment used in safety or fire prevention, even though the machinery or equipment is required by law.

*e.* Machinery or equipment for employee or personal use. Machinery or equipment used for the personal comfort, convenience, or use by a grower, the grower's family or employees, or persons associated with the grower is not exempt from tax. Examples of such machinery and equipment include the following: beds, mattresses, blankets, tableware, stoves, refrigerators, and other equipment used in conjunction with the operation of a grower's home, or other facilities for the grower's employees.

*f.* Machinery or equipment used for heating, cooling, ventilation, and lighting of office, retail, or display buildings where production does not occur.

*g.* Vehicles subject to registration.

**214.18(5)** Packing material used in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production. The sales price for the sale of property which is a container, label, carton, pallet, packing case, wrapping, baling

wire, twine, bag, bottle, shipping case, or other similar article or receptacle sold for use in the production of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants in commercial greenhouses or other places which sell such items in the ordinary course of business is not subject to sales tax. Containers and packaging materials include but are not limited to boxes, trays, labels, sleeves, tape, and staples.

**214.18(6)** Sales of self-propelled implements. Sales of self-propelled implements or implements customarily drawn or attached to self-propelled implements and replacement parts for the same are exempt from tax if the implements are used directly and primarily in the production of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants in commercial greenhouses or elsewhere. Exempt implements include, but are not limited to, forklifts used to transport pallets of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants, wagons containing sterilized soil, and tractors used to pull these items.

**214.18(7)** Sales of machinery and equipment used in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production which are not self-propelled or attached to self-propelled machinery and equipment are exempt from tax. Rule 701—214.19(423) includes nonexclusive examples of machinery and equipment which are not self-propelled or attached to self-propelled machinery and equipment and which are directly and primarily used in flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production.

**214.18(8)** Fuel used in plant production. See paragraph 214.12(2) “b.”

**214.18(9)** Sales of water used in the production of plants are exempt from tax. If water is not separately metered, the plants’ grower must determine by use of a percentage the portion of water used for a taxable purpose and the portion used for an exempt purpose. Nonexclusive examples of taxable usage include rest rooms, sanitation, lawns, and vehicle wash.

**214.18(10)** Agricultural health promotion items. Sales to a commercial greenhouse of fertilizer, limestone, herbicides, pesticides, insecticides, plant food, and medication for use in disease, weed, and insect control or in other health promotion of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants are exempt from tax. For the purposes of this rule, a virus, bacteria, fungus, or insect which is purchased for use in killing insects or other pests is an insecticide or pesticide. Refer to rule 701—214.9(423) for more information regarding these exemptions.

**214.18(11)** Miscellaneous exempt and taxable plant sales.

*a.* Sales of pots, soil, seeds, bulbs, and starter plants for use in plant production are not the sale of machinery or equipment, but can be sales for resale and exempt from tax if the pots and soil are sold with the final product or become the finished product.

*b.* Sales of portable buildings which will be used to display plants for retail sales are taxable.

*c.* Sales of whitewash which will be painted on greenhouses to control the amount of sunlight entering those greenhouses are taxable sales of a supply rather than exempt sales of equipment.

**214.18(12)** Seller’s and purchaser’s liability for sales tax. The seller shall be relieved of sales tax liability if the seller receives from the purchaser an exemption certificate stating that the purchase is of machinery and equipment meeting the requirements of this rule. The exemption certificate must be fully completed. If items purchased tax-free pursuant to an exemption certificate are used or disposed of by the purchaser in a nonexempt manner, the purchaser is solely and directly liable for the sales tax and shall remit the tax to the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.3(11) and 423.3(15).

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**701—214.19(423) Nonexclusive lists.** The following tables list items that are taxable or exempt.

**214.19(1)** *Exempt for agricultural production.*

adjuvants	irrigation equipment
alternators and generators*	kill cones
augers*	limestone, agricultural
balers	manure spreaders
bale transportation equipment	mowers, hay
baling wire and binding twine	oil filters
batteries for exempt machinery	oil pumps
blowers, grain dryer	packing materials
brush hogs*	pesticides
combines, cornheads, platforms	pickers
conveyors, temporary or portable*	plants (seeds)
corn pickers	planters
crawlers, tractor	plows
cultipackers	piston rings
cultivators	pruning and picking equipment*
discs	replacement parts
draft horses	rock pickers
drags	rollers*
drainage pipe and tile	rotary blade mowers; not lawn mowers
dusters*	rotary hoes
ensilage cutters	seeders
ensilage forks and trucks (a pickup does not qualify)	seed cleaners*
farm wagons and accessories	seed planters
fertilizer, agricultural	seeds
fertilizer spreaders	self-propelled implements
filters	shellers*
forage harvesters, boxes	silo blowers, unloaders*
fuel for grain drying or other agricultural production	sowers
gaskets	spark plugs for exempt machinery
grain augers, portable*	sprayers*
grain drills	spreaders
grain dryer, heater and blower only	sprinklers
grain planters	subsoilers
harrows	surfactants
hay conditioners	tillers
hay hooks	tires for exempt machinery

hay loaders	tractor chains
herbicides	tractors, farm
implements customarily drawn or attached to a self-propelled implement	tractor weights
insecticides	vegetable harvesters
	weeders*

\*Exempt if drawn or attached to a self-propelled farm implement and directly and primarily used in agricultural production or, if portable, used directly and primarily in agricultural production.

**214.19(2)** *Exempt for dairy and livestock production.*

adjuvants	heaters, portable
alternators and generators <sup>1</sup>	hog feeders, portable
artificial insemination equipment	hog ringers <sup>3</sup>
auger systems	hoof trimmers, portable <sup>3</sup>
automatic feeding systems, portable	hypodermic syringes and needles, nondisposable
batteries for exempt machinery	implements customarily drawn or attached to a self-propelled implement
barn ventilators	incubators, portable
bedding materials <sup>2</sup>	inlets and inlet systems
breeding stock, agricultural	inoculation materials
bulk feeding tanks, portable	insecticides
bulk milk coolers and tanks, portable	kill cones
calf weaners and feeders, portable	livestock feeding, watering and handling equipment, portable
cattle feeders, portable	loading chutes, portable
chain and rope hoists, portable <sup>1</sup>	manure brooms, portable <sup>3</sup>
chicken pickers, plucking equipment	manure handling equipment, includes front-end and rear-end loaders, portable <sup>3</sup>
chick guards	manure scoops, portable <sup>1</sup>
clipping machines, portable <sup>3</sup>	medications
conveyors, temporary or portable <sup>1</sup>	milk coolers, portable
cow stalls, portable	milking equipment, includes cans, etc. <sup>3</sup>
cow ties, portable	milking machines
cow watering and feeding bowls, portable	milk strainers and strainer disks, if not disposable
crawlers, tractor	milk tanks, portable
currying and oiling machines, portable	pesticides
curtains and curtain systems	poultry feeders, portable
dehorner	poultry founts, portable
domestic fowl	poultry litters, portable
draft horses	poultry nests, portable
drip systems	refrigerators
electric fence equipment, portable	replacement parts
fans and fan systems	sawdust <sup>2</sup>
farm wagons and accessories	self-propelled implements

farrowing houses, crates, stalls, portable	shutters and shutter systems
feed	space heaters, portable
feed bins, portable	specialized flooring, portable
feed carts, portable	sprayers <sup>1</sup>
feed elevators, portable	squeeze chutes, stalls, portable
feed grinders, portable	stanchions, portable
feed scoops <sup>3</sup>	surfactants
feed tanks, portable	tires for exempt machinery
feeder chutes, portable	thermometers <sup>3</sup>
feeders, portable	tractor chains
fence and fencing supplies, temporary or portable	tractors, farm
foggers	tractor weights
fuel to heat or cool livestock buildings	vacuum coolers
gaskets	ventilators
gates, portable	water filters, heaters, pumps, softeners, portable
gestation stalls, portable	waterers/watering tanks, portable
grooming equipment, portable <sup>3</sup>	weaners
head gates, portable	wood chips <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Exempt if drawn or attached to a self-propelled farm implement and directly and primarily used in dairy or livestock production or, if portable, used directly and primarily in dairy or livestock production.

<sup>2</sup>Exempt when used as livestock and poultry bedding.

<sup>3</sup>Designed for farm use.

**214.19(3)** *Exempt for flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plant production.*

air-conditioning pads	greenhouse monorail systems*
airflow control tubes	greenhouse thermometers
atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub> control and monitoring equipment	handcarts used to move plants
backup generators	lighting which provides artificial sunlight
bins holding sterilized soil	overhead heating, lighting, and watering systems*
control panels for heating and cooling systems*	overhead tracks for holding potted plants*
coolers used to chill plants*	plant tables*
cooling walls* or membranes	plant watering systems*
equipment used to control water levels for subirrigation	portable buildings used to grow plants*
fans used for cooling and ventilating*	seeding and transplanting machines
floor mesh for controlling weeds	soil pot and soil flat filling machines
germination chambers	steam generators for soil sterilization*
greenhouse boilers*	warning devices which monitor excess heat or cold
greenhouse netting or mesh when used for light and heat control	watering booms

\*Exempt if not real property. "Real property" is defined in Iowa Code section 4.1(13) as "lands, tenements, hereditaments, and all rights thereto and interests therein, equitable as well as legal." See 701—Chapter 219.

**214.19(4)** *Taxable even if used in agricultural production.*

additives	lubricants and fluids
air compressors	lumber*
air conditioners, unless a replacement part for exempt machinery	marking chalk
air tanks	mops
antifreeze	motor oils
axes	nails
barn cleaner, permanent	office supplies
baskets	oxygen
belt dressing	packing room supplies
bins, permanent^	paint and paint sprayers
brooms	pliers
buckets	posthole diggers, hand tool
building materials* and supplies	poultry brooders, permanent
burlap cleaners	poultry feeders, permanent
cattle feeders, permanent	poultry nests, permanent
cement#	pruning tools
chain saws	pumps for household or lawn use
cleaning brushes	radios, unless a replacement part for exempt machinery
cleansing agents and materials	refrigerators for home use
computers (including laptop), for personal use	repair tools
computer software	road maintenance equipment
construction tools	road scraper
concrete#	roofing
conveyors, permanent	sanders
cow ties, permanent	scrapers
ear tags	screwdrivers
fence, posts, wire, permanent	shingles
field toilets	shovels
fire prevention equipment	silos
freon	snow fence unless portable and used directly in dairy and livestock production
fuel additives	snow plows and snow equipment
fuel tanks and pumps	space heaters, permanent
garden hoses and rakes	specialized flooring, permanent
glass	sprinklers, permanent
grain tanks, permanent*^	stalls, permanent
grease	staples
grease guns	stanchions, permanent
hammers	storage tanks
hog rings	tarps

hydraulic fluids	tiling machinery and equipment
hypodermic syringes, disposable	tractors, garden
lamps	welders
lanterns	wheel barrows
light bulbs (for household use)	wrenches

\* Contractors and sponsors that purchase building materials, other than grain bin materials, are responsible for paying sales tax to the vendor or supplier or accruing and remitting use tax on those materials.

^ Does not include grain bins used to hold loose grain for drying or storage.

# Does not include cement or concrete used in pads or foundations under grain bins.

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**701—214.20(423) Grain bins.** The Iowa Code exempts from sales and use tax the sales price from the sale of a grain bin, including material or replacement parts used to construct or repair a grain bin. “Grain bin” is defined by Iowa Code section 423.3(16A). Grain bins are real property, and grain bin materials are building materials as that term is used in rule 701—219.3(423).

**214.20(1) Property considered to be a grain bin or material used to construct a grain bin.** In general, materials that are permanently attached to a grain bin and are required to hold loose grain for drying or storage are used to construct a grain bin and thus exempt from sales and use tax. This generally does not include equipment used to move loose grain into or out of a grain bin. The following lists of exempt or taxable property are not exhaustive.

a. Exempt property:

- (1) Grain bins, including hopper bins.
- (2) Corrugated metal or other similar material for the sides or roof of a grain bin.
- (3) Steps, ladders, or staircases permanently attached to a grain bin.
- (4) Structural support towers for a grain bin or for steps, ladders, or staircases providing access to a grain bin.
- (5) Catwalks.
- (6) Roof vents permanently attached to a grain bin.
- (7) Grain bin flooring and floor supports.
- (8) Concrete pad or foundation under a grain bin.
- (9) Stirring equipment permanently attached in a grain bin.
- (10) Fans permanently attached to a grain bin.
- (11) Temperature sensors or temperature cables permanently attached in a grain bin.
- (12) Spreaders permanently attached in a grain bin.
- (13) Sweeps or augers permanently attached in a grain bin.
- (14) Bolts and other builders’ hardware permanently attached to a grain bin.
- (15) Controls and devices to operate the above-listed property.
- (16) Motors for the above-listed property.
- (17) Replacement parts for the above-listed property.

b. Taxable property:

- (1) Bucket elevators.
- (2) Distributors.
- (3) Receiving stations, including drag conveyors and dump pits.
- (4) Pneumatic or air systems.
- (5) Conveyors, including chain conveyors, belt conveyors, and drag conveyors.
- (6) Anchors, bin jacks, or other construction equipment used to assemble, construct, repair, or replace a grain bin or part of a grain bin.
- (7) Samplers.

- (8) Scales or weighers.
- (9) Other items that remain tangible personal property and are not permanently attached to a grain bin.

**214.20(2)** *Primarily used to hold loose grain for drying or storage.* Property is deemed to be “primarily used to hold loose grain for drying or storage” if it is used more than 50 percent of the time to hold loose grain for drying or storage.

**214.20(3)** *Claiming the exemption.*

*a.* A contractor must provide an exemption certificate to its supplier when purchasing grain bins, grain bin materials, or grain bin replacement parts in order to purchase them free from sales tax. The contractor entering into a construction contract with a sponsor to erect a grain bin or entering into a contract to repair a grain bin must also obtain an exemption certificate from the sponsor of the construction/repair contract to avoid accruing and remitting use tax on the grain bins, grain bin materials, and the grain bin replacement parts that were purchased tax-free from the contractor’s supplier.

*b.* The contractor must accrue consumer’s use tax on the purchase price of the grain bins, grain bin materials, and grain bin replacement parts unless the contractor obtains an exemption certificate from the sponsor of the construction or repair contract. If the grain bin materials or replacement parts are not used in an exempt manner or if an exemption certificate is not obtained, it is the contractor’s responsibility to accrue and remit use tax. The contractor must not charge sales tax to the sponsor of a construction or repair contract because those materials and replacement parts remain building materials used in the performance of a construction contract.

EXAMPLE 1: Company A is in the business of constructing and repairing grain bins. Company A regularly purchases grain bin materials and replacement parts from its supplier. Company A may provide to its supplier an exemption certificate pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.3(16A) so that the materials and replacement parts are purchased tax-free.

A person, also known as a sponsor, enters into a construction contract with Company A to construct a grain bin on the sponsor’s property. The sponsor provides an exemption certificate to Company A also pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.3(16A). Company A may now fulfill the construction contract without accruing and remitting use tax on the grain bin materials purchased from its supplier tax-free.

EXAMPLE 2: Assume the same facts as in Example 1, except that Company A does not provide an exemption certificate to its supplier when it purchases grain bin materials and replacement parts. The supplier must charge and collect from Company A sales tax on the full sales price of the grain bin materials and replacement parts.

The sponsor enters into a construction contract with Company A to erect a grain bin. Whether or not the sponsor provides an exemption certificate to Company A pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.3(16A), Company A may now fulfill the construction contract without accruing and remitting use tax on the grain bin materials because Company A paid sales tax on the sale price of the grain bin materials when it purchased them from its supplier.

EXAMPLE 3: Assume the same facts as in Example 2. The sponsor enters into a construction contract with Company A to erect a grain bin and provides an exemption certificate to Company A pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.3(16A). Company A may now file a refund claim with the department requesting that the department refund the sales tax that Company A paid to its supplier when it purchased the grain bin materials used in fulfilling the construction contract with the sponsor. Alternatively, Company A may claim a credit on its sales tax return(s) equal to the amount of sales tax paid to its supplier when it purchased the grain bin materials used in fulfilling the construction contract with the sponsor. The burden is on Company A to prove that the building materials for which the credit or refund is claimed were used in erecting a grain bin.

EXAMPLE 4: Assume the same facts as in Example 1, except that the sponsor does not provide an exemption certificate to Company A. Company A must now accrue and remit use tax on the cost of the materials used in fulfilling this construction contract.

EXAMPLE 5: Assume the same facts as in Example 1, except that the sponsor enters into a construction contract with Company A for the construction of a structure that is not a grain bin. Company A uses the



materials that it had purchased tax-free from its supplier to fulfill this contract. Company A must now accrue and remit use tax on the cost of the materials used in fulfilling this construction contract.

**EXAMPLE 6:** Assume the same facts as in Example 1, except that the sponsor enters into a contract with Company A for the repair of a structure that is not a grain bin. Company A uses the materials that it had purchased tax-free from its supplier to fulfill this contract. When invoicing the sponsor, Company A must separately itemize the materials and the labor charges incurred in fulfilling this repair contract, and the sales price of the materials included on the invoice must include any mark-up. Company A is obligated to charge and collect sales tax on the materials and labor charges listed on the invoice.

**EXAMPLE 7:** Assume the same facts as in Example 1 except that, in addition to constructing the grain bin, the contractor provides and installs property, such as portable equipment, that remains tangible personal property after installation. As with the grain bin, grain bin materials, and grain bin replacement parts, the contractor purchases the portable equipment tax-free, not because it is exempt under this subrule, but because it is a purchase for resale. Unless the portable equipment qualifies for another exemption (such as in rule 701—214.1(423)), even if the contractor obtains an exemption certificate from the sponsor for the grain bin, grain bin materials, and replacement parts, the contractor must charge sales tax to the sponsor because the portable equipment remains tangible personal property and the contractor sells that equipment to the sponsor at retail.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3.

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#### **701—214.21(423) Farm implement repair of all kinds.**

**214.21(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of repairing, restoring, or renovating implements, tools, machines, vehicles, or equipment used in the operation of farms, ranches, or acreages on which crops of all kinds are grown and on which livestock, poultry, or fur-bearing animals are raised or used for any purpose are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**214.21(2) *Installation not taxable.*** Those services relating to the installation of new parts or accessories which are not replacements are not taxable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “r.”

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#### **701—214.22(423) Warehousing of raw agricultural products.**

**214.22(1) *In general.*** The sales price on the warehousing of raw agricultural products is subject to sales tax unless the warehousing of raw agricultural products is storage in transit and has a destination outside of Iowa, regardless of whether the raw agricultural products originated within or outside of Iowa. Because the tax imposed by Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “ax” is imposed on the warehousing and not the sale of raw agricultural products, the interstate commerce exceptions found in Iowa Code section 423.3 do not apply.

**214.22(2) *Definition.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Raw agricultural products*” include but are not limited to corn, beans, oats, milo, fruits, vegetables, animal semen, and like items that have not been subjected to any form of processing. For purposes of this rule, grain drying is not considered processing.

**214.22(3) *Other charges.*** Other charges relating to warehousing of raw agricultural products may be subject to sales tax when separately invoiced. 701—Chapter 206 contains more information about bundled transactions.

**214.22(4) *Transit warehouses.*** The warehousing of raw agricultural products to be delivered within Iowa is subject to sales tax, while the warehousing of those products placed into interstate commerce is not subject to sales tax.

*a. Formula.* Transit warehouses may compute the tax on warehousing fees based upon a formula consisting of a numerator that is the quantity of raw agricultural products housed at the warehouse with intended intrastate delivery in Iowa and a denominator that is the total quantity of raw agricultural products housed in the warehouse.

*b. Definition.* For purposes of this rule:

“*Transit warehouses*” are those warehouses where raw agricultural products in bulk quantities are transported to and then shipped to different locations at different times.

*c. Numerator.* Raw agricultural products picked up at the warehouse or delivered to a location in Iowa must be included in the numerator, even if the products may be or are subsequently delivered to a common carrier for shipment outside of Iowa.

*d. Information used to calculate tax.* The information used in the formula for the computation of tax on storage fees must be, in most cases, supplied by the principal storing the products in the warehouse. The warehouse is responsible for acquiring and verifying the information used in the formula with the principal at least once every 90 days.

**214.22(5) Exemptions.** Warehousing service will not be subject to sales tax if a contract for the warehousing of raw agricultural products is with a tax-certifying or tax-levying body of the state of Iowa; any instrumentality of the state, county, or municipal government; the federal government or its instrumentalities; a tribal government as defined in Iowa Code section 216A.161; or an agency or instrumentality of a tribal government if used for public purposes.

*a. Consignment to federal government.* Fees for the warehousing of raw agricultural products placed into storage by a producer that are later consigned to the federal government under a loan agreement are subject to sales tax.

*b. Federal government activity.* Warehousing of raw agricultural products is exempt from sales tax only if the federal government makes payment to the warehouse for warehousing and the federal government actually owns the products or goods during the time the products or goods are warehoused.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(6) “*ax*” and 423.3(31).

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CHAPTER 215  
EXEMPTIONS PRIMARILY BENEFITING MANUFACTURERS AND  
OTHER PERSONS ENGAGED IN PROCESSING

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Rules in this chapter include cross references to provisions in 701—Chapters 15, 18 and 26 that were applicable prior to July 1, 2004.

**701—215.1** Reserved.

**701—215.2(423) Carbon dioxide in a liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, and taxable services used in processing.** An expanded definition of “processing” is allowed to manufacturers of food or food ingredients using carbon dioxide in a liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, and taxable services. For the purposes of this rule, the rental or leasing of tangible personal property is treated as the furnishing of a taxable service and not as the sale of tangible personal property.

**215.2(1)** “Food or food ingredients” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(49) “b.” This means that for purposes of this exemption, “food or food ingredients” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(57) “d” and implemented by rule 701—220.3(423) but also includes tangible personal property that could be sold for ingestion or chewing by humans but is sold for another use.

EXAMPLE 1: Manufacturer A produces gelatin that qualifies as a food or food ingredient. Manufacturer A only sells the gelatin to a cosmetics manufacturer. The sales price of any carbon dioxide in a liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, and taxable services used by Manufacturer A to produce the gelatin is exempt from sales tax even though the gelatin was not sold for human consumption.

EXAMPLE 2: Manufacturer B produces two types of gelatin products. Product 1 is manufactured at a quality such that it may be used for technical purposes, such as an ingredient in wood glue, but humans could not consume Product 1 safely. Product 2 is manufactured at a quality such that humans could safely eat it, though it can also be sold for technical purposes like Product 1. Product 1 is not a food or food ingredient. Product 2 is a food or food ingredient.

EXAMPLE 3: Manufacturer C produces alcohol, all of which qualifies as a food or food ingredient. Manufacturer C sells one-third of its product to vodka Manufacturer V, one-third to fuel ethanol Manufacturer F, and one-third to perfume Manufacturer P. The sales price of any carbon dioxide in a liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, and taxable services used by Manufacturer C to produce the alcohol is exempt from sales tax regardless of whether Manufacturer C sells the alcohol to Manufacturer V, F, or P.

Manufacturer V’s product is food-grade vodka sold at grocery and convenience stores. Manufacturer V may claim exemption for the same inputs used in producing its vodka as Manufacturer C.

Manufacturer F’s product is only sold to be used in motor vehicles and is harmful to humans if consumed. Manufacturer F cannot claim exemption under Iowa Code section 423.3(49) for any carbon dioxide in a liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, and taxable services used to produce its ethanol fuel. Manufacturer F may qualify for exemptions provided under other Iowa Code sections.

Manufacturer P’s product is only sold for cosmetic purposes and is harmful to humans if consumed. Manufacturer P cannot claim exemption under Iowa Code section 423.3(49) for any carbon dioxide in a liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, and taxable services used to produce its perfume. Manufacturer P may qualify for exemptions provided under other Iowa Code sections.

*a. Certain entities eligible.* An entity that processes a product owned by another entity is eligible for this exemption, subject to satisfying the other requirements to properly claim the exemption.

EXAMPLE: Company A owns and operates a processing facility. Company B owns corn and contracts with Company A to process the corn. Company B maintains ownership of the corn the entire time it is processed and in possession of Company A. Company B sells the processed corn to Company C, who will make retail sales of the processed corn. Company A is eligible to claim this exemption for any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable service used to process the corn.

*b. Determination.* The burden is on the taxpayer seeking to claim this exemption to establish a product is a food or food ingredient for purposes of this exemption. The department's determination shall be a fact-based determination based on the information provided by a manufacturer and the individual circumstances at issue.

EXAMPLE: A manufacturer produces products, such as glucosamine, that are used as ingredients in orange juice, which is produced by a different entity. The glucosamine and the orange juice are both food or food ingredients for purposes of this exemption.

**215.2(2)** The following activities constitute processing when performed by a manufacturer to create food or food ingredients. Any carbon dioxide in a liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable services primarily used in the performance of these activities is exempt from tax.

*a.* Treatment of material that changes its form, context, or condition in order to produce the food or food ingredient. "Special treatment" of the material to change its form, context, or condition is not necessary to lawfully claim the exemption. Examples of "treatment" which would not be "special" are the following: the washing, sorting and grading of fruits or vegetables; the washing, sorting, and grading of eggs; and the mixing or agitation of liquids. By way of contrast, sterilization would be "special treatment."

*b.* Maintenance of the quality or integrity of the food or food ingredient and the maintenance or the changing of temperature levels necessary to avoid spoilage or to hold the food or food ingredient in marketable condition. Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable service used in freezers, heaters, coolers, refrigerators, or evaporators used in cooling or heating which holds the food or food ingredient at a temperature necessary to maintain quality or integrity or to avoid spoilage of the food or food ingredient or to hold the food or food ingredient in marketable condition is exempt from tax. It is not necessary that the taxable service be used to raise or lower the temperature of the food or food ingredient. Also, processing of food or food ingredients does not cease when the food or food ingredient is in marketable form. Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or taxable service used to maintain or to change a temperature necessary to keep the food or food ingredient marketable is exempt from tax.

*c.* Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable service primarily used in the maintenance of environmental conditions necessary for the safe or efficient use of machinery or material used to produce the food or food ingredient is exempt from tax. For example, electricity used to air-condition a room in which meat is stored is exempt from tax if the purpose of the air conditioning is to maintain the meat in a condition in which it is easy to slice rather than for the comfort of the employees who work in the room.

*d.* Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or taxable service primarily used in sanitation and quality control activities is exempt from tax. Nonexclusive examples exempt from tax include taxable services used in pH meters, microbiology counters and incubators used to test the purity or sanitary nature of the food or food ingredient. For example, electricity used in egg-candling lights would be exempt from tax. Also, electricity, steam, or any taxable service used to power equipment which cleans and sterilizes food production equipment would be exempt from tax. Electricity used to power refrigerators used to store food or food ingredient samples for testing would be exempt from tax. Finally, electricity used to power "bug lights" or other insect-killing equipment used in areas where food or food ingredients are manufactured or stored would be exempt from tax.

*e.* Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or taxable service used in the formation of packaging for food or food ingredients is exempt from tax. For example, electricity used in plastic bottle-forming machines by a food manufacturer is exempt from tax if the plastic bottles will be used to hold the food or food ingredient, such as milk. Any electricity, steam, or other taxable service used in the heating, compounding, liquefying and forming of plastic pellets into these plastic bottles is exempt.

*f.* Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or taxable service used in placement of the food or food ingredient into shipping containers is exempt from tax. For example, electricity used by a food manufacturer to place food or food ingredients into packing cases, pallets, crates, shipping cases, or other similar receptacles is exempt.

g. Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or taxable service used to move material which will become a food or food ingredient or used to move the food or food ingredient itself until shipment from the building of manufacture is exempt from tax. This includes, but is not limited to, taxable services used in pumps, conveyors, forklifts, and freight elevators moving the material or the food or food ingredient and taxable services used in door openers which open doors for forklifts or other devices moving the material or the food or food ingredient. Any loading dock which is attached to a building of manufacture is a part of that building. Any electricity, steam, or taxable service used to move any food or food ingredient to a loading dock is exempt from tax. If the food or food ingredient is carried outside its building of manufacture by any conveyor belt system, electricity used by any portion of the system located outside the building is taxable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(49).

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**701—215.3(423) Services used in processing.** Electricity, steam, or any taxable service is used in processing only if the service is used in any operation which subjects raw material to some special treatment which changes, by artificial or natural means, the form, context, or condition of the raw material and results in a change of the raw material into marketable tangible personal property intended to be sold ultimately at retail. The following are nonexclusive examples of what would and would not be considered electricity, steam, or taxable services used in processing:

**215.3(1)** The sales price from the sale of electricity or steam consumed as power or used in the actual processing of tangible personal property intended to be sold ultimately at retail would be exempt from tax. The sales price is to be distinguished from that of electricity or steam consumed for the purpose of lighting, ventilating, or heating manufacturing plants, warehouses, or offices. The latter sales price would be taxable.

**215.3(2)** The sales price from electricity used in the freezing of tangible personal property, ultimately to be sold at retail, to make the property marketable would be exempt from sales tax. See *Fischer Artificial Ice & Cold Storage Co. v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 81 N.W.2d 437 (Iowa 1957).

**215.3(3)** Electricity used merely in the refrigeration or the holding of tangible personal property for the purpose of preventing spoilage or to preserve the property in its present state would not be “used in processing” and, therefore, its sales price would be subject to tax. See *Fischer Artificial Ice, supra*.

Measurement of taxable and nontaxable use of electricity and steam. The exemption provided in the case of electricity or steam applies only upon the sales price from the sale of electricity or steam when the energy is consumed as power or is used in the processing of food products or other tangible personal property intended to be sold ultimately at retail, as distinguished from electricity or steam which is consumed for taxable purposes. When practical, electricity or steam consumed as power or used directly in processing must be separately metered and separately billed by the supplier thereof to clearly distinguish energy so consumed from electricity or steam which is consumed for purposes or under conditions in which the exemption would not apply. If it is impractical to separately meter electricity or steam which is exempt from that electricity or steam upon which tax will apply, the purchaser must furnish an exemption certificate to the supplier with respect to what percentage of electricity or steam in the case of each purchaser is subject to the exemption. Reference 701—subrule 288.3(2). The exemption certificate must be supported by a study showing how the percentage was developed. When a certificate and study are accepted by the supplier as a basis for determining exemption, any changes in the processing method, changes in equipment or alterations in plant size or capacity affecting the percentage of exemption will necessitate the filing of a new and revised statement by the purchaser. When the electric or steam energy is separately metered, enabling the supplier to accurately apply the exemption in the case of processing energy, the purchaser need only file an exemption certificate since the supplier, under such conditions, will separately record and compute the consumption of energy which is exempt from tax apart from that energy which is subject to tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(50).

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**701—215.4(423) Chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents used in processing.** Chemicals, solvents, sorbents, and reagents directly used and consumed, dissipated, or depleted in processing tangible personal property intended to be sold ultimately at retail shall be exempt from sales and use tax. For the purpose of this processing exemption rule, free newspapers and shoppers' guides are considered to be retail sales. See rule 701—200.1(423) for definition of the words “chemicals,” “solvents,” “sorbents,” and “reagents.”

For the purpose of this rule, a catalyst is considered to be a chemical, solvent, sorbent, or reagent. A catalyst is a substance which promotes or initiates a chemical reaction and, as such, is exempt from tax if consumed, dissipated, or depleted during processing of tangible personal property intended to be ultimately sold at retail.

To qualify for this exemption, all of the following conditions must be met:

1. The item must be a chemical, solvent, sorbent, or reagent.
2. The chemical, solvent, sorbent, or reagent must be directly used and consumed, dissipated, or depleted during processing as defined in referenced rule 701—285.29(422,423).
3. The processing must be performed on tangible personal property intended to be sold ultimately at retail.
4. The chemical, solvent, sorbent, or reagent need not become an integral or component part of the processed tangible personal property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(51).

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**701—215.5(423) Exempt sales of gases used in the manufacturing process.** Sales of argon and other similar gases to be used in the manufacturing process are exempt from tax. For the purposes of this rule, only inert gases are gases that are similar to argon. An “inert gas” is any gas that is normally chemically inactive. It will not support combustion and cannot be used as either a fuel or as an oxidizer. Argon, helium, neon, krypton, radon, and xenon are inert gases. Oxygen, hydrogen, and methane are nonexclusive examples of gases that are not inert. These sales are exempt only if the gas is purchased by a “manufacturer,” for use in “processing,” as those terms are defined in subrules 215.15(3) and 215.15(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(52).

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**701—215.6(423) Sale of electricity to water companies.** The sales price from the sale of electricity to water companies assessed for property tax pursuant to Iowa Code sections 428.24, 428.26, and 428.28, which is used solely for the purpose of pumping water from a river or well is exempt from sales tax. For the purposes of this rule, “river” means a natural body of water or waterway that is commonly known as a river. “Well,” for the purposes of this rule, means an issue of water from the earth; a mineral spring; a pit or hole sunk into the earth to reach a water supply; a shaft or hole sunk to obtain oil, water, gas, etc.; or a shaft or excavation in the earth, in mining, from which run branches. *Pacific Gas and Electric Company v. Hufford*, 319 P.2d 1033, 1040 (Calif. 1957), citing Webster's New International Dictionary, 2nd ed., unabridged.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(53).

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**701—215.7(423) Wind energy conversion property.** The sales price from the sale of property used to convert wind energy to electrical energy or the sales price from the sale of materials used to manufacture, install, or construct property used to convert wind energy to electrical energy is exempt from tax.

For the purposes of this rule, “property used to convert wind energy to electrical energy” means any device which converts wind energy to usable electrical energy including, but not limited to, wind chargers, windmills, wind turbines, pad mount transformers, substations, power lines, and tower equipment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(54).

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**701—215.8(423) Exempt sales or rentals of core making and mold making equipment, and sand handling equipment.** This rule is applicable to the period beginning on or after July 1, 2004.

**215.8(1) Exempt sales and rentals of machinery and equipment.** The sales price from sales or rentals of core making, mold making, and sand handling machinery and equipment directly and primarily used by a foundry in the mold making process is exempt from tax. For the purposes of this rule, a “foundry” is an establishment where metal, but not plastic, is melted and poured into molds. A nonexclusive list of equipment which may be exempt under this rule includes sand storage tanks, conveyers, patterns, muller controllers, and sand mixers. A nonexclusive list of items which would not be exempted by this rule includes sand and other materials (as opposed to equipment) used to build molds or cores, and supplies. Services used in the mold making process are not exempted from tax by this rule. For the purposes of this rule, core making, mold making, and sand handling equipment also include replacement parts necessary for the operation of the equipment which is used directly and primarily by a foundry in the mold making process. See subrule 215.14(2) for definitions of “directly used,” “equipment,” and “machinery,” and see Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “d” for definitions of “replacement part” and “supplies.”

**215.8(2) Exempt sales of fuel and electricity.** The sales price from sales of fuel used in creating heat, power, or steam for, or used for generating electric current for, or electric current sold for use in machinery or equipment the sale or rental of which is exempt under subrule 215.8(1) is exempt from tax.

**215.8(3) Exempt design and installation services.** The sales price from furnishing design and installation services, including electrical and electronic installation, of machinery and equipment the sale or rental of which is exempt under subrule 215.8(1) is exempt from tax. Rule 701—219.13(423) contains characterizations of the words “installation” and “electronic installation.”

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(82).

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**701—215.9(423) Chemical compounds used to treat water.** Chemical compounds placed in water which is ultimately sold at retail should be purchased exempt from the tax. The chemical compounds become an integral part of property sold at retail. Chemical compounds placed in water which is directly used in processing are exempt from the tax, even if the water is consumed by the processor and not sold at retail.

Chemical compounds which are used to treat water that is not sold at retail or which are not used directly in processing shall be subject to tax. An example would be chlorine or other chemicals used to treat water for a swimming pool.

Special boiler compounds used by processors when live steam is injected into the mash or substance, whereby the steam liquefies and becomes an integral part of the product intended to be sold at retail and also becomes a part of the finished product, shall be exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(51).

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**701—215.10(423) Exclusive web search portal business and its exemption.** Effective on or after July 1, 2007, a business that qualifies as a web search portal business that has a physical location in Iowa and that meets specific criteria may obtain an exemption from sales and use tax on specific purchases that are used in the operation and maintenance of the web search portal business. This exemption from sales and use tax also applies to the affiliates of a qualifying web search portal business.

**215.10(1) Definitions.** For the purpose of this exemption, the following definitions apply:

a. “Affiliate” means an entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled with or by, or is under common control with another entity.

b. “Control” means any of the following:

(1) In the case of a United States corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of 50 percent or more of the voting power to elect directors.

(2) In the case of a foreign corporation, if the voting power to elect the directors is less than 50 percent, the maximum amount allowed by applicable law.

(3) In the case of an entity other than a corporation, 50 percent or more ownership interest in the entity, or the power to direct the management of the entity.

c. “Web search portal business” means an entity among whose primary businesses is to provide a search portal to organize information; to access, search, and navigate the internet, including research and development to support capabilities to organize information; and to provide internet access, navigation, and search functionalities.

**215.10(2) Criteria to claim exemption.** The following govern whether a business qualifies for an exemption from sales and use tax on purchases made or leases executed by a web search portal business:

a. All of the following requirements must be met by a web search portal business for the purpose of this exemption:

(1) The business of the purchaser or lessee shall be as a provider of a web search portal.

(2) The web search portal business shall have a physical location in Iowa that is used for the operations and maintenance of the web search portal site on the internet, including but not limited to research and development to support capabilities to organize information and to provide internet access, navigation, and search.

(3) The web search portal business shall make a minimum investment in an Iowa physical location of \$200 million within the first six years of operation in Iowa beginning with the date the web search portal business initiates site preparation activities. The minimum investment includes the initial investment, including land and subsequent acquisition of additional adjacent land and subsequent investment at the Iowa location.

(4) The web search portal business shall purchase, option, or lease Iowa land not later than December 31, 2008, for any initial investment. However, the December 31, 2008, date shall not affect the future purchases of adjacent land and additional investment in the initial or adjacent land to qualify as part of the minimum investment for purposes of this exemption.

b. Aggregation to meet requirements. A web search portal business that is seeking an exemption from sales and use tax under this exemption may meet the requirements found in subparagraphs 215.10(2)“a”(2) to (4) above, by aggregating various Iowa investments and other requirements with its business affiliates.

c. Failure to meet investment qualifications. If a web search portal business claiming exemption from sales and use tax under this exemption fails to meet at least 80 percent of the minimum investment amount required within the first six years of operation beginning with the initiation of the site preparation activities by the web search portal business, the web search portal business will lose the right to claim this exemption from sales and use tax. Immediately following the loss of the right to claim this exemption from sales and use tax, the web search portal business is required to pay all sales or use taxes that would have been due on the purchase or rental of all purchases previously claimed exempt from sales and use tax, plus any and all applicable statutory penalty and interest due on the tax.

**215.10(3) Exempt purchases.** Sales and leases of the following are exempt from sales and use tax when sold or leased to a qualifying web search portal business:

a. Computers and equipment that are necessary for the maintenance and operation of the web search portal business;

b. All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the cooling system for the computers and equipment used in the operation of the web search portal;

c. All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the cooling towers for the cooling system referenced in paragraph “b” above;

d. All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the temperature control infrastructure for the computers and equipment used in the operation of the web search portal;

e. All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the power infrastructure that is used for the transformation, distribution, or management of electricity used for the operation and maintenance of the web search portal. This equipment includes, but is not limited to, exterior dedicated business-owned power substations, backup power generation systems, battery systems, and related infrastructure;

f. All equipment used in the racking system, including cabling and trays;



g. Fuel purchased by the web search portal business that is used in the backup power generation system and in all items listed in paragraphs “a” to “f.” This provision includes the fuel used in backup generators that may be located outside of the building that are used if power is interrupted to ensure the web search portal continues operation; and

h. Electricity purchased for use in operating the web search portal.

**215.10(4) Limitation of exemption.** The purchases or leases of the items listed in subrule 215.10(3) are only exempt if the items being purchased or leased are being used in the operation or maintenance of the web search portal business. Such purchases or leases will not be exempt from sales or use tax if the item is to be used in the business for another purpose not related to operations or maintenance. Examples of items included in this limitation include but are not limited to:

- a. Electricity not used for operation or maintenance, such as in the office or employee break room;
- b. Tangible personal property used in areas of the web search portal facility that is not used for operation or maintenance, such as cleaning equipment and supplies;
- c. Building materials that become part of real property, such as concrete, steel or roofing; and
- d. Tangible personal property that becomes part of real property, such as a dishwasher.

**215.10(5) Initial date of exemption.** The exemption from sales and use tax begins on and after the date of the initial investment in or the initiation of site preparation activities for the facility that will contain the qualifying web search portal business.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(92).

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**701—215.11(423) Web search portal business and its exemption.** Effective on or after July 1, 2008, a business that qualifies as a web search portal business that has a physical location in Iowa and that meets specific criteria may obtain an exemption from sales and use tax on specific purchases that are used in the operation and maintenance of the web search portal business. This exemption from sales and use tax also applies to the affiliates of a qualifying web search portal business.

**215.11(1) Definitions.** For the purpose of this exemption, the following definitions apply:

“*Affiliate*” means an entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled with or by, or is under common control with another entity.

“*Control*” means any of the following:

1. In the case of a United States corporation, the ownership, directly or indirectly, of 50 percent or more of the voting power to elect directors.
2. In the case of a foreign corporation, if the voting power to elect the directors is less than 50 percent, the maximum amount allowed by applicable law.
3. In the case of an entity other than a corporation, 50 percent or more ownership interest in the entity, or the power to direct the management of the entity.

“*Web search portal business*” means an entity whose business among other businesses is to provide a search portal to organize information; to access, search, and navigate the Internet, including research and development to support capabilities to organize information; or to provide Internet access, navigation, or search functionalities.

**215.11(2) Criteria to claim exemption.** The following governs whether a business qualifies for an exemption from sales and use tax on purchases made or leases executed by a web search portal business:

a. *Requirements.* All of the following requirements must be met by a web search portal business for the purpose of this exemption:

- (1) The business, among other businesses, of the purchaser or lessee shall be as a provider of a web search portal.
- (2) The web search portal business shall have a physical location in Iowa that is used for the operations and maintenance of the web search portal site on the Internet, including but not limited to research and development to support capabilities to organize information and to provide Internet access, navigation, and search functionality.

(3) The web search portal business shall make a minimum investment in an Iowa physical location of \$200 million within the first six years of operation in Iowa beginning with the date the web search portal business initiates site preparation activities. The minimum investment includes the initial investment, including land and subsequent acquisition of additional adjacent land and subsequent investment at the Iowa location.

(4) The web search portal business shall purchase, option, or lease Iowa land not later than December 31, 2008, for any initial investment. However, the December 31, 2008, date shall not affect the future purchases of adjacent land and additional investment in the initial or adjacent land to qualify as part of the minimum investment for purposes of this exemption.

*b. Aggregation to meet requirements.* A web search portal business that is seeking an exemption from sales and use tax under this exemption may meet the requirements found in subparagraphs 215.11(2)“a”(2) to (4) by aggregating various Iowa investments and other requirements with its business affiliates.

*c. Failure to meet investment qualifications.* If a web search portal business claiming exemption from sales and use tax under this exemption fails to meet at least 80 percent of the minimum investment amount required within the first six years of operation beginning with the initiation of the site preparation activities by the web search portal business, the web search portal business will lose the right to claim this exemption from sales and use tax. Immediately following the loss of the right to claim this exemption from sales and use tax, the web search portal business is required to pay all sales or use taxes that would have been due on the purchase or rental of all purchases previously claimed exempt from sales and use tax, plus any and all applicable statutory penalty and interest due on the tax.

**215.11(3) Exempt purchases.** Sales and leases of the following are exempt from sales and use tax when sold or leased to a qualifying web search portal business:

*a.* Computers and equipment that are necessary for the maintenance and operation of the web search portal business;

*b.* All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the cooling system for the computers and equipment used in the operation of the web search portal business;

*c.* All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the cooling towers for the cooling system referenced in paragraph “b”;

*d.* All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the temperature control infrastructure for the computers and equipment used in the operation of the web search portal business;

*e.* All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the power infrastructure that is used for the transformation, distribution, or management of electricity used for the operation and maintenance of the web search portal business. This equipment includes, but is not limited to, exterior dedicated business-owned power substations; and back-up power generation systems, battery systems, and related infrastructure;

*f.* All equipment used in the racking system, including cabling and trays;

*g.* Fuel purchased by the web search portal business that is used in the back-up power generation system and in all items listed in paragraphs “a” to “f.” This includes the fuel used in the back-up generators that may be located outside the building and that are used if power is interrupted to ensure the web search portal business continues operation; and

*h.* Electricity purchased for use in operating the web search portal business.

**215.11(4) Limitation of exemption.** The purchase or lease of the items listed in subrule 215.11(3) is only exempt if the items being purchased or leased are being used in the operation or maintenance of the web search portal business. Such purchases or leases will not be exempt from sales or use tax if the item is to be used in the business for another purpose. For example, the purchase of electricity for use in the office portion of the web search portal facility would not be exempt. The purchase of building materials that become real property would not be exempt. For example, the purchase of a dishwasher that will be built into a kitchen area in the break room for employees would not be exempt from tax. The purchase of a dishwasher is the purchase of tangible personal property. However, upon installation, the dishwasher becomes part of the building and realty and is not exempt from Iowa sales or use tax.

**215.11(5) *Initial date of exemption.*** The exemption from sales and use tax begins on and after the date of the initial investment in or the initiation of site preparation activities for the facility that will contain the qualifying web search portal business.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3 as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, House File 2233, section 1.

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**701—215.12(423) Large data center business exemption.** Effective on or after July 1, 2009, a data center business that has a physical location in Iowa and that meets specific criteria may obtain an exemption from sales and use tax on specific purchases that are used in the operation and maintenance of the data center business.

**215.12(1) *Definitions.*** For the purpose of this rule, the following definitions apply:

“*Data center*” means a building rehabilitated or constructed to house a group of networked server computers in one physical location in order to centralize the storage, management, and dissemination of data and information pertaining to a particular business, taxonomy, or body of knowledge.

“*Data center business*” means an entity whose business, among other businesses, is to operate a data center.

**215.12(2) *Criteria to claim exemption.*** The following govern whether a business qualifies for an exemption from sales and use tax on purchases made or leases executed by a data center business:

*a. Requirements.* All of the following requirements must be met by a data center business for the purpose of this exemption:

(1) The business, among other businesses, of the purchaser or lessee shall be as a provider of a data center.

(2) The data center business shall have a physical location in Iowa that is, in the aggregate, at least 5,000 square feet in size used for the operation and maintenance of the data center.

1. A data center facility includes, but is not limited to, the centralization, storage, management and dissemination of data and information.

2. The physical location shall include the mechanical and electrical systems, redundant or backup power supplies, redundant data communications connections, environmental controls, and fire suppression systems for the data center business. The data center business’s physical location may also include a restricted access area employing advanced physical security measures such as video surveillance systems and card-based security or biometric security access systems.

(3) The data center business shall make a minimum investment in an Iowa physical location of \$200 million within the first six years of operation in Iowa beginning with the date the data center business initiates site preparation activities. The minimum investment includes the initial investment, including land and subsequent acquisition of additional adjacent land and subsequent investment at the Iowa location.

(4) The data center business shall comply with the applicable sustainable design and construction standards in Iowa Administrative Code 661—Chapter 310 as established by the state building code commissioner pursuant to Iowa Code section 103A.8B.

*b. Failure to meet investment qualifications.* If a data center business claiming exemption from sales and use tax under this exemption fails to meet at least 80 percent of the minimum investment amount required within the first six years of operation beginning with the initiation of the site preparation activities by the data center business, the data center business will lose the right to claim this exemption from sales and use tax. Immediately following the loss of the right to claim this exemption from sales and use tax, the data center business is required to pay all sales and use taxes that would have been due on the purchase or rental of all purchases previously claimed exempt from sales and use tax, plus any and all applicable statutory penalty and interest due on the tax.

**215.12(3) *Exempt purchases.*** Sales and leases of the following are exempt from sales and use tax when sold or leased to a qualifying data center business:

*a.* Computers and equipment that are necessary for the maintenance and operation of the data center business;

- b.* All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the cooling system for the computers and equipment used in the operation of the data center business;
- c.* All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the cooling towers for the cooling system referenced in paragraph “*b*”;
- d.* All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the temperature control infrastructure for the computers and equipment used in the operation of the data center business;
- e.* All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the power infrastructure that is used for the transformation, distribution, or management of electricity used for the operation and maintenance of the data center business. This equipment includes, but is not limited to, exterior dedicated business-owned power substations and backup power generation systems, battery systems, and related infrastructure;
- f.* All equipment used in the racking system, including cabling and trays;
- g.* Fuel purchased by the data center business that is used in the backup power generation system and in all items listed in paragraphs “*a*” to “*f*.” This includes the fuel used in the backup generators that may be located outside the building and that are used if power is interrupted to ensure the data center business continues operation; and
- h.* Electricity purchased for use in operating the data center business.

**215.12(4) *Limitation of exemption.*** The purchase or lease of the items listed in subrule 215.12(3) is only exempt if the items being purchased or leased are being used in the operation or maintenance of the data center business. Such purchases or leases will not be exempt from sales or use tax if the item is to be used in the business for another purpose. For example:

- a.* The purchase of electricity for use in the office portion of the data center business facility would not be exempt.
- b.* The purchase of building materials that become real property would not be exempt. For example, the purchase of a dishwasher that will be built into a kitchen area in the break room for employees would not be exempt from tax. Although the purchase of a dishwasher is the purchase of tangible personal property, upon installation, the dishwasher becomes part of the building and realty and, therefore, is not exempt from Iowa sales and use tax.

**215.12(5) *Initial date of exemption.*** The exemption from sales and use tax begins on and after the date of the initial investment in or the initiation of site preparation activities for the facility that will contain the qualifying data center business.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 478, sections 197 through 202.

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**701—215.13(423) Data center business sales and use tax refunds.** Effective on or after July 1, 2009, data center businesses in Iowa meeting certain criteria may make an annual application to the department for a refund of 50 percent of the sales and use tax paid on the sales price of certain computers, equipment, fuel, and electricity used in the operation of the data center business.

**215.13(1) *Definitions.*** For the purpose of this rule, the following definitions apply:

“*Data center*” means a building rehabilitated or constructed to house a group of networked server computers in one physical location in order to centralize the storage, management, and dissemination of data and information pertaining to a particular business, taxonomy, or body of knowledge.

“*Data center business*” means an entity whose business, among other businesses, is to operate a data center.

“*Refund year*” means the year beginning with the date of initial site preparation of the data center facility.

“*Rehabilitation*” means a process of substantial repair, remodeling, or alteration, which may include but is not limited to upgrading mechanical systems, plumbing, roofing, wiring, windows, and heating and cooling systems, and performing significant interior or exterior structural modification. Although they may be included as part of an overall rehabilitation project, singular actions such as the installation

of a new information system or cosmetic changes to the interior or exterior appearance of a building do not, in and of themselves, constitute a rehabilitated building.

**215.13(2) Basis and criteria for refunds.** The amount, type, and length of refunds available to data center businesses depend upon the dollar amount of investment made, the type of construction undertaken, and the size in square feet of the facility.

*a. Investment of \$136 million to \$200 million.* Data center businesses which make investments in an Iowa facility of \$136 million to \$200 million in the first six years of operations and which facility contains at least 5,000 square feet are eligible for a refund of 50 percent of the sales and use tax paid on qualifying computers and equipment, backup fuel, and electricity for the first seven years of operation.

*b. Investment of \$10 million to \$136 million—new construction.* Data center businesses which make investments of \$10 million to \$136 million in the first six years of operations in the new construction of an Iowa facility that is at least 5,000 square feet are eligible for a refund of 50 percent of the sales and use tax paid on qualifying computers and equipment, backup fuel, and electricity for the first ten years of operation.

*c. Investment of \$5 million to \$136 million—rehabilitation.* Data center businesses which make investments of \$5 million to \$136 million in the first six years of operations in the rehabilitation of an Iowa facility that is at least 5,000 square feet are eligible for a refund of 50 percent of the sales and use tax paid on qualifying computers and equipment, backup fuel, and electricity for the first ten years of operation.

*d. Investment of \$1 million to \$10 million—new construction.* Data center businesses which make investments of \$1 million to \$10 million in the first three years of operations in the new construction of an Iowa facility of any size are eligible for a refund of 50 percent of the sales and use tax paid on fuel and electricity for the first five years of operation.

*e. Investment of \$1 million to \$5 million—rehabilitation.* Data center businesses which make investments of \$1 million to \$5 million in the first three years of operations in the rehabilitation of an Iowa facility of any size are eligible for a refund of 50 percent of the sales and use tax paid on fuel and electricity for the first five years of operation.

**215.13(3) Purchases eligible for refunds.** Sales and leases of the following are eligible for a refund of 50 percent of the sales and use tax paid when sold or leased to a qualifying data center business:

*a.* Computers and equipment that are necessary for the maintenance and operation of the data center business;

*b.* All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the cooling system for the computers and equipment used in the operation of the data center business;

*c.* All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the cooling towers for the cooling system referenced in paragraph “b”;

*d.* All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the temperature control infrastructure for the computers and equipment used in the operation of the data center business;

*e.* All equipment used for the operation and maintenance of the power infrastructure that is used for the transformation, distribution, or management of electricity used for the operation and maintenance of the data center business. This equipment includes, but is not limited to, exterior dedicated business-owned power substations and backup power generation systems, battery systems, and related infrastructure;

*f.* All equipment used in the racking system, including cabling and trays;

*g.* Fuel purchased by the data center business that is used in the backup power generation system and in all items listed in paragraphs “a” to “f.” This includes the fuel used in the backup generators that may be located outside the building and that are used if power is interrupted to ensure the data center business continues operation; and

*h.* Electricity purchased for use in operating the data center business.

**215.13(4) Sustainable design standards.** In order to claim the refunds detailed in paragraphs 215.13(3) “a” through “h” data center businesses must comply with the sustainable design and construction standards as required by 661—Chapter 310 as established by the state building code commissioner pursuant to Iowa Code section 103A.8B.

**215.13(5) Failure to meet investment qualifications.** If a data center business claiming a refund of sales and use tax under this rule fails to meet at least 80 percent of the minimum investment amount required within the first six years of operation beginning with the initiation of the site preparation activities by the data center business, the data center business will lose the right to claim the refund of sales and use tax. Immediately following the loss of the right to claim the refund of sales and use tax, the data center business is required to return the refund of sales and use tax paid on qualifying computers, equipment, fuel, and electricity, plus any and all applicable statutory penalty and interest due on the tax.

**215.13(6) Limitation of refunds.**

*a. Use in operation or maintenance.* The purchase or lease of the items listed in subrule 215.13(3) is only eligible for a refund of sales and use tax if the items being purchased or leased are being used in the operation or maintenance of the data center business. Such purchases or leases will not be eligible for a refund of sales and use tax if the item is to be used in the business for another purpose. For example:

(1) The purchase of electricity for use in the office portion of the data center business facility would not be eligible for a refund.

(2) The purchase of building materials that become real property would not be eligible for a refund. For example, the purchase of a dishwasher that will be built into a kitchen area in the break room for employees would not be eligible for a refund of tax. Although the purchase of a dishwasher is the purchase of tangible personal property, upon installation, the dishwasher becomes part of the building and realty and, therefore, is not eligible for a refund of Iowa sales and use tax.

*b. State sales tax only.* Refunds issued under this rule may not exceed 5 percent of the sales price of computers and equipment listed in subrule 215.13(3) and the fuel used to create heat, power and steam for processing or generating electrical current or from the sales price of electricity consumed by computers, machinery, or other equipment for operation of the data center business facility. The refund will not include any local option sales and services taxes.

*c. Qualifying dates for fuel and electricity refund.* To qualify for the 50 percent refund, the following must be on or after the first day of the first month through the last day of the last month of the refund year:

(1) The dates of the utility billing or meter reading cycle for the sale or furnishing of metered gas and electricity;

(2) The dates of the sale or furnishing of fuel for purposes of commercial energy; and

(3) The delivery of the fuel used for purposes of commercial energy.

**215.13(7) Form and filing requirements.**

*a. Form.* The owner of a data center business seeking a refund of sales and use tax imposed upon the sale or lease of any qualifying computers, equipment, fuel, and electricity must complete and file with the department Form IA 843, Claim for Refund. All of the information on the Claim for Refund must be completed.

*b. Due date.* The refund request form must be filed with the department no later than one year after the purchase of the qualifying computers, equipment, fuel, or electricity and within three months after the end of the refund year. The refund for sales and use tax begins with purchases made on and after July 1, 2009, or on and after the date of the initial investment in or the initiation of site preparation activities for the facility that will contain the qualifying data center business.

*c. Date required.* The refund request must include detailed schedules of the items being claimed including dates of purchase of tangible personal property, amount of purchase, and tax paid. The purchase of fuel and electricity must be computed and documented separately from other purchases.

*d. Affidavit.* In addition to completing and filing Form IA 843, Claim for Refund, the owner of a data center business seeking a refund as specified in this rule must also complete and file with the department an affidavit certifying that qualifications for the refund have been met. The affidavit must be approved by the department before a refund claim can be reviewed. The following format must be used for the affidavit:

Iowa Department of Revenue  
Sales Tax Refund Affidavit

NAME OF AFFIANT  
ADDRESS OF AFFIANT



AFFIDAVIT FOR  
DATA CENTER BUSINESS

The undersigned duly swears that the named data center business complies with criteria to be entitled to refund of sales tax as required in Iowa Code section 423.4 as follows:

1. The facility is a data center business as defined by Iowa Code section 423.4(8) or 423.4(9);
2. The data center business facility will be a minimum of 5,000 square feet, as applicable, located upon Iowa land; and located at \_\_\_\_\_; with total square footage of \_\_\_\_\_;
3. The data center business will make an investment of (check only one):
  - \$136 million to \$200 million within the first six years of operation (refund available for first seven years).
  - \$10 million to \$136 million for new construction within the first six years of operation (refund available for first ten years).
  - \$5 million to \$136 million for rehabilitation of an existing facility within the first six years of operation (refund available for first ten years).
  - \$1 million to \$10 million for new construction within the first three years of operation (refund of tax paid on fuel and electricity only; refund available for first five years).
  - \$1 million to \$5 million for rehabilitation of an existing facility within the first three years of operation (refund of tax paid on fuel and electricity only; refund available for first five years).
4. The data center business facility will be constructed in accordance with the sustainable design and construction standards as required by Iowa Administrative Code 661—Chapter 310 and established by the building code commissioner pursuant to Iowa Code section 103A.8B;
5. Construction of the data center business facility was commenced on or after July 1, 2009; and the date of the initial site preparation or building rehabilitation was \_\_\_\_\_; and
6. Purchases of qualifying computers, equipment, fuel or electricity were made on or after July 1, 2009.

The undersigned duly swears that he or she is the owner of the qualifying data center business or that the undersigned is the authorized representative of the qualifying data center business and has the authority to sign this document. The undersigned swears that he or she has personal knowledge regarding the facts contained in this affidavit and that the statements set forth in this affidavit are true and accurate and that the qualifying data center business has met all of the requirements as contained herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Affiant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position of Affiant

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.4 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 478, sections 198 through 202.

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**701—215.14(423) Exemption for the sale of computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, and materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies used for certain manufacturing purposes.** Rules 701—215.14(423) to 701—215.20(423) exempt the sales price of computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, and materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies when used in an exempt manufacturing purpose. Rule 701—215.21(423) exempts the purchase of fuel used in such computers, computer peripherals,

machinery, and equipment. Rule 701—215.22(423) exempts the service of designing or installing new industrial machinery and equipment.

**215.14(1)** *Generally.* The sales price of computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, and materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies is exempt from sales and use tax if the property is any of the following:

- a.* Directly and primarily used in processing by a manufacturer (see rule 701—215.15(423)).
- b.* Directly and primarily used to maintain the integrity of the product or to maintain unique environmental conditions required for either the product or the computers, computer peripherals, machinery, and equipment used in processing by a manufacturer, including test equipment used to control quality and specifications of the product (see rule 701—215.16(423)).
- c.* Directly and primarily used in research and development of new products or processes of processing (see rule 701—215.17(423)).
- d.* Computers or computer peripherals used in processing or storage of data or information by an insurance company, financial institution, or commercial enterprise (see rule 701—215.18(423)).
- e.* Directly and primarily used in recycling or reprocessing of waste products (see rule 701—215.19(423)).
- f.* Pollution-control equipment used by a manufacturer, including but not limited to that required or certified by an agency of this state or of the United States government (see rule 701—215.20(423)).
- g.* Fuel used in creating heat, power, steam, or for generating electrical current, or from the sale of electricity, consumed by computers, computer peripherals, machinery, or equipment used in an exempt manner described in paragraph “a,” “b,” “c,” “e,” or “f” (see rule 701—215.21(423)).

**215.14(2)** *Computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, and materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies.*

*a. Computers and computer peripherals.* “Computer” and “computer peripheral” mean the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1.

*b. Machinery.* “Machinery” is any mechanical, electrical, or electronic device designed and used to perform some function and to produce a certain effect or result. The term includes not only the basic unit of the machinery, but also any adjunct or attachment necessary for the basic unit to accomplish its intended function. Machinery also includes all devices used or required to control, regulate, or operate a piece of machinery, provided such devices are directly connected with or are an integral part of the machinery and are used primarily for control, regulation, or operation of machinery. Other devices necessary to the operation of or used in conjunction with the operation of what would be ordinarily thought of as machinery are also considered to be machinery.

*c. Equipment.* In general usage, “equipment” refers to devices or tools used to produce a final product or achieve a given result. Exempt “equipment” under these rules includes tables on which property is assembled on an assembly line, if those tables are directly and primarily used in processing by a manufacturer.

*d. Replacement parts.* “Replacement part” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “d.”

*e. Supplies.* “Supplies” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “d.”

*f. Materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies.* “Materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies” means tangible personal property that is incorporated into a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, equipment, replacement part, or supply when the computer, computer peripheral, machinery, equipment, replacement part, or supply is constructed or assembled.

*g. Exclusions.* Sales of the following property, or materials used to construct or self-construct the following property, are not exempt under rules 701—215.15(423) to 701—215.20(423) regardless of how the property is used.

- (1) Land.



(2) Intangible property.

(3) Hand tools. “Hand tool” means a tool that can be held in the hand or hands and is powered by human effort.

(4) Point-of-sale equipment, computers, and computer peripherals. “Point-of-sale equipment, computers, and computer peripherals” means input, output, and processing equipment, computers, and computer peripherals used to consummate a sale and to record or process information pertaining to a sale transaction at the time the sale takes place and is located at the counter, desk, or other specific point where the transaction occurs. Point-of-sale equipment, computers, and computer peripherals do not include equipment, computers, and computer peripherals used primarily for depositing or withdrawing funds from financial institution accounts.

(5) Certain centrally assessed industrial machinery, equipment, computers, and computer peripherals. Property that is centrally assessed by the department of revenue under Iowa Code sections 428.24 to 428.29 or chapters 433, 434, 437, 437A, 437B, and 438 does not qualify for exemption under rules 701—215.14(423) to 701—215.20(423). Property used but not owned by persons whose property is defined by such provisions of the Iowa Code, which would be assessed by the department of revenue if the persons owned the property, also does not qualify for exemption under rules 701—215.14(423) to 701—215.20(423).

(6) Vehicles subject to registration. The general sales and use tax does not apply to vehicles subject to registration under Iowa Code chapter 321. Instead, such vehicles are subject to the fee for new registration under Iowa Code section 321.105A. Vehicles subject to registration are not exempt from the fee for new registration under rules 701—215.14(423) to 701—215.20(423), unless the vehicle is directly and primarily used in recycling or reprocessing of waste products (see rule 701—215.19(423)).

*h. Examples.* When used for an exempt purpose under rules 701—215.14(423) to 701—215.20(423), the following items may be exempt computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, or supplies. This list is not all-inclusive.

- (1) Coolers, including coolers that do not change the nature of materials stored in them.
- (2) Equipment that eliminates bacteria.
- (3) Palletizers.
- (4) Storage bins.
- (5) Property used to transport raw, semifinished, or finished goods.
- (6) Vehicle-mounted cement mixers.
- (7) Self-constructed machinery and equipment.
- (8) Packaging and bagging equipment, including conveyer systems.
- (9) Equipment that maintains an environment necessary to preserve a product’s integrity.
- (10) Equipment that maintains a product’s integrity directly.
- (11) Quality control equipment.
- (12) Water used for cooling.

**215.14(3) *Leased and rented property.*** The exemptions under rules 701—215.14(423) to 701—215.22(423) apply to property regardless of how it is sold, including leased or rented property. The lease of computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, or supplies may be exempt from sales and use tax if the lessee uses the property in an exempt manner under rules 701—215.14(423) to 701—215.20(423). Additionally, a lessor’s purchase of computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, or supplies for lease or resale may be an exempt sale for resale under Iowa Code section 423.3(2).

**215.14(4) *Record keeping.*** Individuals claiming an exemption must always be able to prove they qualify for the exemption. To claim the exemptions described in this rule, purchasers must be able to prove that computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, and materials used to construct or self-construct the same are used for an exempt purpose under rules 701—215.14(423) to 701—215.20(423). When both exempt and nonexempt machinery and equipment are used in the same facility, replacement parts and supplies used in the machinery and equipment are exempt under these rules only to the extent the purchaser can prove which replacement parts and supplies were used in the exempt machinery and equipment. Detailed, contemporaneous records

should be maintained to verify that qualifying property is used for an exempt purpose. The precise records required may vary from purchaser to purchaser. Computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, and materials used to construct or self-construct the same are not exempt under rules 701—215.14(423) to 701—215.20(423) if the property is not used for an exempt purpose.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(47) as amended by 2020 Iowa Acts, House File 2641.

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**701—215.15(423) Exemption for the sale of property directly and primarily used in processing by a manufacturer.** The sales price of computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, and materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies is exempt from sales and use tax when the property is directly and primarily used in processing by a manufacturer.

**215.15(1) Required elements.** To qualify for exemption under this rule, the purchaser must prove the property is:

- a. Computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, or materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, or supplies (see subrule 215.14(2));
- b. Directly used (see subrule 215.15(2));
- c. Primarily used (see subrule 215.15(2));
- d. Used in processing (see subrule 215.15(3)); and
- e. Used by a manufacturer (see subrule 215.15(4)).

**215.15(2) Directly and primarily used.**

a. *Directly used.*

(1) Generally. Property is “directly used” only if it is used to initiate, sustain, or terminate an exempt activity. In determining whether any property is “directly used,” consideration should be given to the following factors:

1. The physical proximity of the property to the exempt activity;
2. The temporal proximity of the use of the property to the use of other property that is directly used in the exempt activity; and
3. The active causal relationship between the use of the property and the exempt activity. The fact that a particular piece of property may be essential to the conduct of the activity because its use is required either by law or practical necessity does not, of itself, mean that the property is directly used.

(2) Examples. The following property typically is not directly used in an exempt manner:

1. Property used exclusively for the comfort of workers, such as air cooling, air conditioning, or ventilation systems.
2. Property used in support operations, such as a machine shop, where production machinery is assembled, maintained, or repaired.
3. Property used by administrative, accounting, or personnel departments.
4. Property used by security, fire prevention, first aid, or hospital stations.
5. Property used in communications or safety.

b. *Primarily used.* The primary use of property is the activity or activities for which the property is used more than half of the time.

**215.15(3) Processing.**

a. *Generally.* “Processing” and “receipt or producing of raw materials” mean the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “d.” With respect to raw materials produced from or upon real estate, “production of raw materials” is deemed to occur immediately following the severance of the raw materials from the real estate.

*b. The beginning of processing.* Processing begins with a processor's receipt or production of raw material. Thus, when a processor produces its own raw material, it is engaged in processing. Processing also begins when a supplier transfers possession of raw materials to a processor.

*c. The completion of processing.* Processing ends when the finished product is transferred from the processor or delivered for shipment by the processor. Therefore, a processor's packaging, storage, and transport of a finished product after the product is in the form in which it will be sold at retail are part of the processing of the product.

*d. Examples of the beginning, intervening steps, and the ending of processing.* Of the following, Examples A and B illustrate when processing begins under various circumstances; Example C demonstrates the middle stages of processing; and Example D demonstrates when the end of processing takes place.

EXAMPLE A: Company A manufactures fine furniture. Company A owns a grove of walnut trees that it uses as raw material. Company A's employees cut the trees, transport the logs to Company A's facility, store the logs in a warehouse to begin the curing process, and eventually take the logs to Company A's sawmill. The walnut trees are real property while they are growing. Thus, no "production of raw materials" has occurred with regard to the trees until they have been severed from the soil and transformed into logs. Processing of the logs begins when they are placed on vehicles for transport to Company A's factory. However, if the transport vehicles are "vehicles subject to registration," the vehicles are not exempt from the fee for new registration under this rule (see subparagraph 215.14(2) "g"(6)).

EXAMPLE B: Company A from the previous example also buys mahogany logs from a supplier in Honduras. Company A uses its equipment to offload the logs from railroad cars at its facility. Company A then stores and saws the logs as previously described in Example A. Processing begins when Company A offloads the logs from the railroad cars.

EXAMPLE C: Company C is a microbrewery. It uses a variety of kettles, vats, tanks, tubs, and other containers to mix, cook, ferment, settle, age, and store the beer it brews. Company C also uses a variety of pipes and pumps to move the beer among the various containers involved in the activity of brewing. All stages of this brewing are part of processing, including fermentation or aging (the transformation of the raw materials from one state to another) as well as the storage of hops in a bin and the storage of beer prior to bottling (the holding of materials in an existing state). Any movement of the product between containers is also a part of processing.

EXAMPLE D: After the brewing process is complete, Company C places its beer in various containers, stores the beer, and moves the beer to Company C's customers by a common carrier that picks up the beer at Company C's facility. Company C's activities of placing the beer into bottles, cans, and kegs, storing the beer after packaging, and moving the beer by use of a forklift to the common carrier's pickup site are part of processing.

**215.15(4) Manufacturer.**

*a. Generally.* Iowa Code section 423.3(47) "d"(4) abrogates *The Sherwin-Williams Company v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 789 N.W.2d 417 (Iowa 2010).

*b. Definitions.*

"Construction contracting" means engaging in or performing a construction contract as defined in rule 701—219.8(423).

"Manufacturer" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(47).

"Transporting for hire" means the service of moving persons or property for consideration, including but not limited to the use of a "personal transportation service" as that term is described in Iowa Code section 423.2(6) and rule 701—211.1(423).

*c. Primarily engaged in an excluded activity.* A person is not considered a manufacturer if the person is "primarily engaged" in any of the activities listed in Iowa Code section 423.3(47) "d"(4)(c). A person is "primarily engaged" in an activity if the person generates more than 50 percent of the person's gross revenue from its operating business from, or spends more than 50 percent of the person's time engaging in, any combination of those activities during the 12-month period after the date the person engages in one of the listed activities.

EXAMPLE 1: Company A makes widgets and repairs widgets damaged during use by its customers. Company A generates 70 percent of its revenue making widgets, and its employees spend 80 percent of their time making widgets. The remainder of its revenue and time are attributed to widget repair. Company A is not primarily engaged in “repairing tangible personal property or real property” (Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “d”(4)(c)(ii)) or any of the other enumerated activities from Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “d”(4)(c) because only 30 percent of its revenue and 20 percent of employee time are attributed to widget repair.

EXAMPLE 2A: Company B makes concrete and sells it for resale or directly to individual consumers without entering into a construction contract. Company B generates 100 percent of its revenue from such sales of concrete, and its employees spend 95 percent of their time making concrete during the 12-month period after it claims to be a manufacturer. Company B is not excluded from being considered a manufacturer because Company B’s production and sale of concrete are not part of construction contracting (Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “d”(4)(c)(i)).

EXAMPLE 2B: Company B begins construction contracting to sell its concrete. After 12 months of construction contracting (Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “d”(4)(c)(i)), Company B generates 55 percent of its revenue from construction contracting and 45 percent from resale sales or sales directly to consumers and spends 40 percent of its time performing construction contracts. Company B is no longer considered a manufacturer starting 12 months from the date it began construction contracting because it generates more than 50 percent of its gross revenue from construction contracting.

**215.15(5) Manufacturing.**

*a. Activities commonly understood to be manufacturing.* “Manufacturing” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(47).

*b. Premises primarily used to make retail sales.*

(1) A person engaged in activities on a premises primarily used to make retail sales is not engaged in manufacturing at that premises and cannot claim this exemption for items used at that premises.

(2) The following are “premises primarily used to make retail sales”:

1. Restaurants.
2. Mobile food vendors, vehicles, trailers, and other facilities used for retail sales.
3. Retail bakeries.
4. Prepared food retailers establishments.
5. Bars and taverns.
6. Racing and gaming establishments.
7. Racetracks.
8. Casinos.
9. Gas stations.
10. Convenience stores.
11. Hardware and home improvement stores.
12. Grocery stores.
13. Paint or paint supply stores.
14. Floral shops.
15. Other retail stores.

*c. Rebuttable presumption.* In addition to the premises listed in paragraph 215.15(5) “b,” a premises shall be presumed to be “primarily used to make retail sales” when more than 50 percent of the gross sales of a business and its affiliates attributable to the premises are retail sales sourced to the premises under Iowa Code section 423.15(1) “a.”

(1) For purposes of paragraph 215.15(5) “c”:

“Attributable to the premises” means sales of tangible personal property at the premises or shipped from the premises to another location for sale or eventual sale.

“Premises” means any contiguous parcels, as defined in Iowa Code section 426C.1, which are owned, leased, rented, or occupied by a business or its affiliates and are operated by that business or its affiliates for a common business purpose. A “common business purpose” means the participation in any stage of manufacturing, production, or sale of a product. Whether a business is operating for a

common business purpose is a fact-based determination that will depend on the individual circumstances at issue.

(2) Calculation. If a business seeking to claim this exemption makes retail sales sourced to a premises under Iowa Code section 423.15(1)“a” and the location is not one of those listed in paragraph 215.15(5)“b,” the business shall determine whether a specific premises are primarily used to make retail sales by determining the amount of retail sales sourced to the premises under Iowa Code section 423.15(1)“a” during the 12-month period after the date the tangible personal property claimed to be exempt is used at the premises. The calculation should be done as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Retail sales sourced to the premises}}{\text{Gross sales attributable to the premises}}$$

If the result is less than or equal to 0.5 (or 50 percent), the premises is not primarily used to make retail sales. If the result is greater than 0.5, the premises is presumed to be primarily used to make retail sales.

(3) Rebutting the presumption. If a premises is presumed to be primarily used to make retail sales under subparagraph 215.15(5)“c”(2), a manufacturer may prove to the department the premises is not primarily used to make retail sales by providing information regarding the following nonexclusive list of factors to support its assertion:

1. The square footage of the premises allocated to the manufacturing process.
2. The number of employees or employee work hours allocated to the manufacturing process.
3. The wages and salaries of employees working at the premises allocated to the manufacturing process.
4. The cost of operating the premises attributable to the manufacturing process.

The department’s determination shall be a fact-based determination based on the information provided by a manufacturer and the individual circumstances at issue.

EXAMPLE 1: Company A owns a centralized facility where it makes widgets and distributes them to several of its own retail stores for retail sale. The retail stores are not contiguous to the centralized facility. Company A purchases a widget maker for its centralized facility and seeks to claim this exemption. Because the widgets sold are sold at the retail stores, the sales of those widgets are sourced to the retail stores where the sales occur. Therefore, none of the sales are retail sales sourced to the centralized facility. Because Company A does not make retail sales sourced to the centralized facility, the centralized facility is not primarily used to make retail sales.

EXAMPLE 2A: Company A makes widgets at its premises in Iowa, known as Location 1. Company A sells its widgets to retailers for resale and also makes some retail sales that are sourced to Location 1.

Twelve months ago, Company A purchased and put into use at Location 1 a new molding machine for making new widgets. Company A paid tax on the sales price of the molding machine at the time of purchase. During the 12-month period after Company A first used the molding machine, 2 percent of the gross sales attributable to Location 1 were from retail sales sourced to Location 1 and 98 percent of the gross sales attributable to Location 1 were from sales of widgets to retailers.

Because less than half of the sales attributable to Location 1 during the 12-month period after the molding machine was first used at Location 1 were generated from retail sales sourced to Location 1, Location 1 is not primarily used to make retail sales. Therefore, if Company A’s use of the molding machine satisfies all other requirements of the exemption, Company A’s activities occurring on the premises constitute manufacturing.

EXAMPLE 2B: Same facts as in Example 2A, except that Company A also owns a second, noncontiguous premises in Iowa, known as Location 2. At Location 2, Company A operates a factory that makes the same types of widgets as Location 1. Company A also makes substantial retail sales that are sourced to Location 2.

Twelve months ago, Company A purchased new molding machines for Location 1 and Location 2. Company A paid tax on the sales price of the molding machines. During this 12-month period, 2 percent

of the gross sales attributable to Location 1 were retail sales sourced to Location 1 and 98 percent of the gross sales attributable to Location 1 were from sales of widgets to distributors. Also during this 12-month period, 60 percent of the gross sales attributable to Location 2 were retail sales sourced to Location 2 and 40 percent of the gross sales attributable to Location 2 were from sales of widgets to distributors.

With respect to Location 1, the outcome is the same as in Example 1A. Because less than half of the sales attributable to Location 1 during the 12-month period after the molding machine was used at Location 1 were generated from retail sales sourced to Location 1, Location 1 is not primarily used to make retail sales.

However, Location 2 is presumed to be primarily used to make retail sales because more than half of the gross sales attributable to Location 2 are from retail sales sourced to Location 2.

EXAMPLE 2C: Same facts as in Example 2B. Company A decides to purchase new molding machines for both Location 1 and Location 2. Relying on the exemption determinations for the prior year, Company A pays sales tax on the purchase price of the molding machine for Location 2 but tenders an exemption certificate for the purchase of the molding machine for Location 1 and does not pay sales tax on that transaction.

Twelve months pass since the new molding machines were used at their respective locations. At Location 1, the gross sales attributable to the premises and retail sales sourced to the premises remained the same. However, at Location 2, Company A experienced a decrease in on-site retail sales and an increase in distribution sales. Because of a shift in sales, 45 percent of the gross sales attributable to Location 2 were retail sales sourced to Location 2, and 55 percent of the gross sales attributable to Location 2 were from sales of widgets to distributors.

Therefore, this year, Location 2 is no longer presumed to be primarily used to make retail sales because in the 12 months after the machine was used at Location 2, less than half of the gross sales attributable to Location 2 were from retail sales sourced to Location 2.

EXAMPLE 3A: Company A owns a premises on which it makes baseball bats. A portion of the premises is leased to Company B, which operates a retail store on the premises that sells clothing and is not commonly understood to be a manufacturer. Company A and Company B are unaffiliated entities.

Company A is seeking to purchase several new lathes to use in its bat production. In the last year, 95 percent of Company A's gross sales attributable to the premises came from selling bats to distributors, and 5 percent of Company A's gross sales attributable to the premises were from retail sales at a small on-site location. Also in the last year, 100 percent of Company B's gross sales attributable to the premises were from on-site retail sales.

Because Company A and Company B are not affiliated in any way, none of Company B's sales are attributable to Company A. Therefore, for purposes of Company A's determining its eligibility to claim the exemption, Company A's premises are not primarily used to make retail sales because less than half of its gross sales attributable to the premises are from retail sales sourced to the premises.

EXAMPLE 3B: Same facts as in Example 3A, except that Company B is an affiliate of Company A.

The result is the same; while Company B is an affiliate of Company A, the premises are not being operated for a common business purpose because Company B is not selling any of the bats manufactured by Company A. Therefore, none of Company B's business is attributable to Company A. For purposes of Company A's determining its eligibility to claim the exemption, Company A's premises are not primarily used to make retail sales because less than half of its gross sales attributable to the premises are from retail sales sourced to the premises.

EXAMPLE 3C: Same facts as in Example 3A, except that Company B is an affiliate of Company A and instead of operating a clothing store, Company B operates a sporting goods store where it sells some of the bats manufactured by Company A.

In this case, Company B's sales are attributable to Company A because both companies use the premises for a common business purpose: the sale of baseball bats manufactured by Company A. Therefore, the gross sales attributable to the premises of both Company A and Company B must be included in Company A's gross sales attributable to the premises. The premises will be presumed to be

primarily used to make retail sales if the combined retail sales by Company A and Company B that are sourced to the premises exceed 50 percent of the gross sales attributable to the premises.

EXAMPLE 4: Company A owns a premises not included in the list above at which it makes widgets. Company A sells 15 percent of its widgets by delivery to customers' homes, 30 percent to wholesalers, and the remaining 55 percent directly to customers who pick up widgets at the premises. Company A's premises is presumed to be primarily used to make retail sales.

Company A dedicates 75 percent of the square footage of the premises to the production of widgets, 20 percent to storage, and 5 percent to a loading dock. Company A employs a total of 50 people, 40 of whom work on the production floor making widgets. Company A's production staff accounts for 80 percent of its total wages and salaries paid to all employees. The cost of operating the widget production area accounts for 90 percent of Company A's total expenses. Upon claiming this exemption, Company A provides information satisfactory to the department to demonstrate these facts. Company A qualifies for the exemption.

**215.15(6) Replacement parts and supplies.**

*a. Replacement parts.* To qualify for exemption under this rule, replacement parts must satisfy the definition contained in Iowa Code section 423.3(47) "d." In addition to the other requirements, an exempt replacement part must replace a component of a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is directly and primarily used in processing by a manufacturer. Tangible personal property is not an exempt replacement part under this rule if the property exclusively replaces a component of a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is not directly and primarily used in processing by a manufacturer.

*b. Supplies.* To qualify for exemption under this rule, supplies must satisfy the definition contained in Iowa Code section 423.3(47) "d." In addition to the other requirements, an exempt supply must be connected to, be used in conjunction with, or come into physical contact with a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is directly and primarily used in processing by a manufacturer, or an exempt supply must itself be directly and primarily used in processing by a manufacturer. Tangible personal property is not an exempt supply under this rule if the property exclusively is connected to, is used in conjunction with, or comes into physical contact with a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is not directly and primarily used in processing by a manufacturer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(47) "a"(1).

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**701—215.16(423) Exemption for the sale of property directly and primarily used by a manufacturer to maintain integrity or unique environmental conditions.** The sales price of computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies and materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies is exempt from sales and use tax when the property is directly and primarily used to maintain the integrity of the product or to maintain unique environmental conditions required for either the product or the computers, computer peripherals, machinery, and equipment used in processing by a manufacturer, including test equipment used to control quality and specifications of the product.

**215.16(1) Required elements.** To qualify for exemption under this rule, the purchaser must prove the property is:

*a.* Computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, or materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, or supplies (see subrule 215.14(2));

*b.* Directly used (see subrule 215.15(2));

*c.* Primarily used (see subrule 215.15(2));

*d.* Used by a manufacturer (see subrule 215.15(4)); and

*e.* Used to maintain:

(1) A manufactured product's integrity;

- (2) Unique environmental conditions required for a manufactured product; or
- (3) Unique environmental conditions required for other computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, or supplies directly and primarily used in processing by a manufacturer.

**215.16(2) Replacement parts and supplies.**

*a. Replacement parts.* To qualify for exemption under this rule, replacement parts must satisfy the definition contained in Iowa Code section 423.3(47)“d.” In addition to the other requirements, an exempt replacement part must replace a component of a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is directly and primarily used to maintain the integrity of the product or to maintain unique environmental conditions required for either the product or the computers, computer peripherals, machinery, and equipment used in processing by a manufacturer. Tangible personal property is not an exempt replacement part under this rule if the property exclusively replaces a component of a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is not directly and primarily used to maintain the integrity of the product or to maintain unique environmental conditions required for either the product or the computers, computer peripherals, machinery, and equipment used in processing by a manufacturer.

*b. Supplies.* To qualify for exemption under this rule, supplies must satisfy the definition contained in Iowa Code section 423.3(47)“d.” In addition to the other requirements, an exempt supply must be connected to, be used in conjunction with, or come into physical contact with a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is directly and primarily used to maintain the integrity of the product or to maintain unique environmental conditions required for either the product or the computers, computer peripherals, machinery, and equipment used in processing by a manufacturer, or an exempt supply must itself be directly and primarily used to maintain the integrity of the product or to maintain unique environmental conditions required for either the product or the computers, computer peripherals, machinery, and equipment used in processing by a manufacturer. Tangible personal property is not an exempt supply under this rule if the property exclusively is connected to, is used in conjunction with, or comes into physical contact with a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is not directly and primarily used to maintain the integrity of the product or to maintain unique environmental conditions required for either the product or the computers, computer peripherals, machinery, and equipment used in processing by a manufacturer.

**215.16(3) Example of property directly and primarily used to maintain integrity or unique environmental conditions.** A manufacturer purchases a cooling system or heating system that qualifies as machinery. The manufacturer uses the system to directly and primarily maintain the proper temperature of other machinery and equipment. The manufacturer uses such machinery and equipment directly and primarily in processing. The system is not used for the comfort of the workers. Because the system directly and primarily maintains the environmental conditions necessary for machinery and equipment directly and primarily used in processing, the system is exempt from sales and use tax under this rule.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(47)“a”(2).

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**701—215.17(423) Exemption for the sale of property directly and primarily used in research and development of new products or processes of processing.** The sales price of computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, and materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies is exempt from sales and use tax when the property is directly and primarily used in research and development of new products or processes of processing.

**215.17(1) Required elements.** To qualify for exemption under this rule, the purchaser must prove the property is:

- a.* Computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, or materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, or supplies (see subrule 215.14(2));
- b.* Directly used (see subrules 215.15(2) and 215.17(3));



- c. Primarily used (see subrule 215.15(2)); and
- d. Used in research and development (see subrule 215.17(2)) of:
  - (1) New products; or
  - (2) Processes of processing.

**215.17(2)** “Research and development” means experimental or laboratory activity that has as its ultimate goal the development of new products or processes of processing.

**215.17(3)** Property is used “directly” in research and development only if it is used in actual experimental or laboratory activity that qualifies as research and development under this rule.

**215.17(4)** Replacement parts and supplies.

a. *Replacement parts.* To qualify for exemption under this rule, replacement parts must satisfy the definition contained in Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “d.” In addition to the other requirements, an exempt replacement part must replace a component of a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is directly and primarily used in research and development of new products or processes of processing. Tangible personal property is not an exempt replacement part under this rule if the property exclusively replaces a component of a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is not directly and primarily used in research and development of new products or processes of processing.

b. *Supplies.* To qualify for exemption under this rule, supplies must satisfy the definition contained in Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “d.” In addition to the other requirements, an exempt supply must be connected to, be used in conjunction with, or come into physical contact with a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is directly and primarily used in research and development of new products or processes of processing, or an exempt supply must itself be directly and primarily used in research and development of new products or processes of processing. Tangible personal property is not an exempt supply under this rule if the property exclusively is connected to, is used in conjunction with, or comes into physical contact with a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is not directly and primarily used in research and development of new products or processes of processing.

**215.17(5)** Examples.

EXAMPLE A: Company A is a hybrid seed producer. Company A maintains a research and development laboratory for use in developing new varieties of corn seed. Company A purchases the following items for use in its research and development laboratory: a laboratory computer for processing data related to the genetic structure of various corn plants, an electron microscope for examining the structure of corn plant genes, a steam cleaner for cleaning rugs in the laboratory offices, and office furniture for use in the laboratory offices. The laboratory computer and the microscope are “directly” used in the research in which the laboratory is engaged; the steam cleaner and the office furniture are not directly used in research. Therefore, the sales prices of the laboratory computer and the microscope are exempt from sales and use tax. The sales prices of the steam cleaner and the office furniture are not exempt from tax under this rule.

EXAMPLE B: Company B is a manufacturer of agricultural equipment. Company B is researching and developing a new tractor. Company B purchases materials to produce a prototype of its new tractor. The prototype tractor will be tested in various settings, including a laboratory and actual agricultural production. The materials used to produce the prototype tractor are exempt supplies directly and primarily used in research and production of new products. The sales price for the materials is exempt regardless of whether Company B sells the prototype tractor after testing, or if it scraps the prototype tractor after testing.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “a”(3).

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**701—215.18(423) Exemption for the sale of computers and computer peripherals used in processing or storage of data or information by an insurance company, financial institution, or commercial enterprise.** The sales price of computers and computer peripherals is exempt from sales and use tax when the computers and computer peripherals are used in processing or storage of data or information by an insurance company, financial institution, or commercial enterprise. The sales price

of machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, and materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies is not exempt under this rule.

**215.18(1) Required elements.** To qualify for exemption under this rule, the purchaser must prove the property is:

- a. Computers or computer peripherals (see Iowa Code section 423.1);
- b. Used in processing or storage of data or information (see subrule 215.18(2)); and
- c. Used by:
  - (1) An insurance company (see subrule 215.18(3));
  - (2) A financial institution (see subrule 215.18(3)); or
  - (3) A commercial enterprise (see subrule 215.18(3)).

**215.18(2) Processing or storage of data or information.** All computers store and process information. However, only if the “final output” for a user or consumer is stored or processed data will the computer be eligible for exemption from tax under this rule.

**215.18(3) Insurance company, financial institution, or commercial enterprise.**

a. *Insurance company.* “Insurance company” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(47)“d.” Excluded from the definition of “insurance company” are benevolent associations governed by Iowa Code chapter 512A, fraternal benefit societies governed by Iowa Code chapter 512B, and health maintenance organizations governed by Iowa Code chapter 514B. This list of exclusions is not intended to be exclusive.

b. *Financial institution.* “Financial institution” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 527.2.

c. *Commercial enterprise.* “Commercial enterprise” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(47)“d.”

d. *Professions and occupations.* The term “profession” means a vocation or employment requiring specialized knowledge and often long and intensive academic preparation. The term “occupation” means the principal business of an individual, such as the business of farming. A professional entity that carries on any profession or occupation, such as an accounting firm, is not a commercial enterprise.

**215.18(4) Exempt property.** To qualify for exemption under this rule, tangible personal property must satisfy the definition of “computers” or “computer peripherals” contained in Iowa Code section 423.1. Other property, including machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, and materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies, is not exempt under this rule, even if the property is used in processing or storage of data or information by an insurance company, financial institution, or commercial enterprise.

**215.18(5) Examples of computers used in processing or storage of data or information by an insurance company, financial institution, or commercial enterprise.** A health insurance company has four computers. Computer A is used to monitor the temperature within the insurance company’s building. Computer A transmits messages to the building’s heating and cooling systems, which tell the systems when to raise or lower the level of heating or air conditioning. Computer B is used to store patient records and to recall those records on demand. Computer C is used to tabulate statistics regarding the amount of premiums paid in and the amount of benefits paid out for various classes of insured. Computer D is used to train the insurance company’s employees to perform various additional tasks or to better perform work the employees can already do. Computer D uses various canned programs to accomplish this function. The final output of Computer A is neither stored nor processed information. Therefore, Computer A does not meet the definition of an exempt computer. The final output of Computer B is stored information. The final output of Computer C is processed information. The final output of Computer D is processed information consisting of the training exercises appearing on the computer monitor. The sales prices of Computers B, C, and D are exempt from sales and use tax as computers used in processing or storage of data or information by an insurance company.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(47)“a”(4).

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**701—215.19(423) Exemption for the sale of property directly and primarily used in recycling or reprocessing of waste products.** The sales price of computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, and materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies is exempt from sales and use tax when the property is directly and primarily used in recycling or reprocessing of waste products.

**215.19(1) Required elements.** To qualify for exemption under this rule, the purchaser must prove the property is:

*a.* Computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, supplies, or materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, or supplies (see subrule 215.14(2));

*b.* Directly used (see subrule 215.15(2));

*c.* Primarily used (see subrule 215.15(2)); and

*d.* Used in:

(1) Recycling of waste products (see subrule 215.19(2)); or

(2) Reprocessing of waste products (see subrule 215.19(2)).

**215.19(2) Recycling and reprocessing.**

*a.* “Recycling” is any process by which waste or materials that would otherwise become waste are collected, separated, or processed and revised or returned for use in the form of raw materials or products. Recycling includes, but is not limited to, the composting of yard waste that has been previously separated from other waste. Recycling does not include any form of energy recovery.

*b.* “Reprocessing” is not a subcategory of processing. Reprocessing of waste products is an activity separate and independent from the processing of tangible personal property.

*c.* Recycling or reprocessing generally begins when the waste products are collected or separated. Recycling or reprocessing generally ends when waste products are in the form of raw material or another non-waste product. Activities that occur between these two points and are an integral part of recycling or processing qualify as recycling or reprocessing.

**215.19(3) Replacement parts and supplies.**

*a.* *Replacement parts.* To qualify for exemption under this rule, replacement parts must satisfy the definition contained in Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “*d.*” In addition to the other requirements, an exempt replacement part must replace a component of a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is directly and primarily used in recycling or reprocessing of waste products. Tangible personal property is not an exempt replacement part under this rule if the property exclusively replaces a component of a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is not directly and primarily used in recycling or reprocessing of waste products.

*b.* *Supplies.* To qualify for exemption under this rule, supplies must satisfy the definition contained in Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “*d.*” In addition to the other requirements, an exempt supply must be connected to, be used in conjunction with, or come into physical contact with a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is directly and primarily used in recycling or reprocessing of waste products, or an exempt supply must itself be directly and primarily used in recycling or reprocessing of waste products. Tangible personal property is not an exempt supply under this rule if the property exclusively is connected to, is used in conjunction with, or comes into physical contact with a computer, computer peripheral, machinery, or equipment that is not directly and primarily used in recycling or reprocessing of waste products.

**215.19(4) Examples.**

*a.* Computers, computer peripherals, machinery, and equipment that may be exempt from sales and use tax under this rule include, but are not limited to, compactors, balers, crushers, grinders, cutters, and shears if directly and primarily used in recycling or reprocessing.

*b.* End loaders, forklifts, trucks, conveyor systems, and other moving devices directly and primarily used in the movement of waste products during recycling or reprocessing may be exempt from sales and use tax under this rule.

*c.* A bin or other container used to store waste products before collection for recycling or reprocessing is not directly and primarily used in recycling or reprocessing, and its sales price is not exempt from sales and use tax under this rule.

*d.* A vehicle used directly and primarily for collecting waste products for recycling or reprocessing could be a vehicle used for an exempt purpose under this rule, and such a vehicle could be exempt from the fee for new registration. Thus, a garbage truck could qualify for this exemption if the truck is directly and primarily used in recycling; however, a garbage truck primarily used to haul garbage to a landfill does not qualify for exemption under this rule.

EXAMPLE A: Company A recycles household waste. Company A uses several machines in its facility to separate waste products into recyclable and nonrecyclable materials and to further separate the recyclable materials into paper, plastic, or glass. The sales prices of all separating machines are exempt from sales and use tax as machines directly and primarily used in recycling of waste products.

EXAMPLE B: Company B uses grinding machines to convert logs, stumps, pallets, crates, and other waste wood into wood chips. Company B then uses its trucks to deliver the wood chips to local purchasers. The sales prices of the grinding machines are exempt from sales and use tax as machines directly and primarily used in recycling or reprocessing of waste products. The trucks used to transport the wood chips are not used in recycling or reprocessing because the wood chips are in their final form when loaded onto the trucks.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.105A(2) “c”(24) and 423.3(47) “a”(5). [ARC 2768C, IAB 10/12/16, effective 11/16/16; ARC 5798C, IAB 7/28/21, effective 9/1/21; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

**701—215.20(423) Exemption for the sale of pollution-control equipment used by a manufacturer.** The sales price of pollution-control equipment, including but not limited to equipment required or certified by an agency of Iowa or of the United States government, is exempt from sales and use tax when the property is used by a manufacturer. Other equipment, and computers, computer peripherals, machinery, replacement parts, supplies, and materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies are not exempt from sales and use tax under this rule.

**215.20(1)** Required elements. To qualify for exemption under this rule, the purchaser must prove the property is:

- a.* Pollution-control equipment (see subrule 215.20(2)); and
- b.* Used by a manufacturer (see subrule 215.15(4)).

**215.20(2)** “Pollution-control equipment” is any disposal system or apparatus used or placed in operation primarily for the purpose of reducing, controlling, or eliminating air or water pollution. Other property, including replacement parts and supplies, is not exempt under this rule. Pollution-control equipment does not include any apparatus used to eliminate noise pollution. Liquid, solid, and gaseous wastes are included within the meaning of the word “pollution.” Pollution-control equipment specifically includes, but is not limited to, any equipment the use of which is required or certified by an agency of this state or of the United States government. Wastewater treatment equipment, dust mitigation systems, and scrubbers used in smokestacks are examples of pollution-control equipment. However, pollution-control equipment does not include any equipment used only for worker safety, such as a gas mask.

EXAMPLE: A manufacturer constructs a wastewater treatment facility to treat wastewater from its manufacturing facility. The wastewater treatment facility diverts wastewater from the local water treatment plant. The facility then converts wastewater into a biogas, which the manufacturer uses as an energy source in its manufacturing facility. The sales price of the pollution-control equipment used in the wastewater treatment facility is exempt from sales and use tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(47) “a”(6). [ARC 2768C, IAB 10/12/16, effective 11/16/16; ARC 5798C, IAB 7/28/21, effective 9/1/21; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

**701—215.21(423) Exemption for the sale of fuel or electricity used in exempt property.** The sales price of fuel or electricity consumed by computers, computer peripherals, machinery, or equipment that is exempt from sales and use tax under rule 701—215.14(423), 701—215.15(423), 701—215.16(423), 701—215.17(423), 701—215.19(423), or 701—215.20(423) is also exempt from sales and use tax. The sales price of electricity or other fuel consumed by replacement parts, supplies, computers, or computer peripherals used in processing or storage of data or information by an insurance company, financial institution, or commercial enterprise remains subject to tax even if such property is exempt under rules 701—215.14(423) to 701—215.20(423).

EXAMPLE: A manufacturer operates a power plant. The manufacturer uses energy from the power plant to operate machinery and equipment used directly and primarily in processing at its manufacturing facility. The fuel consumed in the manufacturer's power plant is exempt from sales and use tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(47) "b."  
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**701—215.22(423) Exemption for the sale of services for designing or installing new industrial machinery or equipment.** The sales price from the services of designing or installing new industrial machinery or equipment is exempt from sales and use tax. The enumerated services of electrical or electronic installation are included in this exemption.

**215.22(1) Required elements.** To qualify for the exemption, the purchaser must prove the service is:

- a. A design or installation service (see subrule 215.22(2));
- b. Of new (see subrule 215.22(3)); and
- c. Industrial machinery or equipment (see subrule 215.22(4)).

**215.22(2) Design or installation services include electrical and electronic installation.** "Design or installation" services do not include any repair service.

**215.22(3) "New"** means never having been used or consumed by anyone. The exemption does not apply to design or installation services on reconstructed, rebuilt, repaired, or previously owned machinery or equipment.

**215.22(4) Industrial machinery or equipment.**

a. *Generally.* "Industrial machinery or equipment" means machinery or equipment, as defined in subrule 215.14(2). The sale of industrial machinery or equipment must also qualify for exemption under any of the following:

(1) Property used directly and primarily in processing by a manufacturer (see rule 701—215.15(423)).

(2) Property used directly and primarily by a manufacturer to maintain the integrity of the manufacturer's product or to maintain unique environmental conditions for computers, computer peripherals, machinery, or equipment (see rule 701—215.16(423)).

(3) Property used directly and primarily in research and development of new products or processes of processing (see rule 701—215.17(423)).

(4) Property used directly and primarily in recycling or reprocessing of waste products (see rule 701—215.19(423)).

(5) Pollution-control equipment used by a manufacturer (see rule 701—215.20(423)).

b. *Exclusions.* The following property is not industrial machinery or equipment regardless of how the purchaser uses it:

(1) Computers or computer peripherals (see Iowa Code section 423.1).

(2) Replacement parts (see Iowa Code section 423.3(47) "d").

(3) Supplies (see Iowa Code section 423.3(47) "d").

(4) Materials used to construct or self-construct computers, computer peripherals, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, or supplies (see paragraph 215.14(2) "f").

**215.22(5) Billing.** The sales price for designing or installing new industrial machinery or equipment must be separately identified, charged separately, and reasonable in amount for the exemption to apply.

The exemption applies to new industrial machinery or equipment regardless of how it is purchased, including leased or rented machinery or equipment.

EXAMPLE: Dealer sells and installs two new machines for Manufacturer. Manufacturer uses one machine on its production floor, where the machine is directly and primarily used in processing. Manufacturer uses the other machine in its machine shop, where the machine is not directly and primarily used in processing. Dealer gives an invoice to Manufacturer that separately itemizes the sales prices for each machine and each installation. The machine used on the production floor is new industrial machinery or equipment, and the sales prices of the machine and its installation are exempt from sales and use tax. The machine used in the machine shop is not new industrial machinery or equipment, and the sales prices of the machine and its installation are taxable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(48).

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<sup>2</sup> 230.14 to 230.22 (ARC 2349C, Items 8 to 16) rescinded by 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2433, section 7, on 3/21/16. Rules removed IAC Supplement 4/27/16.

<sup>3</sup> Paragraph 230.14(2)“a” rescinded by 2020 Iowa Acts, House File 2641, section 97, effective July 1, 2020.

<sup>4</sup> October 13, 2021, effective date of ARC 5906C [230.2(1)] delayed until the adjournment of the 2022 session of the General Assembly by the Administrative Rules Review Committee at its meeting held October 4, 2021.

CHAPTER 216  
EVENTS, AMUSEMENTS, AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES

**701—216.1(423) Athletic events.** The sales price from the sale of tickets or admissions to athletic events occurring in the state of Iowa and sponsored by educational institutions, without regard to the use of the proceeds from such sales, shall be subject to tax, except when the events are sponsored by elementary and secondary educational institutions.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(3).  
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**701—216.2(423) Dance schools and dance studios.**

**216.2(1) In general.** The sales price from the services sold by dance schools or dance studios are subject to sales tax. This includes all activities, such as acrobatics, exercise, baton-twirling, tumbling, or modeling taught in dance schools or dance studios.

**216.2(2) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

“*Dance school*” means any institution established primarily for the purpose of teaching one or more types of dancing.

“*Dance studio*” means any room or groups of rooms in which any one or more types of dancing are taught.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “m.”  
[ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23]

**701—216.3(423) Golf and country clubs and all commercial recreation.** All fees, dues or charges paid to golf and country clubs are subject to tax. “Country clubs” shall include all clubs or clubhouses providing golf and other athletic sports for members. Persons providing facilities for recreation for a charge are rendering, furnishing or performing a service, the gross receipts from which are subject to tax. “Recreation” shall include all activities pursued for pleasure, including sports, games and activities that promote physical fitness, but shall not include admissions otherwise taxed under Iowa Code section 423.2.

**216.3(1)** Dance schools are the only schools the services of which are taxable under Iowa Code section 423.2(6). Rule 701—216.2(423) contains information on dance schools and dance studios. The sales price from any school providing training services in any activity pursued for pleasure or recreation shall not be subject to tax, unless the school is a dance school.

**216.3(2)** If a person provides both facilities for recreation and instruction in recreational activities, charges for instruction in the recreational activities shall not be subject to tax if all of the following circumstances exist:

*a.* The instruction charges are contracted for separately, separately billed, and reasonable in amount when compared to the taxable charges of providing facilities for recreation.

EXAMPLE: An ice skating rink offers three membership plans. The first membership plan provides only instruction in the activity of ice skating. The second plan allows for the use of the rink’s facilities, but provides for no instruction in ice skating. The third plan allows the customer to participate in a certain number of ice skating classes and also allows use of the rink’s facilities without instruction. Customer charges for the first plan would not be subject to tax. Customer charges for the second plan would be subject to tax. Charges for the third plan would be subject to tax if billed in one lump sum. If, under the third plan, charges to the customer for instruction and use are separately stated, and the charges for instruction are not unreasonable, the charges for instruction shall be exempt from tax. If it is necessary to pay for instruction to secure use of the facilities for recreation, charges for the instruction are a part of the gross receipts from commercial recreation and shall be subject to tax.

*b.* The persons receiving the instruction must be under the guidance and direction of a person training them in how to perform the recreational activity. If the persons receiving what purports to be “instruction” are allowed any substantial amount of time to pursue recreational activities, no instruction is taking place. The instruction should be received in what would ordinarily be thought of as a “class” with a fixed time and place for meeting. The instruction need not be received in what would ordinarily be

thought of as a “classroom,” but the instructor and the persons receiving instruction should be segregated from persons engaging in recreational activity insofar as this is possible. Instruction may still occur if complete or partial segregation is impossible.

EXAMPLE 1: A golf pro offers instruction to students on a golf course. The students cannot circulate around the golf course in a group with the golf pro because this would slow the play of golfers following such a group and lead to complaints. The students circulate on the course individually, and the golf pro observes the play of each student and comments upon it. Even though no segregation of the individual students into any sort of a class is possible, the students are receiving instruction from the golf pro and, therefore, no taxable event occurs.

EXAMPLE 2: A retailer maintains a golf driving range. There are separate tee-off positions for each customer to practice driving golf balls. There is also an instructor in driving present. The instructor cannot reserve individual tee-off positions for instruction of students because the positions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. When students come for instruction, the instructor must make use of whatever tee-off positions are available. Even though segregation of students from other customers is impossible, instruction exists and, therefore, no taxable event occurs.

c. The “instruction” must impart to the learner a level of knowledge or skill in the recreational activity which would not be known to the ordinary person engaging in the recreational activity without instruction. Also, the person providing the instruction must have received some special training in the recreational activity taught if charges for that person’s instruction are to be exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “v.”  
[ARC 7009C, IAB 5/3/23, effective 6/7/23]

#### **701—216.4(423) Campgrounds.**

**216.4(1) *In general.*** Persons engaged in the business of renting campground sites are selling a service subject to sales tax, regardless of the duration of the rental. This includes the sales price for the operation of a campground and the use of a campground site.

**216.4(2) *Definition.*** For purposes of this rule:

“*Campground*” is any location at which sites are provided for persons to place their own temporary shelter, such as a tent, travel trailer, or motorhome. “*Campground*” does not include any hunting, fishing, or other type of camp where accommodations are provided, though such camps are likely subject to sales tax as commercial recreation under rule 701—216.3(423).

**216.4(3) *Related charges.*** The sale price of charges, whether mandatory or optional, imposed on persons using a campground site that are subject to sales tax include but are not limited to entry fees, utility (electric, water, sewer) fees, fees for the use of swimming pools or showers, and fees for extra persons or vehicles.

**216.4(4) *Public parks.***

a. The sales price for the use of a state park as a campground is subject to sales tax; however, the sales price for the use of a county or municipal park as a campground is not subject to sales tax.

b. The sales price of vehicle entry fees into any state, county, or municipal park, commonly called “park user fees,” is not subject to sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “j.”  
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CHAPTER 217  
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES  
[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 224]

**701—217.1(423) Taxable telecommunication service and ancillary service.** The gross receipts from the sale of all telecommunication service and ancillary service are subject to the sales or use tax. This chapter applies to telecommunication service and ancillary service that are billed on or after November 23, 2011. For telecommunication service and ancillary service billed prior to November 23, 2011, refer to rule 701—285.20(422,423).

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**701—217.2(423) Definitions.**

*“800 service”* means a telecommunication service that allows a caller to dial a toll-free number without incurring a charge for the call. The service is typically marketed under the name “800,” “855,” “866,” “877,” and “888” toll-free calling and any subsequent numbers designated by the Federal Communications Commission.

*“900 service”* means an inbound toll telecommunication service purchased by a subscriber that allows the subscriber’s customers to call in to the subscriber’s prerecorded announcement or live service. A 900 service does not include the charge for collection services provided by the seller of the telecommunication service to the subscriber or to services or products sold by the subscriber to the subscriber’s customer. The service is typically marketed under the name “900 service” and any subsequent numbers designated by the Federal Communications Commission.

*“Air-to-ground radiotelephone service”* means a radio service, as that term is defined in 47 CFR 22.99, in which common carriers are authorized to offer and provide radio telecommunication service for hire to subscribers in aircraft.

*“Ancillary services”* means services that are associated with or incidental to the provision of a telecommunication service. “Ancillary services” includes, but is not limited to, detailed telecommunication billing, directory assistance, vertical service, and voice mail services.

*“Call-by-call basis”* means any method of charging for telecommunication services in which the price is measured by individual calls.

*“Communications channel”* means a physical or virtual path of communications over which signals are transmitted between or among customer channel termination points.

*“Conference bridging service”* means an ancillary service that links two or more participants of an audio or video conference call and may include the provision of a telephone number. “Conference bridging service” does not include telecommunication services used to reach the conference bridge.

*“Customer”* means the person or entity that contracts with the seller of telecommunication services. If the end user of telecommunication services is not the contracting party, the end user of the telecommunication service is the customer of the telecommunication service. For purposes of sourcing sales of telecommunication service, the end user of the telecommunication service is the customer of the telecommunication service when the end user is not also the contracting party. “Customer” does not include a reseller of telecommunication service or for mobile telecommunication service of a serving carrier under an agreement to serve the customer outside the home service provider’s licensed service area.

*“Customer channel termination point”* means the location where the customer either inputs or receives the communications.

*“Detailed telecommunication billing service”* means an ancillary service of separately stating information pertaining to individual calls on a customer’s billing statement.

*“Directory assistance”* means an ancillary service of providing telephone number information and address information.

*“End user”* means the person who utilizes the telecommunication service. In the case of an entity, “end user” means the individual who utilizes the service on behalf of the entity.

*“Fixed wireless service”* means a telecommunication service that provides radio communication between fixed points.

*“Gross receipts from the sale of telecommunication service”* or *“gross receipts”* means all charges to any person which are necessary for the end user to secure the service, except those charges which are in the nature of a sale for resale (see subrule 217.4(9)). Such charges shall be taxable if the charges are necessary to secure telecommunication service in this state even though payment of the charge may also be necessary to secure other services.

*“Home service provider”* means the same as defined in Section 124(5) of Public Law 106-252, 4 U.S.C. § 124(5) (Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act). The home service provider is the facilities-based carrier or reseller with which the customer contracts for the provision of mobile telecommunication services.

*“International”* means a telecommunication service that originates or terminates in the United States and terminates or originates outside the United States, respectively. United States includes the District of Columbia or a U.S. territory or possession.

*“Interstate”* means a telecommunication service that originates in one United States state or a United States territory or possession and terminates in a different United States state or a United States territory or possession.

*“In this state”* means that telecommunication service is provided “in this state” only if both the points of origination and termination of the communication are within the borders of Iowa. Telecommunication service between any other points is “interstate” in nature and not subject to tax.

*“Intrastate”* means a telecommunication service that originates in one United States state or a United States territory or possession and terminates in the same United States state or a United States territory or possession.

*“Mobile telecommunication service”* means the same as that term is defined in Section 124(7) of Public Law 106-252, 4 U.S.C. §124(7) (Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act) and is a radio communication service carried on between mobile stations or receivers and land stations and by mobile stations communicating among themselves. Refer also to Iowa Code section 423.2(9) as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 515, section 5.

*“Mobile wireless service”* means a telecommunication service that is transmitted, conveyed, or routed regardless of the technology used, whereby the origination or termination point or both of the transmission, conveyance, or routing are not fixed, including, by example only, telecommunication services that are provided by a commercial mobile radio service provider.

*“Paging service”* means a telecommunication service that provides transmission of coded radio signals for the purpose of activating specific pagers. This transmission may include messages and sounds.

*“Pay telephone service”* means a telecommunication service provided through any pay telephone. “Pay telephone service” also includes coin-operated telephone service paid for by inserting money into a telephone accepting direct deposits of money to operate.

*“Place of primary use”* means the street address representative of where the customer’s use of the telecommunication service primarily occurs, which must be the residential street address or the primary business street address of the customer. In the case of mobile telecommunication service, the place of primary use must be within the licensed service area of the home service provider.

*“Postpaid calling service”* means the telecommunication service obtained by making a payment on a call-by-call basis, either through use of a credit card or payment mechanism such as a bank card, travel card, credit card or debit card, or by charge made to a telephone number which is not associated with the origination or termination of the telecommunication service. A postpaid calling service includes a telecommunication service, except a prepaid wireless calling service that would be a prepaid calling service except it is not exclusively a telecommunication service.

*“Prepaid calling service”* means the right to access exclusively telecommunication services, which must be paid for in advance and which enable the origination of calls using an access number or authorization code, whether manually or electronically dialed, that are sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount.

*“Prepaid wireless calling service”* means a telecommunication service that provides the right to utilize mobile wireless service as well as other non-telecommunication services, including the download of digital products delivered electronically, content and ancillary services, which must be paid for in advance and that is sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount.

*“Private communication service”* means a telecommunication service that entitles the customer to exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or group of channels between or among termination points, regardless of the manner in which such channel or channels are connected, and includes switching capacity, extension lines, stations, and any other associated services that are provided in connection with the use of such channel or channels.

*“Residential telecommunication service”* means telecommunication services or ancillary services provided to an individual for personal use at a residential address, including an individual dwelling unit, such as an apartment. In the case of institutions where individuals reside, such as schools or nursing homes, telecommunication services are considered residential if they are provided to and paid for by an individual resident rather than the institution.

*“Service address”* means:

1. The location of the telecommunication equipment to which a customer’s call is charged and from which the call originates or terminates, regardless of where the call is billed or paid.

2. If the location in numbered paragraph “1” is not known, “service address” means the origination point of the signal of the telecommunication service first identified by either the seller’s telecommunication system or in information received by the seller from its service provider, where the system used to transport such signals is not that of the seller.

3. If the locations in numbered paragraphs “1” and “2” are not known, the service address means the location of the customer’s place of primary use.

*“Telecommunication service”* means the electronic transmission, conveyance, or routing of voice, data, audio, video, or any other information or signals to a point, or between or among points. The term includes any transmission, conveyance, or routing in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, code, or protocol of the content for purposes of transmission, conveyance, or routing without regard to whether such service is referred to as voice-over Internet protocol services or is classified by the Federal Communications Commission as enhanced or value-added. “Telecommunication service” does not include the following:

1. Data processing and information services that allow data to be generated, acquired, stored, processed, or retrieved and delivered by an electronic transmission to a purchaser where the purchaser’s primary purpose for the underlying transaction is the processed data or information;

2. Installation or maintenance of wiring or equipment on a customer’s premises;

3. Tangible personal property;

4. Advertising, including but not limited to directory advertising;

5. Billing and collection services provided to third parties;

6. Internet access service;

7. Radio and television audio and video programming services, regardless of the medium, including the furnishing of transmission, conveyance, or routing of the service by the programming service provider. Radio and television audio and video programming services shall include, but not be limited to, cable service as defined in 47 U.S.C. §522.6 and audio and video programming services delivered by a commercial mobile radio service provider, as defined in 47 CFR 20.3;

8. Ancillary services;

9. Digital products delivered electronically, including but not limited to software, music, video, reading materials or ring tones.

*“Value-added non-voice data service”* means a service that otherwise meets the definition of telecommunication service in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, content, code, or protocol of the information or data primarily for a purpose other than transmission, conveyance, or routing.

“*Vertical service*” means an ancillary service that is offered in connection with one or more telecommunication services, which offers advanced calling features that allow customers to identify callers and to manage multiple calls and call connections. Nonexclusive examples of vertical service include call forwarding, caller ID, three-way calling, and conference bridging services.

“*Voice mail service*” means an ancillary service that enables the customer to store, send, or receive recorded messages. Voice mail service does not include any vertical services that the customer may be required to have in order to utilize the voice mail service.

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#### **701—217.3(423) Imposition of tax.**

**217.3(1) *Taxable telecommunication service and ancillary service.*** The gross receipts from the sale of telecommunication service and ancillary service are subject to the sales or use tax. The following is a nonexclusive list of telecommunication services subject to the Iowa sales and use tax:

- a. Air-to-ground radio telephone service;
- b. Ancillary services except detailed communications billing service;
- c. Conference bridging service;
- d. Fixed wireless service;
- e. Mobile wireless service;
- f. Pay telephone service;
- g. Postpaid calling service;
- h. Prepaid calling service;
- i. Prepaid wireless calling service;
- j. Private communication service;
- k. Residential telecommunication service.

**217.3(2) *Other taxable services and circumstances.*** The following is a description of services and circumstances under which certain charges associated with telecommunication service are subject to tax:

a. *Long distance charges.* Charges imposed or approved by the utilities division of the department of commerce which are necessary to secure long distance service in this state, for example, “end user intrastate access charges,” are taxable. These charges are taxable whether they result from an expense incurred from operations or are imposed by the mandate of the utilities division and unrelated to any expense actually incurred in providing the service.

b. *Gross receipts from services performed by another company.* Gross receipts collected by a company (selling company) from the end users of telecommunication services and ancillary services performed in this state by another company (providing company) are considered to be the taxable gross receipts of the selling company. The situation is similar to a consignment sale of tangible personal property. Tax must be remitted by the selling company.

c. *Directory assistance.* Charges for directory assistance service rendered in this state are subject to tax.

d. *Electrical installation and repair.* The gross receipts from the installation or repair of any inside wire that provides electrical current that allows an electronic device to function are subject to tax. These gross receipts are from the enumerated service of electrical repair or installation. The gross receipts from “inside wire maintenance charges” for services performed under a service or warranty contract are also subject to tax. Depending upon the circumstances, these gross receipts are for the enumerated service of “electrical repair” or are incurred under an “optional service or warranty contract” for an enumerated service. In either event, the receipts are subject to tax.

e. *Electrical installation or repair: billing methodology.* The gross receipts for the repair or installation of inside wire or the repair or installation of any electronic device, including a telephone or telephone switching equipment, are subject to tax regardless of the method used to bill the customer for the service. These methods include but are not limited to:

- (1) A flat fee or a flat hourly charge that covers all costs including labor and materials;
- (2) A premises visit or trip charge;

- (3) A single charge covering and not distinguishing between charges for labor and materials;
- (4) A charge with labor and material segregated; or
- (5) A charge for labor only.

*f. Nonitemized taxes and charges.* Any federal taxes or charges that are not separately stated or billed are subject to Iowa sales tax.

*g. Rental of tangible personal property.* The gross receipts from the rental of any device for home or office use or to provide a telecommunication service to others are taxable as the rental of tangible personal property. The gross receipts from rental include rents, royalties, and copyright and license fees. Any periodic fee for maintenance of the device which is included in the gross receipts for the rental of the device is also subject to tax.

*h. Sales of tangible personal property.* The sale of any device, new or used, is subject to tax both when the device is in place on the customer's premises at the time of the sale and if the device is sold to the customer elsewhere. The sale of an entire inventory of devices may or may not be subject to tax, depending upon whether it qualifies for the casual sales exemption. See Iowa Code section 423.3. Other exemptions may be applicable as well.

*i. Mandatory charges or fees.* Any mandatory handling or other charges billed to a customer for sending the customer an electronic device by mail or by a delivery service are subject to tax. Charges for a mandatory service rendered in connection with the sale of tangible personal property are considered by the department to be a part of the gross receipts from the sale of the property itself and therefore subject to tax.

*j. Deposits.* Any portion of a deposit utilized by a company as payment for the sale of tangible personal property or a taxable service is subject to tax as part of gross receipts.

*k. Municipal utilities.* Sales of telecommunication service and ancillary service to any tax-levying body used by or in connection with the operation of any municipally owned utility engaged in selling gas, electricity or heat to the general public are subject to tax. These sales are an exception to the exemption for federal and state government. See subrule 217.4(5).

*l. Fax.* The service of sending or receiving any document commonly referred to as a "fax" from one point to another within this state is subject to sales tax.

**EXAMPLE A.** Klear Kopy Services is located in Des Moines, Iowa. Klear Kopy charges a customer \$2 to transmit a fax (via Klear Kopy's fax machine) to Dubuque, Iowa. The \$2 is taxable gross receipts. Midwest Telephone Company charges Klear Kopy \$500 per month for the intrastate communication service on Klear Kopy's dedicated fax line. The \$500 is also gross receipts from a taxable communication service.

**EXAMPLE B.** The XYZ Law Firm is located in Des Moines, Iowa. The firm owns a fax machine and uses the fax machine in the performance of its legal work to transmit and receive various documents. The firm does not perform faxing services but will, on billings for legal services to clients, separately state the amount of a billing which is attributable to expenses for faxing. For example, "bill to John Smith for August 1997, \$1,000 for legal services performed, fax expenses which are part of this billing—\$30." The \$30 is not gross receipts for the performance of any taxable service because the faxing service is only incidental to the performance of the nontaxable legal services.

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**701—217.4(423) Exempt from the tax.** This rule provides various specific circumstances involving nontaxable telecommunication service and ancillary service. The following is a nonexclusive list of services that are not subject to the Iowa sales and use tax:

**217.4(1)** Detailed communications billing service.

**217.4(2)** Internet access fees or charges.

**217.4(3)** Value-added non-voice data service.

**217.4(4)** Separately stated and separately billed charges. Fees and charges that are separately stated and billed are exempt from the sales and use tax. This exemption includes the following items when separately stated and billed:

- a. Fees and charges for securing only interstate telecommunication services.
- b. Federal taxes.
- c. Fees and charges for only interstate directory assistance.

**217.4(5)** Government entities. Sales of telecommunication service and ancillary service to the United States government or its agencies or to the state of Iowa or its agencies are not subject to sales or use tax. This exemption includes sales made to all divisions, boards, commissions, agencies or instrumentalities of federal, Iowa, county or municipal government. In order to be a sale to the United States government or to the state of Iowa, the government or agency involved must make the purchase of the services and pay the purchase price of the services directly to the vendor. Telecommunication service providers should obtain an exemption certificate from each agency for their records. An exception to this exemption is sales to any tax-levying body used by or in connection with the operation of any municipally owned utility engaged in selling gas, electricity or heat to the general public; such sales are subject to tax.

**217.4(6)** Private nonprofit educational institutions. Sales of telecommunication service and ancillary service to private, nonprofit educational institutions in this state for educational purposes are exempt from tax.

**217.4(7)** 911 surcharge. A 911 emergency telephone service surcharge is a surcharge for a service which routes a 911 call to the appropriate public safety answering point and automatically displays a name, address, and telephone number of an incoming 911 call at that answering point. A surcharge for 911 emergency telephone service is not subject to sales tax if:

- a. The amount is no more than \$1 per month per telephone access line; and
- b. The surcharge is separately identified and separately billed.

**217.4(8)** Return of deposit. The return to the customer of any portion of a deposit amount paid by that customer to a company providing telecommunication service is not subject to tax.

**217.4(9)** Resale exemption. Services or facilities furnished by one telecommunication company to another commercial telecommunication company that the second telecommunication company then furnishes to its customers qualify for the resale exemption under Iowa Code section 423.3(2), including any carrier access charges.

**217.4(10)** Online services. Any contracted online service is exempt from tax if the information is made available through a computer server. The exemption applies to all contracted online services, as long as they provide access to information through a computer server.

**217.4(11)** New construction. The repair or installation of inside wire or the repair or installation of any electronic device, including a telephone or telephone switching equipment, that is performed as part of or in connection with new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion or remodeling of a building or structure is exempt from Iowa tax. For more information about the exemptions for new construction, see 701—Chapter 219.

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#### **701—217.5(423) Bundled transactions in telecommunication service.**

**217.5(1)** A “bundled transaction” is the retail sale of two or more products where:

- a. The products are otherwise distinct and identifiable; and
- b. The products are sold for one nonitemized price.

A bundled transaction does not include the sale of any products for which the sales price varies or is negotiable based on the purchaser’s selection of the products included in the transaction.

**217.5(2)** In the case of a bundled transaction that includes telecommunication service, ancillary service, Internet access, or audio or video programming service, either separately or in combination:

- a. If the price is attributable to products that are taxable and products that are nontaxable, the portion of the price attributable to the nontaxable products will be subject to tax unless the provider can identify by reasonable and verifiable standards the portion from the provider’s books and records that are kept in the regular course of business for other purposes, including, but not limited to, nontax purposes.

*b.* If the price is attributable to products that are subject to tax at different tax rates, the total price may be treated as attributable to the products subject to tax at the highest tax rate unless the provider can identify by reasonable and verifiable standards the portion of the price attributable to the products subject to tax at the lower rate from the provider's books and records that are kept in the regular course of business for other purposes, including, but not limited to, nontax purposes.

**217.5(3)** The provisions of this rule apply unless otherwise provided by federal law.  
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**701—217.6(423) Sourcing telecommunication service.**

**217.6(1)** The general sourcing principles found in Iowa Code section 423.15 apply to telecommunication services and ancillary services unless the service falls under one of the exceptions set forth in subrule 217.6(2).

**217.6(2) Exceptions.** The following telecommunication services and products are sourced as follows:

*a.* Mobile telecommunication service is sourced to the place of primary use, unless the service is prepaid wireless calling service.

*b.* The sale of prepaid calling service or prepaid wireless calling service is sourced as provided under Iowa Code section 423.15. However, in the case of prepaid wireless calling service, Iowa Code section 423.15(1) "e" shall include as an option the location associated with the mobile telephone number.

EXAMPLE 1: An Iowa seller sells a prepaid wireless service airtime card to a consumer at an Iowa retail location. The sale of the prepaid wireless service will be sourced to Iowa.

EXAMPLE 2: An Iowa resident purchases a prepaid wireless service airtime card at a Nebraska retail location. The sale of the prepaid wireless service will be sourced to Nebraska.

EXAMPLE 3: An Iowa consumer with an Iowa billing and mailing address purchases prepaid wireless service through a retailer's website. No items are delivered. The sale would be sourced to the consumer's Iowa billing address.

EXAMPLE 4: A seller based in California uses a website to sell prepaid wireless services to consumers in a number of states. A consumer with an Iowa billing address and a Nebraska mailing address purchases prepaid wireless service from the seller's website. The consumer already owns a prepaid wireless phone; therefore, no item is delivered. Since there is no in-person transaction, and no item delivered, the sale would be sourced to the consumer's billing address in Iowa.

EXAMPLE 5: A seller based in California uses a website to sell prepaid wireless services to consumers in a number of states. A consumer with an Iowa mailing address and a Florida billing address purchases a prepaid wireless phone and 100 minutes of prepaid wireless service from the California seller. The prepaid wireless phone is shipped to the Iowa mailing address. The sale would be sourced to Iowa.

EXAMPLE 6: A consumer who is currently living in Iowa to attend a local university orders prepaid wireless service from a California seller through the seller's website. No items are delivered. The consumer uses a Nebraska billing address. The sale would be sourced to Nebraska.

*c.* A sale of a private telecommunication service is sourced as follows:

(1) Service for a separate charge related to a customer channel termination point is sourced to each level of jurisdiction in which the customer channel termination point is located.

(2) Service where all customer termination points are located entirely within one jurisdiction or levels of jurisdiction is sourced in the jurisdiction in which the customer channel termination points are located.

(3) Service for segments of a channel between two customer channel termination points located in different jurisdictions and which segments of channel are separately charged is sourced 50 percent in each level of jurisdiction in which the customer channel termination points are located.

(4) Service for segments of a channel located in more than one jurisdiction or levels of jurisdiction and which segments are not separately billed is sourced in each jurisdiction based on the percentage determined by dividing the number of customer channel termination points in the jurisdiction by the total number of customer channel termination points.

*d.* The sale of Internet access service is sourced to the customer's place of primary use.

- e.* The sale of an ancillary service is sourced to the customer's place of primary use.
- f.* A postpaid calling service is sourced to the origination point of the telecommunication signal as first identified by either:
  - (1) The seller's telecommunication system; or
  - (2) Information received by the seller from its service provider, where the system used to transport the signals is not that of the seller.
- g.* The sale of telecommunication service sold on a call-by-call basis is sourced to:
  - (1) Each level of taxing jurisdiction where the call originates and terminates in that jurisdiction; or
  - (2) Each level of taxing jurisdiction where the call either originates or terminates and in which the service address is also located.
- h.* The sale of telecommunication service sold on a basis other than a call-by-call basis is sourced to the customer's place of primary use.
- i.* The sale of the following telecommunication services is sourced to each level of taxing jurisdiction as follows:
  - (1) A sale of mobile telecommunication service, other than prepaid calling service, is sourced to the customer's place of primary use as required by the federal Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act.
  - (2) A sale of postpaid calling service is sourced to the origination point of the telecommunication signal as first identified by either the seller's telecommunication system or information received by the seller from its service provider, where the system used to transport such signals is not that of the seller. [ARC 9814B, IAB 10/19/11, effective 11/23/11; ARC 0527C, IAB 12/12/12, effective 1/16/13; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

**701—217.7(423) General billing issues.** This rule is specifically applicable to companies and other persons providing telecommunication service and ancillary service in this state.

**217.7(1) Retailers liable for collecting and remitting tax.** Retailers that sell taxable telecommunication service and ancillary service are liable for collecting and remitting the state sales or use tax and any applicable local sales tax on the amounts of the sales.

**217.7(2) Billing date and tax period.** Companies that bill their subscribers for telecommunication service on a quarterly, semiannual, annual, or any other periodic basis must include the amount of those billings in their gross receipts. The date of the billing determines the period for which sales tax is remitted. For example, if the date of a billing is March 31, and the due date for payment of the bill without penalty is April 20, tax upon the gross receipts contained in the bill must be included in the sales tax return for the first quarter of the year. The same principle must be used to determine when tax will be included in payment of a sales tax deposit to the department.

**217.7(3) Permitting business offices.** All companies must have a permit for each business office that provides telecommunication service in this state. The companies must collect and remit tax upon the gross receipts from the operation of those offices.

**217.7(4) Credit.** A taxpayer subject to sales or use tax on telecommunication service and ancillary service who has paid any legally imposed sales or use tax on such service to another jurisdiction outside the state of Iowa is allowed a credit against the sales or use tax imposed by the state of Iowa equal to the sales or use tax paid to the other taxing jurisdiction(s).

**217.7(5) Direct pay permit not applicable to telecommunication services.** The department may issue a direct pay permit that allows the holder to purchase tangible personal property or taxable services without payment of the tax to the seller. However, a direct pay permit holder cannot use the direct pay permit for the purchase of telecommunication services and ancillary services. The seller must charge and collect the sales or use tax from the purchaser on the taxable sales of telecommunication services and ancillary services.

**217.7(6) Guaranteed amounts for coin-operated telephones.** If a minimum amount is guaranteed to a company from the operation of any coin-operated telephone, tax is computed on the greater of the minimum amount guaranteed or the actual taxable gross receipts collected.

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**701—217.8(34A) Prepaid wireless 911 surcharge.**

**217.8(1) Definitions.** The definitions in 701—217.2(423) apply to this rule. The following definitions are also applicable to this rule.

“*Consumer*” means a person who purchases prepaid wireless telecommunications service in a retail transaction.

“*Department*” means the department of revenue.

“*Prepaid wireless 911 surcharge*” means the surcharge that is required to be collected by a seller from a consumer in the amount established under this rule.

“*Provider*” means a person who provides prepaid wireless telecommunications service pursuant to a license issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

“*Retail transaction*” means the purchase of prepaid wireless telecommunications service from a seller for any purpose other than resale. If more than one separately priced item of prepaid wireless calling service is purchased by an end user, each item purchased shall be deemed to be a separate retail transaction.

Items of prepaid wireless calling service include, but are not limited to, prepaid wireless phones, prepaid wireless phone calling cards, rechargeable prepaid wireless phones, rechargeable prepaid wireless phone calling cards, and prepaid wireless service plans.

EXAMPLE 1: If a seller sells two prepaid wireless phone calling cards, two retail transactions have occurred.

EXAMPLE 2: If a seller sells additional minutes for a rechargeable prepaid wireless phone calling card that was purchased at an earlier date, a retail transaction has occurred.

EXAMPLE 3: If a seller sells three separate one-month service plans to a consumer during one sale, three retail transactions have occurred.

EXAMPLE 4: If the consumer has the ability to purchase additional minutes directly from a prepaid wireless phone, each time minutes are purchased, a retail transaction occurs.

“*Seller*” means a person that sells prepaid wireless telecommunications service to another person.

**217.8(2) Registration.** Each seller that sells prepaid wireless service must register according to the procedures established by the department. The department will make information regarding the procedures available to the public.

**217.8(3) Collecting, filing, and remitting.**

*a.* Each seller is responsible for collecting the applicable 911 surcharge from the consumer with respect to each retail transaction occurring in this state. A seller may determine whether the transaction occurs in this state by referring to the department rules on the sourcing of sales of prepaid wireless telecommunications service located in paragraph 217.6(2) “*b.*” See also Iowa Code sections 34A.7B(4), 423.20 and 423.15.

*b.* The surcharge must be separately itemized on the invoice, receipt or other similar document, or otherwise disclosed to the consumer.

*c.* The prepaid wireless 911 surcharge is the liability of the consumer and not of the seller or any provider, except that the seller shall be liable to remit all prepaid wireless 911 surcharges that the seller collects from consumers as provided in paragraph 217.8(3) “*a.*,” including all such surcharges that the seller is deemed to collect where the amount of the surcharge has not been separately stated on an invoice, receipt, or similar document provided to the consumer by the seller.

*d.* The amount of the prepaid wireless 911 surcharge that is collected by a seller from a consumer, if such amount is separately stated on an invoice, receipt, or other similar document provided to the consumer by the seller, shall not be included in the base for measuring any tax, fee, other surcharge, or other charge that is imposed by this state, any political subdivision of this state, or any intergovernmental agency.

*e.* The seller must complete a 911 Surcharge Schedule and the surcharge portion of the Iowa Sales Tax and Surcharge Return or Iowa Retailer’s Use Tax and Surcharge Return and file the information with the department.

*f.* The schedule, return and the collected surcharge are due at the times provided by Iowa Code chapter 423 with respect to the sales and use tax.

g. The seller may deduct and retain 3 percent of prepaid wireless 911 surcharges that are collected by the seller from consumers.

h. The seller is not required to collect the surcharge if a minimal amount of prepaid wireless telecommunications service is sold in conjunction with a prepaid wireless device for a single, nonitemized price. A minimal amount of service is any service denominated as \$5 or less or ten minutes or less.

EXAMPLE: If a seller sells a prepaid wireless phone that comes with 10 minutes of service, and the price of the service is not itemized, the seller is not required to collect the surcharge. But if the seller sells a prepaid wireless phone with 15 minutes of service, the seller must collect the surcharge, regardless of whether the price of the service is itemized.

**217.8(4) *Audit, appeal, and enforcement.***

a. The audit and appeal procedures applicable to sales and use tax under Iowa Code chapter 423 shall apply to the prepaid wireless 911 surcharge. See also Iowa Code sections 421.10 and 421.60.

b. Pursuant to the authority established in Iowa Code chapter 423, the department shall have the power to assess the seller for penalty and interest on any past due surcharge and exercise any other enforcement powers established in Iowa Code chapter 423. See also Iowa Code sections 421.7 and 421.27.

c. The seller shall maintain, and shall make available to the department for inspection for three years, its books and records in a manner that will permit the department to determine whether the seller has complied with or is complying with the provisions of Iowa Code section 34A.7B.

**217.8(5) *Procedures for documenting that a sale is not a retail transaction.*** The procedures for establishing that a sale of prepaid wireless telecommunications service is not a sale is similar to the procedure for documenting sale for resale transactions under Iowa Code chapter 423.

**217.8(6) *Procedures for remitting the surcharge to the treasurer.*** The department shall transfer all remitted prepaid wireless 911 surcharges to the treasurer of state for deposit in the 911 emergency communications fund created under Iowa Code section 34A.7A(2) within 30 days of receipt of the 911 surcharge from sellers. Prior to remitting the surcharges to the treasurer, the department shall deduct and retain an amount, not to exceed 2 percent of collected surcharges, to reimburse the department's direct costs of administering the collection and remittance of prepaid wireless 911 surcharges.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 34A.7B.

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**701—217.9(423) State sales tax exemption for central office equipment and transmission equipment.** Effective July 1, 2012, central office equipment and transmission equipment primarily used in the furnishing of telecommunications services on a commercial basis are exempt when used by the following providers: local exchange carriers and competitive local exchange service providers as defined in Iowa Code section 476.96; franchised cable television operators, mutual companies, municipal utilities, cooperatives, and companies furnishing communications services that are not subject to rate regulation as provided in Iowa Code chapter 476; long distance companies as defined in Iowa Code section 477.10; or for a commercial mobile radio service as defined in 47 CFR §20.3. The exemption was phased in beginning in 2006 according to the schedule described in subrule 217.9(2).

**217.9(1) *Definitions.***

“*Central office equipment*” means equipment utilized in the initiating, processing, amplifying, switching, or monitoring of telecommunications services including ancillary equipment and apparatus which support, regulate, control, repair, test, or enable such equipment to accomplish its function. Central office equipment includes:

1. Stored program control digital switches and their associated equipment used to switch or route communication signals with a system from the origination point to the appropriate destination.
2. Peripheral equipment used to support the transmission of communications over the network such as emergency power equipment, fault alarm equipment, multiplex equipment, digital cross

connects, terminating equipment, fiber optic electronics, communication hardware equipment, and test equipment.

3. Circuit equipment which utilizes the message path to carry signaling information or which utilizes separate channels between switching offices to transmit signaling information independent of the subscribers' communication paths or transmission channels.

4. Radio equipment including radio-transmitters and receivers utilized to transmit communication signals through the air from one location to another. Radio equipment also includes repeaters, which are located every 20 to 30 miles; at these points, radio signals are received, amplified and retransmitted.

*"Transmission equipment"* means equipment utilized in the process of sending information from one location to another location. Transmission equipment includes ancillary equipment and apparatus which support, regulate, control, repair, test, or enable such equipment to accomplish its function.

**217.9(2) Schedule for phase-in of exemption.** This exemption was phased-in beginning in 2006 according to the following schedule:

a. If the sale or rental occurs on or after July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, one-seventh of the state tax on the sales price shall be refunded.

b. If the sale or rental occurs on or after July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, two-sevenths of the state tax on the sales price shall be refunded.

c. If the sale or rental occurs on or after July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, three-sevenths of the state tax on the sales price shall be refunded.

d. If the sale or rental occurs on or after July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, four-sevenths of the state tax on the sales price shall be refunded.

e. If the sale or rental occurs on or after July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, five-sevenths of the state tax on the sales price shall be refunded.

f. If the sale or rental occurs on or after July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, six-sevenths of the state tax on the sales price shall be refunded.

g. If the sale or rental occurs on or after July 1, 2012, the sales price is exempt and no payment of tax and subsequent refund are required.

**217.9(3) Refund claims.** For sales or rental occurring on or after July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2012, a refund of the tax paid as provided in subrule 217.9(2) must be applied for, not later than six months after the month in which the sale or rental occurred, in the manner and on the forms provided by the department. Refunds shall only be of the state tax collected. Refunds authorized shall accrue interest at the rate in effect under Iowa Code section 421.7 from the first day of the second calendar month following the date the refund claim is received by the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(47A).

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CHAPTER 218  
SERVICES RELATED TO VEHICLES

**701—218.1(423) Armored car.** Persons engaged in the business of either providing armored car service to others or converting a vehicle into an armored car are selling a service subject to sales tax. For purposes of this rule, “armored car” means a wheeled vehicle affording defensive protection by use of a metal covering or other elements of ordinance.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “b.”  
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**701—218.2(423) Vehicle repair.**

**218.2(1) In general.** Persons engaged in the business of repairing vehicles are selling a service subject to sales tax. Rule 701—225.4(423) contains more information on purchases made by auto body shops.

**218.2(2) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

“Repair” includes any type of restoration, renovation or replacement of any motor, engine, working parts, accessories, body, or interior of a vehicle. “Repair” does not include the installation of new parts or accessories, which are not replacements, added to a vehicle.

“Vehicle” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1(90).

**218.2(3) Disposal fees.** Fees charged with the disposal of any item in connection with the performance of this service is subject to sales tax if the disposal fee of the item is not separately contracted for or itemized in the billing of the repair service. If the disposal fee is itemized or separately contracted for, the disposal fee is not subject to sales tax. Items that may be subject to disposal fee include but are not limited to air filters, batteries, oil, or tires.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “c.”  
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**701—218.3(423) Motorcycle, scooter, and bicycle repair.**

**218.3(1) In general.** Persons engaged in the business of repairing motorcycles, scooters, and bicycles are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**218.3(2) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

“Bicycle” includes human-powered bicycles and electric bicycles.

“Motorcycle” includes autocycles.

“Repair” means the same as defined in rule 701—211.1(423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “ag.”  
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**701—218.4(423) Battery, tire, and allied.**

**218.4(1) Batteries in general.** Persons engaged in the business of installing, repairing, maintaining, restoring, or recharging batteries and any services related to or connected therewith are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**218.4(2) Tires in general.** Persons engaged in the business of installing, repairing, or maintaining tires and any services related to or connected therewith are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**218.4(3) Disposal fees.** Disposal fees charged in connection with the performance of the services identified in this rule are subject to sales tax if the disposal fee is not itemized or separately contracted for in the billing for the charge of the service. If the disposal fee charged in connection with the performance of the services identified in this rule are itemized or separately contracted for, then the disposal fee is not subject to sales tax. Items that may be subject to disposal fee include but are not limited to air filters, oil, tires, and batteries.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(6) “d” and 423.2(7) “a”(1).  
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**701—218.5(423) Boat repair.**

**218.5(1)** *In general.* Persons engaged in the business of repairing watercraft are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**218.5(2)** *Definitions.* For purposes of this rule:

“*Repair*” means the same as defined in rule 701—211.1(423).

“*Watercraft*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 462A.2.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*h.*”

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**701—218.6(423) Vehicle wash and wax.**

**218.6(1)** *In general.* Persons engaged in the business of vehicle washing and waxing are selling a service subject to sales tax, whether performed by hand, machine, or coin-operated device. Rule 701—225.7(423) contains more information on purchases of inputs in vehicle wash and wax services.

**218.6(2)** *Definition.* For purposes of this rule:

“*Vehicle*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1(90).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*i.*”

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**701—218.7(423) Wrecker and towing.**

**218.7(1)** *In general.* Persons engaged in the business of towing any vehicle are selling a service subject to sales tax. Included in this are services charges for a person to travel to any place to lift, extricate, tow, or salvage a vehicle.

**218.7(2)** *Definitions.* For purposes of this rule:

“*Towing*” includes any means of pushing, pulling, carrying, or freeing any vehicle from mud, snow, or any other impediment, including any incidental hoisting. “*Towing*” does not include transporting operable vehicles from one location to another when no operative aspect of the vehicle is integral to the transporting.

“*Vehicle*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1(90).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(7) and 423.2(6) “*bn.*”

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**701—218.8(423) Flying service.**

**218.8(1)** *In general.* Persons engaged in the business of teaching a course of instruction in the art of operation and flying of an airplane, and instructions in repairing, renovating, reconditioning an airplane, or any other related service are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**218.8(2)** *Not included.* Flying services do not include those relating to agricultural aerial application, those relating to aerial commercial and chartered transportation services, and those services exempted by rule 701—211.2(423).

**218.8(3)** *Flight instruction charges.* Charges relating to flight instruction can be taxable or nontaxable. Taxable charges include but are not limited to the sales price for the following:

- a. Instructors’ services, ground instruction, and ground school.
- b. Students learning to fly with an instructor and dual flying.
- c. Rental of a plane. Rule 701—211.46(423) contains more information.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “*s.*”

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CHAPTER 219  
SALES AND USE TAX ON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Rules in this chapter include cross references to provisions in 701—Chapters 15 to 20, 21, 26, 30, 32 and 33 that were applicable prior to July 1, 2004. The rules in these chapters have been renumbered and can now be found in the following chapters: Chapter 15 (Chapter 288), Chapter 16 (Chapters 210, 212, 213, 225, and 284), Chapter 17 (Chapter 284), Chapter 18 (Chapter 285), Chapter 19 (Chapter 219), Chapter 20 (Chapter 220), Chapter 26 (Chapter 211), Chapter 30 (Chapter 202), Chapter 32 (Chapter 281), and Chapter 33 (Chapter 282).

**701—219.1(423) General information.** Iowa Code section 423.2(1) imposes a tax upon the sales price from the sales of tangible personal property, consisting of goods, wares or merchandise sold at retail in this state to consumers and users. Also subject to tax are certain enumerated services. Those services relating to the construction industry include carpentry; roof, shingle and glass repair; electrical repair and installation; excavating and grading; house and building moving; laboratory testing; landscaping; machinery operator services; machine repair of all kinds; oilers and lubricators; painting, papering, and interior decorating; pipe fitting and plumbing; wood preparations; termite, bug, roach, and pest eradicators; tin and sheet metal repair; welding; well drilling; and wrecking services. Under Iowa law, contractors are consumers or users of certain tangible personal property. Contractors may also be retailers of tangible personal property and taxable enumerated services. It should be noted that these services are exempt from taxation when performed on or in connection with new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion, or remodeling of a building or structure. The services of a general building contractor, architect or engineer are exempt from tax when performed on or in connection with new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion, or remodeling of a building or structure. For the purposes of this exemption, a structure is defined as that which is artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner and which also has some obvious or apparent functional use or purpose. Nonexclusive examples of structures include buildings; roads, whether paved or otherwise; dikes; drainage ditches; and ponds. See rule 701—219.12(423) relating to structures.

This chapter details the obligation of contractors, contractor-retailers, retailers, and repairpersons to pay or collect sales tax on the sales price from sales of building materials, supplies, equipment, and other tangible personal property and the obligation of these parties to collect tax or claim exemption for their performances of taxable services. How one is classified, whether as a contractor, contractor-retailer, retailer, or repairperson is the basis for determining many of those obligations. It can be very difficult for a person starting a business to determine if that business will be engaged in contracting, retailing, a combination of the two, or providing repair services. However, one status must be chosen. Any reasonable assessment of a new business's status will be honored by the department. A status, once chosen, should not be changed, unless it has become clear from an extended course of dealing that the business has become something other than what it was established to be. For instance, if a business is founded to engage in contracting and purchases construction materials based on the fact that it is a contractor, but the founder must sell construction materials at retail if the business is to survive, and after two years' operation half the revenue is from construction contracts and half from retail sales, then the business has become a contractor-retailer and henceforth should purchase construction materials based on that status. Changing the status of a business from job to job to avoid the obligation to pay or collect tax is not a lawful activity.

Iowa Code section 423.5 imposes a tax that is assessed upon tangible personal property purchased for use in this state and on taxable services which are rendered, furnished or performed in Iowa or where the product or result of such service is used in Iowa. "Use" of tangible personal property in Iowa is defined to mean and include the exercise by any person of any right or power over tangible personal property incident to the ownership of that property.

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**701—219.2(423) Contractors—consumers of building materials, supplies, and equipment by statute.** Iowa Code section 423.2(1) “b” provides that sales of building materials, supplies and equipment to owners, contractors, subcontractors or builders for the erection of buildings or the alteration, repair or improvement of real property are retail sales in whatever quantity sold. This means that a contractor, subcontractor, or builder cannot claim an exemption for resale when purchasing building materials or supplies even if the contractor, subcontractor, or builder later separately itemizes material and labor charges for construction contracts. Building materials and supplies would generally consist of items which are incorporated into real property, lose their identity as tangible personal property and cannot be removed without altering the realty, or which are consumed by the contractor during the performance of the construction contract. See subrules 219.3(1), 219.3(2) and 219.3(3). Building equipment would ordinarily consist of machinery and tools. See subrule 219.3(4). The fact that a contractor, subcontractor or builder holds an Iowa retail sales tax permit and has a tax number does not entitle that person to purchase building materials, supplies and equipment without paying sales tax to the vendor. See rules 701—219.3(423) and 701—219.4(423).

When bidding on a contract, a contractor (general, special or subcontractor) should anticipate that sales or use taxes will increase the cost of materials by the tax unless the sponsor is a designated exempt entity; reference rule 701—219.23(423). The necessary allowance should be made in figuring the bid inasmuch as the contractor will be held responsible for paying the tax on building supplies, materials and equipment. The tax should not be identified as a separate item in the formal bid since the contractor cannot charge sales tax.

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**701—219.3(423) Sales of building materials, supplies, and equipment to contractors, subcontractors, builders or owners.** Suppliers or dealers that sell materials and supplies to contractors, subcontractors, builders or owners are required to collect Iowa sales tax from those persons based upon the sales price from such sales. Reference 701—subrule 219.23(5), which deals with construction contracts with designated exempt entities, for an explanation of one of the few exceptions to this requirement. The fact that a contractor, subcontractor, or builder holds an Iowa retail sales tax permit and has a tax number does not entitle that person to purchase building materials, supplies and equipment without paying sales tax to the vendor. See rules 701—219.2(423) and 701—219.4(423). Materials purchased out of state for use in Iowa are subject to the Iowa use tax which is payable in the quarter that the materials are delivered into the state.

**219.3(1) Building materials.** The term “building materials” as used in this rule means materials used in construction work, and is not limited to materials used in constructing a building with sides and covering. The term may also include any type of materials used for improvement of the premises or anything essential to the completion of a building or structure for the use intended. *State v. James A. Head & Company, Inc.*, 306 So. 2d 5 (Ala. 1974).

**219.3(2) Building supplies.** The term “building supplies” as used in this rule means anything that is furnished for and used directly in the carrying on of the work of an owner, contractor, subcontractor or builder and which is used or consumed by the contractor. Such items do not have to enter into and become a physical part of the structure like building materials, but they do become as much a part of the structure as the labor which is performed on it. *United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. v. Feenaughty Machinery Co.*, 85 P.2d 1085, 197 Wash. 569.

**219.3(3) Typical items.** While not intended to be inclusive, the following is a list of typical items regarded as building materials and supplies:

- Asphalt
- Bricks
- Builders’ hardware
- Caulking material
- Cement
- Central air conditioning
- Cleaning compounds



Conduit  
Doors  
Ducts  
Electric wiring, connections, and switching devices  
Fencing materials  
Flooring<sup>1</sup>  
Glass  
Gravel  
Insulation  
Lath  
Lead  
Lighting fixtures  
Lime  
Linoleum<sup>1</sup>  
Lubricants  
Lumber  
Macadam  
Millwork  
Modular and mobile homes  
Mortar  
Oil  
Paint  
Paper  
Piping, valves, and pipe fittings  
Plaster  
Plates and rods used to anchor masonry foundations  
Plumbing supplies  
Polyethylene covers  
Power poles, towers, and lines  
Putty  
Reinforcing mesh  
Rock salt  
Roofing  
Rope  
Sand  
Sheet metal  
Steel  
Stone  
Stucco  
Tile  
Wallboard  
Wall coping  
Water conditioners  
Weather stripping  
Windows  
Window screens  
Wire netting and screen  
Wood preserver

**219.3(4)** *Building equipment.* The term “building equipment” as used in this rule means any vehicle, machine, tool, implement or other device used by a contractor in erecting structures for others, or reconstructing, altering, expanding or remodeling property of others which does not become a physical component part of the property upon which work is performed, and which is not necessarily

consumed in the performance of such work. “Building equipment” includes, but is not limited to, such items as:

- Compressors
- Drill presses
- Electric generators
- Forms
- Hand tools
- Lathes
- Replacement parts for equipment
- Scaffolds
- Tools
- Vehicles including grading, lifting and excavating vehicles

Construction equipment purchased by a contractor which is intended for use in the performance of an Iowa construction contract is subject to the Iowa sales or use tax. Equipment which is rented for use on or in connection with an Iowa construction contract would normally be rented subject to tax. See rule 701—219.21(423) for an explanation of the existing exemption in favor of rented machinery used by a contractor on a job site.

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<sup>1</sup> Floor coverings which are shaped to fit a particular room or area and which are attached to the supporting floor with cement, tacks or tack strips or by some other method making a permanent attachment are considered to be building materials. Reference rule 701—16.48(422,423) for an exception concerning carpeting. Carpeting (whether attached to the floor or not) is not treated as a building material for the purposes of this chapter. Rugs, mats and linoleum types of floor coverings which are not attached but which are simply laid on finished floors are also not considered to be building materials.

**701—219.4(423) Contractors, subcontractors or builders who are retailers.** In some instances, contractors, subcontractors and builders are in a dual business which includes reselling to the general public on a recurring “over-the-counter” basis the same type of building materials and supplies which are used by the contractors, subcontractors and builders in their own construction work. A person operating in such a manner is referred to in this rule as a contractor-retailer. Any person who is engaged in the performance of construction contracts and who also sells building materials or other items at retail is obligated to examine the person’s business and determine if it is that of a contractor or a contractor-retailer. A sale by a contractor-retailer of building materials, supplies and equipment which does not provide for installation of the merchandise sold is considered a retail sale and subject to sales tax. Conversely, a sale by a contractor-retailer of building supplies, materials and equipment which provides for installation of the merchandise is considered a construction contract and tax shall be paid by the contractor-retailer based upon the cost of materials at the time the materials are withdrawn from inventory for use in a construction contract performed in Iowa. When a contractor-retailer does repair work, the contractor-retailer is acting as a retailer and not a contractor and must collect tax on the sales price charged for materials used in the repair and on the sales price charged for any labor used in the repair which is a taxable service or on the entire charge if materials and labor are not separately invoiced. Reference rule 701—285.31(422,423) and rule 701—219.13(423).

The following is a list of the characteristics of the usual contractor-retailer:

1. A contractor-retailer is a business which makes frequent retail sales to the public or to other contractors and also engages in the performance of construction contracts (see rule 701—219.8(423)). In determining whether a business is a contractor-retailer or a retailer only, the department looks to the totality of business activity and not only to one portion of the business’s activity. Thus, the maintenance of a small retail outlet does not automatically transform a contractor-retailer into a retailer, and a large number of retail sales without a retail outlet can qualify a business as a contractor-retailer.
2. A business cannot claim the status of a contractor-retailer unless the business is in possession of a valid sales tax permit to report tax due from retail sales and from withdrawals of materials or supplies from inventory for use in construction contracts.

3. A contractor-retailer must purchase building materials, supplies, and equipment placed in its inventory for resale; the contractor-retailer should not pay sales or use tax to its suppliers for these items. Instead, the contractor-retailer should provide suppliers with valid resale exemption certificates. When a valid certificate is furnished, the vendor is relieved from the responsibility of collecting the tax if the purchaser has demonstrated that the purchaser is a contractor-retailer under the provisions of this rule. Reference rule 701—288.3(423) and rule 701—219.19(423) for a detailed explanation of this matter.

4. A contractor-retailer purchasing construction material which will not be placed in its inventory must purchase that material subject to Iowa sales or use tax. For example, if a contractor-retailer purchases wet concrete for use in a construction project, that purchase is taxable.

5. A contractor-retailer usually has a retail outlet, but if not, frequent sales to individuals or other contractors qualify a business as a contractor-retailer.

6. Contractor-retailers do not pay tax on materials withdrawn from inventory for use in construction projects performed outside Iowa. See Iowa Code section 423.2(1) “b.”

The business records of a contractor-retailer must clearly reflect the use made of items purchased, and the records must be in such form that the director can readily determine that the proper sales and use tax liability is being reported and paid.

The following examples are offered to illustrate the responsibility for paying and remitting sales tax under this rule:

EXAMPLE 1. ABC Company operates a retail outlet that sells lumber and other building materials and supplies. ABC Company is also a contractor which builds residential and commercial structures. ABC Company would be considered a contractor-retailer and would, therefore, purchase all inventory items for resale. Those items which are used in the performance of a construction contract would be subject to tax in the period that they are withdrawn from inventory. The tax would be computed on the cost of the items withdrawn from inventory. Those items which are sold over the counter in the retail outlets would be subject to tax at the time of sale. The tax would be computed on the over-the-counter sales price.

EXAMPLE 2. EFG Company is a mechanical contractor and has no retail outlets. EFG Company rarely sells any of its inventory to other persons or to other contractors. EFG Company would not be considered a contractor-retailer under this rule. However, EFG Company would be considered a contractor and must pay tax to its vendor at the time it purchases any building materials, supplies and equipment. However, on those rare occasions when an inventory item is sold to another person or to another contractor, tax must be collected at the time of sale; therefore, EFG Company should have a sales tax permit. An adjustment can be made to the sales tax report by taking a credit for tax previously paid on the item sold.

EXAMPLE 3. Home Town Construction Company is owned and operated by two individuals in a rural Iowa farming community. They do not have a retail outlet but they frequently make sales of building materials which are in their inventory to local residents. Home Town Construction Company would be a contractor-retailer and could purchase all inventory items for resale. Those items which are used in the performance of a construction contract would be subject to tax in the period they are withdrawn from inventory. The tax would be computed on the cost of the items withdrawn from inventory. Those items which are sold to residents would be subject to the tax at the time of sale. The tax would be computed on the sales price of the items.

EXAMPLE 4. Down Home Construction Company is operated by two individuals in a rural Iowa farming community. They do not have a retail outlet and rarely make sales of building materials from their inventory to local residents. Down Home Construction Company would not be considered a contractor-retailer under this rule. Rather, Down Home Construction Company would be considered a contractor and must pay tax to its vendor at the time it purchases any building materials, supplies and equipment. When sales are made to local residents, tax must be collected at the time of sale; therefore, Down Home Construction Company should have a sales tax permit. However, Down Home Construction Company can adjust its sales tax report by taking a credit for tax paid to its vendor on an item sold to a local resident.

EXAMPLE 5. Intown Home Construction Company places modular homes on slabs or basement foundations; makes electrical, plumbing and other connections; and otherwise prepares the modular homes for sale as real estate. Intown also has a sales tax permit, maintains an inventory of modular homes for sale, and sells homes from the inventory as tangible personal property to owners who later convert the property to real estate. Intown is a contractor-retailer and is obligated to pay or collect sales tax, respectively, at the time a modular home is withdrawn from inventory for use as material in a construction contract or at the time a modular home is withdrawn from inventory for sale to an owner. See rule 701—220.11(423) for an explanation of the basis on which tax is computed.

EXAMPLE 6. Smith's Plumbing has a retail store in Davenport, but it also installs plumbing fixtures and lines in new construction and remodeling projects. Plumbing supplies that are taken from an inventory in Davenport for a new home being built in Rock Island, Illinois, are withdrawn exempt from Iowa sales tax because the construction contract is performed outside Iowa. However, those supplies may be subject to Illinois sales or use tax.

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**701—219.5(423) Building materials, supplies, and equipment used in the performance of construction contracts within and outside Iowa.**

**219.5(1)** The use of building materials, supplies, or equipment in the performance of construction contracts by the manufacturer outside Iowa is not a sale of tangible personal property and, therefore, is not a taxable event. The use of tangible personal property as building materials, supplies, or equipment by the manufacturer in the performance of construction contracts in Iowa is a sale at retail and a taxable event. The tax is computed on the manufacturer's fabricated cost or cost of production. See rule 701—219.6(423) for a characterization of the term manufacturer's "fabricated cost."

**219.5(2)** A contractor-retailer's withdrawal of materials from inventory for use in construction contracts outside this state is not a taxable event.

**219.5(3)** A contractor is a consumer by statute. A contractor's purchase of materials for use in a construction contract is subject to tax whether the materials are purchased for use in construction contracts performed in Iowa or outside this state.

**219.5(4)** A manufacturer's purchase of tangible personal property consumed as building material in the manufacturer's or the manufacturer's subcontractor's performance of construction contracts within Iowa is taxable. The tax is computed on the fabricated cost or cost of production of the materials. See rule 701—219.6(423) for a characterization of the term "fabricated cost." The purchase of tangible personal property consumed by a manufacturer as building material in the manufacturer's or the manufacturer's subcontractor's performance of a construction contract outside Iowa is not subject to tax.

**219.5(5)** Reference rule 701—281.8(423) for an exemption from use tax for building materials, supplies, or equipment purchased outside Iowa, brought into this state, and subsequently used in the performance of a construction contract outside this state.

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**701—219.6(423) Tangible personal property used or consumed by the manufacturer thereof.** When a person who is primarily engaged in the manufacture of building materials, supplies, or equipment for sale and not for the person's own use or consumption, considering the totality of the business, from time to time uses or consumes the building materials, supplies, or equipment for construction purposes, the person is deemed to be making retail sales to one's self and subject to tax on the basis of the fabricated cost of the items so used or consumed for construction purposes. If equipment, building materials, or supplies are used by a manufacturer in the performance of a construction contract, a "sale" occurs only if the equipment, materials, or supplies are used in the performance of a construction contract in Iowa. For purposes of this rule, the term "fabricated cost" means and includes the cost of all materials as well as the cost of labor, power, transportation to the plant, and other plant expenses but not installation on the job site. *Associated General Contractors of Iowa v. State Tax Commission*, 255 Iowa 673, 123 N.W.2d 922 (1963). Also see rule 701—219.4(423) relating to contractors and rule 701—219.5(423) relating to materials, supplies, and equipment used in construction contracts within and outside Iowa.

**701—219.7(423) Prefabricated structures.**

**219.7(1) Basic concepts and general rules.** A “prefabricated structure” is any structure assembled in a factory and capable of transport to the location where it will be used in the performance of a construction contract by placement on a foundation either by the buyer or a designated contractor. The term “prefabricated structure” includes a “modular home” as defined in rule 701—231.11(423), a mobile home whether or not sold subject to the issuance of a certificate of title, “manufactured housing” (reference definition in rule 701—282.10(423)), sectionalized housing, precut housing packages, and panelized construction. With a few major exceptions (see subrule 219.7(2) regarding the “60 percent rule” and reference rule 701—282.10(423) regarding the taxation of manufactured housing while it is real property), the sales and use tax treatment of prefabricated structures generally follows the treatment of construction materials, that is, tax is due when those structures are sold to or used by owners, contractors, subcontractors, or builders. Sales of prefabricated structures which have not been erected on a foundation are considered sales of tangible personal property and thus are taxable at the time of retail sale. The usual basis for computing sales or use tax is the purchase price charged to a consumer or user by the seller of a prefabricated structure. *Custom Built Homes Co. v. Kansas State Commission of Revenue and Taxation*, 184 Kan. 31, 334 P.2d 808 (1959). Sales or use tax is due on the full purchase price when a prefabricated structure is delivered under a contract for sale or sold for use in Iowa. *Dodgen Industries Inc. v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 160 N.W.2d 289 (Iowa 1968).

**219.7(2) Exceptions to the general rules.** There are a number of exceptions to the general rules stated above in 219.7(1). Those exceptions are applicable to modular and mobile homes and manufactured housing. They are explained as follows:

*a. Modular homes.* Only 60 percent of the sales price from the sale of a modular home is subject to Iowa tax. See rule 701—220.11(423). This 60 percent rule is applicable only to a “modular home” as that phrase is defined in rule 701—220.11(423) and not to other types of prefabricated structures which do not meet the definition of the term “modular home” such as sectionalized housing or panelized construction. Also, the 60 percent rule is not applicable to the sale of materials used in the assembly of a modular home, only to the sale of the finished product.

*b. Mobile homes and manufactured housing.* Iowa use tax and not Iowa sales tax is imposed on mobile homes or manufactured housing sold subject to the issuance of a certificate of title, and, similar to 219.7(2)“a” above, use tax is imposed only upon 60 percent of the purchase price of these mobile homes or manufactured housing. Reference rule 701—281.3(423). All mobile homes sold in Iowa or sold outside Iowa for use in this state are sold subject to Iowa use tax, whether sold for placement within or outside a mobile home park; see Iowa Code chapters 423 and 435.

**219.7(3) Tax consequences of sales of modular homes by various parties, some operating in a dual capacity.**

*a.* A retailer (dealer) that is not additionally a contractor or manufacturer of modular homes purchases those homes tax-free from a wholesaler or manufacturer for subsequent resale to contractors or owners. Tax must be collected when the dealer sells the modular home to an owner or contractor.

*b.* A contractor that is not a dealer must pay tax when purchasing a modular home for use in a construction contract or for some other purpose. A contractor’s sale of a modular home to an owner or another contractor is treated as explained in Examples 2 and 4 of rule 701—219.4(423).

*c.* A dealer that is also a contractor will purchase homes tax-free for inclusion in its inventory. Tax is imposed when the dealer withdraws a home from inventory for sale or use in the performance of a construction contract as explained in rule 701—219.4(423).

*d.* A manufacturer that acts as its own dealer and sells its own modular homes at retail to contractors or owners will collect tax on the sales price from its sales of those modular homes to its customers. This situation is in contrast to that described in subrule 701—219.7(4) in which a manufacturer uses its own modular homes in the performance of construction contracts and the tax due is computed on a sum other than the sales price from the sale of a home.

What is stated in this subrule concerning sales of modular homes is generally applicable to the use tax on mobile homes and manufactured housing. However, one distinct difference is that mobile homes and manufactured housing are seldom, if ever, purchased by a dealer for any subsequent use in the

performance of construction contracts. A dealer will often purchase a mobile home or manufactured housing for subsequent resale to a customer as tangible personal property and then will place or install the mobile home or manufactured housing on a site prepared by the customer. This is not the performance of a construction contract (see rule 701—219.8(423)), and the dealer is a retailer who installs tangible personal property and is not a construction contractor.

**219.7(4) *Manufacturers who perform construction contracts.*** When companies whose principal business is the manufacture of prefabricated structures use those structures in the performance of construction contracts, this use is treated as a retail sale of the structures on the manufacturer's part. See rule 701—219.6(423) for a detailed description of the sales tax treatment of this sort of transaction. The 60 percent rule (see 219.7(2) above) is not applicable when calculating the amount of tax owed by a manufacturer.

**219.7(5) *Examples.*** The following examples are intended to illustrate who must collect or remit sales or use tax when a manufacturer sells a modular home to a contractor or owner or acts as a contractor in erecting the home. The incidence of tax depends on several factors, such as the nature of the manufacturer's business, the point of delivery, the contractual agreement for erection and whether or not a sale for resale has occurred.

**EXAMPLE 1.** The manufacturer is located outside Iowa. The manufacturer contracts with an Iowa customer to build a home in the manufacturer's factory. The manufacturer also contracts to completely erect the home, install the furnace, and do electrical and other necessary work to make the home ready for occupancy. The main source of the manufacturer's income relates to on-site construction. The manufacturer has paid a sales tax equal to Iowa tax in its state of residency. The manufacturer would be considered to be performing a construction contract in Iowa and would owe use tax in Iowa; however, a sales tax credit would be allowed for tax paid to the other state.

**EXAMPLE 2.** The manufacturer is located outside Iowa. An Iowa unrelated builder/dealer contracts with the customer for the home and then contracts with the manufacturer for construction, delivery, and installation on the customer's foundation. The manufacturer delivers the home into Iowa on the manufacturer's own truck. The customer, by contractual agreement, is obligated to pay for the home on delivery of the property, so the sale takes place in Iowa. In this situation, the manufacturer is involved in the sale of tangible personal property rather than the sale of real estate and must collect Iowa sales tax on 60 percent of the sales price to the Iowa builder/dealer.

**EXAMPLE 3.** The manufacturer is located outside Iowa. The manufacturer contracts to sell a home to a customer (owner) in Iowa. The manufacturer hires a common carrier to deliver the home to the Iowa customer. The manufacturer has no activity in Iowa that would create a "nexus" requiring the manufacturer to collect Iowa tax. In this situation, the Iowa customer is required to remit use tax on 60 percent of the purchase price of the home.

**EXAMPLE 4.** The manufacturer may be located in Iowa or outside Iowa. The manufacturer sells a home to a dealer in Iowa that will resell the home to the final customer. The manufacturer may deliver the home, or delivery may be made by a common carrier. The manufacturer has no contractual obligation for erection. In this situation, the manufacturer is making a sale for resale and is not required to collect tax. The manufacturer must have a valid resale certificate on file from the dealer. The dealer, if in Iowa, would be required to collect tax when the home is sold.

**EXAMPLE 5.** The manufacturer is located in Iowa. The manufacturer contracts to furnish, deliver, and perform the setup on a home in a state other than Iowa. The manufacturer withdraws the home from inventory and transports the home to the other state for setup. In this situation, the Iowa manufacturer does not owe any Iowa tax because Iowa Code section 423.2(1) "b" exempts building materials and supplies that manufacturers withdraw from inventory for construction outside Iowa.

**EXAMPLE 6.** The manufacturer is located in Iowa. The manufacturer sells a home to an Iowa customer and agrees, under separate contract, to transport the home to the job site and perform the setup. The manufacturer should collect tax on 60 percent of the sales price of the home. The customer also wants a garage. The manufacturer agrees to sell the lumber, nails, and shingles to the customer who would build the garage. This sale would be considered a sale at retail, and the manufacturer should collect tax on the entire sales price of these materials. The same would be true if the manufacturer sold

appliances separate from the sale of the home; sales tax would be due on the entire sales price of the appliances.

EXAMPLE 7. The manufacturer may be located inside or outside Iowa. The manufacturer sells a modular home to a dealer that is a general contractor. The dealer subcontracts the work of placing the home on a foundation to various third parties, which transport the home to its site, excavate for and pour the concrete slab, and perform plumbing, electrical hookup, and all other services which are part of the construction contract for placing the modular home at its location. Since the sale of the modular home is to a dealer that is a contractor, the manufacturer will collect and the dealer will pay tax on 60 percent of the modular home's invoice price.

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**701—219.8(423) Types of construction contracts.** The term “construction contract” is defined as an agreement under the terms of which an individual, corporation, partnership or other entity agrees to furnish the necessary building or structural materials, supplies, equipment or fixtures and to erect the same on the project site for a second party known as a sponsor. Nonexclusive examples of the types of construction contracts include: lump-sum contracts; cost plus contracts; time and material contracts; unit price contracts; guaranteed maximum or upset price contracts; construction management contracts; design built contracts; and turnkey contracts.

The following is a nonexclusive list of activities and items which could fall within the meaning of a construction contract or are generally associated with new construction, reconstruction, alteration, or expansion of a building or structure. The list is provided merely for the purpose of illustration. It should not be used to distinguish machinery and equipment from real property or structures since such a determination is factual. See rules 701—219.11(423) and 701—219.12(423) for details.

- Ash removal equipment (installed as distinguished from portable units)
- Automatic sprinkler systems (fire protection)
- Awnings and venetian blinds which become attached to real property
- Boilers (installed as distinguished from portable units)
- Brick work
- Builder's hardware
- Burglar alarm and fire alarm fixtures
- Caulking materials work
- Cement work
- Central air conditioner installation
- Coal handling equipment (installed as distinguished from portable units)
- Concrete work
- Counters, lockers (installed as distinguished from portable units), and prefabricated cabinets
- Drapery installation
- Electric conduit work and items relating thereto
- Electric distribution lines
- Electric transmission lines
- Floor covering which is permanently installed—see rule 701—213.20(422,423) for an exception to this regarding carpeting
- Flooring work
- Furnaces, heating boilers and heating units
- Glass and glazing work
- Gravel work (excluding landscaping)
- Installation of modular homes on foundations
- Lathing work
- Lead work
- Lighting fixtures
- Lime work
- Lumber and carpenter works

Macadam work  
Millwork installation  
Mortar work  
Oil work  
Paint booths and spray booths (installed as distinguished from portable units)  
Painting work  
Paneling work  
Papering work  
Passenger and freight elevators  
Piping valves and pipe fitting work  
Plastering work  
Plumbing work  
Prefabricated cabinets, counters, and lockers (installed as opposed to portable units)  
Putty work  
Refrigeration units (central plants installation as distinguished from portable units)  
Reinforcing mesh work  
Road construction (concrete, bituminous, gravel, etc.)  
Roofing work  
Sheet metal work  
Sign installation (other than portable sign installation)  
Steel work  
Stone work  
Stucco work  
Tile work—ceiling, floor and walls  
Underground gas mains  
Underground sewage disposal  
Underground water mains  
Vault doors and equipment  
Wallboard work  
Wall coping work  
Wallpaper work  
Water heater and softener installation  
Weather stripping work  
Wire net screen work  
Wood preserving work

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**701—219.9(423) Machinery and equipment sales contracts with installation.** Machinery and equipment sales contracts with installation are transactions which are considered a sale of tangible personal property to a final consumer. Therefore, the individual who sells the equipment with installation must purchase the machinery and equipment tax-free as a purchase for resale. This rule should not be confused with subrule 219.3(3) regarding building equipment. The contract should itemize the sales tax separately. If a contractor wishes to avoid an itemization of sales and use tax on machinery and equipment which remains tangible personal property, the contractor can do so by figuring the tax as a general overhead expense and including a statement in the contract and related invoices that “sales tax is included in the contract price.”

If the sales transaction is one completed out of state and shipped in interstate commerce to a consumer or a user in Iowa, and not otherwise exempt from tax, the final purchaser is required to pay Iowa use tax on the purchase price of the machinery and equipment.

In a “mixed contract” (a construction contract mingled with a machinery and equipment sales contract), the elements of the contract should be separated for sales tax purposes. See rule 701—219.10(423).



Certain services which are enumerated in Iowa Code section 423.2 are subject to tax when performed under a contract for the installation of machinery and equipment which is not done in connection with new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion or remodeling of a building or structure. Reference rule 701—203.6(422,423) relating to installation charges. Examples of the enumerated services are: electrical installation; plumbing; welding; and pipe fitting. Other labor charges for job site installation which do not involve a taxable enumerated service are not subject to tax if the charges are separately contracted or, if no written contract exists, are separately itemized on the billing from the seller to the purchaser.

EXAMPLE. Company B contracts with Company A to furnish and install a portable conveyor unit in Company A's new building. Company B can purchase the portable conveyor unit tax-free because the portable conveyor unit maintains its identity as tangible personal property after installation and does not become a component part of the real property. Company B would then charge tax to Company A on the sale of the portable conveyor unit. Installation charges would be part of the total sales price subject to tax unless they are separately contracted or, if no written contract exists, separately itemized on the billing from Company B to Company A.

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**701—219.10(423) Construction contracts with equipment sales (mixed contracts).** Construction contracts with equipment sales, commonly known as mixed contracts, place a dual burden on the contractor, as a contractor is a consumer of construction materials and also a retailer of the machinery and equipment. As a consumer by statute of construction building materials, supplies, and building equipment, a contractor is required to pay sales tax to the supplier at the time of purchase or remit use tax to the department if purchasing building materials, supplies, and building equipment from an out-of-state supplier. Reference 701—Chapter 202 of the rules regarding use taxes. Machinery and equipment must be purchased for resale by the contractor if the machinery and equipment does not become real property. This means that the contractor does not pay tax to a supplier at the time of purchase of machinery and equipment, but instead, the contractor is responsible for collecting sales tax on the sales price from a sponsor and remitting it to the department.

EXAMPLE. Company A contracts with Company B to have Company B build a new building and install all of the production machinery and equipment for the new building. Company B must pay tax on its purchases of building materials and supplies which lose their identity as tangible personal property and become a component part of the real property. Company B also purchases some refrigeration units for the new building which maintain their identity as tangible personal property. These units must be purchased tax-free by Company B because they will be resold. Company B would then charge Company A the tax on the units which retain their identity as tangible personal property. The installation charges for the units which remain as tangible personal property would be part of the total sales price subject to tax unless they are separately contracted or, if no written contract exists, are separately itemized on the billing from Company B to Company A.

When a mixed construction contract is let for a lump-sum amount, the machinery and equipment furnished and installed shall be considered, for the purposes of this rule only, as being sold by the contractor for an amount equal to the cost of the machinery and equipment.

Persons required to collect sales tax in Iowa under machinery and equipment contracts or a mixed contract are required to have a sales tax or a retailer's use tax permit.

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**701—219.11(423) Distinguishing machinery and equipment from real property.** A construction contract may include many activities, but it does not include a contract for the sale and installation of machinery or equipment. Machinery and equipment includes property that is tangible personal property when it is purchased and remains tangible personal property after installation. Generally, tangible personal property can be moved without causing damage or injury to itself or to the structure, it does not bear the weight of the structure, and it does not in any other manner constitute an integral part of a structure. Manufactured machinery and equipment which does not become permanently annexed to the realty remains tangible personal property after installation.

**219.11(1)** The following is a list of property which, under normal conditions, remains tangible personal property after installation. The list is nonexclusive and is offered for illustrative purposes only:

- a.* Furniture, radio and television sets and antennas, washers and dryers, portable lamps, home freezers, portable appliances and window air-conditioning units.
- b.* Portable items such as casework, tables, counters, cabinets, lockers, athletic and gymnasium equipment and other related easily movable property attached to the structure.
- c.* Machinery, equipment, tools, appliances, and materials used exclusively as such by manufacturers, industrial processors and others performing a processing function with the items.
- d.* Office, bank and savings and loan association furniture and equipment, including office machines.
- e.* Radio, television and cable television station equipment, but not broadcasting towers.
- f.* Certain equipment used by restaurants and in institutional kitchens; for instance, dishwashers, stainless steel wall cabinets, stainless steel natural gas stoves, stainless steel natural gas convection ovens, and combination ovens and steamers with stands. This paragraph is not applicable to similar items used in residential kitchens. See Petition of Taylor Industries Inc. (Dkt No. 94-30-6-0367, 3-14-95).

**219.11(2)** The following is a list of property which, under normal conditions, becomes a part of realty. The list is nonexclusive and is offered for illustrative purposes only:

- a.* Boilers and furnaces.
- b.* Built-in household items such as kitchen cabinets, dishwashers, sinks (including faucets), fans, garbage disposals and incinerators.
- c.* Buildings, and structural and other improvements to buildings, including awnings, canopies, foundations for machinery, floors (including computer room floors), walls, general wiring and lighting facilities, roofs, stairways, stair lifts, sprinkler systems, storm doors and windows, door controls, air curtains, loading platforms, central air-conditioning units, building elevators, sanitation and plumbing systems, decks, and heating, cooling and ventilation systems.
- d.* Fixed (year-round) wharves and docks.
- e.* Improvements to land including patios, retaining walls, roads, walks, bridges, fencing, railway switch tracks, ponds, dams, ditches, wells, underground irrigation systems, drainage, storm and sanitary sewers, and water supply lines for drinking water, sanitary purposes and fire protection. Reference rule 701—285.35(422,423) relating to drainage tile.
- f.* Mobile and modular homes installed on foundations.
- g.* Planted nursery stock.
- h.* Residential water heaters, water softeners, intercoms, garage door opening equipment, pneumatic tube systems and music and sound equipment (except portable equipment).
- i.* Safe deposit boxes, drive-up and walk-up windows, night depository equipment, remote TV auto teller systems, vault doors, and camera security equipment (except portable equipment).
- j.* Seating in auditoriums and theaters and theater stage lights (except portable seating and lighting).
- k.* Silos and grain storage bins.
- l.* Storage tanks constructed on the site.
- m.* Swimming pools (wholly or partially underground (except portable pools)).
- n.* Truck platform scale foundations.
- o.* Walk-in cold storage units that become a component part of a building.

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**701—219.12(423) Tangible personal property which becomes structures.** Items which are manufactured as tangible personal property can, by their nature, become structures. However, the determination is factual and must be made on an item-by-item basis. The following is a listing of criteria which courts have used in making such a determination:

1. The degree of architectural and engineering skills necessary to design and construct the structure.

2. The overall scope of the business and the contractual obligations of the person designing and building the structure.
3. The amount and variety of materials needed to complete the structure, including the identity of materials prior to assembly and the complexity of assembly.
4. The size and weight of the structure.
5. The permanency or degree of annexation of the structure to other real property which would affect its mobility.
6. The cost of building, moving or dismantling the structure.

EXAMPLE. A farm silo, which is a prefabricated glass-lined structure, is intended to be permanently installed. The prefabricated glass-lined structure is 70 feet high and 20 feet around, weighs 30 tons, and is affixed to a concrete foundation weighing 60 tons which is set in the ground specifically for the purpose of supporting the silo. The assembly kit includes 105 steel sheets and 7000 bolts. The silo can be removed without material injury to the realty or to the unit itself at a cost of \$7,000. In view of its massive size, the firm and permanent manner in which it is erected on a most substantial foundation, its purpose and function, the expense and size of the task and the difficulty of removing it, the silo is considered a structure and not machinery or equipment. *Wisconsin Department of Revenue v. A. O. Smith Harvestore*, 240 N.W.2d 357 (Wisc. 1976).

The above criteria are intended only to be a summation of factors which the department will consider in determining whether or not a project involves construction. The following cases are used as reference material: *Wisconsin Department of Revenue v. A. O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc.*, 240 N.W.2d 357 (Wisc. 1976); *Prairie Tank or Construction Co. v. Department of Revenue*, 364 N.W.2d 963 (Ill. 1977); *Levine v. State Board of Equalization*, 299 P. 2d 738 (Calif. 1956); *State of Alabama v. Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc.*, 174 So 2d 315 (Ala. 1965); *A. S. Schulman Electric Company v. State Board of Equalization*, 122 Cal. Rptr 278 (Calif. 1975); *Western Pipeline Constructors, Inc. v. J. M. Dickinson*, 310 S.W.2d 455 (Tenn.); and *City of Pella Municipal Light Plant*, Order of the Director of Revenue, June 16, 1975.

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**701—219.13(423) Tax on enumerated services.** The tax on the services enumerated in 2005 Iowa Code section 423.2 is basically a tax on labor. When such services are performed on or connected with new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion or remodeling of real property or structures, the services are exempt from tax. Neither the repair nor the rental of machinery on the job site is exempt from tax under this rule. See rule 701—219.21(423) for an explanation of the exemption in favor of rented machinery used by a contractor on a job site.

The distinction between a repair (see subrule 219.13(1)) and new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion and remodeling activities (see subrule 219.13(2)) can, oftentimes, be difficult to grasp. Therefore, the intent of the parties and the scope of the project may become the factors which determine whether certain enumerated services are taxable. An area of particular difficulty is the distinction between repair and remodeling. Remodeling a building or other structure means much more than making repairs or minor changes to it. Remodeling is a reforming or reshaping of a structure or some substantial portion of it to the extent that the remodeled structure or portion of the structure is in large part the equivalent of a new structure or part thereof. See *Board of Commissioners of Guadalupe County v. State*, 43 N.M. 409, 94 P.2d 515 (1939) and *City of Mayville v. Rosing*, 19 N.D. 98, 123 N.W. 393 (1909).

**219.13(1) Repair.** Repair is synonymous with mend, restore, maintain, replace and service. A repair contemplates an existing structure or tangible personal property which has become imperfect and constitutes the restoration to a good and sound condition. A repair is not a capital improvement; that is, it does not materially add to the value or substantially prolong the useful life of the property.

Iowa Code section 423.1(42) defines a person engaged in the business of performing taxable services as a retailer. Since retailers may purchase building materials, supplies and equipment for resale, persons making taxable repairs (repairpersons and servicepersons) are not considered to be contractors and are not subject to the provisions of Iowa Code section 423.2(1) "b." In addition, such persons are not considered

to be owners, subcontractors or builders. Repairpersons and servicepersons will normally purchase building materials and supplies free of tax for subsequent resale to their customers; contractor-retailers will also do this. However, contractors, subcontractors or builders who may make repairs are subject to Iowa Code section 423.2(1) "b" and must pay tax at the time building materials, supplies and equipment are purchased from vendors even though the contractors, subcontractors or builders hold a valid sales tax permit. See rules 701—219.2(423) and 701—219.3(423). In determining who is a contractor and who is a retailer of repair services, the department looks to the total business of the entity in question and not to any one portion of it. Thus, the fact that a business whose overall activity is contracting has a division engaged in taxable repair services does not transform that business into a retailer providing services rather than a contractor. When contractors do repair work, they may separately itemize labor and materials charges and collect sales tax on all charges. A contractor's markup on a materials charge is part of any taxable sale. A contractor can take a credit for any tax paid on the purchase of materials that are sold as part of a service transaction.

When other persons making repairs sell tangible personal property at retail in connection with any taxable service enumerated in 2005 Iowa Code section 423.2, those persons shall collect and remit tax on the sales price. The person making repairs shall purchase tangible personal property for resale when the property is used in the repair job and is resold to a customer. Reference rule 701—285.31(422,423) for an explanation of when persons performing services sell the property that the persons use in performing those services to their customers. Nonexclusive examples of repair situations are as follows:

- a. Repair of broken or defective glass.
- b. Replacement of broken, defective or rotten windows.
- c. Replacing individual or damaged roof shingles.
- d. Replacing or repairing a segment of worn-out or broken kitchen cabinets.
- e. Repair or replacement of broken or damaged garage doors or garage door openers.
- f. Replacing or repairing a part of a broken or worn tub, shower, or faucets.
- g. Replacing or repairing a broken water heater, furnace or central air conditioning compressor.
- h. Restoration of original wiring in a house or building.

**219.13(2)** *New construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion and remodeling examples.* The following are examples of new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion and remodeling activities:

- a. The building of a garage or adding a garage to an existing building would be considered new construction.
- b. Adding a redwood deck to an existing structure would be considered new construction.
- c. Replacing a complete roof on an existing structure would be considered reconstruction or alteration.
- d. Adding a new room to an existing building would be considered new construction.
- e. Adding a new room by building interior walls would be considered alteration.
- f. Replacing kitchen cabinets with some modification would be considered an improvement.
- g. Paneling existing walls would be considered an improvement.
- h. Laying a new floor over an existing floor would be considered an improvement.
- i. Rebuilding a structure damaged by flood, fire or other uncontrollable disaster or casualty would be considered reconstruction.
- j. Building a new wing to an existing building would be considered an expansion.
- k. Rearranging the interior physical structure of a building would be considered remodeling.
- l. Installing manufactured housing or a modular or mobile home on a foundation would be considered new construction. However, reference rule 701—282.10(423) for a description of the special treatment of taxable installation charges when the taxable sale of manufactured housing as real estate occurs.
- m. Replacing an entire water heater, water softener, furnace or central air conditioning unit.
- n. Sign installation and well-drilling services are generally performed in connection with new construction.

In all the examples, the contractor is responsible for paying tax to any supplier on materials. However, there would be no tax on any enumerated services.

**219.13(3)** *“On or connected with” explained.* The term “on or connected with” is broad and should be used to convey generally accepted meaning. Therefore, in a specific situation, the facts relating thereto are controlling in determining whether the exemption is applicable. “On or connected with” does not connote that those things connected have to be primary or subsidiary to the construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion or remodeling of the real property. An incidental relationship can qualify the activity for exemption if the relationship forms an intimate connection with the construction activity. For example, the service of excavating and grading relating to the clearing of land to begin construction of a building would qualify for the exemption; however, excavating and grading land without motive toward construction would not qualify for exemption even though at some later date plans to construct a building were created and a structure was actually erected.

The presence of a time relationship can also be a factor in determining the applicability of exemption. For example, tax would not apply to separate labor charges relating to the installation of production machinery and equipment in a building while remodeling of the real property was in progress. (Tax could apply to the sales price of the production machinery and equipment; reference 701—paragraph 285.29(7) “g”). However, if a year after all construction activity has ended, the owner decides to install a piece of production machinery in the building, any taxable enumerated services relating thereto would be subject to tax. Further, if, following construction, the land is graded for the purpose of seeding a new lawn, the exemption would be applicable. However, if the lawn does not grow and the land is regraded the following year, the exemption would not be applicable. Reference 701—paragraph 285.29(7) “g” for the exemption regarding the installation of new industrial machinery and equipment.

Therefore, the motive behind the activity and the course of events that could reasonably be expected to occur would be a further consideration in determining if the exemption is applicable.

A physical relationship is also a factor that should be evaluated. If a building is constructed to house machinery, any enumerated services relating to the installation of that machinery would be exempt from tax. For example, piping joining two pieces of equipment housed in separate buildings would qualify for exemption if the equipment in either building was installed while such new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion or remodeling to the structure was also taking place to house the equipment.

On the other hand, an incidental relationship, a time relationship and close physical proximity may not be enough to support the conclusion that a taxable service is performed in connection with new construction or reconstruction. For example, a homeowner hires a general contractor to add a new room to an existing home (which is new construction; see 219.13(2) “d”). The existing home is in need of a number of the repairs described in 219.13(1); for example, it is in need of rewiring and replacement of a broken window. The general contractor rewires the home and repairs the window in addition to building the new room. The taxable services which the general contractor performs while rewiring the home and repairing the window are not performed in connection with the construction of the new room simply because those services happen to be performed at the same time and on the same home as the new construction. If the addition of the new room were the cause of the need for the taxable service (e.g., the window was broken during construction of the new room) and not just a convenient occasion for performance of the service, that performance would be exempt from tax.

The department would like to emphasize that facts and motives are important in the determination of the taxability of services relating to construction activities. However, it should also be noted that taxes on enumerated services are applicable to repair or installation work that is not a construction activity. Refer to subrule 219.13(1) relating to persons who make repairs or perform enumerated services for more information.

**219.13(4)** *Excavating and grading.* Excavating includes digging, hollowing out, scooping out, or making a hole in the earth. It also includes removal of materials or substance found beneath the surface. Grading includes a change in the earth’s structure by scraping and filling to a common level or a fixed line known as a grade. The enumerated services of excavating and grading are not subject to tax if performed on or connected with new construction. Removal of overburden which is directly related to road building, building of dikes, building of farm ponds, and creating drainage ditches would not be

taxable as such activities would be considered on or connected with the creation of a structure. See *Maasdam v. Kirkpatrick*, 214 Iowa 1388 (1932). However, the mere removal of overburden, without more, would be taxable as the enumerated service of excavating or grading under Iowa Code section 423.2(6).

**219.13(5) Various nontaxable services.** Services associated with new construction or reconstruction, for example, which are not taxable include, but are not limited to, brick laying, concrete finishing, tiling, siding installation, laying of linoleum and other flooring and carpet installation. No tax can be collected on the performance of these services even when they are furnished in connection with the performance of repairs.

**219.13(6) Carpentry repair or installation.** Persons engaged in the business of carpentry, as the trade is known in the usual course of business, are selling a service subject to sales tax, regardless of whether they perform repair or installation. The carpentry services can be conducted on or within real or personal property.

**219.13(7) Roof, shingle, and glass repair.** Persons engaged in the business of repairing, restoring, or renovating roofs or shingles or restoring or replacing glass, whether the glass is personal property or affixed to real property, are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**219.13(8) Electrical and electronic repair and installation.**

*a. In general.* Persons engaged in the business of repairing or installing electrical wiring, fixtures, or switches in or on real property, or repairing or installing any article of tangible personal property powered by electric current, are selling a service subject to sales tax. This includes installation of semiconductors, such as vacuum tubes, transistors, or integrated circuits, or installation or repair of machinery or equipment that functions mainly through the use of semiconductors.

*b. New machinery or equipment.* The sales price of the electrical or electronic installation is exempt from tax if the sales price is charged for the installation of new machinery or equipment.

*c. Definition.* For purposes of this subrule:

“*Installation*” includes affixing electrical wiring, fixtures or switches to real property; affixing any article of personal property powered by electric current to any other article of personal property; or making any article of personal property powered by electric current operative with respect to its intended function or purpose.

**219.13(9) Excavating and grading.**

*a. In general.* Persons engaged in the business of excavating and grading are selling services subject to sales tax.

*b. Definitions.* For purposes of this subrule:

“*Excavation*” means the digging, hauling, hollowing out, scooping out or making of a cut or hole in the earth. “*Excavation*” ordinarily includes not only the digging down into the earth but also the removal of whatever material or substance is found beneath the surface.

“*Grading*” means a physical change of the earth’s structure by scraping and filling in the surface to reduce it to a common level. “*Grading*” includes the reducing of the surface of the earth to a given line fixed as the grade, involving excavating, filling, or both.

**219.13(10) Painting, papering and interior decorating.**

*a. In general.* Persons engaged in the business of painting, papering, and interior decorating are selling a service subject to sales tax.

*b. Definitions.* For purposes of this subrule:

“*Interior decoration*” means the designing or decoration of the interior of houses or buildings, counseling with respect to such design or decoration, or the procurement of furniture fixtures or home or building decorations.

“*Painting*” means the covering of both interior and exterior surfaces of tangible personal or real property with a coloring matter and mixture of a pigment or sealant, with some suitable liquid to form a solid adherent when spread on the surface in thin coats for decoration, protection, or preservation purposes. This includes all necessary preparations, including surface preparation. “*Painting*” does not include automobile undercoating, the coating of railroad cars, storage tanks, or the plating of tangible

personal property with metal such as but not limited to chromium, bronze, tin, galvanized metal, or platinum.

“*Papering*” means the application of wallpaper or wall fabric to the interior of a house or building and any necessary preparations, including surface preparation.

c. *Incidental service.* When a person provides interior decorating services without charge, incidental to the sale of real or tangible personal property, no sales tax shall be charged in addition to the tax paid on the sales price or any part thereof of the real or tangible personal property.

**219.13(11) *Pipe fitting and plumbing.***

a. *In general.* Persons engaged in the business of pipe fitting and plumbing are selling a service subject to sales tax.

b. *Definition.* For purposes of this rule:

“*Pipe fitting and plumbing*” means the trade of fitting, threading, installing, and repairing pipes, fixtures, or apparatus used for heating, refrigeration, or air conditioning, or concerned with the introduction, distribution, and disposal of a natural or artificial substance.

**219.13(12) *Wood preparation.***

a. *In general.* Persons engaged in the business of wood preparation or treatment for others are selling a service subject to sales tax.

b. *Definition.* For purposes of this rule:

“*Wood preparation*” includes all processes whereby wood is sawed from logs in measured dimensions, planed, sanded, oiled, or treated in any manner before being used to repair an existing structure or create or become a part of a new structure. If such preparation is engaged solely for the purpose of processing lumber or wood products for ultimate sale at retail, such preparation may not be deemed as selling a service subject to sales tax.

**219.13(13) *Well drilling.*** Persons engaged in the business of well drilling are selling a service subject to sales tax.

**219.13(14) *Landscaping.*** Landscaping services performed on or in connection to new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion, or the remodeling of a building or structure are not subject to sales tax. Rule 701—211.38(423) contains more information about landscaping services.

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**701—219.14(423) *Transportation cost.*** Transportation charges and delivery charges are not subject to the Iowa sales and use tax when they are separately contracted or, if no written contract exists, are separately itemized on the billing from the seller to the purchaser. Reference rule 701—288.13(422,423). [Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

**701—219.15(423) *Start-up charges.*** Start-up charges are not subject to the Iowa sales and use tax when they are separately contracted or, if no written contract exists, are separately itemized on the billing from the seller to the purchaser.

**701—219.16(423) *Liability of subcontractors.*** A subcontractor who is providing materials and labor on the actual construction of the building or structure has the same status and tax responsibilities as a general contractor under the Iowa statutes. However, where an individual or firm is hired to provide machinery and equipment to a general contractor or another subcontractor, the individual or firm is considered a material supplier rather than a subcontractor. This is true even though the machinery and equipment are supplied with installation. Items of machinery and equipment sold by material suppliers to contractors shall be sold for resale and the contractor must provide the material supplier with a valid resale certificate.

**701—219.17(423) *Liability of sponsors.*** The sponsor cannot be held responsible for a tax liability incurred on building materials, supplies and equipment by a general contractor or subcontractor in the completion of a construction contract. Likewise, a general contractor cannot be held responsible for the tax liability incurred on building materials, supplies and equipment by a subcontractor in the completion

of a construction contract. The tax responsibility regarding machinery and equipment contracts depends on where the sale was consummated. If the sale was consummated in Iowa, the seller is responsible for the collection and remittance of tax unless a valid exemption certificate is given by the purchaser. If the sale was consummated outside Iowa and the seller does not remit use tax to the department, then a use tax would be due from the Iowa user.

**701—219.18(423) Withholding.** A sponsor of a contract with a nonregistered out-of-state (nonresident) contractor may be asked to withhold the final payment of the contract as a guarantee that sales and use taxes will be paid. The withholding requirement may also apply to registered out-of-state contractors at the discretion of the department. The department will issue a notice to the sponsor to support the withholding of funds. In order to seek a release of the notice, the out-of-state contractor is required to file a report with the department consisting of the following departmental forms:

1. Form 35-012, which is a listing of subcontractors to whom the out-of-state contractor has awarded a construction contract. This statement should be submitted on each project as it becomes available.

2. Form 35-013, which is a list of material suppliers both in state and out of state from whom tangible personal property has been purchased for use in completing each project or contract.

3. Form 35-001, which is a summary of the provisions of the actual contract.

All letters of release furnished by the department are subject to audit and, therefore, are not unconditional release from any Iowa sales or use tax liability. All letters of release will be issued within 60 days upon receipt of the proper information unless an error or discrepancy is noted.

**701—219.19(423) Resale certificates.** Whenever machinery and equipment which will remain tangible personal property after installation is purchased for a machinery and equipment contract by a contractor from a supplier or a material supplier, it should be purchased for resale. See rule 701—219.9(423). Resale purchases are most commonly related to machinery and equipment sales contracts with installation and mixed construction contracts. Contractor-retailers and persons making repairs may also purchase materials for resale as long as they collect tax on their retail sales and pay the tax themselves on items withdrawn from inventory for use in the performance of a construction contract. See rule 701—219.4(423) and subrule 219.13(1). Resale certificates can be obtained by contacting the Iowa department of revenue. Reference rule 701—288.3(423) for detailed information on resale certificates.

**701—219.20(423) Reporting for use tax.** An Iowa contractor can report use tax either on a consumer's use tax return or as consumed goods on a sales tax return. Tax is due in the quarter the materials are delivered into Iowa. Nonresident contractors should report use tax on a consumer's use tax return. Consumer's use tax returns for nonresident contractors must be obtained directly from the department of revenue unless the contractor is registered with the department.

**701—219.21(423) Exempt sale, lease, or rental of equipment used by contractors, subcontractors, or builders.**

**219.21(1) Exempt lease or rental of machinery and equipment.** The sales price on the lease or rental only of the following types of machinery and equipment is exempt from tax: all machinery, equipment, and replacement parts directly and primarily used by contractors, subcontractors, and builders for new construction, reconstruction, alterations, expansion, or remodeling of real property or structures and all machinery, equipment, and replacement parts which improve the performance, safety, operation, or efficiency of the equipment and replacement parts so used. A contractor's, subcontractor's, or builder's purchases of this equipment would continue to be taxable, as would a lessor's purchases of machinery, equipment, or replacement parts for subsequent exempt rental to a contractor, subcontractor, or builder.

**219.21(2) Exempt sales, including lease or rental of equipment.** Beginning July 1, the sales price on the sale in any form, including lease or rental, of the following types of equipment is exempt from the tax imposed by Iowa Code chapter 423: self-propelled building equipment, self-constructed cranes, pile drivers, structural concrete forms, regular and motorized scaffolding, generators, or attachments



customarily drawn or attached to those items of equipment, including auxiliary attachments which improve the performance, safety, operation, or efficiency of the equipment and replacement parts and are directly and primarily used by contractors, subcontractors, and builders for new construction, reconstruction, alterations, expansion, or remodeling of real property or structures. The sales price from a sale in a form other than that of a lease or rental is not exempt from all excise tax. Iowa Code chapter 423D provides more information on the excise tax imposed on these transactions.

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**701—219.22(423) House and building moving.** Persons engaged in the business of moving houses or buildings from one location to another, for any reason, are selling a service subject to sales tax. The sales price from this service is not considered a transportation charge.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “x.”

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**701—219.23(423) Construction contracts with designated exempt entities.** This rule applies to exempt sales of building materials, supplies, equipment, or services to certain persons performing construction contracts for sponsors that are designated exempt entities and the continuing right of designated exempt entities and other persons to seek refund of taxes paid by persons performing construction contracts.

**219.23(1) Definitions.**

“Construction contract” means the same as defined in rule 701—219.8(423).

“Designated exempt entity” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(80).

“GovConnectIowa” means the e-services portal of the department.

**219.23(2) Registration with the department.** A designated exempt entity seeking to issue exemption certificates to contractors, subcontractors, builders, or manufacturers performing construction contracts shall register with the department through GovConnectIowa. The designated exempt entity shall provide the following information:

- a. The name and address of the designated exempt entity.
- b. The federal identification number of the designated exempt entity.
- c. The name of the construction project or the project number for which exemption is requested.
- d. A general description of the construction project.
- e. The name and address of all contractors, subcontractors, builders, or manufacturers to which the designated exempt entity shall provide exemption certificates.
- f. Additional information as requested by the department if the status of the entity seeking registration as a designated exempt entity is unclear.

**219.23(3) Exemption certificates.** Once a designated exempt entity’s registration is completed and approved, the designated exempt entity can obtain exemption certificates to provide to its contractors, subcontractors, builders, or manufacturers. The contractors, subcontractors, builders, or manufacturers may then provide these exemption certificates to retailers when purchasing building materials, supplies, equipment, or services to be used in completion of the construction contract with the designated exempt entity in order to make those purchases exempt from sales tax.

**219.23(4) Exempt purchases, withdrawals from inventory, and manufacturers’ fabrication costs.**

a. A contractor, subcontractor, or builder who purchases building materials, supplies, equipment, or services intending to use such property or services in the performance of a construction contract with a designated exempt entity shall purchase the property or services from a retailer exempt from tax if the property or services are subsequently used in the performance of that contract and the contractor, subcontractor, or builder presents an exemption certificate issued by the designated exempt entity to the retailer.

b. The withdrawal of building materials, supplies, or equipment from inventory by a contractor, subcontractor, or builder who is also a retailer is exempt from tax if the materials are withdrawn for use in construction performed for a designated exempt entity and an exemption certificate is received from the designated exempt entity.

*c.* The fabricated cost, as defined in rule 701—219.6(423), of building materials, supplies, or equipment purchased and consumed by the manufacturer of such property in the performance of a construction contract for a designated exempt entity is exempt from tax if an exemption certificate is received from the exempt entity and presented to a retailer.

*d.* Sales, withdrawals, or a manufacturer’s consumption of building materials, supplies, equipment, or services used in the performance of a construction contract for purposes other than incorporation into real property with subsequent loss of identity as tangible personal property are not eligible for the exemption described by this rule.

**219.23(5) Refunds.** A designated exempt entity that does not complete the registration process in order to provide exemption certificates to contractors, subcontractors, builders, or manufacturers in advance of its construction project may request a refund of sales tax the designated exempt entity paid to its contractors, subcontractors, builders, or manufacturers. The contractors, subcontractors, builders, or manufacturers should provide the designated exempt entity with completed Iowa Contractor’s Statement forms. The designated exempt entity shall then submit a Construction Contract Claim for Refund form and all accompanying Iowa Contractor’s Statement forms to the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.3(80) and 423.4(1).  
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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(42), 423.2(1)“*b*” and “*c*,” 423.2(6), 423.3(37), 423.3(64), 423.3(85), and 423.5(2).

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CHAPTER 220  
EXEMPTIONS PRIMARILY OF BENEFIT TO CONSUMERS

[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 231]

Rules in this chapter include cross references to provisions in 701—Chapters 15 to 20, 21, 26, 30, 32 and 33 that were applicable prior to July 1, 2004.

**701—220.1(423) Newspapers, free newspapers and shoppers' guides.**

**220.1(1)** *In general.* The sales price from the sales of newspapers, free newspapers, and shoppers' guides is exempt from tax. The sales price from the sales of magazines, newsletters, and other periodicals which are not newspapers is taxable. Cases decided by the United States Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Iowa prohibit exempting from taxation the sale of any periodical if that exemption from taxation is based solely upon the contents of that periodical. See *Arkansas Writers' Project, Inc. v. Ragland*, 481 U.S. 221, 107 S.Ct. 1722, 95 L.Ed.2d 209 (1987) and *Hearst v. Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance*, 461 N.W.2d 295 (Iowa 1990).

**220.1(2)** *General characteristics of a newspaper.* “Newspaper” is a term with a common definition. A “newspaper” is a periodical, published at short, stated, and regular intervals, usually daily or weekly. It is printed on newsprint with news ink. The format of a newspaper is that of sheets folded loosely together without stapling. A newspaper is admitted to the U.S. mails as second-class material. Other frequent characteristics of newspapers are the following:

- a. Newspapers usually contain photographs.
- b. Information printed on newspapers is usually contained in columns on the newspaper pages.
- c. The larger the cross section of the population which reads a periodical in the area where the periodical circulates, the more likely it is that the department will consider that periodical to be a “newspaper.”

**220.1(3)** *Characteristics of newspaper publishing companies.* Often, companies publishing larger newspapers will subscribe to various syndicates or wire services. A larger newspaper will employ a general editor and a number of subordinate editors as well, for example, sports and lifestyle editors; business, local, agricultural, national, and world news editors; and editorial page editors. A larger newspaper will also employ a variety of reporters and staff writers. Smaller newspapers may or may not have these characteristics or may consolidate these functions.

**220.1(4)** *Characteristics which distinguish a newsletter from a newspaper.* A “newsletter” is generally distributed to members or employees of a single organization and not usually to a large cross section of the general public. It is often published at irregular intervals by a volunteer, rather than by a paid individual who usually publishes a newspaper. A newsletter is often printed on sheets which are held together at one point only by a staple, rather than folded together.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code subsection 423.3(54).  
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**701—220.2(423) Motor fuel, special fuel, aviation fuels and gasoline.**

**220.2(1)** *In general.* The sales price from the sale of motor fuel, including ethanol, and special fuel is exempt from sales tax under 2005 Iowa Code section 423.3(55) if (a) the fuel is consumed for highway use, in watercraft, or in aircraft, (b) the Iowa fuel tax has been imposed and paid, and (c) no refund or credit of fuel tax has been made or will be allowed. The sales price from the sale of special fuel for diesel engines used in commercial watercraft on rivers bordering Iowa is exempt from sales tax, even though no fuel tax has been imposed and paid, providing the seller delivers the fuel to the owner's watercraft while it is afloat.

**220.2(2)** *Refunds or credits of motor fuel and special fuel.* Claims for refund or credit of fuel taxes under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 452A must be reduced by any sales or use tax owing the state unless a sales tax exemption is applicable. Generally, refund claims or credits are allowed where fuel is purchased tax-paid and used for purposes other than to propel a motor vehicle or used in watercraft.

**220.2(3)** *Refunds of tax on fuel purchased in Iowa and consumed outside of Iowa.* Even though fuel is purchased in Iowa, fuel tax is paid in Iowa, and the fuel tax is subject to refund under the provisions of division III of Iowa Code chapter 452A relating to interstate motor vehicle operations, the refund of

the fuel tax does not subject the purchase of the fuel to sales tax. Subjecting the purchase of the fuel to sales tax has the effect of imposing sales tax when fuel is consumed in interstate commerce while fuel consumed on Iowa highways in intrastate commerce is exempt from sales tax pursuant to 2005 Iowa Code subsection 423.3(55). The effect for sales tax purposes is to impose a greater tax burden on non-Iowa highway fuel consumption than Iowa highway fuel consumption, thereby discriminating against interstate commerce. In addition, the effect of imposing sales tax on interstate excess purchases where intrastate highway use is not subject to the tax constitutes an export duty for purchasing fuel in Iowa and exporting it for use in another state. Such effects are in violation of the commerce clause of the United States Constitution. *Boston Stock Exchange v. State Tax Commission*, 1977, 429 U.S. 319, 97 S.Ct. 599, 50 L.Ed.2d 514 and *Coe v. Errol*, 1886, 116 U.S. 517, 6 S.Ct. 475, 29 L.Ed. 715.

**220.2(4) Tax base.** The basis for computing the Iowa sales tax will be the retail sales price of the fuel less any Iowa fuel tax included in such price. Federal excise tax should not be removed from the sales price in determining the proper sales tax due. *W. M. Gurley v. Army Rhoden supra*. Also reference rule 701—15.12(422,423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 423.3(55).  
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**701—220.3(423) Sales of food and food ingredients.** On and after July 1, 2004, the sales price from all sales of food and food ingredients is exempt from tax. For the purposes of this rule, “food and food ingredients” means substances, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that are sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and are consumed for their taste or nutritional value.

**220.3(1)** Most substances can easily be classified either as food, food ingredients, or nonfood items. There are, however, certain substances that are not readily distinguishable as food or nonfood and may present problems in judgment. The following guidelines apply to some of the more unique categories of eligible foods and food ingredients and ineligible nonfood items about which questions may arise. The guidelines and their lists are not to be considered all-inclusive:

*a.* Foods eligible for purchase with food coupons. Sales of almost all substances which may be purchased with food coupons issued by the United States Department of Agriculture under the regulations in effect on July 1, 1974, remain exempt from tax on and after July 1, 2004. However, since the exemption no longer depends on ability to be purchased with food stamps (reference 701—subrule 20.1(1)), sales of certain substances which can be purchased with food stamps but are neither food nor food ingredients are taxable on and after July 1, 2004.

These taxable sales include garden seeds and plants sold for use in gardens to produce food for human consumption. Seeds and plants eligible for purchase with food coupons include vegetable seeds and food-producing plants such as tomato and green pepper plants and fruit trees, food-producing roots, bushes, and bulbs (e.g., asparagus roots and onion sets) and seeds and plants used to produce spices for use in cooking foods. Sales of all these substances are taxable. Sales of chewing gum are taxable as sales of “candy” on and after July 1, 2004.

*b.* Distilled water and ice. These substances, although having some nonfood uses, are largely used as food or as ingredients in food for human consumption. Unless these substances are specifically labeled for nonfood use or the recipient indicates that they will be used for some purpose other than as food for human consumption or as ingredients in food for human consumption, their sales are exempt from tax.

*c.* Specialty foods. This category of eligible foods includes special dietary foods (e.g., diabetic and dietetic), enriched or fortified foods, infant formulas, and certain foods commonly referred to as health food items. These substances are food products which are substituted for more commonly used food items in the diet, and thus they are purchased for ingestion by humans and are consumed for their taste or nutritional value. Examples of items in this category of eligible foods are Metrecal, Enfamil, Sustegen, wheat germ, brewer’s yeast, sunflower seeds which are packaged for human consumption, and rose hips powder which is used for preparing tea. It is not possible to formulate a comprehensive list of eligible specialty foods. The guideline to be used to determine the eligibility of a specific product is the ordinary use of the product.

NOTE: If the product is primarily used as a food or as an ingredient in food, then it is an eligible item; if it is primarily used for medicinal purposes as either a therapeutic agent or a deficiency corrector and only occasionally used as a food, the product is not an eligible item.

*d.* Snack foods. These substances are food items and, therefore, are usually eligible for the exemption. Typical examples of snack foods are cheese puffs; corn chips; popcorn; peanuts; potato chips and sticks; packaged cookies, cupcakes, and donuts; and pretzels. Alcoholic beverages, candy, and soft drinks are examples of snack foods the sales of which are not exempt from tax; see subrule 231.3(2).

*e.* Others. There are certain eligible food substances which are normally consumed only after being incorporated into foods sold for ingestion or chewing by humans. Sales of substances which are ingredients of items identical to those which are eligible for exemption when sold as finished products are sales eligible for exemption. Since these substances are food ingredients, their sales are exempt. An example is pectin. Pectin is the generic term for products marketed under various brand names and commonly used as a base in making jams and jellies. When pectin is incorporated into jams or jellies, it becomes part of a food for human consumption and, therefore, is an eligible food item. Other examples are lard and vegetable oils.

*f.* The following general classifications of food products are also exempt from tax unless taxable as prepared food; see rule 701—231.5(423):

- Bread and flour products
- Bottled water, unless it is a sweetened bottled water and thus taxable as a soft drink (a change from previous law; reference 701—subparagraph 20.1(3) “b”(1))
- Cereal and cereal products
- Cocoa and cocoa products, unless taxable in the form of candy as in rule 701—231.4(423)
- Coffee and coffee substitutes, unless taxable as soft drinks; see paragraph 231.3(2) “f”
- Dietary substitutes, other than dietary supplements; see paragraphs 231.3(1) “c” and 231.3(2) “a”
- Eggs and egg products
- Fish and fish products
- Frozen foods
- Fruits and fruit products including fruit juices, unless taxable as soft drinks; see paragraph 231.3(2) “f”
- Margarine, butter, and shortening
- Meat and meat products
- Milk and milk products, including packaged ice cream products
- Milk substitutes, such as soy and rice milk substitutes (a change from previous law; reference 701—subparagraph 20.1(3) “b”(2))
- Spices, condiments, extracts, and artificial food coloring
- Sugar and sugar products and substitutes, unless taxable in the form of candy as in rule 701—231.4(423)
- Tea, unless taxable as a soft drink; see paragraph 231.3(2) “f”
- Vegetables and vegetable products

**220.3(2)** Substances excluded from the term “food and food ingredients.” Sales of alcoholic beverages, candy, dietary supplements, food sold through vending machines, prepared food, soft drinks, and tobacco are not sales of “food” and are not exempt from tax by this rule.

*a.* “Alcoholic beverages” means beverages that are suitable for human consumption and contain one-half of 1 percent or more of alcohol by volume.

*b.* “Candy.” See rule 701—231.4(423).

*c.* “Dietary supplement” means any product, other than tobacco, intended to supplement the diet that contains one or more of the following dietary ingredients:

- (1) A vitamin.
- (2) A mineral.
- (3) An herb or other botanical.
- (4) An amino acid.

(5) A dietary substance for use by humans to supplement the diet by increasing the total dietary intake.

(6) A concentrate, metabolite, constituent, extract, or combination of any of the ingredients in subparagraphs (1) through (5) that is intended for ingestion in tablet, capsule, powder, softgel, gelcap, or liquid form, or if not intended for ingestion in such a form, is not represented as conventional food and is not represented for use as a sole item of a meal or of the diet; and is required to be labeled as a dietary supplement, identifiable by the “supplement facts” box found on the label and as required pursuant to 21 Code of Federal Regulations 101.36.

Dietary supplements, as their name indicates, serve as supplements to food or food products rather than as “food,” and, therefore, are not included within the definition of that word. Since these substances serve as deficiency correctors or therapeutic agents to supplement diets deficient in essential nutrition rather than as foods, they are not eligible for the food and food ingredients exemption. In addition to vitamin and mineral tablets or capsules, this category includes substances such as cod liver oil, which is used primarily as a source of vitamins A and D. It is not possible to provide a comprehensive list of other such items which are primarily used for medicinal purposes or as health aids and which may be stocked by authorized firms.

*d.* “Food sold through vending machines” means food dispensed from a machine or other mechanical device that accepts payment, other than food which would be qualified for exemption if purchased with coupons (commonly known as “food stamps”) issued under the federal Food Stamp Act of 1977, 7 United States Code 2011 et seq. Alcoholic beverages, candy, dietary supplements, prepared food, soft drinks, and tobacco sold through vending machines are sold subject to tax in all instances because they are specifically excluded from this rule’s definition of “foods”; see subrule 231.3(2) generally. This paragraph “*d*” should be interpreted in such a fashion that if the sale of a substance is exempt from tax because it is a sale of “food” when the substance is sold by means other than a vending machine, then the sale of that same substance through a vending machine will also be exempt from tax. Conversely, if the sale of a substance by any means other than through a vending machine is taxable, then the sale of that same substance through a vending machine will also be taxable.

*e.* “Prepared food.” See rule 701—231.5(423).

*f.* “Soft drinks” means nonalcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. Soft drinks may be noncarbonated. “Soft drinks” does not include beverages that contain milk or milk products; soy, rice, or similar milk substitutes; coffee and tea which are not sweetened; effervescent, noneffervescent, and mineral water sold in containers; beverages that contain greater than 50 percent of vegetable or fruit juice by volume. This latter is a change from the law as it existed prior to July 1, 2004, which required a volume of only 15 percent for exemption.

Taxable soft drinks are noncarbonated water and soda water if naturally or artificially sweetened; soft drinks carbonated and noncarbonated including but not limited to colas, ginger ale, near beer, and root beer; bottled and sweetened tea and coffee; lemonade, orangeade, and all other drinks or punches with natural fruit or vegetable juice less than 50 percent by volume.

Beverage mixes and ingredients intended to be made into soft drinks are taxable. Beverage mixes or ingredients may be liquid or frozen, concentrated or nonconcentrated, dehydrated, powdered, granulated, sweetened or unsweetened, seasoned or unseasoned. Sales of beverage mixes to which a sweetener is to be added before drinking are taxable. Concentrates intended to be made into beverages which contain natural fruit or vegetable juice of less than 50 percent by volume are taxable.

Beverages, the sales of which are otherwise exempt, are taxable if sold as prepared food under rule 701—231.5(423).

Nondairy coffee “creamers” in liquid, frozen or powdered form are not beverages. Sugar or other artificial or natural sweeteners sold separately are not taxable as beverage ingredients. Specialty foods that are liquids or that are to be added to a liquid and that are intended to be a substitute in the diet for more commonly used food items are not beverages and are not taxable as beverages. These foods include infant formula.

*g.* “Tobacco” means cigarettes, cigars, chewing or pipe tobacco, or any other item that contains tobacco.

**220.3(3)** Other substances which are not food or food ingredients. Various products are not purchased for ingestion or chewing by humans or, if they are, are not consumed for their taste or nutritional value. Therefore, they are not purchased exempt from tax under this rule. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

*a. Health aids.* Over-the-counter medicines and other products used primarily as health aids or therapeutic agents are not foods since they are consumed for their medicinal value as opposed to their nutritional value or taste. Such products include aspirin, cough drops or syrups and other cold remedies, antacids, and all over-the-counter medicines or other products used as health aids. In addition to these commonly used health aids, any product used primarily for medicinal purposes is ineligible. An example of such products is slippery elm powder, a demulcent which is used to soothe sore throats.

*b. Items not exempt.* The following general classifications of products are subject to tax:

Cosmetics

Household supplies

Paper products

Pet foods and supplies

Soaps and detergents

Tobacco products

Toiletry articles

Tonics

Lunch counter foods or foods prepared for consumption on the premises of the retailer

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 423.3(56).

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## **701—220.4(423) Sales of candy.**

### **220.4(1) Definitions.**

*a. Candy.* For the purposes of this rule, “candy” is a preparation of sugar, honey, or other natural or artificial sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the form of bars, drops, or pieces. “Candy” shall not include any preparation containing flour and shall require no refrigeration. Any preparation to which flour has been added only for the purpose of excluding the candy’s sales from tax and not for any legitimate purpose, culinary or otherwise, shall not be sold exempt from tax under this rule. This definition is intended to be used when a person is trying to determine if a product that is commonly thought of as “candy” is in fact “candy.” For example, the definition would be applied in a situation where a person is trying to determine if a product is “candy” as opposed to a cookie. The definition is not intended to be applied to every type of food product sold. Many products, such as meat products, breakfast cereals, potato chips, and canned fruits and vegetables are not commonly thought of as “candy.” The definition of “candy” is not applicable to products such as these since they are not commonly thought of as candy.

*b. Preparation.* Candy must be a “preparation” that contains certain ingredients, other than flour. A “preparation” is a product that is made by means of heating, coloring, molding, or otherwise processing any of the ingredients listed in the definition of “candy.” For example, reducing maple syrup into pieces and adding coloring to make maple candy is a form of preparation.

*c. Bars, drops or pieces.* Candy must be sold in the form of bars, drops, or pieces.

(1) A “bar” is a product that is sold in the form of a square, oblong, or similar form. For example, if Company A sells one-pound square blocks of chocolate, the blocks of chocolate are “bars.”

(2) A “drop” is a product that is sold in a round, oval, pear-shaped, or similar form. For example, if Company B sells chocolate chips in a bag, each individual chocolate chip contains all of the ingredients indicated on the label and the chocolate chips are “drops.”

(3) A “piece” is a portion that has the same makeup as the product as a whole. Individual ingredients and loose mixtures of items that make up the product as a whole are not pieces. EXCEPTION: If a loose mixture of different items that make up the product as a whole are all individually considered candy and are sold as one product, that product is also candy.

EXAMPLE 1: Company C sells jellybeans in a bag. Each jellybean is made up of the ingredients indicated on the label. Each jellybean is a “piece” or “drop.”

EXAMPLE 2: Company D sells trail mix in a bag. The product being sold (trail mix) is made up of a mixture of carob chips, peanuts, raisins, and sunflower seeds. The individual items that make up the trail mix are not “pieces,” but instead are the ingredients, which, when combined, make up the trail mix. Therefore, the trail mix is not sold in the form of bars, drops, or pieces.

EXAMPLE 3: Company E sells a product called “candy lovers mix.” Candy lovers mix is a product that is made up of a loose mixture of jellybeans, toffee, and caramels. Individually, the jellybeans, toffee, and caramels are all candy. The sale of the mixture is the sale of candy since all of the individual items that make up the product are individually considered to be candy.

EXAMPLE 4: Company F sells cotton candy which is packaged and sold in grocery stores. Cotton candy contains sugar, corn syrup, water, coloring, and flavoring; it does not contain flour. Cotton candy is not “candy” because it is not sold in the form of a bar, drop, or piece. Cotton candy is, however, “prepared food” under Iowa Code section 423.3(57) “f.”

*d. Flour.* In order for a product to be treated as containing “flour,” the product label must specifically list the word “flour” as one of the ingredients. There is no requirement that the “flour” be grain-based, and it does not matter what the flour is made from. Many products that are commonly thought of as “candy” contain flour, as indicated on the ingredient label and therefore are specifically excluded from the definition of “candy.” Ingredient labels must be examined to determine which products contain flour and which products do not contain flour. Any preparation to which flour has been added only for the purpose of excluding its sales from tax and not for any legitimate purpose, culinary or otherwise, shall not be sold exempt from tax under this rule. For example, a candy bar that contains flour, for a legitimate purpose, is excluded from the definition of “candy.”

EXAMPLE 1: The ingredient list for a breakfast bar lists “flour” as one of the ingredients. This breakfast bar is not “candy” since it contains flour.

EXAMPLE 2: The ingredient list for a breakfast bar lists “peanut flour” as one of the ingredients. This breakfast bar is not “candy” because it contains flour.

EXAMPLE 3: The ingredient list for a breakfast bar that otherwise meets the definition of “candy” lists “whole grain” as one of the ingredients, but does not specifically list “flour” as one of the ingredients. This breakfast bar is “candy” because the word “flour” is not included in the ingredient list.

EXAMPLE 4: Company E sells a box of chocolates that are not individually wrapped. The ingredient list on the label for the box of chocolates identifies flour as one of the ingredients. The box of chocolates is not “candy” since flour is identified as one of the ingredients on the label.

EXAMPLE 5: Company F sells a box of chocolates that are not individually wrapped. The ingredient list on the label for the box of chocolates, which otherwise meets the definition of “candy,” does not identify flour as one of the ingredients. The box of chocolates is “candy.”

EXAMPLE 6: Company G sells high-end licorice—licorice A and licorice B. Licorice A would otherwise be “candy,” but its wrapper lists “flour” as an ingredient. Licorice A is not “candy.” Licorice B is the same as licorice A, except it does not contain “flour.” Licorice B is “candy.”

*e. Other ingredients or flavorings.* “Other ingredients or flavorings” as used in this rule means other ingredients or flavorings that are similar to chocolate, fruits or nuts. This phrase includes candy coatings such as carob, vanilla and yogurt; flavorings or extracts such as vanilla, maple, mint, and almond; and seeds and other items similar to the classes of ingredients or flavorings. This phrase does not include meats, spices, seasonings such as barbeque or cheddar flavor, or herbs which are not similar to the classes of ingredients or flavorings associated with chocolate, fruits, or nuts, unless the product otherwise meets the definition of “candy.”

EXAMPLE 1: Retailer A sells barbeque-flavored peanuts. The ingredient label for the barbeque-flavored peanuts indicates that the product contains peanuts, sugar and various other ingredients, including barbeque flavoring. Since the barbeque-flavored peanuts contain a combination of sweeteners and nuts, and flour is not listed on the label and the nuts do not require refrigeration, barbeque-flavored peanuts are “candy.”



EXAMPLE 2: Retailer B sells barbeque potato chips. Potato chips are potatoes, a vegetable, and are not commonly thought of as candy. The barbeque potato chips are “food and food ingredients” and not “candy.” The fact that the ingredient label for the barbeque potato chips indicates that the product contains barbeque seasoning which contains a sweetener does not change the fact that the barbeque potato chips are not commonly thought of as candy.

*f. Sweeteners.* The term “natural or artificial sweeteners” as used in this rule means an ingredient of a food product that adds a sugary sweetness to the taste of the food product and includes, but is not limited to, corn syrup, dextrose, invert sugar, sucrose, fructose, sucralose, saccharin, aspartame, stevia, fruit juice concentrates, molasses, evaporated cane juice, rice syrup, barley malt, honey, maltitol, agave, and artificial sweeteners.

*g. Refrigeration.* A product that otherwise meets the definition of “candy” is not “candy” if it requires refrigeration. A product “requires refrigeration” if it must be refrigerated at the time of sale or after being opened. In order for a product to be treated as requiring refrigeration, the product label must indicate that refrigeration is required. If the label on a product that contains multiple servings indicates that it “requires refrigeration,” smaller size packages of the same product are also considered to “require refrigeration.” A product that otherwise meets the definition of “candy” is “candy” if the product is not required to be refrigerated, but is sold refrigerated for the convenience or preference of the customer, retailer, or manufacturer.

EXAMPLE 1: Company A sells sweetened fruit snacks in a bag that contains multiple servings. The label on the bag indicates that after opening, the sweetened fruit snacks must be refrigerated. The sweetened fruit snacks “require refrigeration.”

EXAMPLE 2: Company A sells sweetened fruit snacks in single-serving containers. Other than for packaging, the sweetened fruit snacks are identical to the sweetened fruit snacks in Example 1 above. However, since this container of sweetened fruit snacks only contains one serving, it is presumed that it will be used immediately, and the label does not indicate that after opening, the product must be refrigerated. Even though the label does not contain the statement that after opening the sweetened fruit snacks must be refrigerated, these sweetened fruit snacks are considered to “require refrigeration.”

EXAMPLE 3: Company A sells chocolate truffles. The label on the truffles indicates to keep the product cool and dry, but does not indicate that the product must be refrigerated. Since the chocolate truffles are not required to be refrigerated, even though the label indicates to keep them cool, the chocolate truffles do not “require refrigeration.”

**220.4(2) Nonexclusive examples.**

*a. Taxable candy.* Examples of items taxable as candy include, but are not limited to: preparations of fruits, nuts, or other ingredients in combination with sugar, honey, or other natural or artificial sweeteners in the form of bars, drops, or pieces; caramel-coated or other candy-coated apples or other fruit; candy-coated popcorn; hard or soft candies including jellybeans, taffy, licorice not containing flour, marshmallows, and mints; dried fruit leathers or other similar products prepared with natural or artificial sweeteners; candy breath mints; chewing gum; and mixes of candy pieces.

Sales of items which are normally sold for use as ingredients in recipes but which can be eaten as candy are taxable on and after July 1, 2004. Examples of these items include, but are not limited to: sweetened baking chocolate in bars or pieces; white and dark chocolate almond bark; toffee bits; M&M’s, including those sold for baking; candy primarily intended for decorating baked goods; and sweetened baking chips, including mint chips, peanut butter chips, butterscotch chips, and chocolate chips.

*b. Nontaxable items.* Sales of the following are generally not taxable as candy: jams, jellies, preserves, or syrups; frostings; dried fruits without added sweetener; breakfast cereals; prepared fruit in a sugar or similar base; ice cream or other frozen desserts covered with chocolate or similar coverings; cotton candy; cakes, cookies, and similar products covered with chocolate or other similar coating; and granola bars. However, these and similar items are taxable if sold as prepared food under rule 701—231.5(423).

**220.4(3) Bundled transaction including candy.**

*a. Candy and food.* Products that are a combination of items that are defined as “candy” under this rule and items that are defined as “food and food ingredients” under rule 701—231.3(423) are “bundled transactions” when the items are distinct and identifiable and are sold for one nonitemized price, unless the seller’s sales price or purchase price of the candy accounts for 50 percent or less of the seller’s sales price or purchase price of the bundled transaction as provided under Iowa Code section 423.2(8) “d”(4). For example, a bag of multiple types of individually wrapped bars that is sold for one price is two or more distinct and identifiable products sold for one nonitemized price. For purposes of determining whether such a bag of individually wrapped bars is a “bundled transaction,” the following criteria apply:

(1) Ingredients listed separately.

1. If a package contains individually wrapped bars, drops, or pieces and the product label on the package separately lists the ingredients for each type of bar, drop, or piece included in the package, those bars, drops, or pieces that have “flour” listed as an ingredient are “food and food ingredients” and those bars, drops, or pieces which do not have “flour” listed as an ingredient are “candy.” The determination of whether the package as a whole meets the definition of “bundled transaction” is based on the percentage of bars, drops, or pieces that meet the definition of “food and food ingredient” as compared to the percentage of bars, drops, or pieces that meet the definition of “candy.”

2. Determining the percentage. For purposes of determining the percentage of the sales price or purchase price of the bars, drops, or pieces that meet the definition of “candy” as compared to all of the bars, drops, or pieces contained in the package, the retailer may presume that each bar, drop, or piece contained in the package has the same value.

3. Presumption of product amount. A retailer may presume that there is an equal number of each type of product contained in the package, unless the package clearly indicates otherwise.

EXAMPLE: Retailer B sells bulk food and food ingredients by the pound. Each food and food ingredient is in a separate bin or container. Some of the food and food ingredients are “candy” and some of them are not because they contain flour. However, regardless of the items chosen, the retailer charges the customer \$3.49/lb. Customer C selects some items that are “candy” and some that are not and puts them in a bag. Since some of the items in the bag are “candy,” the retailer shall treat the entire package as a bundled transaction containing primarily “candy,” unless the retailer ascertains that the sales price or purchase price of the candy in the bag is less than 50 percent of the sales price or purchase price of the entire bag. See Iowa Code section 423.2(8).

(2) Ingredients listed together. If a package contains individually wrapped bars, drops, or pieces and all of the ingredients for each of the products included in the package are listed together, as opposed to being listed separately by each product included as explained in subparagraph (1) above, and even if the ingredient lists “flour” as an ingredient, the product will be treated as “candy,” unless the retailer is able to ascertain that the sales price or purchase price of the candy in the package is less than 50 percent of the sales price or purchase price of the entire bag. See Iowa Code section 423.2(8).

The retailer may presume that each bar, drop, or piece contained in the package has the same value. The retailer may presume that there is an equal number of each type of product contained in the package, unless the package clearly indicates otherwise.

*b. Combination of ingredients.* Products whose ingredients are a combination of various unwrapped food ingredients that alone are not “candy,” along with unwrapped food ingredients that alone are “candy,” such as breakfast cereal and trail mix with candy pieces, are considered “food and food ingredients” and are not “candy.” Sales of these products are not “bundled transactions” because there are not two or more distinct and identifiable products being sold. The combination of the ingredients results in a single product.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(8) and 423.3(57).

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**701—220.5(423) Sales of prepared food.** On and after July 1, 2004, sales of “prepared food” are subject to tax as such sales were taxable prior to that date. However, before and after that date, the definitions

of “prepared food” differ slightly. Reference rule 701—20.5(423) for a description of the taxation of “prepared food” prior to July 1, 2004.

**220.5(1) Prepared food.**

*a.* On and after July 1, 2004, “prepared food” means any of the following:

- (1) Food sold in a heated state or heated by the seller, including food sold by a caterer.
- (2) Two or more food ingredients mixed or combined by the seller for sale as a single item.
- (3) Food sold with eating utensils provided by the seller, including plates, knives, forks, spoons, glasses, cups, napkins, or straws. A plate does not include a container or packaging used to transport food.

The types of retailers who are generally considered to be offering prepared food for sale include restaurants, coffee shops, cafeterias, convenience stores, snack shops, and concession stands including those at recreation and entertainment facilities. Other retailers that often offer prepared food include vending machine retailers, mobile vendors, and concessionaires operating facilities for such activities as education, office work, or manufacturing.

If food is sold for consumption on the premises of a retailer, the food is rebuttably presumed to be prepared food. “Premises of a retailer” means the total space and facilities under control of the retailer or available to the retailer, including buildings, grounds, and parking lots that are made available or that are available for use by the retailer, for the purpose of sale of prepared food and drink or for the purpose of consumption of prepared food and drink sold by the retailer. Availability of self-service heating or other preparation facilities or eating facilities such as tables and chairs and knives, forks, and spoons, indicates that food, food products, and drinks are sold for consumption on the premises of the retailer and are subject to tax as sales of prepared food.

The following examples are intended to show some of the situations in which sales are taxable as sales of prepared food and drink.

EXAMPLE A. A movie theater owner operates a movie theater and a concession stand in the lobby of the theater. There is not a separate area set aside for eating facilities. Sales of prepared food and drink through the concession stand are taxable.

EXAMPLE B. As a convenience to employees, a manufacturer owns and operates several food and drink vending machines located on the premises of the plant. No separate seating or other facilities for eating are provided. Sales of prepared food and drink through the vending machines are taxable.

EXAMPLE C. Mobile vendor units located throughout an office are operated by the owner of the business and are stocked with snack food priced to cover the cost of the items to the employer. No separate eating facilities are provided. Sales of prepared food through the mobile vendors are taxable.

EXAMPLE D. An insurance company hires a caterer to run a cafeteria which provides food, at a low cost, to its employees. The insurance company also pays the caterer an amount, per month, which varies with the number of meals the caterer serves to provide this food service. The caterer does not lease the cafeteria premises; thus the premises remains under the control of the insurance company. In this case, the caterer sells the food in a space made “available to the retailer [caterer],” and the amount which the insurance company pays, on a monthly basis, to the caterer is presumed to be the taxable sales price from the sale of prepared food, as well as the amount paid by the employees to the caterer.

*b.* “Prepared food,” for the purposes of this rule, does not include food that is any of the following:

- (1) Only cut, repackaged, or pasteurized by the seller.
- (2) Eggs, fish, meat, poultry, and foods containing these raw animal foods requiring cooking by the consumer as recommended by the United States Food and Drug Administration in Chapter 3, Part 401.11 of its Food Code, so as to prevent food-borne illnesses.
- (3) Bakery items sold by the seller that baked them. The term “bakery items” includes but is not limited to breads, rolls, buns, biscuits, bagels, croissants, pastries, donuts, Danish, cakes, tortes, pies, tarts, muffins, bars, cookies, and tortillas. On and after July 1, 2004, baked goods sold for consumption on the premises by the seller that baked them are sold exempt from tax. This is a change from previous law; reference 701—subrule 20.5(2), Example D.

(4) Food sold in an unheated state as a single item without eating utensils provided by the seller which is priced by weight or volume.

**220.5(2) Examples.** The following are additional examples of foods that either are or are not “prepared foods,” the sales price of which is taxable.

EXAMPLE A: A supermarket retailer cuts Bibb and romaine lettuce, mixes them together, and places them in a bag for sale. This is food which is only cut and repackaged. Its sale is not the sale of prepared food; thus its sale is exempt from tax.

EXAMPLE B: The same factual situation as Example A above applies, except that the lettuce is mixed with a salad dressing, placed in a container, and sold as a salad which is ready to eat. Sale of the salad is a taxable sale of “prepared food.”

EXAMPLE C: A supermarket retailer slices a roll of cotto salami and a roll of regular salami. The retailer places ten slices of each in the same container and sells the combination as an Italian luncheon meat variety pack. This is, again, the sale of food which is only cut and repackaged. The sale of the salami is exempt from tax.

EXAMPLE D: The same factual circumstances as in Example C apply, except that the retailer takes the sliced salami, places it between two slices of bread, adds some condiments, surrounds the meat, bread, and condiments with plastic, and sells the result as a ready-to-eat sandwich. This is prepared food, “two or more food ingredients . . . combined by the seller for sale as a single item,” and more is done to the ingredients than cutting and repackaging. Sales of the sandwiches are taxable.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code subsection 423.3(56).  
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**701—220.6(423) Prescription drugs, medical devices, oxygen, and insulin.** Sales of prescription drugs and medical devices as defined in subrule 231.6(1) and dispensed for human use or consumption in accordance with subrules 231.6(3) and 231.6(4) shall be exempt from sales tax. Rentals of medical devices as defined in subrule 231.6(1) are also exempt from tax. The sales price from the sales of any oxygen or insulin purchased for human use or consumption (whether or not the oxygen or insulin is prescribed) is exempt from tax.

**220.6(1) Definitions.**

“*Medical device*” means durable medical equipment or mobility enhancing equipment intended to be prescribed by a practitioner for human use. See rule 701—231.8(423) for definitions of those terms.

“*Prescription drug*” means a drug intended to be dispensed to an ultimate user pursuant to a prescription drug order, formula, or recipe issued in any form of oral, written, electronic, or other means of transmission by a duly licensed practitioner, or oxygen or insulin dispensed for human consumption with or without a prescription drug order or medication order.

“*Ultimate user*” means any individual who has lawfully obtained and possesses a prescription drug or medical device for the individual’s own use or for the use of a member of the individual’s household, or an individual to whom a prescription drug or medical device has been lawfully supplied, administered, dispensed or prescribed. The phrase does not include any entity created by law, such as a corporation or partnership.

**220.6(2) Tax exemption.** The sale of a prescription drug is exempt from tax only if the drug is intended to be prescribed or dispensed to an ultimate user. A drug is intended to be prescribed or dispensed to an ultimate user only if the drug is obtained by or supplied or administered to an ultimate user for placement on or in the ultimate user’s body.

EXAMPLE A: A physician prescribes a tranquilizer for a patient who is chronically nervous. The patient uses the prescription to purchase the tranquilizer at a pharmacy. The purchase is exempt from tax.

For purposes of this subrule, any drug prescribed in writing by a licensed physician, surgeon, osteopath, osteopathic physician or surgeon, or other person authorized by law to an ultimate user for human use or consumption shall be deemed a drug exempt from tax if a prescription is required or permitted under Iowa state or federal law.

EXAMPLE B: A common painkiller is sold over the counter in doses of 200 milligrams per tablet. In doses of 600 milligrams per tablet, federal law requires a prescription before the drug can be dispensed. Sales of 600 milligram tablets by prescription are exempt from tax.

EXAMPLE C: A federal law permits but does not require the painkiller mentioned in Example B to be prescribed by a practitioner in dosages of 200 milligrams per tablet. A practitioner might prescribe the painkiller in the over-the-counter dosage, for example, to impress upon a patient the importance of taking the drug. Sales of 200 milligram tablets by prescription are exempt from tax.

See rules 701—231.7(423) and 701—231.8(423) for examples of medical devices sold without a prescription but exempt from tax.

**220.6(3)** *Persons authorized to dispense prescription drugs or prescription devices.* In order for a prescription drug or device to qualify for an exemption, it must be dispensed by one of the following persons:

*a.* Any store or other place of business where prescription drugs are compounded, dispensed or sold by a person holding a license to practice pharmacy in Iowa, and where prescription orders for prescription drugs or devices are received or processed in accordance with pharmacy laws.

*b.* Persons licensed by the state board of medical examiners to practice medicine or surgery in Iowa.

*c.* Persons licensed by the state board of medical examiners to practice osteopathic medicine or surgery in Iowa.

*d.* Persons licensed by the state board of podiatry examiners to engage in the practice of podiatry in Iowa.

*e.* Persons licensed by the state board of dental examiners to practice dentistry in Iowa.

*f.* Persons licensed by the state board of optometry examiners as therapeutically certified optometrists.

*g.* Persons licensed by the state board of chiropractic examiners to practice chiropractic in Iowa, when dispensing in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 151.

*h.* Persons licensed as advanced registered nurse practitioners by the board of nursing when prescribing and dispensing in accordance with Iowa Code subsection 147.107(8).

*i.* Any other person authorized under Iowa law to dispense prescription drugs or devices in this state.

*j.* Any person licensed in another state in a health field in which, under Iowa law, licensees in this state may legally prescribe drugs or devices.

**220.6(4)** *Disposition of prescription drugs and devices.* Prescription drugs or devices may be dispensed either directly from one of the persons licensed in 231.6(3) who may also prescribe drugs or devices or by a pharmacist upon receipt of a prescription from one of the persons licensed to prescribe. A prescription received by a licensed pharmacist from one of the persons licensed in 231.6(3) who may also prescribe drugs or devices shall be sufficient evidence that a drug or device is exempt from sales tax. When a person who prescribes a drug or device is also the dispenser, the drug or device will not require a prescription by such person, but the drug or device must be recorded as if a prescription would have been issued or required. If this condition is met, the sales price from the sale of the drug or device shall be exempt from sales tax.

**220.6(5)** *Others required to collect sales tax.* Any person other than those who are allowed to dispense drugs or devices under 231.6(3) shall be required to collect sales tax on any prescription drugs or devices.

**220.6(6)** *Prescription drugs and devices purchased by hospitals for resale.* This subrule applies to for-profit hospitals only. Hospitals have purchased prescription drugs or devices for resale to patients and not for use or consumption in providing hospital services only if the following circumstances exist: (a) the drug or device is actually transferred to the patient; (b) the drug or device is transferred in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value; (c) the hospital and the patient intend the transfer to be a sale; and (d) the sale is evidenced in the patient's bill by a separate charge for the identifiable drug or device. Reference rule 701—18.31(422,423) for a discussion generally of sales for resale by

persons performing a service. Also reference rule 701—18.59(422,423) for the exemption applicable to all purchases of goods and services by a nonprofit hospital licensed under Iowa Code chapter 135B.

EXAMPLE A: A hospital purchases a bone saw blade and uses the blade to cut the bone of patient X during hip replacement surgery. This dulls the blade to the point that the blade cannot be used again and is discarded. The hospital bills patient X for “one bone saw blade—\$30.” In spite of the separate charge for an identifiable piece of property, the hospital did not purchase the bone saw blade for resale. The blade was used up by the hospital, not transferred to the ownership of X. Since there was no transfer, there was no sale, thus no purchase for resale.

EXAMPLE B: A hospital buys lotion for use in massages given to patients by a nurse’s aide. In spite of the fact that one can argue that a transfer of ownership of the lotion from hospital to patient occurred, the lotion was not purchased for resale. No real intent to sell the lotion to patients ever existed; the lotion was not transferred to patients in a quantity capable of a definite price value; and there is no separate charge for the lotion.

A hospital’s purchase of a prescription drug for purposes other than resale will still be exempt from tax if a drug is intended to be prescribed to an ultimate user and the hospital’s use of the drug is otherwise exempt under 231.6(1).

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**701—220.7(423) Exempt sales of other medical devices which are not prosthetic devices.** A prescription is not required for sales of the medical devices listed in subrule 231.7(1) to be exempt from tax if those devices are purchased for human use or consumption.

**220.7(1) Definitions.**

“*Anesthesia trays*” includes, without limit, paracervical anesthesia trays, saddle block anesthesia trays, spinal anesthesia trays, and continuous epidural anesthesia trays.

“*Biopsy*” means the removal and examination of tissue from a living body, performed to establish a precise diagnosis.

“*Biopsy needles*” includes, without limit, needles used to perform liver, kidney, other soft tissue, bone, and bone marrow biopsies. Menghini technique aspirating needles, Rosenthal-type needles, and “J” Jamshidi needles are all examples of biopsy needles.

“*Cannula*” means a tube inserted into a body duct or cavity to drain fluid, insert medication including oxygen, or to open an air passage. Examples are lariat nasal cannulas and ableson cricothyrotomy cannulas.

“*Catheter*” means a tubular, flexible, surgical instrument used to withdraw fluids from or introduce fluids into a body cavity, or for making examinations. Examples are: Robinson/nelation catheters, all types of Foley catheters (e.g., pediatric and irrigating), three-way catheters, suction catheters, IV catheters, angiocath catheters and male and female catheters.

“*Catheter trays.*” Universal Foley catheter trays, economy Foley trays, urethral catheterization trays and catheter trays with domed covers are nonexclusive examples of these trays.

“*Diabetic testing materials*” means all materials used in testing for sugar or acetone in the urine, including, but not limited to, Clinitest, Tes-tape, and Clinistix; also, all materials used in monitoring the glucose level in the blood, including, but not limited to, bloodletting supplies and test strips.

“*Drug infusion device*” means a device designed for the slow introduction of a drug solution into the human body. The term includes devices which infuse by means of pumps or gravity flow (drip infusion).

“*Fistula*” means an abnormal passage usually between the internal organs or between an internal organ and the surface of the body.

“*Hypodermic syringe*” means an instrument for applying or administering liquid into any vessel or cavity beneath the skin. This includes the needle portion of the syringe if it accompanies the syringe at the time of purchase, and it also includes replacement needles.

“*Insulin*” means a preparation of the active principle of the pancreas, used therapeutically in diabetes and sometimes in other conditions.

“*Kit*” means a combination of medical equipment and supplies used to perform one particular medical procedure which is packaged and sold as a single item.

“*Myelogram*” means a radiographic picture of the spinal cord. A “radiographic picture” is one taken using radiation other than visible light.

“*Nebulizer*” means a mechanical device which converts a liquid to a spray or fog.

“*Other medical device*,” for the purposes of this rule, means medical equipment or supplies intended to be dispensed for human use with or without a prescription to an ultimate user.

“*Oxygen equipment*” means all equipment used to deliver medicinal oxygen including, but not limited to, face masks, humidifiers, cannulas, tubing, mouthpieces, tracheotomy masks or collars, regulators, oxygen concentrators and oxygen accessory racks or stands.

“*Set*.” See “*kit*” above.

“*Tray*.” See “*kit*” above.

**220.7(2)** Sales of the following other medical devices are exempt from tax:

- a. Sales of insulin, hypodermic syringes, and diabetic testing materials.
- b. Sales and rentals of oxygen equipment.
- c. Sales of hypodermic needles, anesthesia trays, biopsy trays and needles, cannula systems, catheter trays, invasive catheters, dialyzers, drug infusion devices, fistula sets, hemodialysis devices, insulin infusion devices, irrigation solutions, intravenous administering sets, solutions and stopcocks, myelogram trays, nebulizers, small vein infusion kits, spinal puncture trays, transfusion sets and venous blood sets, all of which are not taxable.

**220.7(3)** Component parts. Sales of any component parts of the trays, systems, devices, sets, or kits listed above are taxable unless the sale of a component part, standing alone, is otherwise exempt under these rules. For instance, the sale of a biopsy needle or an invasive catheter will be exempt from tax whether or not it was purchased for use as a component part in a biopsy tray or catheter tray, so long as the needle or catheter will be dispensed for human use to an ultimate user. Conversely, sales of catheter introducers, disposable latex gloves, rayon balls, forceps, and specimen bottles are exempt when those items are sold as part of a catheter tray, but are not exempt when those items are sold individually.

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## **701—220.8(423) Prosthetic devices, durable medical equipment, and mobility enhancing equipment.**

**220.8(1)** *Prosthetic devices.* Sales or rental of prosthetic devices shall be exempt from sales tax.

**220.8(2)** *Durable medical equipment and mobility enhancing equipment.* Sales or rental of durable medical equipment and mobility enhancing equipment prescribed for human use which meet the provisions of subrules 231.8(3) and 231.8(4) shall be exempt from sales tax. “Prescribed” refers to a prescription issued in any form of oral, written, electronic, or other means of transmission by any of the persons described in paragraphs “a” through “j” of subrule 231.6(3).

**220.8(3)** *Definitions.*

a. “*Durable medical equipment*” means equipment, including repair and replacement parts, but does not include mobility enhancing equipment, to which all of the following apply:

1. Can withstand repeated use.
2. Is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose.
3. Generally is not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury.
4. Is not worn in or on the body.
5. Is for home use only.
6. Is prescribed by a practitioner.

b. “*Mobility enhancing equipment*” means equipment, including repair and replacement parts, but does not include durable medical equipment, to which all of the following apply:

1. Is primarily and customarily used to provide or increase the ability to move from one place to another and which is appropriate for use either in a home or a motor vehicle.
2. Is not generally used by persons with normal mobility.

3. Does not include any motor vehicle or equipment on a motor vehicle normally provided by a motor vehicle manufacturer.

4. Is prescribed by a practitioner.

c. “*Prosthetic device*” means a replacement, corrective, or supportive device including repair and replacement parts for the same worn on or in the body to do any of the following:

1. Artificially replace a missing portion of the body.
2. Prevent or correct physical deformity or malfunction.
3. Support a weak or deformed portion of the body.

The term “prosthetic device” includes, but is not limited to, orthopedic or orthotic devices, ostomy equipment, urological equipment, tracheostomy equipment, and intraocular lenses.

The following is a nonexclusive list of prosthetic devices:

Artificial arteries	Drainage bags	Prescription eyeglasses
Artificial breasts	Hearing aids	Stoma bags
Artificial ears	Ileostomy devices	Tracheal suction catheters
Artificial eyes	Intraocular lenses	Tracheostomy care and
Artificial heart valves	Karaya paste	cleaning starter kits
Artificial implants	Karaya seals	Tracheostomy cleaning
Artificial larynx	Organ implants	brushes
Artificial limbs	Ostomy belts	Tracheostomy tubes
Artificial noses	Ostomy clamps	Urinary catheters
Artificial teeth	Ostomy cleaners	Urinary drainage bags
Cardiac pacemakers	and deodorizers	Urinary irrigation tubing
Contact lenses	Ostomy pouches	Urinary pouches
Cosmetic gloves	Ostomy stoma caps and paste	
Dental bridges and implants	Penile implants	

d. “*Orthotic device*” means a piece of special equipment designed to straighten a deformed or distorted part of the human body, such as corrective shoes or braces. An orthotic device is an orthopedic device.

e. “*Orthopedic device*” means a piece of special equipment designed to correct deformities or to preserve and restore the function of the human skeletal system, its articulations and associated structures. A hot tub or spa is not an orthopedic device.

The following is a nonexclusive list of orthopedic devices:

Abdominal belts	Clavicle splints	Nerve stimulators
Alternating pressure mattresses	Corrective braces	Orthopedic implants
Alternating pressure pads	Corrective shoes	Orthopedic shoes
Anti-embolism stockings	Crutch cushions	Patient lifts
Arch supports	Crutch handgrips	Plaster (surgical)
Arm slings	Crutch tips	Rib belts
Artificial sheepskin	Crutches	Rupture belts
Bone cement	Decubitus prevention devices	Sacroiliac supports
Bone nails	Dorsolumbar belts	Sacrolumbar belts
Bone pins	Dorsolumbar supports	Sacrolumbar supports
Bone plates	Elastic bandages	Shoulder immobilizers
Bone screws	Elastic supports	Space shoes
Bone wax	Exercise devices	Splints
Braces	Head halters	Traction equipment



Canes	Hernia belts	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulators (tens units)
Casts	Iliac belts	Trapezes
Cast heels	Invalid rings	Trusses
Cervical braces	Knee immobilizers	Walkers
Cervical collars	Lumbosacral supports	Wheelchairs
Cervical pillows	Muscle stimulators	

*f. “Related devices.”* Sales or rental of devices which are used exclusively in conjunction with prosthetic, orthotic, or orthopedic devices shall be exempt from tax. *Daw Industries, Inc. v. United States*, 714 F.2d 1140 (Fed. Cir. 1983).

*g. “Medical equipment and supplies.”* The scope of the term “medical equipment and supplies” is broader than the terms “prescription drugs” or “medical devices.” While all exempt prescription drugs are medical supplies and all exempt medical devices are medical equipment, not all medical equipment and supplies are exempt medical devices or prescription drugs. The following is a nonexclusive list of items which are medical equipment or supplies, but are not prescription drugs or medical devices exempt from tax under subrules 231.6(1), 231.8(1), and 231.8(2) and rule 701—231.7(423). Sales of the following items are generally taxable.

Adhesive bandages	Contact lens solution	Hot water bottles
Aneurysm clips	Convuluted pads	Ice bags
Arterial bloodsets	Corrective pessaries	Ident-a-bands
Aspirators	Cotton balls	Incontinent garments
Athletic supporters	Diagnostic kits	Incubators
Atomizers	Dialysis chairs	Infrared lamps
Autolit	Dialysis supplies	Inhalators
Back cushions	Dietetic scales	Iron lungs
Bathing aids	Disposable diapers	Irrigation apparatus
Bathing caps	Disposable gloves	IV connectors
Bedpans	Disposable underpads	Laminar flow equipment
Bedside rails	Donor chairs	Latex gloves
Bedside tables	Dressings	Leukopheresis pumps
Bedside trays	Dry aid kits for ears	Lymphedema pumps
Bedwetting prevention devices	EKG paper	Manometer trays
Belt vibrators	Ear molds	Massagers
Blood cell washing equipment	Electrodes (other than tens units)	Maternity belts
Blood pack holders	Emesis basins	Medigrade tubing
Blood pack trays	Enema units	Modulung oxygenators
Blood pack units	First-aid kits	Moist heat pads
Blood pressure meters	Foam slant pillows	Myringotomy tubes
Blood processing supplies	Gauze bandages	Nebulizers (hypodermic)
Blood tubing	Gauze packings	Overbed tables
Blood warmers	Gavage containers	Page turning devices
Breast pumps	Geriatric chairs	Pap smear kits
Breathing machines	Grooming aids	Paraffin baths
Cardiac electrodes	Hand sealers	Physicians’ instruments
Cardiopulmonary equipment	Hearing aid carriers	Pigskin
Chair lifts	Hearing aid repair kits	Plasma extractors

Clamps	Heart stimulators	Plasma pheresis units
Clip-on ashtrays	Heat lamps	Plastic heat sealers
Commode chairs	Heat pads	Prescribed device repair kits and batteries
Connectors	Hemolators	Respirators
Contact lens cases	Hospital beds	Resuscitators
Sauna baths	Steri-peel	Transfer boards
Security pouches	Stools	Tube sealers
Servipak dialysis supplies	Suction equipment	Underpads
Shelf trays	Sunlamps	Urinals
Shower chairs	Surgical bandages	Vacutainers
Side rails	Surgical equipment	Vacuum units
Sitz bath kit	Suspensories	Vaporizers
Specimen containers	Sutures	Vibrators
Sponges (surgical)	Thermometers	Whirlpools
Stairway elevators	Toilet aids	X-ray film
Staples	Tourniquets	

**220.8(4) Power devices.** Sales or rental of power devices especially designed to operate prosthetic, orthotic or orthopedic devices shall be exempt from tax. This exemption does not include batteries which can be used to operate a number of devices, but batteries designed solely for use in hearing aids are exempt.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code Supplement subsection 423.3(60).  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—220.9(423) Raffles.**

**220.9(1) For raffles conducted prior to July 1, 2015.** Prior to July 1, 2015, the sales price from the sale of tickets for a raffle conducted at a fair pursuant to Iowa Code section 99B.5 is exempt from sales and use tax.

**220.9(2) For raffles conducted on or after July 1, 2015.** On or after July 1, 2015, the sales price from the sale of tickets for a raffle licensed and conducted at a fair pursuant to Iowa Code section 99B.24 is exempt from sales and use tax.

This rule is intended to implement 2016 Iowa Code subsection 423.3(62).  
[ARC 2512C, IAB 4/27/16, effective 6/1/16; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—220.10(423) Exempt sales of prizes.**

**220.10(1) In general.** The sales price from sales of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services which will be given as prizes to players in games of skill, games of chance, raffles, and bingo games as defined in and lawful under Iowa Code chapter 99B is exempt from tax. See department of inspections and appeals' 481—Chapters 100 through 106 for a description of the games of skill, games of chance, raffles, and bingo games which are lawful. See rule 481—100.6(99B) for a description of the prizes which may be lawfully awarded.

**220.10(2) Gift certificates.** A gift certificate is not tangible personal property. If a person wins a gift certificate as a prize and then redeems the gift certificate for merchandise, tax is payable at the time the gift certificate is redeemed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(62).  
[ARC 5915C, IAB 9/22/21, effective 10/27/21; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—220.11(423) Modular homes.** Forty percent of the sales price from the sale of a modular home is exempt from tax. A “modular home” is any structure built in a factory, made to be used as a place for

human habitation, which cannot be attached or towed behind a motor vehicle and which does not have permanently attached to its body or frame any wheels or axles.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code subsection 423.3(63).  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—220.12(423) Access to on-line computer service.** The sales price from charges paid to a provider for access to an on-line computer service is exempt from tax. An “on-line computer service” is one which provides for or enables multiple users to have computer access to the Internet. Also, the furnishing of any contracted on-line service is exempt from Iowa tax if the information is made available through a computer server. The exemption applies to all contracted on-line services, as long as they provide access to information through a computer server.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code subsection 423.3(64).  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—220.13(423) Sale or rental of information services.** Rescinded ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23.

**701—220.14(423) Exclusion from tax for property delivered by certain media.** A taxable “sale” of tangible personal property does not occur if the substance of the transaction is delivered to the purchaser digitally, electronically, or by utilizing cable, radio waves, microwaves, satellites, or fiber optics. This exclusion from tax is also applicable to the leasing of tangible personal property, since a lease is classified as a “sale” of tangible personal property for the purposes of Iowa sales and use tax law. The exclusion is not applicable to property delivered by any medium other than those listed above. Sales of items such as artwork, drawings, photographs, music, electronic greeting cards, “canned” software (reference 701—subrule 18.34(1)), entertainment properties (e.g., films, concerts, books, and television and radio programs), and all other digitized products delivered as described above are not taxable, except the exclusion does not repeal by implication the tax on the service of providing pay television. Reference rule 701—26.56(422,423). If an order for a product is placed by way of any of the media described above but the product ordered is delivered by conventional, physical means, e.g., the U.S. Postal Service or common carrier, sale of the product is not excluded from tax under this rule.

The department considers delivery of tangible personal property to a purchaser by way of a “load and leave” transaction to be delivery by the use of conventional physical means. The sales price from the purchase of property delivered through a load and leave transaction is not exempt from tax under this rule. “Load and leave” means delivery to the purchaser by use of a tangible storage media where the tangible storage media is not physically transferred to the purchaser.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code subsection 423.3(66) and Iowa Code chapter 423, subchapter IV.  
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**701—220.15(423) Exempt sales of clothing and footwear during two-day period in August.** Tax is not due on the sale or use of a qualifying article of clothing or footwear if the sales price of the article is less than \$100 and the sale takes place during a period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in August and ending at 12 midnight of the following Saturday. For example, in the year 2004, this period began at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 6, and ended at 12 midnight on Saturday, August 7. Eligible purchases of clothing and footwear are exempt from local option sales taxes as well as Iowa state sales tax.

**220.15(1) Definitions.** The following words and terms, when used in this rule, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“*Accessories*” includes, but is not limited to, jewelry, handbags, purses, briefcases, luggage, wallets, watches, cufflinks, tie tacks and similar items carried on or about the human body, without regard to whether worn on the body in a manner characteristic of clothing.

“*Clothing or footwear*” means an article of wearing apparel designed to be worn on or about the human body. For the purposes of this rule, the term does not include accessories or special clothing or footwear or articles of wearing apparel designed to be worn by animals.

“*Eligible property*” means an item of a type, such as clothing, that qualifies for Iowa’s sales tax holiday.

“*Special clothing or footwear*” is clothing or footwear primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and which is not normally worn except when used for the athletic activity or protective use for which it is designed.

**220.15(2) Exempt sales.**

*a. Required price.* The exemption applies to each article of clothing or footwear selling for less than \$100, regardless of how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer. For example, if a customer purchases two shirts for \$80 each, both items qualify for the exemption even though the customer’s total purchase price (\$160) exceeds \$99.99. The exemption does not apply to the first \$99.99 of an article of clothing or footwear selling for more than \$99.99. For example, if a customer purchases a pair of pants costing \$110, sales tax is due on the entire \$110.

*b. Order date and back orders.* For the purpose of the sales tax holiday, eligible property qualifies for exemption if: the item is both delivered to and paid for by the customer during the exemption period; or the customer orders and pays for the item and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period. The seller accepts an order when the seller has taken action to fill the order for immediate shipment. Actions to fill an order include placement of an “in date” stamp on a mail order or assignment of an “order number” to a telephone order. An order is for immediate shipment when the customer does not request delayed shipment. An order is for immediate shipment notwithstanding that the shipment may be delayed because of a backlog of orders or because stock is currently unavailable to, or on back order by, the seller.

**220.15(3) Taxable sales.** This exemption does not apply to sales of the following goods or services:

*a.* Any special clothing or footwear that is primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and that is not normally worn except when used for the athletic activity or protective use for which it is designed. For example, golf cleats and football pads are primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and are not normally worn except when used for those purposes; therefore, they do not qualify for the exemption. However, tennis shoes, jogging suits, and swimsuits are commonly worn for purposes other than athletic activity and qualify for the exemption.

*b.* Accessories, including jewelry, handbags, purses, briefcases, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches, and similar items carried on or about the human body, without regard to whether they are worn on the body in a manner characteristic of clothing.

*c.* The rental of any clothing or footwear. For example, this exemption does not apply to rentals of formal wear, costumes, diapers, and bridal gowns, but would apply to sales of the above items.

*d.* Taxable services performed on clothing or footwear, such as garment and shoe repair, dry cleaning or laundering, and alteration services. Sales tax is due on alterations to clothing, even though the alteration service may be performed, invoiced and paid for at the same time as the clothing is being purchased. If a customer purchases a pair of pants for \$90 and pays \$15 to have the pants cuffed, the \$90 charge for the pants is exempt, but tax is due on the \$15 alteration charge.

*e.* Purchases of items used to make, alter, or repair clothing or footwear, including fabric, thread, yarn, buttons, snaps, hooks, belt buckles, and zippers.

**220.15(4) Special situations.**

*a. Articles normally sold as a unit.* Articles that are normally sold as a unit must continue to be sold in that manner if the exemption is to apply; they cannot be priced separately and sold as individual items in order to obtain the exemption. For example, if a pair of shoes sells for \$150, the pair cannot be split in order to sell each shoe for \$75 to qualify for the exemption. If a suit is normally priced at \$225 and sold as a unit on a single price tag, the suit cannot be split into separate articles so that any of the components may be sold for less than \$100 in order to qualify for the exemption. However, components that are normally priced as separate articles (e.g., slacks and sport coats, and suit coats and suit pants

sold separately prior to the two-day period) may continue to be sold as separate articles and qualify for the exemption if the price of an article is less than \$100.

*b. Sales of exempt clothing combined with gifts of taxable merchandise.* When exempt clothing is sold in a set that also contains taxable merchandise as a free gift and no additional charge is made for the gift, the exempt clothing may qualify for this exemption. For example, a boxed set may contain a tie and a free tie tack. If the price of the set is the same as the price of the tie sold separately, the item being sold is the tie, which is exempt from tax if sold for less than \$100 during the exemption period.

*c. Layaway sales.* A layaway sale is a transaction in which merchandise is set aside for future delivery to a customer who makes a deposit, agrees to pay the balance of the purchase price over a period of time and, at the end of the payment period, receives the merchandise. Reference rule 701—16.22(422,423) for general information on layaway sales. A sale of eligible property under a layaway sale qualifies for exemption if: final payment on a layaway order is made by, and the property is given to, the purchaser during the exemption period; or the purchaser selects the property and the retailer accepts the order for the item during the exemption period, for immediate delivery upon full payment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period.

*d. Returns.* For a 60-day period immediately after the sales tax holiday exemption period, when a customer returns an item that would qualify for the exemption, no credit for or refund of sales tax shall be given unless the customer provides a receipt or invoice that shows tax was paid, or the seller has sufficient documentation to show that tax was paid on the specific item. This 60-day period is set solely for the purpose of designating a time period during which the customer must provide documentation that shows that sales tax was paid on returned merchandise. The 60-day period is not intended to change a seller's policy on the time period during which the seller will accept returns.

*e. Different time zones.* The time zone of the seller's location determines the authorized time period for a sales tax holiday when the purchaser is located in one time zone and the seller is located in another.

**220.15(5)** *Calculating taxable and exempt sales price—discounts, coupons, buying at a reduced price, and rebates.*

*a. Discounts.* A discount allowed by a retailer and taken on a taxable sale can be used to reduce the sales price of an item. If the discount reduces the sales price of an item to \$99.99 or less, the item may qualify for the exemption. For example, a customer buys a \$150 dress and a \$100 blouse from a retailer offering a 10 percent discount. After applying the 10 percent discount, the final sales price of the dress is \$135, and the blouse is \$90. The dress is taxable (it is over \$99.99), and the blouse is exempt (it is less than \$99.99).

*b. Coupons.* When a coupon is issued by a retailer and is actually used to reduce the sales price of any taxable item, the value of the coupon is excludable from the tax as a discount if the retailer is not reimbursed for the coupon amount by a third party. Therefore, a retailer's coupon can be used to reduce the sales price of an item to \$99.99 or less in order to qualify for the exemption. For example, if a customer purchases a pair of shoes priced at \$110 with a coupon worth \$20 off, the final sales price of the shoes is \$90, and the shoes qualify for the exemption. A manufacturer's coupon cannot be used to reduce the sales price of an item.

*c. Buy one, get one free or for a reduced price or "two for the price of one" sales.* The total price of items advertised as "buy one, get one free," or "buy one, get one for a reduced price," or "two for the price of one" cannot be averaged in order for both items to qualify for the exemption. The following examples illustrate how such sales should be handled.

**EXAMPLE 1.** A retailer advertises pants as "buy one, get one free." The first pair of pants is priced at \$120; the second pair of pants is free. Tax is due on \$120. Having advertised that the second pair is free, the store cannot ring up each pair of pants for \$60 in order for the items to qualify for the exemption. However, if the retailer advertises and sells the pants for 50 percent off, selling each pair of \$120 pants for \$60, each pair of pants qualifies for the exemption.

**EXAMPLE 2.** A retailer advertises shoes as "buy one pair at the regular price, get a second pair for half price." The first pair of shoes is sold for \$100; the second pair is sold for \$50 (half price). Tax is due on the \$100 shoes, but not on the \$50 shoes. Having advertised that the second pair is half price,

the store cannot ring up each pair of shoes for \$75 in order for the items to qualify for the exemption. However, if the retailer advertises the shoes for 25 percent off, thereby selling each pair of \$100 shoes for \$75, each pair of shoes qualifies for the exemption.

**EXAMPLE 3.** A retailer advertises shirts as “buy two for the price of one” for \$140. Tax is due on \$140. Each shirt cannot be rung up as costing \$70. However, as described in Examples 1 and 2 above, the \$140 cost of each shirt can be discounted to bring the price of each shirt within the exemption’s limitation.

*d. Rebates.* Rebates occur after the sale and do not affect the sales price of an item purchased. For example, a customer purchases a sweater for \$110 and receives a \$12 rebate from the manufacturer. The retailer must collect tax on the \$110 sales price of the sweater. Reference 701—subrule 212.3(2) for additional information regarding rebates.

*e. Shipping and handling charges.* Shipping charges separately stated and separately contracted for (reference rule 701—15.13(423) for explanation) are not part of the amount used to determine whether the sales price of an item qualifies it for exemption. Handling charges, however, are part of the amount used to make this determination if it is necessary to pay those charges in order to purchase an item.

**220.15(6) Treatment of various transactions associated with sales.**

*a. Rain checks.* A rain check allows a customer to purchase an item at a certain price at a later time because the particular item was out of stock. Eligible items purchased during the exemption period using a rain check will qualify for the exemption regardless of when the rain check was issued. However, issuance of a rain check during the exemption period will not qualify an eligible item for the exemption if the item is actually purchased after the exemption period.

*b. Exchanges.*

(1) If a customer purchases an item of eligible clothing or footwear during the exemption period and later exchanges the item for a similar eligible item (different size, different color, etc.), no additional tax will be due even if the exchange is made after the exemption period.

**EXAMPLE.** A customer purchases a \$35 shirt during the exemption period. After the exemption period ends, the customer exchanges the shirt for the same shirt in a different size. Tax is not due on the \$35 price of the shirt.

(2) If a customer purchases an item of eligible clothing or footwear during the exemption period and after the exemption period has ended returns the item and receives credit on the purchase of a different item, the appropriate sales tax will apply to the sale of the newly purchased item.

**EXAMPLE.** A customer purchases a \$35 shirt during the exemption period. After the exemption period ends, the customer exchanges the shirt for a \$35 jacket. Because the jacket was not purchased during the exemption period, tax is due on the \$35 price of the jacket.

(3) If a customer purchases an item of eligible clothing or footwear during the exemption period and later during the exemption period returns the item and purchases a similar but nonexempt item, the purchase of the second item is not exempt from tax.

**EXAMPLE.** During the exemption period, a customer purchases a \$90 dress that qualifies for the exemption. Later, during the exemption period, the customer exchanges the \$90 dress for a \$150 dress. Tax is due on the \$150 dress. The \$90 credit from the returned item cannot be used to reduce the sales price of the \$150 item to \$60 for exemption purposes.

(4) If a customer purchases an item of eligible clothing or footwear before the exemption period and during the exemption period returns the item and receives credit on the purchase of a different item of eligible clothing or footwear, no sales tax is due on the sale of the new item if it is purchased during the exemption period and otherwise meets the qualifications for exemption.

**EXAMPLE.** Before the exemption period, a customer purchases a \$60 dress. Later, during the exemption period, the customer exchanges the \$60 dress for a \$95 dress. Tax is not due on the \$95 dress because it was purchased during the exemption period and otherwise meets the qualifications for the exemption.

**220.15(7) Nonexclusive list of exempt items.** The following is a nonexclusive list of clothing or footwear, sales of which are exempt from tax during the two-day period in August:

Adult diapers	Formal clothing—sold not rented	Raincoats and hats
Aerobic clothing	Fur coats and stoles	Religious clothing
Antique clothing	Galoshes	Riding pants
Aprons—household	Garters and garter belts	Robes
Athletic socks	Girdles	Rubber thongs—“flip-flops”
Baby bibs	Gloves—cloth, dress and leather	Running shoes without cleats
Baby clothes—generally	Golf clothing—caps, dresses, shirts and skirts	Safety shoes (adaptable for street wear)
Baby diapers	Graduation caps and gowns—sold not rented	Sandals
Baseball caps	Gym suits and uniforms	Shawls
Bathing suits	Hats	Shirts
Belts with buckles attached	Hiking boots	Shoe inserts and laces
Blouses	Hooded (sweat) shirts	Stockings
Boots—general purpose	Hosiery, including support hosiery	Suits
Bow ties	Jackets	Support hose
Bowling shirts	Jeans	Suspenders
Bras	Jerseys for other than athletic wear	Sweatshirts
Bridal apparel—sold not rented	Jogging apparel	Sweatsuits
Camp clothing	Knitted caps or hats	Swim trunks
Caps—sports and others	Lab coats	Tennis dresses
Chefs’ uniforms	Leather clothing	Tennis skirts
Children’s novelty costumes	Leg warmers	Ties
Choir robes	Leotards and tights	Tights
Clerical garments	Lingerie	Trousers
Coats	Men’s formal wear—sold not rented	Tuxedos (except cufflinks)—sold not rented
Corsets	Neckwear, e.g., scarves	Underclothes
Costumes—Halloween, Santa Claus, etc., sold not rented	Nightgowns and nightshirts	Underpants
Coverall	Overshoes	Undershirts
Cowboy boots	Pajamas	Uniforms—generally
Diapers—cloth and disposable	Pants	Veils
Dresses	Pantyhose	Vests—general, for wear with suits
Dress gloves	Prom dresses	Walking shoes
Dress shoes	Ponchos	Windbreakers
Ear muffs		Work clothes
Employee uniforms other than those primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use		

**220.15(8)** *Nonexclusive list of taxable items.* The following is a nonexclusive list of items, sales of which are taxable during the two-day period in August:

Accessories—generally	Fabric sales	Safety clothing
Alterations of clothing	Fishing boots (waders)	Safety glasses
Athletic supporters	Football pads	Safety shoes—not adaptable for street wear
Backpacks	Football pants	Shoes with cleats or spikes
Ballet shoes	Football shoes	Shoulder pads for dresses and jackets
Barrettes	Goggles	Shower caps
Baseball cleats	Golf gloves	Skates—ice and roller
Baseball gloves	Ice skates	Ski boots, masks, suits and vests
Belt buckles sold without belts	In-line skates	Special protective clothing or footwear not adaptable for streetwear
Belts for weight lifting	Insoles	Sports helmets
Belts needing buckles but sold without them	Jewelry	Sunglasses—except prescription
Bicycle shoes with cleats	Key cases and chains	Sweatbands—arm, wrist and head
Billfolds	Knee pads	Swim fins, masks and goggles
Blankets	Laundry services	Tap dance shoes
Boutonnieres	Life jackets and vests	Thread
Bowling shoes—rented and sold	Luggage	Vests—bulletproof
Bracelets	Monogramming services	Weight lifting belts
Buttons	Pads—elbow, knee and shoulder, football and hockey	Wrist bands
Chest protectors	Patterns	Yard goods
Clothing repair	Protective gloves and masks	
Coin purses	Purses	
Corsages	Rental of clothing	

Dry cleaning services	Rental of shoes or skates	Yarn
Elbow pads	Repair of clothing	Zippers
Employee uniforms primarily designed for athletic activities or protective use	Roller blades	

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code subsection 423.3(67).  
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**701—220.16(423) State sales tax phase-out on energies.** Beginning January 1, 2002, the state sales tax is phased out at the rate of 1 percent per year on the sales price from the sale, furnishing, or service of metered natural gas, electricity and fuels, including propane and heating oils, to residential customers for use as energy for residential dwellings, apartment units, and condominiums for human occupancy.

Local option taxes are not included in the phase-out of the state sales tax.

This phase-out of tax does not impact franchise fees. Franchise fees will continue to be imposed where applicable.

**220.16(1) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

“*Energy*” means a substance that generates power to operate fixtures or appliances within a residential dwelling or that creates heat or cooling within a residential dwelling.

“*Fuel*” means a liquid source of energy for a residential dwelling, individual apartment unit, or condominium. “Fuel” includes propane, heating fuel, and kerosene. However, “fuel” does not include blended kerosene used as motor fuel or special fuel.

“*Metered gas*” means natural gas that is billed based on metered usage to provide energy to a residential dwelling, individual apartment unit, or individual condominium.

“*Residential dwelling*” means a structure used exclusively for human occupancy. This does not include commercial or agricultural structures, nor does it include nonresidential buildings attached to or detached from a residential dwelling, such as an outbuilding. However, a garage attached to or detached from a dwelling that is used strictly for residential purposes will fall within the phase-out provisions. A building containing apartment units is not considered to be qualifying property for purposes of this rule. However, if each apartment has a separate meter, it may qualify for the phase-out if classified as qualifying property by the utility. Also excluded from the phase-out provisions are certain nonqualifying properties that include, but are not limited to, nursing homes, adult living facilities, assisted living facilities, halfway houses, charitable residential facilities, YMCA residential facilities, YWCA residential facilities, apartment units not individually metered, and group homes.

**220.16(2) Schedule for phase-out of tax.** State sales tax on energies will be phased out at the rate of 1 percent per year based on the following schedule:

*a.* If the date of the utility billing or meter reading cycle of the residential customer for the sale, furnishing, or service of metered gas and electricity is on or after January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, or if the sale, furnishing, or service of fuel for purposes of residential energy and the delivery of the fuel occur on or after January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, the rate of state tax is 4 percent of the sales price.

*b.* If the date of the utility billing or meter reading cycle of the residential customer for the sale, furnishing, or service of metered gas and electricity is on or after January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003, or if the sale, furnishing, or service of fuel for purposes of residential energy and the delivery of the fuel occur on or after January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003, the rate of state tax is 3 percent of the sales price.

*c.* If the date of the utility billing or meter reading cycle of the residential customer for the sale, furnishing, or service of metered gas and electricity is on or after January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004, or if the sale, furnishing, or service of fuel for purposes of residential energy and the delivery of the fuel occur on or after January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004, the rate of state tax is 2 percent of the sales price.

*d.* If the date of the utility billing or meter reading cycle of the residential customer for the sale, furnishing, or service of metered gas and electricity is on or after January 1, 2005, through December 31,



2005, or if the sale, furnishing, or service of fuel for purposes of residential energy and the delivery of the fuel occur on or after January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005, the rate of state tax is 1 percent of the sales price.

e. If the date of the utility billing or meter reading cycle of the residential customer for the sale, furnishing, or service of metered gas and electricity is on or after January 1, 2006, or if the sale, furnishing, or service of fuel for purposes of residential energy and the delivery of the fuel occur on or after January 1, 2006, the rate of state tax is 0 percent of the sales price.

**220.16(3) Determination of tax rate.** Determination of the rate of state tax to be imposed on a transaction depends on the type of energy that is being purchased.

a. *Electricity or metered natural gas.* If the energy being purchased is either electricity or natural gas, then the rate of tax is governed by either the billing date or meter reading date. For example, ABC natural gas company sends out bills with a billing date of December 31, 2002, to qualifying residential customers. However, the bills to these qualifying customers are not placed in the United States mail until January 2, 2003. Based on the foregoing facts, the state sales tax to be imposed on the bills is 4 percent. Four percent is the tax rate imposed at the time of the billing date on the gas bills sent to the customers.

If a billing for the same usage period needs to be billed more than once due to loss of the original bill or some other error, the billing date of the original bill controls qualification for the phase-out provisions of metered gas or electricity. For example, a utility company issues a billing for metered gas on December 28, 2001, to a customer and the customer loses the billing. The customer calls the utility company on January 10, 2002, to report the lost billing and to request a new billing. The utility company issues a new billing with a billing date of January 12, 2002, to the customer. The original billing date issued to the customer is determinative for the tax rate to be imposed. As a result, a 5 percent state tax rate should be imposed on the billing because the original billing date was prior to January 1, 2002.

b. *Fuel and heating oil.* The proper rate of tax to be imposed for the sale, furnishing or service of fuel including propane is governed by the date of delivery of the fuel to the customer. Consequently, if a farmer purchases propane for home heating by executing an agreement and paying for the propane in October 2002 but the propane is not delivered to the farmer until January 2003, the rate of state sales tax that should be imposed on the transaction is 3 percent.

**220.16(4) Qualifying and nonqualifying usage.**

a. *Proration formula.* Customers that have both qualifying and nonqualifying usage on the same meter or fuel tank are subject to a proration formula to obtain the qualifying portion eligible for the phase-out provisions. In these situations, the percentage of qualifying usage must be determined by the purchaser for the purposes of applying the phase-out tax. Nonqualifying usage would be subject to the full state tax rate. Consequently, a proration of the metered gas, electricity or fuel usage for the qualifying and the nonqualifying usage must be calculated by the purchaser. Reference 701—subrule 15.3(4) for guidance on proration of electricity, natural gas and fuels. In addition, the purchaser must furnish an exemption certificate to the supplier with respect to that percentage of metered gas or electricity that is eligible for the phase-out provisions. Reference 701—subrule 15.3(2). The customer may provide a calculation which includes only the usage not subject to phase-out.

b. *Percentage of usage.* The customer must notify the utility provider of the percentage of qualifying and nonqualifying usage and the customer has the burden of proof regarding the percentage. The customer is liable for any mistakes or misrepresentations made regarding the computation or for failure to notify the utility provider in writing of the percentage of qualifying or nonqualifying usage.

c. *Security lights.* Security lights used by customers that are billed as a flat rate tariff will be subject to the phase-out if the customer is classified as a residential customer. However, if a customer uses security lights which are billed as a flat rate tariff and that customer is classified as a commercial customer, the sales price including the usage of the security lights is not subject to the phase-out of state sales tax and is subject to the full state sales tax rate, unless another exemption from state sales tax is applicable.

**220.16(5) Reporting over the phase-out period.** Sales/use tax returns will be filed on the same basis as they are currently filed. During each phase-out period, the entire sales price from sales should be

reported on the return. The appropriate state sales tax rate for the tax period will be applied by claiming the phased-out portion of the tax rate as a deduction on the return.

The sales prices for local option taxes are also to be reported in their entirety and computed by applying the appropriate local option tax rate.

The following are examples regarding how state sales and local option taxes should be reported:

EXAMPLE 1. Reporting of tax by an energy provider:

Sales price for a tax period in 2002	\$100,000
Phase-out (20,000 for the first year, 40,000 for the second year, etc.)	20,000
Taxable sales	80,000
State tax at 5% (to compute state sales tax due)	4,000
Sales price to be reported for local option	100,000
Local option tax rate (assuming a 1% local option tax rate)	× 1%
Local option tax due	1,000
Total tax due (local option and state sales tax)	\$5,000

EXAMPLE 2. Reporting of tax on an individual billing:

Monthly charge during a billing or delivery period in 2002	\$400
State tax rate	× 4%
State tax due	16
Sales price for local option tax	400
Local option tax rate	× 1%
Local option tax due	4
Total tax (local option and state sales tax)	\$20

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Code section 423.3(68).  
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### 701—220.17(423) Sales of diapers.

**220.17(1) In general.** The sales price of diapers, whether cloth or disposable, is exempt from sales tax. This includes children's diapers and adult diapers.

#### **220.17(2) Definitions.**

“*Adult diapers*” means diapers other than children's diapers.

“*Children's diapers*” means diapers marketed to be worn by children.

“*Diaper*” means an absorbent garment worn by humans who are incapable of, or have difficulty, controlling their bladder or bowel movements.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(109).  
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CHAPTER 221  
MISCELLANEOUS NONTAXABLE TRANSACTIONS

[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 214]

Rules in this chapter include cross references to provisions in 701—Chapters 16 and 18 that were applicable prior to July 1, 2004.

**701—221.1(423) Corporate mergers which do not involve taxable sales of tangible personal property or services.** If title to or possession of tangible personal property or ownership of services is transferred from one corporation to another pursuant to a statutory merger, the transfer is not a “sale” in which the sales price is subject to tax if all of the following circumstances exist: (1) the merger is pursuant to statute (for example, Iowa Code section 490.1106); (2) by the terms of that statute, the title or possession of property or services transferred passes from a merging corporation to a surviving corporation and not for any consideration; and (3) the merging corporation is extinguished and dissolved the moment the merger occurs and, as a result of this dissolution, cannot receive any benefit from the merger.

Transactions which are not of the type described above may involve taxable sales. See the following court cases relating to this area: *Nachazel v. Mira Co Mfg.*, 466 N.W.2d 248 (Iowa 1991); *D. Canale & Co v. Celauro*, 765 S.W.2d 736 (Tenn 1989); and *Commissioner of Revenue v. SCA Disposal Services*, 421 N.E.2d 766 (Mass 1981).

EXAMPLE A. Nonaffiliated Corporations A and C enter into a voluntary merger agreement governed by Iowa Code section 490.1106. A and C are separate and independent, one from the other, and neither is a subsidiary of another corporation. No officer of the one is an officer of the other. A and C voluntarily negotiate an arms-length merger agreement which results in the transfer of A’s assets to C and the dissolution of A. In return, A’s stockholders receive stock in C. The sales price of A’s transfer of tangible personal property to merged company C is not subject to sales or use tax.

EXAMPLE B. Corporations B, D, and E are independent entities. They enter into a merger agreement governed by Iowa Code section 490.1106 and agree to merge into one surviving corporation which will (after the dissolution of B and D) be E. They agree that the shares of merging corporations will be converted into shares of E on an equal basis. The sales price of the transfers of property by the corporations which are parties to the merger are not sales subject to Iowa tax.

EXAMPLE C. Corporation F receives all of Corporation G’s outstanding shares from G’s sole stockholder. In return, G’s sole stockholder receives stock from F. After the transaction, Corporation G continues to exist as a subsidiary of Corporation F. This particular transaction involves a trade or barter of the stock shares of F and G. There is a barter of the stocks and thus a “sale” as that term is understood for the purposes of Iowa sales tax law. However, because the sale involves only intangible property (the stock shares), that sale is not taxable. The stock exchange transaction would not prevent taxation of subsequent transfers of tangible personal property or services between F and G.

EXAMPLE D. Corporation H buys all the assets of Corporation I, which include machinery, equipment, finished goods, and raw materials. Corporation H pays cash for these assets. This transaction does involve the sale of tangible personal property, and the sales price of the sale may be subject to Iowa sales tax. However, reference 701—subrule 285.28(2) concerning a casual sale exemption applicable to the liquidation of a business.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.1(46).  
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**701—221.2(423) Sales of prepaid merchandise cards.** Sales of prepaid merchandise cards (other than prepaid telephone calling cards (reference 701—subrule 213.26) are not sales of tangible personal property and are not sales the sales price of which is subject to Iowa tax. If a purchaser uses a prepaid merchandise card to purchase taxable tangible personal property or taxable services, sales tax is computed on the sales price at the time of the sale and deducted from the prepaid amount remaining on the merchandise card.

EXAMPLE. Customer A purchases a prepaid merchandise card from ABC Clothing Company in the amount of \$200. Customer A purchases a sweater for \$50 from ABC Clothing Company. ABC Clothing

Company will debit A's card \$52.50 ( $\$50 \times 1.05$ ) for the state tax rate of 5 percent or \$53 ( $\$50 \times 1.06$ ) if one local option tax rate of 1 percent is applicable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(46) and 423.2(1).  
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**701—221.3(423) Demurrage charges.** Charges for returning tangible personal property after the agreed-upon date which are true demurrage charges supported by a written agreement do not constitute taxable sales and the charges are exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.1(47).  
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**701—221.4(423) Beverage container deposits.** Tax shall not apply to beverage container deposits. This rule is also applicable to all mandatory beverage container deposits required under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 455C, including deposits on items sold through vending machines.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 455C.  
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**701—221.5(423) Exempt sales by excursion boat licensees.** The sales price of the following sales by licensees authorized to operate excursion gambling boats is exempt from Iowa sales and use tax: (1) charges for admission to excursion gambling boats, and (2) the sales price from gambling games authorized by the state racing and gaming commission and conducted on excursion gambling boats.

The sales price from charges other than those for admissions or authorized gambling games would ordinarily be taxable. The following is a nonexclusive list of taxable licensee sales: parking fees, sales of souvenirs, vending machine sales, prepared meals, liquor and other beverage sales, and the sales price from nongambling video games and other types of games which do not involve gambling.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 99F.10(6).  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—221.6(423) Advertising agencies, commercial artists and designers as an agent or as a nonagent of a client.**

**221.6(1) In general.** A true agency relationship depends upon the facts with respect to each transaction. An agent is one who represents another, called the principal, in dealings with third persons. Advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers may act as agents on behalf of their clients in dealing with third persons or they may act on their own behalf. To the extent advertising agencies, artists and designers act as agents of their clients in acquiring tangible personal property, they are neither purchasers of the property with respect to the supplier nor sellers of the property with respect to their principals.

When advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers act as agents of their clients in purchasing property for their clients, the tax applies to the sales price from the sale of such property to the advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers. Unless such advertising agencies, commercial artists and designers act as true agents, they will be regarded as the retailers of tangible personal property furnished to their clients and the tax will apply to the total sales price received for such property. Further, nothing in this rule should be construed to be in variance with the opinion of the Iowa Supreme Court in *Rowe v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 249 Iowa 1207, 91 N.W.2d 548 (1958).

To establish that a particular acquisition is made in the capacity of an agent for a client, advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers (collectively referred to herein as "agency") shall act as follows:

- a. The agency must clearly disclose to the supplier the name of the client for whom the agency is acting as an agent.
- b. The agency must obtain, prior to the acquisition, and retain written evidence of agent status with the client.
- c. The price billed to the client, exclusive of any agency fee, must be the same as the amount paid to the supplier. The agency may make no use of the property for its own account, such as commingling the

property of a client with another, and the reimbursement for the property should be separately invoiced or shown separately on the invoice to the client.

Some charges may represent reimbursement for tangible personal property acquired by the agency as agents for its clients and compensation for performing of agency services related thereto. When an advertising agency, commercial artist, or designer establishes that it has acquired tangible personal property as agents for its clients, tax does not apply to the charge made by the agency to its client for reimbursement charges by a supplier or to the charges made for the performance of the agency's services directly related to the acquisition of personal property.

Advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers acting as agents shall not issue resale certificates to suppliers.

Advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers act as retailers of all items of tangible personal property produced or fabricated by their own employees when they sell to their clients. Advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers are not agents of their clients with respect to the acquisition of materials incorporated into items of tangible personal property prepared by their employees and sold at retail to their clients.

**221.6(2) Scope.** The scope of this rule is not confined simply to advertising agencies, commercial artists and designers, but also applies to all other businesses whose activities would bring them within the scope of this rule (e.g., printers).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2 and 423.5.

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CHAPTER 222

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CHAPTER 223

SOURCING OF TAXABLE SERVICES, TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND SPECIFIED  
DIGITAL PRODUCTS

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CHAPTER 224

TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

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CHAPTER 225  
RESALE AND PROCESSING EXEMPTIONS PRIMARILY  
OF BENEFIT TO RETAILERS

Rules in this chapter include cross references to provisions in 701—Chapters 15, 17, 18 and 26 that were applicable prior to July 1, 2004.

**701—225.1(423) Paper or plastic plates, cups, and dishes, paper napkins, wooden or plastic spoons and forks, and straws.** When paper or plastic cups, plates, and dishes, paper napkins, and wooden or plastic spoons, forks, and other utensils are sold with food or other items to a buyer, and the buyer uses or consumes the utensils, sales of those utensils to retailers shall be considered sales for resale. The sales price from the sale of such items by retailers to consumers or users shall be subject to tax.

When these articles are transferred in connection with a service or sold for free distribution by retailers apart from a retail sale, the transaction shall be deemed to be a retail sale to the retailer and shall be taxable.

Sales of reusable placemats to retailers that sell meals shall be subject to tax.

EXAMPLE 1. A retailer purchases napkins and disposable forks and knives for the retailer's restaurant. The retailer provides these items free of charge, apart from the retail sale of food at the retailer's restaurant. Sale of these items to the retailer is a retail sale and is subject to tax.

EXAMPLE 2. A retailer purchases napkins and disposable forks and knives for the retailer's restaurant. The retailer sells these items with tangible personal property to the retailer's customers. The sale of these items to the retailer is considered a sale for resale and is not subject to Iowa sales tax at the time of purchase.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(2).

**701—225.2(423) A service purchased for resale.** Rescinded ARC 6704C, IAB 11/30/22, effective 1/4/23.

**701—225.3(423) Services used in the repair or reconditioning of certain tangible personal property.** Services are exempt from tax when used in the reconditioning or repairing of tangible personal property of the type which is normally sold in the regular course of the retailer's business and which is held for sale by the retailer.

EXAMPLE 1. A owns a retail appliance store and contracts with B to repair a refrigerator that A is going to resell. A can purchase the repair service from B tax-free because A is regularly engaged in selling refrigerators and will offer the refrigerator for sale when it is repaired.

EXAMPLE 2. B, a used car dealer, owns a used car lot and contracts with C to repair a used car that B is going to sell. B can purchase the repair service from C tax-free because B is regularly engaged in selling used cars and will sell the used car after it is repaired.

EXAMPLE 3. C operates a retail farm implement dealership. C accepts a motorboat as part consideration for a piece of farm equipment. C then contracts with D to repair the motor on the boat. C does not normally sell motorboats in the regular course of C's business. Therefore, the service performed by D for C is subject to tax.

EXAMPLE 4. XYZ owns a retail radio and television store in Iowa and contracts with W to repair a television that XYZ is going to sell. XYZ can purchase television repair service tax-free from W because XYZ is regularly engaged in selling televisions subject to sales tax. However, in this instance XYZ sells the used television and delivers it into interstate commerce with the result that the Iowa sales tax is not collectible. Regardless of this fact, the exemption is applicable, and no Iowa tax is due for the television repair services performed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(50) and 423.1(51).

**701—225.4(423) Tangible personal property purchased by a person engaged in the performance of a service.**

**225.4(1) In general.**

*a.* Tangible personal property purchased by a person engaged in the performance of a service is purchased for resale and not subject to tax if (1) the provider and user of the service intend that a sale of the property will occur, and (2) the property is transferred to the user of the service in connection with the performance of the service in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value, and (3) the sale is evidenced by a separate charge for the identifiable piece or quantity of property.

*b.* Tangible personal property which is not sold in the manner set forth in “*a*” above is not purchased for resale and thus is subject to tax at the time of purchase by a person engaged in the performance of a service. Such tangible personal property is considered to be consumed by the purchaser who is engaged in the performance of a service, and the person performing the service shall pay tax upon the sale at the time of purchase.

EXAMPLE 1. An investment counselor purchases envelopes. These envelopes are used to send out monthly reports to the investment counselor’s clients regarding their accounts. Tax is due at the time the investment counselor purchases the envelopes if the clients are not billed for these items. Each envelope is transferred to a client in a form or quantity which is capable of a fixed or definite price value. However, there must also be an actual sale to the client (customer) of an item of personal property in order that there be a “resale” of the item.

EXAMPLE 2. An automobile repair shop purchases solvents which are used in cleaning automobile parts and thus in performing its automobile repair service. Tax is due at the time the automobile repair shop purchases the solvents since the solvents are not sold to the customer and, in this case, the items are not transferred to a customer in a form or quantity which is capable of a fixed or definite price value. Thus, the solvents are deemed consumed by the purchaser engaged in the performance of the service.

EXAMPLE 3. A retailer purchases television picture tubes tax-free and makes a separate charge for the picture tube to the customer. Since the tube is transferred to the customer in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value, the retailer may purchase the picture tube exempt from tax for subsequent resale.

EXAMPLE 4. A beauty shop or barber shop purchases shampoo and other items to be used in the performance of its service. Tax is due at the time the beauty shop or barber shop purchases such items from its supplier because the customers of the beauty shop or barber shop are not separately billed for the items and because the items are not transferred to the customer in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value. The items are consumed by the beauty shop or barber shop.

EXAMPLE 5. A car wash purchases water, electricity, or gas used in the washing of a car. The car wash would be the consumer of the water, electricity, or gas, and tax is due at the time of purchase. The items purchased by the car wash are not transferred to the customer in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value, and the customer is not billed for the items.

EXAMPLE 6. An accounting firm purchases plastic binders which are used to cover the reports issued to its customers. These binders would be subject to tax at the time of purchase by the firm where the customer of the firm is not billed for the item, because there is no sale to the customer.

EXAMPLE 7. A meat locker purchases materials such as wrapping paper and tape which it uses to wrap meat for customers who provide the locker with the meat. These materials would be subject to tax at the time of purchase by the meat locker because they are not sold to the customer in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value.

EXAMPLE 8. A jeweler purchases materials such as main springs and crystals to be used in the performance of a service. These items are purchased by the jeweler for resale when they are transferred to the customer in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value, and each item is actually sold to the customer as evidenced by a separate charge therefor.

EXAMPLE 9. A lawn care service applies fertilizer, herbicides, and pesticides to its customers’ lawns. The following are examples of invoices to customers which are suitable to indicate a lawn care service’s purchase of the fertilizer, herbicides, and pesticides for resale to those customers: “Chemicals...31 Gal....\$60”; “Fertilizer...50 lbs.....\$100”; and “Materials applied to lawn...4 bushel...\$40”. The following are examples of information placed upon an invoice which would not indicate a purchase for resale to

the customers invoiced: “Fifty percent of the charge for this service is for materials placed on a lawn,” or “Lawn chemicals...\$30” or “Fifty pounds of fertilizer was applied to this lawn.”

**225.4(2)** *Purchases made by automobile body shops or garages with body shops.* Tangible personal property purchased by body shops can be purchased for resale provided both of the following conditions are met:

*a.* The property purchased for resale is actually transferred to the body shop’s customer by becoming an ingredient or component part of the repair work. See Iowa Code section 423.3(2).

*b.* The property purchased for resale is itemized as a separate item on the invoice to the body shop’s customer and is transferred to the customer in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value.

If either of the above two conditions is not met, there is no purchase for resale and the body shop is deemed the consumer of the item purchased.

When body shops purchase items which will be resold (see list of items in this rule) in the course of the repair activity, the vendors selling to the body shops are encouraged to accept a valid resale certificate at the time of purchase. Reference rule 701—288.3(423). Failure of the vendor to accept a valid resale certificate may subject that vendor to sales tax liability since the burden of proof would be on the vendor that a sale was made for resale. If the vendor cannot meet that burden, the vendor will be liable for the sales tax. Such burden is not met merely by a showing that the purchaser had obtained from the department an Iowa retail sales tax permit or retail use tax permit.

For insurance purposes, body shops are reimbursed by insurance companies for “materials” which such shops consume in rendering repair services. Some of the materials are transferred to the recipients of the repair services and some are not. Of those so transferred, such transfer is in irregular quantities and is not in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value. Therefore, body shops are generally deemed to be the consumers of materials and must pay tax on these items at the time of purchase. Nonexclusive examples of items most likely to be included in this category of “materials,” whether actually transferred to customers of body shops or not, are as follows:

- Abrasives
- Battery water
- Body filler or putty
- Body lead
- Bolts, nuts and washers
- Brake fluid
- Buffing pads
- Chamois
- Cleaning compounds
- Degreasing compounds
- Floor dry
- Hydraulic jack oil
- Lubricants
- Masking tape
- Paint
- Polishes
- Rags
- Rivets and cotter pins
- Sanding discs
- Sandpaper
- Scuff pads
- Sealer and primer
- Sheet metal
- Solder
- Solvents
- Spark plug sand

Striping tape  
Thinner  
Upholstery tacks  
Waxes  
White sidewall cleaner

The following are nonexclusive examples of parts which can be purchased for resale since they are generally transferred to the body shop's customer during the course of the repair in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value and are generally itemized separately as parts.

Accessories  
Batteries  
Brackets  
Bulbs  
Bumpers  
Cab corners  
Chassis parts  
Door guards  
Door handles  
Doors  
Engine parts  
Fenders  
Floor mats  
Grilles  
Headlamps  
Hoods  
Hubcaps  
Radiators  
Rocker panels  
Shock absorbers  
Side molding  
Spark plugs  
Tires  
Trim  
Trunk lids  
Wheels  
Window glass  
Windshield ribbon  
Windshields

The following are nonexclusive examples of tools and supplies which are generally not transferred to the body shop's customer during the course of the repair and, therefore, could not be purchased for resale. The body shop is deemed the consumer of these items since they are not transferred to a customer. Therefore, the body shop must pay tax to the vendor at the time of purchase.

Air compressors and parts  
Body frame straightening equipment  
Brooms and mops  
Buffers  
Chisels  
Drill bits  
Drop cords  
Equipment parts  
Fire extinguisher fluids  
Floor jacks  
Hand soap

Hand tools  
Office supplies  
Paint brushes  
Paint sprayers  
Sanders  
Signs  
Spreaders for putty  
Washing equipment and parts  
Welding equipment and parts

Because of the nature of the body shop business and the formulas devised by the insurance industry to reimburse body shops for cost of “materials,” it is possible for body shops, in their invoices to their customers, to separately set forth labor, resold parts, and materials. While the materials can be separately invoiced as one general item, there is no way to ascertain a definite and fixed price for each item of the materials listed in this rule and consumed by the body shops, and some of such individual materials are not even transferred by body shops to their customers. Therefore, the body shops are generally the “consumers” of “materials” and do not purchase them for resale. See *W. J. Sandberg Co. v. Iowa State Board of Assessments and Review*, 225 Iowa 103, 278 N.W. 643 (1938). Thus, body shops should pay tax to their suppliers on all materials purchased and consumed by body shops. If materials are purchased from non-Iowa suppliers that do not collect Iowa tax from body shops, such body shops should remit consumer use tax to the department of revenue on such materials.

Body shops must collect sales tax on the taxable service of repairing motor vehicles. See rule 701—218.2(423). However, due to the nature of the insurance formulas, it is possible for body shops to itemize that portion of their billing which would be for repair services and that portion relating to consumed “materials.” It is also possible for body shops to itemize that portion of their charges for parts which they purchase for resale to their customers. Body shops do not and cannot resell the tools and supplies previously listed in this rule; their purchases of such items are taxable.

Therefore, as long as body shops separately itemize on their invoices to their customers the amounts for labor, parts, and for “materials,” body shops should collect sales tax on the labor and the parts, but not on the materials as enumerated in this rule.

EXAMPLE. A body shop repairs a motor vehicle by replacing a fender and painting the vehicle. In doing the repair work, the body shop uses rags, sealer and primer, paint, solder, thinner, bolts, nuts and washers, masking tape, sandpaper, waxes, buffing pads, chamois, and polishes. In its invoice to the customer, the labor is separately listed at \$600, the part (fender) is separately listed at \$600, and the category of “materials” is separately listed for a lump sum of \$200, for a total billing of \$1,400. The Iowa sales tax computed by the body shop should be on \$1,200, which is the amount attributable to the labor and the parts. The materials consumed by the body shop were separately listed and would not be included in the tax base for the taxable “sales price,” as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1(47), which is taxable under Iowa Code section 423.2.

In this example, if the “materials” were not separately listed on the invoice, but had been included in either or both of the labor or parts charges by marking up such charges, the body shop would have to collect sales tax on the full charges for parts or labor even though tax was paid on materials by the body shop to its supplier at the time of purchase.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(35) and 423.3(2).  
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**701—225.5(423) Maintenance or repair of fabric or clothing.** Sales of chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents directly used and consumed in the maintenance or repair of fabric or clothing are exempt from tax. See rule 701—200.1(423) for definitions of the terms “chemical,” “solvent,” “sorbent,” and “reagent.” This rule’s exemption is mainly applicable to dry-cleaning and laundry establishments; however, it is also applicable to soap or any chemical or solvent used to clean carpeting. The department presumes that a substance is “directly used” in the maintenance or repair of fabric or clothing if the substance comes in contact with the fabric or clothing during the maintenance or repair process.

Substances which do not come into direct contact with fabric or clothing may, under appropriate circumstances, be directly used in the maintenance or repair of the fabric or clothing, but direct use will not be presumed.

The following are examples of substances directly used and consumed in the maintenance or repair of fabric or clothing: perchloroethylene (also known as “perch”) or petroleum solvents used in dry-cleaning machines and coming in direct contact with the clothing being dry-cleaned. Substances used to clean or filter the “perch” or petroleum solvents would also be exempt from tax, even though these substances do not come in direct contact with the clothing being cleaned. The sale of soap or detergents especially made for mixing with “perch” or petroleum solvents is exempt from tax. The sale of stain removers to dry cleaners is exempt from tax.

A commercial laundry’s purchase of detergents, bleaches, and fabric softeners is exempt from tax. A commercial laundry’s purchase of water, which is a solvent, is also exempt from tax if purchased for use in the cleaning of clothing.

The purchase of starch by laundries and “sizing” by dry cleaners is not exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(50).

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**701—225.6(423) The sales price from the leasing of all tangible personal property subject to tax.** See rule 701—200.1(423) for the definitions of the words “lease or rental” and “tangible personal property” which are applicable to this rule.

**225.6(1) Past and present taxation of leases.** Prior to July 1, 2004, the rental of tangible personal property was treated as a taxable service for the purposes of Iowa sales and use tax law; reference 2003 Iowa Code section 422.43(11) and 701—subrule 26.18(2) (2003). The “rental” of tangible personal property was not a “sale” of that property, and therefore a purchase for subsequent leasing or rental was not a purchase for resale. See *Cedar Valley Leasing, Inc. v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 274 N.W.2d 357 (Iowa 1979).

On and after July 1, 2004, the rental of tangible personal property is treated as the sale of that property for the purposes of Iowa sales and use tax law because “leases” and “rentals” of tangible personal property are taxable retail “sales” of that property. The rental of tangible personal property is no longer listed as a taxable enumerated service. The resale exemption in favor of sales for resale of tangible personal property is now applicable to sales and leases of tangible personal property for subsequent rental or lease.

EXAMPLE A. Al’s Rent All buys blowers, hand tools, ladders, plumbers’ snakes, sanders, and tillers for subsequent short-term rental to various customers. Al’s purchases of these items of equipment are purchases for resale and are exempt from tax as of July 1, 2004.

EXAMPLE B. In addition to its purchases of equipment for subsequent rental, Al’s Rent All leases from its suppliers, long-term, items of heavier equipment such as backhoes, forklifts, manlifts, tractors, and trenchers, again for subsequent leasing to various customers. Since the leasing of tangible personal property is now a purchase of that property, Al’s leasing for later sublease is a purchase of tangible personal property and is exempt from tax at the time of purchase as the purchase of tangible personal property for subsequent resale.

**225.6(2) Distinguishing leases and rentals of tangible personal property from the furnishing of nontaxable services.** In order to determine whether a particular fee is charged for the rental of tangible personal property or for the furnishing of a nontaxable service, the department looks at the substance, rather than the form, of the transaction. When the possession and use of tangible personal property by the recipient is merely incidental as compared to the nontaxable service performed, all of the sales price is derived from the furnishing of such nontaxable service and, unless a separate fee or charge is made for the possession and use of tangible personal property, no sales price is derived from the rental of tangible personal property. When the nontaxable service is merely incidental to the possession and use of the tangible personal property by the recipient, all of the sales price is derived from the furnishing of tangible personal property rental and, unless a separate fee or charge is made for the nontaxable service, no sales price is derived from the nontaxable service. When a tangible personal property rental

agreement contains separate fee schedules for rent and for nontaxable service, only the sales price derived from the tangible personal property rental is subject to tax. This rule is not to be so construed as to be at variance with Iowa Code sections 423.2(8) and 423.3(70) concerning bundled service contracts and transportation services respectively.

**225.6(3) *Rental of real property distinguished from rental of tangible personal property.*** If a rental contract allows the renter exclusive possession or use of a defined area of real property and, incidental to that contract, tangible personal property is provided which allows the renter to utilize the real property, if there is no separate charge for rental of tangible personal property, the sales price is for the rental of real property and is not subject to tax, unless taxable room rental is involved; reference rule 701—285.40(422,423).

If a person rents tangible personal property and, incidental to the rental of the property, space is provided for the property's use, the sales price from the rental shall be subject to tax. It may at times be difficult to determine whether a particular transaction involves the rental of real property with an incidental use of tangible personal property or the rental of tangible personal property with an incidental use of real property.

**225.6(4) *Rental of tangible personal property and rental of fixtures.*** The rental of tangible personal property which shall, prior to its use by the renter under the rental contract, become a fixture shall not be subject to tax. Such a rental is the rental of real property rather than tangible personal property. In general, any tangible personal property which is connected to real property in a way that it cannot be removed without damage to itself or to the real property is a fixture. See *Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States v. Chapman*, 282 N.W. 355 (Iowa 1983) and *Marty v. Champlin Refining Co.*, 36 N.W.2d 360 (Iowa 1949). The rental of a mobile home or manufactured housing, not sufficiently attached to realty to constitute a fixture, is room rental rather than tangible personal property rental and subject to tax on that basis; see *Broadway Mobile Home Sales Corp. v. State Tax Commission*, 413 N.Y.S.2d 231 (N.Y. 1979). Reference also rule 701—285.40(422,423).

**225.6(5) *Rental of tangible personal property embodying intangible personal property rights—transactions taxable and exempt.*** Under the law, the sales price from rental of tangible personal property includes royalties and copyright and license fees. The rental of all property which is a tangible medium of expression for the intangible rights of royalties and copyright and license fees is subject to tax. Thus the sales price from the rental of films, videodiscs, videocassettes, and any computer software (other than rental of custom programs, reference 701—paragraph 285.34(3)“a”) which is the tangible means of expression of intangible property rights is subject to tax. The rental of such tangible property shall be subject to tax whether the property is held for rental to the general public or for rental to one or a few persons. See *Boswell v. Paramount Television Sales, Inc.*, 282 So.2d 892 (Ala. 1973). Reference also rule 701—284.18(422,423) regarding the exemption from the requirements of this subrule for rental of films, videotapes and other media to lessees imposing a taxable charge for viewing or rental of the media or to lessees that broadcast the contents of these media for public viewing or listening.

**225.6(6) *Deposits and additional fees.*** Taxability of a deposit required by an owner of rental property as a condition of the rental depends upon the type of deposit required. A deposit subject to forfeiture for the lessee's failure to comply with the rental agreement is not subject to tax. This type of deposit is separate from the rental payments and therefore is not taxable as part of the rental. Such deposits may include those for reservation, late return of the rental property or damage to the rental property. Deposits not subject to forfeiture which represent part of the rental receipts are considered part of the taxable rental and are subject to tax. Such deposits may include a deposit of the first rental payment which is applied to the rental receipts.

When tangible personal property is rented for a flat fee per month, per year, or for other designated periods, plus an additional fee based on quantity and capacity of production or use, the entire charge is taxable.

**225.6(7) *Leasing of tangible personal property moving in interstate commerce.***

a. On and after July 1, 2004, in the case of a lease or rental that requires recurring periodic payments, the first periodic payment is taxed to Iowa if the property was delivered to the lessee in Iowa. Periodic payments made subsequent to the first payment may be taxed only by the state in which the

property is primarily located for the period covered by the payment. The primary property location shall be as indicated by an address for the property provided by the lessee that is available to the lessor from its records maintained in the ordinary course of business, when use of this address does not constitute bad faith. The property location shall not be altered by intermittent use at different locations, such as use of business property that accompanies employees on business trips and service calls.

*b.* Where a nonresident lessor leases tangible personal property to a resident or nonresident lessee and the lessee uses the property in Iowa, the nonresident lessor has the responsibility of collecting Iowa use tax on the lease payments if Iowa is the primary location of the property, provided the lessor maintains a place of business in Iowa as described in 2005 Iowa Code sections 423.1(43) and 423.14(2). Whether the lease agreement is executed in Iowa or not is irrelevant. *State Tax Commission v. General Trading Co.*, 322 U.S. 335, 64 S.Ct. 1028, 88 L.Ed 1309 (1944).

*c.* Where a lessee is the recipient of equipment rental services sourced to Iowa and no tax has been collected from such lessee by the lessor, the lessee should remit Iowa use tax to the department of revenue. In the event no tax is remitted, the department, in its discretion, may seek to collect the tax from the lessor or lessee. In the event that the lessee rents tangible personal property, and the lessor does not maintain a place of business in Iowa and does not collect use tax pursuant to 2005 Iowa Code section 423.14, such lessee shall remit tax on its rental payments to the department.

*d.* Where a resident lessor leases equipment to a nonresident lessee outside Iowa and the equipment is delivered to the lessee outside Iowa, the act of leasing is exempt from the Iowa sales tax on the rental payments. However, in the event the lessee brings the equipment into Iowa, uses it in Iowa, and Iowa becomes the primary location of the property, Iowa use tax applies to subsequent rental payments.

*e.* If a sales or use tax has already been paid to another state on the sales price of tangible personal property prior to the use of that property in Iowa, a tax credit against the Iowa use tax on the purchase price will be given. After the equipment is brought into Iowa, if a sales or use tax is properly payable and is paid to another state on the rental payments of equipment, for the same time the Iowa tax is imposed on such rentals, a tax credit against the Iowa use tax on such rental payments will be given.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1(22), 423.1(43), 423.1(45), 423.1(54), 423.2(1), and 423.15(2).

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**701—225.7(423) Certain inputs used in taxable vehicle wash and wax services.** On or after May 25, 2012, sales of water, electricity, chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents to a retailer to be used in providing a service that includes a vehicle wash and wax that is subject to Iowa Code section 423.2(6) are exempt from tax. This rule applies to bills received or sales occurring, as the case may be, on or after May 25, 2012.

**225.7(1) Definitions.** For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

*“Chemical”* means a substance which is primarily used for producing a chemical effect. A chemical effect results from a chemical process wherein the number and kind of atoms in a molecule are changed in form (e.g., where oxygen and hydrogen are combined to make water). A chemical process is distinct from a physical process wherein only the state of matter changes (e.g., where water is frozen into ice or heated into steam).

*“Reagent”* means a substance used for various purposes (i.e., in detecting, examining, or measuring other substances; in preparing materials; in developing photographs) because it takes part in one or more chemical reactions or biological processes. A reagent is also a substance used to convert one substance into another by means of the reaction that it causes. To be a reagent for purpose of the exemption, a substance must be primarily used as a reagent.

*“Retailer”* or *“supplier”* means and includes every person engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property or taxable services at retail or the furnishing of gas, electricity, water, pay television, or communication service, and tickets or admissions to places of amusement and athletic events or operating amusement devices or other forms of commercial amusement from which revenues are derived. However, when in the opinion of the director it is necessary for the efficient administration of this rule to regard any salespersons, representatives, truckers, peddlers, or canvassers as agents of the



dealers, distributors, supervisors, employers, or persons under whom the salespersons, representatives, truckers, peddlers, or canvassers operate or from whom they obtain tangible personal property sold by them irrespective of whether or not they are making sales on their own behalf or on behalf of such dealers, distributors, supervisors, employers, or persons, the director may so regard them, and may regard such dealers, distributors, supervisors, employers, or persons as retailers for the purposes of this rule. “Retailer” includes a seller obligated to collect sales or use tax.

“*Secondary vehicle wash and wax facility*” means a vehicle wash and wax facility whose primary purpose is to sell tangible personal property or services other than vehicle wash and wax services, but which also provides vehicle wash and wax services that are taxable under Iowa Code section 423.2(6). Examples of “secondary vehicle wash and wax facilities” include, but are not limited to, vehicle dealerships, convenience stores, service stations, and wholesale and retail fuel marketing locations that provide taxable vehicle wash and wax services in addition to their primary business purpose. A facility that provides vehicle wash and wax services that also sells tangible personal property or other services is presumed to be a “secondary vehicle wash and wax facility” unless it can prove otherwise.

“*Solvent*” means a substance in which another substance can be dissolved and which is primarily used for that purpose.

“*Sorbent*” means a solid material, often in a powder or granular form, which acts to retain another substance, usually on the sorbent’s surface, thereby removing the other substance from the gas or liquid phase. The sorbent and the second material bond together at the molecular or atomic scale via physiochemical interactions. A substance is not a sorbent based on an ability to absorb heat or thermal energy.

“*Stand-alone vehicle wash and wax facility*” means a vehicle wash and wax facility whose primary purpose is to provide vehicle wash and wax services that are taxable under Iowa Code section 423.2(6). A vehicle wash and wax facility is considered a “stand-alone vehicle wash and wax facility” although it sells a de minimis amount of products and services related to vehicle wash and wax services. Nonexclusive examples of products and services related to vehicle wash and wax services include coin-operated vacuum stations and air fresheners and vehicle wipes which are sold out of vending machines.

“*Vehicle*” means any self-propelled motor vehicle designed primarily for carrying passengers (nine or fewer) excluding motorcycles and motorized bicycles; any pickup truck designed to carry both passengers and cargo; or any vehicle which is commonly on a highway and propelled by any power other than muscular power. Nonexclusive examples of a vehicle are motorcycles, motorized bicycles, pickup trucks, tractors, and trailers.

“*Vehicle wash and wax facility*” means any retailer that provides vehicle wash and wax services.

“*Vehicle wash and wax services*” or “*vehicle wash and wax*” means washing and waxing services performed inside or outside of the vehicle or both whether the services are performed by hand, machine, or coin-operated devices.

“*Water*” means water directly consumed or used in providing the taxable vehicle wash and wax service. “Water” does not include, for example, charges or fees for storm water, sanitary sewer, or solid waste services as these are not fees for water directly used or consumed in providing the taxable vehicle wash and wax service.

**225.7(2)** *Purchases made by a stand-alone vehicle wash and wax facility.* Purchases of water, electricity, chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents by a stand-alone vehicle wash and wax facility are presumed to be 100 percent exempt from sales tax. The stand-alone vehicle wash and wax facility is not required to provide the suppliers of such items with an exemption certificate. See 701—paragraph 288.3(2)“g.”

**225.7(3)** *Purchases made by a secondary vehicle wash and wax facility.*

a. *Sales price of electricity and water.* The exemption for the sales price of electricity and water purchased by secondary vehicle wash and wax facilities applies only to the sales price from the sale of electricity and water directly consumed or used in providing vehicle wash and wax services, as distinguished from electricity and water used and consumed for other purposes not related to vehicle

wash and wax services (e.g., electricity to operate office equipment or lighting; water used for cleaning the inside of a gas station or for irrigation).

(1) Separately metered electricity and water. Ideally, a secondary vehicle wash and wax facility will have separate meters to measure its nonexempt electricity and water usage and its exempt electricity and water used for providing taxable vehicle wash and wax services. A secondary vehicle wash and wax facility that separately meters its exempt and nonexempt electricity and water usage and does not use the exempt electricity and water for any other purpose than providing a taxable vehicle wash and wax service does not have to file an exemption certificate with the suppliers. See 701—paragraph 288.3(2)“g.” The supplier should not charge tax on the charges associated with the meters that measure electricity and water used solely for providing the taxable vehicle wash and wax services.

However, if water or electricity which is measured by the meter which separately measures the vehicle wash and wax facility is used for both taxable vehicle wash and wax services and nonexempt purposes (e.g., consumed in performance of its business operations), the secondary vehicle wash and wax facility must allocate the use of the electricity or water according to exempt and nonexempt use if an exemption for nontaxable use is to be claimed. To obtain the exemption for electricity or water under this rule, a secondary vehicle wash and wax facility that has both exempt and nonexempt electricity or water usage measured by the same meter must request the exemption by providing an exemption certificate to the electricity or water supplier.

The exemption certificate shall indicate what percentage of the electricity or water is used for taxable vehicle wash and wax services and is therefore exempt. The exemption certificate shall be in writing and detail how the percentages of exempt and nonexempt usage were developed. The rationale provided for the percentage of exempt water and electricity must be reasonable after the nature of the secondary vehicle wash and wax service facility’s primary purpose and all other facts and circumstances are considered. A secondary vehicle wash and wax facility that cannot, or does not want to, determine the percentage of exempt electricity or water usage may forego the exemption. The exemption certificate is valid for three years, but the secondary vehicle wash and wax facility must amend its exemption certificate to reflect any changes that would affect the exemption amount (e.g., summer month water usage compared to winter month water usage).

(2) Exempt and nonexempt usage measured by the same meter. When electricity and water are purchased for vehicle wash and wax services as well as for taxable uses, and the use of the electricity or water is recorded on a single meter, a secondary vehicle wash and wax facility must allocate the use of the electricity or water according to exempt and nonexempt use if an exemption for nontaxable use is to be claimed. To obtain the exemption for electricity or water under this subparagraph, a secondary vehicle wash and wax facility that has both exempt and nonexempt electricity or water usage measured by the same meter must request the exemption by providing an exemption certificate to the electricity or water supplier.

The exemption certificate must indicate what percentage of the electricity or water is used for taxable vehicle wash and wax services and is therefore exempt. The exemption certificate shall be in writing and detail how the percentages of exempt and nonexempt usage were developed. The rationale provided for the percentages of exempt water and electricity must be reasonable after the nature of the secondary vehicle wash and wax service provider’s primary purpose and all other facts and circumstances are considered. A secondary vehicle wash and wax facility that cannot, or does not want to, determine the percentages of exempt electricity and water usage may either forego the exemption or install a separate meter. The exemption certificate is valid for three years, but the secondary vehicle wash and wax facility must amend its exemption certificate to reflect any changes that would affect the exemption amount (e.g., summer month water usage compared to winter month water usage).

Exemption statutes are strictly construed against the taxpayer in favor of taxation (See *Dial Corp. v. Iowa Dep’t of Revenue*, 634 N.W.2d 643, 646 (Iowa 2001)). The secondary vehicle wash and wax facility has the burden of proof regarding the exempt percentages (See *id.* and Iowa Code section 421.60(6)) and is liable for any mistakes or misrepresentations made regarding the computation or for failure to notify the electricity or water supplier in writing of the percentage of exempt usage, if required.

(3) Credit. A supplier of electricity or water that sells electricity or water to vehicle wash and wax facilities may bill customers for sales tax even if the facility qualifies for the exemption from sales tax under this rule if the supplier cannot adjust its billing process in time to accommodate this exemption. Subsequently, the electricity or water supplier shall provide a credit for tax collected from a vehicle wash and wax facility, and the credit is to appear on the first possible billing date after May 25, 2012.

*b. Sales price of chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents.* The sales price of chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents sold to a secondary vehicle wash and wax facility to be used in providing a taxable vehicle wash and wax service is presumed to be 100 percent exempt from sales tax if the secondary vehicle wash and wax facility's primary business does not consume or sell the same chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents that are used in providing taxable vehicle wash and wax services. If the secondary vehicle wash and wax facility's primary business does not use or sell the same products used in providing the taxable vehicle wash and wax service, the facility does not have to provide the retailer with an exemption certificate. However, if the secondary vehicle wash and wax facility may consume the chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents for any purpose other than providing taxable vehicle wash and wax services, the secondary vehicle wash and wax facility shall either:

(1) Purchase such items without tax liability if the majority of the chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents are used in performing the vehicle wash and wax service and remit the tax to the department at the time such items are consumed in the operation of the primary business. The secondary vehicle wash and wax facility shall provide to the retailer an exemption certificate which indicates that not all items will be used in providing a taxable vehicle wash and wax service and the tax on such items will be remitted at a later date; or

(2) Pay tax to retailers at the time of purchase if the majority of the chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents will be consumed in the operation of the primary business and deduct the original cost of any such items subsequently used in the vehicle wash and wax service when reporting tax on the facility's returns.

EXAMPLE A: An automobile dealership offers a taxable drive-through vehicle wash and wax service in addition to its primary business purpose of selling vehicles. The automobile dealership is a "secondary vehicle wash and wax facility" because the taxable vehicle wash and wax service is offered secondarily to its primary purpose of selling and servicing vehicles. In addition to providing vehicle wash and wax services to the general public (a taxable vehicle wash and wax service), the automobile dealership uses its vehicle wash and wax facility to wash and wax its inventory. Using the vehicle wash and wax facility to wash or wax inventory is not a taxable vehicle wash and wax service because the vehicle wash and wax service is not sold to customers; the service is "consumed" in performance of the automobile dealership's business operations. See 701—paragraph 285.31(1) "c."

The automobile dealership has electricity and water meters that each separately measure the electricity and water used and consumed in using the vehicle wash and wax facility. Although the automobile dealership separately meters electricity and water, the separate meters do not measure only taxable vehicle wash and wax services. Therefore, to claim the exemption, the automobile dealership shall provide the electricity and water suppliers with an exemption certificate that states the percentages of water and electricity used in providing taxable vehicle wash and wax services. The electricity and water suppliers shall separately state and bill for the taxable and exempt amounts.

The automobile dealership also uses some of the chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents while washing and waxing its inventory, so the automobile dealership may either (1) purchase such items without tax liability if the majority of the chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents are used in performing the vehicle wash and wax service and remit the tax at the time such items are consumed in the operation of the primary business, or (2) pay tax to retailers at the time of purchase if the majority of the chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents will be consumed in the operation of the primary business and deduct the original cost of any such items subsequently used in the vehicle wash and wax service when reporting tax on the dealership's returns.

The exemption is available for the quantity of items used in providing the taxable vehicle wash and wax services even though the automobile dealership does not separately itemize on its receipts the

amounts of electricity, water, chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents used in providing the taxable vehicle wash and wax services.

EXAMPLE B: A gas station that also sells vehicle wash and wax services does not separately meter the electricity or water used and consumed in providing the taxable vehicle wash and wax services. With the exception of providing vehicle wash and wax services, the gas station does not provide any other additional services. The gas station wants to claim the exemption. To obtain the exemption for electricity or water under this rule, the gas station shall calculate, and has the burden of proving, the amount of exempt electricity or water it uses in providing taxable vehicle wash and wax services. The automobile dealership shall furnish to the electricity or water supplier an exemption certificate that indicates what percentage of the electricity or water is exempt.

Additionally, because the gas station only sells gasoline and taxable vehicle wash and wax services, it is unlikely that the gas station will consume the chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents for any purpose other than providing taxable vehicle wash and wax services. Therefore, the sales price of the chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents that the gas station purchased for use in providing taxable vehicle wash and wax services is 100 percent exempt from sales tax. The gas station does not have to provide the retailers of the chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents with an exemption certificate.

EXAMPLE C: Same facts as Example B, except the gas station does not believe it is feasible to accurately determine the amount of electricity or water usage that can be attributed to the vehicle wash and wax facility. The gas station also does not believe it is economically beneficial to install separate meters to measure the usage of electricity or water for the sole purpose of claiming the exemption. Therefore, the gas station does not claim the exemption and pays sales tax on the full sales price of water or electricity.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(98).

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### **701—225.8(423) Exemption for commercial enterprises.**

**225.8(1) Commercial enterprise as purchaser.** A purchaser seeking this exemption must be a commercial enterprise as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(104) “b”(1). For purposes of Iowa Code section 423.3(104) “b”(1), the terms “profession” and “occupation” mean the same as defined in 701—subrule 215.18(3).

**225.8(2) Exclusive use by a commercial enterprise.** A commercial enterprise must be the exclusive user of the product. Use in the ordinary course of a commercial enterprise’s business constitutes exclusive use by a commercial enterprise. Uses by all other users, including entities other than commercial enterprises, do not constitute uses by a commercial enterprise.

*a. Examples of exclusive uses.* The following are examples of exclusive uses by a commercial enterprise in the normal course of business:

- (1) Word processing software loaded onto employees’ work computers.
- (2) Software that displays a menu on a tablet used by customers at a restaurant.
- (3) Information services used by temporary employees of a commercial enterprise in the ordinary course of business.

*b. Examples of disqualifying nonexclusive uses.* The following are examples of uses that are not exclusive uses by a commercial enterprise or uses in the ordinary course of business:

- (1) Software shared by a commercial enterprise with an entity that is not a commercial enterprise.
- (2) Video games that customers may purchase on a tablet that is provided at a restaurant for customers to use while waiting for service.

**225.8(3) Noncommercial purposes.** “Noncommercial purposes” means purposes that are outside of carrying out the business purpose of a commercial enterprise or purposes outside of the ordinary course of business of a commercial enterprise. The following are examples of uses for noncommercial purposes:

- a.* Personal and recreational use.
- b.* Holding a product for future use for a noncommercial purpose.

**225.8(4) *De minimis*.** “De minimis” means an amount of use of a product for noncommercial purposes that, when considering the product’s value and the frequency with which the use for noncommercial purposes occurs during the product’s total use time, is so small as to make accounting for that use unreasonable or impractical. Whether a use is de minimis is a fact-based determination that shall be made on a case-by-case basis.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(104).  
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**701—250.1(321) Definitions.**

“*Dealer*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1(17).

“*Directly and primarily used in recycling*” means the same as defined in rule 701—215.15(423).

“*Optional service agreement*” means an arrangement to prepay or pay for a predetermined price for future vehicle services, including but not limited to oil changes and tire rotation.

“*Regular course of business*” means the activities that a person normally engages in as part of managing the person’s trade or business. If referring to a dealer licensed under Iowa Code section 322.7, “regular course of business” further includes only the make or makes of new vehicles listed on the dealer’s license.

“*Single-member LLC*” means a limited liability company (LLC) of which income is reported on Schedule C of the owner’s personal income tax return. A single-member LLC shall be treated as a sole proprietorship.

“*Vehicle protection package*” means services including but not limited to exterior paint protection; interior fabric, leather, and vinyl protection; rust proofing; and undercoating that are purchased at the time the vehicle is purchased.

“*Vehicle subject to registration*” means any vehicle subject to registration pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.18.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.105A as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 366.

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**701—250.2(321) Purchase price.**

**250.2(1)** “Purchase price” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 321.105A(2) “a” and does not include:

- a. Cash discounts.
- b. Allowances for the trade-in of a vehicle subject to registration, as further outlined in rule 701—250.3(321).
- c. Gasoline, if separately itemized.
- d. Fees imposed by the dealer for document processing, including but not limited to those commonly known as “doc fees.”
- e. Any manufacturer’s cash rebate to a purchaser which is applied to the purchase price of a vehicle.
- f. Optional service agreements, if separately itemized.
- g. Vehicle protection plans, if separately itemized.
- h. Costs listed under Iowa Code section 423.1(51) “a.”

**250.2(2)** “Purchase price” shall, by way of example and not limitation, include, if valued in money, whether or not paid in money:

- a. Accessories.
- b. Additional equipment.
- c. Services.
- d. Freight and manufacturer’s tax, valued in money.
- e. In-kind compensation.
- f. Costs listed under Iowa Code section 423.1(51) “b.”

EXAMPLE: Person A is a shareholder and employee in Corporation. In the months of April through November, Person A worked a substantial amount of overtime. In December, Corporation allowed Person A to choose whether to be paid for the overtime by receiving additional wages or by taking title to a corporate vehicle. Person A chose to take the vehicle, and Corporation transferred the title of

the vehicle to Person A. The transfer of the vehicle to Person A was “in-kind” compensation paid by Corporation to Person A for the overtime hours worked. This compensation constitutes consideration. The fee for new registration is due on the amount of overtime pay that would be due had Person A opted to be paid.

**250.2(3)** Beginning January 1, 2022, a bill of sale, or equivalent documentation, is required to establish purchase price. The bill of sale, or equivalent documentation, must be signed by the seller. The county treasurer, department of transportation, or department may require additional or alternative documentation as necessary to sufficiently establish purchase price.

**250.2(4)** In case of doubt related to the purchase price, the county treasurer or the department of transportation shall collect the fee. A claim for refund may be filed by the taxpayer if the taxpayer believes the fee has been erroneously collected.

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### **701—250.3(321) Trades.**

#### **250.3(1) Trades, generally.**

*a.* A trade-in allowance is excluded from the purchase price only if the requirements of Iowa Code section 321.105A(2) “a”(2)(c) are met.

EXAMPLE A: Person D has an automobile with a value of \$5,000. Person E also has an automobile valued at \$5,000. They decide to trade automobiles. Person D and Person E make an even trade, automobile for automobile, with no money changing hands. The fee for new registration is not due on either automobile because the exchange is even in value.

EXAMPLE B: Person B has an automobile with a value of \$2,000. Person C has an automobile valued at \$3,500. Person B and Person C decide to trade automobiles. Person B pays Person C \$1,500 in cash for the difference in value. Person B will pay the fee for new registration on \$1,500. Person C will not pay the fee for new registration because the trade-in allowance reduces the purchase price to \$0.

EXAMPLE C: Person F has an automobile with a value of \$5,000. Person G has an automobile valued at \$3,000 and a forklift valued at \$2,000. The forklift is not a vehicle subject to registration. They decide to trade these three items. An even trade is made, Person F’s automobile in exchange for Person G’s automobile and forklift, with no money changing hands. Thus, Person G cannot receive a trade-in allowance for the forklift against the \$5,000 purchase price of Person F’s automobile. Person G will, however, receive a trade-in allowance on the value of the automobile, a vehicle subject to registration. Therefore, Person G will pay a fee for new registration on \$2,000. Person F will not pay the fee for new registration because the trade-in allowance reduces the purchase price to \$0.

*b.* Unless otherwise excluded, a trade-in allowance is excluded from the purchase price only if the person(s) listed on the title of the traded vehicle are the same as the person(s) listed on the newly acquired vehicle. See Iowa Code section 321.105A(2).

EXAMPLE: Person H and Person I are unrelated and, together, own a vehicle subject to registration. The owner on the title of the vehicle is listed as “Person H or Person I.” Person I trades in the vehicle toward the purchase of a new vehicle to be owned together by Person I and Person J, also unrelated. The owner on the title of the new vehicle is listed as “Person I or Person J.” The trade-in allowance is not allowed against the purchase price because Person J is not one of the persons on the original vehicle title.

**250.3(2) Trades involving family members under Iowa Code section 321.105A(2) “a”(2)(c)(ii).** This allowance is only for lineal relationships and does not extend to nonlineal family members. Consequently, this allowance is not extended to brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, or cousins.

EXAMPLE A: Grandmother and Grandfather are married and own a vehicle subject to registration together. The owner on the title of the vehicle is listed as “Grandmother or Grandfather.” Grandmother trades in the vehicle toward the purchase of a new vehicle. The owner on the title of the new vehicle is listed as “Grandmother or Grandson.” The trade-in allowance is allowed against the purchase price because all parties are lineal family members.

EXAMPLE B: Aunt and Uncle are married and own a vehicle subject to registration together. The owner on the title of the vehicle is listed as “Aunt or Uncle.” Aunt trades in the vehicle toward the purchase of a new vehicle. The owner on the title of the new vehicle is listed as “Aunt or Niece.” The trade-in allowance is not allowed against the purchase price because Niece is not a lineal family member of Aunt or Uncle.

**250.3(3) Trades involving an entity.**

a. When an entity is involved, the names on the title of the trade-in and newly acquired vehicle generally must be the same, except for sole proprietorships, which are not distinguished from the individual owner.

b. A trade-in credit is not allowed when a corporate vehicle owner trades a vehicle subject to registration in on behalf of a stockholder to purchase a new vehicle in the stockholder’s name, or vice versa.

EXAMPLE A: Corporation S owns a vehicle subject to registration. The owner on the title of the vehicle is listed as “Corporation S.” Corporation S trades the vehicle in for a new vehicle of equivalent value, which is titled in the name of “Stockholder G.” Stockholder G must pay the fee for new registration on the value of the new vehicle because no trade-in allowance is allowed.

EXAMPLE B: Business, Inc. and Person K own a vehicle subject to registration. The owner on the title of the vehicle is listed as “Business, Inc. or Person K.” Person K trades in the vehicle toward the purchase of a new vehicle. The owner on the title of the new vehicle is listed as “Person K.” The trade-in allowance is allowed against the purchase price because the original title is listed as “or” ownership and the received vehicle title contains only parties that were on the traded vehicle title.

**250.3(4) Trades involving a dealer.**

a. The dealer must be regularly engaged in the business of selling the type of vehicles involved in the trade.

EXAMPLE A: Person L trades a boat toward the purchase of a new vehicle subject to registration. The vehicle’s purchase price is \$10,000, and the dealer allows a trade-in allowance of \$5,000 for the boat. The dealer is not regularly engaged in the business of selling boats. The trade-in amount of \$5,000 for the boat does not reduce the amount subject to the fee for new registration because the traded vehicle is not one that the dealer sells in the regular course of business. The fee for new registration is due on \$10,000.

EXAMPLE B: Person M is purchasing a new vehicle subject to registration for \$40,000 and trades in a combine. The dealer is regularly engaged in the business of selling both vehicles subject to registration and farm equipment. The dealer allows a trade-in of \$30,000 for Person M’s combine. Therefore, the price of the vehicle is \$40,000 minus the \$30,000 trade-in allowance. Person M pays the dealer the difference of \$10,000. Since the dealer is regularly engaged in the business of selling farm equipment, the \$30,000 trade-in allowance is not included in the purchase price. The fee for new registration is due on \$10,000.

EXAMPLE C: Person N purchases a new truck and uses a truck that Person N currently owns as a trade. Person N goes to Truck Dealer to purchase the new truck. The truck that Person N wants has to be ordered from the manufacturer and will take six months for delivery. Truck Dealer prepares a purchase order showing the retail price of \$50,000 and a trade-in allowance for Person N’s truck of \$20,000. Since the truck being ordered will not be delivered for six months, Truck Dealer allows Person N to drive the traded truck until the new truck arrives. Truck Dealer still allows Person N the \$20,000 trade-in allowance regardless of the additional miles Person N may put on the traded truck. Since the purchase order for the new truck shows a \$20,000 trade-in allowance, the fee for new registration is imposed on \$30,000.

EXAMPLE D: Person O owns a car dealership corporation and a separate farm tractor dealership corporation. Person P wishes to purchase a car worth \$40,000 from Person O’s car dealership. Person P uses a tractor as trade, and Person O’s car dealership allows a trade-in allowance of \$40,000. Person P furnishes no money. Since Person P’s tractor was traded to the car dealership and not the tractor dealership, the trade-in allowance cannot be used for purposes of the fee for new registration. The fee for new registration is imposed on \$40,000.

EXAMPLE E: Person Q owns two cars and wants to trade both cars toward the purchase of a new car. Car Dealer allows a trade-in allowance of \$5,000 for the first car and \$7,000 for the second car, for a total trade-in allowance of \$12,000. The purchased car price is \$14,000. Since Car Dealer is in the business of selling used cars, both of Person Q's cars can be used as a trade-in allowance. The fee for new registration is imposed on \$2,000.

*b.* For purpose of the fee for new registration, the total trade-in amount will be deducted from the purchase price, even if the trade-in is used to pay off an outstanding loan balance. The amount the purchaser owes on the traded-in vehicle is not relevant in determining the purchase price of the new vehicle.

EXAMPLE A: Person D purchases a vehicle for \$35,000 and trades in a vehicle as part of the transaction. The dealer gives a trade-in amount of \$15,000 based on the actual value of the vehicle being traded. Person D still owes \$10,000 on the traded vehicle. A portion of the \$15,000 trade-in value is used to pay off the \$10,000 remaining loan balance. In this example, \$15,000 is allowed as a trade for fee for purposes of the new registration.

EXAMPLE B: Person E "trades down" a car by purchasing a vehicle for \$20,000 and trades in a vehicle valued at \$30,000. Person E also has a loan on the vehicle being traded in. The car dealership may give enough of a trade-in allowance to pay off the loan and have money left over to pay on the new vehicle. Even though the trade-in allowance may be quite large, the full amount of the trade should be allowed for purposes of the fee for new registration. In this case, the trade-in allowance is \$30,000, and since that exceeds the price of the new vehicle, no fee for new registration is due.

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#### **701—250.4(321) Manufacturer's rebate.**

**250.4(1)** A manufacturer's rebate can be used to reduce the purchase price of a vehicle subject to the fee for new registration. To qualify, all of the following must be present:

- a.* A rebate must be a return of an amount that the purchaser would otherwise have paid;
- b.* The rebate must be in the form of money;
- c.* The rebate must be offered by a manufacturer licensed under Iowa Code section 322.27;
- d.* The rebate must be applied to the purchase price of the vehicle;
- e.* The rebate is strictly a transaction between a manufacturer and a purchaser.

(1) The rebate must be from an entity acting as a manufacturer of such vehicle being purchased when offering the rebate. The rebate cannot be from a vehicle manufacturer engaging in other activities, such as a manufacturer acting in the capacity of a credit card issuer or a financing program; and

(2) The purchaser must be in the process of purchasing the vehicle when the rebate is given. The rebate cannot be given to a customer in a situation similar to the credit card rebate program, in which the customer earns the right to the rebate over a period of time. Purchase of the vehicle must occur simultaneously with the receipt of the rebate, and the rebate cannot be allowed unless the customer purchases the vehicle.

**250.4(2)** Payment methods, such as credit or debit cards, issued by vehicle manufacturers that are used as a rebate toward the price of the manufacturer's vehicle are not considered a manufacturer's rebate for the purposes of the fee for new registration. These types of rebates cannot be used toward reducing the purchase price of a vehicle subject to the fee for new registration.

EXAMPLE: Person R purchases a vehicle subject to registration with a purchase price of \$30,000 and trades in a vehicle valued at \$10,000. The manufacturer of the newly purchased vehicle gives Person R \$1,000 on a manufacturer-issued credit card as a "rebate." Person R pays \$19,000 in cash for the new vehicle. The fee for new registration is due on \$20,000, because the "rebate" was issued on a credit card rather than applied directly to the price.

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**701—250.5(321) Selling and purchasing the same vehicle.** If a person sells a vehicle subject to registration and then buys the same vehicle back, the transaction is not exempt from the fee for new registration. These are two separate transactions, and both are subject to the fee for new registration.

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**701—250.6(321) Federal excise tax.** To be excluded from the fee for new registration, the federal excise tax must meet both of the following requirements:

**250.6(1)** It must be imposed upon the purchaser and be due at the time of the retail sale.

**250.6(2)** It must be billed or charged as a separate item.

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**701—250.7(321) Sales to a Native American.** If a dealer delivers a vehicle to a resident Native American on a reservation and, at a later time, the resident Native American registers the vehicle at the county treasurer's office, the fee for new registration is not due since the delivery took place on a reservation.

**250.7(1)** If the vehicle is delivered off a reservation, the fee for new registration is due even if the sole use of the vehicle is on a reservation.

**250.7(2)** If delivery takes place on a reservation, but the owner is not a member of any federally recognized tribe, the fee for new registration is due.

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**701—250.8(321) Sale of chassis with added equipment or accessories.**

**250.8(1)** If a dealer sells a chassis and the purchaser has the dealer install any equipment, the fee for new registration is due on the full purchase price, including the chassis and the equipment. This is a completed vehicle when driven off the dealer's lot.

**250.8(2)** If the chassis is purchased from a dealer and the equipment is installed by the purchaser from a third party, the fee for new registration is due on the chassis and sales tax is due on the equipment.

EXAMPLE A: Business S purchases a chassis from an auto dealer for \$20,000. Business S wants a lift added to the chassis. The auto dealer agrees to sell and install the lift for \$15,000. The auto dealer takes the chassis to a lift dealer for purchase and installation of the lift. After the installation, Business S returns to the auto dealer to take delivery of the completed vehicle. Business S requests the auto dealer itemize the chassis price of \$20,000 and the lift price of \$15,000. Business S pays the auto dealer \$35,000 for the complete vehicle. The chassis and lift together are a vehicle subject to registration, because both constitute the completed vehicle, and the fee for new registration is due on \$35,000.

EXAMPLE B: Business T purchases a chassis from an auto dealer for \$20,000. Business T wants a lift added to the chassis. However, Business T will purchase the lift from a third party and not from the auto dealer. Business T pays the dealer \$20,000 for the chassis. Business T drives the chassis to a lift dealer to purchase and install a lift for \$12,000. The purchase of the chassis from the auto dealer is subject to the fee for new registration because it alone constitutes the completed vehicle purchased. The purchase and installation of the lift from the lift dealer are subject to Iowa sales tax and any applicable local option tax, rather than the vehicle fee for new registration.

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**701—250.9(321) Sale of a boat or ATV with a trailer.**

**250.9(1)** If a boat or ATV dealer sells a boat or ATV with a trailer as a packaged deal, the dealer must itemize the boat or ATV, boat or ATV accessories, and trailer. The fee for new registration is due on the purchase price of the trailer.

**250.9(2)** If the boat or ATV dealer does not itemize, it is assumed the full price of the packaged deal is for the purchase of a trailer and not for the boat or ATV and accessories. The fee for new registration will be calculated based on the full price of the packaged deal.

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#### **701—250.10(321) Administration.**

**250.10(1)** Vehicle registrants may utilize either a paper or electronic affidavit as a method of submission. The title and registration application created under Iowa Code section 321.20 is an affidavit for purposes of this rule.

**250.10(2)** Exemptions shall be divided into eight categories as follows:

- a. UT01 - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(19) and 321.105A(2)“c”(20).
- b. UT02 - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(1).
- c. UT03 - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(3) and 321.105A(2)“c”(12).
- d. UT04 - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(14).
- e. UT05 - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(6).
- f. UT06 - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(2).
- g. UT07 - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(5).
- h. UT08:
  - (1) UT08b - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(10).
  - (2) UT08c - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(8).
  - (3) UT08d - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(16).
  - (4) UT08e - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(7).
  - (5) UT08i - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(18).
  - (6) UT08j - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(13).
  - (7) UT08k - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(11).
  - (8) UT08s - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(17).
  - (9) UT08 - Other - Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(4), 321.105A(2)“c”(9), 321.105A(2)“c”(15), and 321.105A(2)“c”(21) to 321.105A(2)“c”(31).

**250.10(3)** The burden of proof regarding whether an exemption applies is upon the person claiming the exemption.

**250.10(4)** Signatures are required on all affidavits. If a fleet (five or more vehicles) of vehicles is being registered, an affidavit for each vehicle within the fleet must be completed and signed.

**250.10(5)** Any claim for exemption from the fee for new registration made by a purchaser with a county treasurer is subject to review and ultimate determination by the department. If, after review, an exemption is found to have been claimed improperly, penalty and interest may apply in addition to the fee for new registration.

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#### **701—250.11(321) Shell businesses.**

**250.11(1)** The 90-day temporary period of operation under Iowa Code section 321.55(2) does not apply to a vehicle owned by a shell business.

**250.11(2)** Factors that indicate a business is a shell business include, but are not limited to, a lack of specific business activity or purpose and failure to maintain a physical location in the state in which the business is registered.

**250.11(3)** If the department determines that the nonresident owner of the vehicle is a shell business, it is presumed that:

- a. The Iowa resident in control of the vehicle is the actual owner of the vehicle;
- b. The vehicle is subject to Iowa registration; and
- c. The payment of the fee for new registration is owed by the Iowa resident.

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#### **701—250.12(321) Purchased for resale.**

**250.12(1)** A motor vehicle dealer licensed under Iowa Code chapter 322 may title or title and register a vehicle using an exemption under either Iowa Code section 321.105A(2) “c”(14) or 321.105A(2) “c”(15) if the vehicle is operated in a manner consistent with the lawful use of dealer plates under Iowa Code section 321.57 and any associated rules.

**250.12(2)** In order for a vehicle to be considered to be “held for resale,” all of the following criteria must be met during all times that the vehicle is registered to the dealer:

- a. The dealer must be licensed in Iowa pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 322;
- b. Any use of the vehicle by the dealer must not constitute a taxable sale;
- c. The dealer must keep the vehicle in its inventory for sale at all times;
- d. The person using the vehicle must be aware of and accept that the vehicle may be sold at any time, resulting in the removal of the vehicle from that person’s possession;
- e. The dealer must permit the vehicle to be used without charge;
- f. The dealer must not title the vehicle in its name and must operate the vehicle with dealer plates as provided in Iowa Code section 321.57.

**250.12(3)** If, at any time after the exemption is issued until the vehicle is no longer considered to be in the dealer’s inventory, the dealer fails to maintain any criteria defined in subrule 250.12(2), the fee for new registration is due on the purchase price paid by the dealer at the time of acquisition of the vehicle.

**250.12(4)** If a dealership license expires and is not renewed or the dealer license has been revoked, the dealer must title and register all the vehicles in the dealership inventory within 30 days of the license revocation or expiration. The fee for new registration is due on the purchase price paid by the dealer at the time of acquisition of each vehicle. However, if a dealer license is suspended, a dealer is not required to title or register the vehicles in the dealer’s inventory because a suspension is merely a temporary interruption in the dealership business. The dealer’s exemption remains intact during the period of suspension.

EXAMPLE: Person R owns Auto Dealer, a sole proprietorship. Person R’s child, Person U, needs a car, and Person R gifts a car worth \$5,000 from Auto Dealer’s inventory to Person U. The vehicle had previously been registered as a vehicle purchased for resale. Person U does not provide any consideration. Person U does not owe the fee for new registration on the transfer. However, Auto Dealer owes the fee for new registration on the purchase price paid by Auto Dealer at the time of acquisition. The vehicle was purchased for resale; however, it was not sold by Auto Dealer. As a result, Auto Dealer loses its dealer exemption for resale on this vehicle, and the fee for new registration is due on the purchase price paid by the dealer at the time of acquisition of each vehicle.

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**701—250.13(321) Loans.** Relief from a loan balance constitutes consideration for the purposes of the fee for new registration.

EXAMPLE A: A vehicle is titled in Person V’s name with a loan also in Person V’s name. Person V transfers the title to Person W, who assumes the unpaid balance of the loan. A new lien is filed. The fee for new registration is due on Person V’s outstanding loan balance.

EXAMPLE B: A vehicle is titled in Person X’s name with an outstanding loan balance of \$10,000. Person X transfers the title to Person Y. Person Y takes out a \$15,000 loan to pay off Person X’s

outstanding loan of \$10,000 and also to have \$5,000 for repairs to Person Y's house. The fee for new registration is due only on Person X's outstanding loan balance of \$10,000.

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#### **701—250.14(321) Leased vehicles.**

**250.14(1)** The fee for new registration on leased vehicles is a liability of the owner (lessor) of the vehicle and not the lessee.

**250.14(2)** Owners/lessors may require the lessee to reimburse the owner/lessor, by adding the fee for new registration to the monthly lease payment or by requiring the lessee to pay the fee for new registration up front.

**250.14(3)** When a lessee chooses to terminate a lease and purchase the vehicle being leased, the purchase is subject to a fee for new registration on the purchase price. There is no refund of the fee for new registration paid on the lease price.

**250.14(4)** If an existing lease is transferred to another lessee, no additional fee for new registration is due so long as the title to the vehicle is maintained by the same lessor and the terms of the lease are not changed.

**250.14(5)** When a vehicle with an existing lease established in another state is registered in Iowa, the lease price is calculated as established in Iowa Code section 321.105A(3) "b" and then shall be prorated for the number of months remaining on the lease. No credit is allowed for any fee or tax paid to another state.

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#### **701—250.15(321) Vehicles purchased for the purpose of being leased and used exclusively for interstate commerce.**

**250.15(1)** The department makes a distinction between a true lease and a contract to haul. While an agreement may be a lease for purposes of the Interstate Commerce Commission, this does not mean it is a lease for purposes of the fee for new registration. A true lease exists when the owner (lessor) gives the lessee exclusive possession of the lessor's property for a specified period. A contract to haul exists when an owner contracts to do a piece of work while retaining control of the vehicle and methods of operation. A contract to haul is not a lease; therefore, the vehicle is not exempt.

**250.15(2)** An intrastate delivery occurs when property is picked up at one location in Iowa and delivered to another location in Iowa, regardless of whether the vehicle travels in another state in between pick-up and delivery. For example, picking up property in Des Moines and delivering it to Cedar Rapids is an intrastate delivery. Conversely, in an interstate delivery, either the pick-up or delivery site will be located outside of Iowa.

EXAMPLE A: Leasing Company A purchased a cargo van for the purpose of leasing it to XYZ Trucking. The lease agreement is for 36 months. XYZ Trucking will pick up property from Iowa businesses to be delivered out of state. XYZ Trucking never uses the van for intrastate deliveries within Iowa. XYZ Trucking uses this van exclusively in interstate commerce. All of the trips are either totally outside the state of Iowa, or, if a product is loaded in Iowa, the product is delivered outside of Iowa. As long as pick-up and delivery points are in different states, then the trip is considered interstate commerce. As such, the van in this example may be purchased by Leasing Company A exempt from the fee for new registration.

EXAMPLE B: Leasing Company A purchases a flatbed truck for the purpose of leasing it to XYZ Trucking, located within Iowa. The lease is for five months. XYZ Trucking will use the truck for deliveries out of state and in Iowa. Since some deliveries occur in Iowa, the subsequent use in Iowa is



not solely for interstate commerce. The purchase by Leasing Company A (lessor) of the flatbed is subject to the fee for new registration.

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#### **701—250.16(321) Iowa Code chapter 326 vehicles.**

**250.16(1)** The period for substantiating mileage by the department is fiscal year July 1 to June 30, with an exception if the initial registration period is a short year (less than 12 months). Mileage during that period will be totaled with the first full year for substantiation purposes.

**250.16(2)** Whether a vehicle is registered prorate or has county plates does not determine eligibility for exemption.

**250.16(3)** Records must be kept from the first four years of operation of the vehicle for at least ten years to prove the vehicle has consistently been eligible for the exemption. Summary records, such as the monthly or annual records required by the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA), may be kept to prove the mileage requirement was met. Records are required for power units but not for trailers or semi-trailers.

**250.16(4)** The exempt status of a trailer or semi-trailer is based upon to what it is attached. If attached to an exempt power unit, the trailer or semi-trailer is also exempt.

EXAMPLE A: XYZ Trucking purchased two semi-tractors two years ago. An exemption was claimed because 25 percent of the mileage for each was out-of-state mileage and they met the registered weight requirement. Two years later, XYZ Trucking decided one of the semi-tractors will be used only in Iowa. The registered weight did not change, but the 25 percent out-of-state mileage requirement was not maintained for the first four years, so the exemption no longer applies. XYZ Trucking's book value is \$60,000, and the market value is \$75,000. The book value is less than the market value; the fee for new registration is imposed on the \$60,000 book value.

EXAMPLE B: Two years ago, XYZ Trucking purchased a power unit and a semi-trailer. The power unit was used in excess of the 25 percent mileage requirement and met the 13-ton weight requirement, so an exemption was claimed. They were originally registered prorate. This year, XYZ Trucking decided to register the power unit and semi-trailer with county plates instead of renewing the prorate registration. Although the power unit and semi-trailer will be county-plated, XYZ Trucking will still use the power unit 25 percent outside of Iowa. The registered weight did not change. Since both the 25 percent mileage factor and the 13-ton registered weight factor are met, the fee for new registration is not due.

EXAMPLE C: Two years ago, XYZ Trucking purchased a power unit and a semi-trailer. Both the power unit and semi-trailer were used in excess of the 25 percent mileage requirement and met the 13-ton weight requirement, so an exemption was claimed. The power unit and the semi-trailer were originally registered prorate. This year, XYZ Trucking decided to register the semi-trailer with county plates instead of renewing the prorate registration. The power unit will still be used 25 percent outside of Iowa. The mileage of the semi-trailer does not matter because there is no record-keeping requirement for trailers or semi-trailers. The registered weight did not change. Since both the 25 percent mileage factor and weight requirements continue to be met, the fee for new registration is not due.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.105A as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 366.

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#### **701—250.17(321) Vehicles purchased outside of Iowa.**

**250.17(1)** *Vehicles purchased with no intent for use in Iowa.*

*a.* Vehicles that are purchased by a nonresident for use in a location other than Iowa are not subject to the fee for new registration upon move-in to Iowa. The determination of intention of use in Iowa is a factual determination. The county treasurer should consider any appropriate factors including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Whether the vehicle was owned by the owner for a significant time prior to relocation to Iowa. A longer period of ownership while in another location may be indicative of intent of use in the other

location. Conversely, if the vehicle was purchased near the time of relocation to Iowa, this might suggest intent of use in Iowa.

(2) Whether the vehicle was registered in another location.

(3) Whether a substantial number of miles were driven in the vehicle in another location since the owner purchased the vehicle.

b. Vehicles purchased in countries other than the United States of America are not eligible for this exemption.

EXAMPLE: Person A, a resident of Moline, Illinois, purchased a vehicle from a dealership in Chicago, Illinois, one week before Person A moved to Davenport, Iowa. The vehicle was registered in Illinois. Person A was not aware at the time of purchase that Person A’s employer would transfer Person A to Iowa. Person A’s intent was not to use the vehicle in Iowa; therefore, Iowa’s fee for new registration is not due.

**250.17(2) Vehicles purchased with intent of use in Iowa.** Credit may be allowed for a fee for new registration paid to another state or country. For the credit to apply, the owner must show proof that the owner was legally required to, and did in fact, pay a fee for new registration, a sales/use tax, or an occupational tax to another state or country for the vehicle being registered in Iowa. Evidence of the payment may include, but is not limited to, purchase records, canceled checks, or invoices.

EXAMPLE A: Person L is an Iowa resident. While in Nevada, Person L purchased a new camper for \$20,000. Nevada did not require Person L to pay a state fee for new registration or a state sales, use, or occupational tax. Person L brought the camper back to Iowa. The camper requires an Iowa title and registration. Since no state fee for new registration or state sales, use, or occupational tax was paid to the state of Nevada, Iowa’s fee for new registration is due on the purchase price of \$20,000.

EXAMPLE B: Person Q is an Iowa resident and spends the winter months in Florida. Person Q decides to purchase a new vehicle in Florida for \$35,000. Person Q is required to pay 5 percent Florida state sales tax. Person Q chooses not to title or register the vehicle in Florida. After spending the winter months in Florida, Person Q returns to Iowa and brings the new vehicle. Since Person Q had to pay a 5 percent Florida state sales tax, Person C receives a credit for that amount against Iowa’s fee for new registration.

EXAMPLE C: Iowa resident Person W purchases a vehicle for \$25,000 while in Arizona. Person W was required to pay an Arizona state sales tax of 2 percent and a county tax of 1 percent. Person W returns to Iowa with the vehicle. The bill of sale shows a breakdown as follows:

Purchase Price.....	\$25,000
Arizona State Sales Tax.....	\$500
Arizona County Tax.....	\$250
Total Amount Due.....	\$25,750

When Person W titles and registers the vehicle in Iowa, the 5 percent Iowa fee for new registration would be \$1,250. Person W receives credit only for the Arizona state sales tax of \$500 but not the county sales tax. Iowa fee for new registration is as follows:

Iowa Fee for New Registration.....	\$1,250
Less Arizona State Sales Tax.....	\$500
Iowa Fee for New Registration Due.....	\$750

EXAMPLE D: Iowa resident Person Z purchases an \$80,000 vehicle in California and is required to pay a 9 percent California state sales tax of \$7,200. Person Z returns to Iowa with the vehicle. The bill of sale shows:

Purchase Price.....	\$80,000
California State Sales Tax.....	\$7,200
Total Amount Due.....	\$87,200

When Person Z titles and registers the vehicle in Iowa, the 5 percent Iowa fee for new registration would be \$4,000. Since Person Z paid a California state sales tax of \$7,200, which was more than the Iowa fee for new registration, the Iowa fee for new registration is not due.

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**701—250.18(321) Business entity to business entity transfers with the same ownership and purpose.** Transactions between two business entities may be exempted from the fee for new registration if certain criteria are met, as described in Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(3).

EXAMPLE A: Person F owns and operates a family farm with Person F’s spouse as a sole proprietorship and wants to transfer assets (including a vehicle subject to registration) from Person F’s personal name into a corporation (of which Person F and Person F’s spouse are the sole shareholders). Person F filed articles of incorporation earlier this year with the secretary of state and intends to use the corporation to continue to operate Person F’s family farm, the same purpose as the sole proprietorship. This transaction is eligible for the exemption described in Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(3) because the vehicle is being transferred from an eligible business type (sole proprietorship) to a corporation, with the ownership of the businesses being the same and the transaction occurring within two years of the corporation being formed, and the newly formed corporation was formed for the purpose of continuing the family farm business.

EXAMPLE B: Person G wants to start a construction business. Person G currently does not operate any business. Person G files articles of incorporation and wants to transfer a truck from Person G’s personal name into the corporation. This transaction is not eligible for the exemption described in Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(3) because the purpose of the corporation is not to continue an existing eligible business.

EXAMPLE C: Person H operates a delivery business as a sole proprietorship and wants to expand. Person H gets together with two investors and files articles of incorporation with all three partners as shareholders and wants to transfer a van into the corporation. This transaction is not eligible for the exemption described in Iowa Code section 321.105A(2)“c”(3) because the ownership of the corporation is not the same as the sole proprietorship, since all of the stock of the corporation is not owned by Person H.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.105A as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 366.

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**701—250.19(321) Homemade vehicles.**

**250.19(1)** For the purposes of the vehicle fee for new registration, a homemade vehicle is one that has been constructed from any combination of new, used, or homemade parts that does not resemble a vehicle that was manufactured under a specific year, make, and model by a manufacturer and is not intended for resale.

**250.19(2)** Homemade vehicles include:

*a.* A vehicle that has been structurally modified so that it does not have the same appearance as a similar vehicle from the same manufacturer.

EXAMPLE: A vehicle with modified fenders, engine compartment lid, and front end, but still recognizable as the make/model of the vehicle, is not considered homemade;

*b.* A vehicle that has been constructed entirely from homemade parts and materials not obtained from other vehicles; or

*c.* A vehicle that has been constructed by using major component parts from one or more manufactured vehicles and cannot be identified as a specific make and model.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.105A as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 366.

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**701—250.20(321,423) Glider kit vehicles.** A glider kit vehicle is exempt from the fee for new registration upon sale or transfer by the person who purchased the parts and assembled the vehicle if sales or use tax was paid when the parts were purchased and the vehicle has never been registered previously. A glider kit vehicle would be subject to the fee for new registration, barring other applicable exemptions, if the glider kit vehicle is subsequently sold. Glider kit parts may be eligible for the resale exemption if the purchaser of the parts can satisfy the requirements of rule 701—225.4(423) to qualify for the exemption provided by Iowa Code section 423.3(2).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 321.105A as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 366, and Iowa Code section 423.3.

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CHAPTER 251  
AUTOMOBILE RENTAL EXCISE TAX  
[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 27]

**701—251.1(423C) Definitions and characterizations.** For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions and characterizations of words apply.

“*Automobile*” means a motor vehicle subject to registration in any state and designed primarily for carrying nine or fewer passengers. Excluded from the meaning of the term “automobile” are delivery trucks designed primarily to carry cargo rather than passengers and motorcycles and motorized bicycles.

“*Lessor*” is a person engaged in the business of renting automobiles to users. Included within the meaning of the term “lessor” are motor vehicle dealers licensed under Iowa Code chapter 322 to sell new and used automobiles who also rent automobiles to users. A person need not be engaged in a profit-making enterprise to be in the business of renting automobiles.

“*Rental*” is a transfer of possession or right of possession to an automobile to a user for a valuable consideration for a period of 60 days or less.

“*Rental price*” means the total amount of consideration valued in money for renting an automobile.

“*User*” is any person to whom possession or right of possession of an automobile is transferred for a valuable consideration for a period of 60 days or less.

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**701—251.2(423C) Tax imposed upon rental of automobiles.** A tax at the rate of 5 percent is imposed on the rental price of any automobile if the rental transaction is taxed under Iowa sales or Iowa use tax law. The tax imposed is in addition to the Iowa state sales or use tax.

See rule 701—26.68(422) for a description of automobile rentals which are subject to Iowa sales tax and rule 701—282.8(423) for a description of automobile rentals which are subject to Iowa use tax. These rules should be used with care since they involve vehicles other than an “automobile” as that word is defined for the purpose of this chapter. For instance, rule 701—26.68(422) is concerned with boats and recreational vehicles as well as automobiles and other vehicles subject to registration. Summarizing the essential content of those rules regarding automobiles:

**251.2(1)** Sales tax is due on the rental price of the “rental” of an automobile if possession or the right to possession of the automobile is transferred, under a rental contract, in Iowa.

**251.2(2)** Use tax is due on the rental price if an automobile is rented outside Iowa, used in Iowa under the rental contract, and payment of the rental price is made in Iowa at the termination of the rental agreement.

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**701—251.3(423C) Lessor’s obligation to collect tax.** The lessor shall collect this automobile rental excise tax from the user or from any other person paying the rental price for an automobile. The lessor shall collect the tax by adding the tax to the rental price of the automobile. When collected, the tax shall be stated on any billing or invoice as a distinct item separate and apart from the rental price of the automobile and separate and apart from any state or local option sales or service tax or any state use tax. [ARC 2696C, IAB 8/31/16, effective 10/5/16; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—251.4(423C) Administration of tax.** The excise tax on automobile rental is levied in addition to the state sales and use taxes imposed by Iowa Code chapter 423. The director of revenue is required to administer this excise tax on motor vehicle rental as nearly as possible in the fashion in which the state sales tax is administered. However, as an exception to this requirement, the director is to require only the filing of quarterly reports for motor vehicle excise tax. Quarterly, the correct amount of tax collected and due shall accompany the tax form prescribed by the department. No permit, other than an Iowa sales or use tax permit, will be required to collect the tax imposed under this chapter. However, the director may require all persons responsible for collecting and remitting motor vehicle rental excise tax to register

with the department. For other aspects concerning the details of administering the tax imposed under this chapter, see 701—Chapters 10, 11, 201, 202, and 203.

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CHAPTER 252  
STATE-IMPOSED WATER SERVICE EXCISE TAX  
[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 97]

**701—252.1(423G) Definitions.**

**252.1(1) Incorporation of definitions.** To the extent they are consistent with Iowa Code chapter 423G, all words and phrases used in this chapter shall mean the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1 and rule 701—200.1(423).

**252.1(2) Chapter-specific definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“*Facilities*” means any storage tanks, water towers, wells, plants, reservoirs, aqueducts, hydrants, pumps, pipes, or any other similar devices, mechanisms, equipment, or amenities designed to hold, treat, sanitize, or deliver water.

“*State-imposed tax*” or “*tax*,” unless otherwise indicated, means the water service excise tax imposed by Iowa Code section 423G.3.

“*Water utility*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.3(103). “*Corporation*” as used in Iowa Code section 476.1(3) and as incorporated by Iowa Code section 423.3(103), includes municipal corporations. See 1968 Iowa Op. Atty. Gen. 1-21, 1968 WL 172465.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423G.2 and 423G.3.  
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**701—252.2(423G) Imposition.** A state-imposed tax of 6 percent is imposed upon the sales price of water service furnished by a water utility to a purchaser.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423G.3.  
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**701—252.3(423G) Administration.**

**252.3(1) Generally.** The department is charged with the administration of the tax, subject to the rules, regulations, and direction of the director. The department is required to administer the tax as nearly as possible in conjunction with the administration of the state sales tax except that portion of the Iowa Code which implements the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.

**252.3(2) Application of 701—Chapter 11.** The requirements of 701—Chapter 11 shall apply to water utilities in the same manner that those requirements apply to all sellers and retailers making sales subject to state sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.3(103), 423G.3, and 423G.5.  
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**701—252.4(423G) Charges and fees included in the provision of water service.**

**252.4(1) Sales integral to the ability to furnish water service.** The water service excise tax applies to the sale of water by piped distribution to consumers or users, including sales of accompanying services that are integral to furnishing water by piped distribution, even if the water service and accompanying services are billed separately.

**252.4(2) Examples of sales integral to the provision of water service.** Sales of services to customers or users that are considered integral to the furnishing of water by piped distribution include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Sales of nonitemized tangible personal property included with the sale of water service or an accompanying service that is integral to the provision of water service. See subparagraph 252.4(4) “a”(2).

b. The sales price of water sold, regardless of whether the water is metered.

c. Service, account, or administrative charges or fees for water service, including but not limited to new customer account charges and minimum charges for access to water service, whether the customer uses the water service or not.

*d.* Fees for connection, disconnection, or reconnection to or from a water utility's facilities, including tap fees.

*e.* Fees for maintenance, inspection, and repairs of the water distribution system, water supplies, and facilities, including but not limited to fees for labor or materials.

*f.* Fees for using or checking water meters.

*g.* Water distribution system infrastructure and improvement fees.

**252.4(3)** *Examples of sales that are not water service or are not integral to the provision of water service.* Sales of services that are not integral to the furnishing of water by piped distribution include, but are not limited to, the following:

*a.* Residential service contracts regulated under Iowa Code chapter 523C.

*b.* Sales or rentals of tangible personal property, other than water, sold for a separately itemized price. See subparagraph 252.4(4) "a"(1).

*c.* Returned check fees.

*d.* Deposits, including but not limited to check and meter deposits.

*e.* Fees for printed bills, statements, labels, and other documents.

*f.* Fees for late charges and nonpayment penalties.

*g.* Leak detection fees.

**252.4(4)** *Sales generally not subject to water service excise tax.* Water utilities may make sales that may or may not be integral to the sale of water service but that are not subject to water service excise tax because those nonintegral sales are subject to sales tax under Iowa Code section 423.2 as the sale of tangible personal property or as enumerated non-water services.

*a. Sales of tangible personal property.* Whether the sale of tangible personal property that is integral to water service is subject to the water service excise tax depends on whether the tangible personal property is sold to the consumer or user for a separately itemized price.

(1) Itemized tangible personal property. Sales or rentals of tangible personal property by a water utility for a separately itemized price are not subject to the water service excise tax but may be subject to sales and use tax.

(2) Nonitemized tangible personal property. If the sale of tangible personal property is not itemized but is instead bundled with the sale of water service, including sales of services listed in subrule 252.4(2), then the entire sales price is subject to the water service excise tax.

*b. Painting of hydrants.* The painting of hydrants constitutes painting services under Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "aj." Painting is subject to sales tax and is not subject to water service excise tax.

*c. Plumbing and pipefitting.* Some repairs of a water distribution system may constitute plumbing and pipefitting under Iowa Code section 423.2(6) "an." Plumbing and pipefitting services are subject to sales tax and are not subject to water service excise tax.

**252.4(5)** *Exemptions.* The exemptions from sales tax under Iowa Code section 423.3 also apply to sales subject to water service excise tax. For example, a water utility that purchases water service from a different water utility may be eligible to claim the sale for resale exemption pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.3(2).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423G.4 and 423G.5.

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### **701—252.5(423G) When water service is furnished for compensation.**

**252.5(1)** *Itemized sales of water service.* Water service is furnished for compensation when water service is sold for a separately itemized price.

EXAMPLE: Itemized sale of water service. Z is an entity that provides water from a well by piped distribution to various homes in the community. Each home that is connected to the well pays \$20 per month, which is used by Z for maintaining the water distribution system. Z is a water utility making sales of water service and must collect and remit water service excise tax on the \$20 monthly fee charged to each of Z's members. See *In the Matter of Lakewood Utils.*, Iowa Dep't of Revenue, Docket No. 78-161-6A-RC (Feb. 8, 1980).



EXAMPLE: Sale for resale. An apartment owner purchases water from a city water utility and distributes the water to each unit through a system of pipes. The city meters the apartment owner's use of water each month and charges the apartment owner for the water service. The apartment owner separately bills each of the tenants \$40 per month for water service, including the cost of water and maintenance on the water distribution system. The apartment owner is a water utility and must collect and remit water service excise tax on the \$40 monthly charge for water service. The apartment owner may purchase the water from the city tax exempt as a sale for resale.

**252.5(2)** *Water service sold for an identifiable price.* Water service is furnished for compensation when the price of the water service is identifiable from an invoice, bill, catalogue, price list, rate card, receipt, agreement, or other similar document, including where the total sales price increases when water service is included in the sale.

EXAMPLE: Cost varies with inclusion of water service. A campground provides three campsite packages to its customers:

Package A includes only campsite access for \$10 per night.

Package B includes campsite access and an electrical hookup for \$20 per night.

Package C includes campsite access, an electrical hookup, and water service for \$30 per night.

Sales of package C by the campground include sales of water service. The campground must collect and remit water service excise tax on \$10—the identifiable sales price of water service.

**252.5(3)** *Water service not furnished for compensation; incidental sales.* No sale of water service for compensation occurs where water service is not sold for a separately itemized or identifiable price and is incidental to the rental of real property.

EXAMPLE: Water service sold with real estate rental for one nonitemized price. A manufactured housing community (MHC) owner owns a well and pipes water to the lots. The MHC owner charges tenants \$500 per month for each lot rental. Water from the well is included in the \$500 rental charge. The MHC owner does not do any of the following: charge a flat water fee, charge tenants based on their actual water used, or offer comparable lots at a lower price that do not have access to water service. The MHC owner is not required to collect or remit water service excise tax because water is not being furnished for compensation; it is incidental to the rental of real property.

EXAMPLE: Water service sold with real estate rental for one nonitemized price. A manufactured housing community (MHC) purchases water from a city water utility and distributes the water to each lot in the community through a system of pipes. The city meters the MHC's use of water each month and charges the MHC for the water service and the applicable water service excise tax. The MHC charges its tenants \$500 for lot rental. As in the previous example, the MHC owner does not do any of the following: charge a flat water fee, charge tenants based on their actual water used, or offer comparable lots at a lower price that do not have access to water service. The MHC owner is not required to collect or remit water service excise tax because water is not being furnished for compensation; it is incidental to the rental of real property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423G.3.

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**701—252.6(423G) Itemization of tax required.** A water utility shall add the tax to the sales price of the water service, and the tax, when collected, shall be stated as a distinct item on any bill, receipt, agreement, or other similar document. The tax shall be identified as the water service excise tax, and the amount of tax paid shall be displayed clearly on the bill, receipt, agreement, or other similar document provided to the purchaser.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423G.3.

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**701—252.7(423G) Date of billing—effective date and repeal date.** For purposes of determining whether sales tax or water service excise tax applies to billings which span across the 2018 Iowa Acts,

Senate File 512, effective date of July 1, 2018, and the future repeal date as described in Iowa Code section 423G.7, the provisions of 701—subrule 203.3(9) shall apply.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423G.5.

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**701—252.8(423G) Filing returns; payment of tax.**

**252.8(1)** *Application of 701—Chapter 202.* The requirements of 701—Chapter 202 shall apply to water utilities in the same manner that those requirements apply to all sellers and retailers making sales subject to state sales tax.

**252.8(2)** *Frequency of return filing and payment of tax based on combined water service excise tax and sales and use tax.* With respect to the tax thresholds used for determining whether a retailer must file a return and remit sales and use tax monthly or annually, as described in rule 701—202.1(423), the threshold for determining how frequently a water utility must file a return and remit the water service excise tax shall be based on the sum of the total amount of sales and use tax collected and the total amount of water service excise tax collected.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423G.5.

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**701—252.9(423G) Permits.**

**252.9(1)** *Application of 701—Chapter 201.* The requirements of 701—Chapter 201 shall apply to water utilities in the same manner that those requirements apply to all sellers and retailers making sales subject to state sales tax.

**252.9(2)** *Separate water service excise tax permit required.* All water utilities must register for a water service excise tax permit, and the water service excise tax shall be remitted under that permit. Water utilities that make water service sales subject to water service excise tax and other sales subject to sales tax shall obtain a water service excise tax permit in addition to their current sales tax permit and shall remit all sales tax under the sales tax permit and all water service excise tax under the water service excise tax permit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423G.5.

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CHAPTER 253  
STATE-IMPOSED AND LOCALLY IMPOSED HOTEL AND  
MOTEL TAXES

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**701—253.1(423A) Definitions.**

**253.1(1) *Incorporation of definitions.*** To the extent they are consistent with Iowa Code chapter 423A and this chapter, all other words and phrases used in this chapter shall mean the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1 and rule 701—200.1(423).

**253.1(2) *Chapter-specific definitions.*** For purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“*Land use district*” means a district created under Iowa Code chapter 303, subchapter IV.

“*Locally imposed tax*” means the hotel and motel tax levied by Iowa Code section 423A.4.

“*Retailer*” means a person required to collect hotel and motel tax, including but not limited to lodging providers, lodging facilitators, and lodging platforms.

“*State-imposed tax*” means the hotel and motel tax levied by Iowa Code section 423A.3.

“*Tax*” or “*hotel and motel tax*” means the state-imposed hotel and motel tax levied by Iowa Code section 423A.3 and any locally imposed hotel and motel tax levied by Iowa Code section 423A.4.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423A.2, 423A.3, and 423A.4.  
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**701—253.2(423A) Administration.**

**253.2(1) *Generally.*** The department is charged with the administration of the tax, subject to the rules, regulations, and direction of the director. The department is required to administer the tax as nearly as possible in conjunction with the administration of the state sales tax except that portion of the law which implements the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.

**253.2(2) *Incorporation of 701—Chapter 11.*** Except as otherwise stated in this chapter, the requirements of 701—Chapter 11 shall apply to retailers required to collect hotel and motel tax in the same manner that those requirements apply to all sellers and retailers making sales subject to state sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423A.6.  
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**701—253.3(423A) Tax imposition and exemptions.**

**253.3(1) *Tax imposed.*** A state-imposed tax of 5 percent is imposed upon the sales price for the rental of any lodging if the lodging is located in this state. A locally imposed tax of up to 7 percent is imposed to the extent permitted by Iowa Code section 423A.4.

**253.3(2) *Exemptions.*** The only exemptions from the hotel and motel tax are those in Iowa Code section 423A.5. The exemptions apply to both the state-imposed tax and the locally imposed tax under Iowa Code chapter 423A.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423A.3, 423A.4, and 423A.5.  
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**701—253.4(423A) Filing returns; payment of tax; penalty and interest.**

**253.4(1) *Incorporation of 701—Chapter 202.*** Except as otherwise stated in this chapter, the requirements of 701—Chapter 202 shall apply to retailers required to collect hotel and motel tax in the same manner that those requirements apply to all sellers and retailers making sales subject to state sales tax.

**253.4(2) *Quarterly returns only.*** Retailers required to collect hotel and motel tax must file returns on a quarterly basis; retailers may not file annual returns.

**253.4(3) *Combined sales/hotel and motel tax return.***

*a.* On the quarterly sales tax return, a retailer shall report the gross sales subject to the hotel and motel tax for the entire quarter, listing allowable deductions and calculating tax for the entire quarter. The information required for the computation of the hotel and motel tax liability shall be separate from that required for the computation of the retail sales tax liability and must be stated and computed separately even though total tax liability may be paid with a single remittance.

*b.* The quarterly returns are due on the last day of the month following the end of the calendar quarter during which the tax is collected. If a person is required to collect the hotel and motel tax and file a monthly deposit for retail sales tax purposes, the monthly deposit should not include the hotel and motel tax collected during the period covered by the deposit.

**253.4(4) Application of partial payments.**

*a.* All payments received with the return will be applied to satisfy state sales tax and hotel and motel tax liabilities, which include penalty and interest.

*b.* Application of partial payments received with the tax return and any subsequent partial payment received for that tax period will be applied based on a ratio formula, unless properly designated by the taxpayer as provided in Iowa Code section 421.60(2) “d.” The denominator in the ratio shall be the total of the hotel and motel tax due and the state sales tax due less any monthly sales tax deposits. The numerators in the ratio formula shall be the amounts of hotel and motel tax due and the net state sales tax due.

EXAMPLE: Hotel owes a total of \$1,000 in net state sales tax and hotel and motel tax for the quarter. Of the \$1,000 owed, \$600 is for hotel and motel tax and \$400 is for state sales tax. Hotel files its quarterly sales tax return accompanied by a \$500 partial payment. The \$500 partial payment would be applied based on the following computation:

$$\begin{array}{r} 600 \\ \hline 1,000 \end{array} \times 500 = \$300 \quad \text{Hotel and motel tax}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 400 \\ \hline 1,000 \end{array} \times 500 = \$200 \quad \text{State sales tax}$$

**253.4(5) Application of payments upon termination by a land use district.** If a land use district terminates its local hotel and motel tax, lodging within the district becomes subject to any local hotel and motel tax imposed by a city or county within the corporate boundaries of that district on the date of termination. If a city or county imposes a local hotel and motel tax within the district, all revenues received from or moneys refunded to lodging within the district after the date on which the land use district terminates its local hotel and motel tax shall be treated as collected from or refunded to lodging in such city or county. If no city or county imposes a local hotel and motel tax within the district, all revenues received from or moneys refunded to lodging within the district at least 180 days after the date on which the land use district terminates its local hotel and motel tax shall be deposited in or withdrawn from the state general fund as described in Iowa Code section 423A.6(1).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423A.3, 423A.4, and 423A.6.  
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**701—253.5(423A) Permits.**

**253.5(1) Incorporation of 701—Chapter 201.** Except as otherwise stated in this chapter, the requirements of 701—Chapter 201 shall apply to retailers required to collect hotel and motel tax in the same manner that those requirements apply to all sellers and retailers making sales subject to state sales tax.

**253.5(2) Sales tax permit required.**

*a.* There is no separate hotel and motel tax permit; retailers required to collect and remit hotel and motel tax shall obtain an Iowa sales tax permit.

*b.* Any person not in the business of renting rooms to transient guests but that facilitates rentals of lodging at varying locations in Iowa to transient guests may register once under this chapter. A lodging facilitator shall not be required to register under this chapter if the lodging facilitator and its affiliates do not exceed the transaction and sales thresholds in Iowa Code section 423A.5A.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.70, 423.37, 423.39, 423A.3, and 423A.4. [ARC 4195C, IAB 12/19/18, effective 1/23/19; ARC 6398C, IAB 7/13/22, effective 7/1/22; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

### **701—253.6(423A) Special collection and remittance obligations.**

#### **253.6(1) Exclusion from facilitation fee; itemization.**

*a. Exclusion from the definition of facilitation fee.* The commission that a lodging provider pays to a lodging facilitator or lodging platform is not a facilitation fee. See Iowa Code section 423A.2(1) “d.”

*b. Itemization of taxes required.* Retailers shall add the state-imposed tax and the locally imposed tax, if any, to the sales price of the lodging, and each tax, when collected, shall be stated as a distinct item, separate and apart from the other tax and from the sales price of the lodging.

*c. Itemization of components of sales price not required.* A retailer is not required to separately itemize any component part of the sales price as separate and distinct from the rest of the sales price, including discount room charges, facilitation fees, or other similar charges. Regardless of how such fees are presented to a user, they are included in the definition of “sales price” as defined by Iowa Code section 423A.2(1) “k” and are subject to the hotel and motel taxes.

#### **253.6(2) Obligations of lodging providers.**

*a. Rentals without lodging facilitators or lodging platforms.* A lodging provider must collect and remit the hotel and motel tax on the entire sales price of the rental if the transaction does not involve a lodging facilitator or lodging platform. In transactions without lodging facilitators or lodging platforms, only the lodging provider has a hotel and motel tax collection and remittance obligation on the transaction. See example 1C below.

*b. Rentals involving lodging facilitators.* See subrule 253.6(3) for obligations of a lodging provider in rental transactions involving a lodging facilitator.

EXAMPLE 1A: Lodging provider. H owns a hotel located in Iowa. H offers rooms for rent to transient guests. Users can book rooms directly with H—in person, by phone, or through H’s website—or through lodging facilitators. H is a lodging provider. See Iowa Code section 423A.2(1).

EXAMPLE 1B: Lodging provider—property management company. M offers property management and listing services on behalf of lake homeowners. O owns a lake home. O enters into an agreement with M, under which M will manage the property, list the property for rent, enter into rental agreements with users, and receive money from users for the rental of the property.

The lake home is lodging. See Iowa Code section 423A.2(1) “e.” M is a lodging provider as a consequence of operating and managing the lodging and making the lodging available for rent. See Iowa Code section 423A.2(1) “h.” M must collect and remit the hotel and motel tax to the department.

EXAMPLE 1C: Collection and remittance by a lodging provider. H operates a hotel and is a lodging provider. A user books a room by calling H’s telephone number and paying a sales price of \$100 to rent the room for one night. H’s hotel is located in a jurisdiction with a 7 percent locally imposed hotel and motel tax. H shall charge the user \$112. H shall add the \$5 state-imposed tax as separate and apart from the sales price and separate and apart from the locally imposed tax. H shall add the \$7 locally imposed tax as separate and apart from the sales price and separate and apart from the state-imposed tax. H shall remit \$12, the total hotel and motel tax, to the department. See Iowa Code section 423A.5A.

**253.6(3) Obligations of retailers in transactions involving lodging facilitators.** Where a user rents lodging through a lodging facilitator, the lodging facilitator shall collect from the user the hotel and motel tax on the entire sales price paid by the user to the lodging facilitator and the lodging provider shall collect from the user the hotel and motel tax on the entire sales price paid by the user to the lodging

provider. The remittance obligations of the retailers depend on whether the lodging facilitator charges the user for facilitating the user's rental of the lodging.

*a. Remittance of tax when lodging facilitators do not charge the user a facilitation fee.* If the lodging facilitator does not charge the user a facilitation fee, the lodging facilitator shall transmit to the lodging provider the entire hotel and motel tax collected from the user. The lodging provider shall receive the hotel and motel tax transmitted from the lodging facilitator. The lodging provider shall remit that tax, together with any hotel and motel tax collected by the lodging provider directly from the user, to the department. See examples 2D and 2F below.

*b. Remittance of tax when lodging facilitators charge the user a facilitation fee.* If the lodging facilitator charges the user a facilitation fee, the lodging facilitator shall transmit to the lodging provider the portion of the hotel and motel tax attributable to the discount room charge that is charged by the lodging provider and shall remit to the department the remaining hotel and motel tax, which represents tax on the facilitation fee charged to the user. The lodging provider shall receive the hotel and motel tax transmitted from the lodging facilitator and shall remit that tax, together with any hotel and motel tax collected by the lodging provider directly from the user, to the department. See examples 2C and 2D below.

*c. Examples.*

**EXAMPLE 2A: Lodging facilitator—online travel company.** F operates an online travel company. On its website, F allows users to search for, book, and pay for hotel rooms. F's website includes listings from various hotels. Users are allowed to pay for the hotel room through a checkout page on F's website. F retains a portion of each sale as compensation for arranging the rental.

A user finds and selects a hotel room in Iowa on F's website. The user pays for the room through F's website. The lodging provider that owns the hotel is not an affiliate of F. The total price charged to the user includes an amount retained by F for arranging the rental of the hotel room. In this transaction, F is a lodging facilitator. See Iowa Code section 423A.2(1) "c," "d," and "f." The amount F retains from the user as compensation for arranging the rental is a facilitation fee. See Iowa Code section 423A.2(1) "d."

**EXAMPLE 2B: Lodging facilitator—travel agency.** T operates a travel agency. T allows customers to book hotel rooms in Iowa by coming to T's office or by calling one of T's agents. A user books a hotel room in Iowa through T. The user pays T a sales price of \$120. Of this amount, \$100 is consideration for renting the room. The remaining \$20 is a fee paid to T for coordinating the rental. In this transaction, T is a lodging facilitator. The \$20 fee T charges the user is a facilitation fee, which is included in the sales price. See Iowa Code section 423.2(1) "k."

**EXAMPLE 2C: Lodging rented through a lodging facilitator.** H operates a hotel and is a lodging provider. F operates an online travel company and is therefore a lodging facilitator. A user books a room at H's hotel through F's website. The total sales price charged to the user is \$100. The \$100 sales price includes a \$20 facilitation fee that is retained by F. H charges F a discount room charge of \$80.

The lodging is located in a jurisdiction with a locally imposed hotel and motel tax of 7 percent. The total price F must charge to the user is \$112, which is the sum of the sales price, the 5 percent state-imposed hotel and motel tax, and the 7 percent locally imposed hotel and motel tax.

F shall add the \$5 state-imposed tax as separate and apart from the sales price and separate and apart from the locally imposed tax. F shall add the \$7 locally imposed tax as separate and apart from the sales price and separate and apart from the state-imposed tax. On any document F provides to the user confirming the transaction, F must separately state the sales price (\$100), the state-imposed tax (\$5), and the locally imposed tax (\$7). See paragraph 253.6(1) "b." F is not required to identify to the user the portion of the sales price attributable to either the discount room charge or the facilitation fee. See paragraph 253.6(1) "c."

F shall remit to H that portion of hotel and motel taxes collected on \$80, the sales price that represents the discount room charge. See Iowa Code section 423A.5A. F remits \$9.60 hotel and motel tax (i.e., 12 percent hotel and motel tax rate × \$80 discount room charge) to H. F remits \$2.40 hotel and motel tax (i.e., 12 percent hotel and motel tax rate × \$20 facilitation fee) to the department. H remits the \$9.60 hotel and motel tax to the department.

EXAMPLE 2D: Additional sales price paid to a lodging provider. Assume the same facts as in example 2C. However, at check-in time, the user upgrades with H to a larger room for an additional sales price of \$50. The user pays this additional \$50 directly to H. H must charge the user \$56, which is the sum of the additional sales price, the 5 percent state-imposed hotel and motel tax, and the 7 percent locally imposed hotel and motel tax. H remits the \$6 hotel and motel tax, as well as the \$9.60 hotel and motel tax received from F as described in example 2C, to the department.

EXAMPLE 2E: Lodging rented through a travel agent who retains a fee. Assume the same facts as in example 2C. However, instead of booking the hotel room through F's online travel company, the user books the hotel room through travel agency T, and T handles the transaction the same as the online travel company in example 2C.

The result is the same as example 2C. T has the same collection and remittance obligations as F in example 2C.

EXAMPLE 2F: Lodging rented through a travel agent who only receives a commission from the hotel. H owns a hotel and is a lodging provider. A user books a room for one night at H's hotel using T, a travel agency. The total sales price is \$100. T coordinates the user's payment by collecting and transmitting the \$100 sales price plus tax from the user to H. T is a lodging facilitator. T does not retain any part of the user's \$100 payment nor impose an additional fee to the user for facilitating the transaction with H. After the user has stayed at H's hotel, T receives a \$20 commission from H. T and H are not affiliates.

The lodging is located in a jurisdiction with a locally imposed hotel and motel tax of 7 percent. The commission H pays to T is not a facilitation fee. See Iowa Code section 423A.2(1) "d" and paragraph 253.6(1) "a." Therefore, there is no hotel and motel tax applied to the commission paid to T. T is required to collect \$12 of hotel and motel tax (12 percent combined hotel and motel tax rate × \$100 sales price) and remit the \$12 to H when T facilitates payment of the sales price to H. H must receive the \$12 tax on the sales price from T and must then remit the entire \$12 tax to the department. T does not have an obligation to remit any hotel and motel tax to the department on this transaction.

**253.6(4) *Obligations of lodging platforms.*** Where a retailer is a lodging platform, the retailer must collect and remit to the department the hotel and motel tax on the entire sales price of the transaction.

EXAMPLE 3A: Lodging platform—home-sharing marketplace. Z operates a home-sharing platform. Z allows individual property owners to list rooms or entire properties with sleeping accommodations for rent to transient guests on the home-sharing platform. Users search, book, and pay for lodging through Z's platform.

O lists O's house on Z's home-sharing platform. O is not an affiliate of Z. A user books and pays for O's listing using Z's home-sharing platform. In this transaction, Z is a lodging platform. See Iowa Code section 423A.2(1) "g."

EXAMPLE 3B: Lodging platform—home-sharing marketplace collection and remittance. Z operates the home-sharing platform described in example 3A. O owns a cabin in Iowa. The cabin is located in a local jurisdiction that imposes a 7 percent locally imposed hotel and motel tax. O lists O's property for short-term rentals on Z's marketplace. O offers O's property for rent for a three-day weekend for \$900. When listing O's property, O also requires the guests pay a \$20 towel fee and a \$50 cleaning fee. On this transaction, Z imposes a \$30 service charge on the user for processing the transaction on Z's website. A user reserves and pays for the cabin on Z's website.

The total sales price is \$1,000 (i.e., \$900 lake home rental + \$20 towel fee + \$50 cleaning fee + \$30 service charge) before taxes. Z must charge the user \$1,120. Z shall add the \$50 state-imposed tax as separate and apart from the sales price and separate and apart from the locally imposed tax. Z shall add the \$70 locally imposed tax as separate and apart from the sales price and separate and apart from the state-imposed tax. As a lodging platform, Z does not remit any part of the \$120 in tax to O. Z shall remit the \$120 in tax to the department. See Iowa Code section 423A.5A.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.70, 423.37, 423.39, 423A.3, 423A.4, and 423A.5A.

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**701—253.7(423A) Certification of funds.**

**253.7(1) *Certification of funds.*** Within 45 days after the date that the quarterly returns and payments are due, the director will certify to the treasurer of state the amount of locally imposed tax to be transferred from the general fund to the local transient guest tax fund that is to be distributed to each city, county, and land use district that has adopted the tax. Payments received after the date of certification will remain in the general fund until the next quarterly certification.

**253.7(2) *Revenues credited to local fund.*** All locally imposed hotel and motel tax revenues received under Iowa Code chapter 423A are to be credited to the local transient guest tax fund. Revenues include all interest and penalties applicable to any locally imposed hotel and motel tax report or remittance, whether resulting from delinquencies or audits.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423A.7.

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CHAPTER 254  
ADMINISTRATION

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**701—254.1(453A) Definitions.** As used in this title the following definitions apply:

“*Bank*” means a bank designated and authorized by the director of revenue to sell cigarette stamps and set cigarette meters.

“*Carton*” means a box or container of any kind in which ten or more packages or packs of cigarettes or tobacco products are offered for sale, sold, or otherwise distributed to consumers.

“*Cigarette licensee*” means any person who has or is required to obtain a permit of any kind under Iowa Code chapter 453A, division I.

“*Counterfeit cigarettes*” means cigarettes, packages of cigarettes, cartons of cigarettes or other containers of cigarettes with a label, trademark, service mark, trade name, device, design, or word adopted or used by a cigarette manufacturer to identify its product that is false or used without authority of the cigarette manufacturer.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of revenue.

“*Director*” means the director of the department, or the director’s authorized representative.

“*License*” and “*permit*” are used interchangeably.

“*Licensee*” means any person holding or required to obtain a permit or license of any kind under Iowa Code chapter 453A.

“*Meter settings*” means Iowa cigarette meters which imprint indicia on cigarette packages.

“*Package*” or “*pack*” means a container of any kind in which cigarettes or tobacco products are offered for sale, sold, or otherwise distributed to consumers.

“*Revenue*” means any evidence of tax on cigarettes required by the department to be affixed to individual packages of cigarettes.

“*Stamps*” means Iowa Fuson stamps, 30,000 to a roll and Iowa hand stamps of any quantity authorized by the director to be applied to packages of cigarettes and little cigars.

“*Supplier*” means any person or firm authorized to manufacture or supply cigarette stamps for the department.

“*Tax*” means the tax imposed under Iowa Code chapter 453A on cigarettes or other tobacco products.

“*Taxpayer*” means any person required to collect or remit tax directly to the department or required to be licensed or to file any report or return or keep records under Iowa Code chapter 453A.

“*Tobacco*” means the same as “tobacco products” as defined in Iowa Code section 453A.42.

“*Tobacco licensee*” means any person who has or is required to obtain a permit of any kind under Iowa Code chapter 453A, division II.

In addition to these definitions, the definitions contained in Iowa Code sections 421B.2, 453A.1, and 453A.42 apply to these rules.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 453A as amended by 2004 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2296.

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**701—254.2(453A) Credentials and receipts.** Employees of the department have official credentials and the taxpayer should require proof of the identity of any person claiming to represent the department. No charges shall be made nor gratuities of any kind accepted by an employee of the department for assistance given in or out of the office of the department.

All employees authorized to collect money are supplied with official receipt forms. When cash is paid to an employee, the taxpayer should require the employee to issue an official receipt. Such receipt shall show the taxpayer’s name, address and permit number; the purpose for the payment; and the amount of the payment. The taxpayer should retain all receipts, and only official receipts for a cash payment will be recognized by the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.25 and 453A.49.

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**701—254.3(453A) Examination of records.** Within three years after a return or report is filed or within three years after the report or return became due, whichever is later, the department shall examine it, determine the amount of cigarette or tobacco tax due, and give notice of assessment to the taxpayer. If no return or report has been filed, the department may determine the amount of tax due and give notice thereof. The period of examination and determination of the correct amount of tax is unlimited in the case of a false or fraudulent report or return made with the intent to evade tax, or in the case of a failure to file a report or return, or if a person purchases or is in possession of unstamped cigarettes. The three-year period of limitation may be extended by a taxpayer by signing a waiver agreement form provided by the department. The agreement must stipulate the period of extension and the tax period to which the extension applies and must provide that a claim for refund may be filed at any time during the period of extension.

Whenever books and records are examined by an employee designated by the director, whether to verify a return, report, or claim for refund or in making an audit, an assessment will be issued for any amount of tax due or a refund made for any amount of tax overpaid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.15, 453A.28, and 453A.46 as amended by 2004 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2296.  
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**701—254.4(453A) Records.** Every taxpayer subject to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 453A shall keep, preserve, and make available to the department records for a period of three years. The following is a list of records subject to the provisions of this rule. For taxpayers using an electronic data interchange process or technology, also see 701—subrule 11.4(4).

**254.4(1) Cigarette manufacturer.** Licensed cigarette manufacturers are required to keep the following records.

- a. Records, including invoices, showing the sale of cigarettes in Iowa or the sale of cigarettes for shipment into Iowa.
- b. Records evidencing the transportation of cigarettes into Iowa.
- c. Records, including invoices, showing all sales of cigarettes to licensees.
- d. A record of all stamps purchased.
- e. Copies of all reports filed with the department.

Unlicensed cigarette manufacturers shipping cigarettes into Iowa are asked to keep records, including invoices, showing the sale of cigarettes in Iowa or the sale of cigarettes for shipment into Iowa.

Nothing in this rule shall be construed to affect the provisions of P.L. 95-575 (Contraband Cigarette Act, 18 U.S.C. Ch. 114) or P.L. 81-363 (Jenkins Act, 15 U.S.C., Sec. 375).

**254.4(2) Cigarette distributing agent.**

- a. Records of the receipt of all cigarettes showing the amount of cigarettes received and from whom received.
- b. Records of all distribution of cigarettes showing the amount of cigarettes shipped, to whom and at whose direction the cigarettes were distributed.
- c. Records showing all exports of cigarettes.
- d. Copies of all reports filed with the department.
- e. Detailed inventory records.
- f. Freight receiving and shipping records.

**254.4(3) Cigarette distributors.**

- a. Records, including invoices, showing the purchase of all cigarettes sold, used or stored in Iowa.
- b. Records, including invoices, showing the sale of cigarettes in Iowa.
- c. Detailed inventory records.
- d. Freight receiving and shipping records.
- e. A record of all stamps purchased.
- f. Copies of all reports filed with the department.

**254.4(4) Wholesaler.**

- a. Records, including invoices, evidencing the purchase of all cigarettes.

- b. Records, including invoices, evidencing the sale of all cigarettes.
- c. Detailed inventory records.

**254.4(5) Cigarette vendor.**

- a. Records, including invoices, evidencing the purchase of all cigarettes.
- b. Records evidencing the sale of cigarettes.
- c. Inventory records.
- d. Records of all cigarette vending machines owned, furnished, installed, serviced, operated or maintained by the vendor and the location of each.

**254.4(6) Cigarette retailer.**

- a. Records, including invoices, evidencing the purchase of all cigarettes.
- b. Inventory records.

**254.4(7) Tobacco distributor.** The same records as a cigarette distributor but with respect to tobacco, excluding records of stamps purchased. (See 254.4(3))

**254.4(8) Tobacco subjobber.** The same records as a cigarette wholesaler but with respect to tobacco.

**254.4(9) Tobacco retailer.** The same records as a cigarette retailer but with respect to tobacco.

**254.4(10) Common carrier engaged in transporting cigarettes or tobacco products into Iowa.**

- a. Copies of bills of lading or manifests as to each transportation of cigarettes or tobacco.
- b. Log book or trip sheets.

**254.4(11) Microfilm and related records system.** Microfilm, microfiche, COM (computer on machine) and other related reduction in storage systems will be referred to as “microfilm” in this rule.

Microfilm reproductions of general books of account, such as a cash book, journals, voucher registers, ledgers, etc., are not acceptable other than those that have been approved by the Internal Revenue Service under Revenue Procedure 76-43, Section 302. However, microfilm reproductions of supporting records of detail, such as sales invoices, purchase invoices, credit memoranda, etc., may be allowed providing all the following conditions are met and accepted by the taxpayer.

- a. Appropriate facilities are provided to ensure the preservation and readability of the films.
- b. Microfilm rolls are indexed, cross-referenced, labeled to show beginning and ending numbers or beginning and ending alphabetical listing of documents included, and are systematically filed.
- c. The taxpayer agrees to provide transcripts of any information contained on microfilm which may be required for purposes of verification of tax liability.
- d. Proper facilities are provided for the ready inspection and location of the particular records, including modern projectors for viewing and for the copying of records.
- e. Any audit of “detail” on microfilm may be subject to sample audit procedures, to be determined at the discretion of the director or the director’s designated representative.
- f. A posting reference must be on each invoice.
- g. Credit memoranda must carry a reference to the document evidencing the original transaction.
- h. Documents necessary to support claimed exemptions from tax liability, such as bills of lading and purchase orders, must be maintained in an order by which they readily can be related to the transaction for which exemption is sought.

**254.4(12) Automatic data processing records.** Automatic data processing is defined in this rule as including electronic data processing (EDP) and will be referred to as ADP.

a. An ADP tax accounting system must have built into its program a method of producing visible and legible records which will provide the necessary information for verification of the taxpayer’s tax liability.

b. ADP records must provide an opportunity to trace any transaction back to the original source or forwarded to a final total. If detail printouts are not made of transactions at the time they are processed, then the system must have the ability to reconstruct these transactions.

c. A general ledger with source references will be produced as hard copy to coincide with financial reports of tax reporting periods. In cases where subsidiary ledgers are used to support the general ledger accounts, the subsidiary ledgers should also be produced periodically.

d. Supporting documents and audit trail. The audit trail should be designed so that the details underlying the summary accounting data may be identified and made available to the director or the

director's designated representative upon request. The system should be so designed that the supporting documents, such as sales invoices, purchase invoices, credit memoranda, etc., are readily available. (An audit trail is defined as the condition of having sufficient documentary evidence to trace an item from source (invoice, check, etc.) to a financial statement or tax return; or the reverse; that is, to have an auditable system.)

*e.* Program documentation. A description of the ADP portion of the accounting program should be available. The statements and illustrations as to the scope of operations should be sufficiently detailed to indicate:

- (1) The application being performed;
- (2) The procedure employed in each application (which, for example, might be supported by flow charts, block diagrams or other satisfactory description of the input or output procedures); and
- (3) The controls used to ensure accurate and reliable processing. Program and systems changes, together with their effective dates should be noted in order to preserve an accurate chronological record.

*f.* Storage of ADP output will be in appropriate facilities to ensure preservation and readability of output.

**254.4(13) General requirements.** If a tax liability has been assessed and an appeal is pending to the department, district court or an appellate court, books, papers, records, memoranda or documents specified in this rule that relate to the period covered by the assessment shall be preserved until the final disposition of the appeal.

The records will be considered inadequate when the requirements of this rule are not met. The director may, by express order in certain cases, authorize permit holders to keep their records in a manner and upon forms other than those so prescribed (agreements must be in writing).

**254.4(14) Other persons.** The director may require any person other than those previously listed in this rule to maintain books and records as deemed necessary by the director.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.15 and 453A.45 as amended by 2004 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2296, and Iowa Code sections 453A.18, 453A.19, 453A.24, and 453A.49.

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**701—254.5(453A) Form of invoice.** Whenever an invoice is required to be prepared or kept by Iowa Code chapter 453A or these rules, it shall minimally contain the following information:

1. The seller's name, address.
2. The purchaser's name, address and permit number (if any).
3. The date of sale.
4. All prices and discounts stated separately.
5. An indication as to whether cigarettes or tobacco products are being sold with or without tax stamps attached or tax included.
6. The origination and destination points.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.15, 453A.25, 453A.45 and 453A.49.

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**701—254.6(453A) Audit of records—cost, supplemental assessments and refund adjustments.** The department shall have the right and duty to examine or cause to be examined the books, records, memoranda or documents of a taxpayer for the purpose of verifying the correctness of a return or report filed or determining the tax liability of any taxpayer under Iowa Code chapter 453A.

When it is determined, upon audit, that any person dealing in cigarettes owes additional tax, the costs of the audit are assessed against such person as additional penalty.

The department may, at any time within the period prescribed for assessment or refund adjustment, make a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment whenever it is ascertained that any assessment or refund adjustment is imperfect or incomplete in any respect.

If an assessment or refund adjustment is appealed (protested under rule 701—7.9(17A)) and is resolved whether by informal proceedings or by adjudication, the department and the taxpayer are precluded from making a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment concerning the same issue

involved in such appeal for the same tax period unless there is a showing of mathematical or clerical error or a showing of fraud or misrepresentation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.30.

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**701—254.7(453A) Bonds.** When bonds are required by Iowa Code chapter 453A or these rules, said bonds shall be in the form of cash, a certificate of deposit or a bond issued by a surety company licensed to do business in the state of Iowa, payable to the state of Iowa and in a form approved by the director. Bonds required by tobacco distributors must be issued by a surety company licensed to do business in Iowa. However, upon approval by the director, a cash bond or a certificate of deposit will be accepted by the department as a substitute for the surety bond. (See Iowa Code section 453A.44(4).)

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.14 and 453A.44.

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**701—254.8 to 254.10** Reserved.

**701—254.11(453A) Appeal—practice and procedure before the department.** Rescinded ARC 7192C, IAB 12/13/23, effective 1/17/24.

**701—254.12(453A) Permit—license revocation.**

**254.12(1) Cigarette permits.** Cigarette permits issued by the department must be revoked if the permittee willfully violates the provisions of Iowa Code section 453A.2 (sale or gift to minors). The department may revoke permits issued by the department for violation of any other provision of division I of Iowa Code chapter 453A or the rules promulgated thereunder. (Also see Iowa Code chapter 421B and rule 701—257.7(421B).) The revocation shall be subject to the provisions of rules 701—7.39(17A) and 701—7.19(17A). The notice of revocation shall be given to the permittee at least ten days prior to the hearing provided therein. The department will revoke a permit of a permit holder, who is an individual, if the department has received a certificate of noncompliance from the child support unit in regard to the permit holder, unless the unit furnishes the department with a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance.

If a retailer or employee of a retailer has violated Iowa Code section 453A.2 or 453A.36(6), the city council, county board of supervisors, or the Iowa department of public health shall assess a penalty as provided in Iowa Code section 453A.22(2) as amended by 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 26. The penalty procedures are governed by Iowa Code section 453A.22(1) and the individual council's or board's procedures. Iowa Code chapter 17A does not apply to boards of supervisors or city councils. (See rule 701—257.7(421B).) The board of supervisors or the city council that issued a retail permit is required by Iowa Code chapter 252J to revoke the permit of any retailer who is an individual if the board or council has received a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit in regard to the retailer, unless the unit furnishes the board of supervisors or the city council with a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance.

If a permit is revoked under this subrule, except for the receipt of a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit, the permit holder cannot obtain a new cigarette permit of any kind nor may any other person obtain a permit for the location covered by the revoked permit for a period of one year unless good cause to the contrary is shown to the issuing authority. If a retail permit is suspended or revoked, the suspension or revocation applies only to the place of business where the violation occurred and not to any other place of business covered by the permit.

The department or local authority must report the suspension or revocation of a retail permit to the department of public health within 30 days of the suspension or revocation.

**254.12(2) Tobacco licenses.** The director may revoke, cancel or suspend the license of any tobacco distributor or tobacco subjobber for violation of any provision in division II of Iowa Code chapter 453A, the rules promulgated thereunder, or any other statute applicable to the sale of tobacco products. The licensee shall be given ten days' notice of a revocation hearing under Iowa Code section 453A.48(2) and

rules 701—7.39(17A) and 701—7.19(17A). No license may be issued to any person whose license has been revoked under Iowa Code section 453A.44(11) for a period of one year. The department will revoke a license of a licensee, who is an individual, if the department has received a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit in regard to the licensee, unless the unit furnishes the department with a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.22 as amended by 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 26, and sections 453A.13, 453A.44(11) and 453A.48(2).

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### **701—254.13(453A) Permit applications and denials.**

**254.13(1)** *Applications for permits.* The application forms for all permits issued under Iowa Code chapter 453A are available from the department upon request. The applications shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. The nature of the applicant's business;
- b. The type of permit requested;
- c. The address of the principal office of the applicant;
- d. The place of business for which the permit is to apply;
- e. The names and addresses of principal officers or members, not to exceed three, if the business is not a sole proprietorship;
- f. A list of persons who will be the applicant's suppliers or customers or both (whichever is applicable);
- g. If the applicant intends to operate as a cigarette distributor, a certificate from a manufacturer of cigarettes indicating an intention to sell unstamped cigarettes to the applicant;
- h. Whether or not the applicant possesses any other permit issued under Iowa Code chapter 453A; and
- i. The signature of the person making the application. For electronically transmitted applications, the application form shall state that, in lieu of the person's handwritten signature, the person's email address or the person's fax signature will constitute a valid signature.

**254.13(2)** *Denial of application for permit.* The department may deny a permit to any applicant who is, at the time of application, substantially delinquent in paying any tax due which is administered by the department or the interest or penalty on the tax. If the applicant is a partnership, a permit may be denied if a partner is substantially delinquent in paying any tax, penalty, or interest regardless of whether the tax is in any way a liability of or associated with the partnership. If an applicant for a permit is a corporation, the department may deny the applicant a permit if any officer, with a substantial legal or equitable interest in the ownership of the corporation, owes any delinquent tax, penalty, or interest of the applicant corporation. In this latter instance, the corporation must, initially, owe the delinquent tax, penalty, or interest, and the officer must be personally and secondarily liable for the tax. This is in contrast to the situation regarding a partnership. Rule 701—201.10(423) contains characterizations of the terms "tax administered by the department" and "substantially delinquent" in paying a tax.

The director will deny a permit to any applicant, who is an individual, if the department has received a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit in regard to the individual, unless the unit furnishes the department with a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance.

**254.13(3)** *Revocation of a permit.* The department may revoke the permit of any permit holder who becomes substantially delinquent in paying any tax which is administered by the department or the interest or penalty on the tax. If the permit holder is a corporation, the department may revoke the permit if any officer, with a substantial legal or equitable interest in the ownership of the corporation, owes any delinquent tax, penalty, or interest of the applicant corporation. In this latter instance, the corporation must, initially, owe the delinquent tax, penalty, or interest, and the officer must be personally and secondarily liable for the tax. If the permit holder is a partnership, a permit cannot be revoked for a partner's substantial delinquency in paying any tax, penalty, or interest which is not a liability of the

partnership. Rule 701—201.10(423) contains characterizations of the terms “tax administered by the department” and “substantially delinquent” in paying a tax.

The department will revoke the permit of any permit holder, who is an individual, if the department has received a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit in regard to the individual, unless the unit furnishes the department with a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance.

**254.13(4) Applications for retail cigarette permits.** Applications for retail cigarette permits are supplied by the department to city councils and county boards of supervisors. The application must be obtained from and filed with the individual council or board. The board of supervisors or the city council is required by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 115, to deny a retail permit to any applicant, who is an individual, if the board or council has received a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit in regard to the individual, unless the unit furnishes the board of supervisors or city council with a withdrawal of the certificate of noncompliance.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.13, 453A.16, 453A.17, 453A.22, 453A.23, and 453A.44, and 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 115.

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**701—254.14(453A) Confidential information.** The release of information contained in any reports or returns filed under Iowa Code chapter 453A or obtained by the department in the administration of Iowa Code chapter 453A is governed by the general provisions of Iowa Code chapter 22 since there are no specific provisions relating to confidential information contained in chapter 453A. Any requests for information must be made pursuant to rule 701—5.3(17A,22,421,422). Also see rule 701—5.4(17A,22,421,422).

Any request for information pertaining to a taxpayer’s business affairs, operations, source of income, profits, losses, or expenditures must be made in writing to the director. The taxpayer to whom the information relates will be notified of the request for information and will be allowed 30 days to substantiate any claim of confidentiality under Iowa Code chapter 22 or any other statute such as Iowa Code section 422.72. If substantiated, the request will be denied; otherwise, the information will be released to the requesting party. This rule will not prevent the exchange of information between state and federal agencies.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.25 and 453A.49.

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**701—254.16(453A) Inventory tax.** All persons required to obtain a permit under Iowa Code section 453A.13 as distributors shall take an inventory of all cigarettes and little cigars in their possession prior to delivery for resale upon which the tax has been affixed and all unused cigarette tax stamps and unused metered imprints in their possession at the close of business on the day preceding the effective date of an increase in the tax rate.

Persons required to take an inventory shall remit the tax due on all cigarette stamps or metered imprints and all cigarettes and little cigars with revenue affixed in their possession prior to delivery for resale within 30 days of the inventory date. The tax is equal to the difference between the amount paid for cigarette stamps or metered imprints purchased prior to the tax increase and the amount that is to be paid for cigarette stamps or metered imprints purchased after the tax increase.

In computing the inventory tax, any discount allowed or allowable under Iowa Code section 453A.8 shall not be considered.

The inventory tax is applicable only when there is an increase in the tax rate. See rule 701—255.11(453A) for an explanation of whether a refund is allowable when there is a decrease in the tax rate.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.6, 453A.40, and 453A.43.

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CHAPTER 255  
CIGARETTE TAX AND REGULATION OF DELIVERY SALES OF ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE  
PRODUCTS OR VAPOR PRODUCTS

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**701—255.1(453A) Permits required.** Every person selling or distributing cigarettes or using or consuming untaxed cigarettes within the state of Iowa must first obtain the appropriate permit.

**255.1(1) Distributor's permit.** Every person acting as a distributor as defined in Iowa Code section 453A.1 must obtain a permit from the department. A distributor is any person who obtains unstamped cigarettes within or without this state by manufacture, production, import or by any means for the purpose of making the first intrastate sale or distribution or the first use or consumption in Iowa. Every distributor holding a distributor's permit will cause to be affixed, within or without Iowa, all cigarette tax stamps or meter impressions as set forth in rule 701—255.8(453A) and Iowa Code section 453A.10. The distributor permit expires annually on June 30, and costs \$100. A distributor must obtain a duplicate permit for each place of business owned or operated by the distributor from which distributor activities are carried on. Duplicate distributor permits may be obtained from the department at an annual cost of \$5 for each duplicate permit. A distributor may act as a wholesaler without obtaining a wholesaler's permit, but a wholesaler's permit may be obtained upon meeting all of the requirements for the issuance of a wholesaler's permit. If a distributor performs any other function which requires a permit, a separate permit must be obtained. If a person is not performing the functions of a distributor, a permit will not be issued.

**255.1(2) Wholesaler's permit.** Every person acting as a wholesaler as defined in Iowa Code section 453A.1 must obtain a wholesaler's permit. A wholesaler is any person, other than a distributor or a distributing agent, who sells or distributes cigarettes within Iowa for resale. A "sale or distribution" of cigarettes connotes a transfer of cigarettes from one person or entity to another person or entity. *Union Oil Co. of California v. State*, 2 Wash.2d 436, 98 P. 2d 660 (1940); *State v. Nash Johnson and Sons' Farms Inc.*, 263 N.C. 66, 138 S.E. 2d 773 (1964). Therefore, an intraentity transfer is not a transaction which qualifies as a function of a wholesaler. The wholesaler permit expires annually on June 30, and costs \$100 annually. A wholesaler must obtain a duplicate permit for each place of business owned or operated by the wholesaler from which wholesale activities are carried on. Duplicate wholesaler permits may be obtained from the department at an annual cost of \$5 for each duplicate permit. If a person is not performing the functions of a wholesaler, a permit will not be issued.

The following example will illustrate the application of this subrule:

The XYZ Grocery Chain has a warehouse in Des Moines where stamped cigarettes are stored. The stamped cigarettes are purchased from a permitted distributor. XYZ transfers the cigarettes to its retail outlets across the state for the purpose of making retail sales, and makes no other sales. The storage of stamped cigarettes and the retail sale of cigarettes are not functions of a wholesaler, and XYZ would not be eligible for a wholesaler's permit.

**255.1(3) Cigarette vendor's permit.** Every person acting as a cigarette vendor as defined in Iowa Code section 453A.1 must obtain a permit from the department. A cigarette vendor is any person who takes responsibility for furnishing, installing, servicing, operating or maintaining one or more vending machines for the purpose of selling cigarettes at retail, and does so by reason of ownership, agreement or contract.

A retailer who holds a retail permit is not required to get a cigarette vendor's permit if the retail permittee is, in fact, the owner of the cigarette vending machine(s) which is operated in the location described in the retail permit. The cigarette vendor's permit expires annually on June 30, and costs \$100 annually. A cigarette vendor must have a duplicate permit for each place of business from which cigarette vending machines are furnished, installed or serviced. A duplicate permit can be obtained from the department for an annual cost of \$5. The duplicate permit applies to additional places of business from which the cigarette vendor conducts operations and not to those places of business where the cigarette vending machines are installed for retail sales.

EXAMPLE: A cigarette vendor owns three warehouses from which the vendor supplies cigarettes to 100 vending machines located at various retail establishments. The total permit cost for the vendor would be \$110 (\$100 for a regular permit plus \$10 for two duplicate permits at \$5 each).

**255.1(4) *Railway retail permit.*** A retail permit may be issued to a railway dining car company, railway sleeping car company, railroad or a railway company. A retailer's permit for railway cars is issued by the department for an annual cost of \$25 and expires on June 30 of each year. A duplicate permit is required for each car in which cigarettes are stored for sale or sold and each duplicate permit is issued by the department at an annual cost of \$2.

**255.1(5) *Manufacturer's permit.*** Any manufacturer, as defined in Iowa Code section 453A.1, may obtain a manufacturer's permit from the department. A manufacturer is any person who ships cigarettes into this state from outside the state. The permit is issued without cost and is valid until revoked or canceled. The permit allows the manufacturer to purchase tax stamps from the department and to affix such stamps to cigarettes outside of this state prior to their shipment into the state. A manufacturer is required to affix stamps to cigarettes prior to their shipment into this state unless the cigarettes are shipped to an Iowa permitted distributor or an Iowa permitted distributor's agent.

**255.1(6) *Distributing agent's permit.*** Every person acting as a distributing agent as defined in Iowa Code section 453A.1 must obtain a permit from the department. A distributing agent is any person in this state who acts as an agent of any manufacturer outside of the state by storing cigarettes received in interstate commerce from such manufacturer subject to distribution or delivery to distributors upon orders received from the manufacturer in interstate commerce and transmitted to such distributing agent for fulfillment from such storage place. The distributing agent's permit is issued by the department at an annual cost of \$100 and expires on June 30 of each year. A separate permit at the \$100 cost must be obtained for each place of business owned or operated within the state by the distributing agent. The permit authorizes the distributing agent to store unstamped cigarettes which are received in interstate commerce for distribution or delivery to distributors upon orders received from outside this state or to be sold outside this state. Stocks of cigarettes held for interstate and intrastate commerce must be kept separate.

**255.1(7) *Retailer's permit.***

*a. In general.* Every person acting as a retailer, as defined in Iowa Code section 453A.1, must obtain a permit. A retailer is any person who:

- (1) Directly sells, distributes or offers for sale cigarettes for consumption, or
- (2) Possesses cigarettes for direct sale for consumption.

Retail permits are issued by the following authorities at the following prices:

1. Within unincorporated areas of a county, by the county board of supervisors at an annual cost of \$50.
2. Within the city limits of a city of less than 15,000 population, by the city council, at an annual cost of \$75.
3. Within the city limits of a city equal to or greater than 15,000 population, by the city council, at an annual cost of \$100.

The retail permit expires on June 30 of each year. A renewal sticker furnished by the department containing the appropriate year and number may be issued in lieu of a new permit where the place of business of the retail permit holder has remained the same. The retail permit is valid only for the location described in the permit, and a retailer must obtain a separate permit for each place of business owned or operated by the retailer. (See subrule 255.2(3))

The power to grant the retail permit is discretionary with the city council or board of supervisors, and uniform, nondiscriminatory limits may be placed on its issuance. *Bernstein v. City of Marshalltown*, 215 Iowa 1168, 248 N.W. 26 (1933); *Ford Hopkins Co. v. City of Iowa City*, 216 Iowa 1286, 248 N.W. 668 (1933); 1938 O.A.G. 708. The city or county must submit a copy of any retail permit issued and the application for the permit to the department of public health within 30 days of issuance.

*b. Mobile retailer.* If a cigarette retailer sells cigarettes from a mobile concession vehicle, the vehicle itself shall be considered a place of business. A city has the discretionary power to grant a retail cigarette permit to a place of business located within the corporate limits of that city. A county

has the discretionary power to grant a retail cigarette permit to a place of business located within the unincorporated areas of the county. If a retailer is selling cigarettes from a mobile concession vehicle within the area of several permit-issuing authorities, the retailer must obtain a permit from each authority. The retailer is operating a single place of business within the jurisdiction of the several authorities and is, therefore, subject to regulation by each.

The location described on the permit shall include identification of the vehicle and the address of the permanent place of business from which the vehicle is dispatched. If the vehicle is traded in for a new vehicle, the exchange provisions of subrule 255.2(3) shall apply.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.13 as amended by 2000 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2366, and sections 453A.16, 453A.17, and 453A.23.

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**701—255.2(453A) Partial year permits—payment—refund—exchange.** For purposes of this rule, “year” means the cigarette tax year running from July 1 of year A to June 30 of year B and “quarter” means a yearly quarter with the first quarter commencing on July 1.

**255.2(1) Partial payment.** If any permit is granted other than in the first quarter, the following partial payments are required:

1. During the second quarter - 75 percent of the permit fee.
2. During the third quarter - 50 percent of the permit fee.
3. During the fourth quarter - 25 percent of the permit fee.

**255.2(2) Partial refund.** If any unrevoked permit for which the entire annual fee has been paid is voluntarily surrendered, the following permit fees will be refunded:

1. During the first quarter - 75 percent of the permit fee.
2. During the second quarter - 50 percent of the permit fee.
3. During the third quarter - 25 percent of the permit fee.

If any unrevoked permit for which 75 percent of the annual fee has been paid is voluntarily surrendered, the following permit fees will be refunded by the entity which issued the permit:

1. During the second quarter - 50 percent of the permit fee.
2. During the third quarter - 25 percent of the permit fee.

If any unrevoked permit for which 50 percent of the annual fee has been paid is voluntarily surrendered, the following permit fees will be refunded:

During the third quarter - 25 percent of the annual fee.

**255.2(3) Exchange of permits.** If a permittee changes the location of an operation requiring a permit but remains within the jurisdiction of the same entity which granted the original permit, the permittee may exchange the invalid permit (valid only for the location described in the permit) for a valid permit free of charge, without the partial payment-partial refund process. (1934 O.A.G. 106)

The following nonexclusive examples will illustrate the application of this rule:

**EXAMPLE 1:** City Bar and Grill sells cigarettes at retail and has obtained a retail cigarette permit from the city of Des Moines. The establishment is moved across the street but remains within the city limits of Des Moines. The retail permit is valid only for the location described in the permit, and therefore, the original permit is no longer valid. However, since the establishment has remained within the jurisdiction of the entity which granted the original permit, Des Moines, the original, presently invalid permit may be exchanged for a valid permit with a new location description at no cost.

**EXAMPLE 2:** Same as Example 1, except the new location of City Bar and Grill is outside the corporate limits of Des Moines and within the unincorporated area of Polk County. City Bar and Grill would have to surrender the old permit to the city of Des Moines and obtain a new permit from Polk County with the schedules set forth in this rule applying.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.13, subsections 3 and 4.

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**701—255.3(453A) Bond requirements.** The amount of the bond required for each permit shall be as follows:

1. Distributor permit - \$2,500

2. Wholesaler permit - \$2,500
3. Vendor permit - \$1,000
4. Railway car retail permit - \$500
5. Manufacturer permit - \$5,000
6. Distributing agent permit - \$2,500
7. Retail permit - \$0-
8. Nonpermittee storing interstate cigarettes - \$5,000

If a person is required to obtain more than one type of permit, the bond requirements shall be cumulative and additional bonds or a single bond equal to the total aggregate requirements must be obtained. (See rule 701—254.7(453A) for the required form of the bond.)

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**701—255.4(453A) Cigarette tax—attachment—exemption—exclusivity of tax.**

**255.4(1) Tax.** See Iowa Code section 453A.6 for the rate of tax imposed on cigarettes.

**255.4(2) Attachment.** The tax is imposed when the cigarettes are received by any person in Iowa for the purpose of making a “first sale” of the cigarettes (as defined in Iowa Code section 453A.1). If the tax is not paid by the person making the first sale, it must be paid by any person into whose possession such cigarettes come until the tax has been paid, the tax to be paid only once. The fact that the tax is eventually paid will not relieve the person’s standing prior in the chain of distribution of the sanctions for distributing untaxed cigarettes if the tax should have been paid sooner by said person.

The tax must be added to the selling price of every package of cigarettes so that the ultimate consumer bears the burden of the tax.

**255.4(3) Exemption.** If all of the following conditions are met, the Iowa cigarette tax need not be paid:

- a. The cigarettes are imported on or about the person claiming the exemption,
- b. The total quantity of cigarettes so imported is equal to or less than 40,
- c. The seal of the individual cigarette package has been broken, and
- d. The cigarettes are actually used by the person so importing and are not sold or offered for sale.

**255.4(4) Exclusivity of tax.** No other occupation or excise tax may be imposed by any political subdivision of the state. However, this provision does not apply to occupation or excise taxes imposed by the state.

**255.4(5) Sales exempt from tax.** Sales of cigarettes which the state is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution or the laws of the United States or under the Constitution of this state are exempt from the tax. If the sale is exempt from the tax, stamps must not be attached. No refund will be issued for stamps which are attached to cigarette packages which are later sold exempt.

a. *Sales to the federal government.* Military post exchanges or instrumentalities of the federal government are not required to comply with the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 453A nor pay the tax imposed thereunder. However, individuals who have purchased or obtained cigarettes from a federal instrumentality and come within the jurisdiction of the state, are subject to the provisions of Iowa Code sections 453A.6(2), 453A.36(1) and 453A.37. *U.S. v. Tax Commission of Mississippi*, 421 U.S. 599, 44 L.Ed. 2d 404, 95 S.Ct. 1872 (1975).

b. *Sales by or to Indians.* Sales by Indians to other Indians of their own tribe on federally recognized Indian reservations or settlements of which they are tribal members are exempt from the tax. The Indian sellers are subject to the record-keeping requirements of Iowa Code chapter 453A. The cigarettes must be purchased by the Indian seller with the tax included in the purchase price. The tax exemption is allowed to the Indian purchaser by the purchaser’s filing a claim for refund of the tax paid or to the tribe of which the Indian purchaser is a member by the tribe’s filing a claim for refund of the tax paid by the tribe on cigarettes sold to the Indian purchaser.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.6 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 151.

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**701—255.5(453A) Cigarette tax stamps.**

**255.5(1) *In general.*** To evidence the payment of the cigarette tax, cigarette stamps must be securely affixed to the individual cigarette containers. The stamps shall be provided by the director, and either sold directly to a distributor or a manufacturer holding a valid distributor's or manufacturer's permit or through authorized banks, as defined in Iowa Code section 524.103 to these same permittees. The possession of unstamped cigarettes by persons not authorized to possess unstamped cigarettes shall be prima facie evidence of the nonpayment of the tax. The penalty for possession of unstamped cigarettes is set forth in Iowa Code section 453A.31(1) as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 151, section 81. Any person in possession of unstamped cigarettes must pay the tax directly to the department. If sales of cigarettes exceed the purchase of cigarette stamps by persons authorized and responsible to affix stamps, there is established a rebuttable presumption that the excess cigarettes were sold without the tax stamps affixed thereto.

**255.5(2) *Purchase of stamps from the department.*** Stamps may be purchased from the department and from authorized banks in unbroken rolls of 30,000 stamps, or other quantities authorized by the director. The stamps may be purchased only by persons holding an unrevoked distributor's permit or an unrevoked manufacturer's permit.

When cigarette stamps are purchased from the department, orders shall be sent directly to the department on a form prescribed by and available upon request from the department. The order must be accompanied by a remittance payable to the Iowa Department of Revenue in the amount of the face value of the stamps less any discount as provided in rule 701—255.7(453A). The stamps shall be sent to the purchaser through the United States Postal Service by registered mail or similar delivery service at the department's expense. The purchaser may request alternate methods of transmission, but such methods shall be at the expense of the purchaser. Regardless of the method used to send the stamps, title transfers to the purchaser at the time the department delivers the stamps to the carrier.

**255.5(3) *Purchase of stamps from authorized bank.*** The purchase of stamps from an authorized bank must be made by the distributor or manufacturer or the distributor's or manufacturer's representative. The permittee shall furnish the bank with a requisition form prescribed by the department along with payment for the full price of the stamps less any discount as provided in rule 701—255.7(453A). The director may require such payments to be by cashier's check or certified check as to any individual distributor or manufacturer. The authorized bank shall be notified in writing by the department of any such requirement. Distributors or manufacturers who elect to purchase stamps from authorized banks shall advise the department in writing of the authorized bank so elected. The distributor or manufacturer may not purchase from any other bank other than the one so selected, but may still purchase stamps directly from the department. See rule 701—255.6(453A) for restrictions on authorized banks as to the sale of stamps. Also see rule 701—255.11(453A) relating to refunds.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.6, 453A.8, and 453A.28 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 151, and Iowa Code sections 453A.7, 453A.10, 453A.12, and 453A.35. [ARC 5712C, IAB 6/16/21, effective 7/21/21; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

**701—255.6(453A) Banks authorized to sell stamps—requirements—restrictions.**

**255.6(1) *Authorization.*** The director has the discretion to allow the sale or distribution of stamps through authorized banks as defined in Iowa Code section 524.103. The authorization of a bank to sell stamps is not a mandatory direction, but may be utilized by the director to enhance the efficiency of the tax stamp distribution system. Some of the factors the director will consider in determining whether or not to authorize a bank to sell stamps are:

- a. Geographical location in relation to distributors or manufacturers requesting alternative purchase locations,
- b. The anticipated volume of stamps to be purchased by the requesting distributors or manufacturers,
- c. Access to transportation systems, and
- d. Prior experience with the bank.

**255.6(2) Sale of stamps.** An authorized bank may sell cigarette stamps only to distributors or manufacturers holding valid permits who have “elected” (as per subrule 255.5(3)) to purchase stamps from that bank. The department shall furnish each bank with a list of all such distributors or manufacturers who have so elected, and the bank shall not sell stamps to persons not on the list. The bank must receive payment in full, less the discount, before selling stamps. See rule 701—255.7(453A). A bank is not authorized to accept credit memorandums from distributors or manufacturers.

**255.6(3) Stamp inventory.** Each bank shall keep an adequate inventory of stamps on hand to supply distributors or manufacturers assigned to said bank for at least six weeks. Stamps will be shipped freight prepaid to the bank from the department or from the supplier of the stamps. The supplier of the stamps shall advise the department at once by mail of a shipment to a bank and the bank shall advise the department at once by mail of the receipt of the stamps. Each bank shall store stamps in a secure vault.

**255.6(4) Reports and remittances.** Each bank authorized to sell stamps shall forward to the department the invoices, requisitions, and remittances for stamps sold on a daily basis. Each bank shall forward to the department, on the first working day of each month, an inventory report which shall minimally include as to the prior month: the quantity of stamps on hand at the beginning of the month, the quantity of stamps received during the month, the quantity of stamps sold as to each distributor or manufacturer, the quantity of stamps on hand at the end of the month and the signature of the person responsible for the stamps.

**255.6(5) Audit.** For the purpose of auditing for the end of the fiscal year, no bank shall sell cigarette stamps on the days from June 25 to June 30. With or without notice, the department or a representative designated by the department may take an inventory of stamps and audit stamp sales.

Each bank must retain all records of inventory, stamp receipts, and stamp sales for a period of three years.

**255.6(6) Termination of authorization.** The director may terminate the authorization of a bank to sell stamps if the bank has failed to comply with the provisions of this rule or Iowa Code chapter 453A, or if the director deems it desirable for the efficient distribution of stamps. Notice of termination shall be sent to the bank by certified mail. The bank may appeal the termination determination by filing a protest pursuant to 701—Chapter 7 within 30 days of notice of termination. A bank may voluntarily terminate the sale of stamps by giving the department 90 days’ written notice. Upon termination, the bank must immediately return all stamps and present a final accounting, along with any remittances, to the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.8, 453A.12, and 453A.25.  
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**701—255.7(453A) Purchase of cigarette tax stamps—discount.** Upon the purchase of cigarette tax stamps, the distributor or manufacturer shall be entitled to a discount of 2 percent from the face value of the stamps.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.8.  
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**701—255.8(453A) Affixing stamps.** Every package of cigarettes received in this state by a permitted distributor or for distribution within or without the state of Iowa must be stamped within 48 hours of its receipt, unless the distributor is also permitted as and is acting as a distributing agent. The cigarettes held by a person acting as a distributor and those held by the same person who is also acting as a distributing agent must be kept separate, and if not, the entire inventory will be subject to the 48-hour limitation. The 48-hour period shall be exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays. (See 1958 O.A.G. 25.)

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.10 and 453A.17.  
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**701—255.9(453A) Reports.** Every person permitted as a cigarette distributor or manufacturer, or any other person as deemed necessary by the director, must file a monthly report on or before the tenth day of the month following the month for which the report is made. The report must be complete and certified

by the person responsible for filling out the report. The failure to file a report or the filing of a false or incomplete report shall subject the person to a penalty as set forth in Iowa Code section 453A.31. (See rule 701—10.76(453A).) The report must be so certified or the report shall be considered incomplete. Whenever “cigarette” is used in this rule, it shall also include taxable “little cigars.”

**255.9(1) *In-state distributors not exporting cigarettes.*** Every distributor with a place of business in Iowa where cigarettes are stamped and who is not engaged in exporting cigarettes from this state shall file Forms 70-017 (Monthly Cigarette Tax Report) and 70-020 (Self Audit Report). The two forms are considered a multipart report and both forms must be completed before the report will be considered “filed.”

- a.* The Monthly Cigarette Tax Report shall include, but not be limited to:
1. The distributor’s name, permit number and address;
  2. The amount of Iowa revenue purchased during the month;
  3. The quantity of cigarettes on hand at the end of the month;
  4. The amount of revenue on hand at the end of the month;
  5. Purchases of cigarettes during the month and as to each purchase, the seller’s name, the date of purchase, the invoice number, and the quantity purchased;
  6. An inventory report as to out-of-state revenue;
  7. The quantity of cigarettes returned to the factory along with supporting documents; and
  8. The certification of the person responsible for making the report.
- b.* The Self Audit Report shall include, but not be limited to:
1. The distributor’s name, permit number and address;
  2. An inventory accounting for cigarettes; and
  3. An inventory accounting for revenue.

The quantity of cigarettes distributed or stamped should be equal to the tax equivalent of the revenue used. Any discrepancy must be adequately explained.

**255.9(2) *In-state distributors exporting cigarettes.*** Every distributor with a place of business in Iowa where cigarettes are stamped who also engages in exporting cigarettes from this state shall file Form 70-017 (Monthly Cigarette Tax Report). This form must be completed before the report will be considered “filed.”

**255.9(3) *Out-of-state distributors.*** Every distributor stamping cigarettes only without the state shall file Form 70-018 (Monthly Cigarette Tax Report). The Monthly Cigarette Tax Report (Form 70-018) shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The distributor’s name, address and permit number;
2. An itemized statement of Iowa revenue purchased;
3. An inventory accounting of Iowa revenue;
4. A detailed schedule of cigarette distribution in Iowa and as to each distribution, the date, the name of purchaser or receiver, the purchaser’s address and the quantity of cigarettes distributed; and
5. The certification of the person responsible for making the report.

**255.9(4) *Manufacturers and other persons.*** The monthly reports for manufacturers and other persons shall contain such information as the director deems necessary.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.15 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 151.

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### **701—255.10(453A) Manufacturer’s samples.**

**255.10(1)** Iowa Code section 453A.39 provides a method for manufacturers to distribute free sample packages of cigarettes or little cigars. This method is to be followed to the exclusion of all others. (See 1982 O.A.G. #710.)

The cigarettes or little cigars must:

- a.* Rescinded IAB 1/22/92, effective 2/26/92.
- b.* Be sent to a permitted distributor.
- c.* Rescinded IAB 1/22/92, effective 2/26/92.

- d. Have tax paid thereon by a distributor.
- e. Be clearly marked "sample."
- f. Contain acknowledgment of tax being paid on each carton containing free samples.

The manufacturer must notify the department by affidavit of shipment and the distributor must notify the department by affidavit of receipt and separately remit the tax. The tax must be computed on a per cigarette basis rather than a per package basis.

**255.10(2)** Remittance of tax and acknowledgment of payment. Iowa Code section 453A.39 provides that the tax will be paid by a permitted distributor. The payment of tax should accompany the distributor's affidavit (Form 70-033).

The department will stamp the distributor's affidavit containing the remittance and return a copy of the affidavit to the distributor as the acknowledgment that taxes have been paid on the samples. After receiving the acknowledgment, and before the sample cigarettes are distributed, each distributor is requested to stamp the cartons of free samples with a stamp containing the following information:

IOWA STATE TAX PAID

Distributor's name

Permit number

The department will make every effort to return a copy of the distributor's remittance report on the same day it is received. In the event the distributor needs acknowledgment sooner, the distributor may request that the department acknowledge by telephone and follow up with the affidavit acknowledgment at a later date.

In the event sample cigarettes must be returned to the manufacturer for some reason, a refund of the taxes previously paid will be made to the distributor who actually remitted the tax to the department. The refund will be made in the same manner as for regular cigarettes by the distributor filing the appropriate forms with the department.

**255.10(3)** Promotions using cigarettes, noncigarettes or coupons. Promotional situations are specifically covered by Iowa Code section 421B.4. A promotional situation as described in section 421B.4 is valid provided it is a promotion scheme complying with the procedural requirements that it be a sale. A sale is defined to "mean and include any transfer for a consideration, exchange, barter, gift, offer for sale and distribution in any manner or by any means whatsoever."

Once a sale has occurred, the gift may be any kind whatsoever.

a. *Promotion using cigarettes.* If a manufacturer wants to run a promotion where two packs of cigarettes are sold for the price of one, the manufacturer could give the complimentary cigarettes to a distributor to be stamped who would then give them to a retailer who gives the cigarettes away with the purchase of another pack. Provided the distributor is reimbursed for the cost of the tax stamps, there is no violation of Iowa Code chapter 421B, by anyone. The following example illustrates what a manufacturer can do.

EXAMPLE. A manufacturer ships packs of 20, free of charge, to a permitted distributor with instructions to stamp them and send them to retail outlets or deliver them to one of the manufacturer's employees. The manufacturer reimburses the distributor for the cost of stamping the cigarettes. The manufacturer sends or furnishes the retailers instructions and display materials for the retail distribution of the cigarettes. This method of distribution would be proper.

The cost provisions of 421B.4 would not prevent the distribution of cigarettes in this example, since 421B.4 is silent with respect to below cost combination sales by manufacturers. The cost of cigarettes which are sold is controlled by section 421B.2. The cigarettes sold under the "buy one" portion of the promotion will have a cost of the lower of the true invoice or the lowest replacement cost. The cigarettes sold under the "get one free" portion of the promotion and which were obtained free of charge will have no invoice cost to the retailer.

b. *Promotions using noncigarette items.* A manufacturer wants to give away promotional items with the purchase of cigarettes at the regular price. Since Iowa Code section 421B.4 is silent with respect to below cost combination sales by manufacturers, the practice of the manufacturer providing a gift item such as cigarette lighters through wholesale channels to retailers which will be delivered to the customer at the time of the sale of the cigarettes does not violate chapter 421B. (See 1958 O.A.G. #22.)



*c. Coupons.* A manufacturer distributes coupons to the general public to allow the purchase of cigarettes at a reduced price. Provided it is the manufacturer who absorbs the entire cost of the reduction in price, there would be no violation of Iowa Code chapter 421B. Coupons which are sent to the final consumer to be redeemed by a retailer who is reimbursed by a manufacturer do not violate chapter 421B. (See 1968 O.A.G. #68.) This would be true even though the coupon represented the full price of the cigarettes.

*d. Replacement packages.* A manufacturer wants to respond to a customer complaint by replacing a package of 20 cigarettes purchased by the customer with another package of 20 cigarettes. The replacement package must be clearly marked with the following information:

COMPLIMENTARY. NOT FOR SALE. ALL APPLICABLE STATE TAXES PAID.

The manufacturer may pay the tax directly to the department by submitting an affidavit to the department containing the number of replacement packages sent into the state during the previous month, along with the remittance. The number of replacement packages and remittance may be submitted as part of the manufacturer's affidavit required under Iowa Code section 453A.39 (manufacturer's samples).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.1, 453A.13, 453A.16, 453A.22, 453A.31, 453A.39 and chapter 421B.

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#### **701—255.11(453A) Refund of tax—unused and destroyed stamps.**

**255.11(1)** *Refunds of unused stamps and destroyed stamps.* Refunds shall be issued for unused stamps which are returned to the department for any reason by a person entitled to receive a refund. This includes unused stamps unaffixed at the close of the business day next preceding the effective date of a decrease in the tax rate which are in excess of the unstamped cigarette inventory on hand as of that date. Banks which are authorized to sell stamps or meter settings are not authorized to issue a refund; the stamps must be returned to and a refund will be issued only by the department. This subrule would also cover stamps which are recalled by the director for purposes of effectuating a change of design of the stamps. A refund will also be issued for stamps which have been lost through destruction, since destroyed stamps have not been used. A refund will not be issued for stamps which are lost (misplaced) or stolen, it being the distributor's or manufacturer's responsibility to maintain proper control over cigarette tax stamps. The claim for refund must be supported by proof of the fact of the loss and proof of the quantity of the loss. The claim must be filed within 30 days of the loss.

**255.11(2)** *Return of used stamps.* Refunds shall be issued for stamps which have been affixed to cigarettes which have become unfit for use or consumption or unsaleable. This refund is available to any permitted distributor or manufacturer upon proof that the cigarettes were returned to the person who manufactured the cigarettes. The proof required shall be an affidavit from the distributor setting forth to whom the cigarettes were returned and verifying that cigarette stamps had been affixed thereto. There must also be included therewith an affidavit from the manufacturer to whom the cigarettes were returned verifying the information.

**255.11(3)** *Cigarettes which have been destroyed.* The tax shall be returned on cigarettes which have been destroyed after the tax stamps have been affixed, to the person stamping the cigarettes. The person claiming the loss must be able to prove the fact of the loss and quantity of the loss. The claim, accompanied by proof of the loss and proof of the quantity of the loss, must be filed with the department no later than 30 days following the date the loss occurred. The amount of the refund shall be the face value of the stamps less the applicable discount allowed purchasers of tax stamps. This provision does not apply to cigarettes which are lost (misplaced) or stolen.

**255.11(4)** *Credit in lieu of a refund.* There are no statutory provisions to allow a credit in lieu of a refund of taxes paid for returned or destroyed cigarette stamps.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.8.

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**701—255.12(453A) Delivery sales of alternative nicotine products or vapor products.** Pursuant to Iowa Code section 453A.47C, Iowa sales and use taxes are imposed on all delivery sales of alternative nicotine products or vapor products within Iowa in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 423.

**255.12(1) Delivery sale permit.** Every person located within or outside of Iowa making a delivery sale of alternative nicotine products or vapor products within Iowa must obtain a delivery sale permit from the department. Iowa Code section 453A.47A shall govern the permit application and fee process.

*a. Out-of-state retailers.* An out-of-state retailer who has applied and otherwise qualifies for a delivery sale permit shall be issued the permit for the retailer's principal place of business.

*b. Permitted sales.* The delivery sale permit allows a retailer with such a permit to make delivery sales of alternative nicotine products or vapor products via the Internet, telephone, or mail order into Iowa.

**255.12(2) Sales and use tax permit.** A retailer holding a delivery sale permit must also have an Iowa sales or use tax permit. A retailer holding a delivery sale permit must collect and remit all Iowa sales and use tax due, including any applicable local option sales tax, on all sales in Iowa.

**255.12(3) Bond required.** A bond of \$1,000 is required to obtain a delivery sale permit.

**255.12(4) Prohibited delivery sales.** All delivery sales of cigarettes and tobacco products to consumers in Iowa are prohibited.

**255.12(5) Penalties.** Permit suspension and revocation and other penalties imposed in Iowa Code sections 453A.22 and 453A.50 shall apply to retailers holding a delivery sale permit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.47A, 453A.47B, and 453A.47C.

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CHAPTER 256  
TOBACCO TAX

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**701—256.1(453A) Licenses.** Before any person engages in the business of a distributor or subjobber of tobacco products, that person must obtain a tobacco distributor's or tobacco subjobber's license. If the person holds a valid cigarette permit of any kind, the license will be issued without cost if all other requirements for the license are met, but the license must still be obtained. A tobacco retailer is required to obtain a retail cigarette/tobacco permit.

**256.1(1) Distributor license.** Every person operating as a tobacco distributor, as defined in Iowa Code section 453A.42, must obtain a tobacco distributor's license. A tobacco distributor is any person:

*a.* Engaging in selling tobacco products in this state who brings tobacco products or causes tobacco products to be brought into this state for the purpose of selling them in this state; or

*b.* Making, manufacturing, or fabricating tobacco products in this state for sale in this state; or

*c.* Selling tobacco products without this state who ships or transports tobacco products directly to retailers in this state to be sold by those retailers. In any distribution scheme whereby tobacco products are imported into this state for sale, there must be at least one distributor. The following examples shall illustrate the application of this rule:

EXAMPLE 1: Manufacturer, Inc. is in the business of processing tobacco products in the state of North Carolina. Retailer, Inc. is in the business of selling tobacco products at retail in the state of Iowa. If Manufacturer, Inc. ships tobacco products directly to Retailer, Inc., f.o.b. manufacturer's plant, both are performing the functions of a distributor; Manufacturer, Inc. is selling tobacco products without this state and shipping them directly to a retailer in this state, and Retailer, Inc. is causing tobacco products to be brought into this state from without the state for the purpose of sale. If either the out-of-state manufacturer or the in-state retailer has a distributor's license, the other need not, but may, have a distributor's license.

EXAMPLE 2: Manufacturer, Inc. is in the business of processing tobacco products in the state of North Carolina. Retailer, Inc. is in the business of selling tobacco products at retail in the state of Iowa. If Manufacturer, Inc. ships tobacco products directly to Retailer, Inc., f.o.b. Retailer's place of business, Manufacturer, Inc. is acting as a distributor and Retailer, Inc. is not. Manufacturer, Inc. is selling tobacco products without this state and shipping them directly to a retailer in this state. Retailer, Inc. is not causing tobacco products to be brought into this state from without the state.

The license is issued by the department at an annual cost of \$100 unless the distributor possesses any valid cigarette permit in which case the license shall be issued without cost. A separate application and fee payment, if applicable, must be submitted for each place of business from which distributor activities are carried on. The license expires on June 30 of each year, and there are no provisions for partial year license fee refunds if the license is voluntarily surrendered. If a license is issued between January 1 and June 30 of any year, the license fee is one-half of the normal fee.

**256.1(2) Subjobber's license.** Every person, other than persons licensed as tobacco distributors, operating as a tobacco subjobber, as defined in Iowa Code section 453A.42, must obtain a tobacco subjobber's license. A tobacco subjobber is any person, other than a manufacturer or distributor, who purchases tobacco products from a distributor and sells them to persons other than the ultimate consumer. The license is issued by the department at an annual cost of \$10, unless the subjobber possesses any valid cigarette permit, in which case, the license shall be issued without cost. A single subjobber's license shall be sufficient for the subjobber's entire activities within the state, that is, it is not issued for each place of business. The license expires annually on June 30 of each year, and there are no provisions for partial year license fee refunds if the license is voluntarily surrendered. If a license is issued between January 1 and June 30 of any year, the license fee is one-half of the normal fee.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.44.

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**701—256.2(453A) Distributor bond.** A bond in the amount of \$1,000 is required to be posted before a distributor's license can be issued, regardless of whether or not the distributor is licensed and bonded as a cigarette permittee. If the distributor has a cigarette permit of any kind and is required to post a bond thereunder, the amount of the cigarette bond(s) and the tobacco bond may be aggregated to reach a single bond requirement, and the distributor may provide a single bond in the aggregate amount provided the bond may be used to discharge either a cigarette tax liability or a tobacco tax liability. See rule 701—254.7(453A) relating to bonds.

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**701—256.3(453A) Tax on tobacco products.** The tax on tobacco products is to be paid but once, either upon distribution by a distributor or upon use or storage by a consumer. The tax is in addition to any occupation or privilege tax or license fees imposed by any city or county.

**256.3(1) Distributor's tax.** When a distributor:

- a. Brings tobacco products or causes tobacco products to be brought into this state for sale;
- b. Makes, manufactures, or fabricates tobacco products in this state for sale in this state; or
- c. Ships or transports tobacco products directly to retailers in this state for sale by the retailer, the tax attaches at the rate specified in Iowa Code section 453A.43(1) of the wholesale price of the tobacco products. The wholesale price of the tobacco products is the manufacturer's gross list price.

**256.3(2) Consumer's tax.** If the tax has not been paid under Iowa Code section 453A.43(1) and subrule 256.3(1), the consumer is responsible for the tax specified in Iowa Code section 453A.43(2) on the cost to the consumer of the tobacco products used or stored by the consumer. The tax does not apply to the use or storage of tobacco products in quantities of:

1. Less than 25 cigars,
2. Less than ten ounces of snuff or snuff powder, or
3. Less than one pound of other tobacco products in the possession of any one consumer.

These exceptions do not apply to tobacco products subject to the tax imposed upon distributors under the provisions of Iowa Code section 453A.43(1) and subrule 256.3(1).

**256.3(3) Discounted tobacco products.**

- a. A tobacco product sold by manufacturers to distributors that is discounted shall be taxed at the highest wholesale sales price for that product. A tobacco product is discounted when, compared to an identical product on the price list, it has a lower wholesale sales price. For purposes of this rule, tobacco products are identical if they consist of the same ingredients and are sold as the same package size on the price list, irrespective of the price printed on the box, the manufacturer's suggested retail price provided to the retailer, the stock keeping unit or universal product code or similar codes used by the manufacturer, the type of packaging used, the name of the product as marketed, the geographic distribution, the target customer, or the length of the time of the promotion.

- b. When analyzing whether a tobacco product is discounted for purposes of this rule, the department will consider the manufacturer's characterization of the tobacco product on the price list, but the manufacturer's characterization of the tobacco product will not be controlling in the department's determination. Examples of discounted tobacco products include, but are not limited to, prepriced cigars and reduced-price multipacks of tobacco products where the manufacturer sells an identical product on the price list at a higher wholesale sales price.

EXAMPLE 1: Manufacturer, Inc. sells XYZ Product cigars in 25-count packages as both a prepriced product and a regular-priced product. Manufacturer, Inc. provides a price list to Distributor, Inc. where the wholesale sales price for the prepriced product is listed as \$480 and the wholesale sales price for the regular-priced product is listed as \$605. The prepriced XYZ Product is a discounted cigar product and shall be taxed at the higher wholesale sales price of \$605.

EXAMPLE 2: Manufacturer, Inc. sells ABC Product cigars in 25-count packages. ABC Product is prepriced at \$.99 and \$1.19. Manufacturer, Inc. provides a price list to Distributor, Inc. where the wholesale sales price for ABC Product at \$.99 is listed as \$346 and the wholesale sales price for ABC

Product at \$1.19 is listed as \$360. ABC Product cigars, at both prepriced price points, shall be taxed at the higher wholesale sales price of \$360.

EXAMPLE 3: Manufacturer, Inc. sells H Product cigarillos in two 30-count packages as prepriced products and as “save on two” products. Prepriced H Product includes 2/\$.99 and 2/\$1.49. Manufacturer, Inc. provides a price list to Distributor, Inc. where the wholesale sales price for H Product at 2/\$.99 is listed as \$190, the wholesale sales price for H Product at 2/\$1.49 is listed as \$207, and the wholesale sales price for H Product as “save on two” is listed as \$350. H Product cigarillos shall be taxed at the highest wholesale sales price of \$350.

EXAMPLE 4: Manufacturer, Inc. sells multipacks of J Product cigarillos. The J Product multipacks are sold as five-packs, and some of the five-packs are labeled as “five for the price of three.” The wholesale sales price of the five-packs of J Product that are not labeled as discounted have a higher wholesale sales price than the five-packs of J Product that are labeled as “five for the price of three.” The five-packs labeled as “five for the price of three” shall be taxed at the higher wholesale sales price of J Product five-packs that are not labeled as discounted.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.42(18) and 453A.43.

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**701—256.4(453A) Tax on little cigars.** “Little cigars” as defined in Iowa Code section 453A.42(5) means any roll for smoking made wholly or in part of tobacco not meeting the definition of cigarette as contained in Iowa Code section 453A.1(3) which either weighs three pounds or less per thousand or weighs more than three pounds per thousand (excluding packaging weight) and has a retail price of two and one-half cents or less per little cigar. All of the provisions applicable to cigarettes concerning the rate, imposition, method of payment and affixing of stamps apply equally to little cigars. The tax on little cigars is to be paid on the purchase of stamps by cigarette distributors or cigarette manufacturers who hold valid permits. The reporting requirements contained in section 453A.15 and rule 701—255.9(453A) shall pertain equally to the distribution of little cigars, and whenever information as to cigarettes is required to be reported, the same is required as to little cigars.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.42(5) and 453A.43.

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**701—256.5(453A) Distributor discount.** Licensed tobacco distributors filing returns under Iowa Code section 453A.46 and rule 701—256.6(453A) are entitled to deduct, from the remittance for tax due, a discount equal to 3½ percent.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.46(1).

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**701—256.6(453A) Distributor returns.** Every distributor licensed under Iowa Code section 453A.44 must file monthly returns. These returns must be filed no later than the twentieth day of the month following the month covered by the return, and must include a remittance for the amount due less the applicable discount.

**256.6(1) In-state distributors.** Licensed tobacco distributors, with a place of business in Iowa, must file Forms 70-022 and 70-023 as the monthly distributor return. The return shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. The distributor’s name, address and license number;
- b. An accounting of the acquisition of tobacco products subject to tax including as to each acquisition:
  - (1) The date received,
  - (2) The date and number of the invoice,
  - (3) The person from whom purchased, and
  - (4) The manufacturer’s gross list price;
- c. A claim for credit for tobacco products destroyed, returned to manufacturers and exported; and
- d. The certification of the person responsible for making the return.

When claiming credits for tobacco products destroyed, returned to manufacturers and exported, Form 70-024 schedule I, Form 70-024 schedule II, and Form 70-025 schedule III, respectively, must be completed.

**256.6(2) *Out-of-state distributors.*** Licensed tobacco distributors, with no place of business in Iowa, must file Form 70-026 as the monthly distributor return. The return shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. The distributor's name, address and license number;
- b. An accounting of the sale in Iowa of tobacco products subject to tax including as to each sale:
  - (1) The date of sale,
  - (2) The invoice number,
  - (3) To whom sold,
  - (4) The purchaser's address, and
  - (5) The manufacturer's gross list price; and
- c. The certification of the person responsible for making the return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.46 and 453A.47.

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**701—256.7(453A) Consumer's return.** Every person, other than a licensed tobacco distributor, who is responsible for reporting and paying the tax on tobacco products under Iowa Code section 453A.43(2) and subrule 256.3(2), shall file Form 70-022 (Monthly Distributor Tax Return) for any month that the person is responsible for paying the tax. The return shall be due by the twentieth day of the month following the month during which taxable tobacco products were acquired. The return shall be completed in all respects except the consumer will not have a permit number. The return must be accompanied by a full remittance in the amount of the tax due because the discount provided in Iowa Code section 453A.46(1) applies only to licensed distributors. The penalties provided in Iowa Code section 453A.46(3) apply to any taxpayer required to file any return and, therefore, apply equally to licensed tobacco distributors and any other person accruing a tax liability. See rules 701—10.76(453A) (penalty), 701—10.77(453A) (interest), and 701—10.79(453A) (waiver of penalty).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.46.

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**701—256.8(453A) Transporter's report.** The transportation of tobacco products into this state must be reported to the director. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

1. A description of the products imported,
2. The name and address of the seller or consignor,
3. The date of importation,
4. The name and address of the purchaser or consignee,
5. The point of origin, and
6. The point of destination.

**256.8(1) *Out-of-state distributors.*** Persons who are licensed as a tobacco distributor and have a place of business without the state, from which tobacco products are shipped, need not file a separate transportation report. This information is available from the distributor report.

**256.8(2) *Common carriers.*** Common carriers transporting tobacco products into this state need only report shipments to places other than public warehouses licensed under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 554. Common carriers must file the transporter's report by the tenth day of the month following the month of importation.

**256.8(3) *Others.*** All other transportation of tobacco products into this state by persons other than described in subrules 256.8(1) and 256.8(2) must be reported to the department except:

- a. The importation of tobacco products by the consumer in sufficiently small quantities to be exempt from the tax (see subrule 256.3(2)), and
- b. The importation by the consumer of the tobacco products if the consumer is responsible to report and pay the tax under Iowa Code subsections 453A.43(2) and 453A.46(6) and subrule 256.3(2) and rule 701—256.7(453A).

The transportation report must be filed within 30 days of the date of importation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 453A.45(4).

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**701—256.9(453A) Free samples.** Where samples of tobacco products are distributed in this state, the person responsible for the distribution must pay the tax. The person responsible for the distribution shall file a return and pay the tax on the basis of the usual wholesale price for such products.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 453A.43, 453.46, and 453A.49.

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**701—256.10(453A) Credits and refunds of taxes.** Credits for tobacco products destroyed, returned to manufacturers or exported are provided in subrule 256.6(1). If the credits exceed the average monthly tax liability of the distributor, based upon the prior 12 tax periods, a refund may be issued.

Credits and refunds to a consumer who paid the tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 453A.43(2) shall be made for the same reasons and upon the same basis as credits and refunds to distributors.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.47.

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**701—256.11(453A) Sales exempt from tax.** Sales of tobacco products which the state is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution or the laws of the United States or under the Constitution of this state are exempt from the tax.

**256.11(1) Sales to the federal government.** Military post exchanges or instrumentalities of the federal government are not required to comply with the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 453A or pay the tax imposed thereunder. However, individuals who have purchased or obtained tobacco products from a federal instrumentality and come within the jurisdiction of the state are subject to the provisions of Iowa Code sections 453A.43(2) and 453A.50. *U.S. v. Tax Commission of Mississippi*, 421 U.S. 599, 95 S. Ct. 1872, 44 L.Ed.2d 404 (1975).

**256.11(2) Sales by or to Indians.** Sales by Indians to other Indians of their own tribe on federally recognized Indian reservations or settlements of which they are tribal members are exempt from the tax. The Indian sellers are subject to the record-keeping requirements of Iowa Code chapter 453A. The tobacco products must be purchased by the Indian seller with the tax included in the purchase price. The tax exemption is allowed to the Indian purchaser by the purchaser's filing a claim for refund of the tax paid or to the tribe of which the Indian purchaser is a member by the tribe's filing a claim for refund of the tax paid by the tribe on tobacco products sold to the Indian purchaser.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 453A.43(4).

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**701—256.12(81GA, HF339) Retail permits required.** For administrative purposes, the retail permits will be called "cigarette/tobacco retail permits." A person shall not engage in the business of a retailer of tobacco products without first having received a permit as a cigarette/tobacco retailer. A cigarette/tobacco retail permit shall be obtained for each place of business owned or operated by a retailer. The holder of a cigarette/tobacco retail permit is not required to obtain a tobacco retail permit. The retailer may sell cigarettes only, tobacco products only, or both cigarettes and tobacco products. However, if the cigarette/tobacco permit is suspended, revoked, or expired, the cigarette retailer shall not sell any cigarettes or tobacco products during the time the permit is suspended, revoked, or expired.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 339.

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**701—256.13(81GA, HF339) Permit issuance fee.** Retail permits are issued by the following authorities at the following prices:

**256.13(1)** Outside any city, by the county board of supervisors, at an annual cost of \$50.

**256.13(2)** In cities of less than 15,000 population, by the city council, at an annual cost of \$75.

**256.13(3)** In cities of 15,000 or more population, by the city council, at an annual cost of \$100.

**256.13(4)** If any permit is granted during the month of October, November, or December, the fee shall be three-fourths of the above maximum schedule; if granted during the month of January, February, or March, one-half of the maximum schedule; and if granted during the month of April, May, or June, one-fourth of the maximum schedule.

**256.13(5)** The retail permit expires on June 30 of each year. The city or county must submit a copy of any retail permit issued and the application for the permit to the department of public health within 30 days of issuance.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 339.  
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#### **701—256.14(81GA, HF339) Refunds of permit fee.**

**256.14(1)** An unrevoked permit for which the retailer paid the full annual fee may be surrendered during the first nine months of the year to the office issuing it, and the city or county granting the permit shall make refunds to the retailer as follows:

- a. Three-fourths of the annual fee if the surrender is made during July, August, or September.
- b. One-half of the annual fee if the surrender is made during October, November, or December.
- c. One-fourth of the annual fee if the surrender is made during January, February, or March.

**256.14(2)** An unrevoked permit for which the retailer has paid three-fourths of a full annual fee may be surrendered during the first six months of the period covered by the payment, and the city or county shall make refunds to the retailer as follows:

- a. A sum equal to one-half of the annual fee if the surrender is made during October, November, or December.
- b. A sum equal to one-fourth of the annual fee if the surrender is made during January, February, or March.

**256.14(3)** An unrevoked permit for which the retailer has paid one-half of a full annual fee may be surrendered during the first three months of the period covered by the payment, and the city or county shall refund to the retailer a sum equal to one-fourth of the annual fee.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 339.  
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**701—256.15(81GA, HF339) Application for permit.** Retailer permits shall be issued only upon application, accompanied by the applicable fee, and made upon forms furnished by the department. The forms shall specify:

**256.15(1)** The manner under which the retailer transacts or intends to transact business as a retailer.

**256.15(2)** The principal office, residence, and place of business for which the permit is to apply.

**256.15(3)** If the applicant is not an individual, the principal officers or members of the applicant, not to exceed three, and their addresses.

**256.15(4)** Such other information as the director shall require.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 339.  
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#### **701—256.16(81GA, HF339) Records and reports.**

**256.16(1)** The director shall prescribe the forms necessary for the efficient administration of 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 339, section 4, and may require uniform books and records to be used and kept by each retailer or other person as deemed necessary for a period of five years.

**256.16(2)** Every retailer shall, when requested by the department, make additional reports as the department deems necessary and proper and shall, at the request of the department, furnish full and complete information pertaining to any transaction of the retailer involving the purchase or sale or use of tobacco products.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 339.  
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**701—256.17(81GA, HF339) Penalties.** The permit suspension and revocation provisions and the civil penalties established in Iowa Code section 453A.22 shall apply to tobacco retailers.

This rule is intended to implement 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 339.

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CHAPTER 257  
UNFAIR CIGARETTE SALES  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—257.1(421B) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter “wholesaler” and “retailer” mean a cigarette wholesaler and cigarette retailer as defined in Iowa Code section 421B.2. See opinion of the Attorney General, Griger to Bair, Director, Iowa Department of Revenue, 80-1-15. “Sale” or “sales” shall include an offer for sale.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421B.2.  
[ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—257.2(421B) Minimum price.** The formula for determining the “cost” to a wholesaler or retailer as defined in Iowa Code section 421B.2 is not conclusive. The retailer, wholesaler or the department may prove that the “cost” is either higher or lower.

Any wholesaler or retailer who desires to prove that the wholesaler’s or retailer’s cost is less than the statutory presumptive cost computed according to the Iowa unfair cigarette sales Act, Iowa Code chapter 421B, shall submit a petition for approval of a lower cost along with actual cost data to the department of revenue. The statutory presumptive cost must be used in determining minimum price until approval has been granted by the department. If the requester continues to sell cigarettes at less than the presumptive cost, the department may revoke the requester’s permit or seek an injunction pursuant to Iowa Code section 421B.10 to prevent such action.

Any requester making sales of cigarettes in or into Iowa for more than 12 months shall submit cost data for the 12-month period ending no more than 30 days prior to the submission of the petition. Any requester making sales of cigarettes in or into Iowa for less than 12 months shall submit cost data for the period beginning with the start of business and ending no more than 30 days prior to the submission of the petition. The department shall notify the wholesaler or retailer of the acceptance or rejection of the petition. If the requester disagrees with the department’s determination, the requester may file a protest within 60 days of the department’s decision in accordance with rule 701—7.9(17A).

Costs of doing business shall include, but are not limited to, freight charges, labor, and equipment costs to affix stamps, ink, glue, permit fees, management fees, labor costs (including salaries of officers), rents, depreciation, selling costs, maintenance expenses, interest expenses, delivery costs, taxes, insurance, advertising expenses, and any other operational and administrative costs. The requester shall set forth the basis for allocated costs. When the computed cost amounts to any fractional part of a cent, the cost must not be less than the next higher cent. However, sales made between wholesalers as provided for in Iowa Code section 421B.5, sales described in Iowa Code section 421B.6, and sales outside of the ordinary channels of trade as provided in Iowa Code section 421B.9 shall not be required to adhere to the minimum pricing requirements set forth in Iowa Code section 421B.3 and this rule. See rule 701—257.5(421B).

**257.2(1) Wholesaler’s cost of cigarettes.** The statutory method for determining the wholesaler’s cost of cigarettes is as follows:

*a.* “Basic cost of cigarettes” equals the lowest of true invoice cost, or lowest replacement cost, less trade or cash discounts plus one half of the state cigarette tax.

*b.* “Cost to wholesaler” equals the basic cost of cigarettes plus 3 percent of the basic cost plus the one half of the state cigarette tax not already included.

**257.2(2) Retailer’s cost of cigarettes.** The statutory method for determining the retailer’s cost of cigarettes is as follows:

*a.* “Basic cost of cigarettes” equals the lower of either true invoice cost exclusive of state cigarette tax or lowest replacement cost exclusive of state cigarette tax, minus trade or cash discounts plus one half of the state cigarette tax.

*b.* “Cost to retailers” equals the basic cost plus 3 percent of the basic cost, to the extent the retailer is allowed discounts ordinarily allowed wholesalers, plus 6 percent of the basic cost, plus the one half of the state cigarette tax not already included.

For purposes of determining the basic cost of cigarettes for wholesalers or retailers, trade or cash discounts may be deducted, if available, even though not taken. The discount taken or available must be clearly specified on the invoice or it will not be allowed as a reduction in the basic cost of cigarettes. Any financial incentive given to a wholesaler or retailer by a manufacturer at a later date will not reduce the basic cost of cigarettes.

The following example will demonstrate the application of this rule.

Manufacturer's list price per 1000 cigarettes	\$115.70
Invoice price to wholesaler	\$115.70
Less 2% discount	2.31
Plus ½ of the tax	<u>9.00</u>
Basic cost of cigarettes	\$122.39
Plus 3% of basic cost	<u>3.67</u>
Retailer's basic cost	\$126.06
Plus ½ of the tax	<u>9.00</u>
Minimum cost to wholesaler per 1000 cigarettes	\$135.06
Per carton	\$27.01
Less ½ state tax	<u>1.80</u>
Retailer's basic cost	\$25.21
Plus 6% of basic cost	1.51
Plus ½ of state tax	<u>1.80</u>
Minimum cost to retailer	\$28.52
Per pack	2.86/pack

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421B.2, 421B.3, 421B.5, 421B.6 and 421B.9. [ARC 0251C, IAB 8/8/12, effective 9/12/12; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

**701—257.3(421B) Combination sales.** Whenever cigarettes and another item are offered for sale at a total combined price, the sales price shall not be lower than the “cost to the wholesaler or retailer” of all articles sold. The “cost to the wholesaler or retailer” of all of the articles sold on a combined basis shall be determined under Iowa Code section 421B.2, subsections (1), (3), and (4).

If a promotional gift is given to the wholesaler or retailer by a cigarette manufacturer at no cost, which gift is to be given to consumers at no cost upon the sale of cigarettes, the minimum sales price will not be affected. The invoice cost of the promotional gift is zero, and therefore, the “cost to the wholesaler” or “cost to the retailer” of the promotional gift is zero. If, however, the wholesaler or retailer were to purchase items to be given away with the purchase of cigarettes by consumers, the minimum sales price would increase. The “cost to the wholesaler” or the “cost to the retailer” of the promotional item would be based upon the lower of invoice cost or replacement cost. (See 1958 O.A.G. 22.)

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421B.4. [ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—257.4(421B) Retail redemption of coupons.** The redemption of coupons by retailers, which coupons were supplied to consumers by manufacturers and will be redeemed from the retailers by the manufacturers, does not affect the minimum sales price of cigarettes. The retailer is still receiving the statutory minimum price even though that price is paid by two different persons, the consumer and the manufacturer. (See 1986 O.A.G. 68.) Manufacturer incentives to the consumer in lieu of a coupon which reduce the cost of the cigarettes to the consumer do not affect the minimum sales price of cigarettes when the manufacturer absorbs the loss for the incentive.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421B.3. [ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—257.5(421B) Exempt sales.**

**257.5(1) Sales between wholesalers.** The sale price of cigarettes from one wholesaler to another wholesaler is not required to have included therein the “cost to the wholesaler” as defined in Iowa Code section 421B.2(4). All of the provisions of Iowa Code section 421B.3 shall apply to the subsequent sale by the purchasing wholesaler to any other person except another wholesaler.

**257.5(2) Exempt sales.** The provisions of Iowa Code chapter 421B do not apply to the following sales transactions:

- a. An isolated sale, or
- b. A bona fide clearance sale for the purpose of discontinuing trade in cigarettes as long as the sale states the reason for the sale and the quantity of cigarettes to be sold, or
- c. The sale of damaged or imperfect cigarettes as long as the sale states the reason for the sale and the quantity of cigarettes to be sold.

**257.5(3) Sales to meet lawful competition.** A wholesaler or retailer may sell cigarettes below cost in good faith in order to meet the price of a competitor who is selling the same article at the cost to the competitor as defined in chapter 421B. Sales made under the exemptions contained in Iowa Code section 421B.6 and subrules 257.5(1) and 257.5(2) and sales of a bankrupt or forced sale shall not be considered in determining the cost to a competitor.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421B.5 to 421B.7.

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**701—257.6(421B) Notification of manufacturer’s price increase.** For purposes of determining the minimum cost of cigarettes to wholesalers or retailers, all manufacturers dealing with Iowa permittees shall notify the department in writing or by telegram within five working days of the effective date of any change in the manufacturer’s list price for cigarettes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421B.8 and 421B.11.

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**701—257.7(421B) Permit revocation.** The department may revoke any permit issued under division I of Iowa Code chapter 453A for any violation of Iowa Code chapter 421B. The authority to revoke a retail cigarette permit for a violation of Iowa Code chapter 421B rests in the department even though the permit was issued by a city or county. The revocation shall be effectuated under the provisions of rule 701—254.12(453A).

Once the permit is revoked, the permittee cannot obtain another cigarette permit, nor may a permit be issued for the location covered by the revoked permit regardless of the identity of the applicant, for a period of at least six months.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421B.11.

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CHAPTER 258  
TOBACCO MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 85]

DIVISION I  
TOBACCO MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

**701—258.1(453C) National uniform tobacco settlement.** In 1998 the state of Iowa entered into an agreement with cigarette manufacturers called the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA). Subsequent to entering into that agreement, in 1999 the Iowa general assembly enacted Iowa Code chapter 453C. The statute requires the department of revenue to promulgate regulations to ascertain the amount of excise tax paid on cigarettes sold by nonparticipating tobacco product manufacturers in Iowa each year.  
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**701—258.2(453C) Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter, the definitions set forth in Iowa Code section 453C.1 shall apply.  
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**701—258.3(453C) Report required.** Reports must be filed by tobacco products distributors, cigarette distributors, and persons who sell tobacco products at retail that were purchased from a person who is not required to file a distributor report. The report must be filed annually on or before the last day of the month following the close of the calendar year in which the sales were made and must be in a form and manner requested by the department. The reports are to be mailed to Iowa Department of Revenue, Compliance Division, Cigarette Tax Unit, P.O. Box 10456, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0456.  
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**701—258.4(453C) Report information.** The report must include the following information with respect to units sold that were not purchased from a participating tobacco product manufacturer or units sold that were purchased from a participating tobacco product manufacturer but are not units sold as covered by the MSA:

1. The number of units sold.
2. The brand of the units sold.
3. The name and address of the person from whom each unit was purchased.
4. The name and address of the manufacturer of the unit, if known.
5. The name and address of the importer of the unit, if known, and whether that importer is the exclusive importer of the unit, if known.

A retailer may need to file a report when purchasing roll-your-own tobacco or cigarettes over the Internet, through a catalog from a vendor located outside of Iowa, from an Indian tribe or from an enrolled member of an Indian tribe located on a reservation in or outside Iowa, by mail order, or from a vendor located in another state.

A retailer must also, upon request by the department, report information with respect to units sold that were purchased from any participating tobacco product manufacturer.  
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**701—258.5(453C) Record-keeping requirement.** Every person who sells at retail tobacco products purchased from a person who is not required to file a report required by this chapter and every tobacco products distributor and cigarette distributor subject to this reporting rule must maintain complete and accurate records and underlying documentation for five years to support the data required to be supplied to the department under rule 701—258.4(453C). Upon request, all requested records and documents must be provided to the department.  
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**701—258.6(453C) Confidentiality.** The department of revenue may disclose any and all information filed pursuant to rule 701—258.4(453C) to the attorney general for use in enforcing compliance with Iowa Code chapter 453C.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 453C.

**701—258.7 to 258.20** Reserved.

DIVISION II  
TOBACCO PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS' OBLIGATIONS AND PROCEDURES

**701—258.21(80GA,SF375) Definitions.** For purposes of this division, the definitions set forth in 2003 Iowa Acts, Senate File 375, section 2, shall apply.

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**701—258.22(80GA,SF375) Directory of tobacco product manufacturers.**

**258.22(1) *Directory of cigarettes approved for stamping and sale in Iowa.*** A tobacco product manufacturer and a brand family shall not be included in the directory authorized by 2003 Iowa Acts, Senate File 375, section 3, after April 30 each year until and unless the tobacco product manufacturer has provided current and accurate certification conforming to the requirements of 2003 Iowa Acts, Senate File 375, section 3. Nonparticipating manufacturers and their brand families shall not be included in the directory after April 30 each year until and unless the attorney general has determined that the nonparticipating tobacco product manufacturer is in full compliance with 2003 Iowa Acts, Senate File 375, section 3, and that neither subsection (2)“b”(1) nor (2)“b”(2) of section 3 applies to the nonparticipating tobacco product manufacturer or a brand family it seeks to have included in the directory. A tobacco product manufacturer or brand family shall be deleted from the directory if a determination is made by the attorney general that the tobacco product manufacturer no longer meets the requirements of 2003 Iowa Acts, Senate File 375, section 3, or that either subsection (2)“b”(1) or (2)“b”(2) of section 3 applies.

**258.22(2) *Notice of inclusion in directory.*** The attorney general shall notify a tobacco product manufacturer by mail that it has met the requirements of 2003 Iowa Acts, Senate File 375, section 3, and will be included in the directory. This notice shall include each brand family that the attorney general determines will be included in the directory.

**258.22(3) *Notice of noninclusion in or deletion from the directory.*** Tobacco product manufacturers that have applied for inclusion in the directory shall be notified in writing of a decision made by the attorney general not to include in or to delete from the directory the tobacco product manufacturer or a brand family. Such notice shall be served on the tobacco product manufacturer's agent for service of process by certified mail.

**258.22(4) *Procedure for contesting notice of noninclusion or deletion.***

*a.* A tobacco product manufacturer that disagrees with a decision made by the attorney general in relation to the directory may contest the validity of the decision within 60 days of the date of the decision by filing a written protest of that decision with the Iowa Department of Revenue, Clerk of the Hearings Section, Hoover State Office Building, Fourth Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, pursuant to rule 701—7.9(17A). The protest shall conform generally to the requirements of 701—subrules 7.9(1) through 7.9(7) to the extent applicable. The protest will, thereafter, be processed and a contested case hearing will be held in general conformity with 701—subrules 7.3(2) and 7.3(3); rules 701—7.7(17A), 701—7.14(17A), 701—7.16(17A) through 701—7.18(17A), 701—subrule 7.19(8); and rules 701—7.21(17A) through 701—7.23(17A), to the extent applicable. The burden of proof shall be on the tobacco product manufacturer to establish that it or a particular brand family is entitled to be listed in the directory.

*b.* The form, status, finality and appealability of orders shall be controlled by the general provisions of subrule 701—7.19(8), except that no appeal to or on motion of any other agency is



authorized. All parties to the contested case may appeal any orders entered in relation to the contested case.

*c.* Stays of the decision of the attorney general during the pendency of the contested case proceedings and judicial review of the final contested case order of the department may be sought under 701—subrule 7.19(9). However, the addition or retention of a tobacco product manufacturer or brand family in the directory shall not be ordered during the pendency of the contested case proceedings and judicial review of the final contested case order unless a sufficient bond has been provided to the attorney general to ensure that all escrow amounts owed at the time of bonding and all escrow amounts reasonably expected to become due during the pendency of the contested case and all related appeals will be satisfied if the tobacco product manufacturer does not ultimately prevail in its challenge. Such bonds shall be subject to update on a quarterly basis on motion of the attorney general.

*d.* If a claim is made that a particular entity is the tobacco product manufacturer and the entity obtains an order allowing it and any of the brands it claims to be responsible for to be listed in the directory pending final resolution of its status and it is ultimately determined that the entity is not the tobacco product manufacturer, the required bond shall be forfeited to the state.

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CHAPTER 259  
ADMINISTRATION

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**701—259.1(452A) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter and 701—Chapters 260 and 261, the following definitions shall govern:

“*Appropriate state agency*” or “*state agency*” means the department of revenue or the state department of transportation, whichever is responsible for control, maintenance, or supervision of the power, requirement, or duty referred to in Iowa Code chapter 452A.

“*Aviation gasoline*” means any gasoline capable of being used for propelling aircraft which is invoiced as aviation gasoline or is received, sold, stored, or withdrawn from storage for purposes of propelling aircraft. It does not include motor fuel capable of being used for propelling motor vehicles.

“*B-11*” means biodiesel blended fuel formulated with a minimum percentage of 11 percent by volume of biodiesel, if the formulation meets the standards provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2. A similar notation refers to biodiesel blended fuel containing other percentages of biodiesel. For example, “*B-5*” means biodiesel blended fuel formulated with a minimum percentage of 5 percent by volume of biodiesel, if the formulation meets the standards provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2.

“*Biodiesel*” means a renewable fuel comprised of mono-alkyl esters of long-chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal fats, which meets the standards provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2.

“*Biodiesel blended fuel*” means a blend of biodiesel with petroleum-based diesel fuel which meets the standards, including separately the standard for its biodiesel component, provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2.

“*Biodiesel distribution percentage*” means the number of gallons of biodiesel blended fuel classified as B-11 or higher that is distributed in this state as expressed as a percentage of the number of gallons of special fuel for diesel engines of motor vehicles distributed in this state during the determination period. The determination period is the previous calendar year.

“*Biofuel*” means ethanol or biodiesel.

“*Blender*” means a person who owns and blends two or more fuels, including ethanol or biodiesel, at a nonterminal location to produce ethanol blended gasoline or biodiesel blended fuel. The person is not restricted to blending ethanol with gasoline or biodiesel with diesel. The blend is taxed according to its fuel and alcohol content, which may result in additional tax due or an allowable refund for the blender. See rule 701—260.4(452A).

“*Carrier*” means and includes any person who operates or causes to be operated any commercial motor vehicle on any public highway in this state.

“*Common carrier*” or “*contract carrier*” means a person involved in the movement of motor fuel or special fuel from the terminal or movement of the motor fuel or special fuel imported into this state, who is not an owner of the motor fuel or special fuel.

“*Commercial motor vehicle*” means a passenger vehicle that has seats for more than nine passengers in addition to the driver, any road tractor, any truck tractor, or any truck having two or more axles which passenger vehicle, road tractor, truck tractor, or truck is propelled on the public highways by either motor fuel or special fuel. “Commercial motor vehicle” does not include a motor truck with a combined gross weight of less than 26,000 pounds, operated as a part of an identifiable one-way fleet and which is leased for less than 30 days to a lessee for the purpose of moving property which is not owned by the lessor.

“*Conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending*” means one or more motor fuel components intended for blending with an oxygenate or oxygenates to produce gasoline.

“*Dealer*” means a person, other than a distributor, who engages in the business of selling or distributing motor fuel or special fuel to the end user in this state.

“*Denatured ethanol*” means ethanol that is to be blended with gasoline, has been derived from cereal grains, complies with American Society of Testing Materials designation D-4806-95b, and may be denatured only as specified in Code of Federal Regulations, Titles 20, 21, and 27. Alcohol and denatured ethanol have the same meaning.

“*Department*” means the department of revenue.

“*Diesel fuel*” or “*diesel*” means diesel as defined in Iowa Code section 214A.1.

“*Director*” means the director of the Iowa department of revenue or the director’s authorized representative.

“*Distributor*” means a person who acquires tax-paid motor fuel, special fuel, or alcohol from a supplier, restrictive supplier, or importer, or another distributor for subsequent sale at wholesale and distribution by tank cars or tank trucks or both. The department may require that the distributor be registered to have terminal purchase rights.

“*E-85 gasoline*” means ethanol blended gasoline formulated with a minimum percentage of between 70 and 85 percent by volume of ethanol, if the formulation meets the standards provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2.

“*Eligible purchaser*” means a distributor of motor fuel or special fuel who elects to make delayed payments to a licensed supplier and must use electronic funds transfer.

“*End user*” of special fuel means a person who has purchased a minimum of 240,000 gallons of special fuel each year in the two preceding years who elects to make delayed payments to a licensed supplier and must use electronic funds transfer.

“*Ethanol*” means ethyl alcohol that is to be blended with gasoline if the ethanol meets the standards provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2.

“*Ethanol blended gasoline*” means a formulation of gasoline which is a liquid petroleum product blended with ethanol, if the formulation meets the standards provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2. When “motor fuel” is used in these rules, it includes ethanol blended gasoline.

“*Ethanol distribution percentage*” means the number of gallons of ethanol blended gasoline that is distributed in this state as expressed as a percentage of the number of gallons of motor fuel, excluding aviation gasoline, distributed in this state during the determination period. The determination period is the previous calendar year.

“*Export*” means delivery across the boundaries of this state by or for the seller or purchaser from a place of origin in this state.

“*Exporter*” means a person or other entity who acquires fuel in this state for export to another state.

“*Foreign supplier*” means a person licensed as a supplier to collect and report the tax, but who does not have jurisdictional connections with this state.

“*Fuel(s)*” means and includes both motor fuel and special fuel as defined in Iowa Code chapter 452A.

“*Fuel taxes*” means the per gallon excise taxes imposed under division I of Iowa Code chapter 452A with respect to motor fuel and undyed special fuel.

“*Gallon,*” with respect to compressed natural gas, means a gasoline gallon equivalent. A gasoline gallon equivalent of compressed natural gas is five and sixty-six hundredths pounds or one hundred twenty-six and sixty-seven hundredths cubic feet measured at a base temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit and a pressure of fourteen and seventy-three hundredths pounds per square inch absolute. “*Gallon,*” with respect to liquefied natural gas, means a diesel gallon equivalent. A diesel gallon equivalent of liquefied natural gas is six and six hundredths pounds.

“*Gasoline*” means any liquid product prepared, advertised, offered for sale or sold for use as, or commonly and commercially used as, motor fuel for use in a spark-ignition, internal combustion engine, and which meets the specifications provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2.

“*Import*” means delivery across the boundaries of this state by or for the seller or purchaser from a place of origin outside this state.

“*Importer*” means a person who imports motor fuel or undyed special fuel in bulk or transport load into the state by truck, rail, or barge.

“*Invoiced gallons*” means gross gallons as shown on the bill of lading or manifest.

“*Iowa urban transit system*” means a system whereby motor buses are operated primarily upon the streets of cities for the transportation of passengers for an established fare and which accepts passengers who present themselves for transportation without discrimination up to the limit of the capacity of each motor bus. “Iowa urban transit system” also includes motor buses operated upon the streets of adjoining

cities, whether interstate or intrastate, for the transportation of passengers without discrimination up to the limit of the capacity of the motor bus.

Privately chartered bus services, motor carriers and interurban carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the state department of transportation, school bus services, and taxicabs shall not be construed to be an urban transit system nor a part of any such system.

*“Licensee”* means a person holding an uncanceled supplier’s, restrictive supplier’s, importer’s, exporter’s, or blender’s license issued by the department or any other person who possesses fuel for which the tax has not been paid.

*“Mobile machinery and equipment”* means vehicles self-propelled by an internal combustion engine but not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property on public highways and only incidentally operated or moved over a highway including, but not limited to, corn shellers, truck-mounted feed grinders, roller mills, ditch-digging apparatus, power shovels, draglines, earth-moving equipment and machinery, and road construction and maintenance machinery such as asphalt spreaders, bituminous mixers, bucket loaders, ditchers, leveling graders, finishing machines, motor graders, paving mixers, road rollers, scarifiers, and earth-moving scrapers. However, “mobile machinery and equipment” does not include dump trucks or self-propelled vehicles originally designed for the transportation of persons or property on public highways and to which machinery, such as truck-mounted transit mixers, cranes, shovels, welders, air compressors, well-boring apparatus or lime spreaders, has been attached.

*“Motor fuel”* means a substance or combination of substances which is intended to be or is capable of being used for the purpose of operating an internal combustion engine, including but not limited to a motor vehicle, and is kept for sale or sold for that purpose and includes the following:

1. All products commonly or commercially known or sold as gasoline (including ethanol blended gasoline, casinghead, and absorption or natural gasoline) regardless of their classifications or uses, and including transmix which serves as a buffer between fuel products in the pipeline distribution process.

2. Any liquid advertised, offered for sale, sold for use as, or commonly or commercially used as a fuel for propelling motor vehicles, which when subjected to distillation of gasoline, naphtha, kerosene, and similar petroleum products (American Society of Testing Materials designation D-86), shows not less than 10 percent distilled (recovered) below 347° F (175° C) and not less than 95 percent distilled (recovered) below 464° F (240° C).

*“Motor fuel”* does not include special fuel and does not include liquefied gases which would not exist as liquids at a temperature of 60° F and a pressure of 14 7/10 pounds per square inch absolute, or naphthas and solvents unless the liquefied gases or naphthas and solvents are used as a component in the manufacture, compounding, or blending of a liquid within paragraph “2,” in which event the resulting product shall be deemed to be motor fuel. “Motor fuel” also does not include methanol unless blended with other motor fuels for use in an aircraft or for propelling motor vehicles.

*“Motor vehicle”* means and includes all vehicles (except those operated on rails) which are propelled by internal combustion engines and are of such design as to permit their mobile use on public highways for transporting persons or property. A farm tractor while operated on a farm or for the purpose of hauling farm machinery, equipment, or produce shall not be deemed to be a motor vehicle. “Motor vehicle” shall not include “mobile machinery and equipment.”

*“Naphthas and solvents”* means and includes those liquids which come within the distillation specifications for motor fuel, but which are designed and sold for exclusive use other than as a fuel for propelling motor vehicles.

*“Nonethanol blended gasoline”* means gasoline other than ethanol blended gasoline.

*“Nonrefiner biofuel manufacturer”* means an entity that produces, manufactures, or refines biofuel and does not directly or through a related entity refine, blend, import, or produce a conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending, gasoline, or diesel fuel.

*“Nonterminal storage facility”* means a facility where motor fuel or special fuel, other than liquefied petroleum gas, is stored that is not supplied by a pipeline or a marine vessel. “Nonterminal storage facility” includes a facility that manufactures products such as ethanol, biofuel, blend stocks, or additives

which may be used as motor fuel or special fuel, other than liquefied petroleum gas, for operating motor vehicles or aircraft.

*“Person”* means and includes natural persons, partnerships, firms, associations, corporations, representatives appointed by any court, and political subdivisions of this state or any other group or combination acting as a unit and the plural as well as the singular number applies.

*“Petrodiesel”* means petroleum-based diesel fuel. Petrodiesel contains no biodiesel.

*“Public highways”* means and includes any way or place available to the public for purposes of vehicular travel notwithstanding temporarily closed.

*“Racing fuel”* means leaded gasoline of 110 octane or more that does not meet American Society of Testing Materials designation D-4814 for gasoline and is sold in bulk for use in nonregistered motor vehicles.

*“Refiner”* means a person engaged in the refining of crude oil to produce motor fuel or special fuel, and includes any affiliate of such person.

*“Regional transit system”* means a public transit system serving one county or all or part of a multicounty area whose boundaries correspond to the same boundaries as those of the regional planning areas designated by the governor, except as agreed upon by the department. Each county board of supervisors within the region is responsible for determining the service and funding within its county. However, the administration and overhead support services for the overall regional transit system shall be consolidated into one existing or new agency to be mutually agreed upon by the participating members. Privately chartered bus services and uses other than providing services that are open and public on a shared-ride basis shall not be construed to be a regional transit system.

*“Restrictive supplier”* means a person not otherwise licensed as an importer who imports motor fuel or undyed special fuel into this state in amounts of less than 4,000 gallons in tank wagons or in small tanks.

*“Special fuel”* means fuel oils, kerosene and all combustible gases and liquids suitable for the generation of power for propulsion of motor vehicles or turbine-powered aircraft, and includes any substance used for that purpose, except that it does not include motor fuel. Kerosene and methanol shall not be considered to be special fuels, unless the kerosene or methanol is blended with other special fuels for use in a motor vehicle with a diesel engine.

*“Supplier”* means a person who acquires motor fuel or special fuel by pipeline or marine vessel from a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or from a foreign country for storage at and distribution from a terminal and who is registered under 26 U.S.C. § 4101 for tax-free transactions in fuel; a person who produces in this state or acquires by truck, railcar, or barge for storage at and distribution from a terminal, biofuel, biodiesel, alcohol, or alcohol derivative substances; or a person who produces, manufactures, or refines motor fuel or special fuel in this state. “Supplier” includes a person who does not meet the jurisdictional connection to this state but voluntarily agrees to act as a supplier for purposes of collecting and reporting the motor fuel or special fuel tax. “Supplier” does not include a retail dealer or wholesaler who merely blends alcohol with gasoline or biofuel with diesel before the sale or distribution of the product or a terminal operator who merely handles, in a terminal, motor fuel or special fuel consigned to the terminal operator.

*“Taxpayer”* means anyone responsible for paying fuel taxes directly to the department of revenue under Iowa Code chapter 452A.

*“Terminal”* means a motor fuel, alcohol, or special fuel storage and distribution facility that is supplied by a pipeline or a marine vessel and from which the fuel may be removed at a rack. “Terminal” does not include a facility at which motor fuel or special fuel blend stocks and additives are used in the manufacture of products other than motor fuel or special fuel and from which no motor fuel or special fuel is removed.

*“Terminal operator”* means the person who by ownership or contractual agreement is charged with the responsibility for, or physical control over, and operation of a terminal. If coventurers own a terminal, “terminal operator” means the person who is appointed to exercise the responsibility for, or physical control over, and operation of the terminal.

*“Terminal owner”* means a person who holds a legal or equitable interest in a terminal.

“*Withdrawn from terminal*” means physical movement from a supplier to a distributor or eligible end user or from an alcohol manufacturer to a nonterminal location and includes an importer going out of state and obtaining fuel from a terminal and bringing the fuel into the state, and a restrictive supplier bringing fuel into the state even though not purchased directly from a terminal. Exchange of product by suppliers while in the distribution channel and the physical movement of alcohol from an alcohol manufacturer to an Iowa licensed supplier’s alcohol storage at a terminal are not to be considered “withdrawn from terminal.”

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.2 and 452A.59.  
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**701—259.2(452A) Statute of limitations, supplemental assessments and refund adjustments.** After a return is filed, the department must examine it, determine fuel taxes due, and give notice of assessment to the taxpayer. If no return is filed, the department may determine the tax due and give notice thereof. See rule 701—259.5(452A). The period for the examination and determination of the correct amount of tax is unlimited in the case of a false or fraudulent return made with the intent to evade tax or in the case of a failure to file a return.

The department may, at any time within the period prescribed for assessment or refund adjustment, make a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment whenever it is ascertained that any assessment or refund adjustment is imperfect or incomplete in any respect.

If the assessment or refund adjustment is appealed (protested under rule 701—7.8(17A)) and is resolved whether by informal proceedings or by adjudication, the department and the taxpayer are precluded from making a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment concerning the same issue involved in such appeal for the same tax period unless there is a showing of mathematical or clerical error or a showing of fraud or misrepresentation.

The three-year period of limitation may be extended by a taxpayer by signing a waiver agreement form to be provided by the department. The agreement must stipulate the period of extension and must also provide that a claim for refund may be filed by the taxpayer at any time during the period of extension.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.67 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, Senate File 136.

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**701—259.3(452A) Taxpayers required to keep records.** The records required to be kept by this rule must be preserved for a period of three years and will be open for examination by the department during this period of time. The department, after an audit and examination of the records, may authorize the disposal of the records required to be kept upon written request by the taxpayer. For taxpayers using an electronic data interchange process or technology also see 701—subrule 11.4(4).

**259.3(1) Motor fuel and special fuel supplier.** Every supplier required to file a monthly return under Iowa Code section 452A.8 is required to keep and preserve the following records relating to the purchase or sale of fuel:

- a. Copies of bills of lading or manifests.
- b. Copies of sales invoices.
- c. Sales records.
- d. Copies of filed returns and supporting schedules.
- e. Record of payment.
- f. Export schedules.

**259.3(2) Restrictive supplier.** Every restrictive supplier required to file a monthly return under Iowa Code section 452A.8 is required to keep and preserve the following records relating to the purchase or sale of fuel:

- a. Copies of bills of lading or manifests.
- b. Purchase invoices.

- c. Copies of sales invoices.
- d. Purchase records.
- e. Sales records.
- f. Copies of filed returns and supporting schedules.
- g. Record of payment.

**259.3(3) Importer.** Every importer required to file a semimonthly return under Iowa Code section 452A.8 is required to keep and preserve the following records relating to the purchase or sale of fuel:

- a. Copies of bills of lading or manifests.
- b. Purchase invoices.
- c. Copies of sales invoices.
- d. Purchase records.
- e. Sales records.
- f. Copies of filed returns and supporting schedules.
- g. Record of payment.

**259.3(4) Exporter.** Every exporter is required to keep and preserve the following records relating to the purchase of fuel for export:

- a. Copies of bills of lading or manifests.
- b. Purchase invoices and purchase records.
- c. Copies of reports, returns, and supporting schedules filed with the importing state.
- d. Record of payment.

**259.3(5) Compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and liquefied petroleum gas dealers and users.** Every compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and liquefied petroleum gas dealer and user is required to keep and preserve the following records:

- a. Copies of purchase invoice or bills of lading.
- b. Copies of sales invoices and sales records.
- c. Record of payment.
- d. Exemption certificates.
- e. Copies of filed returns and supporting schedules.

**259.3(6) Terminal or nonterminal storage facility operator.** Every person required to report under Iowa Code section 452A.15(2) or 2002 Iowa Acts, House File 2622, section 25, as an operator of a terminal or nonterminal storage facility shall keep and preserve the following records:

- a. Records to evidence the acquisition of fuel.
- b. Bills of lading or manifests covering the withdrawal of fuel.
- c. Copies of filed reports and supporting schedules.

**259.3(7) Distributor.** Every distributor handling motor fuel or special fuel is required to preserve and keep the following records:

- a. Delivery tickets.
- b. Sales invoices.
- c. Bills of lading.
- d. Record of payment.

**259.3(8) Blender.** Every blender is required to keep and preserve the following records:

- a. Purchase invoices for motor fuel, special fuel, and alcohol.
- b. Bills of lading.
- c. Copies of filed returns and supporting schedules.
- d. Record of payment.
- e. Copies of sales invoices.

**259.3(9) Dealer.** Every dealer (retailer) is required to keep and preserve the following records:

- a. Purchase invoices.
- b. Purchase records.
- c. Delivery tickets.
- d. Sales invoices.
- e. Sales records.



*f.* Record of payment.

**259.3(10) *Microfilm and related record systems.*** Microfilm, microfiche, COM (computer on machine), and other related reduction in storage systems will be referred to as “microfilm” in this rule.

Microfilm reproductions of general books of account, such as a cash book, journals, voucher registers, and ledgers, are not acceptable other than those that have been approved by the Internal Revenue Service under Revenue Procedure 76-43, Section 3.02. However, microfilm reproductions of supporting records of detail, such as sales invoices and purchase invoices, may be allowed providing there is no administrative rule or Iowa Code section requiring the original and all of the following conditions are met and accepted by the taxpayer:

- a.* Appropriate facilities are provided to ensure the preservation and readability of the films.
- b.* Microfilm rolls are indexed, cross-referenced, labeled to show beginning and ending numbers or beginning and ending alphabetical listing of documents included, and are systematically filed.
- c.* The taxpayer agrees to provide transcripts of any information contained on microfilm which may be required for purposes of verification of tax liability.
- d.* Proper facilities are provided for the ready inspection and location of the particular records, including modern projectors for viewing and for the copying of records.
- e.* Any audit of “detail” on microfilm may be subject to sample audit procedures, to be determined at the discretion of the director or the director’s designated representative.
- f.* A posting reference must be on each invoice.
- g.* Documents necessary to support claimed exemptions from tax liability, such as bills of lading and purchase orders, must be maintained in an order by which they readily can be related to the transaction for which exemption is sought.

**259.3(11) *Automatic data processing records.*** Automatic data processing (ADP) is defined in this rule as including electronic data processing (EDP) and will be referred to as ADP.

- a.* An ADP tax accounting system must have built into its program a method of producing visible and legible records which will provide the necessary information for verification of the taxpayer’s tax liability.
- b.* ADP records must provide an opportunity to trace any transaction back to the original source or to a final total. If detailed printouts are not made of transactions at the time they are processed, then the system must have the ability to reconstruct these transactions.
- c.* A general ledger with source references will be produced as hard copy to coincide with financial reports of tax reporting periods. In cases where subsidiary ledgers are used to support the general ledger accounts, the subsidiary ledgers should also be produced periodically.
- d.* Supporting documents and audit trail. The audit trail should be designed so that the details underlying the summary accounting data may be identified and made available to the director or the director’s designated representative upon request. The system should be designed so that the supporting documents, such as sales invoices and purchase invoices, are readily available. (An audit trail is defined as the condition of having sufficient documentary evidence to trace an item from source, such as invoice or payment, to a financial statement or tax return or report; or the reverse, that is, to have an auditable system.)

*e.* Program documentation. A description of the ADP portion of the accounting program should be available. The statements and illustrations as to the scope of operations should be sufficiently detailed to indicate:

- (1) The application being performed;
  - (2) The procedure employed in each application (which, for example, might be supported by flow charts, block diagrams or other satisfactory description of the input or output procedures); and
  - (3) The controls used to ensure accurate and reliable processing. Program and systems changes, together with their effective dates, should be noted in order to preserve an accurate chronological record.
- f.* Storage of ADP output will be in appropriate facilities to ensure preservation and readability of output.

**259.3(12) *Electronic data interchange or EDI technology.*** The purpose of this subrule is to adopt the “Model Recordkeeping and Retention Regulation” report as promulgated by the Federation of Tax

Administrators' Steering Committee Task Force on EDI Audit and Legal Issues for Tax Administration (March 1996). This subrule defines the requirements imposed on taxpayers for the maintenance and retention of books, records, and other sources of information under Iowa Code sections 452A.10, 452A.12, 452A.55, 452A.60, 452A.62, 452A.69, 452A.76, and 452A.80. It is also the purpose of this subrule to address these requirements where all or part of a taxpayer's records are received, created, maintained, or generated through various computer, electronic, and imaging processes and systems. A taxpayer must maintain all records that are necessary for determination of the correct tax liability as set forth in this subrule and the other subrules within rule 701—259.3(452A). Upon request, all required records must be made available to the department or its authorized representatives as provided in Iowa Code sections 452A.10 and 452A.62. If a taxpayer retains records required to be retained under this subrule in both machine-sensible and hard-copy formats, the taxpayer must make the records available to the department in machine-sensible format upon request of the department. Nothing in this subrule will be construed to prohibit a taxpayer from demonstrating tax compliance with traditional hard-copy documents or reproductions thereof, in whole or in part, whether or not the taxpayer also has retained or has the capability to retain records on electronic or other storage media in accordance with this subrule. However, as previously stated, this will not relieve a taxpayer of the obligation to comply with the requirement to make records available to the department.

*a. Definitions.* The following definitions are applicable to this subrule:

*"Database management system"* means a software system that controls, relates, retrieves, and provides accessibility to data stored in a database.

*"Electronic data interchange"* or *"EDI technology"* means the computer-to-computer exchange of business transactions in a standardized, structured electronic format.

*"Hard copy"* means any documents, records, reports, or other data printed on paper.

*"Machine-sensible record"* means a collection of related information in an electronic format. Machine-sensible records do not include hard-copy records that are created or recorded on paper or stored in or by an imaging system such as microfilm, microfiche, or storage-only imaging systems.

*"Storage-only imaging system"* means a system of computer hardware and software that provides for the storage, retention, and retrieval of documents originally created on paper. It does not include any system, or part of a system, that manipulates or processes any information or data contained on the document in any manner other than to reproduce the document in hard copy or as an optical image.

*"Taxpayer"* as used in this subrule means any person, business, corporation, fiduciary, or other entity that is required to file a return or report with the department of revenue.

*b. Record-keeping requirements — machine-sensible records.* A taxpayer that maintains and retains books, records, and other sources of information in the form of machine-sensible records must comply with the following:

(1) General requirements. A taxpayer must comply with the following general requirements regarding the retention of machine-sensible records:

1. Machine-sensible records used to establish tax compliance must contain sufficient transaction-level detail information so that the details underlying the machine-sensible records can be identified and made available to the department upon request. A taxpayer has discretion to discard duplicated records and redundant information provided its responsibilities under this regulation are met.

2. At the time of an examination, the retained records must be capable of being retrieved and converted to a standard record format. The term "standard record format" does not mean that every taxpayer must keep records in an identical manner. Instead, it requires that if a taxpayer utilizes a code system to identify elements of information in each record when creating and maintaining records, the taxpayer is required to maintain a record of the meaning of each code and any code changes so that the department may effectively review the taxpayer's records.

3. Taxpayers are not required to construct machine-sensible records other than those created in the ordinary course of business. A taxpayer that does not create the electronic equivalent of a traditional paper document in the ordinary course of business is not required to construct a traditional paper document for tax purposes.

(2) Electronic data interchange requirements. A taxpayer must comply with the following requirements for records received through electronic data interchange:

1. Where a taxpayer uses an electronic data interchange process and technology, the level of record detail, in combination with other records related to the transactions, must be equivalent to that contained in an acceptable paper record. For example, for motor fuel tax purposes the retained records should contain the following minimal information: bills of lading or manifests; invoices; sales and purchase records; returns, reports, and supporting schedules; records of payments; export schedules; exemption certificates; and delivery tickets. Codes may be used to identify some or all of the data elements, provided that the taxpayer provides a method which allows the department to interpret the coded information.

2. The taxpayer may capture the information necessary to satisfy the requirements set forth in the preceding paragraph at any level within the accounting system and need not retain the original EDI transaction records provided that the audit trail, authenticity, and integrity of the retained records can be established. For example, a taxpayer using electronic data interchange technology receives electronic invoices from its suppliers. The taxpayer decides to retain the invoice data from completed and verified EDI transactions in its accounts payable system rather than to retain the EDI transactions themselves. Since neither the EDI transaction nor the accounts payable system captures information from the invoice pertaining to product description and vendor name (i.e., they contain only codes for that information), the taxpayer also retains the other records such as its vendor master file and product code description lists and makes them available to the department. In this example, the taxpayer need not retain its original EDI transaction for tax purposes.

(3) Electronic data processing accounting systems requirements. The requirements for an electronic data processing accounting system should be similar to that of a manual accounting system, in that an adequately designed accounting system should incorporate methods and records that will satisfy the requirements of this rule. In addition, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 452A.10, 452A.12, 452A.55, 452A.60, 452A.62, 452A.69, 452A.76, and 452A.80, the department must have access to the taxpayer's EDI processing, accounting, or other systems for the purposes of verifying or evaluating the integrity and reliability of those systems to provide accurate and complete records.

(4) Business process information. To verify the accuracy of the records being retained, the taxpayer must comply with the following:

1. Upon the request of the department, the taxpayer shall provide a description of the business process that created the retained records. The description must include the relationship between the records and the tax documents prepared by the taxpayer and include the measures employed to ensure the integrity of the records.

2. The taxpayer must be capable of demonstrating the following:

- The functions being performed as they relate to the flow of data through the system;
- The internal controls used to ensure accurate and reliable processing; and
- The internal controls used to prevent unauthorized addition to, alteration of, or deletion of retained records.

3. The following specific documentation is required for machine-sensible records retained pursuant to this rule:

- Record formats or layouts;
- Field definitions (including a record of any changes in the system or codes and the meaning of all codes used to represent information);
- File descriptions (e.g., data set name); and
- Detailed charts of accounts and account descriptions.

c. *Record maintenance requirements.* The department recommends, but does not require, that taxpayers refer to the National Archives and Record Administration's (NARA) standards for guidance on the maintenance and storage of electronic records such as the labeling of records, the location and security of the storage environment, the creation of backup copies, and the use of periodic testing to confirm the continued integrity of the records. (The NARA standards may be found at 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1234, July 1, 1995, Edition.) The taxpayer's computer hardware and software must accommodate the extraction and conversion of retained machine-sensible records.

*d. Access to machine-sensible records.* If a taxpayer retains records required to be retained under this regulation in both machine-sensible and hard-copy formats, the taxpayer must make the records available to the department in machine-sensible format upon the request of the department.

(1) The manner in which the department is provided access to machine-sensible records may be satisfied through a variety of means that must take into account a taxpayer's facts and circumstances through consultation with the taxpayer.

(2) Access shall be provided in one or more of the following manners:

1. The taxpayer may arrange to provide the department with the hardware, software, and personnel resources to access the machine-sensible records.

2. The taxpayer may arrange for a third party to provide the hardware, software, and personnel resources necessary to access the machine-sensible records.

3. The taxpayer may convert the machine-sensible records to a standard record format specified by the department, including copies of files, on magnetic medium that is agreed to by the department.

4. The taxpayer and the department may agree on other means of providing access to the machine-sensible records.

*e. Taxpayer's responsibility and discretionary authority.* In conjunction with meeting the requirements of paragraph "b" of this subrule, a taxpayer may create files solely for the use of the department. For example, if a database management system is used, it is consistent with this subrule for the taxpayer to create and retain a file that contains the transaction-level detail from the database management system and that meets the requirements of paragraph "b" of this subrule. The taxpayer shall document the process that created the separate file to show the relationship between that file and the original records. A taxpayer may contract with a third party to provide custodial or management services of the records. Such a contract will not relieve the taxpayer of its responsibilities under this rule.

*f. Alternative storage media.* For purposes of storage and retention, taxpayers may convert hard-copy documents received or produced in the normal course of business and required to be retained under this rule to microfilm, microfiche, or other storage-only imaging systems and may discard the original hard-copy documents provided that the rules governing alternative storage media are met. For details regarding alternative storage, see subrule 259.3(10), "Microfilm and related record systems."

*g. Effect on hard-copy record-keeping requirements.* Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of this subrule do not relieve taxpayers of the responsibility to retain hard-copy records that are created or received in the ordinary course of business as required by existing law and rules. Hard-copy records may be retained on alternative storage media as indicated in paragraph "f" above and subrule 259.3(10).

If hard-copy records are not produced or received in the ordinary course of transacting business (e.g., when the taxpayer uses electronic data interchange technology), hard-copy records need not be created.

Hard-copy records generated at the time of the transaction with the use of a credit or debit card must be retained unless all the details necessary to determine correct tax liability relating to the transaction are subsequently received and retained by the taxpayer in accordance with this rule.

Computer printouts that are created for validation, control, or other temporary purposes need not be retained.

Nothing in this rule shall prevent the department from requesting hard-copy printouts in lieu of retained machine-sensible records at the time of examination.

**259.3(13) General requirements.** If a tax liability has been assessed and an appeal is pending to the department, district court or an appellate court, books, papers, records, memoranda, or documents specified in this rule that relate to the period covered by the assessment must be preserved until the final disposition of the appeal.

If the requirements of this rule are not met, the records will be considered inadequate and rule 701—259.5(452A), estimate gallonage, applies.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.6 and 452A.15 as amended by 2002 Iowa Acts, House File 2622, and sections 452A.8, 452A.9, 452A.10, 452A.17, 452A.59, 452A.60, 452A.62, and 452A.69.

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**701—259.4(452A) Audit—costs.** The department has the right and duty to examine or cause to be examined the books, records, memoranda, or documents of a taxpayer for the purpose of verifying the correctness of a return filed or determining the tax liability of any taxpayer. The costs incurred in examining the records of a taxpayer are at the taxpayer's expense when the records are kept at an out-of-state location. Cost will include meals, lodging, and travel expenses, but will not include salaries of department personnel. (See 1976 O.A.G. 611.)

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.10 and 452A.62 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 155, and Iowa Code sections 452A.55 and 452A.69.

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**701—259.5(452A) Estimate gallonage.** It is the duty of the department to collect all taxes on fuel due the state of Iowa. In the event the taxpayer's records are lacking or inadequate to support any return filed by the taxpayer, or to determine the taxpayer's liability, the department has the power to estimate the gallonage upon which tax is due. This estimation will be based upon such factors as, but not limited to, the following: (1) prior experience of the taxpayer, (2) taxpayers in similar situations, (3) industry averages, (4) records of suppliers or customers, and (5) other pertinent information the department may possess, obtain or examine.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.64.

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**701—259.6(452A) Timely filing of returns, reports, remittances, applications, or requests.** The returns, reports, remittances, applications, or requests required under Iowa Code chapter 452A shall be deemed filed within the required time if (1) postpaid, (2) properly addressed, and (3) postmarked on or before midnight of the day on which due and payable. Any return that is not signed and any return which does not contain substantially all of the pertinent information are not considered "filed" until such time as the taxpayer signs or supplies the information to the department. *Miller Oil Company v. Abrahamson*, 252 Iowa 1058, 109 N.W.2d 610 (1961), *Severs v. Abrahamson*, 255 Iowa 979, 124 N.W.2d 150 (1963). The filing of a return within the period prescribed by law and payment of the tax required to be shown thereon are simultaneous acts, unless remittance is required to be transmitted electronically; and if either condition is not met, a penalty will be assessed. Remittances transmitted electronically are considered to have been made on the date the remittance is added to the bank account designated by the treasurer of the state of Iowa. If the final filing date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next secular or business day is the final filing date. The director may require by rule that reports and returns be filed by electronic transmission. Effective for returns due after July 1, 2006, all licensees must file returns by electronic transmission. All suppliers, restricted suppliers, importers, terminals, blenders, and nonterminal storage facilities with at least 5,000 gallons of product on their return or report must also file the schedules which support the return or report by electronic transmission.

All returns, reports, remittances, applications, or requests should be mailed to: Iowa Department of Revenue, Motor Fuel Unit, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, unless electronic transmission is required.

In the event a dispute arises as to the time of filing, or a return, report, or remittance is not received by the department, the provisions of Iowa Code section 622.105 are controlling. This rule applies only when the document is not received or the postmark on the envelope is illegible, erroneous, or omitted.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.8 and 452A.61.

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**701—259.7(452A) Extension of time to file.** The department may grant an extension for the filing of any required return or tax payment or both.

In order for an extension to be granted, the application requesting the extension must be filed, in writing, with the department prior to the due date of the return or remittance. In determining whether an application for extension is timely filed, the provisions of rule 701—259.6(452A) shall apply. The application for extension must be accompanied by an explanation of the circumstances justifying such extension, and in no event will the extension period exceed 30 days.

In the event an extension is granted, the penalties under Iowa Code section 452A.65 applicable to late-filed returns or remittances will not accrue until the expiration of the extension period, but the interest on tax due under the same section will accrue as of the original filing date.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.61.

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**701—259.8(452A) Penalty and interest.** See rules 701—10.6(421) and 701—10.2(421) for failure to timely file a return or for failure to timely pay the tax. See rule 701—10.8(421) for penalty exceptions. See rule 701—10.72(452A) for interest on refunds.

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**701—259.9(452A) Penalty and enforcement provisions.** See rule 701—10.71(421).

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**701—259.10(452A) Application of remittance.** All payments are to be first applied to the penalty and then to the interest, and the balance, if any, to the amount of tax then due. If a taxpayer remits a payment on or before the due date, but the payment is insufficient to discharge the tax liability, the entire amount of the payment applies to the tax, and the penalty and interest are based on the unpaid portion of the tax. If the department determines there is additional tax due from a taxpayer, interest and penalty shall accrue on that amount from the date it should have been reported and paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.59 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 155, and Iowa Code sections 452A.65 and 452A.66.

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**701—259.11(452A) Reports, returns, records—variations.** The department will prescribe and furnish forms upon which reports, returns, and applications are to be made to the department under Iowa Code chapter 452A. Claims for refund will be made on forms provided by the department or in any other manner as prescribed by the director. Licensees may substitute forms for their use, other than official forms, if all the requirements in department rule 701—8.3(17A) are met.

If the information required in these documents is presented to the department on forms or in a manner other than the prescribed form, or approved substitute form, the return, application, or claim for refund or credit shall not be deemed “filed.” The forms may be furnished by the department (except those pertaining to division III interstate operations which are available from the department of transportation) and, therefore, the fact that the reporting party does not have the prescribed form is not an excuse for failure to file.

The department may also prescribe the form of the records which the reporting parties are required to keep in support of the reports/returns they file. The department may approve the form of the records which are being kept by any reporting party and must approve the form of record being kept if that form contains all of the information on the prescribed form, the information is compiled in such a manner as to make it easily ascertainable by department personnel, and substantially complies with the prescribed form.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.60 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, Senate File 136.

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**701—259.12(452A) Form of invoice.** Whenever an invoice is required to be kept or prepared by Iowa Code chapter 452A, the invoice must:

1. Be prepared by someone other than the purchaser and include the seller's name, address, and identification number.
2. Include the purchaser's name and address.
3. Contain a serial number of three or more digits.
4. Include the calendar date of purchase.
5. Indicate the type of fuel purchased. Diesel fuel must be designated as dyed or undyed.
6. Indicate the quantity of fuel purchased in gross gallons.
7. Indicate the total purchase price and show separately the amount of state and federal fuel tax included in the purchase price or include a statement that all state and applicable federal taxes are included in the purchase price.
8. For ethanol blended gasoline or biodiesel blended fuel, state its designation as provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2.
9. Be prepared on paper which will prevent erasure or alteration or on another form approved by the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.10, section 452A.12 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 478, section 140, and section 452A.60.

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**701—259.13(452A) Credit card invoices.** Credit card invoices are acceptable if they meet substantially all the requirements of rule 701—259.12(452A). (1968 O.A.G. 592)

For refund purposes, presentation of a credit card invoice or billing statement is prima facie evidence that the fuel tax has been paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.60 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 155.

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**701—259.14(452A) Original invoice retained by purchaser—certified copy if lost.** Whenever an invoice is required to be kept under Iowa Code chapter 452A, it must be the original copy which is kept. If the original copy is either lost or destroyed, a copy, certified by the seller as being a true copy of the original, will be acceptable. A copy of any invoice which is required to be kept by the purchaser must be kept by the seller for the same period of time.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.10 and 452A.60 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 155.

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**701—259.15(452A) Taxes erroneously or illegally collected.** Licensees, including licensed suppliers, restrictive suppliers, importers, and blenders, are entitled to a return of taxes, penalty, and interest erroneously or illegally collected by the department. The request for the return of the taxes must be (1) in writing, (2) filed with the department within one year of the time the tax was paid if paid prior to July 1, 2002, and within three years of the time the tax was paid if the tax was paid on or after July 1, 2002, (3) filed by the licensee who remitted the tax to the department, and (4) accompanied by documentation supporting the claim for refund. If the erroneous collection was the result of a computational error on the part of the taxpayer and that error is discovered by the department during an examination of the taxpayer's records within three years of the overpayment, the taxes will be refunded and a written request will not be necessary. If the request includes the return of erroneously or illegally collected (assessed) penalty or interest, the interest or penalty shall be refunded in the same proportion as the tax. A refund requested under Iowa Code section 452A.72 will be reduced by sales tax if applicable. There is no minimum refund amount for refunds claimed under the provisions of Iowa Code section 452A.72. See rule 701—220.2(422,423).

**259.15(1)** Motor fuel and undyed special fuel suppliers must inform the department upon which bill(s) of lading, by number, and upon which monthly return(s) the tax was erroneously paid. The gallonage upon which a refund is requested on motor fuel or undyed special fuel must be reduced by the

distribution allowance provided in Iowa Code section 452A.5. An amended return must be filed for the tax period in which the error occurred.

**259.15(2)** Restrictive suppliers, importers, and blenders must inform the department upon which bill(s) of lading or invoice, by number, and upon which monthly or semimonthly return(s) the tax was erroneously paid and an explanation of the erroneous payment. An amended return must be filed for the tax period in which the error occurred.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.72 as amended by 2002 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2305.

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**701—259.16(452A) Credentials and receipts.** Employees of the department have official credentials, and the taxpayer should require proof of the identity of persons claiming to represent the department. No charges are to be made nor gratuities of any kind accepted by an employee of the department for assistance given in or out of the office of the department.

All employees authorized to collect money are supplied with official receipt forms. When cash is paid to an employee of the department, the taxpayer should require the employee to issue an official receipt. Such receipt must show the taxpayer's name, address, and permit or license number; the purpose of the payment; and the amount of the payment. The taxpayer should retain all receipts, and the only receipts which the department will accept as evidence of a cash payment are the official receipts.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.59 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 155.

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**701—259.17(452A) Information confidential.** Iowa Code section 452A.63, which makes all information obtained from reports, returns, or records required to be filed or kept under Iowa Code chapter 452A confidential, applies generally to the director, deputies, auditors, agents, officers, or other employees of the department. The information may be divulged to the appropriate public officials enumerated in Iowa Code section 452A.63. These public officials include (1) member(s) of the Iowa General Assembly, (2) committees of either house of the Iowa legislature, (3) state officers, (4) persons who have responsibility for the enforcement of Iowa Code chapter 452A, (5) officials of the federal government entrusted with enforcement of federal motor vehicle fuel tax laws, and (6) officials of other states who have responsibility to enforce motor vehicle fuel tax laws and who will furnish like information to the department. An exception to this rule is that the appropriate state agency may make available to the public the total gallons of motor fuel, undyed special fuel, and ethanol blended gasoline withdrawn from terminals or imported into the state by suppliers, restrictive suppliers, and importers. The public request must be made within 45 days following the last day of the month in which the tax is required to be paid. See rule 701—6.3(17A) for procedures for requesting information.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.63 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, Senate File 136.

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**701—259.18(452A) Delegation to audit and examine.** Pursuant to statutory authority, the director of revenue delegates to the coadministrators of the compliance division the power to examine reports, returns, and records, make audits, and determine the correct amount of tax, interest, penalties, and fines due, and to take all actions authorized to collect the same, subject to review by or appeal to the director of revenue. The power so delegated may further be delegated by the coadministrators of the division to auditors, clerks, examiners, and employees of the division.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.62 and 452A.76.

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**701—259.19(452A) Practice and procedure before the department of revenue.** The practice and procedure before the department is governed by Iowa Code chapter 17A and 701—Chapter 7.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A.

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**701—259.20(452A) Time for filing protest.** Any person wishing to contest an assessment, denial of all or any portion of a refund claim, or any other department action, except licensing, which may culminate in a contested case proceeding, must file a protest with the clerk of the hearings section for the department pursuant to rule 701—7.8(17A) within 60 days of the issuance of the assessment, denial, or other department action contested. If a taxpayer failed to timely appeal a notice of assessment, the taxpayer may make payments pursuant to rule 701—7.8(17A) and file a refund claim within the period provided by law for filing claims.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.64.  
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**701—259.21(452A) Bonding procedure.** The director may, when necessary and advisable in order to secure the collection of the tax, require any person subject to the tax to file with the department a bond in an amount as the director may fix, or in lieu of the bond, securities approved by the director in an amount as the director may prescribe. Pursuant to the statutory authorization in Iowa Code sections 423.35 and 452A.66, the director has determined that the following procedures will be instituted with regard to bonds:

**259.21(1) When required.**

*a.* Classes of business. When the director determines, based on departmental records, other state or federal agency statistics, or current economic conditions, that certain segments of the petroleum business community are experiencing above average financial failures such that the collection of the tax might be jeopardized, a bond or security will be required from every licensee operating a business within this class unless it is shown to the director's satisfaction that a particular licensee within a designated class is solvent and that the licensee previously timely remitted the tax. If the director selects certain classes of licensees for posting a bond or security, rule making will be initiated to reflect a listing of the classes in the rules.

*b.* New applications for fuel tax permits. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph "a" above, the director has determined that importers will be required to post a bond in the amount of \$25,000 and other applicants for a new fuel tax permit will be requested to post a bond or security if (1) it is determined upon a complete investigation of the applicant's financial status that the applicant would likely not be able to timely remit the tax, or (2) the new applicant held a prior fuel tax license and the remittance record of the tax under the prior license falls within one of the conditions in paragraph "c" below, or (3) the department experienced collection problems while the applicant was engaged in business under the prior license, or (4) the applicant is substantially similar to a person who would have been required to post a bond under the guidelines as set forth in "c" or such person had a previous fuel tax permit revoked. The applicant is "substantially similar" to the extent that said applicant is owned or controlled by persons who owned or controlled the previous licensee. For example, X, a corporation, had a previous fuel tax permit revoked. X is dissolved and its shareholders create a new corporation, Y, which applies for a fuel tax permit. The persons or stockholders who controlled X now control Y. Therefore, Y will be requested to post a bond or security.

*c.* Existing licensees—amount of bond or security. The simultaneous late filing of the return and the late payment of the tax will count as one delinquency. See rule 701—259.24(452A). However, the late filing of the return or the late payment of the tax will not count as a delinquency if the license holder can satisfy one of the conditions set forth in Iowa Code section 421.27, penalty waiver.

(1) Suppliers will be requested to post a bond or security when they have had one or more delinquencies in remitting the fuel tax or timely filing monthly returns during the past six months.

The bond or security will be an amount sufficient to cover six months' fuel tax liability or \$5,000, whichever is greater.

(2) Restrictive suppliers will be requested to post a bond or security when they have had two or more delinquencies in remitting the fuel tax or timely filing monthly returns during the past 12 months.

The bond or security will be an amount sufficient to cover 12 months' fuel tax liability or \$2,000, whichever is greater.

(3) Blenders will be requested to post a bond or security when they have had two or more delinquencies in remitting the fuel tax or timely filing monthly returns during the past six months.

The bond or security will be an amount sufficient to cover 12 months' fuel tax liability or \$2,000, whichever is greater.

(4) Compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and liquefied petroleum gas dealers and users will be requested to post a bond or security when they have had two or more delinquencies in remitting the fuel tax or timely filing monthly returns during the past 12 months. The bond or security will be an amount sufficient to cover 12 months' fuel tax liability or \$500, whichever is greater.

*d.* Eligible purchasers and end users will be required to post a bond or security when they have failed to pay the tax to a supplier. They will not be allowed to register as an eligible purchaser or end user again until the bond or security requirement has been complied with.

The bond or security will be an amount sufficient to cover six months' fuel tax based on previous purchases.

*e.* Waiver of bond. If a licensee has been requested to post a bond or security or if an applicant for a license has been requested to post a bond or security, upon the filing of the bond or security if the licensee maintains a good filing record for a period of two years, the licensee may request that the department waive the continued bond or security requirement. Importer bonds will not be waived.

**259.21(2) *Type of security or bond.*** When it is determined that a licensee or applicant for a fuel tax permit is required to post collateral to secure the collection of the fuel tax, the following types of collateral will be considered as sufficient: cash, surety bonds, securities, or certificates of deposit. "Cash" means guaranteed funds including, but not limited to, cashier's check, money order, or certified check. If cash is posted as a bond, the bond will not be considered filed until the final payment is made, if paid in installments. A certificate of deposit must have a maturity date of 24 months from the date of assignment to the department. An assignment from the bank must accompany the original certificate of deposit filed with the department for the bank to be released from liability. When a licensee elects to post cash rather than a certificate of deposit as a bond, conversion to a certificate of deposit will not be allowed. When the licensee is a corporation, an officer of the corporation may assume personal responsibility for the payment of fuel tax. Security requirements for the officer will be evaluated as provided in 259.21(1) above as if the officer applied for a fuel tax license as an individual.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.35 and 452A.66.

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**701—259.22(452A) Tax refund offset.** The department may apply any fuel tax refund against any other liability outstanding.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.17 and 421.17.

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**701—259.23(452A) Supplier, restrictive supplier, importer, exporter, blender, dealer, or user licenses.**

**259.23(1) *Requirements for license.*** In order to become licensed as a fuel supplier, restrictive supplier, importer, exporter, blender, dealer, or user, the person must file a written application with the department. The license is valid until revoked or canceled, and is nonassignable. The application is to include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- a.* The name under which the licensee will transact business in the state.
- b.* The location of the principal place of business of the licensee and the mailing address if different.
- c.* The social security number or federal identification number of the licensee.
- d.* The type of ownership.
- e.* The name and complete residency address of the owner(s) of the business or, if a corporation or association, the names and addresses of the principal officers.
- f.* The type of license being requested.
- g.* Exporters only — the state and license number for that state in which the fuel is being exported.

*h.* The signature of the person making the application. For electronically transmitted applications, the application form shall state that, in lieu of the person's handwritten signature, the person's email address or the person's fax signature will constitute a valid signature.

**259.23(2) *Assignment of a license.*** The following are nonexclusive situations that are considered assignments, and the acquiring person must apply for a new license.

- a.* A sale of the taxpayer's business, even if the new owner operates under the same name.
- b.* A change of the name under which the licensee conducts business.
- c.* A merger or other business combination which results in a new or different entity.

**259.23(3) *Denial of a license.*** The department may deny a license to any applicant who is, at the time of application, substantially delinquent in paying any tax due which is administered by the department or the interest or penalty on the tax and will deny a permit of an individual if the department has received a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit in regard to an individual. If the applicant is a partnership, a license may be denied if a partner is substantially delinquent in paying any tax, penalty, or interest regardless of whether the tax is in any way a liability of or associated with the partnership. If an applicant for a license is a corporation, the department may deny the applicant a license if any officer with a substantial legal or equitable interest in the ownership of the corporation owes any delinquent tax, penalty, or interest of the applicant corporation. Rule 701—201.10(423) contains a characterization of the terms "tax administered by the department" and "substantially delinquent" in paying a tax. Rule 701—7.9(17A) contains information about rights to appeal denial of an application for a license.

**259.23(4) *Revocation of a license.*** The department may revoke the license of any licensee who becomes substantially delinquent in paying any tax which is administered by the department or the interest or penalty on the tax and will revoke a license of an individual if the department has received a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit in regard to an individual. If a licensee is a corporation, the department may revoke the license if any officer with a substantial legal or equitable interest in the ownership of the corporation owes any delinquent tax, penalty, or interest of the applicant corporation. If the licensee is a partnership, the license may not be revoked for a partner's substantial delinquency in paying any tax, penalty, or interest which is not a liability of the partnership. Rule 701—201.10(423) contains characterizations of the terms "tax administered by the department" and "substantially delinquent" in paying a tax. The department may also revoke the license of any licensee who abuses the privileges for which the license was issued, who files a false return, or who fails to file a return (including supporting schedules), pay the full amount of tax due, produce records requested, or extend cooperation to the department. Rule 701—7.9(17A) contains more information about rights to appeal.

**259.23(5) *Efficient administration of motor fuel laws.*** When in the opinion of the director it is necessary for the efficient administration of Iowa Code chapter 452A, the director may regard persons or facilities in possession of motor fuel, special fuel, biofuel, alcohol, or alcohol derivative substances as blenders, dealers, eligible purchasers, exporters, importers, restrictive suppliers, suppliers, terminal operators, or nonterminal storage facility operators. The department will notify the person or facility of the various requirements under the motor fuel tax laws and will ensure that a license is issued.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.4 and 452A.6.

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**701—259.24(452A) *Reinstatement of license canceled for cause.*** A license canceled for cause will be reinstated only on such terms and conditions as the cause may warrant. Terms and conditions will include payments of any applicable fuel tax liability including interest and penalty which is due the department.

Pursuant to the director's statutory authority in Iowa Code section 452A.68 to restore licenses after being canceled for cause, the director has determined that upon the cancellation of a motor vehicle fuel tax license the initial time, the licensee will be required to pay all delinquent fuel tax liabilities including interest and penalty, to file returns, and to post a bond and have refrained from activities requiring a license under sections 452A.4 and 452A.6 during the waiting period as required by the director prior to the reinstatement or issuance of a new motor vehicle fuel tax license.

As set forth above, the director may impose a waiting period during which the licensee must refrain from activities requiring a license pursuant to the penalties provided in Iowa Code section 452A.74 for a period not to exceed 90 days as a condition for the restoration of a license or the issuance of a new license after cancellation for cause. The department may require a statement that the licensee has fulfilled all requirements of said order canceling the license for cause and the dates on which the license holder refrained from restricted activities.

Each of the following situations will be considered one offense for the purpose of determining the waiting period to reinstate a license canceled for cause or issuing a new license after being canceled for cause unless otherwise noted.

Failure to post a bond as required.

Failure to file a report or return timely.

Failure to pay tax timely (including unhonored payments, failure to pay and late payments).

Failure to file a return and pay tax as shown on the return (counts as one offense).

The hearing officer or director of revenue may order a waiting period after the cancellation for cause not to exceed:

Five days for one through five offenses.

Seven days for six or seven offenses.

Ten days for eight or nine offenses.

Thirty days for ten offenses or more.

The hearing officer or director of revenue may order a waiting period not to exceed:

Forty-five days if the second cancellation for cause occurs within 24 months of the first cancellation for cause.

Sixty days if the second cancellation for cause occurs within 18 months of the first cancellation for cause.

Ninety days if the second cancellation for cause occurs within 12 months of the first cancellation for cause.

Ninety days if the third cancellation for cause occurs within 36 months of the second cancellation for cause. See 701—subrule 7.24(1) for rights to appeal.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.68 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, Senate File 136.

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**701—259.25(452A) Fuel used in implements of husbandry.** Dyed special fuel is exempt from tax. Motor fuel or undyed special fuel is subject to refund when used in implements of husbandry as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1(32). A vehicle as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1(90) is not an implement of husbandry. The department of revenue, the state department of transportation, the department of public safety, and any other peace officer as requested by such department is empowered to enforce the use of special fuel or motor fuel in any illegal manner, including the inspection and testing of fuel in the fuel supply tank of an implement of husbandry.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.76 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 155.

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**701—259.26(452A) Excess tax collected.** If a licensee collects tax on exempt fuel or collects more tax than is due, the licensee must return the excess tax paid to the purchaser if the tax has not been paid to the department. If the tax has been paid to the department, the department will return the excess tax paid to the consumer upon appropriate documentation.

This rule is intended to implement 1999 Iowa Acts, Senate File 136, section 66.

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**701—259.27(452A) Retailer gallons report.** The department is required to compile information reported to it by retail dealers regarding the number of gallons of the various fuel classifications sold by retail dealers in the previous calendar year and submit a report to the governor and the legislative

services agency by April 1 of each year. Each retail dealer is required to file a report with the department detailing the number of motor fuel gallons sold during the previous calendar year on both a companywide basis and a site-by-site basis as required by the department. The retail dealer report is due by January 31 following the close of the calendar year.

The report filed by the department will include information in the aggregate relating to total sales of gasoline, ethanol blended gasoline, diesel fuel and biofuels. The report will also include appropriate percentage sales of various fuel products. The report will not include individual retail dealer information, trade secret information or confidential information.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.33 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 531.

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CHAPTER 260  
MOTOR FUEL AND UNDYED SPECIAL FUEL

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**701—260.1(452A) Definitions.** See 701—259.1(452A).

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**701—260.2(452A) Tax rates—time tax attaches—responsible party.**

**260.2(1)** The following rates of tax apply to the use of fuel in operating motor vehicles and aircraft:

Gasoline	30.7¢ per gallon (for July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017)
	30.5¢ per gallon (for July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018)
	30.7¢ per gallon (for July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019)
	30.5¢ per gallon (for July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020)
	30¢ per gallon (beginning July 1, 2020)
Ethanol blended gasoline	29¢ per gallon (for July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2020)
Ethanol blended gasoline E-10 to E-14	30¢ per gallon (beginning July 1, 2020)
E-85 gasoline	29¢ per gallon (for July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2020)
Ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher	24¢ per gallon (beginning July 1, 2020)
Aviation gasoline	8¢ per gallon (beginning July 1, 1988)
Diesel fuel other than B-11 or higher	22.5¢ per gallon (on and before February 28, 2015)
	32.5¢ per gallon (beginning March 1, 2015)
Biodiesel blended fuel (B-11 or higher)	29.5¢ per gallon (for July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2020)
	30.1¢ per gallon (for July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021)
	30.4¢ per gallon (for July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022)
	30.1¢ per gallon (beginning July 1, 2022)
Aviation jet fuel	3¢ per gallon (on and before February 28, 2015)
	5¢ per gallon (beginning March 1, 2015)
L.P.G.	20¢ per gallon (on and before February 28, 2015)
	30¢ per gallon (beginning March 1, 2015)
C.N.G.	16¢ per 100 cu. ft. (on and before June 30, 2014)
	21¢ per gallon (for July 1, 2014, through February 28, 2015)
	31¢ per gallon (beginning March 1, 2015)
L.N.G.	22.5¢ per gallon (on and before February 28, 2015)
	32.5¢ per gallon (beginning March 1, 2015)

**260.2(2) Fuel distribution percentages.**

*a. Ethanol distribution percentage.*

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, this paragraph shall apply to the excise tax imposed on each gallon of motor fuel used for any purpose for the privilege of operating motor vehicles in this state. An excise tax of 30 cents is imposed on each gallon of motor fuel other than ethanol blended gasoline classified as E-15 or higher.

(2) On and after July 1, 2026, an excise tax of 30 cents is imposed on each gallon of ethanol blended gasoline classified as E-15 or higher.

(3) Before July 1, 2026, the rate of the excise tax on ethanol blended gasoline classified as E-15 or higher shall be based on the ethanol distribution percentage as specified in Iowa Code section 452A.3. The ethanol distribution percentage is the number of gallons of ethanol blended gasoline classified as E-15 or higher that are distributed in this state as expressed as a percentage of the number of gallons of motor fuel, excluding aviation gasoline, distributed in this state. The department shall determine the

percentage for each determination period beginning January 1 and ending December 31 based on data from reports filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 452A.33. The rate for the excise tax shall apply for the period beginning July 1 and ending June 30 following the end of the determination period.

*b. Biodiesel distribution percentage.*

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the rate of the excise tax on each gallon of special fuel for diesel engines of motor vehicles used for any purpose for the privilege of operating motor vehicles in this state, other than biodiesel blended fuel classified as B-11 or higher, is 32.5 cents.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, this paragraph shall apply to the excise tax imposed on each gallon of biodiesel blended fuel classified as B-11 or higher used for any purpose for the privilege of operating motor vehicles in this state.

2. On and after July 1, 2026, the rate of the excise tax on each gallon of biodiesel blended fuel classified as B-11 or higher is 32.5 cents.

3. Before July 1, 2026, the rate of the excise tax shall be based on the biodiesel distribution percentage as specified in Iowa Code section 452A.3. The biodiesel distribution percentage is the number of gallons of biodiesel blended fuel classified as B-11 or higher that is distributed in this state as expressed as a percentage of the number of gallons of special fuel for diesel engines of motor vehicles distributed in this state. The department shall determine the percentage for each determination period beginning January 1 and ending December 31 based on data from reports filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 452A.33. The rate for the excise tax shall apply for the period beginning July 1 and ending June 30 following the end of the determination period.

(2) The determination period for the biodiesel distribution percentage is January through December each calendar year.

*c. Legislative review.* The ethanol distribution percentage, the biodiesel distribution percentage, and the corresponding excise tax rates are subject to legislative review at least every five years. The review is based upon a fuel distribution percentage formula status report, which contains the recommendations of a legislative interim committee appointed to conduct a review of the fuel distribution percentage formulas. The report is prepared with the assistance of the Iowa department of revenue and the Iowa department of transportation. The report includes recommendations for changes or revisions to the fuel distribution percentage formulas based upon advances in technology, fuel use trends, and fuel price fluctuations observed during the preceding five-year interval; an analysis of the operation of the fuel distribution percentage formulas during the preceding five-year interval; and a summary of issues that have arisen since the previous review and potential approaches for resolution of those issues. The first report will be submitted to the general assembly no later than January 1, 2020, with subsequent reports developed and submitted by January 1 at least every fifth year thereafter.

**260.2(3)** The tax attaches when the fuel is withdrawn from a terminal or imported into Iowa. The tax is payable to the department by the supplier, restrictive supplier, importer, blender, or any person who owns the fuel at the time it is brought into the state by a restrictive supplier or importer or any other person who possesses taxable fuel upon which the tax has not been paid. The tax is to be remitted to the department by a supplier, restrictive supplier, or blender by the last day of the month following the month in which the fuel is withdrawn from a terminal or imported. The tax is to be remitted by an importer by the last day of the month for fuel imported in the first 15 days of the month and by the fifteenth day of the following month for fuel imported after the fifteenth day of the previous month. Nonlicensees who possess taxable fuel upon which the tax has not been paid must file returns and pay the tax the same as a restrictive supplier (monthly). All licensees must make payment by electronic funds transfer (see publication 90-201 for EFT requirements).

**260.2(4)** Persons having title to motor fuel, ethanol blended gasoline, undyed special fuel, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, or liquefied petroleum gas in storage and held for sale on the effective date of an increase in the excise tax rate imposed on motor fuel, ethanol blended gasoline, undyed special fuel, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, or liquefied petroleum gas shall be subject to an inventory tax based upon the gallonage in storage as of the close of the business day preceding the effective date of the increased excise tax rate of motor fuel, ethanol blended gasoline,



undyed special fuel, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, or liquefied petroleum gas which will be subject to the increased excise tax rate.

*a.* Persons subject to the tax imposed under this subrule shall take an inventory to determine the gallonage in storage for purposes of determining the tax and shall report the gallonage and pay the tax due within 30 days of the prescribed inventory date.

*b.* The amount of the inventory tax is equal to the inventory tax rate times the gallonage in storage. The inventory tax rate is equal to the increased excise tax rate less the previous excise tax rate. The inventory tax does not apply to an increase in the tax rate of a specified fuel, except for compressed natural gas, unless the increase in the tax rate of that fuel is in excess of one-half cent per gallon.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.3, 452A.8 and 452A.85.

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### **701—260.3(452A) Exemption.**

**260.3(1)** Motor fuel or undyed special fuel sold for export or exported from this state to another state, territory, or foreign country is exempt from the excise tax. The fuel is deemed sold for export or exported only if the bill of lading or manifest indicates that the destination of the fuel withdrawn from the terminal is outside the state of Iowa. The mode of transportation is not of consequence. In the event fuel is taxed and then subsequently exported, an amount equal to the tax previously paid will be allowable as a refund, upon receipt by the department of the appropriate documents, to the party who originally paid the tax. If the sale of exported fuel is completed in Iowa, then the sale is subject to Iowa sales tax if it is not exported for resale or otherwise exempt from sales tax. The sale is completed in Iowa if the foreign purchaser takes physical possession of the fuel in this state. See rule 701—220.2(422,423).

**260.3(2)** Indelible dye meeting United States Environmental Protection Agency and Internal Revenue Service regulations must be added to fuel before or upon withdrawal at a terminal or refinery rack for that fuel to be exempt from tax and the dyed fuel can only be used for a nontaxable purpose listed in Iowa Code section 452A.17(1) “a.” However, this exemption does not apply to fuel used for idle time, power takeoffs, reefer units, or pumping credits, or fuel used by contract carriers.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.3 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 155.

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### **701—260.4(452A) Blended fuel taxation—nonterminal location.**

**260.4(1)** *Responsibilities of all blenders at nonterminal locations.* A person who blends ethanol blended gasoline or biodiesel blended fuel at a nonterminal location must obtain a blender’s license. Blending ethanol with gasoline, or blending biodiesel with petrodiesel, may result in additional tax due or an allowable refund depending on the ethanol content of the mixture and the tax paid on its components. The blender must make payment to the department for the additional tax due. The blender must obtain a refund permit to receive a refund of the overpayment of tax on the blended product.

EXAMPLE 1. A blender blends three parts ethanol with 17 parts gasoline to create E-15. The E-15 is taxed as ethanol blended gasoline, and the blender may be due a refund for excess tax paid on the gasoline used.

EXAMPLE 2. A blender blends one part biodiesel with four parts petrodiesel to create B-20. The B-20 is taxed as B-11 or higher, and the blender may be due a refund for excess tax paid on the petrodiesel used.

EXAMPLE 3. A blender blends one part biodiesel with 19 parts petrodiesel to create B-5. The B-5 is taxed as diesel other than B-11 or higher, and the blender may owe additional tax to the department on the biodiesel used.

EXAMPLE 4. A blender blends one part B-20 with five parts B-2 to create B-5. The B-5 is taxed as diesel other than B-11 or higher, and the blender may owe additional tax to the department on the B-20 used.

**260.4(2) Blenders of ethanol blended gasoline.**

a. A blender who owns the ethanol (supplier) being used to blend with gasoline must purchase the gasoline from a supplier and pay the appropriate tax to the supplier. The blender must obtain a blender's license and compute the tax due on the total gallons of blended product and make payment to the department for the additional amount due. For purposes of the following example, the tax rate for gasoline is presumed to be 30¢ per gallon and the tax rate for ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher is presumed to be 24¢ per gallon. The actual tax rates for the appropriate period are shown in subrule 260.2(1).

EXAMPLE:

Blender purchases 7,000 gallons tax-paid gasoline ( $7,000 \times .30$ ) =	\$2,100.00
Blender adds 3,000 gallons untaxed ethanol	\$0.00
Total tax paid on products	<u>\$2,100.00</u>
Total tax due on 10,000 gallons ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher ( $10,000 \times .24$ ) =	\$2,400.00
Additional Amount Due	<u>\$300.00</u>

b. A blender who purchases ethanol and gasoline from a supplier must pay tax on both the ethanol purchased and the gasoline purchased. The blender must obtain a refund permit to receive a refund of the overpayment of tax on the blended product. For purposes of the following example, the tax rate for gasoline is presumed to be 30¢ per gallon and the tax rate for ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher is presumed to be 24¢ per gallon. The actual tax rates for the appropriate period are shown in subrule 260.2(1).

EXAMPLE:

Blender purchases 7,000 gallons tax-paid gasoline ( $7,000 \times .30$ ) =	\$2,100.00
Blender purchases 3,000 gallons tax-paid ethanol ( $3,000 \times .24$ ) =	\$720.00
Total tax paid on products	<u>\$2,820.00</u>
Total tax due on 10,000 gallons ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher ( $10,000 \times .24$ ) =	\$2,400.00
Amount of Refund Allowable	<u>\$420.00</u>

c. A blender who purchases ethanol and gasoline from any source must pay tax on both the ethanol purchased and the gasoline purchased. The blender must obtain a blender's license and compute the tax due on the total gallons of blended product and make payment to the department for the additional amount due. For purposes of the following example, the tax rate for gasoline is presumed to be 30¢ per gallon, the tax rate for ethanol is presumed to be 24¢ per gallon, and the tax rate for ethanol blended gasoline E-10 is presumed to be 30¢ per gallon. The actual tax rates for the appropriate period are shown in subrule 260.2(1).

## EXAMPLE:

Blender purchases 7,200 gallons tax-paid gasoline ( $7,200 \times .30$ ) =	\$2,160.00
Blender purchases 800 gallons tax-paid ethanol ( $800 \times .24$ ) =	\$192.00
Total tax paid on products	<u>\$2,352.00</u>
Total tax due on 8,000 gallons ethanol blended gasoline E-10 ( $8,000 \times .30$ ) =	\$2,400.00
Additional Amount Due	<u>\$48.00</u>

*d.* A blender who purchases ethanol blended gasoline E-10 to E-14 and ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher from a supplier must pay tax on both the ethanol blended gasoline E-10 to E-14 purchased and the ethanol blended gasoline E-15 purchased. The blender must obtain a refund permit to receive a refund of the overpayment of tax on the blended product. For purposes of the following example, the tax rate for E-10 to E-14 purchased is presumed to be 30¢ per gallon and the tax rate for ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher is presumed to be 24¢ per gallon. The actual tax rates for the appropriate period are shown in subrule 260.2(1).

## EXAMPLE:

Blender purchases 7,000 gallons tax-paid ethanol blended gasoline E-10 to E-14 ( $7,000 \times .30$ ) =	\$2,100.00
Blender purchases 3,000 gallons tax-paid ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher ( $3,000 \times .24$ ) =	\$720.00
Total tax paid on products	<u>\$2,820.00</u>
Total tax due on 10,000 gallons ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher ( $10,000 \times .24$ ) =	\$2,400.00
Amount of Refund Allowable	<u>\$420.00</u>

*e.* Ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher—blending errors.

Where a blending error occurs and an insufficient amount of ethanol has been blended with gasoline so that the mixture fails to qualify as ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher, a 1 percent tolerance applies in determining the tax on the blended product as described in this paragraph:

(1) If the amount of the ethanol erroneously blended with gasoline is at least 14 percent of the total blended product by volume, the ethanol and gasoline blended product is considered ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher and there is no penalty or assessment of additional tax.

(2) If the amount of ethanol erroneously blended with gasoline is less than 14 percent of the total blended product by volume, the total blend of gasoline and ethanol is subject to tax as ethanol blended gasoline E-10 to E-14 at the prevailing rate of tax.

(3) This paragraph applies only if a blender intends to produce ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher. If a blender does not intend to produce ethanol blended gasoline when blending ethanol and gasoline, and the mixture contains less than 14 percent ethanol by volume, no error has occurred and the mixture is subject to tax as ethanol blended gasoline E-10 to E-14.

(4) The following formulas are used to compute blending errors:

Actual gasoline + actual ethanol = total gallons of blended product

Total gallons of blended product  $\times$  .14 = required ethanol

(5) Examples. The following factors are assumed for all examples:

The blender in each example intends to blend ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher. Figures are rounded to the nearest whole gallon; ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher is taxed at 24¢ per gallon; gasoline is taxed at 30¢ per gallon. The actual tax rates for the appropriate period are shown in subrule 260.2(1). Penalty and interest charges are not computed in the examples.

## EXAMPLE 1:

Actual gasoline	=	8,500 gal.
Actual ethanol	=	1,500 gal.
Total blended product	=	10,000 gal.
$10,000 \times .14$	=	1,400 gal. required ethanol

The actual ethanol (1,500 gallons) is more than the required ethanol (1,400 gallons), which means that the tax is applied according to subparagraph 260.4(2) "e"(1) as follows:

$$10,000 \text{ gal. of blended product} \times .24 = \$2,400 \text{ tax on ethanol blended gasoline E-15 or higher}$$

## EXAMPLE 2:

Actual gasoline	=	9,200 gal.
Actual ethanol	=	800 gal.
Total blended product	=	10,000 gal.
$10,000 \times .14$	=	1,400 gal. required ethanol

The actual ethanol (800 gallons) is less than the required ethanol (1,400 gallons), which means that the entire blend is considered gasoline and the tax is applied according to subparagraph 260.4(2) "e"(2) as follows:

$$10,000 \text{ gal. of blended product} \times .30 = \$3,000 \text{ tax on gasoline}$$

**260.4(3) Blenders of biodiesel blended fuel.**

a. A blender who owns the biodiesel being used to blend with diesel must purchase the diesel from a supplier and pay the appropriate tax to the supplier. The blender must obtain a blender's license and compute the tax due on the total gallons of blended product and make payment to the department for the additional amount due. For purposes of the following examples, the tax rate for B-11 or higher is presumed to be 30.1¢ per gallon and the tax rate for diesel other than B-11 or higher is presumed to be 32.5¢ per gallon. The actual tax rates for the appropriate period are shown in subrule 260.2(1).

## EXAMPLE 1.

Blender purchases 7,120 gallons tax-paid petrodiesel ( $7,120 \times .325$ ) =	\$2,314.00
Blender adds 880 gallons untaxed biodiesel =	\$0.00
Total tax paid on products =	<u>\$2,314.00</u>

The blended product is 8,000 gallons of diesel, which includes 880 gallons (11% by volume) of biodiesel. Thus, the product is taxed as B-11 or higher.

Total tax due on 8,000 gallons blended B-11 or higher ( $8,000 \times .301$ ) =	\$2,408.00
Additional Amount Due =	<u>\$94.00</u>

## EXAMPLE 2.

Blender purchases 7,600 gallons tax-paid petrodiesel ( $7,600 \times .325$ ) =	\$2,470.00
Blender adds 400 gallons untaxed biodiesel =	\$0.00
Total tax paid on products =	<u>\$2,470.00</u>

The blended product is 8,000 gallons of diesel, which includes 400 gallons (5% by volume) of biodiesel. Thus, the product is taxed as diesel other than B-11 or higher.

Total tax due on 8,000 gallons diesel other than B-11 or higher ( $8,000 \times .325$ ) =	\$2,600.00
Additional Amount Due =	<u>\$130.00</u>

EXAMPLE 3.

Blender purchases 7,750 gallons tax-paid B-2 ( $7,750 \times .325$ ) =	\$2,518.75
Blender adds 250 gallons untaxed biodiesel =	\$0
Total tax paid on products =	<u>\$2,518.75</u>

7,750 gallons of B-2 contains 155 gallons (2%) of biodiesel. The blended product is 8,000 gallons of diesel, which includes 405 gallons ( $155 + 250$ , or 5% by volume) of biodiesel. Thus, the product is taxed as diesel other than B-11 or higher.

Total tax due on 8,000 gallons diesel other than B-11 or higher ( $8,000 \times .325$ ) =	\$2,600.00
Additional Amount Due =	<u>\$81.25</u>

*b.* A blender who purchases diesel products from a supplier must pay the appropriate tax on all diesel products purchased. The blender must obtain a blender's license and compute the tax due on the total gallons of blended product and make payment to the department for any additional amount due. The blender must also obtain a refund permit to receive a refund of any overpayment of tax on the blended product. For purposes of the following examples, the tax rate for B-11 or higher is presumed to be 30.1¢ per gallon and the tax rate for diesel fuel other than B-11 or higher is presumed to be 32.5¢ per gallon. The actual tax rates for the appropriate period are shown in subrule 260.2(1).

EXAMPLE 1.

Blender purchases 7,120 gallons tax-paid petrodiesel ( $7,120 \times .325$ ) =	\$2,314.00
Blender purchases 880 gallons tax-paid biodiesel ( $880 \times .301$ ) =	\$264.88
Total tax paid on products =	<u>\$2,578.88</u>

The blended product is 8,000 gallons of diesel, which includes 880 gallons (11% by volume) of biodiesel. Thus, the product is taxed as B-11 or higher.

Total tax due on 8,000 gallons blended B-11 or higher ( $8,000 \times .301$ ) =	\$2,408.00
Amount of Refund Allowable =	<u>\$170.88</u>

EXAMPLE 2.

Blender purchases 7,600 gallons tax-paid petrodiesel ( $7,600 \times .325$ ) =	\$2,470.00
Blender purchases 400 gallons tax-paid biodiesel ( $400 \times .301$ ) =	\$120.40
Total tax paid on products =	<u>\$2,590.40</u>

The blended product is 8,000 gallons of biodiesel blended fuel, which includes 400 gallons (5% by volume) of biodiesel. Thus, the product is taxed as diesel other than B-11 or higher.

Total tax due on 8,000 gallons blended B-5 ( $8,000 \times .325$ ) =	\$2,600.00
Additional Amount Due =	<u>\$9.60</u>

## EXAMPLE 3.

Blender purchases 4,000 gallons tax-paid B-2 ( $4,000 \times .325$ ) =	\$1,300.00
Blender purchases 4,000 gallons tax-paid B-20 ( $4,000 \times .301$ ) =	\$1,204.00
Total tax paid on products =	<u>\$2,504.00</u>

4,000 gallons of B-2 contains 80 gallons (2%) of biodiesel, and 4,000 gallons of B-20 contains 800 gallons (20%) of biodiesel. The blended product is 8,000 gallons of diesel, which includes 880 gallons (80 + 800, or 11% by volume) of biodiesel. Thus, the product is taxed as B-11 or higher.

Total tax due on 8,000 gallons B-11 or higher ( $8,000 \times .301$ ) =	\$2,408.00
Amount of Refund Allowable =	<u>\$96.00</u>

c. Blending errors. Where a blending error occurs and an insufficient amount of biodiesel has been blended with petrodiesel so that the mixture fails to qualify as B-11 or higher as defined in rule 701—259.1(452A), a 1 percent tolerance applies in determining the tax on the blended product as described in this paragraph:

(1) If the amount of the biodiesel erroneously blended with petrodiesel is at least 10 percent of the total blended product by volume, the biodiesel and petrodiesel blended product is considered B-11 or higher and there is no penalty or assessment of additional tax.

(2) If the amount of biodiesel blended with petrodiesel is less than 10 percent of the total blended product by volume, the entire mixture is considered taxable diesel other than B-11 or higher and subject to tax at the prevailing rate.

(3) This paragraph applies only if a blender intends to produce B-11 or higher. If a blender does not intend to produce B-11 or higher when blending biodiesel and petrodiesel, and the mixture contains less than 11 percent biodiesel by volume, no error has occurred and the mixture is subject to tax as diesel other than B-11 or higher.

(4) The following formulas are used to compute blending errors:

Actual biodiesel + actual petrodiesel = total gallons of blended product

Total gallons of blended product  $\times .1$  = required biodiesel

(5) Examples. The following factors are assumed for all examples:

The blender in each example intends to blend B-11 or higher. Figures are rounded to the nearest whole gallon; B-11 or higher is taxed at .301¢ per gallon; diesel other than B-11 or higher is taxed at .325¢ per gallon. The actual tax rates for the appropriate period are shown in subrule 260.2(1). Penalty and interest charges are not computed in the examples.

## EXAMPLE 1.

Actual petrodiesel	=	8,095 gal.
Actual biodiesel	=	905 gal.
Total blended product	=	9,000 gal.
$9,000 \times .1$	=	900 gal. required biodiesel

The actual biodiesel (905 gallons) is more than the required biodiesel (900 gallons). Thus, the tax is applied according to subparagraph 260.4(3)“c”(1) as follows:

$$9,000 \text{ gal. of blended product} \times .301 = \$2,709 \text{ tax on B-11 or higher}$$

## EXAMPLE 2.

Actual petrodiesel	=	8,105 gal.
Actual biodiesel	=	895 gal.
Total blended product	=	9,000 gal.
9,000 × .1	=	900 gal. required biodiesel

The actual biodiesel (895 gallons) is less than the required biodiesel (900 gallons). Thus, the tax is applied according to subparagraph 260.4(3) “c”(2) as follows:

$$9,000 \text{ gal. of blended product} \times .325 = \$2,925 \text{ tax on diesel other than B-11 or higher}$$

## EXAMPLE 3.

A blender erroneously mixes 5,000 gallons of B-2 with 4,500 gallons of B-20 with the intent of creating B-11 or higher. 5,000 gallons of B-2 contains 100 gallons (2%) of biodiesel. 4,500 gallons of B-20 contains 900 gallons (20%) of biodiesel. Thus, the 9,500 gallons (4,500 + 5,000) of blended product includes 1,000 gallons (100 + 900) of biodiesel and 8,500 gallons (9,500 – 1,000) of petrodiesel.

Actual petrodiesel	=	8,500 gal.
Actual biodiesel	=	1,000 gal.
Total blended product	=	9,500 gal.
9,500 × .1	=	950 gal. required biodiesel

The actual biodiesel (1,000 gallons) is greater than the required biodiesel (950 gallons), which means that the entire blend is considered B-11 or higher and the tax is applied according to subparagraph 260.4(3) “c”(1) as follows:

$$9,500 \text{ gal. of blended product} \times .301 = \$2,859.50 \text{ tax on B-11 or higher}$$

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.8 as amended by 2015 Iowa Acts, Senate File 257.

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**701—260.5(452A) Tax returns—computations.****260.5(1) Supplier—nexus.**

*a.* The fuel tax liability for a supplier is computed by multiplying the per gallon fuel tax rate by the total number of invoiced gallons of motor fuel or undyed special fuel withdrawn from the terminal by the supplier within the state or by the supplier with an Iowa nexus from a terminal outside the state during the preceding calendar month, less deductions for fuel exported in the case of in-state withdrawals and the distribution allowance provided for in Iowa Code section 452A.5.

Tax shall not be paid when the sale of ethanol occurs within a terminal from an ethanol manufacturer to a licensed supplier. The tax shall be paid by the licensed supplier when the invoiced gross gallonage of the ethanol or the ethanol part of the ethanol blended gasoline is withdrawn from a terminal for delivery in this state. This makes the licensed supplier responsible for the tax on both the ethanol and the gasoline portions of the ethanol blended gasoline and for the reporting and accounting of this fuel as ethanol blended gasoline on the supplier report.

*b.* If fuel is withdrawn by a supplier with no nexus in Iowa, but who voluntarily agrees to collect and report the tax, from a terminal outside of Iowa for importation into Iowa, the tax liability is computed in the same manner as in paragraph “a” with the exception that no deduction is allowable for exports.

**260.5(2)** The fuel tax liability for a restrictive supplier is to be computed by multiplying the per gallon fuel tax rate by the total number of invoiced gallons of motor fuel or undyed special fuel imported into Iowa during the preceding calendar month.

**260.5(3)** The fuel tax liability for an importer is computed by multiplying the per gallon fuel tax rate by the total number of invoiced gallons of motor fuel or undyed special fuel imported into Iowa during the applicable reporting period.

**260.5(4)** The tax liability for a nonlicensee is computed the same as a restrictive supplier. If motor fuel or undyed special fuel is exported from this state with no tax paid and subsequently returned to this state because all or a portion of it was not delivered where destined, the tax must be paid to the department by the nonlicensee.

All gallon entries on the return for determining the tax liability must be rounded to the nearest whole number.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.3 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 736, and sections 452A.5, 452A.8, and 452A.9.

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**701—260.6(452A) Distribution allowance.** The tax computation for a supplier includes a distribution allowance of 1.6 percent of the motor fuel gallonage and 0.7 percent of the undyed special fuel gallonage removed from the terminal during the reporting period. The distributor purchasing the fuel from the supplier is entitled to 1.2 percent of the motor fuel distribution allowance. The distributor or dealer purchasing fuel from a supplier is entitled to 0.35 percent of the undyed special fuel distribution allowance. The distribution allowance does not apply to fuel exported.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.5 and 452A.8 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 155.

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**701—260.7(452A) Supplier credit—uncollectible account.** A licensed supplier who is unable to recover the tax from an eligible purchaser or end user is not liable for the tax and may credit the amount of unpaid tax against a later remittance of tax.

**260.7(1)** To qualify for the credit, the supplier must notify the department in writing of the uncollectible account no later than ten calendar days after the due date for payment of the tax.

Notification is to be sent to the Iowa Department of Revenue, Compliance Section - Business, P.O. Box 10465, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0465.

**260.7(2)** A supplier does not qualify for the credit if the purchaser did not elect to apply for the eligible purchaser or end user status or did not qualify to be an eligible purchaser. Likewise, the credit does not apply if the supplier sells additional fuel to a delinquent eligible purchaser or end user after notifying the department that the supplier has an uncollectible debt with an eligible purchaser.

**260.7(3)** Upon notification from the supplier that an eligible purchaser is in default of the tax payment, that person's eligible purchaser or end user status will be canceled by the department. The eligible purchaser or end user status will not be reinstated until such time as the purchaser posts securities to guarantee future tax payments as provided in 701—paragraph 259.21(1) "d."

**260.7(4) Eligible purchaser.** Any distributor of motor fuel or special fuel or end user of special fuel who requests authorization to make delayed payments of the motor vehicle fuel tax must first register with the department to obtain the eligible purchaser status.

The eligible purchaser must pay the tax to the supplier by electronic funds transfer one business day prior to the date the tax is to be paid by the supplier.

Once approved, the eligible purchaser status is valid until voluntarily canceled by the eligible purchaser or canceled by the department of revenue. See 701—subrule 259.23(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.8 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 155.

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**701—260.8(452A) Refunds.** Refunds are allowable for the tax paid on motor fuel and undyed special fuel in the following situations:

**260.8(1) Federal government.** Fuel sold to the United States or to any agency or instrumentality of the United States. The tax is subject to refund regardless of how the fuel is used.

*a.* The following factors, among others, will be considered in determining if any organization is an instrumentality of the United States government: (a) whether it was created by the federal government, (b) whether it is wholly owned by the federal government, (c) whether it is operated for profit, (d) whether it is “primarily” engaged in the performance of some “essential” government function, and (e) whether the tax will impose an economic burden upon the federal government or serve to materially impair the usefulness and efficiency of the organization or to materially restrict it in the performance of its duties if it were imposed.

*b.* The American Red Cross, Project Head Start, Federal Land Banks and Federal Land Bank Associations, among others, have been determined to be instrumentalities of the federal government. Receivers or trustees appointed in the federal bankruptcy proceedings are subject to the excise tax.

The refund is not available to employees of the federal government who purchase fuel individually and are later reimbursed by the federal government. The name of the federal agency must appear on the invoice as the purchaser of the fuel or the refund will not be allowed.

**260.8(2) Transit systems.** Fuel sold to an Iowa urban transit system as defined in rule 701—259.1(452A) or a company operating a taxicab service under contract with an Iowa urban transit system which is used for a purpose specified in Iowa Code section 452A.57(6) and fuel sold to a regional transit system as defined in rule 701—259.1(452A) which is used for a purpose specified in Iowa Code section 452A.57(11).

**260.8(3) The state and political subdivisions.** Fuel sold to the state of Iowa or any political subdivision of the state which is used for public purposes.

*a.* The refund is not available to agencies or instrumentalities of a political subdivision, but rather only to the state of Iowa, agencies of the state of Iowa, and political subdivisions of the state of Iowa. The general attributes and factors in determining if an entity is a political subdivision of the state of Iowa are: (a) the entity has a specific geographic area, (b) the entity has public officials elected at public elections, (c) the entity has taxing power, (d) the entity has a general public purpose or benefit, and (e) the foregoing attributes, factors or powers were delegated to the entity by the state of Iowa.

*b.* The refund is also not available to employees of a governmental unit who purchase fuel individually and are later reimbursed by the governmental unit. The name of the governmental unit must appear on the invoice as the purchaser of the fuel or the refund will not be allowed.

**260.8(4) Contract carriers.**

*a.* Motor fuel and undyed special fuel sold to a contract carrier who has a contract with a public school under Iowa Code section 285.5 for the transportation of pupils of an approved public or nonpublic school is refundable. If the contract carrier also uses fuel for purposes other than the transportation of pupils, the refund will be based on that percentage of the total amount of fuel purchased which reflects the pupil transportation usage.

*b.* A refund requested by contract carriers will be reduced by the applicable sales tax unless otherwise exempt. The name of the contract carrier must appear on the invoice as the purchaser of the fuel or the refund will not be allowed.

**260.8(5) Fuel used in unlicensed vehicles, stationary engines, machinery and equipment used for nonhighway purposes, implements used in agricultural production, and fuel used for home heating.**

**260.8(6) Fuel used for producing denatured ethanol.**

**260.8(7) Fuel used in the watercraft of a commercial fisher, licensed and operating under an owner’s certificate for commercial fishing gear issued pursuant to Iowa Code section 482.4.**

**260.8(8) Fuel placed in motor vehicles, whether registered or not registered, not operated on public highways, and used in the extraction and processing of natural deposits.**

**260.8(9) Idle time.** Persons who wish to claim a refund for idle time (the engine is running but not propelling the vehicle) must first apply to the department and provide statistical information on how the refund amount will be calculated. Normally, to qualify for a refund the vehicle must be equipped with

an on-board monitoring device which will record the actual time the engine is idling and the amount of fuel consumed while idling. If the device only records the idle time and not fuel used, the refund amount will be calculated at one-half gallon of fuel consumed per one hour of idle time. The computation must also consider the miles driven in Iowa versus total miles driven. The department will require a review of interstate carrier reports before approval of the computation method.

**260.8(10) Power takeoff.** Persons operating vehicles which have auxiliary equipment that is powered by the power takeoff may apply for a refund for that portion of the fuel used for powering the auxiliary equipment.

The person requesting the refund must furnish the department with statistical information on how the exempt percentage is established. The percentage can be established by using the following noninclusive methods.

- Determine the actual fuel usage by the hour while the auxiliary equipment is in use compared to total hours the engine is running.
- Establish total miles per gallon for the vehicle when auxiliary equipment is not in use compared to miles per gallon while the equipment is in use.
- Other computation methods to be reviewed by the department prior to approval.

It has been predetermined that tax on fuel used in the mixing of cement into concrete, the off-loading of the concrete, and the loading and off-loading of solid waste will be refunded on the basis of 30 percent of the fuel placed in the fuel supply tank of the vehicle provided proper records are maintained. Proper records shall consist of records of fills for each vehicle from tax-paid bulk storage tanks or sales tickets where fuel is purchased directly from a service station. Each vehicle must be identifiable by a unit number so the department can trace fuel usage to specific vehicles. An additional allowance will be granted where it can be substantiated through the use of separate meters which operate to measure the fuel when the vehicle is stationary or the use of separate tanks which fuel the vehicle only when the vehicle is stationary that the actual nonhighway fuel usage exceeds 30 percent.

**260.8(11) Refrigeration units (reefers).** Tax paid on motor fuel and undyed special fuel is subject to refund. The person must maintain records of fuel purchases to substantiate the tax-paid purchases. Invoices must meet the criteria set forth in rule 701—259.12(452A). In addition, the invoices must separately state fuel purchased and placed in the reefer unit. Liquefied petroleum gas may be purchased tax-free for use in reefer units. See rule 701—261.10(452A).

**260.8(12) Pumping credits.** A refund will be allowed for taxes paid on fuel once that fuel has been placed in the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle when the motor of that vehicle is used as a power source for off-loading procedures. Meter readings from the pump used in the off-loading procedure or the invoice, manifest or bill of lading number covering the product off-loaded must be retained. The claims for refund, unless a different amount can be proven, will be (a) one-half gallon credit for each 1,000 gallons of liquid products pumped and three-tenths of a gallon credit for each ton of dry products pumped when using motor fuel or special fuel (diesel) to power the motor and (b) one gallon credit for each 1,000 gallons of liquid products pumped and three-tenths of a gallon credit for each ton of dry products pumped when using special fuel (L.P.G.) to power the motor.

**260.8(13) Transport diversions.** When a transport load of motor fuel or undyed special fuel is sold tax-paid with a destination in this state and later diverted to a destination outside the state, the person who actually paid the Iowa tax is entitled to a refund. To secure a refund, the person must file a completed claim form provided by the department with supporting documentation including a copy of the bill of lading, invoices or document showing where and to whom the fuel was delivered, a copy of the reporting form and evidence of payment to the state where the fuel was actually delivered.

**260.8(14) Casualty loss.** In the event fuel is lost or destroyed through fire, explosion, lightning, flood, storm, earthquake, terrorist attack, or other casualty, the taxpayer must inform the department in writing of such loss within 10 days of the loss; and the notification must contain the amount of gallonage lost or destroyed which must be in excess of 100 gallons. An application for refund must be submitted to the department within 60 days of the notification and contain a notarized affidavit sworn to by the person having immediate custody of the fuel at the time of the loss or destruction setting forth, in full detail, the circumstances of the loss or destruction and the number of gallons. If the fuel was in storage

where several fuel purchases were commingled, it is a rebuttable presumption that the fuel lost through casualty was a part of the last delivery into the storage just prior to the loss. No refund is allowable for fuel lost through evaporation, theft, normal leakage, or unknown causes. Leakage resulting from a major accident or catastrophe is subject to refund.

**260.8(15)** Exports by eligible purchasers (distributors). Distributors who have purchased tax-paid motor fuel or undyed special fuel and sell the fuel to consumers outside the state may apply for a refund of the Iowa tax paid. The distributor must retain records as provided in rule 701—259.3(452A) to support the request for refund.

**260.8(16)** Blending errors for special fuel. Dyed special fuel commingled with undyed special fuel and motor fuel commingled with special fuel. If dyed special fuel is inadvertently mixed with tax-paid undyed special fuel to the extent that the undyed fuel must have additional dye added to meet federal dyeing requirements to qualify as exempt dyed fuel, the tax is refundable on the undyed special fuel. The refund request must contain the number of gallons of undyed fuel lost through the mixing error and documentation as to how the gallonage was determined. If motor fuel is blended in error with dyed special fuel to produce a commingled product that must be destroyed or refined for subsequent use, the tax-paid fuel is subject to refund. The request for refund must contain documentation that the commingled product was destroyed or sold for purposes of refinement at a terminal.

**260.8(17)** Watercraft. Special fuel used in watercraft. This subrule is retroactive to July 1, 1996.

**260.8(18)** Refund of tax—Indians. Sales by Indians to other Indians of their own tribe on federally recognized Indian reservations or settlements of which they are tribal members are exempt from the tax. However, Indian sellers are subject to the record-keeping requirements of Iowa Code chapter 452A. The fuel must be purchased by the Indian seller with the tax included in the purchase price, unless the seller's status as a particular licensee authorizes the seller to purchase fuel tax-free. The tax exemption is allowed to the Indian purchaser by the purchaser's filing a claim for refund of the tax paid or the tribe of which the Indian purchaser is a member filing a claim for refund of the tax paid by the tribe on fuel sold to the Indian purchaser.

**260.8(19)** Racing fuel.

**260.8(20)** Benefited fire districts if the fuel is used for public purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.17 as amended by 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 216, and Iowa Code section 452A.71.

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**701—260.9(452A) Claim for refund—payment of claim.** In order to receive a refund, the claimant must hold a refund permit.

**260.9(1)** Persons requesting a refund for fuel used for any exempt purpose will do so by providing all or a portion of the following: (a) refund permit number, (b) type of fuel, (c) total number of gallons/tons of fuel used to calculate the refund amount, (d) the beginning and ending dates of the tax period, (e) net cost of fuel, (f) Iowa sales tax due (net cost of fuel times sales tax rate), (g) other items depending on the type of permit and claim type, (h) the total amount of refund claimed, and (i) additional information as required.

Persons requesting a refund for casualty loss, transport diversions, blending errors of motor fuel and ethanol, and blending errors of special fuel must file in writing on the forms provided by the department and must attach supporting documents explaining why a refund is due.

**260.9(2)** Refunds are made and the amount of the refund is paid to the person who actually paid the tax with the following exception: Persons requesting a refund for idle time, power takeoff, reefer units, pumping credits, or transport diversions may designate another person as an agent to file the claim and receive the refund. The person acting as an agent for others must provide the department with the following information including, but not limited to, the name, address, and federal identification number or social security number of the person on whose behalf they are requesting the refund. Once a person is designated as an agent, this designation remains in force until the department is notified in writing

the agency agreement no longer exists. A governmental agency may designate another governmental agency as an agent for filing and receiving any tax refund authorized in Iowa Code section 452A.17.

**260.9(3)** Deposit of refund. If the person so designates on the application, the department will direct deposit the refund in the person's designated bank account. If this option is selected on the application, additional forms will be provided to secure the needed information for direct deposit. In lieu of direct deposit, the permit holder will receive a state warrant.

**260.9(4)** A claim for refund will not be allowed unless the claimant has accumulated \$60 in credits for one calendar year. A claim for refund may be filed any time the \$60 minimum has been met within the calendar year. If the \$60 minimum has not been met in the calendar year, the credit must be claimed on the claimant's income tax return unless the claimant is not required to file an income tax return in which case a refund will be allowed. An income tax credit may not be claimed for any year in which a claim for refund was filed. Once the \$60 minimum has been met, the claim for refund must be filed within three years.

**260.9(5)** A refund will not be paid with respect to any motor fuel taken out of this state in supply tanks of watercraft, aircraft, or motor vehicles or any undyed special fuel taken out of this state in aircraft or motor vehicles.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.17, 452A.19, 452A.21, and 452A.72 as amended by 2002 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2305.

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**701—260.10(452A) Refund permit.** To obtain the refund provided for in Iowa Code chapter 452A and rule 701—260.8(452A), the claimant must have an uncanceled refund permit. The application for a refund permit is provided by the department and will contain, but not be limited to, the following information: (1) the name and location of the business and the mailing address if different, (2) the type of ownership, (3) the social security number or federal identification number of the applicant, and (4) the type of refund requested. The refund permit is issued without cost and remains in effect until revoked, canceled or until the permit becomes invalid. All refund permit holders are required to keep invoices and copies of returns if filed, supporting schedules and studies for documentation to support the refund.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.18 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 155.

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**701—260.11(452A) Revocation of refund permit.** The following violations will result in the revocation of the permit: (1) using a false or altered invoice in support of a claim, (2) making a false statement in a claim for refund or in response to an investigation by the department of a claim for refund, (3) refusal to submit the claimant's books and records for examination by the department, and (4) nonuse for a period of three years. If the permit is revoked for reason (1), (2), or (3) above, the permit will not be reissued for a period of at least one year. If the permit is revoked for reason (4) above, the permit will be reissued upon proper application. (See rule 701—7.23(17A) for revocation procedure.)

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.19.

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**701—260.12(452A) Income tax credit in lieu of refund.** In lieu of applying for a refund permit, a person or corporation may claim the refund allowable under Iowa Code section 452A.17 as an income tax credit. If a person or corporation holds a refund permit and elects to receive an income tax credit, the person or corporation must cancel the refund permit within 30 days after the first day of its year or the permit becomes invalid and application must be made for a new permit. Once the election to receive an income tax credit has been made, it remains in effect until the election is changed. The income tax credit is not available for refunds relating to casualty losses, transport diversions, pumping credits, blending

errors, idle time, power takeoffs, reefer units, exports by distributors, and excess tax paid on ethanol blended gasoline.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.110, 452A.17(2), and 452A.21 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, Senate File 136.

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**701—260.13(452A) Reduction of refund—sales and use tax.** Under Iowa Code section 423.3(56), the sales price from the sale of motor fuel, special fuel, and electric fuel consumed for highway use or in watercraft or aircraft where the fuel tax has been imposed and paid, and no refund has been or will be allowed, is exempt from Iowa sales and use tax. Therefore, unless the fuel is used for some other exempt purpose under Iowa Code section 423.3 (e.g., used for processing, used for agricultural purposes, used by an exempt government entity, used by a private nonprofit educational institution), or the fuel is lost through a casualty, the refund of taxes on motor fuel, special fuel, or electric fuel will be reduced by the applicable sales and use tax. Rule 701—220.2(423) contains more information about sales tax. The sales price upon which the sales and use tax will be applied shall include all federal excise taxes but will not include the Iowa fuel tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.17.

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**701—260.14(452A) Terminal withdrawals—meters.** Any refinery or terminal within this state must be fixed with meters which totalize the gross gallons withdrawn. All bills of lading or manifests must show the gross gallons withdrawn. A temperature-adjusted or other method shall not be used except as it applies to liquefied petroleum gas and the sale or exchange of petroleum products between petroleum refiners. All fuel withdrawn from a refinery or terminal within this state must pass through these meters.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.2, 452A.8, 452A.15(2), and 452A.59 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 155.

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**701—260.15(452A) Terminal and nonterminal storage facility reports and records.** Each terminal and nonterminal storage facility operating in Iowa must file a monthly inventory report with the department. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. The name and license number of the company that owns and operates the terminal or nonterminal storage facility.
2. The location of the terminal or nonterminal storage facility.
3. The month and year covered by the report.
4. The terminal code assigned by the Internal Revenue Service or the storage facility license number assigned by the department.
5. The beginning inventory.
6. The total receipts for the month including for each receipt: (a) the gross gallons received by schedule code, by fuel type and, if diesel fuel, whether dyed or undyed fuel, (b) the bill of lading number, (c) the date of receipt, (d) the seller, (e) the carrier, (f) the mode of transportation, and (g) the destination state.
7. The total withdrawals for the month, including for each withdrawal: (a) the gross gallons withdrawn by schedule code and by fuel type and, if diesel fuel, whether dyed or undyed fuel, (b) the bill of lading number, (c) the date of withdrawal, (d) the consignor, (e) the consignee, (f) the mode of transportation, (g) the destination state, (h) the origin state, and (i) the carrier.
8. The actual ending inventory and any gains or losses.
9. The signature or electronic signature of the person responsible for preparing the report.
10. Such additional information as the department may require.

For periods beginning on or after July 1, 2002, the director may impose a civil penalty against any person who fails to file the reports required under the motor fuel tax laws. The penalty shall be \$100 for

the first violation and shall increase by \$100 for each additional violation occurring in the calendar year in which the first violation occurred.

The director may require that reports be filed by electronic transmission. All licensees must file reports by electronic transmission beginning September 1, 2006.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.15(2).  
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**701—260.16(452A) Method of reporting taxable gallonage.** The exclusive method of determining gallonage of any purchase or sale of motor fuel or special fuel and distillate fuel is to be on gross-volume basis. A temperature-adjusted or other method cannot be used, except as it applies to liquefied petroleum gas and the sale or exchange of petroleum products between petroleum refineries.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.8 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 155.

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**701—260.17(452A) Transportation reports.** The reports required under Iowa Code section 452A.15(1) are to be filed by railroad carriers, common carriers, contract carriers, distributors transporting fuel for others, and anyone else transporting fuel from without the state and unloading it at other than terminal storage within the state. The report must include all fuel which was imported into Iowa and unloaded at other than terminal storage, all fuel withdrawn from Iowa terminal storage and delivered in Iowa, and all fuel withdrawn from Iowa terminal storage and exported from Iowa. These reports must be filed monthly and show as to each delivery:

1. The name, address, and federal identification number or social security number of the person to whom actually delivered.
2. The name, address, and federal identification number or social security number of the originally named consignee, if delivered to anyone other than the originally named consignee.
3. The point of origin, the point of delivery, and the date of delivery.
4. The number and initials of each tank car and the number of gallons contained therein, if shipped by rail.
5. The name of the boat, barge, or vessel, and the number of gallons contained therein, if shipped by water.
6. The registration number of each tank truck and the number of gallons contained therein, if transported by motor truck.
7. The manner, if delivered by other means, in which the delivery is made.
8. Such additional information relative to shipments of motor fuel or special fuel as the department may require.

For periods on or after July 1, 2002, the director may impose a civil penalty against any person who fails to file the reports required under the motor fuel tax laws. The penalty shall be \$100 for the first violation and shall increase by \$100 for each additional violation occurring in the calendar year in which the first violation occurred.

The director may require that reports be filed by electronic transmission.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.15 as amended by 2002 Iowa Acts, House File 2622 and Senate File 2305.

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**701—260.18(452A) Bill of lading or manifest requirements.** Whenever a bill of lading or manifest is required to be issued, carried, retained, or submitted by these rules, it shall meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Contain the name and address of the refinery, terminal, ethanol plant, biodiesel plant or point of origin.
2. Contain the date of withdrawal or import.
3. Contain the name of the shipper-supplier-consignor.
4. Contain the name of the purchaser-consignee.

5. Contain the place of actual destination.
6. Contain the name of the transporter.
7. Contain the gross gallons by fuel type.
8. Contain the designation for ethanol blended gasoline or biodiesel blended fuel as provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2.
9. Contain a statement designating whether diesel fuel is dyed or undyed.
10. Have machine printed thereon a serial number of not less than four digits.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.10, 452A.12, 452A.60, and 452A.76. [ARC 8225B, IAB 10/7/09, effective 11/11/09; ARC 6508C, IAB 9/7/22, effective 10/12/22]

**701—260.19(452A) Right of distributors and dealers to blend conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending, gasoline, or diesel fuel using a biofuel.**

**260.19(1)** A dealer or distributor may blend a conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending, gasoline, or diesel fuel using the appropriate biofuel, or sell unblended or blended gasoline or diesel fuel on any premises in this state. This subrule does not apply to the extent that the use of the premises is restricted by federal, state, or local law.

**260.19(2)** A refiner, supplier, terminal operator, or terminal owner who in the ordinary course of business sells or transports a conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending, gasoline unblended or blended with a biofuel, or diesel fuel unblended or blended with a biofuel shall not refuse to sell or transport to a distributor or dealer any conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending, unblended gasoline, or unblended diesel fuel that is at the terminal, based on the distributor's or dealer's intent to use the conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending, or blend the gasoline or diesel fuel with a biofuel.

**260.19(3)** This rule shall not be construed to do any of the following:

*a.* Prohibit a distributor or dealer from purchasing, selling or transporting a conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending, gasoline that has not been blended with a biofuel, or diesel fuel that has not been blended with a biofuel.

*b.* Affect the blender's license requirements under Iowa Code section 452A.6.

*c.* Prohibit a dealer or distributor from leaving a terminal with a conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending, gasoline that has not been blended with a biofuel, or diesel fuel that has not been blended with a biofuel.

*d.* Require a nonrefiner biofuel manufacturer to offer or sell a conventional blendstock for oxygenate blending, gasoline that has not been blended with a biofuel, or diesel fuel that has not been blended with a biofuel.

**260.19(4)** A refiner, supplier, terminal operator, or terminal owner who violates this rule is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 per violation. Each day that a violation continues is deemed a separate offense. For more information on enforcement of this penalty, see 701—subrule 10.71(8).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.6A.

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CHAPTER 261  
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS—  
COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS—LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

[Prior to 1/1/96, see 701—Ch 65]

[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 69]

**701—261.1(452A) Definitions.** For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall govern:

“*C.N.G.*” shall mean compressed natural gas.

“*Department*” means the department of revenue.

“*Director*” means the director of the Iowa department of revenue or the director’s authorized representative.

“*Distributor*” means any person who sells compressed natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas in bulk for highway use.

“*Gallon*,” with respect to compressed natural gas, means a gasoline gallon equivalent. A gasoline equivalent of compressed natural gas is five and sixty-six hundredths pounds or one hundred twenty-six and sixty-seven hundredths cubic feet measured at a base temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit and a pressure of fourteen and seventy-three hundredths pounds per square inch absolute. “*Gallon*,” with respect to liquefied natural gas, means a diesel gallon equivalent. A diesel gallon equivalent of liquefied natural gas is six and six hundredths pounds.

“*Invoiced gallons*” means gross gallons as shown on the bill of lading or invoice. A temperature-adjusted method may be used as it applies to liquefied petroleum gas.

“*Licensed compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and liquefied petroleum gas dealer*” means a person in the business of handling untaxed compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, or liquefied petroleum gas who delivers any part of the fuel into a fuel supply tank of any motor vehicle.

“*Licensed compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and liquefied petroleum gas user*” means a person licensed by the department who dispenses compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, or liquefied petroleum gas, upon which the special fuel tax has not been previously paid, for highway use from fuel sources owned and controlled by the person into the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle, or commercial vehicle owned or controlled by the person.

“*Licensed metered pumps or metered pumps*” shall mean pumps which have been metered, inspected, tested for accuracy, sealed and licensed by the state department of agriculture pursuant to Iowa Code section 452A.8(2)“*e.*”

“*Licensed metered storage or metered storage*” shall mean storage facilities which are fixed with “licensed metered pumps.”

“*L.N.G.*” shall mean liquefied natural gas.

“*L.P.G.*” shall mean liquefied petroleum gas.

“*Owner*” shall mean and include the owner or the employees, agents, or persons under the control of the owner.

“*Special fuel*” means liquefied petroleum gas, liquefied natural gas, or compressed natural gas.

“*Use*” means the receipt, delivery, or placing of liquefied petroleum gas by a licensed liquefied petroleum gas user into a fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle while the vehicle is in the state, except that with respect to natural gas used as a special fuel, “use” means the receipt, delivery, or placing of the natural gas into equipment for compressing the gas for subsequent delivery into the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle.

In addition to the preceding definitions, applicable definitions contained in Iowa Code section 452A.2 and rule 701—259.1(452A) shall govern the rules in this chapter where applicable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 452A.

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**701—261.2(452A) Tax rates—time tax attaches—responsible party—payment of the tax.** See 701—subrule 260.2(1) for tax rates. The excise tax on L.P.G. attaches when the special fuel is placed in a fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle. The excise tax on C.N.G. and L.N.G. attaches at the time of

delivery into equipment for compressing the gas for subsequent delivery into the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle.

**261.2(1)** The person responsible for the tax must collect the tax from the purchaser and remit the tax to the department. The person responsible for the tax is:

- a. The licensed L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. dealer, or
- b. The licensed L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. user.

**261.2(2)** The person responsible for placing L.P.G. into the fuel supply tank of a vehicle and the person responsible for placing C.N.G. or L.N.G. into compressing equipment must hold a license as a dealer or user as defined in Iowa Code section 452A.4.

**261.2(3)** The return and tax are due no later than the last day of the month following the month the L.P.G. was placed in a vehicle or C.N.G. or L.N.G. was placed into compressing equipment. The tax must be remitted by means of electronic funds transfer, unless the licensee can show that this method of payment would cause undue hardship on the licensee. The return must be remitted by means of electronic transmission.

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**701—261.3(452A) Penalty and interest.** See rules 701—10.6(421) and 701—10.2(421) for failure to timely file a return or for failure to timely pay the tax. See rule 701—10.8(421) for penalty exceptions. See rule 701—10.72(452A) for interest on refunds.

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**701—261.4(452A) Bonding procedure.**

**261.4(1)** When required, classes of business and new applications for fuel tax permit. See 701—paragraphs 259.21(1) “a” and “b.”

**261.4(2)** Existing license holders. Existing license holders will be requested to post a bond or security when they have had two or more delinquencies in remitting the fuel tax or filing returns timely during the past 12 months when filing returns on a monthly basis. The bond or security will be an amount sufficient to cover 12 months’ fuel tax liability or \$500, whichever is greater. The simultaneous late filing of the return and the late payment of the tax will count as one delinquency. However, the late filing of the return or late payment of the tax will not count as a delinquency if the license holder can satisfy one of the conditions set forth in Iowa Code section 421.27 (penalty waiver). For waiver of bond see 701—paragraph 259.21(1) “e.”

**261.4(3)** Type of security. See 701—subrule 259.21(2).

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**701—261.5(452A) Persons authorized to place L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. in the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle.** The only persons authorized to place L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. into the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle are: licensed L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. dealers, or licensed L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. users.

**261.5(1)** *L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. dealer’s license.* Anyone who delivers L.P.G. into the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle or places C.N.G. or L.N.G. into compression equipment which tank is owned by some other person must be licensed as an L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. dealer. A dealer may also fuel the dealer’s own vehicles under this license.

**261.5(2)** *L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. user’s license.* Anyone who delivers L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. into the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle, which tank is owned or leased by the person delivering it, must be licensed as an L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. user. If that same person delivers the fuel into tanks owned by others, that person must be licensed as a dealer in lieu of being licensed as a user.

**261.5(3)** *L.P.G. “mobile” tank exemption.* When a person has an L.P.G. storage tank which is “mobile” and the storage is moved from location to location, that person may be issued an L.P.G. user’s license. This licensee will be allowed to move the storage tank to a new location without procuring a new license for each new location. The issuance of this license is discretionary with the director, and

the license will be issued only when the person requesting the license shows a need for mobile storage. The license will be issued to the licensee at the licensee's principal place of business, and each mobile storage tank is deemed a separate pump at that location.

The operation of such licensed mobile storage shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a. Each mobile storage tank must be fixed with licensed, metered pumps.
- b. Each mobile storage tank shall be assigned a separate number, and the gallonage shall be reported on a per-tank basis.
- c. Each mobile storage tank shall have printed thereon, in strokes not less than six inches in height and three-fourths inches in width, the unit number and licensee's license number.
- d. There may be a total of only nine mobile storage tanks operated under a single license. If the licensee operates more than nine such storage tanks, the licensee must obtain a separate license for each multiple of nine or fraction thereof.
- e. When a licensee changes the licensee's principal place of business, the license shall be canceled and the person must apply for a new license.
- f. All records required to be kept shall be maintained at the licensee's principal place of business.
- g. Except for the requirement of having a separate license for each location where L.P.G. is used, the licensee shall be subject to all the requirements of other licensed L.P.G. users.

**261.5(4) Exemption for emergency filling by distributors.** Upon request from a stranded motorist, an L.P.G. distributor may place up to 20 gallons of L.P.G. into the fuel supply tank of the stranded vehicle without being considered by the department in violation of Iowa Code section 452A.74(5) (acting as an L.P.G. dealer without a license); however, the distributor must remit the tax thereon on a licensed dealer form and pay the tax before the last day of the month following the month of the emergency fill.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.8.

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**701—261.6(452A) Requirements to be licensed.** To become licensed as an L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. user or dealer, a person must file with the department a completed application form for the appropriate license. A separate license is required for each place of business or location where L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. is regularly delivered or placed into the fuel supply tank of motor vehicles. See Iowa Code section 452A.4 and 701—subrule 259.23(1) for licensing requirements.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.8.

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**701—261.7(452A) Licensed metered pumps.** Before an L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. dealer's or user's license can be issued, all pumps designed to fuel motor vehicles at the location to be licensed must be (1) metered, (2) inspected, (3) tested for accuracy, (4) sealed, and (5) licensed by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. (See 1970 O.A.G. 2.) If there is more than one pump at a location to be licensed, each pump will be assigned a separate pump number, and the licensee shall report the gallonage each month with reference to such number.

Each special fuel L.P.G. distributor, dealer, or user may elect to measure L.P.G. for the tax purposes either temperature compensated to 60° F, or without temperature compensation. If the special fuel L.P.G. distributor, dealer or user elects to measure L.P.G. temperature compensated to 60° F for tax purposes, the L.P.G. distributor, dealer or user must use meters which are of an automatic temperature compensating type which shall compute gross gallons corrected to 60° F.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.8.

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**701—261.8(452A) Single license for each location.** A single license is required for each separate place of business or location where L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. is delivered into the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle. For reporting purposes (see rule 701—69.2(452A)), a licensee may file a separate return for each license; or, if arrangements have been made with the department, the licensee may file a consolidated return reporting all sales made at all locations for which a license is held. However, a consolidated return

may not be used to combine dealer and user operations. All working papers used in the preparation of the information required must be available for examination by the department. All dealer or user operations at that location will be conducted under that license. A licensee may have a different type of license (dealer, user) for each separate location where L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. is dispensed. For instance, if a licensee holds an L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. dealer's license for location A and an L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. user's license for location B, the licensee may sell fuel to others or fuel the licensee's own vehicles at location A, but may only fuel the licensee's own vehicles at location B.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.8.  
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**701—261.9(452A) Dealer's and user's license nonassignable.** An L.P.G., L.N.G., or C.N.G. dealer's license or user's license cannot be assigned. The following nonexclusive situations will be considered an assignment:

1. A change in the name under which the licensee conducts business.
2. A change in the location where the business is conducted.
3. A sale of the business (even if the new owner(s) operates under the same business name).
4. A merger or other business combination which results in a new or different entity.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.8.  
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**701—261.10(452A) Separate storage—bulk sales—highway use.** If a person is operating as an L.P.G. dealer's or user's licensee and also makes bulk sales for nonhighway use, there must be separate storage for bulk sales and sales for highway. If any amount of L.P.G. in a storage facility is to be used directly from that storage for highway purposes or if the storage is connected to a device which is designed in such a way as to be able to fuel motor vehicles, all fuel dispensed from the storage shall be dispensed through licensed metered pumps. Tax will be paid on the fuel dispensed which is not exempt as evidenced by exemption certificates.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.8.  
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**701—261.11(452A) Combined storage—bulk sales—highway sales or use.** If a person is operating as an L.P.G. dealer's or user's licensee, L.P.G. may be dispensed for bulk nontaxable sales and for taxable highway sales from the same storage if, and only if, the following requirements are complied with:

1. All pumps which are of such a design to be able to fuel motor vehicles must be licensed, sealed, metered, and inspected as provided in rule 701—261.5(452A).
2. All fuel passing through the pumps is taxed unless supported by exemption certificates.
3. All pumps which are not licensed, sealed, metered, and inspected must be of such a design that it is impossible to use them to place fuel into the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle.
4. Accurate records must be kept showing all purchases of fuel and all nontaxable bulk sales of fuel.

All L.P.G. which is placed in this combined storage is presumed to be for highway use and taxable unless supported by exemption certificates (for fuel passing through the licensed pumps) or detailed records showing bulk sales for nonhighway use or to other users or dealers (for fuel passing through the nonlicensed pumps). (See 1968 O.A.G. 592.) If at any time the licensee fails to comply with the requirements of this rule, separate storage for taxable sales and nontaxable bulk sales will be required under rule 701—261.10(452A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.8.  
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**701—261.12(452A) Exemption certificates.** If L.P.G. is dispensed from metered highway storage for other than highway purposes, an exemption certificate must be completed by the seller and signed by the purchaser. The certificate is to be retained by the dealer or user. The exemption certificate must include, but not be limited to, the following information: the date, the seller's name, the seller's dealer

(user) license number, the invoice number covering the fuel sold (if sold by a dealer), an indication of the use to which the fuel will be put, and the name, address, and signature of the purchaser (user). The exemption certificate will be provided by the department or a dealer or user may provide the exemption certificate provided it contains all information required by the director.

These exempt sales of L.P.G. from metered highway storage shall be limited to the following uses:

1. Placed directly into a fuel supply tank which is connected to the heating or cooling unit installed on a highway “reefer” unit, provided the fuel supply tank is not connected nor has provisions for connection directly or indirectly to the power source of the highway motor vehicle.
2. Placed directly into the fuel supply tank of a nonhighway motor vehicle.
3. L.P.G. placed into carry-out containers.

All other sales for other than highway use must be from bulk storage and not from metered highway storage. (See rule 701—260.13(452A), sales tax.)

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.8.

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**701—261.13(452A) L.P.G. sold to the state of Iowa, its political subdivisions, contract carriers under contract with public schools to transport pupils or regional transit systems.**

**261.13(1)** If L.P.G. is sold to the state of Iowa, its agencies, a political subdivision of the state, or a regional transit system for public use, or a use specified in Iowa Code section 452A.57(11), and placed in storage, it may be sold tax-free. Fuel sold by a dealer and delivered directly into the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle must be sold tax-paid. Since the L.P.G. delivered into storage is not subject to tax, the governmental unit or regional transit system need not be licensed as a special fuel user. However, if the L.P.G. is used by a governmental unit or regional transit system for other than “public purposes,” or a purpose specified in Iowa Code section 452A.57(11), it must obtain a user’s license and pay the tax on all highway L.P.G. used from the storage.

**261.13(2)** L.P.G. sold to a contract carrier under contract with public schools to transport pupils. When special fuel is sold directly to contract carriers who have a contract with a public school under Iowa Code section 285.5 for the transportation of pupils of an approved public or nonpublic school, the fuel shall be sold tax-paid.

If the contract carrier is licensed as an L.P.G. fuel dealer or user, the licensee may buy the fuel tax-free, but the tax must be remitted on the monthly dealer or user return.

Any contract carrier who has paid the tax is entitled to a refund. A refund requested by contract carriers will be reduced by the applicable sales tax, unless otherwise exempt. All contract carriers must apply to the department for a refund registration even if they currently hold a motor fuel tax license.

The refund will be allowed pursuant to the provisions of 701—subrule 260.8(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.3 and 452A.17.

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**701—261.14(452A) Refunds.** Refunds of taxes paid on L.P.G. used for other than highway use are available. See rule 701—260.8(452A). The refunds are available if the tax has been paid, the L.P.G. is used other than to propel motor vehicles, the person requesting the refund has a refund permit, and the claim is filed within the appropriate time and in the appropriate manner. The income tax credit set forth in rule 701—260.12(452A) shall apply equally to special fuel.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.17.

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**701—261.15(452A) Notice of meter seal breakage.** Whenever a meter is required under Iowa Code chapter 452A, pursuant to the director’s power granted under Iowa Code section 452A.59, and said meter is required to be sealed by Iowa Code chapter 452A, (C.N.G. or L.P.G. dealer and user meters) the department must be notified within 24 hours of the breaking of the seal for any reason. Notice shall contain, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. The name, address, and license number of the person who controls the meter.
2. The meter number.

3. The type of fuel pumped through the meter.
4. The date of seal breakage.
5. The name and address of the person(s) responsible for the seal breakage.
6. The reason for seal breakage.
7. The meter reading before seal breakage.
8. The meter reading after the meter is resealed.
9. The signature of the person who controls the meter.

For reporting purposes, the meter shall be considered two meters, one before the seal breakage and one after, and should be reported on that basis, noting the seal breakage on the return. The meter readings of the meter before the seal breakage shall be reported by meter number as usual. The meter readings after the meter was resealed shall be reported by using the meter number plus the letter "A." The two readings must appear on the same return schedule.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.3 and 452A.8 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, Senate File 136, and Iowa Code sections 452A.59 and 452A.62.

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**701—261.16(452A) Location of records—L.P.G. or C.N.G. users and dealers.** The records required to be prepared and kept by L.P.G. or C.N.G. dealers and users under Iowa Code section 452A.10 and 701—subrule 259.3(5) must be maintained at the location that appears on the license unless the following conditions are met:

**261.16(1)** If the licensee has more than one license, all of the records for each separate license may be kept at a central location so long as the records for each license are kept separated.

**261.16(2)** The central location where the records are kept is within the state unless:

- a. The licensee agrees to bring the records back into the state when requested to do so by the department for purposes of audit, or
- b. The licensee agrees to pay the cost (as defined in rule 701—259.4(452A)) of an out-of-state audit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.10 and 452A.74(2).

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All rules in 701—Chapters 259 and 260 apply if not specifically stated in this chapter.

The rules in 701—Chapters 259, 260, and 261 are effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 1996.

See 701—Chapters 63, 64 and 65 for rules in effect on or prior to December 31, 1995.

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CHAPTER 262  
ELECTRIC FUEL EXCISE TAX

**701—262.1(452A) Tax imposed.** Electric fuel excise tax must be remitted to the department by a licensed electric fuel dealer or licensed electric fuel user regardless of whether the licensed electric fuel dealer or licensed electric fuel user sells the fuel or gives the fuel to customers for no charge. This tax shall be calculated based on the kilowatt-hours of electric fuel delivered.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.41.  
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**701—262.2(452A) Licensing.**

**262.2(1) License requirements.**

*a. License required.* A person shall not sell or dispense electric fuel within this state at a location other than a residence or otherwise act as a licensed electric fuel dealer or user without a license. The holder of an electric fuel user's license is authorized to dispense electric fuel, measured in kilowatt-hours, into the batteries or other energy storage devices of electric motor vehicles owned or controlled by the holder.

*b. No license required for residential charging.* A person may dispense electric fuel at a residence without a license. "Residence" is defined in Iowa Code section 452A.40. For purposes of this rule, "residence" includes apartment buildings or other multiresidential facilities and houses regardless of whether the owner lives in the house. "Residence" does not include hotels, including extended-stay hotels, motels, or other facilities rented to transient guests.

EXAMPLE 1: Hotel A owns and operates an electric fuel charging station in its parking lot and offers electric fuel to its guests at no charge. Hotel A also owns an electric vehicle it uses as a shuttle for its guests and charges the vehicle at its charging station. Hotel A must obtain an electric fuel dealer's license because it dispenses fuel to customers as well as an electric fuel user's license because it charges its own vehicle at its charging station.

EXAMPLE 2: Hotel B hosts an electric fuel charging station in its parking lot and offers electric fuel to its guests for a fee. Hotel B owns an electric vehicle it uses as a shuttle for its guests and charges the vehicle at the charging station in its parking lot. The charging station in Hotel B's parking lot is owned by Station Retailer C. Station Retailer C must obtain an electric fuel dealer's license. Hotel B does not need to obtain an electric fuel license.

EXAMPLE 3: Homeowner D lists Homeowner D's house on a short-term home rental online platform. Homeowner D has an electric fuel charging station installed in the garage attached to the house. Guest E agrees to rent Homeowner D's house for a week. Guest E charges an electric vehicle using Homeowner D's charging station. Homeowner D does not need to obtain an electric fuel license.

EXAMPLE 4: Person F owns ten houses. Person F only resides in one of the houses and uses the other nine as rental properties. Person F does not need to obtain an electric fuel dealer license for any of the ten houses Person F owns.

EXAMPLE 5: Person G operates a motor carrier business as a sole proprietor. Person G owns an electric vehicle and uses the electric vehicle for the business. Person G operates the business from a residence and charges the electric vehicle at Person G's residence. Because Person G charges the electric vehicle at a residence, Person G does not need to obtain an electric fuel user license.

*c. No license required for entities only dispensing nontaxable electric fuel.* A person that only sells or dispenses electric fuel for which an exemption or refund may be claimed is not required to obtain a license to dispense such fuel.

EXAMPLE 1: Utility A is a municipal utility, wholly controlled by a municipality in Iowa. Utility A owns electric vehicle charging stations and only charges its own fleet of vehicles or other municipally owned vehicles at the charging stations. Utility A does not need an electric fuel user license since such sale or dispensing of electric fuel is not subject to tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 452A.17(1)"a"(3).

EXAMPLE 2: Utility B is a municipal utility, wholly controlled by a municipality in Iowa. Utility B owns electric vehicle charging stations where it charges its own fleet of vehicles. Utility B also allows

individuals or private businesses to charge electric vehicles at its charging stations. Because Utility B is selling or dispensing fuel for nonpublic purposes when individuals or private businesses use its charging stations, Utility B must obtain an electric fuel dealer license.

**262.2(2) License applications.** Applications for a license must be filed electronically via GovConnectIowa and must be complete with all information required under Iowa Code section 452A.42(2). Applications must indicate the date on which the applicant began or plans to begin selling or dispensing electric fuel.

**262.2(3) Electric fuel users.** An electric fuel user's license does not grant authority to the holder of the license to sell or dispense electric fuel to consumers. A person wishing to sell or dispense fuel for vehicles the person owns or controls as well as to a consumer shall obtain both an electric fuel user's license and an electric fuel dealer's license for each location from which electric fuel will be sold or dispensed.

**262.2(4) No fee imposed.** There is no fee to apply for or hold a license to sell or dispense electric fuel.

**262.2(5) License for each place of business or location.** A license is required for each separate place of business or location where electric fuel is placed into the battery or other storage device of an electric vehicle.

**262.2(6) Denial of license application.** The department may deny a license for any of the reasons provided in Iowa Code section 452A.42(4).

**262.2(7) Bonding procedures.** Existing license holders may be requested to post a bond or security when they have had two or more delinquencies in remitting the electric fuel tax or filing returns timely during the past 12 months. The bond or security will be an amount sufficient to cover 12 months' electric fuel tax liability or \$500, whichever is greater. The simultaneous late filing of the return and late payment of the tax will count as one delinquency. However, the late filing of the return or late payment of the tax will not count as a delinquency if the license holder can satisfy one of the penalty waiver conditions set forth in Iowa Code section 421.27. More information regarding waiver of bond is available in 701—paragraph 259.21(1)“e.”

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.17 and 452A.42.  
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### **701—262.3(452A) Filing of returns and payment of tax.**

**262.3(1) Required information on returns.** Licensed dealers and users of electric fuel must file with the department a biannual electric fuel excise tax return showing for each location where electric fuel is placed into the battery or other storage device of an electric vehicle the following information:

- a. The name and license number of the entity that owns the charging facility.
- b. In the case of a sole proprietorship, the individual owner's name.
- c. In the case of a partnership, the names of all partners.
- d. The location of the facility.
- e. Total number of kilowatt-hours delivered or placed into the battery or other storage device of an electric vehicle.

**262.3(2) Return and payment due date.** The electric fuel excise tax return shall be filed with the department no later than the last date of the month following the close of the tax periods prescribed in Iowa Code section 452A.41. The return shall be accompanied by remittance of the tax due for the period of the return.

**262.3(3) Electronic filing required.** Returns must be filed and payments are to be remitted electronically through [govconnect.iowa.gov](http://govconnect.iowa.gov).

**262.3(4) Consolidated return.** A license holder holding more than one license shall file one consolidated return reporting sales made at all locations for which a license is held.

**262.3(5) International Fuel Tax Agreement returns not impacted.** The electric fuel excise tax return is separate and independent from the tax returns required under the International Fuel Tax Agreement.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.41.  
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**701—262.4(452A) Charging station verification and testing.****262.4(1) Reporting of kilowatt-hours.**

*a.* Licensed dealers and users may rely upon the following methods to determine kilowatt-hours sold for reporting on a return:

- (1) Electric meters on which only electricity sold as electric fuel is measured.
- (2) Software included in a charging station that tracks kilowatt-hours that flow through the station.

*b.* If neither subparagraph 262.4(1)“a”(1) or 262.4(1)“a”(2) is available, prior to filing any returns, licensed dealers and users shall contact the department for approval of a method to calculate electricity used as electric fuel as determined by an electricity study.

**262.4(2) Testing of charging stations.** The department of agriculture and land stewardship shall test all charging stations owned by licensed dealers and users pursuant to standards set forth in Iowa Code section 452A.41. The department of agriculture and land stewardship will report to the department any charging station that is not compliant with those standards.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.41.

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**701—262.5(452A) Refunds.**

**262.5(1) Filing of refund claim.** Taxpayers seeking to claim a refund of electric fuel tax must obtain a refund permit pursuant to Iowa Code section 452A.44. Because returns will be filed and tax paid on a biannual basis, refund claims may be filed and will only be processed on a biannual basis after the tax period for which the refund is sought has closed.

**262.5(2) Sales tax.** Electric fuel used in an exempt manner may be subject to sales tax. Rule 701—260.13(452A) contains more information regarding reductions in refunds due to the applicability of sales or use tax on exempt electric fuel sales.

**262.5(3) International Fuel Tax Agreement refunds not impacted.** This refund process is separate and independent from any refund process authorized under 761—Chapter 505 related to the International Fuel Tax Agreement.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 452A.44.

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**701—262.6(452A) Exemption certificates.**

**262.6(1)** If electric fuel is sold or dispensed for a nontaxable purpose, the purchaser may complete and provide an exemption certificate produced by the department to the license holder. The certificate is to be retained by the license holder consistent with Iowa Code section 452A.43.

**262.6(2)** The exemption certificate must include but not be limited to the following information:

- a.* The date.
- b.* The license holder’s name.
- c.* The license holder’s electric fuel dealer or electric fuel user license number applicable to the sale.
- d.* The invoice number covering the fuel sold if it is sold by an electric fuel dealer.
- e.* An indication of the use to which the fuel will be put.
- f.* The name, address, and signature of the purchaser.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 452A.17 and 452A.43.

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CHAPTERS 263 to 268  
Reserved



CHAPTER 269  
ADMINISTRATION OF MARIJUANA AND  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES STAMP TAX

[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 91]

[Prior to 5/17/23, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 262]

**701—269.1(453B) Marijuana and controlled substances stamp tax.** Iowa Code chapter 453B imposes a tax on “dealers” who possess, distribute, or offer to sell “taxable substances” as defined therein. The taxes imposed by Iowa Code chapter 453B are due and payable immediately upon manufacture, production, acquisition, purchase, or possession by a dealer. Payment of the tax is evidenced by a stamp, label, or other official indicia permanently affixed to the taxable substance.

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**701—269.2(453B) Sales of stamps.** The director or the director’s authorized representative shall offer for sale to members of the public, during normal business hours, stamps which are capable of being affixed to taxable substances. The stamps shall be sold at the Hoover State Office Building, First Floor, Des Moines, Iowa, and at other locations as may be designated by the director.

The director shall offer for sale four different stamps: (1) a stamp for a substance consisting of or containing marijuana, (2) a stamp for taxable substances other than marijuana which are sold by weight, (3) a stamp for taxable substances other than marijuana which are not sold by weight, and (4) a stamp for each unprocessed marijuana plant. Each package or container which contains a taxable substance must have a stamp affixed to it. The stamps will be issued in denominations requested by the purchaser so long as the minimum purchase price for a single stamp purchase transaction is \$215 or more. In addition, the denomination of individual stamps cannot be less than the price for ten dosage units, multiples of ten dosage units, one whole gram, or multiples of one gram even if the stamp will be affixed to a package containing less than ten dosage units or multiples thereof, or only a portion of one gram or multiples thereof.

The director will accept payment for stamps in the form of cash, cashier’s check, or money order. Payment may not be made by personal check.

The stamps are valid for a period of six months from the date of issuance, and the stamps shall contain a statement that the stamps expire after six months from the date of issue. A stamp is “unused” and expires if it has not been affixed to taxable substances within six months of the date of issue.

Stamps may be purchased in person or by mail. Persons (including dealers) purchasing stamps are not required to provide identification such as their name or address when purchasing stamps. Neither the director nor any employee of the department shall reveal any information obtained from a stamp purchaser, nor shall information obtained from a stamp purchaser in the course of purchasing stamps be used against the stamp purchaser in any criminal proceeding, unless the information is independently obtained, except in connection with a proceeding involving taxes due under this chapter from the stamp purchaser against whom a tax was assessed.

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**701—269.3(453B) Refunds pertaining to unused stamps.** At any time up to 30 days after the expiration date as indicated on the stamp, any unused stamp may be returned to the department and a refund requested in accordance with Iowa Code section 422.73(1) and rules promulgated thereunder.

Refund information is confidential. Persons seeking a refund for an unused stamp must provide a name in which a refund can be made. However, neither the director nor any employee of the department shall reveal any information obtained from a refund claimant; nor shall information obtained from a refund claimant in the course of a refund claim for an unused stamp be used against the refund claimant in any criminal proceeding, unless the information is independently obtained, except in connection with a proceeding involving taxes under this chapter from the refund claimant against whom a tax was assessed or involving a counterfeit taxable substance tax stamp. If granted, the refund in the form of a warrant may, at the request of the refund claimant, either be picked up in person from the department at the

Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa, or sent by mail to an address designated by the refund claimant.

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CHAPTER 270  
LOCAL OPTION SALES AND SERVICES TAX

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department [730]]  
[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 107]

**701—270.1(423B) Definitions.**

**270.1(1) *Incorporation of definitions.*** To the extent it is consistent with Iowa Code chapter 423B and this chapter, all other words and phrases used in this chapter shall mean the same as defined in Iowa Code chapter 423B, Iowa Code section 423.1, and rule 701—200.1(423).

**270.1(2) *Chapter-specific definitions.*** For purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“*City*” means a municipal corporation and includes towns in Iowa which were incorporated prior to July 1, 1975, but a city does not mean a county, township, school district, or any special purpose district or authority.

“*Local option tax*” or “*local option taxes*” means the taxes imposed by Iowa Code chapter 423B.

“*Most recent certified federal census*” means the final count from the most recent decennial census conducted by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, as modified by subsequent certifications from the Bureau of the Census. If a subsequent certified census occurs which modifies the “most recent certified federal census” for a participating jurisdiction, then the formula set forth in this rule for computations for distribution of the tax shall reflect any population adjustments reported by the subsequent certified census.

“*Unincorporated area of the county*” means all areas of a county which are outside the corporate limits of all cities which are located within the geographical area of the county.

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**701—270.2(423B) Imposition of local option taxes and notification to the department.** This rule describes notification and other requirements as related to the department. For information on the election forms and instructions, see 721—Chapter 21.

**270.2(1) *Notice to the department.*** Within ten days of the election at which a majority of those voting on the question of imposition, repeal, or change in the rate of tax vote in favor, the county auditor must give notice of the election results to the director by sending a copy of the abstract of votes and a copy of the sample ballot from the election.

**270.2(2) *Avoiding a lapse in tax due to expiration of a former local option tax.*** A jurisdiction that has a local option tax that is set to expire may vote to impose another local option tax. However, due to the required imposition dates previously set forth, there may be a lapse in the tax because of an expiration of the former local option tax and the required imposition dates for imposition of a local option tax. Effective July 1, 2001, a local option jurisdiction may avoid a lapse in local option tax. To avoid a lapse in the tax, a jurisdiction may place on the ballot that the new local option tax will continue without repeal of the prior tax. If the required vote is in favor of imposition of the local option tax, the continued local option tax can be imposed so there is no lapse in the tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423B.1.

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**701—270.3(423B) Administration.**

**270.3(1) *Generally.*** The department is charged with the administration of the tax, once imposed, subject to the rules, regulations, and direction of the director. The department is required to administer the tax as nearly as possible in conjunction with the administration of the state sales tax.

**270.3(2) *Incorporation of 701—Chapter 11.*** Except as otherwise stated in this chapter, the requirements of 701—Chapter 11 shall apply to retailers required to collect local option taxes in the same manner that those requirements apply to all sellers and retailers making sales subject to state sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423B.6.

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**701—270.4(423B) Filing returns; payment of tax; penalty and interest.**

**270.4(1) Incorporation of 701—Chapter 202.** Except as otherwise stated in this chapter, the requirements of 701—Chapter 202 shall apply to retailers required to collect local option tax in the same manner as those requirements apply to all sellers and retailers making sales subject to state sales tax.

**270.4(2) Local tax collections not included to determine filing frequency.** Local option tax collections shall not be included in computation of the total tax to determine frequency of filing under Iowa Code section 423.31.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423B.6.  
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**701—270.5(423B) Permits.** Except as otherwise stated in this chapter, the requirements of 701—Chapter 201 shall apply to retailers required to collect local option tax in the same manner that those requirements apply to all sellers and retailers making sales subject to state sales tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423B.6.  
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**701—270.6(423B) Sales subject to local option sales and services tax.** All sales subject to sales tax under Iowa Code chapter 423 are subject to local option sales and services tax. There is no local option use tax.

**270.6(1) Sourcing.** The general sourcing rules described in Iowa Code section 423.15 and 701—Chapter 205 are used to determine whether a sale is subject to local option taxes and, if so, in what jurisdiction. A local sales and services tax is not applicable to transactions sourced to a place of business, as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1, of a retailer if such place of business is located in part within a city or unincorporated area of the county where the tax is not imposed.

**270.6(2) Sellers responsible for collecting local option sales and services tax.** Sales sourced to Iowa and made by sellers subject to Iowa Code section 423.1(48) or 423.14A are subject to local option sales and services tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423B.5(1).  
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**701—270.7(423B,423E) Sales not subject to local option tax, including transactions subject to Iowa use tax.** The local option sales and services tax is imposed upon the same basis as the Iowa state sales and services tax, with the following exceptions:

1. The sales price from the sale of or service of providing motor fuel or special fuel as defined under Iowa Code chapter 452A is subject to local option tax. However, the sales price from the sale or service of these types of fuels is exempt from local option tax if all of the following criteria are met:

- The motor or special fuel must be consumed by a motor vehicle for highway use, or used in watercraft or aircraft;

- Fuel tax must have been paid on the transaction; and

- A refund has not been or will not be allowed.

2. The sales price from the sale of natural gas or electricity in a city or county is exempt from tax if the sales price is subject to a franchise or user fee during the period the franchise or user fee is imposed.

3. A local taxing jurisdiction is prohibited from taxing the sales price from a pay television service consisting of a direct-to-home satellite service. Section 602 of the federal government's Telecommunications Act of 1996 defines a "direct-to-home satellite service" as "only programming transmitted or broadcast by satellite directly to the subscribers' premises or in the uplink process to the satellite." A "local taxing jurisdiction" is "any municipality, city, county, township, parish, transportation district, or assessment jurisdiction, or any other local jurisdiction in the territorial jurisdiction of the United States, with the authority to impose a tax or fee, but does not include a state."

4. The sales price from sales of equipment by the Iowa state department of transportation is exempt from local option sales tax.



5. Sales subject to Iowa use tax. Since the local option tax is imposed only on the same basis and not on any greater basis than the Iowa sales and services tax, local option tax is not imposed on any transactions subject to Iowa use tax, including the one-time registration fee applicable to vehicles subject to registration or subject only to the issuance of a certificate of title. Also, exemptions which are applicable only to Iowa use tax cannot be claimed to exempt any transaction subject to local option sales tax.

6. Local excise on gas and electricity. If a transaction involves the use of natural gas, natural gas service, electricity, or electric service, a local excise tax is imposed on the same basis as Iowa use tax under Iowa Code chapter 423. This local excise tax is to be collected and administered in the same manner as local option sales and services tax. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all rules governing local option sales and services tax also apply to local excise tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423B.5.

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### **701—270.8(423B) Local option sales and services tax payments to local governments.**

**270.8(1)** *County-imposed local sales and services tax; division of funds from accounts.* Division of the amount from each county's account to be distributed is done with these steps.

*a.* The total amount in the county's account to be distributed is first divided into two parts. One part is equal to 75 percent of the total amount to be distributed. The second part is the remainder to be distributed.

*b.* The part comprised of 75 percent of the total receipts to be distributed is further divided into an amount for each participating city or unincorporated area. This division is based upon the most recent certified federal census population and any subsequent certified census. Population for each participating city and unincorporated area is determined separately and totaled. The population for each sales tax imposing city or unincorporated area is divided by the total population to produce a percentage for each city or the unincorporated area. The percentages are rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of a percent with the total of all percentages equal to 100 percent. Each government's percentage is multiplied by 75 percent of the sales tax receipts to be distributed. Distributions are to be rounded to the nearest cent.

There are two types of certified federal censuses. The first is the usual decennial census which is always conducted throughout the entire area of any county imposing a local option sales tax.

The second type of certified federal census is the "interim" or "subsequent" census which is conducted between decennial censuses. An interim or subsequent census is not necessarily conducted within an entire county but may be used to count increases or decreases in only one or some of the jurisdictions within that county, for instance, one particular municipality. If an interim census is conducted within only certain participating jurisdictions of a county where a local option sales tax is imposed, the changes in population which that census reflects must be included within both the numerator and the denominator of the fraction which is used to compute the participating jurisdiction's share of the revenue from the county's account which is based on county population. See 1996 O.A.G. 10-22-96 (Miller to Richards). See also Example 3 of this rule for a demonstration of how an interim census can affect a population distribution formula.

*c.* The remaining 25 percent of the amount to be distributed is further divided based upon property taxes levied. The sum of property tax dollars to be used is the amount levied for the three years from July 1, 1982, through June 30, 1985, as obtained by using data from county tax rate reports and city tax rate reports compiled by the department of management. Property taxes levied by participating cities or the board of supervisors, if the local sales tax is imposed in unincorporated areas, are to be determined separately then totaled. The property tax amount for each sales tax imposing city and the board of supervisors, if the sales tax is imposed in unincorporated areas, is divided by the totaled property tax to produce a percentage. The percentages are rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of a percent with the total of all percentages equal to 100 percent. Each percentage is multiplied by 25 percent of the sales tax receipts to be distributed. Distributions are to be rounded to the nearest cent.

d. For each participating city, or the board of supervisors if unincorporated areas of the county participate, the amount determined in paragraph 270.8(1) "c" is added to the amount found in paragraph 270.8(1) "b." This amount is then to be remitted to the appropriate local government.

In order to illustrate the division of local option sales and services tax receipts, the following examples are provided. The numbers are shown in an attempt to reflect reality but are hypothetical.

EXAMPLE 1: If a local option sales tax is approved for all of Pottawattamie County, the distribution of \$100,000 in countywide receipts would be made in this manner:

Step 1:

<b>Distribution Basis</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Population	\$ 75,000.00
Property Taxes Levied	25,000.00
Total	<u>\$100,000.00</u>

Step 2:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Certified Population</b>		<b>Receipts to be Distributed</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	
Avoca	1,650	1.91%	\$ 1,432.50
Carson	716	0.83%	622.50
Carter Lake	3,438	3.98%	2,985.00
Council Bluffs	56,449	65.30%	48,975.00
Crescent	547	0.63%	472.50
Hancock	254	0.29%	217.50
Macedonia	279	0.32%	240.00
McClelland	177	0.20%	150.00
Minden	419	0.49%	367.50
Neola	839	0.97%	727.50
Oakland	1,552	1.80%	1,350.00
Treynor	981	1.13%	847.50
Underwood	448	0.52%	390.00
Walnut	897	1.04%	780.00
Unincorporated	<u>17,796</u>	<u>20.59%</u>	<u>15,442.50</u>
Total	<u>86,442</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>

NOTE: The portion of the city of Shelby in Pottawattamie County is excluded.

Step 3:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Three-Year Total Taxes Levied</b>		<b>Receipts to be</b>
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Distributed</b>
Avoca	\$ 454,556	0.82%	\$ 205.00
Carson	202,882	0.37%	92.50
Carter Lake	946,026	1.71%	427.50
Council Bluffs	30,290,732	54.81%	13,702.50
Crescent	7,732	0.01%	2.50
Hancock	56,705	0.10%	25.00
Macedonia	64,504	0.12%	30.00
McClelland	24,300	0.04%	10.00
Minden	155,112	0.28%	70.00
Neola	206,560	0.38%	95.00
Oakland	319,153	0.58%	145.00
Treynor	346,849	0.63%	157.50
Underwood	139,571	0.25%	62.50
Walnut	264,145	0.48%	120.00
Unincorporated	<u>21,782,457</u>	<u>39.42%</u>	<u>9,855.00</u>
Total	<u>\$55,262,284</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>

Step 4:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Amount to be Distributed</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>By Population</b>	<b>By Taxes</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
Avoca	\$ 1,432.50	\$ 205.00	\$ 1,637.50
Carson	622.50	92.50	715.00
Carter Lake	2,985.00	427.50	3,412.50
Council Bluffs	48,975.00	13,702.50	62,677.50
Crescent	472.50	2.50	475.00
Hancock	217.50	25.00	242.50
Macedonia	240.00	30.00	270.00
McClelland	150.00	10.00	160.00
Minden	367.50	70.00	437.50
Neola	727.50	95.00	822.50
Oakland	1,350.00	145.00	1,495.00
Treynor	847.50	157.50	1,005.00
Underwood	390.00	62.50	452.50
Walnut	780.00	120.00	900.00
Unincorporated	<u>15,442.50</u>	<u>9,855.00</u>	<u>25,297.50</u>
Total	<u>\$75,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>

EXAMPLE 2: If a local option sales tax is approved for Avoca, Oakland and Treynor in Pottawattamie County and \$10,000 is to be distributed, the distribution would be made in this manner:

Step 1:

<b>Distribution Basis</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Population	\$ 7,500.00
Property Taxes Levied	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

Step 2:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Certified Population</b>		<b>Receipts to be</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Distributed</b>
Avoca	1,650	39.45%	\$2,958.75
Oakland	1,552	37.10%	2,782.50
Treynor	<u>981</u>	<u>23.45%</u>	<u>1,758.75</u>
Total	<u>4,183</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>

Step 3:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Three-Year Total Taxes Levied</b>		<b>Receipts to be</b>
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Distributed</b>
Avoca	\$ 454,556	40.56%	\$1,014.00
Oakland	319,153	28.48%	712.00
Treynor	<u>346,849</u>	<u>30.96%</u>	<u>774.50</u>
Total	<u>\$1,120,558</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>

Step 4:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Amount to be Distributed</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>By Population</b>	<b>By Taxes</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
Avoca	\$2,958.75	\$1,014.00	\$ 3,972.75
Oakland	2,782.50	712.00	3,494.50
Treynor	<u>1,758.75</u>	<u>774.00</u>	<u>2,532.75</u>
Total	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

EXAMPLE 3: For the purposes of understanding this example, assume that the numbers for “certified population” from Step 2 of Example 2 immediately above are derived from the 1990 decennial census. Assume further that in 1993 an interim census is conducted by the Bureau of the Census in Avoca and Oakland only, and nowhere else in Pottawattamie County. As a result of that interim census, the Bureau of the Census certifies the population of Avoca to be 1,752 and the population of Oakland to be 1,493. The towns’ percentages of receipts to be distributed are recomputed in the following manner:

$$\text{Avoca's Percentage Equals } \frac{1752}{1752 + 1493 + 981} = 41.45\%$$

$$\text{Oakland's Percentage Equals } \frac{1493}{1493 + 1752 + 981} = 35.32\%$$

Amounts in Step 2 are then revised as follows:

Jurisdiction	Certified Population		Receipts to be
	Number	Percentage	Distributed
Avoca	1,752	41.46%	\$3,109.50
Oakland	1,493	35.33%	2,649.75
Treynor	<u>981</u>	<u>23.21%</u>	<u>1,740.75</u>
Total	<u>4,226</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>

The “amount to be distributed by population” found in Step 4 of Example 2 would then be recomputed based on the new figures.

**270.8(2) City-imposed local option sales and services tax.** For information on the distribution of city-imposed local sales and services tax, see Iowa Code section 423B.7(1).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423B.7.

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**701—270.9(423B) Allocation procedure when sourcing of local option sales tax remitted to the department is unknown.** If the director is unable to determine from which county local option sales tax was collected, that local option sales tax shall be allocated among the various counties in which local option sales and services tax is imposed according to the following procedure:

1. The calculations performed under this procedure shall be performed at least quarterly, but in no event less often than the treasurer of the state is obligated to distribute shares of each county’s account in the local sales and services tax fund.

2. The total amount of receipts for which the director is unable to determine a county of collection which have accumulated since the last allocation of these receipts shall be added together to form one lump sum.

3. The amount of population (according to the most recent certified federal census) within the areas of each individual county in which a local option sales and services tax is imposed shall be determined.

4. The amount of population so determined in “3” above for each county shall be added to the amount for every other county in Iowa in which the local option sales and services tax is imposed, until the figure for the amount of population of all areas of Iowa in which the local option sales and services tax is imposed is determined.

5. The sum determined to exist in “2” above shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the population of any one county determined in “3” above and the denominator of which is the number calculated by the method described in “4.” The procedure described herein in “5” shall be used until the amount of tax due to every county imposing local option sales and services tax is calculated. After calculations are complete, the treasurer of the state must distribute shares of each county’s account in the local sales and services tax fund. See rule 701—270.1(423B) for characterization of the term “most recent certified federal census” and rule 701—270.8(423B) for methods of rounding off percentages and monetary sums.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423B.7(1).

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**701—270.10(423B) Application of payments.** Since a combined state sales and local option return is utilized by the department, all payments received will be applied to satisfy state sales tax and local option sales and services tax, which include tax, penalty and interest. Application of payments received with the tax return and any subsequent payments received will be applied based on a ratio formula, unless properly designated by the taxpayer as provided in Iowa Code section 421.60(2) “d.” The ratio for applying all payments received with the return and all subsequent payments for the given tax period will be based upon the calculated total of state sales and local option sales and services tax due for the given tax period

in relation to combined total payment of sales and local option sales and services tax actually received for that tax period.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423B.7.  
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**701—270.11(423B) Motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, and recreational boat rental subject to local option sales and services tax.** For information on when motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, and recreational boat rentals are subject to local option sales and services tax, see rule 701—26.68(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423B.3.  
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**701—270.12(423B) Computation of local option tax due from mixed sales on excursion boats.** Particular difficulties exist in calculating the amount of local option sales tax due for sales occurring on an excursion gambling boat sailing into and out of jurisdictions imposing the local option sales tax. Ordinarily, whether local option sales tax is payable to a particular jurisdiction is based on destination sourcing. See Iowa Code section 423.15 and 701—Chapter 205. However, it can be quite difficult to determine if a moving excursion gambling boat is at any one point in time within or outside of a jurisdiction imposing the local option tax. Thus, it is difficult to determine if a delivery of property or provision of a service on the boat has occurred inside or outside of a local option tax jurisdiction. Because of this, the department will accept the use of any formula which rationally apportions the progress of an excursion gambling boat among jurisdictions which impose a local option tax and those that do not.

Below are four examples setting out two possible formulas for apportionment. Examples A and C utilize a “distance” formula for apportionment. Examples B and D utilize a “time” formula for apportionment. In Examples A and B, state sales tax is included in the sales price of the taxable items. In Examples C and D, state sales tax is added to taxable gross receipts. In all examples, local option sales tax is included in the sales price; also, for every example, it is assumed that the local option sales tax rate is 1 percent in every jurisdiction where it is imposed.

EXAMPLE A: The excursion gambling boat “Auric” is based in Clinton. Assume that during a particular cruise there occurs \$10,000 worth of vending machine and nongambling game sales. State sales tax and local option tax must be included in the amounts charged for these vending machine and nongambling game sales. Assume that the Auric, on an ordinary cruise, travels round trip for 50 miles on the Mississippi River, 25 of those miles through waters which are part of a local option sales tax jurisdiction and 25 of those miles which are not. The amount of state sales tax due and the amount of local option sales tax (LOST) due using a “distance” apportionment formula are determined as follows:

1.  $(25 \div 50) \times 0.01 = 0.005$
- (miles in LOST jurisdiction  $\div$  total miles)  $\times$  LOST rate = effective LOST rate
2.  $1 + 0.06 + 0.005 = 1.065$
- $1 + \text{state sales tax rate} + \text{effective LOST rate} = (1 + \text{effective total tax rate})$
3.  $\$10,000.00 \div 1.065 = \$9,389.67$
- Gross receipts  $\div$  (1 + effective total tax rate) = total sales
4.  $\$9,389.67 \times 0.06 = \$563.38$
- Total sales  $\times$  state tax rate = state tax amount
5.  $\$9,389.67 \times 0.005 = \$46.95$
- Total sales  $\times$  effective LOST rate = LOST amount
6.  $\$563.38 + \$46.95 = \$610.33$
- State tax amount + LOST amount = total tax amount

EXAMPLE B: The excursion gambling boat “Blue Diamond” is based in Davenport. Assume that, as in Example A, during a particular cruise there occurs \$10,000 worth of vending machine and nongambling game sales. Again, state sales tax and local option tax are included in the amounts charged for these vending machine and nongambling game sales. The Blue Diamond spends three hours on the water during an ordinary cruise. One hour is spent sailing in waters where no local option sales tax is imposed; two hours are spent in waters where the local option tax is imposed. In this case, the

Blue Diamond's operator can use a formula based on time spent sailing inside and outside of a local option tax-imposing jurisdiction rather than distance traveled within and without such a jurisdiction as in Example A, so long as there is a reasonable amount of evidence to indicate that the formula reflects with some accuracy the ratio of nontaxable and taxable sales. The calculation is performed as follows:

1.  $(2 \div 3) \times 0.01 = 0.00666$   
(hours in LOST jurisdiction  $\div$  total hours)  $\times$  LOST rate = effective LOST rate
2.  $1 + 0.06 + 0.00666 = 1.06666$   
1 + state sales tax rate + effective LOST rate = (1 + effective total tax rate)
3.  $\$10,000.00 \div 1.06666 = \$9,375.06$   
Gross receipts  $\div$  (1 + effective total tax rate) = total sales
4.  $\$9,375.06 \times 0.06 = \$562.50$   
Total sales  $\times$  state tax rate = state tax amount
5.  $\$9,375.06 \times 0.00666 = \$62.44$   
Total sales  $\times$  effective LOST rate = LOST amount
6.  $\$562.50 + \$62.44 = \$624.94$   
State tax due + LOST due = total tax amount

EXAMPLE C: The excursion gambling boat "Golconda" is based in Dubuque, Iowa. On an ordinary cruise, it will travel a round trip of 50 miles on the Mississippi River. During 25 of those 50 miles the Golconda is passing through waters which are part of a local option sales tax jurisdiction. Assume that on one particular cruise, \$100,000 in taxable gross receipts is collected on the boat. Local option sales tax is included in the \$100,000 amount but not state sales tax. Thus, the total amount collected is \$106,000; \$100,000 in gross receipts, \$6,000 in state sales tax. Local option tax is calculated as follows:

1.  $(25 \div 50) \times 0.01 = 0.005$   
(miles in LOST jurisdiction  $\div$  total miles)  $\times$  LOST rate = effective LOST rate
2.  $1 + 0.005 = 1.005$   
1 + effective LOST rate
3.  $\$100,000.00 \div 1.005 = \$99,502.49$   
Gross receipts including LOST  $\div$  (1 + effective LOST rate) = total sales
4.  $\$99,502.49 \times 0.06 = \$5,970.15$   
Total sales  $\times$  state tax rate = state tax amount
5.  $\$100,000.00 - 99,502.49 = \$497.51$   
Gross receipts including LOST - total sales = LOST amount
6.  $\$5,970.15 + \$497.51 = \$6,467.66$   
State tax due + LOST due = total tax amount
7.  $\$99,502.49 + \$497.51 + \$5,970.15 = \$105,970.15$   
Total sales + LOST amount + state tax amount = total amount collected by vendor

EXAMPLE D: The excursion gambling boat "Black Jack" is based in Davenport. Assume that during a particular cruise there is \$150,000 in taxable gross receipts collected on the Black Jack. The full amount collected is \$159,000; \$9,000 in state sales tax and \$150,000 in gross receipts. The Black Jack spends three hours on the water during an ordinary cruise. One hour is spent sailing in waters where no local option sales tax is imposed; two hours are spent in waters where the local option tax is imposed. In this case, as in Example B, the Black Jack's operator can use a formula based on time spent sailing inside and outside of a local option tax-imposing jurisdiction rather than distance traveled within and without such a jurisdiction so long as there is a reasonable amount of evidence to indicate that the formula reflects with some accuracy the ratio of nontaxable and taxable sales. In this example tax is computed as follows:

1.  $(2 \div 3) \times 0.01 = 0.00666$  effective LOST rate  
(hours in LOST jurisdiction  $\div$  total hours)  $\times$  LOST rate = effective LOST rate
2.  $1 + 0.00666 = 1.00666$   
1 + effective LOST rate
3.  $\$150,000.00 \div 1.00666 = \$149,007.61$   
Gross receipts including LOST but not state tax  $\div$  (1 + effective LOST rate) = total sales

$$4. \quad \$149,007.61 \times 0.06 = \$8,940.46$$

Total sales  $\times$  state tax rate = state tax amount

$$5. \quad \$150,000.00 - 149,007.61 = \$992.39$$

Gross receipts including LOST but not state tax - total sales = LOST amount

$$6. \quad \$8,940.46 + \$992.39 = \$9,932.85$$

State tax amount + LOST amount = total tax amount

$$7. \quad \$149,007.61 + \$992.39 + \$8,940.46 = \$158,940.46$$

Total sales + LOST amount + state tax amount = total amount collected by vendor

Upon beginning operation, a licensee may choose to employ either the “distance” method of apportionment set out in Examples A and C or the “time” method set out in B and D above without informing the department in advance of filing a sales tax return of the licensee’s choice. A licensee cannot use both methods of apportionment. If a licensee commencing operation wishes to use another method of apportionment, the licensee must petition the department for permission to use this alternative method and present whatever evidence the department shall rationally require that the alternative method better reflects the ratio of taxable to nontaxable sales before using the alternative method. Any licensee wishing to change from any existing method of apportionment to another method must also petition the department and receive permission to change its method of apportionment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99F.10(6) and 423B.5.

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CHAPTER 271  
NEW SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND SERVICES TAX—  
EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER APRIL 1, 2003, THROUGH FISCAL YEARS  
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 109]

These rules govern school infrastructure local option sales and services taxes that are voted on and approved on and after April 1, 2003. Taxes imposed on and after April 1, 2003, automatically expire after ten years of imposition or less if stated in the ballot proposition. Regardless of when the school infrastructure local option sales and services tax was approved, the term, or the date of repeal in a ballot proposition, all school infrastructure local option sales and services taxes will automatically repeal on December 31, 2022.

Payments of the tax revenue under this chapter are based on estimates and projections. Accordingly, if an overpayment of tax to a school district occurs, subsequent payments to that school district will be adjusted to recoup the overpayment.

**701—271.1(422E) Use of revenues and definitions.**

**271.1(1) Use of revenues.** Revenues from this tax may be used for the following:

*a.* “School infrastructure needs,” which are activities that a school district has authorized by contract of indebtedness and the issuance of general obligation bonds under Iowa Code section 296.1 and payment or retirement of outstanding bonds previously issued for school infrastructure as defined in this chapter. “School infrastructure needs” does not include activities related to a school teacher’s or school superintendent’s home or homes. Allowed “activities” consist of the following: construction; reconstruction; repair; demolition work; purchases for construction or remodeling of schoolhouses, stadiums, gyms, fieldhouses, and bus garages. Allowed “activities” include all activities in which revenues are allowed to be expended under Iowa Code Supplement section 298.3, which include: purchase and improvement of grounds; construction of schoolhouses or building and opening roads to these facilities; purchase of buildings; purchase, lease or lease-purchase of equipment or technology exceeding \$500 value per unit; payment of debts contracted for the erection of schoolhouses or buildings; procuring or acquisition of library facilities; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings, and any additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation; rental of facilities under Iowa Code chapter 28E; purchase of transportation equipment for transporting students; lease-purchase agreements for school buildings and equipment exceeding \$5,000 per single unit; equipment purchases for recreational purposes; payments to municipalities or other entities as required in Iowa Code section 403.19(2); and activities set forth under the educational and recreational tax as provided in Iowa Code section 300.2.

*b.* Property tax relief. Revenues from this school infrastructure local option sales and services tax may be used to provide property tax relief.

**271.1(2) Definitions.** The following definitions shall be used in interpreting the rules of this chapter:

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of revenue.

“*Director*” means the director of the Iowa department of revenue.

“*Guaranteed school infrastructure amount*” or “*guaranteed amount or payment*” means an amount of revenues from the school infrastructure local option sales and services tax to be received by a school district based on the statewide tax revenues per student, multiplied by the quotient of the tax rate percentage imposed in the county, divided by 1 percent and multiplied by the quotient of the number of quarters the tax is imposed during the fiscal year, divided by four quarters.

“*Sales tax capacity per student*” means the estimated amount of revenues that a school district receives or would receive if a school infrastructure local option sales and services tax is imposed at 1 percent in the county pursuant to Iowa Code Supplement section 422E.2, divided by the school district’s actual enrollment. Actual enrollment for a school district is obtained from the department of education as provided in 271.4(1).

“*Statewide tax revenues per student*” currently means \$575 per student. The general assembly shall review this amount annually to determine its appropriateness.

“*Supplemental school infrastructure amount*” or “*supplemental amount*” or “*supplemental payment*” means the guaranteed school infrastructure amount for the school district less its pro-rata share of the school infrastructure local option sales and services tax as provided in 271.4(1).  
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**701—271.2(422E) Imposition of tax.** For a school infrastructure local option sales and services tax to be valid, it must be imposed in accordance with the following:

**271.2(1) *Petition for the tax.*** A petition requesting imposition of the tax must be submitted to the board of supervisors or by motion of a school district or school districts.

**271.2(2) *Ballot.*** A ballot proposition must be substantially similar to the petition by the board of supervisors or motions of the school district(s). The ballot must include the rate of tax, imposition and repeal date, and the specific purpose or purposes for which the revenues will be expended. The form of the ballot is governed by the state commissioner of elections.

**271.2(3) *Publication.*** The ballot for the imposition of the tax must be published to notify voters of the desire for the tax and the particulars concerning the tax. The notice consisting of the ballot for the tax must be published at least 60 days prior to the election on imposition of the tax.

**271.2(4) *Rate of tax.*** The rate of tax must not be more than 1 percent.

**271.2(5) *Proposition of the tax.*** Only a county commissioner of elections shall submit the question of imposition of the tax to the voters.

**271.2(6) *Election.*** The election regarding imposition of the tax must be held at least 60 days after publication of the notice of the ballot for this tax. The election must be held at the state general election or a special election. An election regarding imposition of the tax shall not be held at a city regular election.

*a. Election necessary.* Elections are necessary to impose, repeal, or change the rate of the tax, or to change the use in revenues from the tax. Elections for repeal, change in rate, or change in use must be held in the same manner as the election for imposition. If an election is held for change in use of the revenues from the tax, the election must be held only in the school district where the change in use is proposed to occur.

*b. Effective dates.* The following dates govern the imposition and repeal of the tax:

(1) Effective dates must be no sooner than 90 days following the favorable election to approve the tax. The tax may only be imposed with an effective date of January 1 or July 1.

(2) Repeal dates must be no sooner than 90 days following a favorable election to repeal the tax. Repeal must occur on either June 30 or December 31. All school infrastructure local option sales and services tax under this chapter is repealed effective December 31, 2022, regardless of the repeal date in the ballot of the tax. The tax cannot be extended beyond December 31, 2022.

The tax shall not be repealed nor the rate of tax reduced if obligations are outstanding which are payable as provided in Iowa Code Supplement section 422E.4. However, this provision does not apply to the repeal of the tax on December 31, 2022.

*c. Notice of election result.* Within 10 days after the election at which there was a vote favoring imposition, repeal or change in rate, the county auditor must send a written notice of the election results to the director. The notice must be a copy of the abstract of votes from the favorable election.

*d. Election costs.* Cost of an election shall be apportioned among the school districts within the county on a pro-rata basis in proportion to the number of registered voters in each school district who reside within the county and the total number of registered voters within the county.

**271.2(7) *Revenue purpose statement.*** No later than 60 days prior to the election, each school district located in the county may submit a revenue purpose statement to the county commissioner. The revenue purpose statement states the specific purpose or purposes for which the tax or supplemental amount will be expended. Such purposes are limited to those set forth in 701—271.1(422E). A copy of the revenue purpose statement must be made available for public inspection, posted at the appropriate polling places of each school district during polling hours, and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district no sooner than 20 days and no later than 10 days prior to the election on imposition of the tax.

**271.2(8) Lack of a revenue purpose statement or remaining revenues.** If a revenue purpose statement is not filed 60 days prior to the election or if revenues remain after fulfilling the purpose specified in the revenue purpose statement, the revenues must be used to reduce the following levies in the following order:

- a. Bond levies under Iowa Code sections 298.18 and 298.18A and all other debt levies, until the moneys received or the levies are reduced to zero.
- b. The regular physical plant and equipment levy under Iowa Code section 298.2 until the moneys received or the levy is reduced to zero.
- c. The voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy and income surtax, if any, under Iowa Code section 298.2, until the moneys received or the levy and income surtax, if any, are reduced to zero.
- d. The public educational and recreational levy under Iowa Code section 300.2, until the moneys received or the levy is reduced to zero.
- e. The schoolhouse tax levy under Iowa Code section 278.1, subsection 7 (Code 1989), until the moneys received or the levy is reduced to zero.
- f. Any money remaining after the reduction of the above levies may be used for any authorized infrastructure purpose of a school district.

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**701—271.3(422E) Application of law.** All provisions found in 701—Chapter 270, which governs the collection of regular local option school infrastructure sales and services tax, are applicable to this chapter unless specific changes are set forth in this chapter. Consequently, the collection of tax by retailers and the transactions exempt from this tax are the same as in 701—Chapter 270.

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**701—271.4(422E) Collection of tax and distribution.** When the director receives school infrastructure local option sales and services taxes from retailers, the director shall credit tax receipts, interest, and penalty to the school district's corresponding account within the secure an advanced vision for education (SAVE) fund as provided in Iowa Code Supplement section 422E.3A. Credits shall be made to accounts within SAVE that are maintained in the name of the school districts within the county. If the director cannot determine from which county receipts were collected, then the receipts must be allocated among the possible counties based on the department's allocation rules set forth below.

**271.4(1) Pro-rata share based on enrollment.** By June 1 preceding each fiscal year the director must compute the guaranteed school infrastructure amount for each school district, each school district's sales tax capacity per student, and the supplemental school infrastructure amount for the coming fiscal year. Each school district that has approved imposition of the tax under this chapter shall receive a guaranteed distribution amount of the tax revenues. Revenues from this tax will be allocated to each school district's respective account by the department. If a county has more than one school district or a portion of a school district, tax revenues must be remitted to each school district or portion of a school district in which the tax is imposed on a pro-rata basis. The allocation on the pro-rata basis will be based upon the ratio of the actual enrollment for the school district that attends school in the county to the total combined actual enrollments for all of the school districts that attend school in the county. The formula to compute this ratio is the following:

$$\frac{\text{Actual enrollment for the school district}}{\text{Total combined actual enrollments of all school districts in county}}$$

Combined actual enrollment for a county is based on actual enrollment figures reported by October 1 by the department of education to the department of management. The actual enrollment figures are forwarded by March 1 annually to the department of revenue so the department can compute estimate payments for the following fiscal year.

School districts that voted on and approved a school infrastructure local option sales and services tax prior to April 1, 2003, but seek to not have distribution under this new computation formula shall

not be included in the computations of estimates for the county or counties in which the school district is located.

If a school district is located in more than one county, the amount to be distributed to that school district will be computed separately for each county based on the school district's actual enrollment in each county.

**271.4(2) Jurisdictions with tax approved prior to April 1, 2003.** Jurisdictions that approved implementation of this tax prior to April 1, 2003, shall receive revenues based on the following formulas:

*a.* Prior to April 1, 2003, approval and above per student capacity. A school district that approved the school infrastructure local option sales and services tax prior to April 1, 2003, and has a sales tax capacity per student above the guaranteed school infrastructure amount set forth in 701—271.1(422E) will receive an amount equal to its pro-rata share as computed in 271.4(1). A school district may elect to change the amount it receives and receive its distribution based on 271.4(1) for all subsequent years for the duration of the term of the tax for that jurisdiction. To receive this distribution, a school district must have passed a resolution by October 1, 2003, to agree to receive distribution of the revenues from the tax based on the full amount to be received under 701—Chapter 270.

*b.* Prior to April 1, 2003, approval and below per student capacity. A school district that approved the school infrastructure local option sales and services tax prior to April 1, 2003, and has a sales tax capacity per student below the guaranteed school infrastructure amount will receive an amount equal to its pro-rata share as computed in 271.4(1) and receive a supplemental amount as defined in 701—271.1(422E) for the remainder of the term of the tax in that jurisdiction. A school district may opt out of receiving this supplemental amount and choose to receive its distribution based on 271.4(1) for all subsequent years for the duration of the term of the tax for that jurisdiction. To opt out, a school district must have passed a resolution by October 1, 2003, to agree to receive distribution of the revenues from the tax based on the full amount to be received under 701—Chapter 270.

**271.4(3) Jurisdictions with tax voted on and approved on or after April 1, 2003.** Jurisdictions that have approved implementation of this tax on or after April 1, 2003, will receive revenues based on the following formulas:

*a.* A school district that has voted on and approved this tax on or after April 1, 2003, will receive an amount equal to its pro-rata share as computed in 271.4(1), not to exceed its guaranteed amount revenues. If a school district's pro-rata share does not meet the guaranteed amount of revenues then the district must receive a supplemental amount.

*b.* A school district that approves the continuation of the tax on or after April 1, 2003, will receive an amount equal to its pro-rata share as computed in 271.4(1), not to exceed its guaranteed amount. However, if the school district's pro-rata share is less than its guaranteed amount, the school district will receive a supplemental amount.

It must be noted that payment to a school district shall not exceed the guaranteed school district amount. A school district that qualifies for a supplemental payment shall not receive more than the guaranteed amount in any subsequent year.

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**701—271.5(422E) Insufficient funds.** There may arise a deficiency in the SAVE fund to pay the supplemental payments in full. In this situation, the amount available in the SAVE fund must first be used to increase the amount to the school district with the lowest sales tax capacity per student to an amount equal to the amount for the school district or school districts with the next lowest sales tax capacity per student, and then increase the amount to school districts to an amount equal to the amount for the school district or school districts with the next lowest sales tax capacity per student and continue on in this manner until money is no longer available or all school districts reach their guaranteed school infrastructure amount.

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**701—271.6(422E) Use of revenues by the school district.** Nothing in these rules prevents a school district from using its sales tax capacity per student or its guaranteed amount to pay principal and interest on obligations issued pursuant to Iowa Code Supplement section 422E.4.

**271.6(1) Districts with below guaranteed amount.** School districts with a sales tax capacity per student below its guaranteed amount must use the amount equal to its supplemental amount to pay principal and interest on outstanding bonds previously issued for school infrastructure needs as set forth in Iowa Code Supplement section 422E.1(3). Any money remaining after the payment of these obligations may be used for authorized infrastructure purposes of the school district. After July 1, 2003, an election may be held for voters in the school district to approve a revenue purpose statement which includes items for which the additional revenues may be expended after payment of the district's bond obligations.

**271.6(2) Spending limitation on small enrollment—certificate of need.** A school district shall not expend the supplemental amount received for new construction or for payments for bonds issued for new construction. In order to expend supplemental money for new construction or bonds for new construction, the school district must, prior to expenditure, apply to the department of education for a certificate of need.

To determine whether a certificate of need should be issued or denied, see Iowa Code Supplement section 422E.3A(6) or the rules of the department of education for factors that will be considered.

A certificate of need for the above-defined school districts is not required in order to pay the following:

*a.* Outstanding bonds issued for new construction pursuant to Iowa Code section 296.1, prior to April 1, 2003.

*b.* To repair schoolhouses or buildings, equipment, technology, or transportation equipment for transporting students as set forth in Iowa Code Supplement section 298.3; or

*c.* Construction necessary to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101-12117.

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**701—271.7(422E) Bonds.** Negotiable, interest-bearing school bonds may be issued by the school district's board of directors without an election. Revenues from tax imposed under this chapter must be used to repay principal and interest of these bonds. Proceeds from these bonds must be used only for school infrastructure needs as defined in this chapter. These bonds may only be issued by a school district that has imposed tax under this chapter. The maximum period for principal on bonds to be payable cannot exceed the date of repeal stated in the ballot proposition.

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**701—271.8(422E) 28E agreements.** A school district which has imposed the tax under this chapter has the authority to enter into an agreement authorized and defined in Iowa Code chapter 28E with one or more cities whose boundaries encompass all or a part of the area of the school district. Such an agreement will set forth a designated amount of revenues that a city or each city may receive from the tax imposed under this chapter. A city or cities entering into an Iowa Code chapter 28E agreement are authorized to expend their designated portion of taxes imposed under this chapter for any valid purpose permitted and defined under this chapter as a school infrastructure purpose or for any purpose authorized by the governing body of the city.

A school district where school infrastructure local option sales and services tax is imposed is also authorized to enter into an Iowa Code chapter 28E agreement with another school district which is located partially or entirely in or is contiguous to the county where the tax is imposed. The school district shall expend its designated portion of the school infrastructure local option sales and services tax revenues only for infrastructure purposes.

A county entering into an Iowa Code chapter 28E agreement with a school district in which tax under this chapter has been imposed is authorized to expend its designated portion of such tax revenues to provide property tax relief within the boundaries of the school district located in the county.

Effective July 1, 2003, a school district that has imposed tax under this chapter may enter into an Iowa Code chapter 28E agreement with a community college or area education agency that is located partially or entirely in or is contiguous to the county where the tax is imposed. The community college must expend its designated portion of the tax under this chapter only for infrastructure purposes. The area education agency must expend its designated portion of the tax under this chapter only for infrastructure and maintenance purposes.

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CHAPTER 272  
FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM  
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**701—272.1(418) Flood mitigation program.** The flood mitigation program is a program administered by the flood mitigation board with the assistance of the Iowa department of homeland security and emergency management to assist governmental entities in undertaking projects approved under Iowa Code chapter 418. This chapter sets forth the revenue department's administration of the calculation of sales tax increment funding and the remittance of such funding to governmental entities. The administrative rules for other aspects of the flood mitigation program may be found at 605—Chapter 14.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 418 and section 423.2(11).  
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**701—272.2(418) Definitions.**

“*Area*” means the area used to determine the sales tax increment as described in subrule 272.3(2).

“*Base year*” means the fiscal year ending during the calendar year in which the governmental entity's project is approved by the flood mitigation board under Iowa Code section 418.1.

“*Board*” means the flood mitigation board as created in Iowa Code section 418.5.

“*Corresponding quarter*” means the quarter in the base year and the quarter in the year in which the increment is measured that end in the same month. For example, if the base year is fiscal year 2013 and the year in which the increment is first measured is 2014, then the quarter ending in September 2012 of the base year would correspond to the quarter ending in September 2014 of the calendar year.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of revenue.

“*Governmental entity*” means any of the following:

1. A county.
2. A city.
3. A joint board or other legal or administrative entity established or designated in an agreement pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 28E between any of the following:
  - Two or more cities located in whole or in part within the same county.
  - A county and one or more cities that are located in whole or in part within the county.
  - A county, one or more cities that are located in whole or in part within the county, and a drainage district formed by mutual agreement under Iowa Code section 468.142 located in whole or in part within the county.

“*Project*” means the construction and reconstruction of levees, embankments, impounding reservoirs, or conduits that are necessary for the protection of property from the effects of floodwaters and may include the deepening, widening, alteration, change, diversion, or other improvement of watercourses if necessary for the protection of such property from the effects of floodwaters. A project may consist of one or more phases of construction or reconstruction that are contracted for separately if the larger project, of which the project is a part, otherwise meets the requirements of Iowa Code section 418.4.

“*Retail establishment*” means a business operated by a retailer as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1.

“*Sales subject to the tax*” means the sales made by retail establishments in the area that are taxable under Iowa Code section 423.2.

“*Sales tax*” means the sales and services tax imposed pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.2.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 418.1.

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**701—272.3(418) Sales tax increment calculation.**

**272.3(1) Sales tax increment calculation formula.** The department shall calculate quarterly the amount of increased sales tax revenues for each governmental entity approved to use sales tax increment revenues and the amount of such revenues to be transferred to the sales tax increment fund pursuant to

Iowa Code section 423.2(11) “b.” The department shall calculate the amount of the sales tax increment as follows:

*a.* Determine the amount of sales subject to the tax under Iowa Code section 423.2 in each applicable area specified in subrule 272.3(2) during the corresponding quarter in the base year from retail establishments in such areas. The base year shall be calculated when the period for processing returns for the final quarter in the base year is complete.

*b.* Determine the amount of sales subject to the tax under Iowa Code section 423.2 in each applicable area specified in subrule 272.3(2) during the corresponding quarter in each subsequent calendar year from retail establishments in such areas.

*c.* Subtract the base year quarterly amount determined under paragraph 272.3(1) “a” from the subsequent calendar year quarterly amount in paragraph 272.3(1) “b.”

*d.* If the amount determined under paragraph 272.3(1) “c” is positive, the product of the amount determined under paragraph 272.3(1) “c” multiplied by the tax rate imposed under Iowa Code section 423.2 shall constitute the amount of increased sales tax revenue.

*e.* Only sales that are made by retail establishments in the area are taken into consideration when the sales subject to tax are determined. Sales otherwise sourced to the area are not considered in the calculation.

**272.3(2) Area used to determine the increment.** The area used to determine the sales tax increment shall include:

*a.* For projects approved for a governmental entity as defined in Iowa Code section 418.1(4) “a,” only the unincorporated areas of the county.

*b.* For projects approved for a governmental entity as defined in Iowa Code section 418.1(4) “b,” only the incorporated areas of the city.

*c.* For projects approved for a governmental entity as defined in Iowa Code section 418.1(4) “c,” the incorporated areas of each city that is participating in the chapter 28E agreement, the unincorporated areas of the participating county, and the area of any participating drainage district not otherwise included in the areas of the participating cities or county, as applicable.

**272.3(3) Identification of retailers.** Each governmental entity shall assist the department of revenue in identifying retail establishments in the governmental entity’s applicable area that are collecting sales tax. This process shall be ongoing until the governmental entity ceases to utilize sales tax revenue under this chapter.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 418.11.

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#### **701—272.4(418) Sales tax increment fund.**

**272.4(1) Establishment of the sales tax increment fund.** A sales tax increment fund is established as a separate and distinct fund in the state treasury under the control of the department. The fund consists of the amount of the increased state sales and services tax revenues collected by the department within each applicable area specified in Iowa Code section 418.11(3) and deposited in the fund pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.2(11) “b.” Moneys deposited in the fund are appropriated to the department for the purposes of this rule. Moneys in the fund shall only be used for the purposes of this rule.

**272.4(2) Sales tax increment accounts.** An account is created within the fund for each governmental entity that has adopted a resolution under Iowa Code section 418.4(3) “d.”

**272.4(3) Deposits into the sales tax increment fund.** The department shall deposit in the fund the moneys described in subrule 272.4(1) beginning the first day of the quarter following receipt of a resolution under Iowa Code section 418.4(3) “d.” However, in no case shall a sales tax increment be calculated under Iowa Code section 418.11 or such moneys be deposited in the fund under this rule prior to January 1, 2014. Additionally, moneys will not be deposited in the fund before the period for processing returns for a given quarter is complete.

**272.4(4) Requests for remittances; limitations.**



a. Upon request of a governmental entity, the department shall remit the moneys in the governmental entity's account within the fund to the governmental entity for deposit in the governmental entity's flood project fund. Such requests shall be made not more than quarterly. Requests for remittance shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the department.

b. In lieu of quarterly requests, a governmental entity may submit a certified schedule of principal and interest payments on bonds issued under Iowa Code section 418.4. If such a certified schedule is submitted, the department shall, subject to the remittance limitations of this chapter, remit from the governmental entity's account to the governmental entity for deposit in the governmental entity's flood project fund the amounts necessary for such principal and interest payments in accordance with the certified schedule.

c. A governmental entity shall not during any fiscal year receive remittances under this rule exceeding \$15 million or 70 percent of the total yearly amount of increased sales tax increment revenue in the governmental entity's applicable area and deposited in the governmental entity's account or the annual maximum amount established by the board pursuant to Iowa Code section 418.9(4), whichever is less.

d. The total amount of remittances during any fiscal year for all governmental entities approved to use sales tax revenues under this chapter shall not exceed, in the aggregate, \$30 million. Remittances from the department of revenue shall be deposited in the governmental entity's flood project fund under Iowa Code section 418.13.

e. Each quarter, the department will transfer into the sales tax increment fund the full amount of the increased sales tax subject to the limitations stated in this rule. The director of the department may adjust the amount transferred during the year if it becomes apparent that the total amount transferred will exceed the limitations stated in this rule. If, when the total of all the transfers made to a governmental entity during the year is calculated at the end of the fiscal year, it is determined that the governmental entity received more than the maximum amount permissible under this rule, the department may withhold funds in the subsequent fiscal year to recoup the excess payments.

f. If the governmental entity has unused funds from a prior quarter in its account within the sales tax increment fund, subject to paragraphs 272.4(4) "a" to "e," those funds will be available in subsequent quarters so long as the amount is necessary for the purposes of this chapter.

**272.4(5) Authorized expenditures.**

a. Requests for remittance shall be made for the amount of moneys in the governmental entity's account necessary to pay the governmental entity's costs or obligations related to the project, according to the sales tax revenue funding needs specified in the approved project plan.

b. Allowed costs or obligations under Iowa Code section 418.13(1) include the costs of the approved project, reimbursements for funds advanced internally or to help make payments on bonds incurred to pay for approved projects, and principal and interest on bonds issued under Iowa Code section 418.14.

**272.4(6) Remittance of funds to the general fund.** If the department determines that the revenue accruing to the fund or accounts within the fund exceeds \$30 million, or exceeds the amount necessary for the purposes of this chapter if the amount necessary is less than \$30 million, then those excess moneys shall be credited by the department for deposit in the general fund of the state. The board shall assist the department in determining whether the fund or accounts within the fund have met the limitations of this rule.

**272.4(7) Reporting requirements.** Each governmental entity approved by the board to use sales tax increment revenues for a project under this chapter shall submit two reports to the board certifying the total amount of nonpublic investment, as defined in Iowa Code section 418.9(2) "d," that has occurred in the governmental entity's area as defined in Iowa Code section 418.11(3). The first report shall be submitted not later than five years after the board approved the project. The second report shall be submitted to the board not later than ten years after the board approved the project.

**272.4(8) Failure to meet nonpublic investment requirements.** If the nonpublic investment requirements of Iowa Code section 418.9(2) "d" are not satisfied, the board shall reduce the governmental entity's amount of sales tax increment revenues eligible to be remitted during the

remaining period of time for receiving remittances by an amount equal to the shortfall in nonpublic investment. However, such a reduction shall not be to an amount less than zero.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 418.12 and 418.13.

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CHAPTER 273  
REINVESTMENT DISTRICTS PROGRAM  
[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 237]

**701—273.1(15J) Purpose.** The economic development authority board is authorized by the general assembly and the governor to oversee the implementation and administration of certain provisions of a new economic development program known as the Iowa reinvestment Act, which was enacted in 2013 Iowa Acts, House File 641. The program provides for as much as \$100 million in state hotel and motel and state sales tax revenues from new revenue-generating projects in certain districts to be reinvested within those districts. In general, the economic development authority has the responsibility to evaluate projects and make funding decisions, while the department of revenue has the responsibility for collecting the tax revenues used to fund projects under the program and making payments to municipalities. This chapter sets forth the department of revenue’s administration of the calculation of the state sales tax and hotel and motel tax funding and the remittance of such funding to governmental entities. The administrative rules for other aspects of the Iowa reinvestment Act may be found in the economic development authority’s rules at 261—Chapter 200.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 15J.  
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**701—273.2(15J) Definitions.**

“*Board*” means the economic development authority board established pursuant to Iowa Code section 15.105.

“*Commencement date*” means the date established for each district by the board under Iowa Code section 15J.4, subsection 3, upon which the calculation of new state sales tax and new state hotel and motel tax revenue for deposit in the fund shall begin.

“*Department*” means the department of revenue.

“*District*” means the area within a municipality that is designated a reinvestment district pursuant to Iowa Code section 15J.4.

“*Fund*” means the state reinvestment district fund created in Iowa Code section 15J.6.

“*Governing body*” means the county board of supervisors, city council, or other body in which the legislative powers of the municipality are vested.

“*Municipality*” means a county or an incorporated city.

“*New lessor*” means a lessor, as defined in Iowa Code section 423A.2, operating a business in the district that was not in operation in the area of the district before the effective date of the ordinance establishing the district, regardless of ownership. “*New lessor*” also includes any lessor, as defined in Iowa Code section 423A.2, operating a business in the district if the place of business for that business is the subject of a project that was approved by the board.

“*New retail establishment*” means a business operated in the district by a retailer, as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1, that was not in operation in the area of the district before the effective date of the ordinance establishing the district, regardless of ownership. “*New retail establishment*” also includes any business operated in the district by a retailer, as defined in Iowa Code section 423.1, if the place of business for that retail establishment is the subject of a project that was approved by the board.

“*Project*” means a vertical improvement constructed or substantially improved within a district using sales tax revenues and hotel and motel tax revenues received by a municipality pursuant to this chapter. “*Project*” does not include any of the following:

1. A building, structure, or other facility that is in whole or in part used or intended to be used to conduct gambling games under Iowa Code chapter 99F.
2. A building, structure, or other facility that is in whole or in part used or intended to be used as a hotel or motel if such hotel or motel is connected to or operated in conjunction with a building, structure, or other facility described in paragraph “1” above.

“*State hotel and motel tax*” means the state-imposed tax under Iowa Code section 423A.3.

“*State reinvestment district fund*” means the fund created in Iowa Code section 15J.6, pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.2, subsection 11, paragraph “b,” and Iowa Code section 423A.6, and described in rule 701—273.4(15J).

“*State sales tax*” means the sales and services tax imposed pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.2.

“*Substantially improved*” means that the cost of the improvements is equal to or exceeds 50 percent of the assessed value of the property, excluding the land, prior to such improvements.

“*Vertical improvement*” means a building that is wholly or partially above grade and all appurtenant structures to the building.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15J.2.

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### **701—273.3(15J) New state tax revenue calculations.**

**273.3(1) State sales tax calculation.** The department shall calculate quarterly the amount of new state sales tax revenues for each district established in the state to be deposited in the state reinvestment district fund, subject to remittance limitations established by the board.

The amount of new state sales tax revenue for purposes of this subrule shall be the product of the amount of sales subject to the state sales tax in the district during the quarter from “new retail establishments,” as defined in rule 701—273.2(15J), multiplied by 4 percent.

**273.3(2) State hotel and motel tax calculation.** Pursuant to Iowa Code section 423A.6, the department shall calculate quarterly the amount of new state hotel and motel tax revenues for each district established in the state to be deposited in the state reinvestment district fund created in Iowa Code section 15J.6, subject to remittance limitations established by the board pursuant to Iowa Code section 15J.4, subsection 3.

The amount of new state hotel and motel tax revenue for purposes of this subrule shall be the product of the amount of sales subject to the state hotel and motel tax in the district during the quarter from “new lessors,” as defined in rule 701—273.2(15J), multiplied by the state hotel and motel tax rate imposed under Iowa Code section 423A.3.

**273.3(3) Identification of new retail establishments and new lessors.** Each municipality that has established a district under this chapter shall assist the department in identifying new retail establishments in the district that are collecting state sales tax and new lessors in the district that are collecting state hotel and motel tax. This process shall be ongoing until the municipality ceases to utilize state sales tax revenue or state hotel and motel tax revenue under this chapter or the district is dissolved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15J.5, 423.2(11) and 423A.6.

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### **701—273.4(15J) State reinvestment district fund.**

**273.4(1) Establishment of the fund.** A state reinvestment district fund is established in the state treasury under the control of the department consisting of the new state sales tax revenues collected within each district and deposited in the fund pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.2, subsection 11, paragraph “b,” and the new state hotel and motel tax revenues collected within each district and deposited in the fund pursuant to Iowa Code section 423A.6. Moneys deposited in the fund are appropriated to the department for the purposes of remittance of moneys to municipalities as set forth in subrule 273.4(3). Moneys in the fund shall only be used as set forth in economic development authority rule 261—200.8(15J).

**273.4(2) District accounts.** A district account is created within the fund for each district created by a municipality under Iowa Code chapter 15J.

**273.4(3) Timing of deposits.** The department shall deposit the moneys described in subrule 273.4(1) that were collected in a quarter beginning on or after the district’s commencement date into the appropriate district account in the fund. However, moneys shall not be deposited in the fund before the period for processing returns for the quarter is complete.

**273.4(4) *Late-filed returns.*** Moneys described in subrule 273.4(1) that are collected from late-filed returns shall be deposited in the fund. Such moneys shall be deposited following the period for processing returns for the quarter in which the late return is received, subject to the limitations of Iowa Code chapter 15J.

**273.4(5) *Reinvestment project fund deposits.*** All moneys in each district account within the fund shall be remitted quarterly by the department to the municipality that established the district for deposit in the municipality's reinvestment project fund described in rule 701—273.5(15J).

**273.4(6) *Refund claims.*** If the moneys described in subrule 273.4(1) are the subject of a refund claim and that claim is granted by the department, the department may offset any refund at a later date against funds remitted to the district in which the new retail establishment or new lessor that had remitted the refunded tax amount is located.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15J.6.

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### **701—273.5(15J) Reinvestment project fund.**

**273.5(1) *Reinvestment project fund deposits.*** State sales tax revenue and state hotel and motel tax revenue remitted by the department to a municipality pursuant to Iowa Code section 15J.6 shall be deposited in a reinvestment project fund of the municipality and shall be used to fund projects within the district from which the revenues were collected. If the municipality determines that the revenue accruing to the reinvestment project fund exceeds the amount necessary for these purposes, the excess moneys that are remittances received under Iowa Code section 15J.6 and all interest in the fund attributable to such excess amounts shall be remitted by the municipality to the department for deposit in the general fund of the state.

**273.5(2) *Other funds.*** In addition to the moneys received pursuant to subrule 273.4(1), a municipality may deposit in the reinvestment project fund any other moneys lawfully at the municipality's disposal, including but not limited to local sales and services tax receipts collected under Iowa Code chapter 423B if such use is a purpose authorized for the municipality under Iowa Code chapter 423B.

**273.5(3) *Use of funds.*** Moneys from any source deposited into the reinvestment project fund shall not be expended for or otherwise used in connection with a project that includes the relocation of a commercial or industrial enterprise not presently located within the municipality.

For the purposes of this subrule, "relocation" means the closure or substantial reduction of an enterprise's existing operations in one area of the state and the initiation of substantially the same operation in the same county or a contiguous county in the state. "Relocation" does not include an enterprise expanding its operations in another area of the state provided that existing operations of a similar nature are not closed or substantially reduced.

**273.5(4) *Remittance of unused funds.*** Upon dissolution of a district pursuant to rule 701—273.6(15J), if moneys remitted to the municipality pursuant to subrule 273.4(1) remain in the municipality's reinvestment project fund and those moneys are not necessary to support completion of a project in the dissolved district, such amounts and all interest remaining in the fund that was earned on such amounts shall be remitted by the municipality to the department for deposit in the general fund of the state.

Upon dissolution of a district pursuant to rule 701—273.6(15J), moneys remaining in the reinvestment project fund that were deposited pursuant to subrule 273.5(2) and all interest remaining in the fund that was earned on such amounts shall be deposited in the general fund of the municipality.

**273.5(5) *Audit of records.*** The records of the municipality related to the district and the reinvestment project fund are subject to audit by the department or the auditor of state.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15J.7.

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### **701—273.6(15J) End of deposits—district dissolution.**

**273.6(1) Cessation of deposits.** As of the date 20 years after the district's commencement date, the department shall cease to deposit state sales tax revenues and state hotel and motel tax revenues into the district's account within the fund, unless the municipality dissolves the district by ordinance prior to that date. Once the maximum benefit amount approved by the board for the district has been reached, the department will cease to deposit new tax revenues into the district's account within the fund. If a district reaches the maximum benefit amount, the department shall notify the municipality and the board within a reasonable amount of time.

**273.6(2) District dissolution.** If the municipality dissolves the district by ordinance prior to the expiration of the 20-year period, the municipality shall notify the director of revenue of the dissolution by certified mail as soon as practicable after adoption of the ordinance, and the department shall, as of the effective date of dissolution, cease to deposit state sales tax revenues and state hotel and motel tax revenues into the district's account within the fund. If a municipality is notified that its maximum benefit amount has been reached, the municipality shall dissolve the district by ordinance as soon as practicable after notification.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15J.8.

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CHAPTER 274  
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS  
[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 239]

**701—274.1(423B) Urban renewal project.** Only after the county board of supervisors from each county where the urban renewal area from which local option sales and services revenues are to be collected and used to fund urban renewal projects adopts a resolution approving the collection and use of local sales and services tax revenue for urban renewal projects may an eligible city by ordinance of the city council provide for the use of a designated amount of the increased local sales and services tax revenues collected under this chapter which are attributable to retail establishments in an urban renewal area to fund urban renewal projects located in the urban renewal area. The designated amount to be used to fund urban renewal projects may be all or a portion of such increased revenues, subject to the limitations imposed by the resolution adopted by the county board, or boards, of supervisors. This rule applies to any urban renewal project to be funded by a city's collection and use of local option sales and services tax revenues on or after July 1, 2012.

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**701—274.2(423B) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Base year*” means the fiscal year during which the ordinance is adopted that provides for funding of an urban renewal project by a designated amount of the increased sales and services tax revenues, as referenced in 701—274.1(423B).

“*Eligible city*” means:

1. A city in which a local sales and services tax imposed by the county applies; or
2. A city whose corporate boundaries include areas of two counties that may impose by ordinance of their city councils a local sales and services tax if all of the following apply:
  - At least 85 percent of the residents of the city live in one county.
  - The county in which at least 85 percent of the city residents reside has held an election on the question of the imposition of a local sales and services tax and a majority of those voting on the question in the city favored its imposition.
  - The city has entered into an agreement on the distribution of the sales and services tax revenues collected from the area where the city tax is imposed with the county where such area is located, and in which an urban renewal area has been designated.

“*Local sales and services tax*” means the local tax imposed by a jurisdiction pursuant to an election authorized by Iowa Code section 423B.1.

“*Retail establishment*” means a business required to obtain a sales tax permit as required by Iowa Code section 423.36.

“*Retail properties*” means an area of property in which more than one retail establishment is located.

“*Urban renewal area*” means a slum area, blighted area, economic development area, or a combination of such areas, which the local governing body designates as appropriate for an urban renewal project as allowed under Iowa Code chapter 403.

“*Urban renewal project*” may include undertakings and activities of a municipality in an urban renewal area for the elimination and for the prevention of the development or spread of slums and blight, may include the designation and development of an economic development area in an urban renewal area, and may involve slum clearance and redevelopment in an urban renewal area, or rehabilitation or conservation in an urban renewal area, or any combination or part thereof in accordance with an urban renewal program as allowed under Iowa Code chapter 403.

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**701—274.3(423B) Establishing sales and revenue growth.** For purposes of establishing the sales amount in the base year and the revenue growth in subsequent fiscal years, the department will calculate sales made by retail establishments located within the urban renewal area.

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**701—274.4(423B) Requirements for cities adopting an ordinance.**

**274.4(1)** Within at least 90 days following the adoption of an ordinance, an eligible city must notify the director of the department of revenue of its intent to pursue funding for an urban renewal project based upon the increase in local sales and services tax revenue. The notification must include the following information:

*a.* Effective July 1, 2012, a copy of the resolution of the board of supervisors from each county where the urban renewal area from which local sales and services tax revenues are to be collected approving the collection and use of local sales and services tax;

*b.* A copy of the urban renewal plan and the resolution adopting the city's urban renewal plan;

*c.* A copy of the adopted ordinance, including:

(1) The current and original, if applicable, purpose or purposes for which the local option sales and services tax was enacted; and

(2) The amount and proportion of revenue that will be redistributed from each current revenue purpose to fund urban renewal within the urban renewal area;

*d.* The legal description of the urban renewal area covered by the ordinance;

*e.* A map showing the geographic boundaries of the urban renewal area; and

*f.* A geographic information system boundary file, if available, showing the geographic boundaries of the urban renewal area.

**274.4(2)** Each urban renewal area must have its own separate ordinance, and the department shall be notified separately for each urban renewal area. Notification shall be mailed or otherwise submitted to: Director, Iowa Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

**274.4(3)** Each urban renewal area must have its own separate resolution of the board of supervisors from each county from which local option sales and services tax revenues will be collected and used for urban renewal projects located within the urban renewal area.

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**701—274.5(423B) Identification of retail establishments.** The eligible city shall assist the department of revenue in identifying retail establishments in the urban renewal area that are collecting the local sales and services tax. The department of revenue will identify sales tax permit holders within the urban renewal area using the geographic information system boundary file, if available, provided to the department. If no boundary file is provided, the department will rely upon the map submitted by the eligible city. If any of the urban renewal area boundaries submitted are street centerlines, the information provided to the department shall indicate whether only retail establishments within the bounded area should be considered part of the urban renewal area, or if in addition to the retail establishments within the bounded area, retail establishments immediately adjacent to the bounded area should also be included.

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**701—274.6(423B) Calculation of base year taxable sales amount.** The base year taxable sales and services amount will be the total taxable sales and services subject to the local sales and services tax that are made by retail establishments within the urban renewal area during the base year. Taxable sales of tangible personal property and services that are subject to the local sales and services tax that are made by retail establishments or service providers located within the urban renewal area include only those sales that are sourced to the county in which the urban renewal area is located. Those sales made by retail establishments or service providers located within the urban renewal area that are sourced outside of the county are not subject to the local sales and services tax. For sourcing rules, see Iowa Code section 423.15 and 701—Chapter 205.

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**701—274.7(423B) Determination of tax growth increment amount.** The local sales and services tax growth increment amount for the urban renewal area will be computed for each fiscal year following the base year. The annual local option sales and services tax growth increment amount is equal to the



current year taxable sales and services subject to the local sales and services tax that are made by retail establishments located in the urban renewal area minus the corresponding base year taxable sales and services amount for the urban renewal area multiplied by the current local sales and services tax rate applicable to the jurisdiction.

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**701—274.8(423B) Distribution of tax base and growth increment amounts.** The revenues from the local sales and services tax growth amount for urban renewal areas in jurisdictions that have enacted ordinances pursuant to Iowa Code section 423B.10 shall be determined annually and shall be distributed to the city within 120 days following the end of the fiscal year in which they are collected.

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**701—274.9(423B) Examples.** The following examples illustrate the application of the rules in this chapter:

EXAMPLE 1. City A has an urban renewal area that covers a large portion of its downtown. City A and all of its downtown area are located in County B. City A also has in place a 1 percent local sales and services tax. City A's city council wants to enact an ordinance that establishes the urban renewal area as a local sales and services tax increment district which designates 100 percent of the tax growth increment amount to the special city account. Before City A's city council can establish the local sales and services tax district, County B's board of supervisors must adopt a resolution approving City A's local sales and services tax increment district.

The base year taxable sales amount for the urban renewal area will equal the amount of taxable sales made by retail establishments in the urban renewal area for the fiscal year in which the ordinance was adopted. Assume City A's urban renewal area has \$10,050,000 in taxable sales during the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the ordinance was adopted (June 30, 2015, in this example), City A's urban renewal area has taxable sales of \$25,000,000. To determine the tax growth increment amount, the department subtracts the base year taxable sales amount from fiscal year two's taxable sales amount then multiplies the remainder by the local sales and services tax rate of 1 percent as follows:

$$\$25,000,000 - \$10,050,000 = \$14,950,000$$

$$\$14,950,000 \times .01 = \$149,500$$

The result is a tax growth increment amount of \$149,500. The department of revenue will deposit \$149,500 into the city's special account no later than November 10 following the end of the fiscal year.

EXAMPLE 2. Same facts as Example 1, but City A's urban renewal area is located in County B and County C. Before City A can enact an ordinance that establishes the urban renewal area as a local sales and services tax increment district, the boards of supervisors from County B and County C must adopt resolutions approving City A's local sales and services tax increment district.

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**701—274.10(423B) Ordinance term.** An ordinance under this chapter is repealed when the plan for the urban renewal area expires or terminates or 20 years after adoption of the ordinance, whichever is the earlier.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423B.1, 423B.7 and 423B.10.

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CHAPTER 275  
REBATE OF IOWA SALES TAX PAID  
[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 235]

**701—275.1(423) Sanctioned automobile racetrack facilities.** Effective July 1, 2005, qualifying rebates of Iowa state sales tax may be made to the owner or operator of a sanctioned automobile racetrack facility as defined in this rule for sales occurring on or after January 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2016. This rebate program should be viewed as a pilot project as a means to increase tourism in the state. Qualifying rebates are for state sales tax only. Local option taxes are not subject to rebate under this program.

**275.1(1) Definitions.**

a. For the purpose of this program, prior to July 1, 2009, the following definitions apply:

“*Automobile racetrack facility*” means a sanctioned automobile racetrack facility located as part of a racetrack and entertainment complex, including any museum attached to or included in the racetrack facility, but excluding any restaurant, and which facility is located, on a maximum of 232 acres, in a city with a population of at least 14,500 but not more than 16,500 residents, which city is located in a county with a population of at least 35,000 but not more than 40,000 residents, and where the construction on the racetrack facility commenced not later than one year following July 1, 2005, and the cost of the construction upon completion was at least \$35 million.

“*Change of control*” means any of the following:

1. Any change in the ownership of the original or any subsequent legal entity that is the owner or operator of the automobile racetrack facility such that at least 60 percent of the equity interests in the legal entity cease to be owned by individuals who are residents of Iowa, an Iowa corporation, or combination of both.

2. The original owners of the legal entity that is the owner or operator of the automobile racetrack facility shall collectively cease to own more than 50 percent of the voting equity interests of such legal entity or shall otherwise cease to have effective control of such legal entity.

“*Iowa corporation*” means a corporation incorporated under the laws of Iowa where at least 60 percent of the corporation’s equity interests are owned by individuals who are residents of Iowa.

“*Owner or operator*” means a for-profit legal entity where at least 60 percent of its equity interests are owned by individuals who are residents of Iowa, an Iowa corporation, or combination of both and that is the owner or operator of an automobile racetrack facility and is primarily a promoter of motor vehicle races.

“*Population*” means the population based upon the 2000 certified federal census.

b. For the purpose of this program, on and after July 1, 2009, the following definitions apply:

“*Automobile racetrack facility*” means a sanctioned automobile racetrack facility located as part of a racetrack and entertainment complex, including any museum attached to or included in the racetrack facility, but excluding any restaurant, and which facility is located, on a maximum of 232 acres, in a city with a population of at least 14,500 but not more than 16,500 residents, which city is located in a county with a population of at least 35,000 but not more than 40,000 residents, and where the construction on the racetrack facility commenced not later than one year following July 1, 2005, and the cost of the construction upon completion was at least \$35 million.

“*Change of control*” means any of the following:

1. Any change in the ownership of the original or any subsequent legal entity that is the owner or operator of the automobile racetrack facility such that less than 25 percent of the equity interests in the legal entity is owned by individuals who are residents of Iowa, an Iowa corporation, or combination of both.

2. The original owners of the legal entity that is the owner or operator of the automobile racetrack facility shall collectively cease to own at least 25 percent of the voting equity interests of such legal entity.

“*Iowa corporation*” means a corporation incorporated under the laws of Iowa where at least 25 percent of the corporation’s equity interests are owned by individuals who are residents of Iowa.

“*Owner or operator*” means a for-profit legal entity where at least 25 percent of its equity interests are owned by individuals who are residents of Iowa, an Iowa corporation, or combination of both and that is the owner or operator of an automobile racetrack facility and is primarily a promoter of motor vehicle races.

“*Population*” means the population based upon the 2000 certified federal census.

**275.1(2) Affidavit by owner or operator.** The owner or operator of an automobile racetrack facility seeking a rebate of sales tax imposed and collected by retailers upon sales of any goods, wares, merchandise, or services furnished to purchasers at the automobile racetrack facility must file with the department the following affidavit certifying that qualifications for the rebate have been met:

Iowa Department of Revenue  
Sales Tax Rebate Affidavit

NAME OF AFFIANT	*	AFFIDAVIT FOR SANCTIONED
	*	AUTOMOBILE RACETRACK
ADDRESS OF AFFIANT	*	FACILITY
	*	

The undersigned duly swears that the named Automobile Racetrack Facility complies with criteria to be entitled to rebate of sales tax as required in Iowa Code section 423.4 as follows:

- a. The facility is sanctioned as an automobile racetrack facility;
- b. The sanctioned automobile racetrack facility is located as part of a racetrack and entertainment complex, including any museum attached to or included in the sanctioned automobile racetrack facility, but excluding any restaurant;
- c. The sanctioned automobile racetrack facility has not and will not receive any grants under the community attraction and tourism program pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 15F, subchapter II, or the vision Iowa program pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 15F, subchapter III;
- d. The sanctioned automobile racetrack facility is located on a maximum of 232 acres of Iowa land;
- e. The sanctioned automobile racetrack facility is located in a city with a population, as defined by this rule, of at least 14,500, but not more than 16,500;
- f. The city in which the sanctioned automobile racetrack facility is located is in a county with a population, as defined by this rule, of at least 35,000, but no more than 40,000;
- g. Construction of the sanctioned automobile racetrack facility was commenced on or before July 1, 2006;
- h. Cost of construction of the automobile racetrack facility upon completion is at least \$35 million; and
- i. There has not been a “change of control” as defined in the rules governing this program regarding the legal ownership or operation of the automobile racetrack facility.

The undersigned duly swears that he or she is the owner or operator of the sanctioned automobile racetrack facility or that the undersigned is the authorized representative of the sanctioned automobile racetrack facility and has the authority to sign this document. The undersigned swears that he or she has personal knowledge regarding the facts contained in this affidavit and that the statements set forth in this affidavit are true and accurate and that the sanctioned automobile racetrack facility has met all of the requirements as contained herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Affiant  
Position of Affiant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**275.1(3) Notification to the department of revenue.** The owner or operator of the automobile racetrack facility will provide the department with the identity of all retailers at the automobile racetrack

facility that will be collecting sales tax and are required to keep the information current. The owner or operator of the automobile racetrack facility will notify the department within ten days of the termination of a retailer from collecting sales tax at the racetrack facility. In addition, the owner or operator of the automobile racetrack facility will notify the department within ten days of the start-up of a retailer collecting sales tax at the automobile racetrack facility.

**275.1(4) Limitations.** The automobile racetrack facility rebate program applies only to transactions that occur on or after January 1, 2006, but before January 1, 2016, and for which sales tax was collected. Only the state sales tax is subject to rebate. The rebate is limited to 5 percent. Local option taxes paid and collected are not subject to rebate. Rebates of sales taxes to an automobile racetrack facility are not authorized for transactions that occur on or after the date of the change of control of the automobile racetrack facility.

**275.1(5) Termination of rebate program.** The rebate program for automobile racetrack facilities is a pilot program that terminates on the earliest of the following dates:

- a. June 30, 2016; or
- b. Thirty days following the date on which \$12,500,000 in total rebates have been provided; or
- c. Thirty days following the date of the change of control of the automobile racetrack facility.

**275.1(6) Sourcing of sales.** Advance ticket and admissions sales shall be considered occurring at the automobile racetrack facility regardless of where the transactions actually occur. Consequently, the state sales tax and any applicable local option tax in effect for the jurisdiction in which the automobile racetrack facility is located must be imposed.

Other types of sales eligible for rebate under this program include, but are not limited to, sales by vendors and sales at concessions, gift shops, and museums. However, sales by a restaurant on facility land are not subject to rebate.

**275.1(7) Requirements to obtain a rebate of state sales tax by the racetrack facility.**

- a. The rebate request must be submitted to the department on the authorized department form;
- b. The rebate request form must be filed with the department in a timely manner, with the filing requirement being quarterly; and
- c. All the information requested on the rebate request form must be completed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.4(5).

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## **701—275.2(423) Baseball and softball complex sales tax rebate.**

**275.2(1) Generally.**

a. *Rebate approval.* The economic development authority and the enhance Iowa board are authorized by the general assembly and the governor to oversee the application and award process for the baseball and softball complex sales tax rebate, created in Iowa Code section 15F.207. An entity whose project is reviewed and recommended by the economic development authority and approved by the enhance Iowa board is entitled to rebate of qualifying sales tax in accordance with Iowa Code section 423.4(10) as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2417, and this rule, not to exceed the amount awarded by the economic development authority.

b. *Qualifying rebates.* Qualifying rebates of Iowa state sales tax may be made to the owner or operator of a complex as defined in this rule for sales occurring on or after the project completion date for a period of ten years or the date the award was made, whichever is later. Qualifying rebates are for state sales tax only. Local option taxes are not subject to rebate under this program.

**275.2(2) Definitions.** For the purpose of this program, the definitions in Iowa Code section 423.4(10) as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2417, apply. In addition, the following definitions apply:

“Department” means the department of revenue.

“Eligible baseball and softball complex” or “complex” means a facility located in this state that has a project completion date that is after July 1, 2016, is designed and built to host baseball and softball games and has a cost of construction upon completion that is at least \$10 million. The boundaries of a “complex” may be a portion or the entirety of a premises. After granting an award to a complex, the

enhance Iowa board shall describe in writing to the department the physical boundaries of the complex and provide the department a map illustrating the approved boundaries of the complex.

*“Placed into service”* means the first day a complex is able to host a baseball or softball game.

**275.2(3) Notification to the department of revenue.** The owner or operator of the complex shall provide the department with a copy of the award notice from the enhance Iowa board.

**275.2(4) Retailer identification.**

*a. Identification of retailers.* The owner or operator shall provide the department with the identity of all retailers at the complex that will be collecting sales tax, provide sales tax permit numbers for each retailer, and keep the information current.

*b. Notification to department.* The owner or operator of the complex shall notify the department within ten days of the start-up or termination of a retailer collecting sales tax at the complex. For purposes of this subrule, termination occurs when the retailer provides notice to the owner or operator that the retailer will no longer collect sales tax at the complex or after one calendar year expires since the retailer collected sales tax at the complex.

*c. Verification by department.* The department shall verify the identity of a retailer collecting sales tax at the complex before rebates are paid for sales made by that retailer.

**275.2(5) Baseball and softball complex rebate request form and filing requirements.** The owner or operator must submit a rebate request to the department on the authorized form. The form will be made available on the department’s website. A properly completed form shall adhere to the following rules:

*a. Who may file the claim.* The claim must be filed by the owner or operator. Claims filed under the name of an affiliated entity will be denied.

*b. Information regarding retailers making sales at the complex.* The following information shall be provided:

- (1) Business name,
- (2) Responsible party,
- (3) Federal employer identification number (FEIN), and
- (4) Sales tax permit number, which must be associated with an address at the complex.

*c. Sales at the complex.* Information on sales at the complex and sales tax collected on those sales must be reported. Only sales by retailers meeting the requirements of paragraph 275.2(5) “b” and Iowa Code section 423.4(10) as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2417, are eligible for rebate.

*d. Additional information.* The department may request any other additional information, from any person, necessary to verify the rebate.

*e. Sworn statement.* The department may require a sworn statement regarding the truthfulness and eligibility of the claim.

*f. Filing frequency.* The forms are due quarterly, on or before the last day of the month following the quarter in which the sales at the complex took place.

**275.2(6) Fund transfers.** The amount of sales tax revenues transferred from the general fund to the complex fund is that portion of sales tax receipts remaining in the general fund after other department transfers, as described in 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2417, section 174.

**275.2(7) Termination of rebate program.** The rebate program terminates 30 days following the date on which \$5 million in total rebates has been provided. The rebate award for each complex terminates on the earliest of the following dates:

- a.* Ten years after the project completion date; or
- b.* The date on which total rebates equal to the amount of the rebate award have been provided to the complex; or
- c.* The date of the change of control of the facility.

**275.2(8) Sourcing of sales.**

*a. Generally.* In general, sales are considered to occur “at the complex” if they occur within the boundaries identified in the physical description provided by the enhance Iowa board and are sourced to a location within those boundaries under Iowa Code section 423.15.

*b. Advance ticket and admissions sales.* Advance ticket and admissions sales shall be considered occurring at the baseball and softball complex regardless of where the transactions actually occur.

Consequently, the state sales tax and any applicable local option tax in effect for the jurisdiction in which the facility is located must be imposed on the purchase price of advance ticket and admissions sales.

This rule is intended to implement 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2417, section 174, and Iowa Code section 423.4 as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2417.

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**701—275.3(423) Raceway facility sales tax rebate.** Qualifying rebates of Iowa state sales and use tax may be made to the owner or operator of a raceway facility that meets the requirements of Iowa Code section 423.4(11) as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2407. The maximum rebate is limited to project costs incurred and paid on or after May 16, 2018, and before January 1, 2025, or \$1.8 million, whichever is less.

**275.3(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this rebate, unless further defined below, the terms used in this rule mean the same as defined in Iowa Code section 423.4(11) as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2407.

*“Incurred date”* means the date on which the payment for the project cost was made or the performance of the work that gave rise to the payment occurred, whichever is later.

**275.3(2) Retailer identification.**

*a. Identification of retailers.* Prior to or in conjunction with the filing of its initial rebate request, the owner or operator shall provide the identity of all retailers at the raceway facility that will be collecting sales tax and provide the department with the sales tax permit number for each retailer. During the period in which rebates may be claimed, the owner or operator shall keep the information current.

*b. Notification to department.* The owner or operator shall notify the department within ten days of the termination or start-up of a retailer collecting sales tax at the raceway facility. For purposes of this subrule, termination occurs when the retailer provides notice to the owner or operator that the retailer will no longer collect sales tax at the raceway facility or after one calendar year expires since the retailer collected sales tax at the raceway facility.

*c. Verification by department.* The department shall verify the identity of a retailer collecting sales tax at the raceway facility before rebates are paid for sales made by that retailer.

**275.3(3) Project cost report and rebate form and filing requirements.** The owner or operator must submit a project cost report and rebate request to the department on the authorized form. The report and rebate form will be made available on the department’s website. A properly completed rebate form shall contain the following.

*a. Documentation and information required.*

- (1) Invoices for project costs.
- (2) An explanation of how each cost meets the definition of “project costs.”
- (3) The date each cost was incurred and the date each cost was paid.

*b. Additional information.* The department may request any other additional information, from any person, necessary to verify the rebate.

*c. Sworn statement.* The department may require a sworn statement regarding the truthfulness and eligibility of the report.

*d. Filing frequency.* The form and supporting documentation must be provided to the department within 90 days of the date the project cost was paid. Generally, this report is filed quarterly with the rebate request form. However, the project cost report may be filed more frequently if necessary to meet the 90-day filing requirement. Project cost reports and rebate forms will not be accepted on or after the date on which \$1.8 million in total rebates has been provided, or June 30, 2025, whichever is earlier.

**275.3(4) Raceway facility retailer sales report and filing requirements.** The owner or operator must submit a retailer sales report to the department on the authorized form. The form will be made available on the department’s website. A properly completed form shall contain the following.

*a. Who may file the claim.* The claim must be filed by the owner or operator. Claims filed under the name of an affiliated entity will be denied.

*b. Information regarding retailers making sales at the raceway facility.* The following information shall be provided:

- (1) Business name,
- (2) Responsible party,
- (3) Federal employer identification number (FEIN), and
- (4) Sales tax permit number.

*c. Sales at the raceway facility.* Sales occurring at the raceway facility and sales tax collected on those sales must be reported. Only sales by retailers meeting the requirements of paragraph 275.3(4) “b” and Iowa Code section 423.4(11) as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2407, are eligible for rebate. Only sales occurring on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2025, are eligible for the rebate.

*d. Additional information.* The department may request any other additional information, from any person, necessary to verify the rebate.

*e. Sworn statement.* The department may require a sworn statement by the retailer and the owner or operator regarding the truthfulness and eligibility of the claim.

*f. Filing frequency.* The forms are due quarterly, on or before the last day of the month following the quarter in which the sales at the raceway facility took place.

**275.3(5) Raceway facility retailer sales report for sales occurring on or after January 1, 2015, and before May 16, 2018.**

*a. Sales report required.* A comprehensive raceway facility retailer sales report comprising sales occurring at the raceway facility on or after January 1, 2015, and before May 16, 2018, must be filed by the owner or operator by March 30, 2019.

*b. Report requirements.* The report must include a list of retailers that meet the requirements of subrule 275.3(2), all information described in subrule 275.3(4), and any other information requested by the department to calculate the eligible sales that occurred at the raceway facility during that time period. The report shall be in the same or substantially similar format as the quarterly raceway facility retailer sales report required by subrule 275.3(4).

**275.3(6) Sourcing of sales.**

*a. Generally.* In general, sales are considered to occur at the raceway facility if they occur within the boundaries of the raceway facility portion of the fairgrounds and are sourced to that raceway facility under Iowa Code section 423.15.

*b. Advance ticket and admissions sales.* Advance ticket and admissions sales shall be considered occurring at the raceway facility regardless of where the transactions actually occur. Consequently, the state sales tax and any applicable local option tax in effect for the jurisdiction in which the raceway facility is located must be imposed on the sales price of advance ticket and admissions sales.

**275.3(7) Local option sales tax.** Local option taxes imposed under Iowa Code chapter 423B are not eligible for rebate under this program.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(11) and 423.4(11) as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2407.

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CHAPTER 276  
FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE-DECLARED DISASTERS

[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 242]

**701—276.1(29C) Purpose.** The Iowa department of revenue, the Iowa department of homeland security and emergency management and the secretary of state are authorized and tasked by the legislature to jointly administer and oversee mutual aid among the political subdivisions of Iowa, other states and the federal government and to ensure the state government and its departments and agencies facilitate the rapid response of businesses and workers in the state and other states to a disaster.

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**701—276.2(29C) Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, the definitions from Iowa Code section 29C.24 are adopted by reference.

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**701—276.3(29C) Disaster or emergency-related work.**

**276.3(1) Out-of-state business.** On or after January 1, 2016, an out-of-state business conducting operations within the state solely for the purpose of performing disaster or emergency-related work during a disaster response period does not establish a level of presence that would subject the out-of-state business to any of the following:

- a. The requirement to collect and remit any tax imposed on another person.
- b. The requirement to file any related tax return or obtain any related tax permit.
- c. Income taxes imposed under Iowa Code chapter 422, divisions II and III, including the requirement to withhold and remit income tax from out-of-state employees under Iowa Code section 422.16 or to be included in a consolidated return under Iowa Code section 422.37.
- d. Allocation and apportionment of net income of the out-of-state business under Iowa Code section 422.8 or 422.33 to Iowa.
- e. Use tax under Iowa Code chapter 423 on tangible personal property purchased outside Iowa and brought into Iowa pursuant to this subrule if the tangible personal property does not remain in Iowa after the disaster response period ends.
- f. Equipment tax under Iowa Code chapter 423D on equipment purchased outside Iowa and brought into Iowa pursuant to this subrule if the equipment does not stay in Iowa after the disaster response period ends.
- g. Assessment of property taxes by the department under Iowa Code sections 428.1 through 428.26 and 428.29, or Iowa Code chapters 433, 434, 435, and 437 through 438, or by a local assessor under another provision of law, on property brought into the state pursuant to this subrule if the property does not remain in Iowa after the disaster response period ends.

**276.3(2) Out-of-state employee.** On or after January 1, 2016, the performance of disaster or emergency-related work during a disaster response period by an out-of-state employee is not a basis to determine that the out-of-state employee has established residency or a level of presence in Iowa that would subject the out-of-state employee to any of the following:

- a. The requirement to complete or obtain any state or local registration, license, or similar authorization as a condition of doing business in Iowa or engaging in an occupation in Iowa, or to pay any related fee.
- b. The income tax imposed under Iowa Code chapter 422, division II, the requirement to file tax returns under Iowa Code section 422.13 and the requirement to be subject to withholding under Iowa Code section 422.16. The requirement to file any related tax return or obtain any related tax permit.
- c. Allocation and apportionment of net income of the out-of-state employee under Iowa Code section 422.8 to Iowa shall not increase due to work performed by the out-of-state employee under this subrule.
- d. Use tax under Iowa Code chapter 423 on tangible personal property purchased outside Iowa and used in Iowa pursuant to this subrule if the tangible personal property does not remain in Iowa after the disaster response period ends.

*e.* Equipment tax under Iowa Code chapter 423D on equipment purchased outside Iowa and used in Iowa pursuant to this subrule if the equipment does not stay in Iowa after the disaster response period ends.

*f.* Assessment of property taxes by the department under Iowa Code sections 428.1 through 428.26 and 428.29, or Iowa Code chapters 433, 434, 435, and 437 through 438, or by a local assessor under another provision of law, on property brought into the state pursuant to this subrule if the property does not remain in Iowa after the disaster response period ends.

**276.3(3)** *After the disaster response period ends.* On or after January 1, 2016, an out-of-state business or out-of-state employee remaining in Iowa after the disaster response period for which the disaster or emergency-related work was performed is responsible for all taxes, fees, registration, filing or other requirements the out-of-state business or out-of-state employee would have been subject to but for Iowa Code section 29C.24.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 29C.24, 422.8, 422.13, 422.16, 422.33, 422.36, 422.37, 423.6, 423.33, 423.58, and 427.1.

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CHAPTER 277  
SALES AND USE TAX REFUND FOR BIODIESEL PRODUCTION  
[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 250]

**701—277.1(423) Biodiesel production refund.** A refund of sales or use tax is available for certain producers of biodiesel for calendar years 2012 to 2024.

**277.1(1) *Qualifications for the refund.*** A biodiesel producer must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the refund.

*a.* The producer must be engaged in the manufacture of biodiesel and have registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a manufacturer in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 79.4.

*b.* The biodiesel produced must be for use in biodiesel blended fuel in accordance with Iowa Code section 214A.2.

*c.* The biodiesel must be produced in Iowa.

**277.1(2) *Calculation of the refund.***

*a.* The refund is calculated by multiplying the total number of gallons produced by the biodiesel producer in this state during each quarter of the calendar year by the following rate:

(1) For the calendar year 2012, three cents.

(2) For the calendar year 2013, two and one-half cents.

(3) For the calendar years 2014 to 2024, two cents.

*b.* The refund is calculated on the first 25 million gallons of biodiesel produced at each facility during the calendar year. No refund will be allowed on gallons produced in excess of 25 million gallons at a facility during each of the calendar years 2012 to 2024. No refund will be allowed for gallons produced at a facility on or after January 1, 2025.

**277.1(3) *Claiming the refund.*** To claim the refund, the biodiesel producer must file Form IA 843, Claim for Refund, for each calendar quarter. The filing must include the number of biodiesel gallons produced during the quarter, the calculation of the biodiesel production refund, and the amount of biodiesel production refund claimed. The biodiesel producer must timely file all sales and use tax returns due and timely pay all sales and use taxes owed on its purchases, even when the amount of the biodiesel production refund due exceeds the amount of sales and use taxes owed for the quarter. The department shall reduce the amount of the refund issued by the amount of any sales and use taxes owed by the biodiesel producer.

**EXAMPLE:** A biodiesel producer produced 5 million gallons during the first quarter of 2018. The producer also owes \$10,000 of Iowa consumers use tax based on purchases made during the first quarter of 2018. The producer must timely file an Iowa consumers use tax return and pay \$10,000 of use tax with the return. The producer may also file Form IA 843, Claim for Refund, to request a refund of \$100,000 (5 million gallons multiplied by 2 cents per gallon) for the first quarter of 2018.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.4 as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2309.

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CHAPTER 278  
REFUNDS FOR ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES UNDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY PROGRAMS

[Prior to 7/13/22, see rule 701—12.19(15)]

[Prior to 9/7/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 258]

**701—278.1(15) Sales and use tax refund for eligible businesses.** For eligible businesses approved under the high quality jobs program, enterprise zone program, housing enterprise zone program, or workforce housing tax incentives program by the economic development authority, a refund of sales and use tax is available.

**278.1(1) Sales and use tax eligible for refund.** The sales and use tax for which the eligible business can receive a refund consists of the following:

*a.* Sales and use tax paid for gas, electricity, water, or sewer utility services; for tangible personal property; or on services rendered, furnished, or performed to or for a contractor or subcontractor and used in the fulfillment of a written contract relating to the construction or equipping of a facility of the eligible business.

*b.* If the eligible business is involved in a warehouse or a distribution center, sales and use tax attributable to racks, shelving and conveyor equipment.

**278.1(2) Sales and use tax ineligible for refund.** The sales and use tax for which the eligible business cannot receive a refund consists of the following:

*a.* Any local option sales tax paid is not eligible for the refund. The refund is limited to the state sales and use tax paid.

*b.* Any sales and use tax attributable to intangible property, furniture, or furnishings is not eligible for the refund. “Furnishings” means any furniture, appliances, equipment, and accessories that are movable and with which a room or building is furnished for comfort, convenience, or aesthetic value. Examples include rugs, décor, and window coverings. “Furnishings” does not include installed flooring such as hardwood, carpet, ceramic, stone, laminate, or vinyl.

**278.1(3) Claiming the refund.** To receive the refund, the eligible business must file a claim for refund within one year of project completion. For a manufacturing facility, project completion is the first date upon which the average annualized production of finished project for the preceding 90-day period at the manufacturing facility is at least 50 percent of the initial design capacity of the facility. For purposes of the workforce housing tax incentives program, “project completion” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 15.355(2). For all other facilities, project completion is the date of completion of all improvements necessary for the start-up, location, expansion or modernization of the business.

*a.* To request a refund of the sales and use tax paid for gas, electric, water or sewer utility services used during construction, the eligible business must file Form IA 843, Refund Return, with the department of revenue. The claim shall include the agreement number given by the Iowa economic development authority, along with copies of invoices or a schedule to support the refund amount.

*b.* To request a refund of the sales and use tax paid on tangible personal property, or on services rendered to, furnished to, or performed for a contractor or subcontractor relating to the construction or equipping of a facility, the eligible business must file the Construction Contract Claim for Refund form, along with the Iowa Contractor’s Statement, with the department of revenue. It is not necessary to attach invoices to the Construction Contract Claim for Refund form, but the department reserves the right to request invoices when reviewing the refund claim.

*c.* To request a refund of the sales and use tax attributable to racks, shelving and conveyor equipment, the eligible business must file Form IA 843, Refund Form, with the department of revenue. The claim shall include the agreement number given by the Iowa economic development authority, along with copies of invoices or a schedule to support the refund amount. The combined amount of refunds attributable to sales and use tax paid on racks, shelving and conveyor equipment, along with tax credit certificates issued for sales and use tax paid on racks, shelving and conveyor equipment provided in 701—subrule 501.10(5), shall not exceed \$500,000 during a fiscal year. The requests for refunds or tax credit certificates will be processed in the order the requests are received on a first-come, first-served

basis until the amount of refunds or credits authorized for issuance has been exhausted. If applications for refunds or tax credit certificates exceed the \$500,000 limitation for any fiscal year, the applications shall be considered in succeeding fiscal years.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 15.

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CHAPTER 279  
Reserved





CHAPTER 280  
RECEIPTS SUBJECT TO USE TAX  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 31]

**701—280.1(423) Transactions consummated outside this state.** The Iowa use tax law is complementary to the Iowa sales tax law. The general rule is that when a transaction would be subject to Iowa sales tax if consummated in Iowa, such transaction, although consummated outside the state of Iowa but involving tangible personal property sold for use in Iowa and so used in Iowa, is subject to Iowa use tax. Also, when a transaction involving taxable services is subject to Iowa sales tax if rendered, furnished or performed in Iowa, such transaction, although consummated outside the state of Iowa but the product or result of such service is used in Iowa, is subject to Iowa use tax.  
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**701—280.2(423) Goods coming into this state.** When tangible personal property is purchased outside the state of Iowa for use or consumption in this state, such sale shall be subject to use tax. Such sale is taxable regardless of the fact that the purchaser's order may specify that the goods are to be manufactured or procured by the seller at a point of origin outside the state, and the seller is required to report all such transactions and collect and remit to this state use tax on all taxable purchases.  
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**701—280.3(423) Sales by federal government or agencies to consumers.** A consumer purchasing tangible personal property or an enumerated taxable service for use in Iowa from the federal government or any of its agencies shall be liable for the payment of Iowa consumer's use tax and shall report and remit the tax due on a consumer's tax return which is furnished by the department.  
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**701—280.4(423) Sales for lease of vehicles subject to registration—taxation and exemptions.** When vehicles subject to registration are sold for subsequent lease, use tax is due in the initial instance. However, several important exemptions exist which are applicable to the sale for subsequent lease of vehicles subject to registration. The exemption applicable to sales of other leased property is not applicable to sales of vehicles subject to registration for subsequent lease. The following circumstances should be kept in mind when purchasing a vehicle subject to registration for subsequent lease:

1. The purchase of certain motor vehicles for long-term lease of more than 60 days, but less than 12 months, is not exempt from use tax. See 701—subrule 26.68(2) relating to taxation of long-term leases.

2. Effective January 1, 1997, the purchase of a vehicle subject to registration with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 16,000 pounds, excluding motorcycles and motor bicycles, if actually leased for a period of 12 months or more is exempt from use tax. See 701—280.5(423) and 701—281.11(423) relating to taxation of long-term leases.

3. The purchase of "automobiles" for short-term, taxable lease is exempt from tax. See rule 701—281.11(423) and 701—Chapter 251 for specific information concerning this exemption.

4. See rule 701—281.9(423) for the specifics of an exemption applicable to trucks commonly known as tractors and semitrailers purchased for lease with the subsequent sole use in Iowa in interstate commerce.

5. The exemption from tax allowed for the use of tangible personal property by a person regularly engaged in the business of leasing if the period of the lease is for more than five months and the leasing of the property is subject to sales tax is not applicable to vehicles subject to registration.

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**701—280.5(423) Motor vehicle use tax on long-term leases.** On or after January 1, 1997, a tax shall be imposed on the lease price of certain vehicles subject to registration under Iowa Code chapter 321 which are leased under long-term lease agreement.

**280.5(1) Vehicles subject to long-term lease defined.** Effective January 1, 1997, motor vehicles subject to registration with gross vehicle weight rating of less than 16,000 pounds, excluding motorcycles and motorized bicycles, which are actually leased for a period of 12 months or more, will be subject to a motor vehicle lease tax based upon the lease price as set forth in subrule 280.5(2). Such vehicles must be leased by a lessor licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 321F. A registration receipt for a vehicle subject to registration or issuance of a certificate of title will not be issued until the tax is paid in the initial instance. If the lease is terminated prior to the expiration of the lease period, no refund will be allowed for tax previously paid on the monthly lease payments. Effective July 1, 1997, if a lease is terminated prior to the expiration of the lease period, a refund of tax previously paid under this rule will be allowed under Iowa Code section 322G.4. This definition of vehicles subject to long-term lease and subject to the tax under this rule includes vehicles leased under fixed-term or variable-term leases. Fixed-term lease means a lease contract in which the lease term is for a certain designated period of time. A payment amount charged under a fixed-term lease can be fixed or variable. Variable-term lease means a lease contract in which the lease term may contain an initial stated lease period with additional extension options that may be exercised at the discretion of the lessee. A payment amount charged under a variable-term lease may be fixed or variable. Exercise of an extension results in an extension of the original lease period for the purpose of this rule. A fixed- or variable-term lease may also contain a provision for adjustments which may be made by the lessor at the conclusion of the lease.

Vehicles entering this state under a lease entered into on or after January 1, 1997, will be subject to tax on the date the vehicle enters Iowa for the remaining lease period. Vehicles entering this state under an optional lease period exercised under a lease entered into on or after January 1, 1997, will be subject to tax on the date the vehicle enters Iowa for the remaining option period. A credit for tax paid on the lease for the lease period at issue where incidence of the tax was on the lessor and the tax was paid by the lessor to another state will be applied to the motor vehicle lease tax due on the lease from the lessor in Iowa.

When motor vehicle lease tax has been paid on a qualifying lease under this rule, and prior to the expiration of the lease the vehicle subject to the lease is destroyed by means such as fire, accident, or vandalism, to the extent that it constitutes a total loss of the vehicle, a credit for motor vehicle lease tax paid for the period remaining on the previous lease will be allowed when another vehicle is substituted under the original lease or a new lease is executed with the intent to replace the vehicle subject to the previous lease. To initially qualify for the credit, there must be a total loss of the vehicle subject to the previous lease, a new lease must be executed or a vehicle must be substituted under the original lease. To qualify for the credit, the new lease or substituted vehicle under the original lease must meet the following: The new lease must be executed by the same lessor and lessee, for lease of a vehicle of the same or similar make, model, year and options as the vehicle subject to the previous lease, for the remaining lease period as the previous lease, for the same lease price and the lease must contain the same lease terms as the previous lease.

When a vehicle subject to a taxable lease under this rule is returned to the lessor and the lessor replaces the vehicle with a different vehicle, but a new lease is not executed, the replacement is not subject to tax. Often this type of return occurs when an original leased vehicle has numerous mechanical problems, but has not been declared a "lemon" under Iowa Code chapter 322G. Instead of requiring the lessee to go through the "lemon law" process, the lessor replaces the vehicle under the same lease contract. In this type of situation, tax would not be due because there has not been a new lease transaction subject to tax.

A fixed- or variable-term lease that is subject to the motor vehicle lease tax under this rule may contain a provision allowing adjustments to be made by the lessor at the conclusion of the lease which may affect the rental receipts for the term of that lease. Such adjustments may result in a debit, credit, or no change in the rental receipts. Such adjustments may include, but are not limited to, the condition of the vehicle, value of the vehicle, sale price of the vehicle, mileage incurred, and variable payment amount during the initial qualifying lease period. Such an adjustment may result in a corresponding debit or credit of tax due from the lessor.

If a lease is a variable-term lease with a variable payment amount, the lease payment for the initial minimum 12-month period shall be computed using the payment amount in effect on the date the lease is executed between the parties. If the payment amount then varies during that initial minimum 12-month period resulting in a debit or credit of tax previously paid for that period, such amount will be computed as an adjustment made at the conclusion of the lease. If the total of the adjusted lease payments is greater than the originally calculated lease payments, the incremental increase is subject to lease tax and the tax is to be remitted by the lessor directly to the department.

Vehicles entering this state under a lease or lease option extending from a lease executed before January 1, 1997, will not be subject to the motor vehicle lease tax imposed under this rule. However, such vehicles will be subject to tax on the use of the vehicle in Iowa based upon the fair market value of the vehicle, payable by the lessor to the county treasurer at the time of registration or titling of the vehicle.

**280.5(2) Collection and computation of tax on long-term leases.** For leases entered into on or after January 1, 1997, a motor vehicle lease tax is imposed on certain vehicles subject to registration which are leased under terms as defined in subrule 280.5(1). Motor vehicle lease tax shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle to the county treasurer, Iowa department of transportation, or Iowa department of revenue. A registration receipt or certificate of title for the vehicle shall not be issued until the tax is paid in the initial instance. The amount subject to tax must be computed on each lease transaction based on the lease price. The lease price shall be computed by multiplying the number of months of the lease by the monthly lease payments, plus down payment, which shall include trade-ins and any additional costs or fees paid by the lessee. Capitalized costs paid by the lessee are generally included as part of the monthly lease payments. Capitalized costs may include, but are not limited to, rustproofing, floor mats, pin striping, management fees, reserved charges, air conditioning, stereo, mud flaps, lease acquisition fee, and finance charges. Down payment is defined for the purpose of this rule as any payment or trade-in made by the lessee for the purpose of reducing the lease price. In certain instances, there are costs associated with the lease and entering into the lease, which are not refundable, that are negotiated by the lessor and lessee, resulting in an agreement that these costs will be paid by the lessee separately and in addition to the monthly lease payments. Costs for such items, whether normally capitalized or not, which are paid separately by the lessee in order to reduce the lease price, shall be treated as a down payment and shall be added in the computation of the lease price. Trade-in is treated as a down payment and is defined for the purpose of this rule as tangible personal property which is traded by the lessee to the lessor in order to reduce the lease price. The value of the trade-in shall be added in the computation of the lease price. The lease price shall not include any manufacturer's rebate or refundable deposit.

Effective for leases entered into on or after July 1, 1997, the lease price shall not include manufacturer's rebate, refundable deposit, title fee, registration fee, vehicle lease tax imposed under this rule, federal excise taxes attributable to the sale of the vehicle to the owner or to the lease of the vehicle by the owner, optional service or warranty contracts subject to tax under Iowa Code section 422.43(6), insurance, or any finance charge imposed on these excluded items. Any item excluded from the taxable lease price shall be documented by the owner by maintaining an adequate record of the amount of each item excluded. If a lessor and lessee enter into an agreement that the tax imposed under this rule shall be paid by the lessee, either in a lump sum payment or as part of the monthly lease payments, the total cost of the tax shall not be included in the computation of the lease price for the purpose of imposing the tax under this rule. Deposit is defined for the purpose of this rule as a security which is refundable based upon the terms of the lease. The lease price shall not include a roll-over deficiency from a previously purchased or leased vehicle to the extent it can be shown that tax had been paid on the amount to be rolled over from the previously purchased or leased vehicle. For instance, lessee A has a previously purchased vehicle with an outstanding loan balance of \$4,000. Lessee B has a previously leased vehicle with a total of outstanding payments of \$4,000. As part of the previous transactions that resulted in these outstanding balances, use tax was previously paid on the \$4,000 balances by lessees A and B. Each lessee now wishes to lease a new vehicle and pay the outstanding balance owed by each as part of the monthly lease payments for the new vehicles. The balances for each lessee may be rolled

over in the lease costs to be paid by the lessees. However, the amount of the balances that are rolled over are excluded from each of the computations of the lease price under this rule.

EXAMPLE 1. Iowa lessor leases a vehicle on January 20, 1997, for use in Iowa for a period of 36 months. The total lease price is \$18,814.00 which includes all capitalized costs that were negotiated as part of the lease. Incidence of the tax is upon the lessor. The lessor and lessee did not negotiate nor did they agree to include the cost of the motor vehicle lease tax as part of the lease price. The total lease price to be reported by the lessor for computation of the tax at the time of registration or titling of the vehicle is \$18,814.00. The motor vehicle lease tax due on this lease would be \$940.70 ( $\$18,814.00 \times 5\%$ ) payable by the lessor to the county treasurer at the time of registration or titling of the vehicle. The monthly lease payment to be paid by the lessee is \$522.61 ( $\$18,814.00$  divided by 36 months).

EXAMPLE 2. Iowa lessor enters into a lease with Dave Jones on January 8, 1997, for the lease of a vehicle for use in Iowa for a period of 36 months. The monthly lease payments for the vehicle are computed to include rustproofing, floor mats, and various other capitalized costs. However, based on an agreement between Dave Jones and the lessor, costs of the mud flaps and a stereo system are not included in the monthly lease payments. Instead, the lessor and Dave Jones negotiate and agree to allow Dave Jones to pay the total for the mud flaps and stereo separately. Dave Jones executes a check payable to the lessor for the total sum of such fees. The total sum paid in the separate check issued by Dave Jones for the mud flaps and stereo is considered a down payment and must be included in the computation of motor vehicle lease tax as a cost that is part of the total lease price.

Tax due under this rule for a fixed-term lease will be due on the entire lease term contracted for between the parties. Tax on a variable-term lease shall be based on the entire initial term stated in the lease.

Tax on a qualifying lease under this rule will be due at the time the vehicle subject to the lease is required to be registered or titled. Tax on any optional lease periods will be considered due at the time the optional lease period is exercised under the lease. Tax on transactions requiring registration or titling of a vehicle in this state will be remitted to the county treasurer or department of transportation at the time of registration or titling. Tax on transactions not involving a vehicle or vehicles having to be registered or titled in this state will be remitted to the department of revenue. Such transactions include the re-lease of the same vehicle or vehicles involving the same lessor and lessee or exercise of an option under a lease by a lessee.

Incidence of motor vehicle lease tax falls upon the owner/lessor of the vehicle. Therefore, the lessee cannot invoke any exemptions from the motor vehicle lease tax.

Reporting and remittance of tax due to the Iowa department of revenue will be remitted on or before 15 days from the last day of the month that the tax becomes due. Failure to timely report or remit any of the tax when due under this rule will result in penalty and interest being imposed on the tax due pursuant to Iowa Code sections 423.18 and 423.23.

The county treasurer or the state department of transportation shall require every applicant to have a registration receipt for a vehicle subject to this tax and to submit the total lease price computed in the manner indicated in subrule 280.5(2) to be reported on a form designated by the director of revenue. Also see 701—250.10(321).

On or before the tenth day of each month, the county treasurer or the state department of transportation will remit to the department of revenue the amount of tax collected during the preceding month.

EXAMPLE 3. Licensed lessor located in Iowa contracts with Joe Smith to lease a new automobile for use in Iowa for a contract period of 12 months. Motor vehicle lease tax would be due by the lessor payable to the county treasurer at the time of registration based on the lease price for the 12-month lease period.

EXAMPLE 4. Licensed lessor located in Iowa contracts with Joe Smith to lease a used automobile for use in Iowa for a contract period of 12 months. Motor vehicle lease tax was due and paid to the county treasurer at the time of registration based on the lease price for the 12-month period. Prior to the expiration of the 12-month lease period, the lease is terminated. Upon return of the vehicle the lessor uses the vehicle for a company car. The lessor cannot receive a refund of the motor vehicle lease tax

that was paid for the portion of the remaining lease period because, under the statute, refunds of motor vehicle lease tax are not allowed. In addition, the lessor would be required to pay use tax on the fair market value of the vehicle for use of that vehicle for a purpose other than for lease. See Iowa Code section 423.4(16) and 701—280.4(423) and 701—281.11(423).

EXAMPLE 5. Licensed lessor located in Iowa leases a vehicle for a 24-month period. Motor vehicle lease tax is paid on the lease price for the 24-month period. After 18 months, the lease is terminated. The lessor cannot receive a refund of the tax paid on the remaining lease period.

EXAMPLE 6. On January 20, 1997, a licensed lessor located in Iowa leases an automobile to Sally Jones for use in Iowa for a contract period of 12 months with additional 30-day lease options which can be exercised after the 12-month lease has been fulfilled. The lessor must pay motor vehicle lease tax on the lease price for the 12-month period payable to the county treasurer at the time of registration. In addition, the 30-day option periods are considered to be extensions of the original lease. As a result, the lessor must pay motor vehicle lease tax to the Iowa department of revenue on each 30-day lease option, due at the time exercised by Sally Jones. Tax must be remitted to the Iowa department of revenue on or before 15 days from the last day of the month in which the tax became due.

EXAMPLE 7. On March 17, 1997, a licensed lessor located in Iowa leases a fleet of ten automobiles to XYZ insurance company for use in Iowa for a lease period of 12 months. Motor vehicle lease tax is due on the lease price for each of the ten vehicles for the 12-month lease period payable to the county treasurer.

EXAMPLE 8. Licensed lessor located in Illinois enters into a lease with Sally Smith on January 8, 1997, to lease an automobile for a lease period of 12 months. With 4 months remaining on the lease, Sally moves to Iowa and the vehicle is titled in Iowa. Motor vehicle lease tax would be due on the date of use in Iowa based on the lease price for the remaining 4 months under the lease. The tax due would be payable by the lessor to the county treasurer at the time the vehicle is registered or titled in Iowa. However, credit would be allowed for a similar tax previously paid on the lease for the lease period at issue, paid by the lessor to another state to be applied against the Iowa lease tax due, if incidence of the tax paid to the other state also fell upon the lessor. This credit against Iowa lease tax would be allowed regardless of the tax base used by the other state for the computation of the tax previously paid. If the tax qualifies for the credit by meeting the previously mentioned criteria, credit against the Iowa tax owed may be computed by completing the following steps:

Step 1. Compute the Iowa lease tax based on the remaining lease period from the date the vehicle enters Iowa through the expiration date of the lease. See subrule 280.5(2).

Step 2. Determine the amount of tax paid to the other state for the remaining lease period. To determine this, do the following:

1. Divide the total amount of tax paid to the other state by the entire term of the lease. This will result in the amount of monthly tax paid on the lease.

2. Multiply the monthly tax paid by the months remaining on the lease term from the date the vehicle entered Iowa through the expiration date of the lease.

Step 3. Compare the amount of tax paid to the other state for the remaining period (result in Step 2) to the amount of tax due to the state of Iowa for the remaining lease period (result in Step 1). The amount of Iowa vehicle lease tax due, if any, will depend upon whether the other state will allow for a refund of the tax previously paid.

1. If the other state will refund the tax previously paid for the remaining lease period, then the amount of Iowa vehicle lease tax computed in Step 1 is due.

2. If the tax paid to the other state for the remaining lease period is greater and the other state will not refund the tax previously paid for the remaining lease period, then no additional Iowa lease tax is due.

3. If the amount of tax due to the state of Iowa for the remaining lease period is greater and the other state will not allow a refund of the tax previously paid, then the difference between the amount of tax due to the state of Iowa for the remaining lease period and the tax paid to the other state for the remaining lease period is the amount owed (result in Step 1 - result in Step 2).

EXAMPLE 9. Licensed lessor located in Minnesota enters into a lease with Joe Smith on November 21, 1997, to lease an automobile for a lease period of 12 months with 30-day option periods to be exercised at Joe Smith's discretion at the conclusion of the initial 12-month lease period. After one year and 10 days under the lease, Joe moves to Iowa. The vehicle is titled in Iowa. Motor vehicle lease tax is due and payable by the lessor to the county treasurer on a prorated basis for the days remaining on the exercised option period. If incidence of the tax previously paid to the other state was on the lessor, credit would be allowed for a similar tax previously paid by the lessor to the other state for the lease period at issue to be applied against the Iowa lease tax due (see Example 8). If additional option periods are exercised by Joe under the lease, motor vehicle lease tax will be due at the time the option is exercised, payable by the lessor to the Iowa department of revenue. Tax must be remitted to the Iowa department of revenue on or before 15 days from the last day of the month in which the tax became due.

EXAMPLE 10. Iowa lessor enters into a lease with Sally Jones on August 11, 1996, for use of a vehicle in Iowa. The lease is for a period of 12 months. Motor vehicle lease tax is not due on this because the lease was entered into prior to January 1, 1997, the effective date of the motor vehicle lease tax.

EXAMPLE 11. Iowa lessor enters into a lease with Joe Smith on January 1, 1996, for use of a vehicle in Iowa. The lease is for a period of 12 months and contains 30-day options that may be exercised by Joe Smith at the conclusion of the initial 12-month period. On January 1, 1997, Joe Smith exercises a 30-day option. Motor vehicle lease tax is not due on the exercised option period because the option is an extension of the original lease which was entered into prior to January 1, 1997, the effective date of the motor vehicle lease tax.

Examples 12 and 13 offer guidance for computing the tax imposed in this rule for leases entered into prior to July 1, 1997.

EXAMPLE 12. Lessor and lessee located in Iowa enter into a qualifying lease agreement on March 9, 1997. The price negotiated by the parties for the lease is \$9,120, which will be paid by the lessee in 36 monthly installments. The lessor and lessee also agreed that the lessee will separately pay by personal check the total cost of each of the following items: tax, \$456; title, \$35; license, \$164; and tinted windows, \$225. The total lease price of the leased vehicle, including the items separately paid by personal check by the lessee is \$10,000. The amount to be reported to the county treasurer at the time of registration or titling of the vehicle is \$10,000. The amount of tax due from the owner/lessor of the vehicle at the time of registration or titling to the county treasurer is \$500 ( $\$10,000 \times 5\% = \$500$ ).

EXAMPLE 13. Lessor and lessee located in Iowa enter into a qualifying lease agreement on June 24, 1997. The lessor and lessee agree that the lessee will provide a down payment, trade-in, and pay the tax, title, and license as a capitalized cost over the term of the lease agreement. The total lease price, including the down payment, trade-in, and capitalized costs, is \$10,000. To compute the total lease price to be reported to the county treasurer when the lease price includes tax as a negotiated capitalized cost of the lease to be paid by the lessee, the owner/lessor may multiply the total lease price of \$10,000 by the factor of 1.0526316 which results in the sum of \$10,526.32. The total of \$10,526.32 is the total lease price to be reported by the owner/lessor to the county treasurer or department of transportation at the time of registering or titling of the vehicle. The amount of tax due from the owner/lessor of the vehicle at the time of registration or titling to the county treasurer or department of transportation is \$526.32 ( $\$10,526.32 \times 5\% = \$526.32$ ).

Effective July 1, 1997, the following examples may be used for guidance in computing the lease price and motor vehicle lease tax imposed under this rule.

EXAMPLE 14. Lessor and lessee located in Iowa enter into a qualifying lease agreement on July 12, 1997. The price negotiated by the parties for the lease is \$9,120, which will be paid by the lessee in 36 monthly installments. The lessor and lessee also agreed that the lessee will separately pay by personal check the total cost of each of the following items: tax, \$467.25; title, \$35; license, \$164; and tinted windows, \$225. However, effective July 1, 1997, tax, title fees, and license fees are not to be included in the computation of the lease price. As a result, the amount to be reported to the county treasurer at time of registration or titling of the vehicle is \$9,345 ( $\$9,120 - \text{the total monthly payments} + \$225 - \text{cost of the tinted windows} = \$9,345$ ). The amount of tax due from the owner/lessor of the vehicle at the time of registration or titling to the county treasurer is \$467.25 ( $\$9,345 \times 5\% = \$467.25$ ).

EXAMPLE 15. Lessor and lessee located in Iowa enter into a qualifying lease agreement on August 11, 1997. The lessor and lessee agree that the lessee will provide a down payment, trade-in, and pay the tax, title, license, pin striping, and cost of an upgraded stereo system as capitalized costs over the term of the lease agreement. The total lease price, including the down payment, trade-in, and capitalized costs, but excluding the tax, title, and license to be paid by the lessee in the monthly lease payments, is \$10,000. The total of \$10,000 is the total lease price to be reported by the owner/lessor to the county treasurer or department of transportation at the time of registering or titling of the vehicle. The amount of tax due from the owner/lessor of the vehicle at the time of registration or titling to the county treasurer or department of transportation is \$500 ( $\$10,000 \times 5\% = \$500$ ).

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**701—280.6(423) Sales of aircraft subject to registration.** On and after July 1, 1999, taxable sales in Iowa of aircraft subject to registration under Iowa Code section 328.20 are subject to Iowa use tax and not Iowa sales tax. This use tax is to be collected by the Iowa department of transportation at the time of the aircraft's registration. The sale of an aircraft subject to registration is not subject to local option sales tax, either that imposed by Iowa Code chapter 422B or that imposed by Iowa Code chapter 422E. For the purposes of this rule, an "aircraft" is any contrivance now known, or hereafter invented, used or designed for navigation of or flight in the air, for the purpose of transporting persons or property, or both. See rule 701—281.13(423) for exemptions applicable to aircraft subject only to use tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.2 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 168.

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**701—280.7(423) Communication services.** On and after July 1, 2001, the purchase price of communication service furnished or delivered to consumers or users within Iowa is subject to use tax. For the purposes of Iowa use tax law, communication service is defined to be tangible personal property. Tax will be imposed if the billing for the communication service is dated on or after July 1, 2001. See rule 701—285.20(422,423) for an explanation of the sales tax on communication services and for an explanation of excise tax on communication services generally.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 423.1(12) as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 736.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.6, 421.17, 423.4(16), and 423.25 and Iowa Code section 423.7A as amended by 1997 Iowa Acts, Senate File 222.

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CHAPTER 281  
RECEIPTS EXEMPT FROM USE TAX

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 32]

**701—281.1(423) Tangible personal property and taxable services subject to sales tax.** The gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property which are subject to the imposition of sales tax under Iowa Code chapter 422 shall be exempt from use tax if the sales tax has been paid to the department or to a retailer. This shall not apply to vehicles subject to registration or the purchase of a taxable service enumerated in Iowa Code section 422.43 prior to July 1, 1994. On and after that date the rendering, furnishing, or performing of a service taxable under Iowa Code chapter 422 shall be exempt from use tax if the sales tax has been paid to the department or to a retailer. Prior to, on, and after July 1, 1994, either a sales tax or a use tax, but not both, shall be imposed upon the use in Iowa of services rendered, furnished, or performed in this state.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 423.4(1).  
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**701—281.2(423) Sales tax exemptions applicable to use tax.** When an exemption is allowed for sales tax purposes to any sale of tangible personal property the same shall apply for use tax, except for the exemptions provided in Iowa Code section 422.45, subsections 4 and 6, as they relate to vehicles subject to registration. On and after July 1, 2001, if any exemption from sales tax is allowed when a service is rendered, furnished, or performed, including the service of tangible personal property rental, the same exemption shall apply to any service subject to use tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 423.4(3) and subsection 423.4(4) as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 715.  
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**701—281.3(423) Mobile homes and manufactured housing.** A use tax is not to be imposed on any mobile home or manufactured housing if the tax has been previously imposed pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.2 and paid. In order for the exemption to be allowed, the purchaser of the mobile home or manufactured housing has the responsibility to provide the county treasurer with documentation verifying that the Iowa use tax was previously paid. On or after July 1, 2008, all taxable mobile homes or manufactured housing is subject to a use tax in an amount equal to 20 percent of the mobile home’s or manufactured housing’s purchase price (80 percent of the home’s or housing’s purchase price is exempt from use tax). Prior to July 1, 2008, all taxable mobile homes or manufactured housing was subject to a use tax in an amount equal to 60 percent of the mobile home’s or manufactured housing’s purchase price (40 percent of the home’s or housing’s purchase price is exempt from use tax). The trade-in allowance provided in Iowa Code section 423.1(6)“b” is considered a reduction in the purchase price if (1) the property traded for the mobile home or manufactured housing is a type of property normally sold in the regular course of business of the retailer selling the home or housing, and (2) the retailer intends ultimately to sell the traded property at retail or to use the traded property in the manufacture of a like item.

EXAMPLE 1: In January of 2008, a manufactured housing dealer receives from the factory a new manufactured home that has a sales price of \$20,000. The dealer sells it and takes the purchaser’s old manufactured home worth \$5,000 in trade. The dealer keeps the traded-in manufactured home as an office. The Iowa use tax is computed as follows:

Sales price . . . . .	\$20,000
Less trade-in. . . . .	\$ 5,000
Buyer’s price . . . . .	\$15,000
Amount subject to tax . . . . .	\$12,000
(\$20,000 × 60%)	
Use tax at 5% . . . . .	\$ 600

The trade-in allowance does not apply since the traded-in manufactured home will not be ultimately sold at retail or used to manufacture a like item.

EXAMPLE 2: Same date and facts as given in Example 1 with the exception that the dealer lists the trade-in for sale.

Sales price . . . . .	\$20,000
Less trade-in. . . . .	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Buyer's price . . . . .	\$15,000
Amount subject to tax . . . . .	\$ 9,000
(\$15,000 × 60%)	
Use tax at 5% . . . . .	\$ 450

The trade-in allowance applies since the traded-in manufactured home will be ultimately sold at retail.

EXAMPLE 3: In September of 2008, a manufactured housing dealer receives from the factory a new manufactured home that has a sales price of \$40,000. The dealer sells it and takes the purchaser's old manufactured home worth \$10,000 in trade. The dealer intends to resell the used manufactured home. The Iowa use tax is computed as follows:

Sales price . . . . .	\$40,000
Less trade-in. . . . .	<u>\$10,000</u>
Buyer's price . . . . .	\$30,000
Amount subject to tax . . . . .	\$ 6,000
(\$30,000 × 20%)	
Use tax at 5% . . . . .	\$ 300

The trade-in allowance does apply since the traded-in manufactured home will be ultimately sold at retail or used to manufacture a like item. Because the transaction occurs after July 1, 2008, only 20 percent of the purchase price is subject to the 5 percent use tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.6 as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, House File 2700, section 64.

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**701—281.4(423) Exemption for vehicles used in interstate commerce.** Trailers and semitrailers used initially in Iowa on and after July 1, 1986, and registered under Iowa Code chapter 326, are exempt from tax. These trailers and semitrailers are not subject to the record-keeping requirement and other requirements of the next paragraph. See rule 701—281.10(423) for an additional exemption for vehicles operated but not registered under Iowa Code chapter 326.

For trailers and semitrailers registered under Iowa Code chapter 326 and initially used in Iowa between July 1, 1985, and June 30, 1986, inclusive, and for any other vehicle registered under chapter 326, including those purchased for lease, and truck and road tractors, a use tax is not to be imposed provided that the vehicle is used in interstate commerce, accrues at least 25 percent of its mileage outside of Iowa and is registered for a gross weight of 13 tons or more. Mileage records must be maintained for each vehicle by the vehicle owner on a fiscal year basis which begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. For trailers and semitrailers, the requirements of this paragraph and the subsequent paragraph are not applicable if the trailer is registered as of July 1, 1986, or is initially registered on or after that date. These trailers and semitrailers are treated as if they have been used initially and registered in Iowa on or after July 1, 1986, and the first paragraph of this rule is applicable to their use. The vehicle will be subject to use tax if the required mileage outside Iowa is not attained during each fiscal year. For purposes of determining eligibility for this exemption, mileage accrued in the year before the first full fiscal year of operation must be added to the mileage accrued during the first full fiscal year of operation and mileage

accrued in the year after the last full fiscal year of operation must be added to the mileage accrued during the last full fiscal year of operation. The vehicle owner is responsible for maintaining mileage records that prove eligibility for the exemption.

For assessments issued pursuant to this rule on and after July 1, 1998, if a vehicle meets the requirement that 25 percent of the miles operated accrue in states other than Iowa in each year of the first four-year period of operation, the exemption from use tax shall continue until the vehicle is sold or transferred. If a vehicle is found not to have met the exemption requirements of this paragraph in its first four years of operation, or the exemption was revoked, the value of the vehicle upon which use tax shall be imposed is the book or market value, whichever is less, at the time the exemption requirements first were not met or at the time the exemption was revoked. However, if exemption from use tax is claimed for a vehicle under this paragraph and that vehicle is, subsequently, never used in an exempt fashion, then the purchase price of the vehicle is the value upon which any assessed tax shall be computed.

EXAMPLE: Company A purchases a vehicle stating that its future use will be in interstate commerce; 25 percent of its miles traveled accrue outside the state of Iowa. In fact, the vehicle is never driven outside the state of Iowa. Use tax is computed on the purchase price of the vehicle paid by Company A.

EXAMPLE

	Iowa Miles	Non-Iowa Miles	Total	Percent Non-Iowa
1/1/86-6/30/86	45,000	5,000	50,000	10%
7/1/86-6/30/87	305,000	145,000	450,000	32%
	350,000	150,000	500,000	30%

In this example, the vehicle was acquired on January 1, 1986, and traveled 50,000 miles through June 30, 1986, of which 5,000 miles were outside Iowa. From July 1, 1986, through June 30, 1987, the vehicle traveled 450,000 miles of which 145,000 miles were outside Iowa. The use tax exemption is applicable in this situation even though the vehicle traveled only 10 percent of its mileage outside Iowa in the year of acquisition since it traveled 30 percent of its mileage outside Iowa in the year of acquisition plus its first full fiscal year of operation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.4(10) as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, House File 2541.

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**701—281.5(423) Exemption for transactions if sales tax paid.** As of July 1, 1986, the use of tangible personal property is exempt from tax if the gross receipts from the sale of that property are subject to Iowa sales tax and if the sales tax has been paid either to a retailer or to the department. The exemption does not include vehicles subject to registration or subject only to the issuance of a certificate of title.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 423.4(1).

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**701—281.6(423) Exemption for ships, barges, and other waterborne vessels.** On and after July 1, 1986, tax will not be imposed upon the use, within Iowa, of any ship, barge, or other waterborne vessel if that use is primarily for the transportation of property or cargo for hire on the rivers bordering this state. This exemption is also applicable to tangible personal property used as material in the construction of or as a part for the repair of any such ship, barge, or waterborne vessel. The use must be on a river or rivers bordering Iowa, not on any river or rivers bounded on both banks by Iowa territory. The exemption does not apply for a use for any purpose other than the purpose described in this rule.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 423.4(10).

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**701—281.7(423) Exemption for containers.** The use of containers in the collection, recovery, or return of empty beverage containers which are subject to the Iowa deposit law (Iowa Code chapter 455C) is exempt from tax on and after July 1, 1986.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 423.1(1).  
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**701—281.8(423) Exemption for building materials used outside this state.** The use in Iowa by a contractor-retailer, manufacturer, or manufacturer's subcontractor of building materials, supplies, or equipment in the performance of construction contracts outside this state, the sale or use of which is not treated as a retail sale in this state under rule 701—19.5(422), is not subject to use tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 423.1(10).  
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**701—281.9(423) Exemption for vehicles subject to registration.** The use of vehicles, as defined in Iowa Code section 321.1, subsections 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10, except vehicles that are designed primarily for carrying persons, is exempt from tax if the vehicles are purchased for lease and actually leased to a lessee for use outside the state of Iowa and the subsequent sole use in Iowa is in interstate commerce or interstate transportation. Such vehicles are commonly known as motor trucks, truck tractors, road tractors, trailers, or semitrailers. The exemption is retroactive to January 1, 1973.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 423.4(7).  
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**701—281.10(423) Exemption for vehicles operated under Iowa Code chapter 326.** Vehicles operated under Iowa Code chapter 326 initially in Iowa on and after July 1, 1990, are exempt from tax. To claim the exemption to which this rule is applicable, it is not necessary that a vehicle be registered under Iowa Code chapter 326. The vehicle may be registered under some statute other than chapter 326; the exemption still applies. For details regarding vehicles registered under Iowa Code chapter 326 and in interstate commerce, see 701—281.4(423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.4(10).  
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**701—281.11(423) Exemption for vehicles purchased for rental or lease.**

**281.11(1)** On and after July 1, 1992, the use of a vehicle subject to registration in any state is exempt from tax if the following conditions exist:

*a.* The vehicle is purchased for rental by a person regularly engaged in the business of renting vehicles, or is registered and titled for rental use by a motor vehicle dealer licensed under Iowa Code chapter 322; and

*b.* The vehicle is held for rental for a period of 120 days or more and actually rented for periods of 60 days or less by a person regularly engaged in the business of renting vehicles, including a motor vehicle dealer licensed under Iowa Code chapter 322 who rents automobiles to users; and

*c.* All rentals are subject to taxation under Iowa Code chapter 423C. See 701—Chapter 251 for information concerning rentals.

**281.11(2)** Long-term lease. On or after January 1, 1997, the use of a vehicle subject to registration in this state is exempt from tax if the following conditions exist:

*a.* The vehicle subject to registration is purchased for lease and titled by a lessor licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 321; and

*b.* The vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 16,000 pounds; and

*c.* The vehicle is actually leased for a period of 12 months or more; and

*d.* The lease is subject to taxation under Iowa Code section 423.7A. See rule 701—280.5(423) regarding long-term leases.

A lessor may maintain the exemption from use tax under Iowa Code section 423.4(16) for a 12-month qualifying lease that terminates at the conclusion of or prior to the contracted expiration date, if the lessor does not use the vehicle for any purpose other than for lease. Unless an exemption applies, once

the vehicle is used by the lessor for a purpose other than for lease, the exemption from use tax under Iowa Code section 423.4(16) no longer applies and use tax is due on the fair market value of the vehicle, payable to the Iowa department of revenue (e.g., if the vehicle is used by the lessor as a company car). If a vehicle is subsequently leased and subject to tax, tax will be due and owing on any subsequent lease transaction. However, if a lessor exclusively maintains the vehicle for sale, then use tax is due on the purchase price of the vehicle at the time of sale and the tax is due and payable under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 423.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.4(16) as amended by 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1125.

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**701—281.12(423) Exemption for vehicles previously purchased for rental.** The use of motor vehicles subject to registration and previously purchased for rental is exempt from tax if the following circumstances exist:

1. The motor vehicle was registered and titled between July 1, 1982, and July 1, 1992, inclusive;
2. The motor vehicle was registered and titled to a motor vehicle dealer licensed under Iowa Code chapter 322;
3. The motor vehicle was rented to a “user” as that term is defined in Iowa Code section 423C.2 and 701—251.1(423C);
4. The dealer kept the vehicle on the inventory of vehicles for sale at all times;
5. The vehicle was to be immediately taken from the user when a buyer was found; and
6. The user was aware of this fact.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 423.

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**701—281.13(423) Exempt use of aircraft on and after July 1, 1999.** On and after July 1, 1999, “aircraft” are subject only to use tax. See rule 701—280.6(423). As of that same date, the use of the following aircraft is exempt from tax:

**281.13(1)** Aircraft used in a scheduled interstate Federal Aviation Administration certified air carrier operation.

**281.13(2)** The use of an aircraft by an aircraft dealer who rents or leases the aircraft to another is exempt from tax if all of the following circumstances exist:

- a. The aircraft is kept in the inventory of the dealer for sale at all times.
- b. The dealer reserves the right to immediately take the aircraft from the renter or lessee when a buyer is found.
- c. The renter or lessee is aware that the dealer will immediately take the aircraft when a buyer is found.

As soon as an aircraft is used for any purpose other than leasing or renting, or the conditions set out in paragraphs “a,” “b,” and “c” are not continuously met, the dealer claiming the exemption is liable for the tax which would have been due but for the exemption set out in this subrule. Tax will be computed on the original purchase price paid by the dealer.

See rule 701—285.49(422,423) for a description of various aircraft parts and of services performed on aircraft which are exempt from sales and use tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.4 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 168.

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**701—281.14(423) Exemption for tangible personal property brought into Iowa under Iowa Code section 29C.24.** On or after January 1, 2016, see 701—Chapter 276 for an exemption from use tax on tangible personal property purchased outside Iowa and brought into Iowa or used in Iowa to aid in the

performance of disaster or emergency-related work during a disaster response period as those terms are defined in Iowa Code section 29C.24.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.6(17).

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CHAPTER 282  
RECEIPTS SUBJECT TO USE TAX DEPENDING ON  
METHOD OF TRANSACTION

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**701—282.1** Reserved.

**701—282.2(423) Federal manufacturer’s or retailer’s excise tax.** See rule 701—288.12(423) for the principles used to determine when federal excise tax is included in or excluded from the “purchase price” upon which Iowa use tax is based. The rule also contains a list of federal excise taxes which are currently includable in or excludable from the purchase price.

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**701—282.3(423) Fuel consumed in creating power, heat or steam for processing or generating electric current.** Tangible personal property purchased outside the state and consumed in creating power, heat or steam for processing tangible personal property or for generating electric current intended to be sold ultimately at retail shall be exempt from use tax. If the property purchased to be consumed as fuel in creating power, heat or steam for processing is also used in the heating of the factory or office, ventilation of the building, lighting of the premises or for any use other than that of direct processing, that portion of the property so used shall be subject to use tax.

When buying tangible personal property, part of which is exempt as fuel under the provisions of the law, from an out-of-state seller registered to collect use tax for the state, the purchaser shall furnish to such registered seller a written certificate certifying the cost of the property which is to be used for processing and shall, therefore, be exempt. The certificate shall also show the cost of the property which is not to be used in processing and, therefore, taxable in order that the registered seller may properly bill the amount of use tax due. See 701—284.3(422,423).

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**701—282.4(423) Repair of tangible personal property outside the state of Iowa.** A person who owns tangible personal property in the state of Iowa and sends such property or causes such property to be sent outside the state for the purpose of having it repaired and brings such property back into Iowa, shall be liable for the payment of use tax on the full charge if the service is enumerated.

When the repair is not an enumerated service subject to tax and is invoiced as a separate item from the materials furnished and used in the repair, tax shall be computed only on the charge made for the tangible personal property furnished by the repairer.

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**701—282.5(423) Taxation of American Indians.**

**282.5(1) Definitions.**

“*American Indians*” means all persons of Indian descent who are members of any recognized tribe.

“*Settlement*” means all lands within the boundaries of the Mesquakie Indian settlement located in Tama County, Iowa, and any other recognized Indian settlement or reservation within the boundaries of the state of Iowa.

**282.5(2) Use tax.** Out-of-state purchases made by Indians which are purchased for use on a recognized settlement or reservation where delivery occurs on a recognized settlement or reservation to Indians who are members of the tribe located on that settlement or reservation are exempt from tax. Out-of-state purchases made by Indians where delivery occurs off a recognized settlement or reservation are subject to tax even though purchased for use on a recognized settlement or reservation.

**282.5(3) Use tax—vehicles subject to registration.** Vehicles subject to registration with county treasurers are exempt from use tax if delivery of the vehicle is made on a recognized settlement or reservation to Indians who are members of the tribe located on that settlement or reservation. Vehicles subject to registration with county treasurers are subject to use tax if delivery of the vehicle is made off a recognized settlement or reservation.

See rule 701—285.31(422,423) for the taxation of tangible personal property and services where the state sales tax may be applicable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1, 423.2, and 423.7.  
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**701—282.6(422,423) Exemption for property used in Iowa only in interstate commerce.** In determining whether property used in interstate commerce is exempt from Iowa use tax, the following four circumstances will be considered. Any person claiming that use of property in Iowa is exempt from tax by virtue of its use in interstate commerce must prove that:

1. The use does not have a substantial nexus with Iowa; or
2. Iowa use tax is not fairly apportioned; or
3. Imposition of Iowa use tax results in discrimination against interstate commerce; or
4. The use tax imposed is not fairly related to services provided by Iowa and which aid the retailer or user.

See *Complete Auto Transit, Inc. v. Brady*, 430 U.S. 274, 51 L.Ed.2d 326, 97 S.Ct. 1076 (1977) and *D. H. Holmes Company, Ltd. v. McNamara*, 100 L.Ed.2d 21, 108 S.Ct. 1619 (1988). The second prong, fair apportionment, will be satisfied where the tax credit, authorized by Iowa Code section 423.25, is granted. *D. H. Holmes*, 100 L.Ed.2d at 28.  
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**701—282.7(423) Property used to manufacture certain vehicles to be leased.** Tangible personal property which by means of fabrication, compounding, or manufacturing becomes an integral part of vehicles defined in Iowa Code section 321.1, subsections 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10, is exempt from use tax provided the vehicle is manufactured for lease and actually leased to a lessee for use outside the state of Iowa and the subsequent sole use in Iowa is in interstate commerce or interstate transportation. Such vehicles are commonly known as motor trucks, truck tractors, road tractors, trailers, and semitrailers.

The exemption provided in this rule shall not be applicable to any vehicle designed primarily for the purpose of carrying persons.

Should a vehicle, which has been manufactured for lease and actually leased to a lessee for use outside the state of Iowa, have a “taxable moment” (as set forth in rule 701—282.6(422,423)) subsequent to the lease, tax would be owing and computed at the rate of 3 percent of the cost of the materials used in the manufacture of the vehicle.

The tax shall be paid on or before the last day of the month following the close of the quarter in which a taxable moment took place.

Sales of tangible personal property used as described in this rule and otherwise subject to Iowa retail sales tax imposed pursuant to Iowa Code section 422.43 are not exempt from the sales tax under the provisions of this rule.

The exemption provided in this rule shall be retroactive to January 1, 1973.  
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**701—282.8(423) Out-of-state rental of vehicles subject to registration subsequently used in Iowa.** If a vehicle is rented outside this state (such rental occurs when possession of the vehicle is transferred to a customer pursuant to a rental contract) and used within Iowa under the rental contract, rental payments are subject to Iowa use tax if those rental payments are made in Iowa at the termination of the rental agreement. See rule 701—202.14(423) regarding credit for taxes previously paid to another state.

EXAMPLE 1. Customer W signs a rental contract and takes possession of a rental car in Los Angeles. W drives the car to Des Moines and then pays a total charge for the rental of \$300. This \$300 payment is subject to Iowa use tax assuming that no tax was previously paid to another state.

EXAMPLE 2. Customer X rents and takes possession of a truck in Phoenix, Arizona. There customer X pays a \$500 deposit to the rental agency. Rental of the truck is on a mileage and per-day basis. Customer X then drives the truck to Des Moines. The mileage and per-day charges add up to \$600. Customer X pays the rental agency an additional \$100. This \$100 is subject to Iowa use tax.

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**701—282.9(423) Sales of mobile homes, manufactured housing, and related property and services.**

**282.9(1)** *Sales of mobile homes, manufactured housing, and related property and services for one package price.* This rule is applicable only to mobile homes and manufactured housing sold as tangible personal property rather than in the form of real property. If, at the time of the sale, a mobile home or manufactured housing is real property, this rule is not applicable to it. If a mobile home dealer buys a mobile home, incorporates that mobile home into real estate in the manner required by and described in Iowa Code section 435.26, and then sells the mobile home to a consumer, the sale of that mobile home, the sale of any services used to transform the mobile home from tangible personal property to real property, and the sale of any tangible personal property with the mobile home (such as furniture) are governed by 701—Chapter 219 which deals with building contracts and building contractors. Sales of manufactured housing in the form of real estate are governed by rule 701—282.10(423).

When a customer purchases a mobile home or manufactured housing from a dealer, it is usually the customer's wish that the dealer prepare the mobile home or manufactured housing so that it is ready for the customer to move into it. To render a mobile home or manufactured housing "ready to move into" a dealer will sell, with the home or housing, certain tangible personal property and will also perform or arrange for other parties to perform various services.

With respect to any one particular mobile home or manufactured house which a dealer may sell, a dealer may provide any combination of the following services or provide the following services and sell the below-listed property to any person purchasing the home or house:

1. Connect the electricity.
2. Connect the water.
3. Connect sewer system lines.
4. Sell and install skirting. Skirting is used to fill the space between the bottom of the mobile home or manufactured house and the ground. It gives the home or house an appearance more like a conventional home because it covers up this space.
5. Build and install steps for a door.
6. Build a deck.
7. Do minor repair.
8. Install and sell a foundation upon which to place the mobile home or manufactured housing.
9. Sell furniture or appliances (e.g., air conditioners, refrigerators, and stoves) for use in the mobile home or manufactured housing. Install the appliance (e.g., an air conditioner) if necessary.

A dealer selling a mobile home or manufactured housing on a "ready-to-move-into" basis usually sells that home or housing and the services and additional property necessary to render them livable for one "package price." The dealer and customer do not bargain separately for the sale of the various articles of tangible personal property (e.g., the mobile home or manufactured house and appliances) or the services (e.g., electrical installation) which are part of this package price; nor is the dealer's package price broken down to indicate any of the expenses which are components of the package price either in the dealer's sales contract or on any sales invoice.

The package price of any one particular mobile home or manufactured house will vary depending upon how many services the dealer will provide, or how much tangible personal property the dealer will sell in addition to the home or house. In many cases, a dealer will contract with a third party to perform the services promised in the dealer's contract to a customer. For example, the dealer will contract with a third party to hook up the home or house purchaser's electricity, install window air conditioning or will contract with a third party to build a deck or perform minor repairs on the mobile home or manufactured house.

In the situation described above, the "purchase price" of a mobile home or manufactured house is the entire package price charged for the home or house, additional personal property for use in and around the home or house, and services performed to render the home or house livable. The entire amount of the package price, reduced by 40 percent prior to July 1, 2008, or by 80 percent on or after July 1, 2008, as explained in rule 701—281.3(423), is used to calculate the amount of use tax due resulting from the sale of the mobile home or manufactured house. No part of the package price is subject to Iowa sales tax; rather it is subject to Iowa use tax.

**282.9(2)** *Sales of property and rendition of service under separate contract.* If the personal property and services listed in subrule 282.9(1) are purchased under separate contract and not as part of one package price with a mobile home or manufactured house, either from a mobile home dealer or from another party, the price paid for those items of property or services will not be a part of the purchase price of the home or house. Because the price of the property or services is not part of the “purchase price” of a home or house, that price will not be reduced by 40 percent prior to July 1, 2008, or by 80 percent on or after July 1, 2008, as required under rule 701—281.3(423), in computing the use tax due upon the sale of a mobile home. Also, if sold in Iowa, the property would be subject to Iowa sales tax. The same is true of services rendered in Iowa.

If separately contracted for, the gross receipts from the following services sold are subject to Iowa sales tax under Iowa Code subsection 422.43(11):

- a. Electrical hookup and air conditioning installation (electrical installation).
- b. Water and sewer system hookup (plumbing).
- c. Skirting installation and building and installation of steps and decks (carpentry).
- d. Nearly all “minor repairs” would be taxable.

The sale, under separate contract, of skirting, steps, decks, furniture, appliances, and other tangible personal property to customers purchasing mobile homes or manufactured housing would be sales of tangible personal property, the gross receipts of which are subject to Iowa sales rather than use tax.

The installation of a concrete slab on which to place the mobile home or manufactured housing would not be a service taxable to the home or housing owner since this installation involves “new construction” and the service performed upon this new construction is thus exempt from tax. The person installing the concrete slab would be treated as a construction contractor and would pay sales tax upon any tangible personal property purchased and used in the construction of the slab.

**282.9(3)** *Dealer purchases of tangible personal property and services for resale.* Regardless of whether the tangible personal property and services connected with the purchase of a mobile home or manufactured housing have been purchased as part of a package price or whether their purchase has been separately contracted for, a dealer’s or other retailer’s purchase of the tangible personal property or service for subsequent resale to a mobile home or manufactured housing purchaser is a purchase “for resale” and thus exempt from Iowa sales or use tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.6 as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, House File 2700, section 64.

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**701—282.10(423) Tax imposed on the use of manufactured housing as tangible personal property and as real estate.** As of July 1, 1999, tax is imposed on the use of “manufactured housing” in Iowa. On and after that date the term “manufactured housing” or “manufactured home” is intended, generally, to replace the term “mobile home” when referring to prefabricated housing which is subject only to use tax and not to sales tax even though there are some differences in the law’s treatment of mobile homes and manufactured housing.

**282.10(1)** *Definition.* “Manufactured housing” is basically housing which is factory built to specifications required by federal law (42 U.S.C. § 5403) and which is required by federal law to display a seal from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. It may be further characterized as (1) a structure built on a permanent chassis, (2) transportable in one or more sections, and (3) designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation. See the definition of “manufactured home” found in 24 Code of Federal Regulations § 3280.2 for additional characteristics of what is and is not “manufactured housing” for the purposes of Iowa use tax law.

**282.10(2)** *Tax treatment of manufactured housing which is similar to the tax treatment of mobile homes:*

a. Manufactured housing is subject only to Iowa use tax and not Iowa sales tax. The sale of manufactured housing in Iowa is defined by the applicable statute as a use of the housing in this state.

b. The use tax on manufactured housing is paid by the owner of the housing directly to the appropriate county treasurer. The law does not require any dealer or retailer in manufactured housing

to collect use tax from a purchaser and remit the tax to any governmental body, although the law does not prevent a dealer from doing this as a courtesy to buyers.

*c.* Prior to July 1, 2008, only 60 percent of the purchase price of either a mobile home or manufactured housing is subject to use tax. On or after July 1, 2008, only 20 percent of the purchase price of either a mobile home or manufactured housing is subject to use tax. See rule 701—281.3(423). The use of manufactured housing previously subject to tax and upon which the tax has been paid is exempt from further tax.

*d.* The taxation of manufactured housing which is sold in the form of tangible personal property is similar to the taxation of mobile homes which are sold in the form of tangible personal property. See rule 701—282.9(423).

**282.10(3)** *Taxable use of manufactured housing in the form of real estate.* Unlike mobile homes, the use of which can be taxed only when the homes are in the form of tangible personal property, under certain conditions, the use of manufactured housing in the form of real estate can be subject to tax. On and after July 1, 1999, if a developer has placed a manufactured home on a foundation in a lot in Iowa and hooked up the necessary utilities and completed the necessary landscaping to convert the home from tangible personal property to realty, the sale of the manufactured home to a user is a taxable use of the home on the user's part.

EXAMPLE. Alpha and Omega Development Corp. buys land with enough space for 100 lots for manufactured housing and for the streets necessary to provide access to the lots. Alpha and Omega then buys 100 manufactured houses. It lawfully buys these houses exempt from use tax based on the assertion that they have been purchased for subsequent resale. Alpha and Omega then develops the land, installing water, sewer and electric lines, placing the manufactured homes on foundations, and otherwise taking steps to convert the homes from tangible personal property to real estate.

Alpha and Omega then sells the homes on the lots to various customers. Each purchase of a home by a customer is a taxable use of the home on that customer's part, and the customer is obligated to pay the appropriate county treasurer the amount of Iowa use tax due.

*a.* When tax is due on the use of manufactured housing in the form of real estate, the basis for computing the tax is the "installed purchase price" of the manufactured housing. The "installed purchase price" is the amount charged by a building contractor to a homebuyer to convert manufactured housing from tangible personal property into real estate. Prior to July 1, 2008, use tax is due on 60 percent of the amount of the installed purchase price. On or after July 1, 2008, use tax is due on 20 percent of the amount of the installed purchase price. See rule 701—281.3(423).

*b.* Included within the meaning of the term "installed purchase price" are amounts charged to a buyer of a manufactured home to build and install a foundation on which to place a home; amounts charged to hook up electric, water, gas, sewer system, and other lines for necessary utilities; amounts charged to sell and install "skirting" (see subrule 282.9(1)); amounts charged to build and install any steps for a door; and amounts separately charged for any appliances or other items which become a part of the housing after installation, e.g., dishwashers and whirlpool tubs.

*c.* Excluded from the meaning of the term "installed purchase price" is any amount charged for the purchase of land on which to place a manufactured house; any amount charged for landscaping in connection with the installation of a manufactured house; any amount charged to build and install any deck or similar appurtenance to a manufactured home; and any amounts charged for the sale of furniture or appliances which remain tangible personal property after installation, e.g., furniture, room air conditioners, and refrigerators. This list of inclusions and exclusions is not exclusive. Furthermore, the purchase of furniture or appliances which remain tangible personal property is subject to Iowa sales or use tax, including consumers' use tax.

*d.* The exemption in favor of taxable services performed on or in connection with new construction (see rule 701—219.13(423)) is not applicable when calculating the amount of any installed purchase price.

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◊ Two or more ARCs

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CHAPTER 284  
EXEMPT SALES

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**701—284.1(422,423) Gross receipts expended for educational, religious, and charitable purposes.** Prior to July 1, 2001, net proceeds of an organization are exempt to the extent such proceeds are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes, except receipts from games of skill, games of chance, raffles, and bingo. Iowa Code section 422.45(3) requires that the activity from which the proceeds are derived must be from sales of educational, religious, or charitable activities and that the net proceeds be expended on these types of qualifying activities to be exempt from sales tax. For the purposes of determining if net proceeds are exempt from tax under this rule, subsequent to the sales event, the department analyzes the activities and the extent to which the net proceeds are expended on such activities. Net proceeds are exempt from sales tax to the extent that they are expended on educational, religious, or charitable activities.

**284.1(1) Evaluation.** For purposes of this rule, educational, religious, and charitable activities will be evaluated as follows:

*a. Educational.* The acquisition of knowledge tending to develop and train the individual. An activity that has as its primary purpose to educate by teaching. An activity that has as its primary objective to give educational instruction. An activity where the educational process is not merely incidental. An activity where the purpose is systematic instruction. The term educational purpose is synonymous with educational undertaking, and therefore, it can also include recreational activities as well as an activity designed to offer culture to the public. Activities which are directly related to the educational process of such as intramural sports and tests given to students or prospective students to measure intelligence, ability, or aptitude are considered educational for purposes of the exemption found in Iowa Code section 422.45(3). Municipal or civic art and science centers and libraries are also considered educational for purposes of the exemption.

EXAMPLE 1: Little Folks, a local preschool, has a chili supper to raise money for playground equipment, educational materials, and classroom furniture. The net proceeds from the supper are exempt from sales tax because the total amount of the net proceeds from the chili supper will be used for educational purposes. In addition, purchases made by the preschool may be exempt from tax if the preschool can meet the qualifications to be classified as an educational institution. See 701—17.11(422,423) for additional information regarding this exemption.

EXAMPLE 2: A local ballet company promotes the arts, provides classes and instruction on various types of dance, and sponsors and performs at numerous recitals that are free to the public. At its location, the ballet company has a gift shop in which patrons can purchase T-shirts, dance wear, and costumes. All proceeds are utilized by the ballet company to pay for its operational expenses and to perform the activities previously mentioned. The proceeds from this gift shop are exempt from Iowa sales tax to the extent they are utilized to pay for the stated educational activities.

*b. Religious.* The words “religious purpose” are analogous to religious worship. In the broadest of terms, it includes all forms of belief in the existence of superior beings capable of exercising power over the human race. As commonly accepted, it means the final recognition of God. It encompasses forms of worship, reference to one’s views about God, or the relationship to one’s creator. It also includes the use of property by a religious society or by a body of persons as a place for public worship.

EXAMPLE 1: A local church has a bake sale. All the net proceeds are returned to the church for religious purposes. Bake sales are generally exempt from sales tax unless the product is sold for “on-premises consumption” (see 701—20.5(422,423)), but the net proceeds are exempt from tax in any event because they are going to be used for religious purposes. However, any purchases made by the church that are not for resale are subject to sales tax. See 701—subrule 17.1(3).

EXAMPLE 2: Another local church conducts bingo games every Thursday. The net proceeds from the bingo activities will be used for religious purposes. However, bingo and other gambling activities are subject to sales tax regardless of the manner in which the proceeds are going to be used. See 17.1(5) “t.”

c. *Charitable.* The term “charitable” may be applied to almost anything that tends to promote well-doing and well-being for public good or public welfare with no pecuniary profit to the one performing the service or the giving of gifts by persons kindly disposed toward others, without obligation. An activity for the benefit of the public at large which includes relief of poverty, advancement of education or religion, promotion of health, providing a government or municipal service, and other activities, the purpose of which is to benefit the community, is considered charitable. Maintenance of public parks is a valid charitable purpose. Schools, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, and relief agencies are charitable. Profit-making organizations are not charitable, but may engage in charitable activities. An activity where net earnings go to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual sponsoring the activity is not charitable.

EXAMPLE 1: A local, nonprofit animal shelter that provides shelter, medical care, socialization, and adoption services for homeless animals sells T-shirts and sweatshirts depicting rescued animals as a fund-raiser. All the net proceeds from the sales will go to and be used by the animal shelter to defray the costs it incurs. Sales of the T-shirts and sweatshirts would be exempt from sales tax since the net proceeds would be expended on a charitable purpose. Items purchased by the shelter for resale would also be exempt from sales tax. Items purchased by the shelter that are not for resale, such as dog or cat food that will be used by the shelter, would be subject to sales tax.

EXAMPLE 2: An American Legion post conducts a pancake supper as a fund-raiser for disabled veterans. Some of the net proceeds are used to benefit disabled veterans and the remainder will be used by the American Legion post to pay rent and utilities at its location. Pursuant to subrule 17.1(2), when a portion of the net proceeds are intended to be expended for a qualifying exempt activity, then sales tax should not be collected from the consumer. In turn, the sponsoring organization of the activity, in this case the American Legion post, would not need to remit sales tax on the portion of the net proceeds that is expended for the charitable activity. However, the portion of net proceeds used by the American Legion post to pay rent and utilities is subject to sales tax due to the fact that the net proceeds were not used for a qualifying activity.

EXAMPLE 3: A nonprofit hospital operates a gift shop. All of the proceeds are used to defray costs of hospital care for indigent patients who are unable to pay for such care. Due to the fact that all of the net proceeds are used for a charitable purpose, the proceeds are exempt from sales tax. In addition, effective July 1, 1998, purchases made by the nonprofit hospital are also exempt from sales tax.

**284.1(2) Entire proceeds.** An Attorney General’s Opinion issued on November 2, 1967, indirectly offers a test of whether the gross receipts from an educational, charitable, or religious activity are entirely spent for such purpose. The test is whether all expenditures are so related to the activity so that the expenditure itself is for an educational, charitable, or religious purpose. The term “entire proceeds” is defined as those proceeds remaining after direct expenses have been deducted from the gross receipts derived from the activity or event. In addition to this definition, the expenses should be necessary and have an immediate bearing or relationship to the fulfillment of the activity. For example, the cost of food for a fund-raising meal would be a direct expense. However, the cost of a victory celebration because the fund-raising dinner was a success would not be a direct expense. Another example of where the direct expense rule would be violated would be where an educational institution invested proceeds from an art show into income-producing property and the remainder to purchase books for the library.

Examples of where cost of items would be a valid direct expense include, but are not limited to: 1. Cost of food, if for a fund-raising meal or the selling of food items. 2. Cost of tickets, if the receipts from the tickets are the principal receipts for the activity or event, or 3. Cost of entertainment, if the entertainment is the principal proceeds for the activity or event, such as a fund-raising dance.

For sales made on or after July 1, 1993, an exemption from sales tax shall be allowed even though the entire proceeds are not used for educational, religious, or charitable purposes. The exemption shall apply only to that portion of the proceeds used for educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

At the time of the selling event a presumption is made that sales tax will not be charged and collected from the consumer on the property or service sold. This particular exemption is dependent upon how the entire proceeds from the sale are expended, which follows the selling event. If after the event a portion



of the proceeds is expended for a noneducational, nonreligious, or noncharitable purpose, tax is due on that portion of the proceeds in the quarterly period in which that portion was expended.

**284.1(3) Purchases by organizations.** Organizations engaged in educational, religious, or charitable activities which sell tangible personal property or render, furnish or perform taxable services at retail in Iowa in connection with such activities shall be exempt from the payment of sales tax on their gross receipts derived from such sales, provided two requirements are met: (1) The activity must be educational, religious, or charitable and (2) the entire proceeds must be used for educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

Organizations that qualify for an exemption shall be entitled to purchase tangible personal property which they resell in connection with such activities without being charged tax on the property. They may give their suppliers a proper certificate of resale, indicating they are using the property for the exempt purpose as outlined and explaining that they do not hold a permit for the reason that their receipts from the sale of tangible personal property in connection with the activities are exempt from tax. Purchases by educational, religious, or charitable organizations which are not for resale, cannot be purchased free of sales tax. Nonprofit educational institutions should see rule 17.11(422,423) for taxable status of their purchases.

**284.1(4) General information.** The following is general information, important to organizations involved in educational, religious, or charitable activities:

*a.* There is no authority in the Iowa Code to grant a nonprofit corporation any type of blanket sales or use tax exemption on its purchases because the organization is exempted from federal or state income taxes.

*b.* Nonprofit corporations and educational, religious, or charitable organizations are subject to audit and should keep financial records for five years which meet acceptable accounting procedures.

*c.* Nonprofit corporations and educational, religious, or charitable organizations can be held responsible for the payment of sales and use taxes as would any other individual, retailer, or corporation.

*d.* Nonprofit corporations and educational, religious, or charitable organizations are not required to obtain a sales tax permit or any type of registration number if they are not making taxable sales. There is no provision in the Iowa Code which requires that such organizations have a special sales tax number or registration number and none are issued by the department of revenue. However, if such organizations are making sales which are subject to tax, then a sales tax permit must be obtained.

*e.* There is no statutory authority to require an organization or an individual to acquire an exemption letter or special certificate in order to claim an exemption under Iowa Code section 422.45(3). However, the burden of proof that an organization is entitled to an exemption lies with the organization. If an organization or individual wishes to notify the department of revenue of an upcoming event, or if an organization or individual wishes to inquire about the tax status of an activity, the department encourages contact with its main office in Des Moines, Iowa. Inquiries should be made in writing explaining in detail the event and how the proceeds therefrom are going to be used, and the time and place of the event. All inquiries should be made in advance of the event.

Under Iowa Code section 422.54, the department does have statutory authority to verify whether an individual or an organization which is making retail sales is required to file a return. Therefore, organizations or individuals may be asked to provide written information regarding the retail sales in a manner or form required by the department and return it to the nearest department of revenue field office within 30 days from the date the information was requested by the department.

Failure to complete and remit the requested information as required may result in a formal audit of the organization's or individual's records.

Inquiries regarding an individual's or an organization's sales tax exemption status relating to its fund-raising activities should be made to the department's taxpayer services section in Des Moines. Any decisions reached by the department of revenue are conditional pending an audit and verification of how the proceeds from the event were used.

*f.* Even though an activity or an organization has been recognized as one which could avail itself to the exemption provided by Iowa Code section 422.45(3), it can still be held responsible for sales tax

on gross receipts if the department finds, upon additional investigation, that the proceeds expended by the organization were not for educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

**284.1(5) Specific information.** Listed below are some common situations in which the sales tax exemption provided by section 422.45(3) may or may not be applicable:

*a.* Gross receipts from the sale of food and tangible personal property by individuals and organizations at bazaars, sporting events, fairs, carnivals, and centennial organizations, where the entire proceeds are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes, are exempt.

*b.* Gross receipts from sales by students where the gross receipts therefrom are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes or school-related functions, are exempt.

*c.* Gross receipts from the sales of food and tangible personal property by the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, 4-H and their satellite organizations, where the entire proceeds therefrom are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes, are exempt.

*d.* Gross receipts from tickets or admissions, except to athletic events of educational institutions, to the extent net proceeds therefrom are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes, are exempt.

*e.* Gross receipts from church-related functions, such as the ladies' auxiliary, except gambling activities, where the entire proceeds are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes, are exempt.

*f.* Gross receipts from activities or events where the entire proceeds therefrom are donated to support governmental or municipal services are considered charitable, and therefore, are exempt. Also, entire proceeds expended for civic projects are exempt. An example would be proceeds from activities of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Lions Clubs, or Kiwanis which are expended on a civic project.

*g.* Sales to organization members, primarily for the purpose of the selling organization, are exempt if the selling organization is educational, religious, or charitable. Examples are sales of uniforms, insignias, and equipment by Scout organizations to their members, sales of Bibles by a church to its members, and sales of choir robes by a church to its members.

*h.* A summer camp or ranch is generally considered a form of amusement which provides recreation to those who attend. If it is operated for profit, it is a form of commercial recreation and the gross receipts therefrom would be subject to sales tax. If it is not operated for profit, but is operated to help underprivileged children, or any child, and educates the child in some manner, the sales tax exemption would apply.

*i.* Reserved.

*j.* Admissions to athletic events of educational institutions (except athletic events of elementary and secondary educational institutions) are taxable under Iowa Code section 422.43 regardless of how the proceeds are expended. Educational institutions having proceeds from athletic events should obtain an Iowa sales tax permit. See 701—subrule 16.26(2).

*k.* The gross receipts from admissions to and the sale of tangible personal property at centennial events are exempt from sales tax only if the entire proceeds from such sales are used for educational, religious, or charitable purposes. Whether a centennial is educational rather than a commercial amusement depends on the activities and events held at the centennial.

*l.* A professional golf tournament or any similar event where spectators view professional athletics is not an educational activity.

*m.* Generally, organizations which produce plays and concerts are not conducting educational activities unless there is evidence that the organization has as its primary objective to give educational instruction to the members of its organization, and the plays and concerts are a means to practice what is learned through the organization. However, each situation is factual and must be evaluated on its own merits.

*n.* The mere renting of facilities to be used by another person or organization for educational, religious, or charitable purposes is not an educational, religious or charitable activity.

*o.* Where proceeds are used to reimburse individuals for the cost of transporting their automobiles to an antique car show, the proceeds are not considered to be expended for educational purposes, and the gross receipts from the car show are subject to tax.

*p.* Activities to raise funds to send members of educational, religious, or charitable organizations to conventions and other similar events which are directly related to the purposes of the educational, religious, or charitable organization are within the exemption requirements provided in Iowa Code section 422.45(3).

*q.* Organizations whose function is to promote by advertising the use of a particular product which can be purchased at retail, even though educating the public, do not qualify for the exemption provided by Iowa Code section 422.45(3).

*r.* Sales of tangible personal property by civic and municipal art and science centers are of an educational value and the gross receipts therefrom are exempt from tax if the entire proceeds are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

*s.* Organizations such as the Big Ten Conference, Big Eight Conference, and the Missouri Valley Conference are, themselves, educational institutions since they are made up of member schools which are educational institutions. Any other public body made up of educational institutions could be entitled to the exemptions found in Iowa Code sections 422.45(5) and 422.45(8).

*t.* All proceeds from games of skill, games of chance, raffles, and bingo games as defined in Iowa Code chapter 99B are subject to sales tax regardless of who is operating the game and regardless of how the proceeds therefrom are expended except that those games operated by a county or a city are exempt from collecting the sales tax. See rule 701—18.39(422). When organizations operate such games, they are required to have a sales tax permit and a gambling license. See 195—Chapters 20 to 25 of the rules.

**284.1(6)** *Taxability of profits on or after July 1, 2001.* Effective July 1, 2001, gross receipts from the sale or rental of tangible personal property or services in which the profits are used by or donated to a qualifying nonprofit entity are exempt from Iowa sales or use tax. The profits must be expended on educational, religious, or charitable activities in order for the sales transactions to be exempt from sales tax. For the purposes of determining if sales transactions are exempt from tax under this rule, the department determines the extent to which the profits are expended. Sales transactions are exempt from sales tax to the extent that profits are expended on educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

This exemption does not apply to the gross receipts from games of skill, games of chance, raffles, and bingo games as defined in Iowa Code chapter 99B.

*a.* To qualify for exemption from tax, all of the following criteria must be met:

(1) The gross receipts and profits must be from a retail sale of tangible personal property or taxable services;

(2) The profits from the sale must be used by or donated to one of the following:

1. An entity that is exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3);

2. A government entity; or

3. A private nonprofit educational institution;

(3) The exemption is allowed to the extent that the profits are expended for any of the following purposes:

1. Educational. For purposes of this rule, “educational” means any of the following:

- The acquisition of knowledge tending to develop and train the individual.
- An activity that has as its primary purpose to educate by teaching.
- An activity that has as its primary objective to give educational instruction.
- An activity for which the educational process is not merely incidental. An activity where the purpose is systematic instruction.

The term “educational purpose” is synonymous with “educational undertaking” and, therefore, it can include recreational activities as well as an activity designed to offer culture to the public. Activities which are directly related to the educational process such as intramural sports and tests given to students or prospective students to measure intelligence, ability, or aptitude are considered educational for purposes of the exemption found in Iowa Code section 422.45(3). Municipal or civic science centers and libraries are also considered educational for purposes of the exemption.

EXAMPLE 1: Little Folks, a local nonprofit preschool that is exempt from federal tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3), has a chili supper to raise money for playground equipment, educational materials,

and classroom furniture. The sales transactions from the supper are exempt from sales tax because the total amount of the profits from the chili supper will be used for educational purposes. In addition, purchases made by the preschool may be exempt from tax if the preschool can meet the qualifications to be classified as a private nonprofit educational institution. See 701—17.11(422,423) for additional information regarding this exemption.

EXAMPLE 2: A local nonprofit ballet company, which is exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3), promotes the arts, provides classes and instruction on various types of dance, and sponsors and performs at numerous recitals that are free to the public. At its location, the ballet company has a gift shop in which patrons can purchase T-shirts, dance wear, and costumes. All profits are utilized by the ballet company to pay for its operational expenses and to perform the activities previously mentioned. The gross receipts from this gift shop are exempt from Iowa sales tax to the extent that the profits therefrom are utilized to pay for the stated educational activities.

2. Religious. The phrase “religious purpose” is analogous to “religious worship.” In the broadest of terms, it includes all forms of belief in the existence of superior beings or things capable of exercising power over the human race. It also includes the use of property by a religious society or by a body of persons as a place for public worship.

EXAMPLE 1: A local church, which is exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3), has a bake sale. All of the bake sale profits are returned to the church for religious purposes. Bake sales are generally exempt from sales tax unless the product is sold for “on-premises consumption” (see 701—20.5(422,423)), but the bake sale profits are exempt from tax in any event because they are to be used for religious purposes. However, generally, any purchases made by the church that are not for resale are subject to sales tax. See 701—subrule 17.1(3).

EXAMPLE 2: Another local church, exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3), conducts bingo games every Thursday. The profits from the bingo activities will be used for religious purposes. However, bingo and other gambling activities are subject to sales tax regardless of the manner in which the profits are going to be used. See 17.1(5)“t.”

3. Charitable. A charitable act is an act done out of goodwill, benevolence, and a desire to add or improve the good of humankind in general or any class or portion of humankind, with no pecuniary profit inuring to the person performing the service or giving the gift. The term “charitable” may be applied to almost anything that tends to promote well-doing and well-being for public good or public welfare with no pecuniary profit inuring to the one performing the service or the giving of gifts by persons kindly disposed toward others, without obligation. An activity for the benefit of the public at large which includes relief of poverty, advancement of education or religion, promotion of health, providing a government or municipal service, and other activities, the purpose of which is to benefit the community, is considered charitable. Maintenance of public parks is a valid charitable purpose. Schools, the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, and relief agencies are charitable. Profit-making organizations are not charitable, but may donate to a qualifying organization that is a charitable organization or that engages in charitable activities. An activity from which the profits go to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual sponsoring the activity is not charitable. However, the casual sale exemption may apply to this type of situation. See 701—18.28(422,423) for information regarding the casual sale exemption.

EXAMPLE 1: A local, nonprofit animal shelter that is exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3) provides shelter, medical care, socialization, and adoption services for homeless animals and, as a fund-raiser, sells T-shirts and sweatshirts depicting rescued animals. All of the profits from the sales will go to and be used by the animal shelter to defray the costs it incurs. Sales of the T-shirts and sweatshirts would be exempt from sales tax since the profits from the sales would be expended on a charitable purpose. Items purchased by the shelter for resale would also be exempt from sales tax. Items purchased by the shelter that are not for resale, such as dog or cat food that will be used by the shelter, would be subject to sales tax.

EXAMPLE 2: A nonprofit hospital, which has received exemption from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3), operates a gift shop. All of the profits are used to defray costs of hospital care for indigent patients who are unable to pay for such care. Due to the fact that all of the profits from the gift shop are used for a charitable purpose, the gross receipts would be exempt from sales tax. In addition,

effective July 1, 1998, purchases made by the nonprofit hospital would also be exempt from sales tax. See Iowa Code section 422.45(54).

*b. Profits.* Gross receipts are exempt from sales tax to the extent that the profits are used by or donated to a qualifying organization and used for a qualifying activity. Profits are the gross receipts minus qualifying expenditures. The test of what is a qualifying expenditure is whether all expenditures are so related to the activity so that the expenditure itself is for an educational, charitable, or religious purpose. The term “profits” is defined as those proceeds remaining after direct expenses have been deducted from the gross receipts derived from the activity or event. In addition to this definition, the expenses should be necessary and have an immediate bearing or relationship to the fulfillment of the activity. For example, the cost of food for a fundraising meal would be a direct expense. However, the cost of a victory celebration because the fundraising dinner was a success would not be a direct expense. Another example of when the direct expense rule would be violated is a situation in which an educational institution invests profits from an art show into income-producing property and uses the remainder of the profits to purchase books for the library.

Examples of when the cost of items would be a valid direct expense include, but are not limited to: (1) cost of food, if for a fundraising meal or the selling of food items; (2) cost of tickets, if the receipts from the tickets are the principal receipts for the activity or event; or (3) cost of entertainment, if the entertainment is the principal source of proceeds for the activity or event, such as a fundraising dance.

At the time of the selling event, a presumption is made that sales tax will not be charged to and collected from the consumer on the property or service sold. This particular exemption is dependent upon how the profits from the sale are expended, which follows the selling event. If after the event a portion of the profits is expended for a noneducational, nonreligious, or noncharitable purpose, tax is due on that portion of the gross receipts in the quarterly period in which that portion was expended.

*c. Purchases.* Any organization that purchases tangible personal property or services for resale, the profits from the sales of which will be used by or donated to a qualifying organization, shall not pay tax on the property or services purchased for resale. Organizations that purchase tangible personal property or services for resale may give their suppliers a proper certificate of resale, indicating that the organizations are using the property for the exempt purpose as outlined and explaining that they do not hold a permit for the reason that their receipts from the sale of tangible personal property in connection with the activities are exempt from tax. Purchases by qualifying organizations which are not for resale cannot be purchased free of sales tax. Nonprofit private educational institutions should see rule 17.11(422,423) for taxable status of their purchases.

*d. General information.* The following is general information that is important to organizations involved in educational, religious, or charitable activities:

(1) There is no authority in the Iowa Code to grant a nonprofit corporation any type of blanket sales or use tax exemption on its purchases because the organization is exempted from federal or state income taxes.

(2) Nonprofit corporations and educational, religious, or charitable organizations are subject to audit and should keep for three years financial records which meet acceptable accounting procedures.

(3) Nonprofit corporations and educational, religious, or charitable organizations can be held responsible for the payment of sales and use taxes as would any other individual, retailer, or corporation.

(4) Nonprofit corporations and educational, religious, or charitable organizations are not required to obtain a sales tax permit or any type of registration number if they are not making taxable sales. There is no provision in the Iowa Code which requires that such organizations have a special sales tax number or registration number and none are issued by the department of revenue. However, if such organizations are making sales that are subject to tax, then a sales tax permit must be obtained.

(5) There is no statutory authority to require an organization or an individual to acquire an exemption letter or special certificate in order to claim an exemption under Iowa Code section 422.45(3). However, the burden of proof that an organization is entitled to an exemption lies with the organization. If an organization or individual wishes to notify the department of revenue of an upcoming event, or if an organization or individual wishes to inquire about the tax status of an activity, the department encourages contact with its main office in Des Moines, Iowa. Inquiries should be made in writing

explaining in detail the event, how the profits therefrom are going to be used, and the time and place of the event. All inquiries should be made in advance of the event.

Under Iowa Code section 422.54, the department does have statutory authority to verify whether an individual or an organization which is making retail sales is required to file a return. Therefore, organizations or individuals may be asked to provide written information regarding the retail sales in a manner or form required by the department and return it to the nearest department of revenue field office within 30 days from the date the information was requested by the department.

Failure to complete and remit the requested information as required may result in a formal audit of the records of the organization or individual.

Inquiries regarding an individual's or an organization's sales tax exemption status relating to its fundraising activities should be made to the department's taxpayer services section in Des Moines. Any decisions reached by the department of revenue are conditional pending an audit and verification of how the profits from the event were used.

(6) Even though an activity or an organization has been recognized as one which could avail itself to the exemption provided by Iowa Code section 422.45(3), it can still be held responsible for sales tax on gross receipts if the department finds, upon additional investigation, that the proceeds expended by the organization were not for educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

(7) The gross receipts from sales made by a nonprofit organization that engages in the sale of any tangible personal property or enumerated services will be presumed to be taxable, unless the taxpayer can present proof that the profits are expended for an educational, religious, or charitable purpose. For example, XYZ is a certified nonprofit organization by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. XYZ has an ice-skating facility and charges all patrons to use the facility. Iowa does not presume that the gross receipts from sales by XYZ are exempt just because XYZ is a nonprofit organization. Instead, there is a presumption that the gross receipts received by XYZ from its patrons would be subject to tax, unless XYZ can show that the profits are expended for a qualifying educational, religious, or charitable purpose or that XYZ qualifies for another exemption as set forth in Iowa Code section 422.45.

*e.* Specific information. Listed below are some common situations in which the sales tax exemption provided by Iowa Code section 422.45(3) may or may not be applicable:

(1) Gross receipts from the sales of food and tangible personal property by individuals and organizations at bazaars, sporting events, fairs, carnivals, and centennial celebrations are exempt to the extent the profits are used by or donated to a qualifying organization and are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

(2) Gross receipts from sales by students are exempt to the extent the profits therefrom are donated to a qualifying organization and are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

(3) Gross receipts from the sales of food and tangible personal property by the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, 4-H and their satellite organizations are exempt to the extent that the profits are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

(4) Gross receipts from tickets or admissions, except for gross receipts from tickets or admissions to athletic events of educational institutions, which are used or donated to a qualifying organization are exempt to the extent the profits therefrom are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

(5) Gross receipts from church-related functions, such as the ladies' auxiliary, except gambling activities, are exempt to the extent the profits therefrom are donated to or used by a qualifying organization and are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

(6) Gross receipts from activities or events to the extent the profits therefrom are donated and expended to support governmental or municipal services are considered charitable and, therefore, are exempt. Also, profits from these activities, to the extent they are expended for civic projects, are exempt. An example would be profits from activities of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, or Kiwanis which are expended on a civic project.

(7) Sales to organization members, primarily for the purpose of the selling organization, are exempt if the selling organization is a qualifying organization to the extent the profits are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes. Examples are sales of uniforms, insignias, and equipment

by Scout organizations to their members, sales of Bibles by a church to its members, and sales of choir robes by a church to its members.

(8) A summer camp or ranch is generally considered a form of amusement which provides recreation to those who attend. If it is operated for profit, it is a form of commercial recreation and the gross receipts therefrom would be subject to sales tax. If it is not operated for profit, has received exemption from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3), and the profits are expended for a qualifying purpose, such as to help underprivileged children or to educate a child in some manner, the sales tax exemption would apply.

(9) Admissions to athletic events of educational institutions (except athletic events of elementary and secondary educational institutions) are taxable under Iowa Code section 422.43 regardless of how the proceeds are expended. Educational institutions receiving proceeds from athletic events should obtain an Iowa sales tax permit. See 701—subrule 16.26(2).

(10) The gross receipts from admissions to and the sale of tangible personal property at centennial events are exempt from sales tax if the organization sponsoring the event is a qualifying organization or the profits are donated to a qualifying organization and to the extent the profits from such sales are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes. Whether a centennial is educational rather than a commercial amusement depends on the activities and events held at the centennial.

(11) A professional golf tournament or any similar event at which spectators view professional athletics is not an educational activity. However, if the profits from the golf tournament are donated to a qualifying organization and expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes, the sales are exempt from tax.

(12) Generally, qualifying nonprofit organizations which produce plays and concerts are not conducting educational activities unless there is evidence that the organization has as its primary objective to give educational instruction to the members of its organization, and the plays and concerts are a means to practice what is learned through the organization. However, each situation is factual and must be evaluated on its own merits.

(13) The mere renting of facilities to be used by another person or organization for educational, religious, or charitable purposes is not an educational, religious, or charitable activity.

(14) When profits from an activity are used to reimburse individuals for the cost of transporting their automobiles to an antique car show, the profits are not considered to be expended for educational purposes, and the gross receipts from the car show are subject to tax.

(15) Activities to raise funds to send members of qualifying educational, religious, or charitable organizations to conventions and other similar events which are directly related to the purposes of the qualifying educational, religious, or charitable organization are within the exemption requirements provided in Iowa Code section 422.45(3).

(16) An organization whose function is to promote by advertising the use of a particular product which can be purchased at retail does not qualify for the exemption provided by Iowa Code section 422.45(3), even though promotion by advertising may educate the public.

(17) Sales of tangible personal property by civic and municipal art and science centers are of an educational value and the gross receipts therefrom are exempt to the extent the profits are expended for educational, religious, or charitable purposes.

(18) Organizations such as the Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, and the Missouri Valley Conference are, themselves, educational institutions since they are made up of member schools which are educational institutions. Any other public body made up of educational institutions could be entitled to the exemptions found in Iowa Code sections 422.45(5) and 422.45(8).

(19) All proceeds from games of skill, games of chance, raffles, and bingo games as defined in Iowa Code chapter 99B are subject to sales tax regardless of who is operating the game and regardless of how the proceeds therefrom are expended, except that those games operated by a county or a city are exempt

from collecting the sales tax. See rule 701—18.39(422). When organizations operate such games, they are required to have a sales tax permit and a gambling license. See 481—Chapter 100.

This rule is intended to implement 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 736, section 2, and Iowa Code sections 422.45(5), 422.45(8), and 423.1.

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**701—284.2(422) Fuel used in processing—when exempt.** Receipts from the sale of tangible personal property which is to be consumed as fuel in creating power, heat or steam for processing, including grain drying or for generating electric current, shall be exempt from sales tax.

The exemption provided in the case of tangible personal property consumed as fuel in creating heat applies only when such heat is directly applied in the actual processing of tangible personal property intended to be sold ultimately at retail, as distinguished from heat which is used for the purpose of heating buildings, whether such buildings be manufacturing or processing plants, warehouses or offices. *Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co. v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 259 Iowa 178, 142 N.W.2d 407 (1966).

Fuel used in processing is exempt to creameries, dairies or ice cream factories only to the extent that the fuel is used in the actual processing of the finished product. This does not include combustible fuel used for storage after the manufacturing process is completed. For the treatment of electricity or steam used as a fuel or for any other purposes in processing by creameries, dairies, ice cream factories or other processors before, on or after July 1, 1985, see rule 17.3(422,423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.42(3).

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**701—284.3(422,423) Processing exemptions.** Carbon dioxide in a liquid, solid or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable services to be used in the processing of tangible personal property intended to be sold ultimately at retail are exempt from sales tax.

**284.3(1) Services used in processing.** Electricity, steam, or any other taxable service is used in processing only if the taxable service is used in any operation which subjects raw material to some special treatment which changes, by artificial or natural means, the form, context, or condition of the raw material and results in a change of the raw material into marketable tangible personal property intended to be sold ultimately at retail. The following are nonexclusive examples of what would and would not be considered electricity, steam or other taxable services used in processing:

*a.* The gross receipts from the sale of electricity or steam consumed as power or used in the actual processing of tangible personal property intended to be sold ultimately at retail would be exempt from tax. The gross receipts are to be distinguished from those of electricity or steam consumed for the purpose of lighting, ventilating, or heating manufacturing plants, warehouses, or offices. These latter gross receipts would be taxable.

*b.* The gross receipts from electricity used in the freezing of tangible personal property, ultimately to be sold at retail, to make the property marketable would be exempt from sales tax, *Fischer Artificial Ice & Cold Storage Co. v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 81 N.W.2d 437 (Iowa 1957).

*c.* Electricity used merely in the refrigeration or the holding of tangible personal property for the purpose of preventing spoilage or to preserve the property in its present state would not be “used in processing” and, therefore, its gross receipts would be subject to tax, *Fischer Artificial Ice*, supra.

*d.* Prior to July 1, 1995, electricity or other fuel used by greenhouses and their related facilities for the purposes of growing plants is not under any circumstances fuel which is used in processing, and the gross receipts from its sales would be subject to tax. On and after July 1, 1995, electricity or other fuel used for heating or cooling of a building used in the commercial production of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants, is exempt from tax. See 701—subrule 18.57(2) for more information.

**284.3(2) Carbon dioxide in a liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, and other taxable services used in processing.** An expanded definition of “processing” is allowed to manufacturers of food products for human consumption using carbon dioxide in a liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, and other taxable services. The definition of processing applicable to persons who are not manufacturers of food products but who are using taxable services is found in subrule 17.3(1).



a. “Manufacturer” characterized. A manufacturer is a person or entity different from a merchant, dealer, or retailer. See *Commonwealth v. Thackara Mfg. Co.*, 27 A. 13 (Pa. 1893). In order for a business to be a manufacturer the principal business of that business must be manufacturing. See *Associated General Contractors v. State Tax Commission*, 123 N.W.2d 922 (Iowa 1963). Another distinction is that a merchant or retailer sells in order to earn a profit and a manufacturer sells to take profits already earned from prior activity. See *State v. Coastal Petrol Inc.*, 198 So. 610 (Ala. 1940). A person primarily engaged in selling tangible personal property in order to earn a profit and only incidentally engaged in creating products suitable for use from raw materials is not a manufacturer. A retail grocery store, incidentally and not primarily engaged in manufacturing activities such as meat cutting or production and packaging of baked goods, is not a “manufacturer of food products for human consumption” and not entitled to claim the special processing exemption allowed to those manufacturers. Retail food stores, restaurants, and other persons incidentally engaged in food manufacturing activities can, however, continue to claim on their incidental processing activities the processing exemption allowed to persons who are not manufacturers of food products for human consumption. See subrule 17.3(1).

b. For sales occurring on and after July 1, 1985, the following activities constitute processing when performed by a manufacturer to create food products for human consumption. Any carbon dioxide in a liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable services primarily used in the performance of these activities is exempt from tax.

(1) Treatment of material that changes its form, context, or condition in order to produce a marketable food product for human consumption. “Special” treatment of the material to change its form, context, or condition is not necessary. Examples of “treatment” which would not be “special” are the following: washing, sorting and grading of fruits or vegetables; the washing, sorting, and grading of eggs; and the mixing or agitation of liquids. By way of contrast, sterilization would be “special treatment.”

(2) Maintenance of quality or integrity of the food product and the maintenance or the changing of temperature levels necessary to avoid spoilage or to hold the food in marketable condition. Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable service used in freezers, heaters, coolers, refrigerators, or evaporators used in cooling or heating which holds the food product at a temperature necessary to maintain quality or integrity or avoid spoilage of the food or to hold the food product in marketable condition is exempt from tax. It is not necessary that the taxable service be used to raise or lower the temperature of the food. Also, processing of food products for human consumption does not cease when the food product is in marketable form. Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable service used to maintain or to change a temperature necessary to keep the product marketable is exempt from tax.

(3) Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable service primarily used in the maintenance of environmental conditions necessary for the safe or efficient use of machinery or material used to produce the food product is exempt from tax. For example, electricity used to air-condition a room in which meat is stored is exempt from tax if the purpose of the air conditioning is to maintain the meat in a condition in which it is easy to slice rather than for the comfort of the employees who work in the room.

(4) Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable service primarily used in sanitation and quality control activities is exempt from tax. Nonexclusive examples exempt from tax include taxable services used in pH meters, microbiology counters and incubators used to test the purity or sanitary nature of a food product. For example, electricity used in egg-candling lights would be exempt from tax. Also, electricity, steam, or any other taxable service used to power equipment which cleans and sterilizes food production equipment would be exempt from tax. Electricity used to power refrigerators used to store food samples for testing would be exempt from tax. Finally, electricity used to power “bug lights” or other insect killing equipment used in areas where food products are manufactured or stored would be exempt from tax.

(5) Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable service used in the formation of packaging for marketable food products for human consumption is exempt from tax. For example, electricity used by a food manufacturer in plastic bottle forming machines is

exempt from tax if the plastic bottles will be used to hold a marketable food product, such as milk. Any electricity, steam or other taxable service used in the heating, compounding, liquefying and forming of plastic pellets into these plastic bottles is exempt.

(6) Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable service used in placement of the food product into shipping containers is exempt from tax. For example, electricity used by a food manufacturer to place food products into packing cases, pallets, crates, shipping cases, or other similar receptacles is exempt.

(7) Any carbon dioxide in liquid, solid, or gaseous form, electricity, steam, or other taxable service used to move material which will become a marketable food product or used to move the marketable food product itself until shipment from the building of manufacture is exempt from tax. This includes, but is not limited to, taxable services used in pumps, conveyors, forklifts, and freight elevators moving the material or food product and taxable services used in door openers which open doors for forklifts or other devices moving the material or product. Any loading dock which is attached to a building of manufacture is a part of that building. Any electricity, steam, or other taxable service used to move any food products to a loading dock is exempt from tax. If a food product is carried outside its building of manufacture by any conveyor belt system, electricity used by any portion of the system located outside the building is taxable.

**284.3(3) Measurement of taxable and nontaxable use of electricity and steam.** The exemption provided in the case of electricity or steam applies only upon the gross receipts from the sale of electricity or steam when the energy is consumed as power or is used in the processing of food products or other tangible personal property intended to be sold ultimately at retail, as distinguished from electricity or steam which is consumed for taxable purposes. When practical, electricity or steam consumed as power or used directly in processing must be separately metered and separately billed by the supplier thereof to clearly distinguish energy so consumed from electricity or steam which is consumed for purposes or under conditions where the exemption would not apply. If it is impractical to separately meter electricity or steam which is exempt from that electricity or steam upon which tax will apply, the purchaser must furnish an exemption certificate to the supplier with respect to what percentage of electricity or steam in the case of each purchaser is subject to the exemption. See 701—subrule 15.3(2). The exemption certificate must be supported by a study showing how the percentage was developed. When a certificate and study are accepted by the supplier as a basis for determining exemption, any changes in the processing method, changes in equipment or alterations in plant size or capacity affecting the percentage of exemption will necessitate the filing of a new and revised statement by the purchaser. When the electric or steam energy is separately metered, enabling the supplier to accurately apply the exemption in the case of processing energy, the purchaser need only file an exemption certificate since the supplier, under such conditions, will separately record and compute the consumption of energy which is exempt from tax apart from that energy which is subject to tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3) and 423.1.

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**701—284.4** Reserved.

**701—284.5(422,423) Sales to the American Red Cross, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, and U.S.O.** Receipts from the sale of tangible personal property or from rendering, furnishing, or providing taxable services to the American Red Cross, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, and U.S.O. shall be exempt from sales tax.

Purchases made by the Red Cross, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society or U.S.O. outside of Iowa for use in Iowa shall be exempt from use tax.

*Department of Employment v. United States*, 1966, 385 U.S. 355, 87 S.Ct. 464, 17L.Ed.2d 414.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.45(1), 422.45(5), and 423.4(4).

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**701—284.6(422,423) Sales of vehicles subject to registration—new and used—by dealers.** Receipts derived from the sale at retail in Iowa of new and used vehicles subject to registration under the motor

vehicle laws of Iowa shall be exempt from sales tax. When the vehicles are registered at the office of the county treasurer or the motor vehicle registration division, Iowa department of transportation, the tax is collected as use tax. Vehicle dealers selling tangible personal property or taxable services in Iowa, in addition to new or used vehicles, shall be required to hold a permit. Upon filing their quarterly returns, dealers shall show the amount of their gross receipts derived from the sale of new and used vehicles subject to registration and shall take appropriate deductions.

The purchaser of a new or used vehicle subject to registration shall be required to pay use tax when the vehicle is registered in Iowa under the Iowa motor vehicle law; and, the county treasurer or the motor vehicle registration division, department of transportation (whichever issues the registration) shall collect use tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.45(4), 423.7 and 423.8.  
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**701—284.7(422,423) Sales to certain federal corporations.** The department holds that the following are some of the federal corporations immune from the imposition of sales and use tax in connection with their purchases:

1. Central Bank for Cooperatives and Banks for Cooperatives
2. Commodity Credit Corporation
3. Farm Credit Banks
4. Farmers Home Administration
5. Federal Credit Unions
6. Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
7. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
8. Federal Financing Bank
9. Federal Home Loan Banks
10. Federal Intermediate Credit Banks
11. Federal Land Banks and Federal Land Bank Associations
12. Federal National Mortgage Association
13. Federal Reserve Bank
14. Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation
15. Production Credit Association
16. Student Loan Marketing Association
17. Tennessee Valley Authority

The federal statutes creating the above corporations contain provisions substantially identical with Section 26 of the Federal Farm Loan Act which has been construed as barring the imposition of state and local sales taxes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.45(1), 422.45(5), and 423.4(4).  
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**701—284.8(422) Sales in interstate commerce—goods transported or shipped from this state.** When tangible personal property is sold within the state and it is transported to a point outside the state, or it is transferred to a common carrier, to the mails, or to parcel post for shipment to a point without the state, sales tax shall not apply, provided the property is not returned to a point within the state except solely in the course of interstate commerce or transportation. See 701—subrule 26.2(3) for a description of an exemption applicable to services performed on the above-described property on or after May 22, 1999.

EXAMPLE: Company A sells point-of-sale computer equipment. The company is located in Des Moines, Iowa. Company A enters into a contract with company B to sell the latter company a large number of point-of-sale computers. Company B is located in Little Rock, Arkansas. A transfers possession of the computers to a common carrier in Des Moines, Iowa, for shipment to B in Little Rock. Sale of the computers is exempt from Iowa sales tax.

**284.8(1) Proof of transportation.** The most acceptable proof of transportation outside the state shall be:

- a. A waybill or bill of lading made out to the retailer's order calling for transport; or
- b. An insurance or registry receipt issued by the United States postal department, or a post office department's receipts; or
- c. A trip sheet signed by the retailer's transport agency which shows the signature and address of the person outside the state who received the transported goods.

**284.8(2) Certificate of out-of-state delivery.** Iowa retailers making delivery and therefore sales out of state shall use a certificate in lieu of trip sheets. The certificate shall be completed at the time of sale, identifying the merchandise delivered and signed by the purchaser upon delivery.

**284.8(3) Exemption not applicable.** Sales tax shall apply when tangible personal property is delivered in the state to the buyer or the buyer's agent, even though the buyer may subsequently transport that property out of the state and, also, when tangible personal property is sold in Iowa to a carrier and then delivered by the purchasing carrier to a point outside of Iowa for the carrier's use.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45(46).

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**701—284.9(422,423) Sales of breeding livestock, fowl and certain other property used in agricultural production.** The gross receipts from the sales of the following tangible personal property relating to agricultural production is exempt from tax.

**284.9(1) Sales of agricultural breeding livestock.** "Livestock" means domestic animals which are raised on a farm as a source of food or clothing, *Van Clief v. Comptroller of State of Md.*, 126 A.2d 865 (Md. 1956) and *In the Matter of Simonsen Mill Inc.*, Declaratory Ruling of the State Board, Docket No. 211, April 24, 1980. The term includes cattle, sheep, hogs, and goats. On and after July 1, 1995, ostriches, rheas, and emus are livestock and their sales are also exempt from tax. On and after July 1, 1997, fish and any other animals which are products of aquaculture are considered to be livestock as well. Effective March 6, 2002, and retroactively to April 1, 1995, farm deer and bison are also included in the term "livestock." "Farm deer" are defined as set forth in Iowa Code section 189A.2 and commonly include animals belonging to the cervidae family, such as fallow deer, red deer or elk and sika. However, "farm deer" does not include unmarked free-ranging elk. Sales of the foregoing are exempt from tax. Excluded from the term are horses, mules, other draft animals, dogs, cats, and other pets. Also excluded from the term are mink, fish (prior to July 1, 1997), bees, or other nondomesticated animals even if raised in captivity and even if raised as a source of food or clothing. Also excluded is any animal raised for racing. Effective May 23, 2003, the definition of "livestock" includes whitetail deer and mule deer, but not free-ranging whitetail deer and mule deer.

The sale of agricultural livestock is exempt from tax under this subrule only if the purchaser intends to use the livestock primarily for breeding at the time of purchase. The sale of agricultural livestock which is capable of, but will not be used for breeding or primarily for breeding, is not exempt from tax under this subrule. However, sales of most nonbreeding agricultural livestock to farmers would be a sale for resale and exempt from tax.

EXAMPLE 1: A breeding service purchases a prize bull from a farmer. At the time of sale the intent is to use the bull for breeding other cattle. The sale of the bull is exempt from tax even though three years later the breeding service sells the bull to a meat packer.

EXAMPLE 2: A farmer purchases dairy cows. To ensure production of milk over a sustained period of time, dairy cows must be bred to produce calves. If a farmer purchases dairy cows for the primary purpose of using them to produce milk and incidentally breeds them to ensure that this milk will be produced, the sale of the dairy cows to the farmer is not exempt from tax under this subrule. If the farmer purchases the dairy cows for the primary purpose of using them to produce calves and, incidental to that purpose, at times sells the milk which the cows produce, the sale of the dairy cows to the farmer is exempt from tax under this subrule.

**284.9(2) Sales of domesticated fowl.** "Domesticated fowl" means any domesticated bird raised as a source of food, either eggs or meat. The word includes, but is not limited to, chickens, ducks, turkeys, and pigeons raised for meat rather than for racing or as pets. On and after July 1, 1995, the word includes ostriches, rheas, and emus. Excluded from the meaning of the word are nondomesticated birds, such as

pheasants, raised for meat or any other purpose. The purchase of any domesticated fowl for the purpose of providing eggs or meat is exempt from tax, whether purchased by a person engaged in agricultural production or not.

**284.9(3)** Sales of herbicides, pesticides, insecticides, food, medication, and agricultural drainage tile (including gross receipts from the installation of agricultural drainage tile) which are to be used in disease, weed, or insect control or health promotion of plants or livestock produced as part of agricultural production for market are exempt from tax. On and after April 1, 1990, sales of adjuvants, surfactants, and other products which enhance the effects of herbicides, pesticides, or insecticides used for the reasons listed above are also exempt from tax. As used in this subrule:

a. “*Adjuvant*” is any substance which is added to a herbicide, pesticide, or insecticide to increase its potency.

b. “*Agricultural production*” is limited to what would ordinarily be considered a farming operation undertaken for profit. The term refers to the raising of crops or livestock for market on an acreage. See *Bezdek’s Inc. v. Iowa Department of Revenue* (Linn Cty. Dist. Ct., May 14, 1984). Included within the meaning of the phrase “agricultural production” is any feedlot operation whether or not the land upon which a feedlot operation is located is used to grow crops to feed the livestock in the feedlot, and regardless of whether or not the livestock fed are owned by persons conducting the feedlot operation; operations growing and raising hybrid seed corn or other seed for sale to farmers; and nurseries, ranches, orchards, and dairies. On and after July 1, 1995, “agricultural production” includes the raising of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants in commercial greenhouse or elsewhere for sale in the ordinary course of business. On and after July 1, 1997, the phrase also includes any kind of aquaculture. The following are excluded from the meaning of “agricultural production”: commercial greenhouses (prior to July 1, 1995); logging; catfish raising (prior to July 1, 1997); production of Christmas trees; beekeeping; and the raising of mink, other nondomesticated furbearing animals, and nondomesticated fowl (other than ostriches, rheas, and emus). The above list of exclusions and inclusions within the term “agricultural production” is not exhaustive.

c. “*Food*” includes vitamins, minerals, other nutritional food supplements, and hormones sold to promote the growth of livestock.

d. “*Herbicide*” means any substance intended to prevent, destroy, or retard the growth of plants including fungi. The term shall include preemergence, postemergence, lay-by, pasture, defoliant, desiccant herbicides and fungicides.

e. “*Insecticide*” means any substance used to kill insects. Any substance used merely to repel insects is not an insecticide. Mechanical devices which are used to kill insects are not insecticides.

f. “*Livestock*.” See subrule 17.9(1) for the definition of this term. In addition, for the purposes of this subrule, the word “livestock” includes domesticated fowl.

g. “*Medication*” is not limited to antibiotics or other drugs administered to livestock.

h. “*Plants*” includes fungi such as mushrooms, crops commonly grown in this state such as corn, soybeans, oats, hay, alfalfa hay, wheat, sorghum, and rye. Also included within the meaning of the term are flowers, small shrubs, and fruit trees. Excluded from the meaning of the term are fir trees raised for Christmas trees and any trees raised to be harvested for their wood.

i. “*Pesticide*” means any substance which is used to kill rodents or smaller vermin, other than insects, such as nematodes, spiders, or bacteria. For the purposes of this subrule, a disinfectant is a pesticide. Excluded from the term “pesticide” is any substance which merely repels pests or any device, such as a rat trap, which kills pests by mechanical action.

j. “*Surfactant*” is a substance which is active on a surface.

The following are examples of taxable and nontaxable sales related to agricultural production for market:

1. The sale of any substance which is not itself an insecticide, herbicide, or pesticide used to make more effective or enhance the function of any insecticide, herbicide, or pesticide is subject to tax prior to April 1, 1990. On and after April 1, 1990, sales of adjuvants, surfactants, and other products which are used to enhance the effectiveness of any insecticide, herbicide, or pesticide used in agricultural production are exempt from tax.

2. The sale of herbicides, pesticides, insecticides, food, medication, drainage tile, and exempt products listed in “1” above to any person not engaged in agricultural production for market is exempt if the property sold will be used for an exempt purpose, e.g., disease control, on behalf of another person engaged in agricultural production for market.

**284.9(4)** The sale of fuel used to provide heat or cooling for livestock buildings is exempt from tax. For the purposes of this subrule, electricity is considered to be a “fuel,” and the term “livestock” includes domesticated fowl. If a building is used partially for housing livestock and partially for a nonexempt purpose, for any portions of the building which are heated or cooled, a proportional exemption from sales tax may be claimed based upon a percentage calculated from a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of square feet of the building heated or cooled and used for housing livestock, and the denominator of which is the number of square feet heated or cooled in the entire building.

**284.9(5)** On and after July 1, 1995, sales of fuel for heating or cooling greenhouses, buildings, or parts of buildings used for the production of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants intended for sale in the ordinary course of business are exempt from tax. See subrule 17.9(4) above for the formula for calculating exempt use if a building is only partly used for plant raising.

**284.9(6)** On and after July 1, 1997, sales of tangible personal property for use as a fuel in the raising of agricultural products by aquaculture are exempt from tax.

**284.9(7)** Fuel, gas, electricity, water and heat consumed in implements of husbandry.

*a.* An implement of husbandry is defined to mean any tool, equipment, or machine necessary to the carrying on of the business of agricultural production and without which that work could not be done. *Reaves v. State*, 50 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. Crim. App. Ct. 1932). An airplane or helicopter designed for and used primarily in spraying or dusting of plants which are raised as part of agricultural production for market is an implement of husbandry.

*b.* Treatment of fuel used in implements of husbandry prior to July 1, 1985, and subsequent to June 30, 1987. Prior to July 1, 1985, and subsequent to June 30, 1987, the sale of fuel used in any implement of husbandry, whether self-propelled or not, is exempt from tax if consumed while the implement is engaged in agricultural production. Thus, fuel used not only in tractors or combines but also fuel used in implements which cannot move under their own power is exempt from tax. The sale of fuel used in milk coolers and milking machines, stationary irrigation equipment, implements used to handle feed, grain and hay and to provide water for livestock, is exempt from tax even though these implements of husbandry would not, at least ordinarily, be “self-propelled.”

*c.* Sale of fuel used in implements of husbandry on and after July 1, 1985, to and including June 30, 1987. On and after July 1, 1985, to and including June 30, 1987, only the sale of fuel used in “self-propelled” implements was exempt from tax. A “self-propelled” implement of husbandry is one which is capable of movement from one place to another under its own power. An implement of husbandry is not self-propelled simply because it has moving parts. Tractors, combines, and motor trucks used exclusively for delivery and application of fertilizer would be nonexclusive examples of self-propelled implements of husbandry. An irrigation system, which rotates a shaft that dispenses water and a wheel or wheels which support the shaft in a circle about a wellhead which remains stationary, is not a “self-propelled” implement of husbandry.

*d.* For the purposes of this subrule, electricity used to power an implement of husbandry engaged in agricultural production or consumed in grain drying is considered to be a “fuel.”

*e.* On and after July 1, 1987, the gross receipts from the sale of gas, electricity, water, or heat used in implements of husbandry engaged in agricultural production which is not otherwise exempt under the previous provisions of this subrule, is exempt from tax. See subrule 17.9(3) for the characterization of “Agricultural production” applicable to this subrule.

**284.9(8)** Water, when sold to farmers who are purchasing water for both livestock production as well as for household and sanitation use, shall be subject to the imposition of the tax the same as electricity or steam in rule 17.3(422,423).

Water sold to farmers and others and used directly as drinking water for livestock or poultry products for market, shall be exempt from the imposition of tax. Water used for other purposes such as household use, sanitation, or swimming pools shall be subject to tax. When water is used in livestock production,

as well as for other purposes, the water may, when practical, be separately metered and separately billed to clearly distinguish the water consumed for livestock purposes from other purposes. When it is impractical to separately meter water which is exempt from that which is taxable, the purchaser may furnish a statement to the seller which will enable the seller to determine the percentage of water subject to the exemption. In the absence of proof to the contrary, the retailer of the water shall bill and collect tax on the first 4,000 gallons of water per month. The first 4,000 gallons of water per month will be considered to be for nonexempt use and the balance will be considered to be used as part of agricultural production.

**284.9(9)** Refunds regarding farm deer and bison. Effective March 6, 2002, and retroactive to April 1, 1995, refunds of tax, penalty or interest may be claimed for sale of feed and feed supplements and additives when used for consumption by farm deer or bison. To be eligible for refund, the sale must have occurred between April 1, 1995, and March 6, 2002, and the refund claim must be filed prior to October 1, 2002. Refund claims are limited to \$50,000 in aggregate and will not be allowed if not timely filed. If the amount of claims totals more than \$50,000 in aggregate, the department will prorate the \$50,000 among all the claimants in relation to the amounts of the claimants' valid claims.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42, 422.43, and 423.1 and 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 149, sections 1 and 4.

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**701—284.10(422,423) Materials used for seed inoculations.** All forms of inoculation, whether for promotion of better growth and healthier plants or for prevention or cure of mildew of plants or disease of seeds and bulbs, are intended for the same general purpose. Sales tax shall not be imposed on any material used for inoculation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3) and 423.1(1).

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**701—284.11(422,423) Educational institution.** Goods, wares or merchandise purchased by any private nonprofit educational institution in the state and used for educational purposes shall be exempt from sales tax. The gross receipts from the sale of textbooks and hot lunches to students shall be exempt from sales tax to the extent the profits from the sales are used for educational purposes. The sales of the yearbooks to schools which have executed contracts with yearbook companies to purchase yearbooks are considered sales for resale and are exempt from tax. The sales of yearbooks from the school to the students and others are considered an educational activity and are exempt to the extent the profits therefrom are expended for educational purposes.

Effective January 1, 2002, "educational institution" means an institution which primarily functions as a school, college, or university with students, faculty, and an established curriculum. The faculty of an educational institution must be associated with the institution and the curriculum must include basic courses which are offered every year. "Educational institution" includes an institution primarily functioning as a library.

**EXAMPLE 1:** ABC Child Care (ABC) is a private nonprofit organization that provides the service of caring for children newborn to six years of age. In addition, ABC teaches the children basic learning skills such as shapes, numbers, colors, and the alphabet. ABC teaches the same skills every year using the same techniques. ABC is not a private educational institution. ABC's primary purpose is to provide child care. The education of the children is a secondary activity. Consequently, ABC would not qualify for exemption from sales tax.

**EXAMPLE 2:** Little People's Preschool is a nonprofit private organization that teaches children from the ages of three to six years old. Little People's Preschool teaches the children basic learning skills such as shapes, numbers, colors and the alphabet by using certified faculty and accredited curriculum. Little People's Preschool is a private nonprofit educational institution and is eligible to claim the exemption.

When purchases are made by any private nonprofit educational institution and the institution is acting as an agent for the sale to any student or other person, the sales are taxable if the proceeds from the sale are not used for educational purposes.

When private nonprofit educational institutions contract with food service companies to make sales of food or other sales at the educational institution, certain sales by the food service company are taxable or exempt depending on the circumstances.

#### Taxable Sales

A. All cash sales of meals or foods that could not be purchased in the same form or quantity in a retail store accepting food coupons (see rule 701—20.1(422,423) to 20.6(422,423)), shall be taxable whether sold at snack bars, grills, cafeterias, restaurants, or cafes and whether or not sold to students.

B. All vending machine sales without exception.

C. Special event billings to colleges for feeding of guests not connected with the college.

D. Special event billings to colleges for feeding at banquets, parties, or social events not connected with the college.

E. Cash sales of any function where collection is made direct, whether or not to students.

F. Sales to fraternities or sororities for parties, banquets or social events not billed to college.

G. Special event feedings of commercial or social clubs such as chambers of commerce, Rotarians, Kiwanis, alumni, advertising clubs, or political groups, even though billed through the college.

#### Exempt Sales

A. Student board billing to include freshman days and student orientation when billed to the college and included in tuition.

B. Students and faculty casual board when billed to college.

C. Teas, conferences, and parties when given by faculty for students and billed to the college.

D. Athletic or training table feeding when billed to the college.

E. Special events sponsored by colleges for visiting dignitaries, or functions related to education and billed to the college.

F. Picnics for students on education field trips and billed to the college.

The above examples are not all-inclusive, only a general guideline.

A private nonprofit educational institution consists of a school, college, or university with students, faculty, and an established curriculum, a group of qualifying organizations acting in concert, or libraries.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42, 422.43, 422.45(3) as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 736, section 2, 422.45(7), 422.45(8) as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 736, section 3, 423.1, and 423.4.

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**701—284.12(422) Coat or hat checkrooms.** The operation of a checkroom is not a taxable service or an admission to any amusement or athletic event; therefore, the gross receipts from this operation shall not be included in the gross receipts on which sales tax is computed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.43.

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**701—284.13(422,423) Railroad rolling stock.** Railroad rolling stock is that portion of railroad property which is incapable of being affixed or annexed on any one place but is wholly intended for movement on rails to transport persons or property whether for hire or not for hire and includes materials and parts used therefor. Locomotives, railroad cars, and materials and parts used therefor shall be exempt from tax. This exemption includes maintenance-of-way equipment which is used to transport persons or property. Also, fuel and lubricants used in railroad rolling stock are materials used in railroad rolling stock and their sales are exempt from tax. Enumerated services are not railroad rolling stock and are not exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45(10).

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**701—284.14(422,423) Chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents used in processing.** Chemicals, solvents, sorbents, and reagents directly used and consumed, dissipated, or depleted in processing tangible personal property intended to be sold ultimately at retail shall be exempt from sales and use



tax. For the purpose of this rule for periods on or after January 1, 1980, free newspapers or shoppers' guides or both are considered to be retail sales for the purpose of the processing exemption.

**284.14(1) Definitions.**

*a.* "Chemical" is a substance which is primarily used for producing a chemical effect. A chemical effect results from a chemical process wherein the number and kind of atoms in a molecule are changed in form (e.g., where oxygen and hydrogen are combined to make water). A chemical process is distinct from a physical process wherein only the state of matter changes (e.g., where water is frozen into ice or heated into steam).

*b.* "Solvent" is a substance (usually liquid) primarily used in dissolving something; as water is the appropriate solvent of most salts, alcohol of resins, and ether of fats.

*c.* "Sorbent" is a substance which takes up and holds either by adsorption or absorption. To be a sorbent for purpose of the exemption, a substance must be primarily used as a sorbent.

*d.* "Reagent" is a substance used for various purposes, (as in detecting, examining, or measuring other substances, in preparing materials, in developing photographs) because it takes part in one or more chemical reactions or biological processes. A reagent is also a substance used to convert one substance into another by means of the reaction which it causes. To be a reagent for purpose of the exemption, a substance must be primarily used as a reagent.

For the purpose of this rule, a catalyst is considered to be a chemical, solvent, sorbent, or reagent. A catalyst is a substance which promotes or initiates a chemical reaction, and as such is exempt from tax if consumed, dissipated, or depleted during processing of tangible personal property which is intended to be ultimately sold at retail.

**284.14(2) Conditions for exemption.** To qualify for this exemption, all of the following conditions must be met:

*a.* The item must be a chemical, solvent, sorbent, or reagent.

*b.* The chemical, solvent, sorbent, or reagent must be directly used and consumed, dissipated, or depleted during processing as defined in rule 701—18.29(422,423).

*c.* The processing must be performed on tangible personal property intended to be sold ultimately at retail.

*d.* The chemical, solvent, sorbent, or reagent need not become an integral or component part of the processed tangible personal property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3) and 423.1(1).

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**701—284.15(422,423) Demurrage charges.** Charges for returning tangible personal property after the agreed-upon date which are true demurrage charges supported by a written agreement do not constitute taxable sales and are exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.43.

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**701—284.16(422,423) Sale of a draft horse.** The gross receipts from the sale of draft horses, when purchased for use and so used as a draft horse, shall not be subject to tax. For the purposes of this rule, horses commonly known as Clydesdale, Belgian, Shire, and Percheron will be considered draft horses. However, upon proper showing, other breeds will be granted the exemption by the director, but the burden of proof lies with the one seeking the exemption. *Jones v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 74 N.W.2d 563 (Iowa 1956). These breeds are used as a draft horse when they are used to pull a load. It is not required that the load be of a commercial nature. Such horses used to pull loads in shows or for the conveyance of persons or property are being so used as draft horses.

The effective date of this rule is for periods beginning on or after July 1, 1978.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.45(17) and 423.4(4).

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**701—284.17(422,423) Beverage container deposits.** Tax shall not apply to beverage container deposits. This rule is also applicable to all mandatory beverage container deposits required under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 455C including deposits on items sold through vending machines.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 455C.

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**701—284.18(422,423) Films, video tapes and other media, exempt rental and sale.**

**284.18(1) Exempt rental.** The gross receipts from the rental of films, video and audio tapes or discs, records, photos, copy, scripts, or other media used for the purpose of transmitting that which can be seen, heard or read shall not be taxable if the lessee either:

*a.* Imposes a charge for the viewing or rental of the media and that charge will be subject to Iowa sales or use tax, or

*b.* The lessee broadcasts the contents of the media for public viewing or listening.

The gross receipts from lessees who are film exhibitors or who rent video tapes and discs would ordinarily be exempt from tax under this rule. The rental of media for reproduction of images into newspapers or periodicals will not be exempt from tax under this rule since neither of criteria “*a*” or “*b*” above will occur. The rental of films, video tapes and video discs for home viewing is not exempt from tax.

**284.18(2) Exempt sale.** Retroactive to July 1, 1984, gross receipts from the sale to persons regularly engaged in the business of leasing or renting media of motion picture films, video and audio tapes or discs, and records, or any other media which can be seen, heard, or read are exempt from tax if the ultimate leasing or renting of the media is subject to Iowa sales or use tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.45(24) and 422.45(41).

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**701—284.19(422,423) Gross receipts from the sale or rental of tangible personal property or from services performed, rendered, or furnished to certain nonprofit corporations exempt from tax.**

**284.19(1)** On and after July 1, 1988, the gross receipts from the sale or rental of tangible personal property or from services performed, rendered, or furnished to the following nonprofit corporations are exempt from tax.

*a.* Community health centers as defined in 42 U.S.C.A. Section 254c.

*b.* Migrant health centers as defined in 42 U.S.C.A. Section 254b.

**284.19(2)** After July 1, 1985, the gross receipts from the sale or rental of tangible personal property or from services performed, rendered or furnished to the following nonprofit corporations are exempt from tax.

*a.* Residential care facilities and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded and residential care facilities for the mentally ill licensed by the department of health under Iowa Code chapter 135C.

*b.* Residential facilities for mentally retarded children licensed by the department of human services under Iowa Code chapter 237 including facilities maintained by “individuals” as defined in section 237.1(7) until and including June 30, 1989. On and after July 1, 1989, all residential facilities for child foster care (not only those for mentally retarded children) licensed by the department of human services under chapter 237, other than those maintained by “individuals” as defined in Iowa Code section 237.1(7) are eligible for the exemption.

*c.* Rehabilitation facilities that provide accredited rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities which are accredited by the commission on accreditation of rehabilitation facilities or the accreditation council for services for mentally retarded and other developmentally disabled persons and adult day care services approved for reimbursement by the department of human services.

*d.* Community mental health centers accredited by the department of human services under Iowa Code chapter 225C.

**284.19(3)** The exemption does not apply to tax paid on the purchase of building materials by a contractor which are used in the construction, remodeling or reconditioning of a facility used or to be used for one or more of the uses set forth in subrule 17.19(2). See 1985 O.A.G. 66.

**284.19(4)** Taxes payable on transactions occurring between July 1, 1980, and July 1, 1985, involving the retail sale or rental of tangible personal property or from services performed, rendered, or furnished to a nonprofit corporation described in subrule 17.19(2) and which have not been paid by the nonprofit corporation are no longer due and payable after July 1, 1985, and these taxes are not to be collected notwithstanding any other provisions of the Code.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45.

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**701—284.20(422) Raffles.** Gross receipts from the sale of fair raffle tickets pursuant to Iowa Code section 99B.5 are not subject to tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45(32).

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**701—284.21** Reserved.

**701—284.22(422,423) Modular homes.** On and after July 1, 1988, 40 percent of the gross receipts from the sale of a modular home is exempt from tax. A “modular home” is any structure, built in a factory, made to be used as a place for human habitation which cannot be attached or towed behind a motor vehicle and which does not have permanently attached to its body or frame any wheels or axles.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45.

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**701—284.23(422,423) Sales to other states and their political subdivisions.** On and after July 1, 1990, gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property or from the furnishing of electrical energy, natural or artificial gas, or communication service to another state or political subdivision of another state are exempt from tax if that other state provides a similar reciprocal exemption for Iowa and its political subdivisions. The states known to provide a similar reciprocal exemption to Iowa and its subdivisions (as of October 1, 1998) are Illinois, Kentucky, North Dakota, South Dakota, and the District of Columbia.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45.

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**701—284.24(422) Nonprofit private museums.** For sales occurring on or after July 1, 1990, the gross receipts of all sales of goods, wares, merchandise, or services used for educational, scientific, historic preservation, or aesthetic purpose to a nonprofit private museum are exempt from tax. A “museum” is an institution organized for educational, scientific, historical preservation, or aesthetic purposes which is predominately devoted to the care and exhibition of a collection of objects in a room, building, or locale. This collection must be open to the public on a regular basis, and its staff must be available to answer questions regarding the collection. See the example at the end of the rule for a characterization of the phrase “open to the public on a regular basis.”

Words contained in exemption statutes are strictly construed; all doubt regarding their meaning is resolved in favor of taxation and against exemption. *Ballstadt v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 368 N.W.2d 147 (Iowa 1985) and *Iowa Movers and Warehousemen’s Association v. Briggs*, 237 N.W.2d 759 (Iowa 1976). Furthermore, an institution is not a “museum” unless it can be included in the “ordinary and usual public concept” of a museum, regardless of the abstract definition of the term within which the institution might fit. See *Sorg v. Department of Revenue*, 269 N.W.2d 129 (Iowa 1978). Using the above principles, the department excludes from its definition of “museum” the following: aquariums, arboretums, botanical gardens, nature centers, planetariums, and zoos. Included within the meaning of “museum” are: art galleries, historical museums, museums of natural history, and museums devoted to one particular subject or one person.

EXAMPLE: The Blank County History Museum is open every Tuesday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., other than on national holidays. The museum is open periodically or at fixed intervals, so it is open “on a regular basis,” even though, each week, it is open only briefly.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45(43).

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**701—284.25(422,423) Exempt sales by excursion boat licensees.** The following sales by licensees authorized to operate excursion gambling boats are exempt from Iowa sales and use tax: (1) charges for admission to excursion gambling boats, and (2) gross receipts from gambling games authorized by the state racing and gaming commission and conducted on excursion gambling boats.

Gross receipts from charges other than those for admissions or authorized gambling games would ordinarily be taxable. The following is a nonexclusive list of taxable licensee sales: parking fees, sales of souvenirs, vending machine sales, prepared meals, liquor and other beverage sales, and gross receipts from nongambling video games and other types of games which do not involve gambling.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 99F.10(6).

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**701—284.26(422,423) Bedding for agricultural livestock or fowl.** See subrules 17.9(1) and 17.9(2) and paragraph 17.9(3) “a” for definitions applicable to this rule. Between July 1, 1985, and June 30, 1992, inclusive, only the sale of woodchips or sawdust used in the production of agricultural livestock or fowl was exempt from tax. The sale of other materials used as bedding in the production of agricultural livestock or fowl was not exempt from tax. On and after July 1, 1992, the gross receipts from the sale of not only woodchips or sawdust but also of hay, straw, paper or any other materials used for bedding in the production of agricultural livestock or fowl is exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45(30).

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**701—284.27(422,423) Statewide notification center service exemption.** On and after January 1, 1995, taxable services rendered, furnished or performed by a statewide notification center established under Iowa Code section 480.3 which provides notice to operators of underground facilities who excavate in the area of these facilities are exempt from tax. This exemption is also applicable to taxable services rendered, furnished, or performed by any vendor selected by the board of directors of the statewide notification center to provide notification services.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, House File 550.

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**701—284.28(422,423) State fair and fair societies.** For periods beginning on or after July 1, 1996, the gross receipts from sales or services rendered, furnished, or performed by the state fair organized under Iowa Code chapter 173 or a county, district or fair society organized under Iowa Code chapter 174 are exempt from sales tax. This exemption does not apply to individuals, entities, or others that sell or provide services at the state, county, district fair, or fair societies organized under Iowa Code chapters 173 and 174. See 701—subrule 16.26(2) for examples of this rule’s application.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1124.

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**701—284.29(422,423) Reciprocal shipment of wines.** A winery licensed or permitted pursuant to laws regulating alcoholic beverages in a state which affords this state an equal reciprocal shipping privilege may ship into this state by private common carrier, to a person 21 years or age or older, not more than 18 liters of wine per month, for consumption or use by such person. Such wine shall not be resold. Shipment of wine pursuant to this rule is not subject to sales tax under Iowa Code section 422.43 or use tax under Iowa Code section 423.2.

“Equal reciprocal shipping privilege” means allowing wineries located in this state to ship wine into another state, not for resale, but for consumption or use by a person 21 years of age or older.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 123.187 as enacted by 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1101.

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**701—284.30(422,423) Nonprofit organ procurement organizations.** On and after July 1, 1998, the gross receipts from sales of tangible personal property to, or from services rendered, furnished, or performed for, a statewide, nonprofit organ procurement organization are exempt from tax.

An “organ procurement organization” is an organization which performs or coordinates the activities of retrieving, preserving, or transplanting organs, which maintains a system of locating prospective recipients for available organs, and which is registered with the United Network for Organ Sharing and designated by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 CFR § 485, subpt. D.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1156.

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**701—284.31(422,423) Sale of electricity to water companies.** On or after July 1, 1998, the gross receipts from the sale of electricity to water companies assessed for property tax pursuant to Iowa Code sections 428.24, 428.26, and 428.28, which is used solely for the purpose of pumping water from a river or well is exempt from sales tax. For the purposes of this rule, “river” means a natural body of water or waterway that is commonly known as a river. “Well,” for the purposes of this rule, means an issue of water from the earth; a mineral spring; a pit or hole sunk into the earth to reach a water supply; a shaft or hole sunk to obtain oil, water, gas, etc.; a shaft or excavation in the earth, in mining, from which run branches...*Pacific Gas and Electric Company v. Hufford*, 319 P.2d 1033, 1040 (Calif. 1957), citing Webster’s New International Dictionary, 2nd ed., unabridged. Also see rule 701—17.3(422,423) for additional information regarding the processing exemption.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1161.

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**701—284.32(422) Food and beverages sold by certain organizations are exempt.** Retroactively to July 1, 1988, the gross receipts from sales of food and beverages for human consumption by certain organizations that promote Iowa products and any other food or beverage sold in conjunction with the promoted Iowa product by the organization.

**284.32(1)** To claim the exemption, an organization must meet all of the following qualifications:

- a. The organization must be nonprofit,
- b. The organization must principally promote a food or beverage product for human consumption that is produced, grown, or raised in Iowa, and
- c. The organization must be exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**284.32(2)** Claim for refunds of tax, interest, or penalty paid for the period of July 1, 1988, to June 30, 1998, must be limited to \$25,000 in the aggregate and will not be allowed unless filed prior to October 1, 1998. If the amount of the claimed refunds for this period totals more than \$25,000, the department must prorate the \$25,000 among all claims. In addition, refunds of tax, interest, or penalty paid will only be refunded to the organization that actually paid the tax and did not collect the tax from the customer for the period in which the refund is requested or to an individual that paid the tax during the authorized period and had a receipt of the transaction.

EXAMPLE 1. A nonprofit association that is also exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code promotes the sale of turkey. In October of 1997, in Winterset, Iowa, the organization sold turkey sandwiches, chips, and beverages to patrons of a festival encouraging the touring and preservation of its historic covered bridges. The association did not separately charge sales tax to the customers for the food purchased. Instead, the association remitted the sales tax on the gross receipts from the event from its own funds. The gross receipts from the sales of the turkey sandwiches would be exempt from sales tax. The association would be entitled to submit a request for refund of the tax paid on the gross receipts from the selling event by October 1, 1998.

EXAMPLE 2. A local nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code promotes the sale of Iowa corn. On May 8, 1998, during a festival

promoting Pella, Iowa's beautiful tulips and heritage, the association sold Iowa sweet corn on an "all you can eat" basis for one price to patrons of the festival. The organization charged its customers tax in addition to the price charged. The organization would not qualify to claim a refund for the sales tax paid on the gross receipts from the festival due to the organization's not paying the sales tax from its own funds for the May 8, 1998, event. Instead, the organization collected the tax from its customers and remitted the tax to the department. However, a customer of the organization would be entitled to a refund if the customer can produce a receipt of the transaction indicating the tax was paid by the customer for the period at issue.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, chapter 1091.

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**701—284.33(422,423) Sales of building materials, supplies and equipment to not-for-profit rural water districts.** Retroactive to July 1, 1998, sales of building materials, supplies, and equipment to not-for-profit rural water districts (those organized under Iowa Code chapter 504A and as provided by Iowa Code chapter 357A), which are used by the districts for the construction of their facilities, are exempt from tax. See rule 701—19.3(422,423) for definitions of the terms "building materials," "building supplies," and "building equipment" which are applicable to this rule. Additionally, for the purposes of this rule, cranes, underground boring machines, water main pulling equipment, and similar machinery used by a rural water district for the construction of its facilities are "building equipment." This rule does not exempt rentals of building equipment from tax, but a rural water district's rentals of building equipment may be exempt from tax if the rental is on or in connection with new construction, alteration, reconstruction, remodeling, or expansion of real property or a structure. See rule 701—19.13.(422,423)

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 59.

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**701—284.34(422,423) Sales to hospices.** As of July 1, 1999, gross receipts from the sale or rental of tangible personal property to or the performance of services for any freestanding nonprofit hospice facility which operates a hospice program are exempt from tax if the property or service is purchased for use in the hospice's program. A "hospice program" is any program operated by a public agency, a private organization, or a subdivision of either, which is primarily engaged in providing care to terminally ill individuals. A "freestanding hospice facility" is any hospice program housed in a building which is dedicated only to the hospice program and which is not attached to any other building or complex of buildings. An individual is "terminally ill" if that individual has a medical prognosis that the individual's life expectancy is six months or less if the illness runs its normal course.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 62.

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**701—284.35(422,423) Sales of livestock ear tags.** On and after July 1, 2000, sales of livestock ear tags by a nonprofit organization, the income of which is exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, are exempt from tax if the proceeds of those sales are used in bovine research programs selected or approved by the nonprofit organization. For the purposes of this rule, the definition of "livestock" is found in subrule 17.9(1).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 422.45 as amended by 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1169.

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**701—284.36(422,423) Sale or rental of information services.** Effective May 15, 2000, and retroactive to March 15, 1995, the gross receipts from the service of the sale or rental of information services are exempt from tax. This exemption does not repeal by implication the tax on the performance of

the services of investment counseling, of all financial institutions, private employment agencies, test laboratories, detective services, or any other services enumerated by statute. They remain taxable; see 701—Chapter 26, generally.

“Information services” means every business activity, process, or function by which a seller or its agent accumulates, prepares, organizes, or conveys data, facts, knowledge, procedures, and like services to a particular buyer (or its agent) of the information through any tangible or intangible medium. Information accumulated, prepared, or organized for a particular buyer, its agent, a group of buyers, or their agent, is an information service even though it may incorporate preexisting components of data or other information.

Information services include, but are not limited to, database files, mailing lists, subscription files, market research, credit reports, surveys, real estate listings, bond rating reports, abstracts of title, bad check lists, broadcasting rating services, wire services, scouting reports, white and yellow page listings, and other similar items of compiled information prepared for a particular customer. The furnishing of artwork (including musical compositions and films), drawings, illustrations, or other graphic material is not the performance of an “information service”; nor does the term include information prepared for general dissemination to the public in the form of books, magazines, newsletters, video or audio tapes, compact disks, or any other medium commonly used to communicate with large numbers of customers. The sale of a book, magazine, or similar item is not the sale of an information service, even if the item contains material of practical use (e.g., in conducting a private, for-profit business) to its purchaser.

The following specific examples illustrate the general principles set out above.

EXAMPLE A. John Doe buys a packaged set of preprinted documents and instructions which anyone may purchase and which is entitled “Legal Eagle.” Mr. Doe prepares his own will by reading the instructions, making choices and filling in the blanks on the preprinted documents. Mr. Doe has purchased tangible personal property and not an information service. His purchase is taxable.

EXAMPLE B. A taxpayer buys a book entitled “Doing Your Own Iowa Individual Income Tax,” which is written by an accountant and is available to any buyer. The taxpayer uses the book to prepare her own IA 1040. Since her purchase contains information prepared for general dissemination to the public in the form of a book, that purchase is a taxable sale of tangible personal property and not an exempt sale of an information service.

EXAMPLE C. The seller provides, for a fee, a weekly bulletin listing information on real estate of use to brokers selling homes in a certain Iowa county. The seller secures the information from a multiple listing service without applying any independent thought during the compiling of that information. The bulletin is useful only to those brokers and not to the general public. Since the bulletin is a “real estate listing” and has been prepared for a particular group of customers and not for the general public, its sale is the sale of an information service rather than the sale of tangible personal property and is thus exempt from tax.

EXAMPLE D. A-1 Corporation sells gourmet meats through the mail. A-1 rents its list of customers to whom it mails its catalog to other retailers who specialize in sales of goods or services to the wealthy. Since the list is a “mailing list” and made available only to a particular group of buyers, its rental is the performance of an exempt information service and not the taxable rental of tangible personal property.

EXAMPLE E. Company E is a tariff bureau which specializes in compiling and preparing tariff schedules. E acquires these schedules from various companies throughout the country. E then provides these schedules to common carriers who subscribe to its service. Its printed tariff schedules are published in bound and loose-leaf form; they may be updated daily. E’s providing the schedules is the performance of an exempt information service because the schedules are compiled for a particular group of customers and they are items of compiled information similar to the files, lists, reports, and other information services named above.

EXAMPLE F. Company F compiles and prints telephone directories. F purchases white and yellow page listings from various telephone companies and uses those listings to make up its directories. F’s purchases of the white and yellow page listings are purchases of an exempt information service. Any sales on F’s part of the directories to the general public would be sales of tangible personal property subject to tax.

EXAMPLE G. Company G purchases the assets of four businesses. The primary asset of each of the businesses is a database containing names, addresses, and other customer information of use to G but not to anyone other than a company similar to G. G transfers the lists to its own computers by way of paper or magnetic tape. G has purchased an exempt information service with its purchases of the four databases.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 422.45 as amended by 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1195, section 3.  
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**701—284.37(422,423) Temporary exemption from sales tax on certain utilities.** Effective February 5, 2001, the sales of specific energy sources are exempt from Iowa sales tax. Specified sales of energy are exempt from local option taxes as well; see rule 701—107.9(422B).

This exemption is not applicable to electricity, regardless of whether the electricity is used for heat. Electricity charges on utility bills will continue to be subject to Iowa sales and local option taxes. This exemption does not impact franchise fees. Franchise fees will continue to be imposed where applicable.

**284.37(1) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

“*Fuel*” means a liquid source of energy for a residential dwelling, individual apartment unit, or condominium. “*Fuel*” includes propane, heating fuel, and kerosene. However, “*fuel*” does not include blended kerosene used as motor fuel or special fuel.

“*Heat*” means to increase or maintain the temperature of a residential dwelling, apartment unit, or condominium. Due to metered gases and fuels being used for other purposes in the dwelling, such as clothes dryers, gas stoves, and hot water heaters, this temporary exemption for metered gas used for heating purposes will also be extended to metered gases and fuels used for appliances in the residential dwelling, individually metered apartment unit, or individually metered condominium.

“*Metered gas*” means natural gas that is billed based on metered usage to provide energy to a residential dwelling, individually metered apartment unit, or individually metered condominium.

“*Residential dwelling*” means a structure used exclusively for human occupancy. This does not include commercial or agricultural structures, nor does it include nonresidential buildings attached to or detached from a residential dwelling, such as a detached garage or outbuilding. However, a garage attached to the residential dwelling that is used strictly for residential purposes will fall within the exemption. Also excluded from this exemption are classified commercial facilities. Classified commercial facilities include, but are not limited to, nursing homes, adult living facilities, assisted living facilities, halfway houses, charitable residential facilities, YMCA residential facilities, YWCA residential facilities, apartment units not individually metered, and group homes.

**284.37(2) Metered gas exemption.** Effective February 5, 2001, the gross receipts from the sale, furnishing or service of metered gas for residential customers which is used to provide energy to residential dwellings, individually metered apartment units, and individually metered condominiums, and that has a billing date of March 2001 or April 2001, are exempt from sales tax.

*a. Billing date determinative.* The determining factor for exemption for metered gas is the billing date for the metered gas. The exemption applies only to bills for metered gas which are dated in March 2001 or April 2001.

If a billing for the same usage period needs to be billed more than once due to loss of the original bill or some other error, the billing date of the original bill controls qualification for exemption of metered gas. For example, a utility company issues a billing for metered gas on January 8, 2001, and customer A loses the billing. Customer A calls the utility company in late February and requests that a new billing be issued. The utility company issues a replacement billing to customer A and the replacement bill has a date of March 3, 2001. The date of the original billing issued to customer A is determinative for the purpose of qualifying for the exemption. The fact that a previously taxable billing was reissued during an exemption period does not qualify the reissued billing for the exemption.

*b. Qualifying usage.* All metered gas billed to a residential customer during March 2001 and April 2001, which will be used as energy for a residential dwelling, individually metered apartment unit, or



individually metered condominium as defined in this rule, qualifies for exemption. This exemption includes metered gas used to operate heating units, appliances, and hot water heaters.

*c. Qualifying structures.* Structures that include both residential and commercial usage on the same meter are subject to a proration formula to obtain the qualifying portion eligible for exemption. To qualify for proration, the structure must be used for both commercial and residential purposes. The purchaser must furnish an exemption certificate to the supplier with respect to that percentage of metered gas that is eligible for exemption. See 701—subrule 15.3(2). The exemption certificate must be in writing and detail how the percentages of exempt residential usage and taxable nonresidential usage were developed. For example, a gift shop, Miss Barb's Bangles and Baubles, is located on the town square of Indianola, Iowa. Above the gift shop is an apartment. The gas usage of the apartment and the gift shop are monitored by one gas meter. The metered gas usage for the apartment is exempt, but usage for the gift shop is not. As a result, a proration formula must be established to separately reflect the metered gas usage of the apartment and the gift shop. In addition, the occupant of the apartment must provide an exemption certificate to the metered gas utility company to request the exemption. Approved exemption certificates are available upon request from the department.

It is important to note that the exemption for metered gas is limited to metered gas provided to residential customers. Consequently, a building containing apartment units is not considered to be residential. Instead, if it is classified as commercial property for property tax or any other purpose it is not eligible for exemption unless each apartment has a separate meter to monitor usage.

*d. Credit.* A utility company that sells, furnishes or services metered gas to residential customers may bill customers sales tax even if the customer qualifies for the exemption from sales tax under this subrule in March and April 2001 if the utility company cannot adjust its billing process in time to accommodate this exemption. Subsequently, the utility company must provide a credit for tax collected from a qualifying utility customer during the exemption period and the credit is to appear on the first possible billing date after March 31, 2001.

**284.37(3) Fuel exemption.** Effective February 5, 2001, through March 31, 2001, the gross receipts from the sale, furnishing, or service of fuel used to heat a residential dwelling, apartment unit, or condominium is exempt from sales tax.

*a. Qualifying fuel.* Any fuel which is used to provide heat for a residential dwelling, apartment unit, or condominium, as defined for the purposes of this rule, is exempt from tax. The fuel must be used to heat the residential dwelling, apartment unit, or condominium.

*b. Delivery date determinative.* The determining factor for exemption from sales tax is the delivery date of the fuel. Payment date, billing date, or date of execution of the contract for fuel is not a factor. Prices established by contracts executed to establish a fixed price for fuel are not impacted by this exemption. The exemption for fuel applies to the furnishing of the fuel and the delivery service. Only fuel delivered in the time frame beginning February 5, 2001, through March 31, 2001, is exempt.

Consequently, contracts executed to establish a fixed price for fuel, which may also include total or partial prepayment for the fuel under the contract, are exempt only for the amount of fuel delivered beginning February 5, 2001, through March 31, 2001. For example, in September 2000, customer A executed a contract with a propane retailer for fuel which will be delivered in January, February, March and April of 2001. Customer A pays \$1,000 of the contract price to the retailer. Customer A cannot claim exemption for the entire \$1,000 previously paid. Instead, customer A may only receive exemption on the \$525 in gross receipts in fuel delivered under the contract from February 5, 2001, through March 31, 2001.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 1.

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**701—284.38(422,423) State sales tax phase-out on energies.** Beginning January 1, 2002, the state sales tax is phased out at the rate of 1 percent per year on the gross receipts from the sale, furnishing, or service of metered natural gas, electricity and fuels, including propane and heating oils, to residential

customers for use as energy for residential dwellings, apartment units, and condominiums for human occupancy.

Local option taxes are not included in the phase-out of the state sales tax.

This phase-out of tax does not impact franchise fees. Franchise fees will continue to be imposed where applicable.

**284.38(1) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

*“Energy”* means a substance that generates power to operate fixtures or appliances within a residential dwelling or that creates heat or cooling within a residential dwelling.

*“Fuel”* means a liquid source of energy for a residential dwelling, individual apartment unit, or condominium. “Fuel” includes propane, heating fuel, and kerosene. However, “fuel” does not include blended kerosene used as motor fuel or special fuel.

*“Metered gas”* means natural gas that is billed based on metered usage to provide energy to a residential dwelling, individual apartment unit, or individual condominium.

*“Residential dwelling”* means a structure used exclusively for human occupancy. This does not include commercial or agricultural structures, nor does it include nonresidential buildings attached to or detached from a residential dwelling, such as an outbuilding. However, a garage attached to or detached from a residential dwelling and that is used strictly for residential purposes will fall within the phase-out provisions. A building containing apartment units is not considered to be qualifying property for purposes of this rule. However, if each apartment has a separate meter, it may qualify for the phase-out if classified as qualifying property by the utility. Also excluded from the phase-out provisions are certain nonqualifying properties that include, but are not limited to, nursing homes, adult living facilities, assisted living facilities, halfway houses, charitable residential facilities, YMCA residential facilities, YWCA residential facilities, apartment units not individually metered, and group homes.

**284.38(2) Schedule for phase-out of tax.** State sales tax will be phased out at the rate of 1 percent per year based on the following schedule:

*a.* If the date of the utility billing or meter reading cycle of the residential customer for the sale, furnishing, or service of metered gas and electricity is on or after January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, or if the sale, furnishing, or service of fuel for purposes of residential energy and the delivery of the fuel occur on or after January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, the rate of state tax is 4 percent of the gross receipts.

*b.* If the date of the utility billing or meter reading cycle of the residential customer for the sale, furnishing, or service of metered gas and electricity is on or after January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003, or if the sale, furnishing, or service of fuel for purposes of residential energy and the delivery of the fuel occur on or after January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003, the rate of state tax is 3 percent of the gross receipts.

*c.* If the date of the utility billing or meter reading cycle of the residential customer for the sale, furnishing, or service of metered gas and electricity is on or after January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004, or if the sale, furnishing, or service of fuel for purposes of residential energy and the delivery of the fuel occur on or after January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004, the rate of state tax is 2 percent of the gross receipts.

*d.* If the date of the utility billing or meter reading cycle of the residential customer for the sale, furnishing, or service of metered gas and electricity is on or after January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005, or if the sale, furnishing, or service of fuel for purposes of residential energy and the delivery of the fuel occur on or after January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005, the rate of state tax is 1 percent of the gross receipts.

*e.* If the date of the utility billing or meter reading cycle of the residential customer for the sale, furnishing, or service of metered gas and electricity is on or after January 1, 2006, or if the sale, furnishing, or service of fuel for purposes of residential energy and the delivery of the fuel occur on or after January 1, 2006, the rate of state tax is 0 percent of the gross receipts.

**284.38(3) Determination of tax rate.** Determination of the rate of state tax to be imposed on a transaction depends on the type of energy that is being purchased.

*a. Electricity or metered natural gas.* If the energy being purchased is either electricity or natural gas, then the rate of tax is governed by either the billing date or meter reading date. For example, ABC natural gas company sends out bills with a billing date of December 31, 2002, to qualifying residential customers. However, the bills to these qualifying customers are not placed in the United States mail until January 2, 2003. Based on the foregoing facts, the state sales tax to be imposed on the bills is 4 percent. Four percent is the tax rate imposed at the time of the billing date on the gas bills sent to the customers.

If a billing for the same usage period needs to be billed more than once due to loss of the original bill or some other error, the billing date of the original bill controls qualification for the phase-out provisions of metered gas or electricity. For example, a utility company issues a billing for metered gas on December 28, 2001, to a customer and the customer loses the billing. The customer calls the utility company on January 10, 2002, to report the lost billing and to request a new billing. The utility company issues a new billing with a billing date of January 12, 2002, to the customer. The original billing date issued to the customer is determinative for the tax rate to be imposed. As a result, a 5 percent state tax rate should be imposed on the billing because the original billing date was prior to January 1, 2002.

*b. Fuel and heating oil.* The proper rate of tax to be imposed for the sale, furnishing or service of fuel including propane is governed by the date of delivery of the fuel to the customer. Consequently, if a farmer purchases propane for home heating by executing and paying for the propane in October 2002 but the propane is not delivered to the farmer until January 2003, the rate of state sales tax that should be imposed on the transaction is 3 percent.

**284.38(4) *Qualifying and nonqualifying usage.*** Customers that have both qualifying and nonqualifying usage on the same meter or fuel tank are subject to a proration formula to obtain the qualifying portion eligible for the phase-out provisions. In these situations the percentage of qualifying usage must be determined by the purchaser for the purposes of applying the phase-out tax. Nonqualifying usage would be subject to the full state tax rate. Consequently, a proration of the metered gas, electricity or fuel usage for the qualifying and the nonqualifying usage must be calculated by the purchaser. See 701—subrules 15.3(4) and 15.3(5) for guidance on proration of electricity, natural gas and fuels. In addition, the purchaser must furnish an exemption certificate to the supplier with respect to that percentage of metered gas or electricity that is eligible for the phase-out provisions. See 701—subrule 15.3(2). The customer may provide a calculation which includes only the usage not subject to phase-out.

The customer must notify the utility provider of the percentage of qualifying and nonqualifying usage and the customer has the burden of proof regarding the percentage. The customer is liable for any mistakes or misrepresentations made regarding the computation or for failure to notify the utility provider in writing of the percentage of qualifying or nonqualifying usage.

Security lights used by customers that are billed as a flat rate tariff will be subject to the phase-out if the customer is classified as a residential customer. However, if a customer uses security lights which are billed as a flat rate tariff and that customer is classified as a commercial customer, the gross receipts including the usage of the security lights are not subject to the phase-out of state sales tax and are subject to the full state sales tax rate, unless another exemption from state sales tax is applicable.

**284.38(5) *Reporting over the phase-out period.*** Sales/use tax returns will be filed on the same basis as they are currently filed. During each phase-out period, the entire gross receipts from sales should be reported on the return. The appropriate state sales tax rate for the tax period will be applied by claiming the phased-out portion of the tax rate as a deduction on the return.

Gross receipts for local option taxes are also to be reported in their entirety and computed by applying the appropriate local option tax rate.

The following are examples regarding how state sales and local option taxes should be reported:

EXAMPLE 1. Reporting of tax by an energy provider:

Gross receipts for a tax period in 2002	\$100,000
Phase-out (20,000 for the first year, 40,000 for the second year, etc.)	<u>20,000</u>
Taxable sales	80,000
State tax at 5% (to compute state sales tax due)	4,000
Gross receipts to be reported for local option	100,000
Local option tax rate (assuming a 1% local option tax rate)	<u>× 1%</u>
Local option tax due	1,000
Total tax due (local option and state sales tax)	\$5,000

EXAMPLE 2. Reporting of tax on an individual billing:

Monthly charge during a billing or delivery period in 2002	\$400
State tax rate	<u>× 4%</u>
State tax due	16
Gross receipts for local option tax	400
Local option tax rate	<u>× 1%</u>
Local option tax due	4
Total tax (local option and state sales tax)	\$20

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House Files 1 and 705.

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**701—284.39(422,423) Art centers.** Effective July 1, 2001, the gross receipts from sales of goods, wares, or merchandise or from services performed, rendered, or furnished to a private nonprofit art center located in Iowa which are used in the operation of the art center are exempt from sales and use tax.

To be eligible for this exemption all of the following criteria must apply:

**284.39(1)** The organization seeking to claim this exemption must be a private nonprofit art center. For the purpose of this rule, an “art center” is defined as a structure that displays aesthetic objects which are the product of the conscious use of skill and creative imagination. The structure housing the art must be open to the public with regular hours and with staff available to answer visitors’ questions. “Open to the public on a regular basis” means the facility is open for visitors periodically or at fixed intervals.

**284.39(2)** The art center must be located in Iowa.

**284.39(3)** Purchases of tangible personal property or services must be for the operation of the art center.

This rule is intended to implement 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 736, section 4.

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**701—284.40(422,423) Community action agencies.** Effective July 1, 2002, the gross receipts from sales of tangible personal property and enumerated services performed for, furnished or rendered to a community action agency and used for the purposes of a community action agency, as defined in Iowa Code section 216A.93, are exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 2002 Iowa Acts, House File 2622, section 9.

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**701—284.41(422,423) Legislative service bureau.** Effective April 22, 2002, sales by the legislative service bureau and its legislative information office of mementos and other items relating to Iowa history, historical sites, the general assembly, and the state capitol are exempt from tax. The exemption applies

to a sale only if it occurs on the premises of property controlled by the legislative council, at the state capitol, or on other state property.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 and 2002 Iowa Acts, House File 2585, section 1.

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CHAPTER 285  
TAXABLE AND EXEMPT SALES DETERMINED BY METHOD  
OF TRANSACTION OR USAGE

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—285.1(422,423) Tangible personal property purchased from the United States government.** Tangible personal property purchased from the United States government or any of the governmental agencies shall be exempt from sales tax, but such purchases shall be taxable to the purchaser under the provisions of the use tax law. Persons making purchases from the United States government, unless exempt from the provisions of Iowa Code section 422.44, shall report and pay use tax at the current rate on the purchase price of such purchases.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.44 and 423.3.  
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**701—285.2(422,423) Sales of butane, propane and other like gases in cylinder drums, etc.** Sales of butane, propane and other like gases in cylinder drums and other similar containers purchased for cooking, heating and other purposes shall be taxable.

When gas of this type is sold and motor vehicle fuel tax is collected by the seller, tax shall not be due. If Iowa motor vehicle fuel tax is not collected by the seller at the time of the sale, tax shall be collected and remitted to the department, unless the sale is specifically exempt.

If tax is not collected by the seller at the time of sale, any tax due shall be collected by the department at the time the user of the product makes application for a refund of the motor vehicle fuel tax.

The gross receipts from the rental of cylinders, drums and other similar containers by the distributor or dealer of the gas shall be subject to tax when the title remains with the dealer. Gas converter equipment which might be sold to an ultimate consumer shall be subject to tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42, 422.43, 422.45(11), 423.1 and 423.2.  
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**701—285.3(422,423) Chemical compounds used to treat water.** Chemical compounds placed in water which is ultimately sold at retail should be purchased exempt from the tax. The chemical compounds become an integral part of property sold at retail. Chemical compounds placed in water which is directly used in processing are exempt from the tax, even if the water is consumed by the processor and not sold at retail.

Chemical compounds which are used to treat water that is not sold at retail or which are not used directly in processing shall be subject to tax. An example would be chlorine or other chemicals used to treat water for a swimming pool.

Special boiler compounds used by processors when live steam is injected into the mash or substance, whereby the steam liquefies and becomes an integral part of the product intended to be sold at retail and does become a part of the finished product, shall be exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3), 422.43, 423.1, and 423.2.  
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**701—285.4(422) Mortgages and trustees.** Pursuant to the provisions of a chattel mortgage, the receipts from the sale of tangible personal property at a public auction shall be taxable even if the sale is made by virtue of a court decree of foreclosure by an officer appointed by the court for that purpose.

The tax applies to inventory and noninventory goods provided the owner is in the business of making retail sales of tangible personal property or taxable services. In *Re Hubs Repair Shop, Inc.* 28 B.R. 858 (Bkrty. 1983).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42, 422.43, 423.1 and 423.2.  
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**701—285.5(423) Sales to federal, state, county, municipal, or tribal government or the government's agencies or instrumentalities.**

**285.5(1) Sales to government or agencies or instrumentalities.**

a. A sale to a government or an agency or instrumentality of government occurs only if a government or an agency or instrumentality of government pursuant to a contract for sale, takes title or ownership to tangible personal property or a specified digital product, or receives an enumerated taxable service as a buyer from a seller.

b. No sale to a government or an agency or instrumentality of government occurs if a government or an agency or instrumentality of government pays some portion of the sales price of the sale of tangible personal property, a specified digital product, or a taxable service but title to and ownership of the tangible personal property or specified digital product are transferred to or a taxable service is received by another person as a result of the sale.

c. Independent contractors who deal with agencies, instrumentalities, or other entities of government do not, by virtue of their contracting with those entities, acquire immunity or exemption from taxation for themselves. Sales to these contractors are still subject to tax. See rule 701—19.12(422,423) for rules concerning construction contracts with designated exempt entities.

**285.5(2) Sales by or to the federal government or its agencies or instrumentalities.**

a. The sales price of the sale of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or enumerated taxable services made directly by or to the United States government or to recognized agencies, departments, or instrumentalities of the United States government shall not be subject to sales tax.

b. The sales price of retail sales made directly to patients, inmates, or employees of an institution or department of the United States government are taxable, as the sales are not made directly to the government. However, sales similarly made by post exchanges and other establishments organized and controlled by federal authority shall not be subject to sales tax.

EXAMPLE 1: Patient B purchases a hospital bed from a drugstore. A percentage of Patient B's bill is paid by federal funds from Medicaid. Because Patient B, not the federal government, purchased the hospital bed, Iowa sales tax is due.

EXAMPLE 2: Employee C is a federal government employee who eats at a restaurant while on government business. Employee C pays for the meal with a credit card. The credit card was issued in Employee C's name, and the cost of the meal is billed to Employee C, who pays it. The federal government later reimburses Employee C the entire cost of the meal. Because Employee C, not the federal government, purchased the meal, Iowa sales tax is due.

EXAMPLE 3: Similar to Example 2, Employee D is a federal government employee who eats at a restaurant while on government business. Employee D uses a credit card to pay for the meal. However, the credit card is issued in Employee D's name, but the cost of the meal is billed to the federal government, which pays that cost. Here, the federal government is the purchaser of the meal on Employee D's behalf, and the sale is exempt from tax.

**285.5(3) Sales to the state of Iowa or its agencies or instrumentalities.** The sales price of sales to the state of Iowa or agencies, departments, or instrumentalities of the state of Iowa are not taxable when used for public purposes.

EXAMPLE 1: City X, an exempt instrumentality, issues a bond to finance the construction of a school. Corporation Y purchases the bond but is not involved in the project in any other way. Since City X does not enjoy the benefits of earnings of the school, the exemption provided to the city is applicable.

EXAMPLE 2: Corporation Z, an instrumentality of the federal government which Congress has allowed by statute to be subject to state sales and use taxes, purchases tangible personal property. These purchases are subject to tax because the profits of the corporation are distributed to the corporation's stockholders.

**285.5(4) Sales to a tribal government and its agencies or instrumentalities.** The sales price of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or enumerated taxable services furnished to a tribal government as defined in Iowa Code section 216A.161, or an agency or instrumentality of tribal government, shall not be subject to tax when used for public purposes.

**285.5(5) Sales by a municipal utility.**



*a.* The sales price of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services used by or in connection with the operation of any municipally owned public utility engaged in selling gas, electricity, pay television service, or heat to the general public shall be subject to tax.

*b.* Sewage service or solid waste collection and disposal service provided to a county or municipality on behalf of nonresidential commercial operations located within the county or municipality shall also be subject to tax. See rules 701—26.71(423) and 701—26.72(423) for more information.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.3(31).  
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### **701—285.6(422,423) Relief agencies.**

**285.6(1)** Relief agency means the state, any county, city and county, city or district thereof, or any agency engaged in actual relief work. Nonexclusive examples of relief agencies are Salvation Army, Royal Neighbors, and Masonic Lodge. The sales of tangible personal property or enumerated services to relief agencies are subject to tax. A relief agency may apply to the director for refund of the amount of tax imposed and paid by it, upon the purchase of goods, wares, merchandise, or services rendered, furnished, or performed that are used for free distribution to the poor and needy.

**285.6(2)** Persons are determined to be in the poor and needy category when their incomes and resources are at or below poverty level. The department will use federal poverty guidelines in making this determination.

**285.6(3)** Listed below are some examples where the tax may or may not be refunded to the relief agency:

EXAMPLE: A relief agency purchases clothing for free distribution to a poor and needy person. The tax is refundable.

EXAMPLE: A relief agency pays the gas, light, or telephone bill for a person who is poor and needy. The tax is refundable.

EXAMPLE: An agency purchases items of clothing for residents of their living facility, and is partially reimbursed by the person using the items based upon the recipient's ability to pay. Tax on the portion of cost not recovered by the agency can be claimed as a refund of tax paid by using formula stated in 18.6(6).

**285.6(4)** Demolition v. repair costs. A nonprofit noneducational relief agency is not entitled to a refund of sales tax paid by contractors on building materials used in the alteration, expansion, repair, remodeling or construction of the facility since the materials were sold tax paid to the contractor who is the consumer of the material by statute. See Iowa Code section 422.42(9). However, the relief agency would be entitled to a refund of sales tax paid on the cost of the demolition of the building since the demolition of the building indirectly benefited the poor and needy. 1968 O.A.G. #841.

EXAMPLE: A relief agency, which is not part of a governmental unit, operates a home or orphanage for persons who are poor and needy or for orphan children. Food, lodging, and necessary items are furnished free-of-charge to the residents. The relief agency would be entitled to a refund of any taxes paid to operate this facility; such as, but not limited to, lights, heat, water, telephone, and repair items or services needed to maintain the facility.

**285.6(5)** Claims for refund must be filed quarterly with the department within 45 days after the end of the quarter for which the refund is claimed. Claims are to be submitted on forms provided by the department.

The claim shall include the following information:

*a.* The total amount or amounts, valued in money, expended directly or indirectly for goods, wares, merchandise, or services rendered, furnished, or performed used for free distribution to the poor and needy.

*b.* List the persons making the sales to the relief agency.

1. Include the date of the sale.

2. Include the total amount expended, itemizing sales tax.

3. Include the date of payment.

4. Include the check number, receipt number, or paid invoice verifying payment.
- c. List the total operating income received (residents, donations, etc.)
- d. List the operating income received from residents only.
- e. The claim shall be signed by an authorized agent of the relief agency.

**285.6(6)** When a relief agency receives part of its operating income from the poor and needy it is serving, this income will be considered in computing the tax refund paid upon sales to it of products or services used for free distribution to the poor and needy.

To reasonably approximate the correct amount of tax to be refunded, where only a portion of the tax qualifies for refund, a formula will be used by the department. The prescribed formula the department will allow is operating income received from the poor and needy served divided by total operating income received. This percentage will be multiplied by the applicable gross receipts which are considered refundable to arrive at the correct amount of tax to be refunded.

If a person requests an alternative formula, the person shall first list the reasons why an alternative formula is necessary and, secondly, shall outline the proposed formula in detail. If approval is given, the department reserves the right to withdraw the approval or require adjustments in the formula upon notice to the person. Additional refunds or assessments may be made if an audit discloses the formula is incorrect.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(7), 422.43, 422.47, 423.1 and 423.2. [Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—285.7(422,423) Containers, including packing cases, shipping cases, wrapping material and similar items.** The gross receipts from the sale of containers, labels, cartons, pallets, packing cases, wrapping paper, twine, bags, bottles, shipping cases, garment hangers, and other similar articles and receptacles sold to retailers or manufacturers which are purchased for the purpose of packaging or facilitating the transportation of tangible personal property which is sold either at retail or for resale shall be exempt from the tax.

For the purpose of this rule, producers, wholesalers and jobbers are considered retailers or manufacturers.

**285.7(1) Sales to other than retailers or manufacturers.**

a. Containers and all other specified items delivered with tangible personal property which are sold to a final buyer or ultimate consumer shall be exempt from the tax when no separate charge is made for the container. This group includes such items as boxes, cartons, pallets, paper bags, bottles, shipping cases, wrapping paper and twine. If a separate charge is made for the container, the sale of the container is subject to the tax. The sale of wrapping paper, paper bags and like items are subject to the tax when sold at retail.

EXAMPLE: A meat locker purchases materials such as wrapping paper and tape which it uses to wrap meat for customers to whom meat is sold. The wrapping paper and tape would be exempt from tax as being purchased as a packaging material of tangible personal property sold at retail.

EXAMPLE: A meat locker purchases materials such as wrapping paper and tape which it uses to wrap meat for customers who own the meat. The meat locker only performs the service of processing the meat. The wrapping paper and tape are subject to tax as they were not purchased for packaging or for the facilitating of transportation of tangible personal property sold at retail, but were used in the rendering of a service.

b. Packing paper, lining paper, paper used to line boxes and crates, and similar items shall be exempt from the tax if delivered with tangible personal property ultimately sold at retail when no separate charge is made for the paper.

**285.7(2) Labels, tags and nameplates.** Sales of labels, tags, and nameplates attached to products for the benefit of the vendor such as shipping tags, price tags and instructions to cashiers are subject to the tax, unless such items are sold to manufacturers and retailers for packaging or facilitating the transportation of tangible personal property ultimately sold at retail. Labels, tags or nameplates attached to products for the benefit of the final consumer which describe contents, or which relate to the product and are affixed to the product, are exempt from tax.

**285.7(3) Pallets.** Pallets purchased by manufacturers or retailers which are purchased for the purpose of packaging or facilitating the transportation of tangible personal property ultimately sold at retail shall be exempt from the tax.

**285.7(4) Garment hangers.** Garment hangers purchased by manufacturers or retailers and used to facilitate the transportation of tangible personal property or garment hangers delivered with tangible personal property ultimately sold at retail when no separate charge is made are exempt from tax.

Garment hangers used merely to display tangible personal property are taxable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3), 422.45(19) and 423.1(1).

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**701—285.8(422) Auctioneers.**

**285.8(1)** An auctioneer in making a sale, whether of tangible personal property or realty, is by virtue of this employment making the sale as the agent of the principal.

**285.8(2)** Where an auctioneer is conducting a sale and the principal meets the requirement of the casual sale exemption found in Iowa Code section 422.42(12), the gross receipts from the sale are exempt from the tax. See 1970 O.A.G. 774.

**285.8(3)** When an auctioneer is conducting a sale and the principal is in the business of making sales of tangible personal property or taxable services on a recurring basis, the gross receipts from the sale are taxable.

**285.8(4)** Where an auctioneer is selling tangible personal property that the auctioneer owns, the sale of the tangible property owned by the auctioneer is taxable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.43.

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**701—285.9(422) Sales by farmers.** The sale of grain, livestock or any other farm or garden product by the producer thereof ordinarily constitutes a sale for resale, processing or human consumption and shall not be subject to tax.

Farmers selling tangible personal property not otherwise exempt to ultimate consumers or users shall hold a permit and collect and remit sales tax on the gross receipts from their sales.

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**701—285.10(422,423) Florists.**

**285.10(1)** Florists are engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property at retail and shall be liable for payment of tax measured by the receipts from the sale of flowers, wreaths, bouquets, potted plants and other items of tangible personal property.

**285.10(2)** When florists conduct transactions through a florists' telephonic delivery association, the following rules shall apply when computing tax liability:

*a.* On all orders taken by an Iowa florist and telephoned to a second florist in Iowa for delivery in the state, the sending florist shall be liable for tax, measured at the current rate of tax on gross receipts from the total amount collected from the customer, except the cost of a telegram when a separate charge is made therefor.

*b.* In cases where a florist receives an order pursuant to which the florist gives telephonic instructions to a second florist located outside Iowa for delivery to a point outside Iowa, tax is not owing with respect to any receipts which the florist may realize from the transaction.

*c.* In cases where Iowa florists receive telephonic instructions from other florists located either within or outside of Iowa for the delivery of flowers, the receiving florist will not be held liable for tax with respect to any receipts which the florist may realize from the transaction.

**285.10(3)** Florists engaged in selling shrubbery, trees, and similar items. See rule 18.11(422,423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.43.

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**701—285.11(422,423) Landscaping materials.** The gross receipts from the sale of sod, dirt, trees, shrubbery, bulbs, sand, rock, woodchips and other similar landscaping materials, when used for

landscaping and sold to final consumers, shall be subject to sales tax. For the purpose of this rule, “final consumer” ordinarily means the owner of the land to which the landscaping materials are applied, or a general building contractor when the landscaping contractor contracts with the general building contractor. When a landscaping contractor uses materials to fulfill a contract, the landscape contractor is considered the retailer of the landscaping materials and shall be obligated to collect sales tax on the selling price from the final consumer.

When the retailer of sod, dirt, trees, shrubbery, bulbs, sand, rock, woodchips and other similar landscaping materials installs these items as a part of a contract for landscaping or improving land for a lump sum, the entire gross receipts shall be subject to tax. Any retailer’s charges for “landscaping” shall be taxable. See rule 701—26.62(422) for a description of this service. However, a retailer’s charges for nontaxable services are not taxable if contracted for separately; or, if no written contract exists, the charges are itemized separately on the invoice.

EXAMPLE: A sodding contractor agrees to furnish and install 20 yards of sod for the lump sum of \$20.00 per yard. The sodding contractor must charge the customer \$20.00 sales tax (5% x \$400.00).

EXAMPLE: XYZ Company enters into a contract for the landscaping of an existing office building. XYZ Company agrees to furnish shrubs at \$25.00 each, white rock for \$5.00 per bag and woodchips for \$4.00 per bag. XYZ Company also contracts to install all of the landscaping materials for a fee of \$25.00 per hour. XYZ Company’s hourly fee is taxable if paid for the service of “landscaping” or for some other taxable service, e.g., excavation. If the service is not taxable, the charge is excluded from tax because it was separately contracted for.

The gross receipts from the sale of uncut sod and unexcavated trees, shrubs, and rock shall not be subject to sales or use tax. This is considered a sale of intangible property and not the sale of tangible personal property.

This rule does not apply to the gross receipts from the sale of plants and trees which are eligible for purchase with food coupons under rule 701—20.1(422,423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42, 422.45(12) and 423.1.

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**701—285.12(422,423) Hatcheries.** The gross receipts from the sale of egg-type cockerel chicks, broiler chicks and turkey poults shall be subject to tax. If sale of domestic poultry is for breeding, see rule 701—17.9(422,423).

When pullets and poults are sold for production purposes, the receipts from the sales shall be exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3), 422.43, 423.1 and 423.2.

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**701—285.13(422,423) Sales by the state of Iowa, its agencies and instrumentalities.** The state of Iowa, its agencies and instrumentalities, are required to collect and remit tax on the gross receipts from taxable retail sales of tangible personal property and taxable services.

This rule does not apply to sales made by cities and counties in the state of Iowa which are specifically exempted from collecting tax by Iowa Code section 422.45(20).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 422 and 423.

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**701—285.14(422,423) Sales of livestock and poultry feeds.** Tax shall not apply to the sale of feed for any form of animal life when the product of the animals constitutes food for human consumption. Tax shall apply on feed sold for consumption by pets.

Antibiotics, when administered as an additive to feed or drinking water, and vitamins and minerals sold for livestock and poultry shall be exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3), 422.43, 423.1 and 423.2.

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**701—285.15(422,423) Student fraternities and sororities.** Student fraternities and sororities are not considered to be engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property at retail within the meaning of the sales tax law when they provide their members with meals and lodging for which a flat rate or lump sum is charged. A person engaged in the selling of foods and beverages to such organizations for use in the preparation of meals is making exempt sales at retail and shall not be liable for tax if the food purchases would be exempt under rule 701—20.1(422,423).

Student fraternities or sororities engaged in the business of serving meals to persons other than members for which separate charges are made, or owning and operating canteens through which tangible personal property is sold are deemed to be making taxable sales.

When student fraternities or sororities do not provide their own meals but are provided by caterers, concessionaires or other persons, such caterers, concessionaires or other persons shall be liable for the collection and remittance of tax with respect to their receipts from meals furnished. A similar liability is attached to persons engaged in the business of operating boarding houses, whether for students or other persons.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3), 422.43, 423.1 and 423.2.  
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**701—285.16(422,423) Photographers and photostaters.** Tax shall apply to the sale of photographs and photostat copies, whether or not produced to the special order of the customer and to charges for the making of photographs or photostat copies out of materials furnished by the customer. A deduction shall not be allowed for the expenses incurred by the photographer, such as rental of equipment or salaries or wages paid to assistants or models, whether or not the expenses are itemized in billings to customers.

Tax shall not apply to the sale of tangible personal property to photographers and photostat producers which becomes an ingredient or component part of photographs or photostat copies sold, such as mounts, frames and sensitized paper; but tax shall apply to the sale of materials to photographers or producers which is used in the processing of photographs or photostat copies.

**285.16(1) Sales of photographs to newspaper or magazine publishers for reproduction.** The sale of photographs by a person engaged in the business of making and selling photographs to newspaper or magazine publishers for reproduction shall be taxable.

**285.16(2) Reserved.**

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3), 422.43, 423.1 and 423.2.  
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**701—285.17(422,423) Gravel and stone.** When a contract is entered between a contractor and a governmental body and the contract calls for a stockpile delivery along a road to be improved, it is a sale of tangible personal property to the governmental body. Transactions of this type are exempt from tax. When a contract not only provides for the sale and delivery of materials but also the conversion of the materials into realty improvements, the contractor is the ultimate consumer of the material used and shall be liable for tax. Tax shall apply on the purchase price of the material.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3), 422.43, 422.45(5), 423.1 and 423.2.  
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**701—285.18(422,423) Sale of ice.** The sale of ice for human consumption which may be purchased with food coupons is exempt from tax. The sale of ice used for cooling is subject to tax. See rule 701—20.1(422,423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3), 422.43, 422.45(12), 423.2 and 423.4.  
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**701—285.19(422,423) Antiques, curios, old coins or collector's postage stamps.** Curios, antiques, art work, coins, collector's postage stamps and such articles sold to or by art collectors, philatelists,

numismatists and other persons who purchase or sell such items of tangible personal property for use and not primarily for resale are sales at retail and shall be subject to tax.

**285.19(1)** Stamps, whether canceled or uncanceled, which are sold by a collector or person engaged in retailing stamps to collectors shall be taxable.

**285.19(2)** The distinction between stamps which are purchased by a collector and stamps which are purchased for their value as evidence of the privilege of the owner to have certain mail carried by the United States government is that which determines whether or not a stamp is taxable or not taxable. A stamp becomes an article of tangible personal property having market value when, because of the demand, it can be sold for a price greater than its face value. On the other hand, when a stamp has only face value, as evidence of the right to certain services or an indication that certain revenue has been paid, it shall not be subject to either sales or use tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3), 422.43, 423.1 and 423.2.  
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**701—285.20(422,423) Communication services.** This rule applies to sales of communication services billed prior to November 23, 2011. For communication service, telecommunication service, ancillary service and other related communication service billed on or after November 23, 2011, refer to 701—Chapter 224, Iowa Administrative Code. The gross receipts from the sale of all communication services provided in this state are subject to tax. (Communication services are not subject to use tax prior to July 1, 2001. See rule 701—31.7(423).)

**285.20(1) Definitions.**

*a.* Communication service shall mean the act of providing, for a consideration, any medium or method for, or the act of transmission and receipt of, information between two or more points. Each point must be capable of both transmitting and receiving information if “communication” is to occur. The term “communication service” includes, but is not limited to, the transmission and receipt of sound, printed materials (including letters and materials printed by teletype), other images perceived visually and data encoded in computer languages. Any separate charge for the service of transmitting and receiving information between automatic data processing equipment and remote facilities shall be subject to tax, see paragraph 18.34(3) “c.”

*b.* Communication service is provided “in this state” only if both the points of origination and termination of the communication are within the borders of Iowa. Communication service between any other points is “interstate” in nature and not subject to tax.

*c.* “Gross receipts” from the sale of communication service in this state shall mean all charges to any person which are necessary for the ultimate user to secure the service, except those charges which are in the nature of a sale for resale (see subrule 18.20(4)). Such charges shall be taxable if the charges are necessary to secure communication service in this state even though payment of the charge may also be necessary to secure other services. Any charge necessary to secure only interstate communication service shall not be subject to tax if the nature of the service is separately stated and the charge for the service separately billed. For the present, the charges imposed by the Federal Communications Commission and referred to as “access charges for interstate or foreign access services” to an “end user” shall not be subject to tax if separately stated and billed.

Charges imposed or approved by the utilities division of the department of commerce which are necessary to secure long distance service in this state, for example, “end user intrastate access charges,” are taxable. Such charges are taxable whether they result from an expense incurred from operations or are imposed by the mandate of the utilities division and unrelated to any expense actually incurred in providing the service.

If company A collects gross receipts from ultimate users for communication services performed in this state by company B, company A shall treat those gross receipts as its own, collect tax upon them, and remit the tax to the department. The situation is similar to a consignment sale of tangible personal property, and tax must be remitted by the company collecting the gross receipts from the users of the communication services.

*d.* Paging services. A one-way paging service is not a taxable enumerated service in Iowa because one-way paging only receives information and is not capable of transmitting information. As a result, this type of pager service is not a two-way transmission.

**285.20(2)** This subrule is applicable to various specific circumstances involving the sale of communication services.

*a.* Companies which bill their subscribers for communication services on a quarterly, semiannual, annual or any other periodic basis shall include the amount of such billings in their gross receipts. The date of the billing shall determine the period for which sales tax shall be remitted. Thus, if the date of a billing is March 31, and the due date for payment of the bill without penalty is April 20, tax upon the gross receipts contained in the bill shall be included in the sales tax return for the first quarter of the year. The same principle shall be used to determine when tax will be included in payment of a sales tax deposit to the department.

*b.* The gross receipts from the service of transmitting messages, night letters, day letters and all other messages of similar nature between two or more points within this state are subject to sales tax.

*c.* Receipts from communication services performed for all divisions, boards, commissions, agencies or instrumentalities of federal, Iowa, county or municipal government, and private, nonprofit educational institutions in this state for educational purposes are exempt from tax, except sales to any tax-levying body used by or in connection with the operation of any municipally owned utility engaged in selling gas, electricity or heat to the general public are subject to tax.

**285.20(3)** This subrule is specifically applicable to companies and other persons providing telephone service in this state. Any reasoning contained in this subrule may also be applied to companies or other persons providing other communication services.

*a.* All companies must have a permit for each business office which provides communication service in this state. The companies must collect and remit tax upon the gross receipts from the operation of such offices.

*b.* If a minimum amount is guaranteed to a company from the operation of any coin-operated telephone, tax shall be computed on the minimum amount guaranteed or the actual taxable gross receipts collected whichever is the greater.

*c.* In computing tax due, the federal taxes identified as such, separately billed and payable by the customer shall be excluded from gross receipts. If the taxes are not separately billed, they shall be subject to Iowa sales tax.

*d.* Telegrams and like charges made to the accounts of subscribers and billed by companies providing telephone service which appear on the subscribers' toll bills are subject to tax.

*e.* Charges for directory assistance service rendered in this state shall be subject to tax. Charges for directory assistance service, separately stated and billed, shall not be subject to tax if the service is interstate in nature.

*f.* The gross receipts from the installation or repair of any inside wire which provides electrical current that allows an electronics device to function shall be subject to tax. Such gross receipts are from the enumerated service of electrical repair or installation, and are thus subject to tax. The gross receipts from "inside wire maintenance charges" for services performed under a service or warranty contract shall also be subject to tax. Depending on circumstances, such receipts are for the enumerated service of "electrical repair" or are incurred under an "optional service or warranty contract" for an enumerated service. In either event, the receipts are subject to tax. See rule 701—18.25(422,423).

*g.* The gross receipts from the rental of any device for home or office use or to provide a communication service to others shall be fully taxable; such receipts are for the enumerated service of "rental of tangible personal property." The gross receipts from rental include rents, royalties, and copyright and license fees. Any periodic fee for maintenance of the device which is included in the gross receipts for the rental of the device shall also be subject to tax.

*h.* The sale of any device, new or used, in place at the time of sale on the customer's premises or sold to the customer elsewhere is the sale of tangible personal property, and thus a sale subject to tax. The sale of an entire inventory of devices may or may not be subject to tax, depending upon whether it does or does not come within the purview of the casual sales exemption, see Iowa Code section 422.42(2)

and subrule 18.28(3). Other exemptions may be applicable as well. See Iowa Code section 422.45 and 701—Chapter 17.

*i.* The gross receipts for the repair or installation of inside wire or the repair or installation of any electronic device, including a telephone or telephone switching equipment shall, as a general rule, be subject to tax whether the customer or purchaser is billed by way of a flat fee or flat hourly charge covering all costs including labor and materials, or by way of a premises visit or trip charge, or by a single charge covering and not distinguishing between charges for labor and materials, or is billed by a charge with labor and material segregated, or is billed for labor only. An exception is this: If the gross receipts are for services on or in connection with new construction, reconstruction, alteration, expansion or remodeling of a building or structure, the gross receipts shall not be subject to tax. For further information concerning the conditions under which such gross receipts for repair or installation would not be subject to tax, see rule 701—19.1(422,423) and 701—subrule 26.2(1).

*j.* If a company bills a handling charge to a customer for sending the customer an electronic device by mail or by a delivery service, this charge shall constitute a part of the gross receipts from the sale of the device and shall be subject to tax. The gross receipts of a mandatory service rendered in connection with the sale of tangible personal property are considered by the department to be a part of the gross receipts from the sale of the property itself and thus subject to tax.

*k.* The purchase or rental of tangible personal property by companies providing communication services shall be subject to tax.

*l.* The amount of any deposit paid by a customer to a company providing communication service if returned to the customer shall not be subject to tax. Any portion of a deposit utilized by a company as payment for the sale of tangible personal property or a taxable service shall be included in gross receipts or gross taxable services and shall be subject to tax.

*m.* On and after July 1, 1997, the gross receipts from sales of prepaid telephone calling cards and prepaid authorization numbers are subject to tax as sales of tangible personal property.

**285.20(4)** When one commercial communication company furnishes another commercial communication company services or facilities which are used by the second company in furnishing communication service to its customers, such services or facilities furnished to the second company are in the nature of a sale for resale; and the charges, including any carrier access charges, shall be exempt from sales tax. The charges for services or facilities initially purchased for resale and subsequently used or consumed by the second company shall be subject to tax, and the tax shall be collected and paid by the seller unless the seller has taken a valid exemption certificate in good faith from the purchaser and other requirements of 701—subrule 15.3(2) are met.

**285.20(5)** Prior to July 1, 1999, charges for access to or use of what is commonly referred to as the “Internet” or charges for other contracted on-line services are the gross receipts from the performance of a taxable service if access is by way of a local or in-state long distance telephone number and if the predominant service offered is two-way transmission and receipt of information from one site to another as described in paragraph “a” of subrule 18.20(1). If a user’s billing address is located in Iowa, a service provider should assume that Internet access or contracted on-line service is provided to that user in Iowa unless the user presents suitable evidence that the site or sites at which these services are furnished are located outside this state.

On and after July 1, 1999, gross receipts from charges paid to a provider for access to an on-line computer service are exempt from tax. An “on-line computer service” is one which provides for or enables multiple users to have computer access to the Internet. Charges paid to a provider for other contracted on-line services which do not provide access to the Internet and which are communication services remain subject to Iowa tax through May 14, 2000.

On and after May 15, 2000, the furnishing of any contracted on-line service is exempt from Iowa tax if the information is made available through a computer server. The exemption applies to all contracted on-line services, as long as they provide access to information through a computer server.

**285.20(6)** The gross receipts paid for the performance of the service of sending or receiving any document commonly referred to as a “fax” from one point to another within this state are subject to sales tax. See 18.20(1)“a.” Gross receipts paid for the service of providing a telephone line or other



transmission path for the use of what is commonly called a “fax” machine are the gross receipts from the performance of a taxable service if the points of transmission and receipt of a fax are in this state. See 18.20(1) “a” and “b.”

EXAMPLE A. Klear Kopy Services is located in Des Moines, Iowa. Klear Kopy charges a customer \$2 to transmit a fax (via its machine) to Dubuque, Iowa. The \$2 is taxable gross receipts. Midwest Telephone Company charges Klear Kopy \$500 per month for the intrastate communications on Klear Kopy’s dedicated fax line. The \$500 is also gross receipts from a taxable communication service.

EXAMPLE B. The XYZ Law Firm is located in Des Moines, Iowa. The firm owns a fax machine and uses the fax machine in the performance of its legal work to transmit and receive various documents. The firm does not perform faxing services but will, on billings for legal services to clients, break out the amount of a billing which is attributable to expenses for faxing. For example, “bill to John Smith for August, 1997, \$1,000 for legal services performed, fax expenses which are part of this billing—\$30.” The \$30 is not gross receipts for the performance of any taxable service, the faxing service performed being only incidental to the performance of the nontaxable legal services.

EXAMPLE C. The TUV Hospital is located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The surgeons successfully perform delicate brain surgery on patient W. To perform that surgery it was necessary for the surgeons to consult with a number of colleagues; the consultation was via email. After the operation, the TUV Hospital sent patient W a bill for \$10,000 of nontaxable hospital services. Listed as an expense is “email—\$200.” The email services are performed incidentally to the nontaxable hospital services; therefore, the \$200 is not taxable gross receipts.

EXAMPLE D. D is a dentist practicing in Mason City, Iowa. D subscribes to an on-line service which, in return for a monthly fee, informs its subscribers of the latest dental surgery techniques and advises them about how these techniques can be applied to individual patients. After consultation on patient E’s problem through the on-line service, D performs complex surgery on patient E. D’s bill to patient E reads as follows: “dental reconstruction—\$2,750; on-line consultation portion—\$240.” The \$240 is not taxable gross receipts, this charge being incidental to the nontaxable charge for dental work.

**285.20(7)** *Communication service, telecommunications service, ancillary service, and other similar communication service.*

a. *Purpose.* This subrule covers various provisions related to communication service, telecommunications service, ancillary service, and other similar communication service.

b. *Definitions.*

(1) “*Air-to-ground radio telephone service*” means a radio service in which common carriers are authorized to offer and provide radio telecommunications service for hire to subscribers in aircraft.

(2) “*Ancillary services*” means services that are associated with or incidental to the provision of a telecommunications service. The term includes, but is not limited to, detailed communications billing service, directory assistance, vertical service, and voice mail services.

(3) “*Call-by-call basis*” means any method of charging for telecommunications services where the price is measured by individual calls.

(4) “*Communications channel*” means a physical or virtual path of communications over which signals are transmitted between or among customer channel termination points.

(5) “*Communication service*” means the act of communicating using any system or the act of transmission and receipt of information between two or more points. Each point must be capable of both transmitting and receiving information if communication is to occur. The term “communication service” includes, but is not limited to, the transmission and receipt of sound, printed materials (including letters and other materials), other images perceived visually and data encoded in computer languages. Communication service also includes telecommunications service, ancillary service and other similar communication service.

(6) “*Conference bridging service*” means an ancillary service that links two or more participants of an audio or video conference call and may include the provision of a telephone number. Conference bridging service does not include telecommunications services used to reach the conference bridge.

(7) “*Customer*” means the person or entity that contracts with the seller of telecommunications services. If the end user of telecommunications services is not the contracting party, the end user of the

telecommunications service is the customer of the telecommunications service. For purposes of sourcing sales of telecommunications services, the end user of the telecommunications service is the customer of the telecommunications service when the end user is not also the contracting party. "Customer" does not include a reseller of telecommunications service or for mobile telecommunications service of a serving carrier under an agreement to serve the customer outside the home service provider's licensed service area.

(8) "*Customer channel termination point*" means the location where the customer either inputs or receives the communications.

(9) "*Detailed telecommunications billing service*" means an ancillary service of separately stating information pertaining to individual calls on a customer's billing statement.

(10) "*Directory assistance*" means an ancillary service of providing telephone number information and address information.

(11) "*End user*" means the person who utilizes the telecommunication service. In the case of an entity, "end user" means the individual who utilizes the service on behalf of the entity.

(12) "*Fixed wireless service*" means a telecommunications service that provides radio communication between fixed points.

(13) "*Home service provider*" means the same as defined in Section 124(5) of Public Law 106-252, 4 U.S.C. § 124(5) (Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act). The home service provider is the facilities-based carrier or reseller with which the customer contracts for the provision of mobile telecommunications services.

(14) "*Interstate*" means a telecommunications service that originates in one United States state or a United States territory or possession and terminates in a different United States state or a United States territory or possession.

(15) "*Intrastate*" means a telecommunications service that originates in one United States state or a United States territory or possession and terminates in the same United States state or a United States territory or possession.

(16) "*Mobile telecommunications service*" means commercial mobile radio service; that is, a radio communication service carried on between mobile stations or receivers and land stations and by mobile stations communicating among themselves.

(17) "*Mobile wireless service*" means a telecommunications service that is transmitted, conveyed, or routed regardless of the technology used, whereby the origination and/or termination points of the transmission, conveyance, or routing are not fixed, including, by example only, telecommunications services that are provided by a commercial mobile radio service provider.

(18) "*Paging service*" means a telecommunications service that provides transmission of coded radio signals for the purpose of activating specific pagers. This transmission may include messages and sounds.

(19) "*Pay telephone service*" means a telecommunications service provided through any pay telephone. Pay telephone service also includes coin operated telephone service paid for by inserting money into a telephone accepting direct deposits of money to operate.

(20) "*Place of primary use*" means the street address representative of where the customer's use of the telecommunications service primarily occurs, which must be the residential street address or the primary business street address of the customer. In the case of mobile telecommunications services, the place of primary use must be within the licensed service area of the home service provider.

(21) "*Postpaid calling service*" means the telecommunications service obtained by making a payment on a call-by-call basis, either through use of a credit card or payment mechanism such as a bank card, travel card, credit card or debit card, or by charge made to a telephone number which is not associated with the origination or termination of the telecommunications service. A postpaid calling service includes a telecommunications service, except a prepaid wireless calling service that would be a prepaid calling service except it is not exclusively a telecommunication service.

(22) "*Prepaid calling service*" means the right to access exclusively telecommunications services, which must be paid for in advance and which enable the origination of calls using an access number or

authorization code, whether manually or electronically dialed, and that are sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount.

(23) "*Prepaid wireless calling service*" means a telecommunications service that provides the right to utilize mobile wireless service as well as other non-telecommunications services, including the download of digital products delivered electronically, content and ancillary services, which must be paid for in advance that is sold in predetermined units or dollars of which the number declines with use in a known amount.

(24) "*Private communication service*" means a telecommunication service that entitles the customer to exclusive or priority use of a communications channel or group of channels between or among termination points, regardless of the manner in which such channel or channels are connected, and includes switching capacity, extension lines, stations, and any other associated services that are provided in connection with the use of such channel or channels.

(25) "*Residential telecommunications service*" means a telecommunications service or ancillary services provided to an individual for personal use at a residential address, including an individual dwelling unit, such as an apartment. In the case of institutions where individuals reside, such as schools or nursing homes, telecommunications service is considered residential if it is provided to and paid for by an individual resident rather than the institution.

(26) "*Service address*" means:

1. The location of the telecommunications equipment to which a customer's call is charged and from which the call originates or terminates, regardless of where the call is billed or paid.

2. If the location in numbered paragraph "1" of this subparagraph is not known, "service address" means the origination point of the signal of the telecommunications services first identified by either the seller's telecommunications system or in information received by the seller from its service provider, where the system used to transport such signals is not that of the seller.

3. If the locations in numbered paragraphs "1" and "2" of this subparagraph are not known, the service address means the location of the customer's place of primary use.

(27) "*Telecommunications service*" means the electronic transmission, conveyance, or routing of voice, data, audio, video, or any other information or signals to a point, or between or among points. The term includes any transmission, conveyance, or routing in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form, code, or protocol of the content for purposes of transmission, conveyance, or routing without regard to whether such service is referred to as voice-over Internet protocol services or is classified by the Federal Communications Commission as enhanced or value-added. "Telecommunications service" does not include the following:

1. Data processing and information services that allow data to be generated, acquired, stored, processed, or retrieved and delivered by an electronic transmission to a purchaser where the purchaser's primary purpose for the underlying transaction is the processed data or information;

2. Installation or maintenance of wiring or equipment on a customer's premises;

3. Tangible personal property;

4. Advertising, including but not limited to directory advertising;

5. Billing and collection services provided to third parties;

6. Internet access service;

7. Radio and television audio and video programming services, regardless of the medium, including the furnishing of transmission, conveyance, or routing of the service by the programming service provider. Radio and television audio and video programming services shall include, but not be limited to, cable service and audio and video programming services delivered by a commercial mobile radio service provider;

8. Ancillary service;

9. Digital products delivered electronically, including but not limited to software, music, video, reading materials or ring tones.

(28) "*Value-added non-voice data service*" means a service that otherwise meets the definition of telecommunications services in which computer processing applications are used to act on the form,

content, code, or protocol of the information or data primarily for a purpose other than transmission, conveyance, or routing.

(29) “*Vertical service*” means an ancillary service that is offered in connection with one or more telecommunications services, which offers advanced calling features that allow customers to identify callers and to manage multiple calls and call connections. Nonexclusive examples of vertical service include call forwarding, caller ID, three-way calling, and conference bridging services.

(30) “*Voice mail service*” means an ancillary service that enables the customer to store, send, or receive recorded messages. Voice mail service does not include any vertical services that the customer may be required to have in order to utilize the voice mail service.

*c. Taxable communication service, telecommunications service, ancillary service, and other similar communication service.* The sales price from the sale of communication service, telecommunications service, ancillary service, and other similar communication service is subject to the sales or use tax. The following is a nonexclusive list of services subject to the Iowa sales and use tax:

- (1) Air-to-ground radio telephone service;
- (2) Ancillary services except detailed communications billing service;
- (3) Conference bridging service;
- (4) Fixed wireless service;
- (5) Mobile wireless service;
- (6) Pay telephone service;
- (7) Postpaid calling service;
- (8) Prepaid calling service;
- (9) Prepaid wireless calling service;
- (10) Private communication service;
- (11) Residential telecommunications service.

*d. Nontaxable communication service, telecommunications service, ancillary service, and other similar communication service.* The following services are not subject to the Iowa sales and use tax:

- (1) Detailed communications billing service;
- (2) Internet access fees or charges;
- (3) One-way paging services that only receive information and are not capable of transmitting information;
- (4) Value-added non-voice data service;
- (5) Any charge necessary to secure only interstate communication service if the nature of the service is separately stated and the charge for the interstate service is separately billed.

*e. Sourcing of telecommunications services.*

(1) General sourcing principles apply to telecommunications services unless the service falls under one of the exceptions set out in paragraph “e.”

(2) Exceptions. The following telecommunications services and products are sourced in accordance with the principles set out in subparagraph (2):

1. Mobile telecommunications service is sourced to the place of primary use, unless the service is prepaid wireless calling service.

2. Prepaid calling service is sourced as provided under Iowa Code section 423.15. However, if the seller has sufficient information available, the sale of prepaid wireless calling service may be sourced to the location of the place of primary use.

3. A sale of a private telecommunications service is sourced as follows:

- Service for a separate charge related to a customer channel termination point is sourced to each level of jurisdiction in which the customer channel termination point is located.

- Service where all customer termination points are located entirely within one jurisdiction or levels of jurisdiction is sourced in the jurisdiction in which the customer channel termination points are located.

- Service for segments of a channel between two customer channel termination points located in different jurisdictions and which segments of channel are separately charged is sourced 50 percent in each level of jurisdiction in which the customer channel termination points are located.

- Service for segments of a channel located in more than one jurisdiction or levels of jurisdiction and which segments are not separately billed is sourced in each jurisdiction based on the percentage determined by dividing the number of customer channel termination points in the jurisdiction by the total number of customer channel termination points.

4. The sale of Internet access service is sourced to the customer's place of primary use.

5. The sale of an ancillary service is sourced to the customer's place of primary use.

6. A postpaid calling service is sourced to the origination point of the telecommunications signal as first identified by either (a) the seller's telecommunications system or (b) information received by the seller from its service provider, where the system used to transport the signals is not that of the seller.

7. The sale of telecommunications service sold on a call-by-call basis is sourced to (a) each level of taxing jurisdiction where the call originates and terminates in that jurisdiction or (b) each level of taxing jurisdiction where the call either originates or terminates and in which the service address is also located.

8. The sale of telecommunications services sold on a basis other than a call-by-call basis is sourced to the customer's place of primary use.

9. The sale of the following telecommunication services is sourced to each level of taxing jurisdiction as follows:

- A sale of mobile telecommunications services, other than prepaid calling service, is sourced to the customer's place of primary use as required by the federal Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act.

- A sale of postpaid calling service is sourced to the origination point of the telecommunications signal as first identified by either (a) the seller's telecommunications system or (b) information received by the seller from its service provider, where the system used to transport such signals is not that of the seller.

*f. Bundled transaction.*

- (1) A "bundled transaction" is the retail sale of two or more products where (a) the products are otherwise distinct and identifiable, and (b) the products are sold for one non-itemized price. A bundled transaction does not include the sale of any products in which the sales price varies or is negotiable based on the selection by the purchaser of the products included in the transaction.

- (2) In the case of a bundled transaction that includes any of the following: telecommunications service, ancillary service, Internet access, or audio or video programming service:

1. If the price is attributable to products that are taxable and products that are nontaxable, the portion of the price attributable to the nontaxable products will be subject to tax unless the provider can identify by reasonable and verifiable standards such portion from its books and records that are kept in the regular course of business for other purposes, including, but not limited to, nontax purposes.

2. If the price is attributable to products that are subject to tax at different tax rates, the total price may be treated as attributable to the products subject to tax at the highest tax rate unless the provider can identify by reasonable and verifiable standards the portion of the price attributable to the products subject to tax at the lower rate from its books and records that are kept in the regular course of business for other purposes, including but not limited to nontax purposes.

3. The provisions of this subrule shall apply unless otherwise provided by federal law.

*g. Direct pay permit.* The department may issue a direct pay permit that allows the holder to purchase tangible personal property or taxable services without payment of the tax to the seller. The direct pay permit holder cannot use the direct pay permit for the purchase of communication service, telecommunications service, ancillary services, or other similar communication service. The seller should charge and collect the sales or use tax from the purchaser on the taxable sales of communication service, telecommunications service, ancillary services, and other similar communication service.

*h. Credit.* A taxpayer subject to sales or use tax on communication service, telecommunications service, ancillary service or other similar communication service who has paid any legally imposed sales or use tax on such service to another jurisdiction outside the state of Iowa is allowed a credit against the sales or use tax imposed by the state of Iowa equal to the sales or use tax paid to the other taxing jurisdictions.

*i. Sales of communication service, telecommunications service, ancillary service, or other similar communication service to the United States government or the state government of Iowa.* Sales of communication service, telecommunications services, ancillary services, or other similar communication service to the United States government or its agencies or to the state of Iowa or its agencies are not subject to sales or use tax. In order to be a sale to the United States government or to the state government of Iowa, the government or agency involved must make the purchase of the services and pay directly to the vendor the purchase price of the services. Telecommunications service providers should obtain an exemption certificate from each agency for their records.

*j. Retailers liable for collecting and remitting tax.* Retailers that sell taxable communication service, telecommunications service, ancillary services, or other similar communication service are liable for collecting and remitting the state sales or use tax and any applicable local sales tax on the amounts of the sales.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 34A.7(1)“c”(2), 422.42(2), 422.42(3), 422.43(9), 422.45(5), 422.45(8), 422.45 and 422.51(1) and Iowa Code Supplement section 422.45 as amended by 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1189, section 29.

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**701—285.21(422,423) Morticians or funeral directors.** A mortician or funeral director is engaged in the business of selling both tangible personal property and funeral services. Examples of the former are caskets, other burial containers, flowers, and grave clothing. Examples of the latter are cremation, transportation by hearse and embalming. Tax is due only upon gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property and taxable services, and not upon gross receipts from the sale of nontaxable services.

If a mortician or funeral director separately itemizes charges for tangible personal property, taxable services and nontaxable services, as required by the rules of the Federal Trade Commission, or Iowa Code section 523A.8(1)“b,” whichever is applicable, tax is due only upon the gross receipts from the sales of tangible personal property and taxable services. If contrary to the rules or the statute, or if the applicable rules are rescinded or the statute repealed, and the mortician or funeral director charges a lump sum to a customer covering the entire cost of the funeral without dividing the charges for sales of tangible personal property and taxable and nontaxable services, the mortician or funeral director shall report the full amount of the funeral bill less any cash advanced by the mortician or funeral director, with tax due on 50 percent of the difference. *Kistner v. Iowa State Board of Assessment and Review*, 224 Iowa 404, 280 N.W. 587 (1938). Cash advance items may include, but are not limited to, the following: cemetery or crematory services, pallbearers, public transportation, clergy honoraria, flowers, musicians, singers, nurses, obituary notices, gratuities, and death certificates.

The mortician or funeral director is considered to be purchasing caskets, outer burial containers, and grave clothing for resale, and may purchase these items from suppliers without payment of tax. The mortician or director should present the supplier with a certificate of resale as set out in rule 701—15.3(423). A mortician or director is considered to be the user or consumer of office furniture and equipment, funeral home furnishings, advertising calendars, booklets, motor vehicles and accessories, embalming equipment, instruments, fluid and other chemicals used in embalming, cosmetics, and grave equipment, stretchers, baskets, and other items if title or possession does not pass to the customer. *Kistner*, supra.

For purposes of this rule, the terms of morticians or funeral directors shall also include cemeteries, cemetery associations and anyone engaged in activities similar to those discussed in the rule.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3), 422.43, 423.1 and 423.2.  
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**701—285.22(422,423) Physicians, dentists, surgeons, ophthalmologists, oculists, optometrists, and opticians.** Physicians, dentists, surgeons, ophthalmologists, oculists, optometrists, and opticians shall not be liable for tax on services rendered such as examinations, consultations, diagnosis, surgery and other kindred services, nor on the applicable exemptions prescribed under 701—Chapter 20.

The purchase of materials, supplies, and equipment by these persons is subject to tax unless the particular item is exempt from tax when purchased by an individual for the individual's own use. For example, the purchase for use in the office of prescription drugs would not be subject to tax nor would the purchase of prosthetic devices such as artificial limbs or eyes.

Sales of tangible personal property to dentists, which are to be affixed to the person of a patient as an ingredient or component part of a dental prosthetic device, are exempt from tax. These include artificial teeth, and facings, dental crowns, dental mercury and acrylic, porcelain, gold, silver, alloy, and synthetic filling materials.

Sales of tangible personal property to physicians or surgeons, which are prescription drugs to be used or consumed by a patient, are exempt from tax.

Sales of tangible personal property to ophthalmologists, oculists, optometrists, and opticians, which are prosthetic devices designed, manufactured, or adjusted to fit a patient, are exempt from tax. These include prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, frames, and lenses.

The purchase by such persons of materials such as pumice, tongue depressors, stethoscopes, which are not in themselves exempt from tax, would be subject to tax when purchased by such professions.

The purchase of equipment, such as an X-ray machine, X-ray photograph or frames for use by such persons is subject to tax. On the other hand, the purchase of an item of equipment that is utilized directly in the care of an illness, injury or disease, which item would be exempt if purchased directly by the patient, is not subject to tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3), 422.43, 422.45(13-15), 423.2 and 423.4(4).

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**701—285.23(422) Veterinarians.** Purchase of food, drugs, medicines, bandages, dressings, serums, tonics, and the like, but not to include tools and equipment, which are used in treating livestock raised as part of agricultural production is exempt from tax. Where these same items are used in treating animals maintained as pets for hobby purposes, sales tax is due. See rule 701—18.48(422,423) for an exemption for machinery used in livestock or dairy production which may be applicable to veterinarians but should be claimed only with caution by them.

A veterinarian engaged in retail sales, in addition to furnishing professional services, must account for sales tax on the gross receipts from such sales.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3) and 422.43.

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**701—285.24(422,423) Hospitals, infirmaries and sanitariums.** Hospitals, infirmaries, sanitariums, and like institutions are engaged primarily in rendering services. These facilities shall not be subject to tax on their purchases of items of tangible personal property exempt under 701—Chapter 20 when the items would be exempt if purchased by the individual and if the item is used substantially for the tax-exempt purpose. See rule 18.59(422,423) for an exemption applicable to sales of goods and furnishing of services on and after July 1, 1998, to a nonprofit hospital.

Hospitals, infirmaries, and sanitariums may be the purchasers for use or consumption of tangible personal property used or consumed in furnishing services. *Modern Dairy Co. v. Department of Revenue*, 413 Ill. 55, 108 N.E.2d 8 (1952). However, tangible personal property can be purchased for resale by these facilities and, if purchased for resale, is exempt from tax on the purchases. *Burrows Co. v. Hollingsworth*, 415 Ill. 202, 112 N.E.2d 706 (1953); *Fefferman v. Marohn*, 408 Ill. 542, 97 N.E.2d 785 (1951). Property is purchased for resale if the conditions in subrule 18.31(1) are applicable. See also 701—subrule 15.3(2) with respect to resale exemption certificates.

Depending upon the circumstances, a nonprofit facility may be a charitable institution or organization; a profit facility is not. *Northwest Community Hospital v. Board of Review of City of Des Moines*, 229 N.W.2d 738 (Iowa 1975); *Readlyn Hospital v. Hoth*, 223 Iowa 341, 272 N.W. 90 (1937).

Sales by these nonprofit facilities would be exempt from tax if the requirements of Iowa Code section 422.45(3) are met. See rule 701—17.1(422,423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, House File 2513, and chapter 423.

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**701—285.25(422,423) Warranties and maintenance contracts.**

**285.25(1)** In general—definitions. “Mandatory warranty.” A warranty is mandatory within the meaning of this regulation when the buyer, as a condition of the sale, is required to purchase the warranty or guaranty contract from the seller. “Optional warranty.” A warranty is optional within the meaning of this regulation when the buyer is not required to purchase the warranty or guaranty contract from the seller.

**285.25(2)** Mandatory warranties. When the sale of tangible personal property or services includes the furnishing or replacement of parts or materials which are pursuant to the guaranty provisions of the sales contract, a mandatory warranty exists. If the property subject to the warranty is sold at retail, and the measure of the tax includes any amount charged for the guaranty or warranty, whether or not such amount is purported to be separately stated from the purchase price, the sale of replacement parts and materials to the seller furnishing them thereunder is a sale for resale and not taxable. Labor performed under a mandatory warranty which is in connection with an enumerated taxable service is also exempt from tax.

**285.25(3)** Optional warranties. For periods after June 30, 1981.

*a.* The sale of optional service or warranty contracts which provide for the furnishing of labor and materials and require the furnishing of any taxable service enumerated under Iowa Code section 422.43 is considered a sale of tangible personal property the gross receipts from which are subject to tax at the time of sale except as described below.

*b.* On and after July 1, 1995, the sale of a residential service contract regulated under Iowa Code chapter 523C is not considered to be the sale of tangible personal property, and gross receipts from the sales of these service contracts are no longer subject to tax, and the gross receipts from taxable services performed for the providers of residential service contracts are now subject to tax. See the examples below for more detailed explanation. A “residential service contract” is defined in Iowa Code subsection 523C.1(8) to be: a contract or agreement between a residential customer and a service company which undertakes, for a predetermined fee and for a specified period of time, to maintain, repair, or replace all or any part of the structural components, appliances, or electrical, plumbing, heating, cooling, or air-conditioning systems of residential property containing not more than four dwelling units.

EXAMPLE A. John Jones purchases a residential service contract for \$3,000 on July 1, 1994. He pays \$150 of Iowa state sales tax. On December 1, 1994, his furnace malfunctions. The service company which sold Mr. Jones the contract pays Smith Furnace Repair \$700 to fix the furnace. No sales tax is due on the \$700 charge.

EXAMPLE B. Bob Jones purchases a residential service contract for \$3,000 on July 1, 1995. No sales tax is owing or paid. On December 1, 1995, his furnace becomes inoperable. The service company which sold Mr. Jones the contract pays Smith Furnace Repair \$900 to fix Mr. Jones’ furnace. Sales tax of \$45 is due based on the \$900.

*c.* On and after July 1, 1998, if an optional service or warranty contract is a computer software maintenance or support service contract and the contract provides for the furnishing of technical support services only and not for the furnishing of any materials, then no tax is imposed on the furnishing of those services under this subrule. If a computer software maintenance or support service contract provides for the performance of nontaxable services and the taxable transfer of tangible personal property, and no separate fee is stated for either the performance of the service or the transfer of the property, then state sales tax of 5 percent shall be imposed on 50 percent of the gross receipts from the sale of the contract. If a charge for the performance of the nontaxable service is separately stated, see subrule 18.25(5) below.



**285.25(4)** A preventive maintenance contract is a contract which requires only the visual inspection of equipment and no repair is or shall be included. The gross receipts from the sale of a preventive maintenance contract is not subject to tax.

**285.25(5)** Additional charges for parts and labor furnished in addition to that covered by a warranty or maintenance contract which are for enumerated taxable services shall be subject to tax. Only parts and not labor will be subject to tax where a nontaxable service is performed if the labor charge is separately stated.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42 and 423.2 and Iowa Code Supplement section 422.43 as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2288.

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**701—285.26(422) Service charge and gratuity.** When the purchase of any food, beverage or meals automatically and invariably results in the inclusion of a mandatory service charge to the total price for such food, beverage or meal, the amounts so included shall be subject to tax. The term “service charge” means either a fixed percentage of the total price of or a charge for food, beverage or meal.

The mandatory service charge shall be considered: (1) a required part of a transaction arising from a taxable sale and a contractual obligation of a purchaser to pay to a vendor arising directly from and as a condition of the making of the sale and (2) a fixed labor cost included in the price for food, beverage or meal even though such charge is separately stated from the charge for the food, beverage or meal.

When a gratuity is voluntarily given for food, beverage or meal it shall be considered a tip and not subject to tax.

*Cohen v. Playboy Club International, Inc.*, 19 Ill. App. 3d 215, 311 N.E.2d 336; *Baltimore Country Club, Inc. v. Comptroller of Treasury*, 272 Md. 65, 321 A.2d 308.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.43.

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**701—285.27(422) Advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers.**

**285.27(1) Nontaxable services.** Tax does not apply to charges by advertising agencies, commercial artists, or designers for services rendered that do not represent services that are a part of a sale of tangible personal property, or a labor or service cost in the production of tangible personal property. Examples of such nontaxable services are: writing original manuscripts and news releases; writing copy for use in newspapers, magazines, or other advertising, or to be broadcast on television or radio, compiling statistical and other information; placing or arranging for the placing of advertising in media, such as newspapers, magazines, or other publications; billboards and other facilities used in public transportation; and delivering or causing the delivery of brochures, pamphlets, cards, and similar items. Charges for such items as supervision, consultation, research, postage, express, transportation and travel expense, if involved in the rendering of such services, are likewise not taxable.

**285.27(2) Agency fee or commission.** When an amount billed as an agency “fee,” “service charge,” or “commission” represents a charge or part of the charge for any of the nontaxable services described under 18.27(1), the amount so billed is not taxable. Such charge by an advertising agency will be considered to be made for nontaxable services.

**285.27(3) Items taxable.** The tax applies to the entire amount charged to clients for items of tangible personal property such as drawings, paintings, designs, photographs, lettering, assemblies and printed matter. This includes the cost of typography and reproduction proofs when the latter is used as part of a paste-up, “mechanical” or assembly. Whether the items of property are used for reproduction or display purposes is immaterial.

**285.27(4) Preliminary art.** “Preliminary art” as used herein means roughs, visualizations, comprehensives and layouts prepared for acceptance by clients before a contract is entered into or approval is given for finished art. (“Finished art” as used herein means the final art used for actual reproduction by photo-mechanical or other processes.) Tax does not apply to separate charges for preliminary art, except where the preliminary art becomes physically incorporated into the finished art as for example, when the finished art is made by inking directly over a pencil sketch or drawing, or the approved layout is used as camera copy for reproduction.

The charge for preliminary art must be billed separately to the client, either on a separate billing or separately charged for on the billing for the finished art. It must be clearly identified on the billing as preliminary art, of one or more of the types mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Proof of ordering or producing the preliminary art prior to date of contract or approval for finished art shall be evidenced by purchase orders of the buyer, or by work orders or other records of the seller.

The following situations are examples of when the sale of “finished art” is taxable:

*a.* Finished art which is sold to customers to be used for advertising purposes in newspapers, magazines or the like. After the advertiser contracts with the ad agency for the development of an advertising message or theme, the agency devises ideas (preliminary art) and produces the finished art. The finished art is then delivered to the advertiser or to an agent of the advertiser such as a printer or publisher who is under contract with the advertiser to publish the ad.

*b.* Finished art which is sold to customers, or their agents (e.g., printers), for use in producing printed material. The charge for finished art is taxable even though the art work may later be returned to the ad agency by the purchaser or the printer or used by the customer or the customer’s agent to produce a nontaxable item. Since the finished art is not a part of the printed materials, the ad agency’s customer is consuming the material and not buying it for resale, or using it in an exempt manner.

*c.* Finished art which is used to produce other tangible personal property sold by the ad agency such as letterhead stationery and business cards. The charge for such art is taxable as part of the selling price for such stationery or business cards. This is true whether or not the agency separately itemizes the charge for such stationery or business cards.

**285.27(5) *Items purchased by agency, artist or designer.*** An advertising agency, artist, or designer is the consumer of tangible personal property used in the operation of its business, such as stationery, ink, paint, tools, drawing tables, T-squares, pens, pencils, and other office supplies. Tax applies to the sale of such property to the agency, artist, or designer. Tax also applies where the agency, artist or designer is the consumer of taxable services.

The agency, artist, or designer is the seller of, and may purchase for resale, any item resold before use, or that becomes physically an ingredient or component part of tangible personal property sold, as, for example, illustration board, paint, ink, rubber cement, flap paper, wrapping paper, photographs, photostats, or art purchased from other artists. Tax also applies where the agency, artist, or designer is the seller at retail of taxable services.

In the event that an agency, artist, or designer is both a consumer and a retailer of such items of tangible personal property as noted in this subsection, such agency, artist or designer should:

*a.* Purchase such items without tax liability if the majority of the items are sold at retail and remit the tax at the time of resale or at the time such items are consumed in the operation of the business.

*b.* Pay tax to suppliers at the time of purchase if the majority of the items will be consumed in the operation of the business and deduct the original cost of any such items subsequently sold at retail when reporting tax on their returns.

**285.27(6) *Construction.*** Nothing contained in this rule shall be construed to provide for an exemption from tax for services expressly taxable in rules 701—26.17(422) and 26.39(422).

**285.27(7) *Advertising agencies, commercial artists and designers as agent of client or as a nonagent.***

*a.* In general. A true agent relationship depends upon the facts with respect to each transaction. An agent is one who represents another, called the principal, in dealings with third persons. Advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers may act as agents on behalf of their clients in dealing with third persons or they may act on their own behalf. To the extent advertising agencies, artists and designers act as agents of their clients in acquiring tangible personal property, they are neither purchasers of the property with respect to the supplier nor sellers of the property with respect to their principals.

*b.* When advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers act as agents of their clients in purchasing property for their clients, the tax applies to the gross receipts from the sale of such property to the advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers. Unless such advertising agencies, commercial artists and designers act as true agents, they will be regarded as the retailers of tangible personal property furnished to their clients and the tax will apply to the total amount received for such

property. Further, nothing in this rule should be construed to be in variance with the opinion of the Iowa Supreme Court in *Rowe vs. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 249 Iowa 1207, 91 N.W.2d 548 (1958).

c. To establish that a particular acquisition is made in the capacity of an agent for a client, advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers (collectively herein referred to as agency) shall act as follows:

1. The agency must clearly disclose to the supplier the name of the client for whom the agency is acting as an agent.

2. The agency must obtain, prior to the acquisition, and retain written evidence of agent status with the client.

3. The price billed to the client, exclusive of any agency fee, must be the same as the amount paid to the supplier. The agency may make no use of the property for its own account, such as commingling the property of a client with another, and the reimbursement for the property should be separately invoiced or shown separately on the invoice to the client.

d. Some charges may represent reimbursement for tangible personal property acquired by the agency as agents for its clients and compensation for performing of agency services related thereto. When an advertising agency, commercial artist, or designer establishes that it has acquired tangible personal property as agents for its clients, tax does not apply to the charge made by the agency to its client for reimbursement charges by a supplier or to the charges made for the performance of the agency's services directly related to the acquisition of personal property.

e. Advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers acting as agents shall not issue resale certificates to suppliers.

f. Advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers act as retailers of all items of tangible personal property produced or fabricated by their own employees when they sell to their clients. Advertising agencies, commercial artists, and designers are not agents of their clients with respect to the acquisition of materials incorporated into items of tangible personal property prepared by their employees and sold at retail to their clients.

**285.27(8) Scope.** The scope of this rule is not confined simply to advertising agencies, commercial artists and designers, but also applies to all other businesses whose activities would bring them within the scope of this rule (e.g., printers).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.43 and 423.2.  
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### **701—285.28(422,423) Casual sales.**

**285.28(1) Casual sales by persons not retailers or by retailers outside the regular course of business.** Casual sales are exempt from the Iowa sales and use taxes except for the casual sale of vehicles subject to registration, and vehicles subject only to the issuance of a certificate of title. On and after July 1, 1988, the casual sale of aircraft is also taxable. In order for a casual sale to qualify for exemption under this subrule, two conditions must be present: (1) the sale of tangible personal property or taxable services must be of a nonrecurring nature, and (2) the seller, at the time of the sale, must not be engaged for profit in the business of selling tangible goods or services taxed under Iowa Code section 422.43 or, if so engaged, the sale must be outside the regular course of the seller's business (Order of State Board of Tax Review, Martin Development Corporation, Docket No. 136, December 1, 1976, incorporating by reference Order of Department of Revenue Hearing Officer in Docket No. 75-28-6A-A, July 9, 1976). See subrule 18.28(2) for an explanation of the casual sale exemption applicable to the liquidation of a trade or business.

If either of the conditions above are lacking, no casual sale occurs. Moreover, prior to July 1, 1985, the casual sale exemption was limited to sales of tangible personal property, and casual enumerated taxable services did not qualify for the exemption. *KTVO, Inc. v. Bair*, Equity No. 385 Linn County District Court, September 5, 1975.

For the purposes of this subrule, the word "aircraft" refers to any contrivance now known or hereafter invented, which is designed or used for navigation of or flight in the air, for the purpose of transporting persons, property, or both or for crop dusting, aerial surveillance, recreational flying, or for providing

some other service. By way of nonexclusive example, balloons, gliders, helicopters, and “ultra lights” are aircraft. Also included within the meaning of the word “aircraft” is any craft registered under Iowa Code section 328.20 or any successor statute thereto.

Sales of capital assets such as equipment, machinery, and furnishings which are not sold as inventory shall be deemed outside the regular course of business (including sales of capital assets during a retailer’s liquidation) and the casual sales exemption shall apply as long as such sales are nonrecurring. This will include transactions exempted from state and federal income tax under Section 351 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Two separate selling events outside the regular course of business within a 12-month period shall be considered nonrecurring. Three such separate selling events within a 12-month period shall be considered as recurring. Tax shall only apply commencing with the third separate selling event. However, in the event that a sale event occurs consistently over a span of years, such sale is recurring and not casual, even though only one sales event occurs each year. *Des Moines Police Department v. Bair*, Equity No. CE3-1591, Polk County District Court, November 1, 1976.

EXAMPLE: Corporation A sells the company copy machine at retail to B. At the time of this sale, Corporation A is engaged in the business for profit of selling clothes at retail. Assuming that the sale of the copy machine constitutes a sale of a nonrecurring nature, there is a casual sale because the sale is outside the regular course of Corporation A’s business.

EXAMPLE: Corporation C is engaged in the business of lending money secured by collateral. In the course of such business, Corporation C must repossess some collateral and sell it at retail for purposes of payment of loans. Such sales recur from time to time. Notwithstanding that Corporation C is presumably not engaged in the business of selling tangible goods or services for a profit, since the sales are recurring, there is no casual sale. *S & M Finance Co., Fort Dodge v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 1968, Iowa 162 N.W.2d 505.

EXAMPLE: F, a farmer, does not sell tangible personal property at retail or engage in the performance of any taxable services. F liquidates the farming business and hires a professional auctioneer to auction off many items of tangible personal property. Assuming this liquidation event is casual, all items sold by the auctioneer at retail are casual sales notwithstanding that many different sales to numerous different buyers may occur. See rule 18.8(422).

EXAMPLE: H, an insurance agency, holds a semiannual event to sell its used office furniture. Even though H does not regularly sell tangible personal property at retail, the casual sale exemption does not apply because the selling events are recurring. *Des Moines Police Department v. Bair*, Equity No. CE3-1591, Polk County District Court, November 1, 1976.

EXAMPLE: I, a corporation, has one sales event every year whereby it auctions off capital assets which it has no use for or desires to replace. This event has been a planned function of I and is conducted regularly and consistently over a span of years. Even though this sale event occurs only once a year, it is of a recurring nature because of the pattern of repetitiveness present and, therefore, the casual sale exemption would not apply, regardless of the number of items sold at such sale event each year.

EXAMPLE: J, a corporation engaged in the sale for resale of tangible personal property, sells three capital assets used in J’s trade or business consisting of a copy machine, a desk, and a computer. Each sale is made to different buyers and is unrelated to the other sales. The three sales occur in January, June, and October of the same year. The sale made in October consists of a desk. J has not established a pattern of recurring sales of capital assets prior to aforementioned sales of capital assets. Under these circumstances, the sale of the desk is not a casual sale, but the sales of the copy machine and the computer are casual and exempt.

EXAMPLE: K, a corporation, is primarily engaged in the business of road construction. From time to time, it sells used capital assets and scrap materials reclaimed from its road construction work to individuals and businesses. It does not advertise itself as a retailer of these assets and materials but sells them as a matter of courtesy to persons who cannot purchase them elsewhere. After 42 years of operation, it decides to liquidate. Pursuant to that decision, K employs two auctioneers to sell its capital assets and ceases operation after its assets are sold. K had only one capital asset sale during the 12 months immediately preceding each liquidation auction sale. The auction sales are exempt casual sales

under this subrule (1) because they are nonrecurring, and (2) because K is not a retailer of the capital assets sold during its liquidation. See *Holland Bros. Construction Co., Inc. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 611 N.W.2d 495 (Iowa 2000).

EXAMPLE: L, a sole proprietorship, engaged in selling automobile parts at retail, incorporated. The assets of L are sold to the new corporation in exchange for stock and the new corporation now engages in selling automobile parts at retail. The casual sale exemption would apply, but only because of the exemption set out in subrule 18.28(2) infra, since the transfer involves a liquidation of L's business and the sale of L's inventory to another person (the corporation) which will continue to engage in a similar trade or business.

The above examples are not the only ones pertaining to the questions of whether a casual sale did or did not occur. However, because of the myriad of factual situations which can and do exist, it is not possible to formulate more detailed rules on this subject matter.

**285.28(2)** *Special rules for casual sales involving the liquidation of a trade or business.* When retailers sell all or substantially all of the tangible personal property held or used in the course of the trade or business for which retailers are required to hold a sales tax permit, the casual sale exemption will apply to exempt those sales only when the following circumstances exist: (1) the trade or business must be transferred to another person, and (2) the transferee must engage in a similar trade or business. The trade or business transferred refers to the place where the business is located since each taxable retail business must have a sales tax permit at each location. For purposes of this casual sale circumstance, it is irrelevant whether the retailer actually has a sales tax permit or not; rather, the relevant circumstance is that the retailer was required to have a sales tax permit. See *Holland Bros. Construction Co., Inc. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 611 N.W.2d 495 (Iowa 2000). One effect of this is that a retailer who is closing as opposed to transferring a business and is selling inventory in the process of this closing is not entitled to claim the casual sale exemption under this subrule, but see subrule 18.28(1), and the resale exemption is always potentially applicable to sales of inventory. See the examples below for further explanation.

EXAMPLE: L, a hardware store, desires to liquidate the business. L had been selling tangible personal property at retail and was required to have an Iowa retail sales tax permit. L hires a professional auctioneer and all items of inventory, equipment, and fixtures are sold to various purchasers. These items consist of all or substantially all of the tangible personal property held or used by L in the course of the business for which a sales tax permit was required to be held. L, however, does not transfer the trade or business to anyone else. Under these circumstances, the casual sales exemption does not apply to the sale of the inventory, but see subrule 18.28(1) for criteria which determine whether the casual sales exemption applies to the equipment and fixtures.

EXAMPLE: The facts are the same as those in the previous example, except that L is liquidating its business because it attempted to build a new store and its entire inventory was destroyed by fire while in storage. An auctioneer sells L's equipment and trade fixtures to various purchasers. The auctioneer's sale of the equipment and trade fixtures is an exempt casual sale of the type described in subrule 18.28(1) because (1) it is nonrecurring, and (2) it is outside the usual course of L's business. See *Holland Bros. Construction Co., Inc.*, supra.

EXAMPLE: M, a sole proprietorship, incorporated. The assets of M are sold to the new corporation for stock. The new corporation engaged in a similar business. The casual sale exemption would apply.

EXAMPLE: N, an oil company, sells all or substantially all of the tangible personal property of ten company-owned service stations which were held or used in the course of its business, for which N was required to hold a sales tax permit, by bulk sales or otherwise. The sales were made to O, P, and Q and occurred at different times during the same year, each sale being unrelated. N was required to have a sales tax permit for each service station. N transferred its trade or business (each service station) to O, P, and Q, each of whom will engage in the same business N did, i.e., operation of service stations. Even though under these circumstances, the sales by N are recurring, the casual sales exemption would apply since each trade or business was transferred to another person who did engage in a similar trade or business.

EXAMPLE: R, an operator of a restaurant, auctions off to various purchasers who are not engaged in the restaurant business all or substantially all of the tangible personal property held or used in the business for which R was required to hold a retail sales tax permit. R transfers the trade or business to S who then operates a restaurant at the same location R did. Even if S did not purchase any of the tangible personal property, under these circumstances, the casual sales exemption applies. The tangible personal property held or used in the trade or business need not be sold to the same person to whom the trade or business is sold for the exemption to apply.

EXAMPLE: T, a restaurant, sells all of its tangible personal property held or used in the course of its business for which it was required to hold a sales tax permit to U. T also sells its trade or business to U. U engages in the business of operation of a dance hall and does not continue to operate the restaurant. This subrule's casual sales exemption will not apply, but see subrule 18.28(1) for the criteria of a casual sale exemption which could apply.

The above examples are not the only ones pertaining to the questions of whether a casual sale did or did not occur. However, because of the myriad of factual situations which can and do exist, it is not possible to formulate more detailed rules on this subject matter.

**285.28(3) *Casual sales of services.*** Special rule for services rendered, furnished, or performed on or after July 1, 1985. The “casual sale” of an enumerated service has occurred if the following circumstances exist:

- a. The service was rendered, furnished, or performed on or after July 1, 1985; and
- b. The service was rendered, furnished, or performed on a nonrecurring basis by a seller who, at the time of the sale of the service, is not engaged for profit in the business of selling tangible goods or services taxed under Iowa Code section 422.43, or, if so engaged, the sale was outside the regular course of the seller's business; or
- c. The sales of all, or substantially all of the services held or used by a retailer in the course of the retailer's trade or business for which the retailer is required to hold a sales tax permit, if the retailer sells or otherwise transfers the trade or business to another person who engages in a similar trade or business.

EXAMPLE: V ordinarily engages in janitorial and building maintenance or cleaning which are taxable services; see rule 701—26.60(422). Once, as a favor to customer W, V cut customer W's lawn and otherwise performed the taxable service of “lawn care” for customer W. Since this performance of lawn care was not “within V's regular course of business” and was not “recurring,” gross receipts from the lawn care are not subject to tax.

EXAMPLE: Corporation X rents a piece of equipment from Y. Y does not otherwise rent equipment and does not engage in the business for profit of selling tangible goods or taxable enumerated services. A casual sale qualifying for the exemption exists.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(12), 422.45(6) and 423.4.  
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### **701—285.29(422,423) Processing, a definition of the word, its beginning and completion characterized with specific examples of processing.**

**285.29(1) *Processing—a definition.*** For the purpose of these rules, “processing” means an operation or a series of operations whereby tangible personal property is subjected to some special treatment by artificial or natural means which changes its form, context, or condition, and results in marketable tangible personal property. These operations are commonly associated with fabricating, compounding, germinating, or manufacturing. *Linwood Stone Products Co. v. State Department of Revenue*, 175 N.W.2d 393 (Iowa 1970).

**285.29(2) *The beginning of processing.*** Processing begins when the “form, context, or condition” of tangible personal property is changed with the intent of eventually transforming the property into a saleable finished product. The severance of raw material from real estate is not processing, even if this severance results in a change in the form, context, or condition of the real estate. *Linwood Stone Products Co. v. State Department of Revenue*, 175 N. W.2d 393 (Iowa 1970). Furthermore, transportation of raw material after it is severed from real estate but prior to the time the initial change in the form, context,

or condition of the raw material occurs is not processing. *Southern Sioux County Rural Water System, Inc. v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 383 N.W.2d 585 (Iowa 1986).

**285.29(3)** *The completion of processing.* Processing ends when the property being processed is in the form in which it is ultimately intended to be sold at retail, *Hy-Vee Food Stores v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 379 N.W.2d 37 (Iowa App. 1985). The storage or transport of property after that property is transformed into a finished product is not a part of processing.

**285.29(4)** *Examples of when processing begins and ends.* The following examples are intended to clarify but not to contradict the explanation of processing set out in subrules 18.29(2) and 18.29(3).

EXAMPLE A: A company blasts limestone from the ground, bulldozers pick the limestone up and put it in trucks; these trucks transport the limestone to a crusher some distance from the quarry site. The first change in the “form” or “condition” of the limestone, while it is tangible personal property, occurs when the stone is crushed in the crusher. The blasting of the stone from the ground and its transport to the crusher would be acts preparatory to and not a part of processing. Thus, fuel used in the bulldozers and transport trucks would not be fuel used in processing, *Linwood Stone Products*, supra.

EXAMPLE B: Pumps remove water from underground wells and pump that water through pipes to a water treatment plant. At the treatment plant, the water passes initially through an aeration system which adds oxygen to it. At other points in the plant, potassium and chlorine are added to the water and iron is removed. After these acts are performed, clean, drinkable water exists. The first change, however, in the condition of the water occurs when it passes through the aeration system and oxygen is added to it. The withdrawal of the water from the ground and its transport to the aeration system would not be a part of processing. Thus, electricity used by the pumps which pump the water to the aeration system would not be used in processing. However, by way of contrast, electricity used to transport the water between, for example, the aeration system and the point where potassium is added to the water would be used in processing. *Southern Sioux Rural Water System, Inc.*, supra.

EXAMPLE C: Water is processed in a treatment plant. The last act at the plant necessary to render the water drinkable or a “finished product” is the addition of chlorine. After the addition of chlorine, the water is pumped first into wells and later into water towers where it is held for distribution. The pumping of this drinkable water from the point where the chlorine is added to the wells and the tower is not a part of processing because processing of the water ended with the addition of the chlorine; thus, electricity used in these pumps is not electricity used in processing. *Southern Sioux County Rural Water System, Inc.*, supra.

**285.29(5)** *Integral part of the production of the product test.* Certain activities may be exempt as part of processing if those activities are very closely interconnected with, or an integral part of, the operation of the processing equipment while processing is occurring. *Southern Sioux Rural Water System, Inc.*, supra. Merely because an activity is vital or essential to a processing operation does not make that activity exempt as part of processing unless the activity itself is closely interconnected with, or an integral part of, the operation of the processing equipment while processing is occurring. *Mississippi Valley Milk Producers Ass’n v. Iowa Dept. of Revenue*, 387 N.W.2d 611 (Iowa App. 1986). See the nonexclusive example below.

A manufactures nails. In A’s factory is a machine which draws steel into long rods the width of whatever nail A may wish to manufacture. After this machine draws the steel into the desired-size rods, the rods are moved to a second machine by a conveyor belt. This second machine cuts the rods into the length of nail which A desires. A second conveyor belt then transports these cut rods to a third machine which sharpens one end of the rod to a point and puts a “nail head” on the other end of the rod. The activities of the three machines are clearly processing, in that they are activities which change the form, context or condition of raw material, and as a result of those activities, marketable tangible personal property or a finished product is created. The two conveyor belts move the partially finished nails from one piece of processing equipment to another while processing is occurring. Since the activities of the conveyors are very closely interconnected with and an integral part of the operation of the various pieces of processing equipment while processing is occurring, the conveyor belts are involved in processing as well.

**285.29(6) Other specific examples of processing.** The Iowa Supreme Court has also stated that the following activities are processing: manufacturing ice, refrigerating cheese to age it from “green” to edible, refrigerating eggs to change their flavor, pasteurizing and subsequent refrigeration of milk, “hard” freezing of meat and butter for aging, canning vegetables and cooking foodstuffs; *Fischer Artificial Ice & Cold Storage Co. v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 248 Iowa 497, 81 N.W.2d 437 (1957); and, *Mississippi Valley Milk Producers v. Iowa Dept. of Revenue and Finance*, 387 N.W.2d 611 (Ia. App. 1986), also crushing of “flat rock” limestone and treating limestone in kilns. *Linwood Stone Products Co. v. State Dept. of Revenue*, 175 N.W.2d 393 (Iowa 1970). See 701—subrule 17.3(2) for an expanded definition of processing with regard to food manufacturing.

**285.29(7) Other department rules concerned with processing.** Various sections of the Iowa Code set out activities that are defined by statute to be “processing.” The rules interpreting these statutes for the purposes of sales and use tax law are the following:

- a. 701—15.3(423) Exemption certificates, direct pay permits, fuel used in processing, and beer and wine wholesalers.
- b. 701—17.2(422) Fuel used in processing—when exempt.
- c. 701—17.3(422,423) Processing exemptions.
- d. 701—17.9(422,423) Sales of breeding livestock, fowl, and certain other property used in agricultural production. See 701—subrules 17.9(4), 17.9(5), 17.9(6), and 17.9(7) for processing exemptions.
- e. 701—17.14(422,423) Chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents used in processing.
- f. 701—18.3(422,423) Chemical compounds used to treat water.
- g. 701—18.45(422,423) Sale or rental of computers, industrial machinery and equipment; refund of and exemption from tax paid for periods prior to July 1, 1997.
- h. 701—18.58(422,423) Sales or rentals of machinery, equipment, and computers and sales of fuel and electricity to manufacturers and sales or rentals of computers to commercial enterprises for periods on and after July 1, 1997, but before July 1, 2016.
- i. 701—26.2(422) Enumerated services exempt. See 701—subrule 26.2(2) for the processing exemption.
- j. 701—28.2(423) Processing of property defined.
- k. 701—33.3(423) Fuel consumed in creating power, heat, or steam for processing or generating electric current.
- l. 701—33.7(423) Property used to manufacture certain vehicles to be leased.
- m. For property sold on or after July 1, 2016, computers, machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and supplies used for an exempt purpose under Iowa Code section 423.3(47). See rules 701—230.14(423) to 701—230.22(423).

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## **701—285.30(422) Taxation of American Indians.**

### **285.30(1) Definitions.**

“*American Indians*” means all persons of Indian descent who are members of any recognized tribe.

“*Settlement*” means all lands within the boundaries of the Mesquakie Indian settlement located in Tama County, Iowa and any other recognized Indian settlement or reservation within the boundaries of the state of Iowa.

**285.30(2) Retail sales tax—tangible personal property.** Retail sales of tangible personal property made on a recognized settlement or reservation to Indians who are members of the tribe located on that settlement or reservation, where delivery occurs on the reservation, are exempt from tax (*Bryan v. Itasca County*, 426 U.S. 373, 376-77 (1976); *Moe v. Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes*, 425 U.S. 463, 475-81 (1976)). Retail sales of tangible personal property made on a recognized settlement or reservation to Indians where delivery occurs off the reservation are subject to tax. Retail sales of tangible personal property made to non-Indians on a recognized settlement or reservation are subject to tax regardless



of where the delivery occurs. Sales made to non-Indians are taxable even though the seller may be a member of a recognized settlement or reservation.

**285.30(3) Retail sales tax—services.** Sales of enumerated taxable services and sales made by municipal corporations furnishing gas, electricity, water, heat, or communication services to Indians who are members of the tribe located on the recognized settlement or reservation where delivery of the service occurs are exempt from tax (*Bryan v. Itasca County*, 426 U.S. 373, 376-77 (1976); *Moe v. Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes*, 425 U.S. 463, 475-81 (1976)). Sales of enumerated taxable services or sales made by municipal corporations furnishing gas, electricity, water, heat, or communication services to Indians where delivery of the services occurs off a recognized settlement or reservation are subject to tax.

**285.30(4) Off-reservation purchases.** Purchases made by Indians off a recognized settlement or reservation are subject to tax if delivery occurs off the reservation. Purchases made by Indians off a recognized settlement or reservation are not subject to tax if delivery is made on the reservation to Indians who are members of the tribe located on that reservation.

See rule 701—33.5(423) for the taxation of tangible personal property and services where the state use tax may be applicable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42, 422.43, and 422.45(1).  
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**701—285.31(422,423) Tangible personal property purchased by one who is engaged in the performance of a service.**

**285.31(1) In general.** (*Effective July 1, 1990*)

*a.* On and after July 1, 1990, tangible personal property purchased by one who is engaged in the performance of a service is purchased for resale and not subject to tax if (1) the provider and user of the service intend that a sale of the property will occur, and (2) the property is transferred to the user of the service in connection with the performance of the service in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value, and (3) the sale is evidenced by a separate charge for the identifiable piece or quantity of property.

*b.* Prior to July 1, 1990, in those circumstances in which tangible personal property is purchased by one who is engaged in the performance of a service and the property is transferred to the customer in conjunction with a performance of the service in a form or quantity which is capable of any fixed or definite price value, but the actual sale of the property is not indicated by a separate charge for the identifiable item, the burden of proving that the property was purchased for resale by one engaged in the performance of a service and not subject to tax at the time of purchase is upon the person engaged in the performance of a service who asserts this.

*c.* Tangible personal property which is not sold in the manner set forth in “*a*” or “*b*” above is not purchased for resale and thus is subject to tax at the time of purchase by one engaged in the performance of a service. Such tangible personal property is considered to be consumed by the purchaser who is engaged in the performance of a service and the person performing the service shall pay tax upon the sale at the time of purchase.

**EXAMPLE:** An investment counselor purchases envelopes. These envelopes are used to send out monthly reports to the investment counselor’s clients regarding their accounts. Tax is due at the time the investment counselor purchases the envelopes if the clients are not billed for these items. Each envelope is transferred to a client in a form or quantity which is capable of a fixed or definite price value. However, there must also be an actual sale to the client (customer) of an item of personal property in order that there be a “resale” of the item.

An automobile repair shop purchases solvents which are used in cleaning automobile parts and thus in performing its automobile repair service. Tax is due at the time the automobile repair shop purchases the solvent since the solvents are not sold to the customer and, in this case, the item is not transferred to a customer in a form or quantity which is capable of a fixed or definite price value. Thus, the solvent is deemed consumed by the purchaser engaged in the performance of the service.

EXAMPLE: A retailer purchases television tubes tax-free where the retailer makes a separate charge for the tube to the customer and since the tube is transferred to the customer in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value.

EXAMPLE: A beauty or barber shop purchases shampoo and other items to be used in the performance of its service. Tax is due at the time the beauty or barber shop purchases such items from its supplier, where the customers of the beauty or barber shop are not separately billed for the item, and because it is not transferred to the customer in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value, it is being consumed by the beauty or barber shop.

EXAMPLE: A car wash purchases water, electricity, or gas used in the washing of a car. The car wash would be the consumer of the water, electricity, or gas and tax is due at the time of purchase. The items purchased by the car wash are not transferred to the customer in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value, and the customer is not billed for the item.

EXAMPLE: An accounting firm purchases plastic binders which are used to cover the reports issued to its customers. These binders would be subject to tax at the time of purchase by the firm where the customer of the firm is not billed for the item, there being no sale to the customer in such a case.

EXAMPLE: A meat locker purchases materials such as wrapping paper and tape which it uses to wrap meat for customers who provide the locker with the meat. These materials would be subject to tax at the time of purchase by the meat locker because they are not sold to the customer in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value.

EXAMPLE: A jeweler purchases materials such as main springs and crystals to be used in the performance of a service. These items are purchased by the jeweler for resale where they are transferred to the customer in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value and each item is actually sold to the customer as evidenced by a separate charge therefor.

EXAMPLE: A lawn care service applies fertilizer, herbicides, and pesticides to its customers' lawns. The following are examples of invoices to customers which are suitable to indicate a lawn care service's purchase of the fertilizer, herbicides, and pesticides for resale to those customers: "Chemicals...31 Gal...\$60"; "Fertilizer...50 lbs....\$100"; and "Materials applied to lawn...4 bushel...\$40". The following are examples of information placed upon an invoice which would not indicate a purchase for resale to the customers invoiced: "Fifty percent of the charge for this service is for materials placed on a lawn," or "Lawn chemicals...\$30" or "Fifty pounds of fertilizer was applied to this lawn."

**285.31(2)** *Purchases made by automobile body shops or garages with body shops (effective October 1, 1980).*

Tangible personal property purchased by body shops can be purchased for resale provided both of the following conditions are met:

1. The property purchased for resale is actually transferred to the body shop's customer by becoming an ingredient or component part of the repair work. See Iowa Code section 422.42(2) and *Cedar Valley Leasing Inc. v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 274 N.W.2d 357 (Iowa 1979).

2. The property purchased for resale is itemized as a separate item on the invoice to the body shop's customer and is transferred to the customer in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value.

If either of the above two events is missing, there is no purchase for resale and the body shop is deemed the consumer of the item purchased.

When body shops purchase items which will be resold (see list of items in this rule) in the course of the repair activity, the vendors selling to the body shops are encouraged to accept a valid resale certificate at the time of purchase. See rule 701—15.3(423). Failure of the vendor to accept a valid resale certificate may subject that vendor to sales tax liability since the burden of proof would be on the vendor that a sale was made for resale. If the vendor cannot meet that burden, the vendor will be liable for the sales tax. Such burden is not met merely by a showing that the purchaser had obtained from the department an Iowa retail sales tax or retail use tax permit.

For insurance purposes, body shops are reimbursed by insurance companies for "materials" which such shops consume in rendering repair services. Some of the materials are transferred to the recipients of the repair services and some are not. Of those so transferred, such transfer is in irregular quantities

and is not in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value. Therefore, body shops are generally deemed to be the consumers of materials and must pay tax on these items at the time of purchase. Nonexclusive examples of items most likely to be included in this category of “materials,” whether actually transferred to customers of body shops or not, are as follows:

- Abrasives
- Accessories
- Battery water
- Body filler or putty
- Body lead
- Bolts, nuts and washers
- Brake fluid
- Buffing pads
- Chamois
- Cleaning compounds
- Degreasing compounds
- Floor dry
- Hydraulic jack oil
- Lubricants
- Masking tape
- Paint
- Polishes
- Rags
- Rivets and cotter pins
- Sand paper
- Sanding discs
- Scuff pads
- Sealer and primer
- Sheet metal
- Solder
- Solvents
- Spark plug sand
- Striping tape
- Thinner
- Upholstery tacks
- Waxes
- White sidewall cleaner

The following are nonexclusive examples of parts which can be purchased for resale since they are generally transferred to the body shop’s customer during the course of the repair in a form or quantity capable of a fixed or definite price value and are generally itemized separately as parts.

- Batteries
- Brackets
- Bulbs
- Bumpers
- Cab corners
- Chassis parts
- Doors
- Door guards
- Door handles
- Engine parts
- Fenders
- Floor mats
- Grills

- Headlamps
- Hoods
- Hub caps
- Radiators
- Rocker panels
- Shock absorbers
- Side molding
- Spark plugs
- Tires
- Trim
- Trunk lids
- Wheels
- Window glass
- Windshield ribbon
- Windshields

The following are nonexclusive examples of tools and supplies which are generally not transferred to the body shop's customer during the course of the repair and therefore could not be purchased for resale. The body shop is deemed the consumer of these items since they are not transferred to a customer and therefore the body shop must pay tax to the vendor at the time of purchase.

- Air compressors and parts
- Body frame straightening equipment
- Brooms and mops
- Buffers
- Chisels
- Drill bit
- Drop cords
- Equipment parts
- Fire extinguisher fluids
- Floor jacks
- Hand soap
- Hand tools
- Office supplies
- Paint brushes
- Paint sprayers
- Sanders
- Spreaders for putty
- Signs
- Washing equipment and parts
- Welding equipment and parts

Because of the nature of their business and the formulas devised by the insurance industry to reimburse body shops for cost of "materials," it is possible for body shops, in their invoices to their customers, to separately set forth labor, resold parts, and materials. While the materials can be separately invoiced as one general item, there is no way to ascertain a definite and fixed price for each item of the materials listed in this rule and consumed by the body shops and some of such individual materials are not even transferred by body shops to their customers. Therefore, the body shops are generally the "consumers" of "materials" and do not purchase them for resale. *W.J. Sandberg Co. v. Iowa State Board of Assessments and Review*, 225 Iowa 103, 278 N.W. 643 (1938). Thus, body shops should pay tax to their suppliers on all materials purchased and consumed by them. If materials are purchased from non-Iowa suppliers who do not collect Iowa tax from body shops, such body shops should remit consumer use tax to the Department of Revenue on such materials.

Body shops must collect sales tax on the taxable service of repairing motor vehicles. See rule 701—26.5(422). However, due to the nature of the insurance formulas, it is possible for body shops

to itemize that portion of their billing which would be for repair services and that portion relating to consumed “materials.” It is also possible for body shops to itemize that portion of their charges for parts which they purchase for resale to their customers. Body shops do not and cannot resell the tools and supplies previously listed in this rule and are taxable on their purchases of such items.

Therefore, as long as body shops separately itemize on their invoices to their customers the amounts for labor, parts, and for “materials,” body shops should collect sales tax on the labor and the parts, but not on the materials as enumerated in this rule.

EXAMPLE: A body shop repairs a motor vehicle by replacing a fender and painting the vehicle. In doing the repair work, the body shop uses rags, sealer and primer, paint, solder, thinner, bolts, nuts and washers, masking tape, sandpaper, waxes, buffing pads, chamois, solder and polishes. In its invoice to the customer, the labor is separately listed at \$300, the part (fender) is separately listed at \$300, and the category of “materials” is separately listed for a lump sum of \$100, for a total billing of \$700. The Iowa sales tax computed by the body shop should be on \$600 which is the amount attributable to the labor and the parts. The materials consumed by the body shop were separately listed and would not be included in the tax base for “gross taxable services” as defined in Iowa Code subsection 422.42(16), which is taxable in Iowa Code section 422.43.

In this example, if the “materials” were not separately listed on the invoice, but had been included in either or both of the labor or part charges by marking up such charges, the body shop would have to collect sales tax on the full charges for parts or labor even though tax was paid on materials by the body shop to its supplier at time of purchase.

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**701—285.32** Reserved..

**701—285.33(422,423) Printers’ and publishers’ supplies exemption with retroactive effective date.**

**285.33(1)** For the purposes of this rule, a “printer” is any person, a portion of whose business involves the completion of a finished, printed product for sale at retail by that person or another person. A “printer” is also any person, a portion of whose business involves the completion of a finished printed packaging material used to package products for ultimate sale at retail. The term “printer” does not include any person printing or copyrighting printed material for its own use or consumption and not for resale. A “publisher” means and includes any person who owns the right to produce, market, and distribute printed literature and information for ultimate sale at retail.

**285.33(2)** Effective May 4, 1995, and retroactive to July 1, 1983, the gross receipts from the sale or rental of the following to a printer or publisher are exempt from tax: acetate; antihalation backing; antistatic spray; back lining; base material used as a carrier for light sensitive emulsions; blankets; blow-ups; bronze powder; carbon tissue; codas; color filters; color separations; contacts; continuous tone separations; creative art; custom dies and die cutting materials; dampener sleeves; dampening solution; design and styling; diazo coating; dot etching; dot etching solutions; drawings; drawsheets; driers; duplicate films or prints; electronically digitized images; electrotypes; end product of image modulation; engravings; etch solutions; film; finished art or final art; fix; fixative spray; flats; flying pasters; foils; goldenrod paper; gum; halftones; illustrations; ink; ink paste; keylines; lacquer; lasering images; layouts; lettering; line negatives and positives; linotypes; lithographic offset plates; magnesium and zinc etchings; masking paper; masks; masters; mats; mat service; metal toner; models; modeling; mylar; negatives; nonoffset spray; opaque film process paper; opaquing; padding compound; paper stock; photographic materials: acids, plastic film, desensitizer emulsion, exposure chemicals, fix, developers, paper; photography, day rate; photopolymer coating; photographs; photostats; photo-display tape; phototypesetter materials; pH-indicator sticks; positives; press pack; printing cylinders; printing plates, all types; process lettering; proof paper; proofs and proof processes, all types; pumice powder; purchased author alterations; purchased composition; purchased phototypesetting; purchased stripping and paste-ups; red litho tape; reducers; roller covering; screen tints; sketches; stepped plates; stereotypes; strip types; substrate; tints; tissue overlays; toners; transparencies; tympan;

typesetting; typography; varnishes; Veloxes; wood mounts; and any other items used in a similar capacity to any of the above-enumerated items by the printer or publisher to complete a finished product for sale at retail. Expendable tools and supplies not enumerated in this subrule are subject to tax.

**285.33(3)** Claim for refunds of tax, interest, or penalty paid for the period of July 1, 1983, to June 30, 1995, must be limited to \$25,000 in the aggregate and will not be allowed unless filed prior to October 1, 1995. If the amount of claimed refunds for this period totals more than \$25,000, the department must prorate the \$25,000 among all claims.

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#### **701—285.34(422,423) Automatic data processing.**

##### **285.34(1) In general.**

*a. Applicability of tax.* For the purposes of this rule, the tax on automatic data processing is applicable to the gross receipts of:

- (1) Sales and rentals of data processing equipment (hardware).
- (2) Sales and rentals of tangible personal property produced or consumed by data processing equipment or prewritten (canned) computer software used in data processing operations.
- (3) Certain enumerated services performed on or connected with data processing such as rental of tangible personal property, machine repair, services of machine operators, office and business machines repair, electrical installation, and any other taxable service enumerated in Iowa Code section 422.43.

##### *b. Definitions.*

- (1) Reserved.
- (2) “*Hardware*” means the physical computer assembly and peripherals including, but not limited to, such items as the central processing unit, keyboards, consoles, monitors, memory, disk and tape drives, terminals, printers, plotters, modems, tape readers, document sorters, optical readers and digitizers.

(3) “*Canned software*” is prewritten computer software which is offered for general or repeated sale or rental to customers with little or no modification at the time of the transaction beyond specifying the parameters needed to make the program run. Canned software is tangible personal property. The term also includes programs offered for general or repeated sale or rental which were initially developed as custom software. Evidence of canned software includes the selling or renting of the software more than once. Software may qualify as custom software for the original purchaser or lessor but is canned software with respect to all others. Canned software includes program modules which are prewritten and later used as needed for integral parts of a complete program.

(4) “*Custom software*” is specified, designed, and created by a vendor at the specific request of a customer to meet a particular need and is considered to be a sale of a service rather than a sale of tangible personal property. It includes those services represented by separately stated charges for the modification of existing prewritten software when the modifications are written or prepared exclusively for a customer. Modification to existing prewritten software to meet the customer’s needs is custom computer programming only to the extent of the modification and only to the extent that the actual amount charged for the modification is separately stated. Examples of services that do not result in custom software include loading parameters to initialize program settings and arranging preprogrammed modules to form a complete program.

When the charges for modification of a prewritten program are not separately stated, tax applies to the entire charge made to the customer for the modified program unless the modification is so significant that the new program qualifies as a custom program. If the prewritten program before modification was previously marketed, the new program will qualify as a custom program if the price of the prewritten program was 50 percent or less of the price of the new program. If the prewritten program was not previously marketed, the new program will qualify as a custom program if the charge made to the customer for custom programming services, as evidenced by the records of the seller, was more than 50 percent of the contract price to the customer.

The department will consider the following records in determining the extent of modification to prewritten software when there is not a separate charge for the modification: logbooks, timesheets,

dated documents, source codes, specifications of work to be done, design of the system, performance requirements, diagrams of programs, flow diagrams, coding sheets, error printouts, translation printouts, correction notes, and invoices or billing notices to the client.

(5) “*Storage media*” includes hard disks, compact disks, floppy disks, diskettes, diskpacks, magnetic tape, cards, or other media used for nonvolatile storage of information readable by a computer.

(6) “*Rental*” includes any lease or license agreement between a vendor and a customer for the customer’s use of hardware or software.

(7) “*Program*” is interchangeable with the term “software” for purposes of this rule.

**285.34(2) Taxable sales, rentals and services.**

*a. Sales of equipment.* Tax applies to sales of automatic data processing equipment and related equipment.

*b. Rental or leasing of equipment.* Where a lease includes a contract by which a lessee secures for a consideration the use of equipment which may or may not be used on the lessee’s premises, the rental or lease payments are subject to tax. See rule 701—26.18 on tangible personal property rental.

*c. Canned software.* The sale or rental for a consideration of any computer software which is not custom software is a transfer of tangible personal property and is taxable. Canned software may be transferred to a customer in the form of diskettes, disks, magnetic tape, or other storage media or by listing the program instructions on coding sheets.

(1) Tax applies whether title to the storage media on which the software is recorded, coded, or punched passes to the customer or the software is recorded, coded, or punched on storage media furnished by the customer. A fee for the temporary transfer of possession of canned software for the purpose of direct use to be recorded, coded, or punched by the customer or by the lessor on the customer’s premises, is a sale or rental of canned software and is taxable.

(2) Tax applies to the entire amount charged to the customer for canned software. Where the consideration consists of license fees, royalty fees, right to use fees or program design fees, whether for a period of minimum use or for extended periods, all fees includable in the purchase price are subject to tax.

*d. Training materials.* Persons who sell or lease data processing equipment may provide a number of training services with the sale or rental of their equipment. Training services, per se, are not subject to tax. Training materials, such as books, furnished to the trainees for a specific charge are taxable.

*e. Services a part of the sale or lease of equipment.* Where services, such as programming, training or maintenance services, are provided to those who purchase or lease automatic data processing and related equipment, on a mandatory basis as an inseparable part of the sale or taxable lease of the equipment, charges for the furnishing of the services are includable in the measure of tax from the sale or lease of the equipment whether or not the charges are separately stated. (Where the purchaser or lessee has the option to acquire the equipment either with the services or without the services, charges for the services may not be excluded from the measure of tax if they are taxable enumerated services.)

*f. Materials and supplies.* The transfer of title, for a consideration, of tangible personal property, including property on which or into which information has been recorded or incorporated is a sale subject to tax.

Generally service bureaus are consumers of all tangible personal property, including cards and forms, which they use in providing services unless a separate charge is made to customers for the materials, in which case, tax applies to the charge made for the materials.

*g. Additional copies.* When additional copies of records, reports, tabulation, etc., are sold, tax applies to the charges made for the additional copies. “Additional copies” are all copies in excess of those produced on multipart carbon paper simultaneously with the production of the original and on the same printer, whether the copies are prepared by rerunning the same program, by using multiple simultaneous printers, by looping a program such that the program is run continuously, by using different programs to produce the same output product, or by other means. Where additional copies are prepared, the tax will be measured by the charge made by the service bureau to the customer. If no separate charge is made for the additional copies, tax applies to that portion of the gross receipts which the cost of the additional computer time (if any) and the cost of materials and labor cost to produce the additional copies bear to the

total job cost. Charges for copies produced by means of photocopying, multilithing, or by other means are subject to tax. Tax applies to a contract where data on magnetic tape are converted into combinations of alphanumeric printing, curve plotting or line drawings, and put on microfilm or photorecording paper.

*h. Mailing lists.* Addressing (including labels) for mailing. Where the service bureau addresses, through the use of its automatic data processing equipment or otherwise, material to be mailed, with names and addresses furnished by the customer or maintained by the service bureau for the customer, tax does not apply to the charge for addressing. Similarly, where the service bureau prepares, through the use of its automatic data processing equipment or otherwise, labels to be affixed to material to be mailed, with names and address furnished by the customer or maintained by the service bureau for the customer, tax does not apply to the charge for producing the labels, regardless of whether the service bureau itself affixes the labels to the material to be mailed. However, tax would be due on any tangible personal property, such as labels, consumed by the service bureau. (See “f” above.) Mailing lists in the form of Cheshire tapes, gummed labels, and heat transfers which are attached to envelopes and placed in the mail by a service bureau constitute tangible personal property and are subject to tax.

*i. Services of a machine operator.* The services of a machine operator, such as a key punch operator or the operator of any other data processing equipment, when hired to operate another person’s machinery or equipment, are subject to tax when contracted for and performed by someone other than an employee of the owner of the machinery and equipment.

*j. Maintenance contracts.* Maintenance contracts sold in connection with the sale or lease of canned software generally provide that the purchaser will be entitled to receive storage media on which prewritten program improvements have been recorded. The maintenance contract may also provide that the purchaser will be entitled to receive certain services, including error corrections and telephone or on-site consultation services.

(1) Nonoptional maintenance contract. If the maintenance contract is required as a condition of the sale or rental of canned software, it will be considered as part of the sale or rental of the canned software, and the gross sales price is subject to tax whether or not the charge for the maintenance contract is separately stated from the charge for software.

(2) Optional maintenance contracts prior to July 1, 1998. If the maintenance contract is optional to the purchaser of canned software, then only the portion of the contract fee representing improvements delivered on storage media is subject to sales tax if the fee for other services, including consultation services and error corrections, is separately stated. If the fee for other services, including consultation services and error corrections, is not separately stated from the fee for improvements delivered on storage media, the entire charge for the maintenance contract is subject to sales tax.

(3) Optional maintenance contracts on and after July 1, 1998. If an optional software maintenance or support contract provides for technical support services only, then no tax is imposed on the gross receipts from the performance of those services. If an optional software maintenance or support contract separately states the charges which represent improvements delivered on storage media from charges which represent other services, including consultation services and error correction, then only that portion of the contract fee representing improvements delivered on the storage media is subject to sales tax. If an optional software maintenance or support contract provides for the taxable transfer of tangible personal property and the provision of nontaxable services, and there is no separately stated charge for the taxable transfer of property or for the nontaxable service, then state sales tax of 5 percent shall be imposed on 50 percent of the gross receipts from the sale of such contracts. See 701—paragraph 18.25(3) “c” for more information.

**285.34(3) Nontaxable items and activities.**

*a. Custom programs.* These are programs prepared to the special order of a customer. Tax does not apply to the transfer of custom programs in the form of written procedures, such as program instructions listed on coding sheets. Tax applies to the sale of material transferred to the customer in the form of typed or printed sheets if separately invoiced.

*b. Processing a client’s data.* Generally speaking, if a person enters into a contract to process a client’s data by the use of a computer program, or through an electrical accounting machine programmed by a wired plugboard, the processing of a client’s data is nontaxable. Such contracts usually provide that



the person will receive the client's source documents, record data in machine readable form, such as in punch cards or on magnetic tape, make necessary corrections, rearrange or create new information as the result of the processing and then provide tabulated listings or record output on other media. This service will be considered nontaxable even if the total charge is broken down into specific charges for each step. The furnishing of computer programs and data by the client for processing under direction and control of the person providing the service is nontaxable even though charges may be based on computer time. The true object of these contracts is considered to be a service, even though some tangible personal property is incidentally transferred to the client. However, tax will apply to tangible personal property separately invoiced to the client.

*c. Time sharing.* Charges made for the use of automatic data processing equipment, on a time-sharing basis, where access to the equipment is by means of remote facilities, are not subject to tax. Time sharing which is, in fact, a rental of equipment and the lessee exercises the right of possession or control over the equipment is subject to tax. See 18.34(2) "b" and rule 701—26.18(422).

*d. Designing of systems, converting of systems, consulting, training, and miscellaneous services.* These services consist of the developing of ideas, concepts and designs. Common examples of these nontaxable services are:

(1) Designing and implementing computer systems (e.g., determining equipment and personnel required and how they will be utilized).

(2) Designing storage and data retrieval systems (e.g., determining what data communications and high speed input-output terminals are required).

(3) Converting manual systems to automatic data processing systems, converting present automatic data processing systems to new systems (e.g., changing a second generation system to a third generation system).

(4) Consulting services (e.g., studies of all or part of a data processing system).

(5) Feasibility studies (e.g., studies to determine what benefits would be derived if procedures were automated).

(6) Evaluation of bids (e.g., studies to determine which manufacturer's proposal for computer equipment would be most beneficial).

(7) Providing technical help such as analysts and programmers, usually on an hourly basis.

(8) Writing (coding) and testing of programs—contract programming. These services result in the production of customized programs. This type of service is not taxable because programming requires the development or ascertainment of information, and the evaluation of data, in addition to other development skills.

Persons engaged in providing nontaxable computer services are the consumers of all tangible personal property used in such activities, and the tax must be paid on their acquisition of such property.

This paragraph, 18.34(3) "d," shall become effective for periods beginning on or after April 1, 1992.

*e. Installation charges.* Where installation charges are separately contracted for or where no contract exists, are separately invoiced, or do not constitute enumerated taxable services, they are exempt from tax. See rule 701—15.14(422,423).

*f. Pickup and delivery charges.* The tax will not apply to pickup and delivery charges which are separately contracted for or where no contract exists, are separately invoiced.

*g. Rental of computer programs.* Prior to July 1, 1984, the rental of computer programs was not subject to tax since the program did not constitute equipment. *KTVO, Inc. vs. Bair*, 1977, Iowa 225 N.W.2d, 111. For the rule regarding prewritten (canned) programs subsequent to that date, see 18.3(2) "c."

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42, 422.45 and 423.2 and Iowa Code Supplement section 422.43 as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2288.

[see Rescission note at end of chapter]

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**701—285.35(422,423) Drainage tile.** The sale or installation of drainage tile which is to be used in disease control, weed control, or the health promotion of plants or livestock produced as part

of agricultural production for market is exempt from tax. Drainage tile, when purchased for these purposes, is therefore not subject to tax. In all other cases, drainage tile will be considered a building material and subject to tax under the provisions of Iowa Code subsection 422.42(9).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(3), 422.42(9), and 423.2.  
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**701—285.36(422,423) True leases and purchases of tangible personal property by lessors.**

**285.36(1)** *True leases and purchases by lessors prior to, on, and subsequent to July 1, 1978.* The definition of a sale specified in Iowa Code subsection 422.42(2) does not include leases. Hence, the exemption from tax on sales for resale is inapplicable to the purchase of tangible personal property for the purpose of leasing such property to others, but not for the purpose of reselling such property. *Cedar Valley Leasing, Inc. v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 274 N.W.2d 357 (Iowa 1979). However, even though the general rule is that the acquisition cost of tangible personal property purchased for the purpose of leasing it to others is subject to the Iowa sales or use tax, certain transactions are exempted from tax by statute. See subrule 18.36(4).

**285.36(2) General.** Prior to July 1, 1984, tax is due on the lease or rental payments derived from the service of equipment rental only and not from the lease or rental of other tangible personal property. See 701—subrule 26.18(1). Tax would also be due on the gross receipts received on the disposal of the tangible personal property provided no exemption exists. When property is purchased for the purpose of financing under a conditional sales contract, the property is purchased for resale, and the acquisition of the property is not subject to Iowa tax. See rule 701—16.47(422,423).

The gross receipts from the leasing of property for subletting purposes is exempt from tax as a resale of a service, but the lessee must collect tax on the gross receipts from subletting unless such subletting is otherwise exempt from tax.

*a.* Where a resident or nonresident lessor leases equipment to a resident or nonresident lessee and the lease contract is executed in Iowa and the equipment is delivered to the lessee in Iowa, the rental payments are subject to Iowa sales tax, even if the equipment is taken by the lessee to another state. *Williams Rentals, Inc. v. Tidwell*, 516 S.W.2d 614 (Tenn. 1974).

*b.* Where a nonresident lessor leases equipment to a resident or nonresident lessee and the lessee uses the equipment in Iowa, the nonresident lessor has the responsibility of collecting Iowa use tax on the lease payments, provided the lessor maintains a place of business in Iowa as provided in Iowa Code sections 423.1(6) and 423.9. Whether the lease agreement is executed in Iowa or not is irrelevant. *State Tax Commission v. General Trading Co.*, 322 U.S. 335, 64 S.Ct. 1028, 88 L.Ed 1309, (1944).

*c.* Where a lessee is the recipient of equipment rental services as defined in “a” and “b” above and no tax has been collected from such lessee by the lessor, the lessee should remit Iowa use tax to the department of revenue. In the event no tax is remitted, the department, in its discretion, may seek to collect the tax from the lessor or lessee. In the event that the lessee is the recipient of equipment rental services, and the lessor does not maintain a place of business in Iowa and does not collect use tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 423.10, such lessee shall remit tax on its rental payments to the department.

*d.* Where a resident lessor leases equipment to a nonresident lessee outside of Iowa, and the equipment is delivered to the lessee outside Iowa, the act of leasing is exempt from the Iowa sales tax on the rental payments. However, in the event the lessee brings the equipment into Iowa and uses it in Iowa, Iowa use tax applies to rental payments, but see “g” below.

*e.* Where a resident or nonresident lessor purchases tangible personal property in Iowa for subsequent lease in or out of Iowa and takes delivery of the equipment in Iowa, the lessor’s purchase is subject to Iowa sales tax. *Dodgen Industries, Inc. v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 160 N.W.2d 289 (Iowa 1968).

*f.* When a resident or nonresident lessor purchases tangible personal property outside of Iowa for the purpose of leasing it in Iowa and the equipment is brought into Iowa and used by the resident or nonresident lessee in this state, the lessor is considered as having a “use” of the property in Iowa and Iowa use tax will apply to the lessor’s purchase price of the property, regardless whether or not the lessor

makes any physical use of the property in Iowa. *Union Oil Company of California v. State Board of Equalization*, 1963, 34 Cal. Rpts. 872, 386 P.2d 496.

g. If a sales or use tax has already been paid to another state on the purchase price of equipment prior to the use of that equipment in Iowa, a tax credit against the Iowa use tax on the purchase price will be given. After the equipment is brought into Iowa, if a sales or use tax is properly payable and is paid to another state on the rental payments of equipment, for the same time the Iowa tax is imposed on such rentals, a tax credit against the Iowa use tax on such rental payments will be given. *Henneford v. Silas Mason Co.*, 1937, U.S.577, 57 S.Ct. 524, 51 L.Ed. 814.

**285.36(3) Leases relating to vehicles subject to registration.**

a. Vehicles as defined in Iowa Code subsections 321.1(4), (6), (8), (9), and (10) (motor trucks, truck tractors, road tractors, trailers, and semitrailers), except when designed primarily for carrying persons, can be purchased free of use tax when purchased for lease and actually leased for use outside Iowa if the subsequent sole use in Iowa is in interstate commerce or interstate transportation.

b. Tangible personal property which by means of fabrication, compounding, or manufacturing becomes an integral part of vehicles as defined in 18.36(3)“a” when manufactured for lease and actually leased to a lessee for use outside the state of Iowa, can be purchased free of use tax provided the sole subsequent use of the vehicle in Iowa is in interstate commerce or interstate transportation. (Iowa purchases which would be subject to Iowa sales tax do not qualify for this exemption.) See rule 701—33.7(423).

The provisions of “a” and “b” are effective for periods beginning on January 1, 1973. Also see 701—Chapter 34 of the rules relating to vehicles subject to registration.

**285.36(4) Special rules for lessors on or after July 1, 1978.** If tangible personal property is purchased for leasing, the purchase of the property is exempt from tax if the following conditions are met:

a. The person (lessor) purchasing the property is regularly engaged in the business of leasing,

b. The period of the lease is for more than one year for sales or property occurring from July 1, 1978, to May 18, 1997, inclusive; for sales of property occurring on and after May 19, 1997, the period of the lease must be for more than five months, and

c. The lease or rental receipts must be subject to tax under the service of equipment rental.

All three conditions must be met before the exemption applies.

If the exemption is properly claimed, it is lost when the property is made use of for any purpose other than leasing and the person claiming the exemption is liable for the tax based on the original purchase price. Tax paid on the leasing or rental payments would be allowed as a credit against the tax due on the purchase price.

In the following examples, assume, unless stated to the contrary, that the lease or rental receipts are subject to tax. The examples are written on the assumption that the period for an exempt lease is five months or longer. Thus, these examples are basically applicable to the period beginning May 19, 1997; however, the examples illustrate principles which are applicable to the purchase for lease exemption for periods longer than one year which was the requirements for exemption prior to May 19, 1997.

EXAMPLE: A restaurant makes a one-time purchase of office furniture which it leases to an insurance company for a period of four years. The purchase of office furniture by the restaurant would be subject to tax because the restaurant is not regularly engaged in the business of leasing. However, if the restaurant established a pattern of regularly purchasing office furniture or other tangible personal property for lease, the exemption would apply.

EXAMPLE: A company purchases a computer which will be leased for a period of three years, at which time the computer is returned to the company. The sole business of the company is to purchase this one computer for lease. The purchase of the computer is exempt from tax because the company is regularly engaged in the business of leasing.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases three lawn mowers which will be leased to individuals for periods of time less than five months. The purchase of the lawn mowers by the leasing company would be subject to tax because the periods of the leases are for less than five months.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases a computer which will be leased for a period of three years. The purchase of the computer is exempt from tax because the period of the lease is for more than five months.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company buys a computer. The company claims the exemption from tax, but the company uses the computer in its own operations. Tax is due on the original purchase price and the leasing company is liable for the tax due.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases a copying machine which will be leased for a period of two years. After four months, the machine is returned to the leasing company and then the machine is immediately re-leased without being used by the leasing company for any other purpose. The exemption would apply because it was properly claimed and nothing occurred to cause loss of the exemption.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases a copying machine which will be leased for a period of two years. After four months, the machine is returned and the leasing company then uses the machine in its own business. The exemption would no longer apply and the leasing company would be liable for the tax based on the original purchase price. Credit would be allowed against the tax due on the purchase price for any tax paid on the lease or rental payments. Assume the leasing company paid \$2,000 for the copying machine and charged \$200 per month plus \$10 in tax per month. Since the machine is returned and the exemption is not applicable, the leasing company would owe \$100 on the \$2,000 acquisition cost. However, the leasing company collected \$40 (four months x \$10) tax on the monthly rental charges. Allowing the credit for tax collected of \$40 against the total tax liability of \$100 leaves a net tax liability of \$60 owed by the leasing company.

EXAMPLE: A manufacturer and seller of office furniture also leases office furniture. The leases always run for a period longer than five months and the company usually has only two leases per year. The leasing operation only accounts for 1 percent of the company's total business. The company still qualifies for the exemption because it is regularly engaged in the business of leasing and the period of the lease is for more than five months.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases an airplane from an aircraft dealer and leases it for a period of three years. The lease or rental payments are not taxed because of the exemption for transportation services. The leasing company would owe tax based on the acquisition cost because the lease or rental payments are not subject to tax under the service of equipment rental.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases equipment and leases it to a lessee for a period of 18 months. For the first 3 months, the equipment is used by the lessee in making repairs to existing structures and the lease receipts are taxable. For the remainder of the lease period, the equipment is used in new construction of buildings and structures and the lease receipts are exempt from tax. The acquisition cost of the equipment is exempt because the exemption was properly claimed and was not subsequently lost by a use other than leasing.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases from an Iowa retailer equipment on May 18, 1997, for the purpose of leasing it for a period of six months. The lease receipts will be taxable. The sales tax exemption on the acquisition cost to the lessor cannot be claimed because the sale occurred before May 19, 1997, and, at the time of the sale, no sales tax exemption applied to such acquisition cost. The exemption for acquisition cost should not be given a retroactive effect. *Jones v. Gordy*, 1935, 169 Md. 173, 180 Atl. 272.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases equipment outside of Iowa on May 1, 1997. The lessee brings the equipment into Iowa on June 1, 1997, and uses it in Iowa. The lease period is nine months, and the lessee's use in Iowa is subject to Iowa use tax on the lease payments. Under these circumstances, the Iowa use tax exemption on the lessor's acquisition cost applies because it is the law in effect at the time of use in Iowa, not at the time of sale, which determines whether a use tax exemption applies. *City of Ames v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 1955, 246 Iowa 1016, 71 N.W.2d 15; *Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 1958, 250 Iowa 193, 92 N.W.2d 129.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases equipment not for resale and leases it to the lessee for a period of more than five months. After three months, the equipment is returned to the leasing company which then sells the equipment. Such sale is not part of the regular course of the leasing company's business. The exemption, though properly claimed, is lost because, by reason of such sale, the leasing

company made use of the property for a purpose other than leasing or renting. Had the equipment been returned to the leasing company on or after five months and one day from the commencement of the lease period, and the leasing company then sold the equipment outside the regular course of its business or used the equipment in its business, the exemption for acquisition cost would not be lost. Had the equipment been purchased for resale and leased prior to such resale, the acquisition cost to the leasing company would be exempt from tax. *Herman M. Brown Co. v. Johnson*, 1957, 248 Iowa 1143, 82 N.W.2d 134. If the equipment is traded in toward the purchase price of other equipment by the leasing company, or if the leasing company disposes of the equipment after it is fully depreciated, the exemption for acquisition cost is not lost. Where sale of equipment outside the regular course of business is made by the leasing company, see also rule 18.28(422) to determine whether the casual sale exemption applies to the receipts from such sale.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases equipment which is leased to the lessee. Assume that the exemption for acquisition cost of the equipment was properly claimed. Thereafter, the lessee makes an assignment of the lease. The exemption is not lost since the assignee stands in the same position as the original lessee and such an assignment does not change the nature of the original lease period. *Berg v. Ridgway*, 1966, 258 Iowa 640, 140 N.W.2d 95.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases equipment which is leased to the lessee in accordance with the criteria creating the acquisition cost exemption. The leasing company sells the lease contracts, as commercial paper, to others. The exemption for acquisition cost can still be claimed and such sales of lease contracts do not cause loss of the exemption.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases equipment which is leased to the lessee in accordance with the criteria creating the acquisition cost exemption. Thereafter, the lease can no longer be performed because the property is destroyed by an act of God. The acquisition cost exemption is not lost.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases equipment which is leased to the lessee in accordance with the criteria creating the acquisition cost exemption. Thereafter, the lessee is adjudged bankrupt and the equipment is returned to the leasing company and is re-leased without being used by the leasing company for any other purpose. The acquisition cost exemption is not lost since the leasing company makes no use for any purpose other than leasing or renting.

EXAMPLE: A leasing company purchases equipment which is leased to a lessee. The criteria for the acquisition cost exemption are present. The lessee then sublets the equipment to another for a period less than five months. The acquisition cost exemption is not lost.

**285.36(5) *Lease or rental of all tangible personal property now subject to tax.*** On and after July 1, 1984, the lease or rental of all tangible personal property is subject to tax. See rule 701—26.18(422) for information concerning additional transactions subject to tax after that effective date.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(2), 422.43, 422.45, 423.1, and 423.4. [Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

### **701—285.37(422,423) Motor fuel, special fuel, aviation fuels and gasoline.**

**285.37(1) *In general.*** The gross receipts from the sale of motor fuel and special fuel are exempt from sales tax under Iowa Code section 422.45(11) if (1) the fuel is consumed for highway use, in watercraft, or in aircraft, (2) the Iowa fuel tax has been imposed and paid, and (3) no refund or credit of fuel tax has been made or will be allowed. However, beginning July 1, 1985, the gross receipts from the sale of special fuel for diesel engines used in commercial watercraft on rivers bordering Iowa are exempt from sales tax, even though no fuel tax has been imposed and paid, providing the seller delivers the fuel to the owner's watercraft while it is afloat. Prior to July 1, 1988, retail sales of aviation gasoline were not exempt from sales tax under Iowa Code subsection 422.45(11). See subrule 18.37(4).

**285.37(2) *Refunds or credits of motor fuel and special fuel.*** Claims for refund or credit of fuel taxes under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 452A must be reduced by any sales or use tax owing the state unless a sales tax exemption is applicable. Generally, refund claims or credits are allowed where fuel is purchased tax paid and used for purposes other than to propel a motor vehicle or used in watercraft.

**285.37(3) *Refunds of tax on fuel purchased in Iowa and consumed out of Iowa.*** Even though fuel is purchased in Iowa, fuel tax paid in Iowa, and the fuel tax is subject to refund under the provisions

of division III of Iowa Code chapter 452A relating to interstate motor vehicle operations, the refund of the fuel tax does not subject the purchase of the fuel to sales tax. Subjecting the purchase to sales tax has the effect of imposing sales tax when fuel is consumed in interstate commerce while fuel consumed on Iowa highways in intrastate commerce is exempt from sales tax pursuant to Iowa Code subsection 422.45(11). The effect for sales tax purposes is to impose a greater tax burden on non-Iowa highway fuel consumption than Iowa highway fuel consumption thereby discriminating against interstate commerce. In addition, the effect of imposing sales tax on interstate excess purchases where intrastate highway use is not subject to the tax constitutes an export duty for purchasing fuel in Iowa and exporting it for use in another state. Such effects are in violation of the commerce clause of the United States Constitution. *Boston Stock Exchange v. State Tax Commission*, 1977, 429 U.S. 319, 97 S.Ct. 599, 50 L.Ed.2d 514 and *Coe v. Errol*, 1886, 116 U.S. 517, 6 S.Ct. 475, 29L.Ed. 715.

**285.37(4) Aviation gasoline.** Tax treatment prior to July 1, 1988. Prior to July 1, 1988, all Iowa fuel tax paid on aviation gasoline used in aircraft was refundable under Iowa Code section 452A.17. Generally, aviation gasoline is not purchased for highway use or for use in watercraft, therefore, the exemption from sales and use tax found in Iowa Code subsection 422.45(11) was generally not applicable to purchases of aviation gasoline. However, Iowa Code subsection 422.52(4) provides for the collection of sales tax by way of deduction from motor fuel tax refunds allowable under Iowa Code chapter 452A. Therefore, sales tax is not assessed at the retail level but only in instances where the fuel tax paid on aviation gasoline has been refunded. If no application for a fuel tax refund relating to aviation fuel has been made, no sales tax is assessed on the aviation gasoline purchase.

**285.37(5) Ethanol.** For tax periods after April 30, 1981. Retail sales of ethanol are exempt from Iowa sales or use tax.

**285.37(6) Tax base.** The basis for computing the Iowa sales tax will be the retail selling price of the fuel less any Iowa fuel tax included in such price. Federal excise tax should not be removed from the selling price in determining the proper sales tax due. *W.M. Gurley v. Army Rhoden* supra. Also see rule 701—15.12(422,423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.31, 422.43, 422.45(11), 422.45(22), 422.52(4), 423.1, 452A.3, and 452A.17.

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**701—285.38(422,423) Urban transit systems.** A privately owned urban transit system which is not an instrumentality of federal, state or county government is subject to sales tax on fuel purchases which are within the urban transit systems charter.

Tax shall not apply to fuel purchases, made by a privately owned urban transit company, for use outside the urban transit system charter in which a fuel tax has been imposed and paid and no refund has been or will be allowed.

Whether an urban transit company will be considered an instrumentality of federal, state or county government for the purpose of receiving sales tax exemption on its fuel purchases, which are also exempted from fuel tax and used for public purposes, depends upon consideration of the following:

1. Whether it is created by government.
2. Whether it is wholly owned by government.
3. Whether it is operated for profit.
4. Whether it is primarily engaged in the performance of some essential governmental function.
5. Whether the payment of tax will impose an economic burden upon the corporation, or that payment of tax serves to materially impair the usefulness or efficiency of the corporation or the payment of tax materially restricts the corporation in the performance of its duties.

These above enumerated considerations are not all inclusive and the presence of some and absence of others does not necessarily establish the exemption. *Unemployment compensation of North Carolina v. Wachovia Bank and Trust Company*, 2 S.E.2d 592, 595, 215 No. Car. 491 (1939); 1976 O.A.G. 823, 827, 828.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 422.45(1).

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**701—285.39(422,423) Sales or services rendered, furnished, or performed by a county or city.** The gross receipts from the sales, furnishing, or service of gas, electricity, water, heat, and communication service rendered, furnished, or performed by a county or city are subject to the tax. On and after July 1, 1985, the gross receipts from fees paid to cities and counties for the privilege of participating in any athletic sports are also subject to tax. On or after July 1, 1991, the gross receipts from any municipally owned pay television service are taxable as well. On and after April 1, 1992, the gross receipts from a county or municipality furnishing sewage service or solid waste collection and disposal service to nonresidential commercial operations are taxable (see rules 701—26.71(422,423) and 26.72(422,423) for more information).

Any other sales or services rendered, furnished, or performed by a county or city are not subject to the tax.

A “sport” is any activity or experience which involves some movement of the human body and gives enjoyment or recreation. An “athletic” sport is any sport which requires physical strength, skill, speed, or training in its performance. The following activities are nonexclusive examples of athletic sports: baseball, football, basketball, softball, volleyball, golf, tennis, racquetball, swimming, wrestling, and foot racing.

The following is a list of various fees which would be considered fees paid to a city or county for the privilege of participating in any athletic sport, and thus subject to tax under this rule. The list is not exhaustive.

1. Fees paid for the privilege of using any facility specifically designed for use by those playing an athletic sport: fees for use of a golf course, ball diamond, tennis court, swimming pool, or ice skating rink are subject to tax. These fees are subject to tax whether they allow use of the facility for a brief or extended period of time, e.g., a daily fee or season ticket for use of a swimming pool or golf course would be subject to tax. Group rental of facilities designed for playing an athletic sport would also be subject to tax.

2. Fees paid to enter any tournament or league which involves playing an athletic sport would be subject to tax. Both team and individual entry fees are taxable. Fees paid to enter any marathon or foot race of shorter duration would be subject to tax under this rule.

Not subject to tax as fees paid to a city or county for the privilege of participating in any athletic sport under this rule are the following charges. The list is not intended to be exhaustive.

1. Fees paid for lesson or instruction in how to play or to improve one’s ability to play an athletic sport are not subject to tax. Golf and swimming lesson fees are specific examples of such nontaxable charges. The fees are excluded from tax regardless of whether the person receiving the instruction is a child or an adult. Fees charged for equipment rental, regardless of whether this equipment is helpful or necessary to participation in an athletic sport, are not subject to tax. The rental of a golf cart or moveable duck blind would not be subject to tax. The rental of a recreational boat is a transportation service, the gross receipts of which are not subject to tax if provided by a city or county.

2. Sales of merchandise, e.g., food or drink, to persons watching or participating in any athletic sport are not subject to tax.

3. Fees charged to improve any facility where any athletic sport is played are not subject to tax, unless such a fee must be paid to participate in an athletic sport which can be played within the facility.

4. Fees paid by any person or organization to rent any county or city facility or any portion of any county or city park shall not be subject to tax unless the portion of the park or facility is specifically designed for the playing of an athletic sport.

EXAMPLE: A local bridge club pays a fee to use a shelter house and the surrounding grounds at a county park for a picnic. During the course of the picnic, the club members set up a net and use the surrounding grounds to play volleyball. They also improvise a softball field and play a softball game there. The fee which the bridge club has paid to rent the shelter house and surrounding grounds would not be subject to tax.

5. Fees paid for the use of a campground or hiking trail are not subject to tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.43 and 422.45.

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**701—285.40(422,423) Renting of rooms.** The gross receipts from the renting of any and all rooms, including but not limited to sleeping rooms, banquet rooms or conference rooms in any hotel, motel, inn, public lodging house, rooming or tourist court, or in any place where sleeping accommodations are furnished to transient guests, whether with or without meals, are subject to the tax. The rental of a mobile home or of manufactured housing which is tangible personal property is treated as room rental rather than tangible personal property rental. The renting of all rooms would be exempt from the tax if rented by the same person for a period of more than 31 consecutive days. The renter must contract to rent for a single period of 31 days or more. The renter may not accumulate these 31 days by contracting for two or more rental transactions. The incremental manner in which the hotel, motel, inn, public lodging house, rooming or tourist court, or any place where sleeping accommodations are furnished to transient guests bills its customers does not influence the accumulation of days that is required to claim the exemption.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.43.

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**701—285.41(422,423) Envelopes for advertising.**

**285.41(1)** Some envelopes which contain advertising are exempt from tax. Envelopes which are not primarily used for advertising are taxable. The primary use of the envelopes should control whether they will be taxable or exempt. *Iowa Movers and Warehouseman's Assn. v. Briggs*, 237 N.W.2d 759 (Iowa 1976).

EXAMPLE 1: XYZ mails coupons and advertisements to persons giving discounts on a certain item which is sold at retail. The envelope used to package these materials is exempt from tax since it is primarily used to contain advertising materials.

EXAMPLE 2: XYZ mails a monthly billing statement to its charge account customers. In addition to the billing statement, XYZ Company encloses an advertisement in the envelope. The envelope has a dual purpose: (1) the collection of accounts receivable and (2) the distribution of advertising. However, the envelope is not primarily used for advertising but for billing the customer, therefore, the exemption does not apply.

**285.41(2)** Because of the difficulty of administering this exemption, purchasers of envelopes may petition to the department for permission to use a formula to represent to the seller the portion of taxable and exempt gross receipts from envelope purchases.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 422.45(9).

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**701—285.42(422,423) Newspapers, free newspapers and shoppers' guides.**

**285.42(1) General observations.** The gross receipts from the sales of newspapers, free newspapers, and shoppers' guides are exempt from tax. The gross receipts from the sales of magazines, newsletters, and other periodicals which are not newspapers are taxable. Recent cases decided by the United States Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Iowa prohibit exempting from taxation the sale of any periodical if that exemption from taxation is based solely upon the contents of that periodical. See *Arkansas Writers' Project, Inc. v. Ragland*, 481 U.S. 221, 107 S.Ct. 1722, 95 L.Ed.2d 209 (1987) and *Hearst v. Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance*, 461 N.W.2d 295 (Iowa 1990).

**285.42(2) General characteristics of a newspaper.** "Newspaper" is a term with a common definition. A "newspaper" is a periodical, published at short, stated, and regular intervals, usually daily or weekly. It is printed on newsprint with news ink. The format of a newspaper is that of sheets folded loosely together without stapling. A newspaper is admitted to the U.S. mails as second-class material. Other frequent characteristics of newspapers are the following:

- a. Newspapers usually contain photographs. The photographs are more often in black and white rather than color.
- b. Information printed on newspapers is usually contained in columns on the newspaper pages.
- c. The larger the cross section of the population which reads a periodical in the area where the periodical circulates, the more likely it is that the department will consider that periodical to be a "newspaper."



**285.42(3)** *Characteristics of newspaper publishing companies.* Companies in the business of publishing newspapers are differently structured from other companies. Often, companies publishing larger newspapers will subscribe to various syndicates or “wire services.” A larger newspaper will employ a general editor and a number of subordinate editors as well, for example, sports and lifestyle editors; business, local, agricultural, national, and world news editors; and editorial page editors. A larger newspaper will also employ a variety of reporters and staff writers. Smaller newspapers may or may not have these characteristics or may consolidate these functions.

**285.42(4)** *Characteristics which distinguish a newsletter from a newspaper.* A “newsletter” is generally distributed to members or employees of a single organization and not usually to a large cross section of the general public. It is often published at irregular intervals by a volunteer, rather than the paid individual who usually publishes a newspaper. A newsletter is often printed on sheets which are held together at one point only by a staple, rather than folded together.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45(9).  
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**701—285.43(422,423) Written contract.** On and after July 1, 1985, the gross receipts from certain additional services are subject to tax. However, these newly taxable services are exempt from tax if performed pursuant to a written services contract in effect on April 1, 1985. The exemption from taxation for these services expires June 30, 1986. The services to which this “written contract” exemption is applicable are the following: cable television; campgrounds; gun repair; janitorial and building maintenance or cleaning; lawn care, landscaping and tree trimming and removal; lobbying service; pet grooming; reflexology; security and detective services; tanning beds or salons; water conditioning and softening; the rental of recreational vehicles, recreational boats or motor vehicles subject to registration which are registered for a gross weight of 13 tons or less; and fees paid to cities and counties for the privilege of participating in any athletic sports.

A “written contract” is one which is entirely in writing, so that all of its essential terms and provisions exist in writing, and oral statements are not necessary to set out any essential term or provision, such as who the parties to the contract are or what their rights and duties are under the contract. However, if it is necessary to resort to oral statements to explain the meaning of a written provision in a contract, a “written contract” can still exist. A written contract need not consist of one document or instrument only. It can consist of two or more writings, if all the necessary provisions of the contract are contained in those writings. For the purposes of this rule, the following must be stated in writing if a written contract is to exist: The nature and specification of the service to be provided, the name of the party providing the service, the name of the party receiving the service, the “consideration” (amount and method of payment) for providing the service, the signature of one or both of the parties to the contract, depending upon circumstances, and the date upon which the contract became effective.

The written contract must be in effect on April 1, 1985, if the service to which the contract pertains is to be exempt from tax. If a contract is signed by only one of the parties to it, that contract is still a “written contract” if the party which has not signed the contract acquiesces in the promises which the party who has signed the document makes within it. *McDermott v. Mahoney*, 139 Iowa 292, 115 N.W. 32, (Iowa 1908).

EXAMPLE: A security agency sends a proposed agreement to a potential customer promising to provide the services of a uniformed security guard for the customer’s business premises beginning March 15, 1985, and continuing until March 15, 1987. The agreement is signed by the security agency’s president and dated February 15, 1985. The agreement is received by the potential customer’s president, who does not sign it, but, on March 15, 1985, allows the security agency’s uniformed guard on the premises, and makes payment for those services as stipulated in the agreement. This agreement is a “written contract”; the services of the uniformed guard are not subject to tax for the period beginning July 1, 1985, and ending June 30, 1986. The services performed between July 1, 1986, and March 15, 1987, would be subject to tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 422.43(11).  
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**701—285.44(422,423) Sale or rental of farm machinery and equipment.** On and after July 1, 1987, the gross receipts from the sale or rental of farm machinery and equipment will be exempt from tax. Effective July 1, 1996, the gross receipts from the sale of property which is a container, label, carton, pallet, packing case, wrapping, baling wire, twine, bag, bottle, shipping case or other similar article or receptacle sold for use in agricultural, livestock or dairy production are not subject to sales tax.

**285.44(1) Characteristics of and limitations upon farm machinery and equipment.** To be eligible for exemption from or refund of tax under this rule the machinery or equipment must:

- a. Be directly and primarily used in production of agricultural products; and
- b. Be one of the following:
  - (1) A self-propelled implement; or
  - (2) An implement customarily drawn or attached to a self-propelled implement; or
  - (3) A grain dryer; or
  - (4) An auxiliary attachment which improves the performance, safety, operation, or efficiency of a qualifying implement or grain dryer if sale or first use in Iowa is on or after July 1, 1995; or
  - (5) A replacement part for any item described in subparagraph (1), (2), (3), or (4).
  - (6) Effective July 1, 1996, the gross receipts from the sale of property which is a container, label, carton, pallet, packing case, wrapping, baling wire, twine, bag, bottle, shipping case, or other similar article or receptacle sold for use in agricultural, livestock or dairy production.
- c. No vehicle subject to registration, as defined in Iowa Code subsection 423.1(7), implement customarily drawn or attached to a vehicle, auxiliary attachment, or any replacement part for a vehicle, implement, or auxiliary attachment is eligible for the exemption or refund allowed under this rule.

**285.44(2) Definitions and characterizations.** For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply.

a. Production of agricultural products means the same as the term “agricultural production” which is defined in 701—subrule 17.9(3), paragraph “a,” to mean a farming operation undertaken for profit by raising crops or livestock. Production of agricultural products begins with the cultivation of land previously cleared for planting of crops or with the purchase or breeding of livestock or domesticated fowl. Not included within the meaning of the phrase are the clearing or preparation of previously uncultivated land, the creation of farm ponds or the erection of machine sheds, confinement facilities, storage bins or other farm buildings. See *Trullinger v. Fremont County*, 223 Iowa 677, 273 N.W. 124 (1937). Machinery and equipment used for these purposes would be used for activities which are preparatory to but not a part of the production of agricultural products. The production of agricultural products ceases when an agricultural product has been transported to the point where it will be sold by the farmer or processed.

EXAMPLE. Farmer Brown uses a tractor and wagon to haul harvested corn from a field to a grain dryer located on the farm. After the corn is dried, the same tractor and wagon are used to move the grain to a storage bin, also located on the farm. Later the same tractor and wagon are used to deliver the corn from the farm to the local elevator where it is sold. After Farmer Brown deposits the corn there, the local elevator uses its own tractor and wagon to move the corn to a place of relatively permanent storage. Farmer Brown has used the tractor and wagon in the production of agricultural products and the refund or exemption would apply. The elevator has not used its tractor and wagon in such production; refund or exemption would not be lawful.

b. Farm machinery and equipment means machinery and equipment specifically designed for use in the production of agricultural products or equipment and machinery not specifically designed for this use but which are directly and primarily used in the production of agricultural products.

EXAMPLE. Farmer Jones raises livestock and the farming operation requires that fences be built to confine the livestock. Farmer Jones purchases a posthole digger that is customarily attached to a tractor and uses the digger to construct the fences used to confine the livestock. The posthole digger is not specifically designed for use in the production of agricultural products but would be directly and primarily used in the production of agricultural products. Therefore, the exemption or refund applies.

c. Self-propelled implement has the same meaning as in 701—subrule 17.9(5), paragraph “c,” where the term is defined to mean an implement which is capable of movement from one place to another

under its own power. The term self-propelled implement includes but is not limited to the following items: skidloaders and tractors; and the following machinery if capable of movement under its own power: combines, corn pickers, fertilizer spreaders, hay conditioners/windrowers, sprayers, and bean buggies.

*d.* Implements customarily drawn or attached to self-propelled implements. The following is a nonexclusive, representative list of implements which are customarily drawn or attached to self-propelled implements: Augers, balers, blowers, combines, conveyers, cultivators, disks, drags, dryers (portable), farm wagons, feeder wagons, fertilizer spreaders, front- and rear-end loaders, harrows, hay loaders, mowers and rakes, husking machines, manure spreaders, planters, plows, rotary blade mowers, rotary hoes, sprayers and tanks, and tillage equipment.

*e.* Direct use in agricultural production. In determining whether farm machinery, equipment or any grain dryer is directly used in agricultural production, the fact that particular machinery or equipment is essential to the production of agricultural products because its use is required either by law or practical necessity does not, of itself, mean that the machinery or equipment is directly used in the production of agricultural products. Machinery or equipment coming into actual physical contact with the soil or crops during the operations of planting, cultivating, harvesting, and soil preparation will be presumed to be machinery or equipment used in agricultural production.

*f.* Grain dryer. The term grain dryer includes the heater and the blower necessary to force the warmed air into a grain storage bin. It does not include equipment used in grain storage or movement such as augers and spreaders or any other equipment that is not a grain dryer. Equipment other than a grain dryer which is used in grain drying may be exempt or subject to refund if the equipment is a self-propelled implement or customarily drawn or attached to a self-propelled implement.

*g.* Replacement parts, differing meanings of the term for the period ending June 30, 1988, and for the period beginning July 1, 1988.

(1) For the period beginning July 1, 1985, and ending June 30, 1988, a replacement part is refundable or exempt only if its cost is depreciable for state and federal income tax purposes. Replacement parts which are depreciable for state and federal income tax purposes include only those replacement parts which either materially add to the value of machinery or equipment or appreciably prolong its life. Replacement parts which only keep the machinery or equipment in its ordinarily efficient operating condition are not eligible for exemption or refund. Included within the meaning of replacement parts is any part the cost of which is depreciable for state and federal income tax purposes but which may also be deducted as a current expense. So long as the cost is depreciable the sale or lease of the replacement part is eligible for refund or exemption from tax. However, the person claiming the refund or exemption must show that the replacement part which was deducted as an expense could have been depreciated under state and federal income tax law.

(2) On and after July 1, 1988, the sale or lease of a replacement part is exempt from tax if the replacement part is essential to any repair or reconstruction necessary to farm machinery or equipment's exempt use in the production of agricultural products. The term "replacement part" does not include attachments and accessories which are not essential to the operation of the farm machinery or equipment. Nonexclusive examples of attachments or accessories are: cigarette lighters, radios, and add-on air-conditioning units.

**285.44(3)** *Taxable and nontaxable transactions.* The following are nonexclusive examples of sales and leases of farm machinery and equipment which are or are not subject to exemption and refund.

*a.* A lessor's purchase of farm machinery and equipment is not subject to tax, or is taxable subject to refund, if the machinery or equipment is leased to a lessee who uses it directly and primarily in the production of agricultural products and if the lessee's use of the machinery or equipment is otherwise exempt or subject to refund. To claim exemption from tax or a refund of tax paid, the lessor need not make exempt use of the machinery or equipment so long as the lessee does.

*b.* To claim refund or exemption, the owner or lessee of farm machinery or equipment need not be a farmer so long as the machinery and equipment is directly and primarily used in the production of agricultural products, and the owner or lessee and the equipment or machinery meet the other requirements of this rule. For example, a person who purchases an airplane designed for use in

agricultural aerial spraying and so used after purchase is entitled to the benefits of this rule even though that person is not the owner or occupant of the land where the airplane is used.

c. The sale or lease, within Iowa, of any farm machinery, equipment, or replacement part for direct and primary use in agricultural production outside of Iowa is a transaction eligible for refund or exemption if those transactions are otherwise qualified under this rule.

**285.44(4) Auxiliary attachments.** The following is a list (not inclusive) of auxiliary attachments described in 18.44(1) “b”(4), the sale or first use in Iowa which is exempt from tax on and after July 1, 1995: auxiliary hydraulic valves, cabs, coil tine harrows, corn head pickup reels, dry till shanks, dual tires, extension shanks, fenders, fertilizer attachments and openers, fold kits, grain bin extensions, herbicide and insecticide attachments, kit wraps, no-till coulters, quick couplers, rear wheel assists, rock boxes, rollover protection systems, rotary shields, stalk choppers, step extensions, trash whips, upperbeaters, silage bags, and weights.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsections 422.43(3) and 422.45(26), Iowa Code chapter 422, Division IV, and Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1145. [Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—285.45** Reserved.

**701—285.46(422,423) Automotive fluids.** The gross receipts from the sales of certain automotive fluids are exempt from tax. To be considered exempt, the sale must possess the following characteristics: (1) the sale must be to a retailer who will install the automotive fluid in or apply the automotive fluid to a motor vehicle; and (2) the installation or application must be done while the retailer is providing a taxable enumerated service (e.g., automobile lubrication); or (3) the automotive fluid must be installed in or applied to a motor vehicle which the retailer intends to sell and the sale of which will be subject to Iowa use tax.

Specific but nonexclusive examples of “automotive fluids” are motor oil and other automobile lubricants, hydraulic, brake, and transmission fluids, sealants, undercoatings, antifreeze, and gasoline additives.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45(33). [Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—285.47(422,423) Maintenance or repair of fabric or clothing.**

**285.47(1)** As of July 1, 1987, sales of chemicals, solvents, sorbents, or reagents consumed in the maintenance or repair of fabric or clothing are exempt from tax. See 701—subrule 17.14(1) for definitions of the terms “chemical, solvent, sorbent or reagent.” This subrule’s exemption is mainly applicable to dry-cleaning and laundry establishments; however, it is also applicable to soap or any chemical or solvent used to clean carpeting. The department presumes that a substance is “directly used” in the maintenance or repair of fabric or clothing if the substance comes in contact with the fabric or clothing during the maintenance or repair process. Substances which do not come into direct contact with fabric or clothing may, under appropriate circumstances, be directly used in the maintenance or repair of the fabric or clothing but direct use will not be presumed.

The following are examples of substances directly used and consumed in the maintenance or repair of fabric or clothing: perchloroethylene “perch” or petroleum solvents used in dry-cleaning machines and coming in direct contact with the clothing being dry-cleaned. Substances used to clean or filter the “perch” or petroleum solvents would also be exempt from tax, even though these substances do not come in direct contact with the clothing being cleaned. The sale of soap or detergents especially made for mixing with “perch” or petroleum solvents is exempt. The sale of stain removers to dry cleaners is exempt from tax.

A commercial laundry’s purchase of detergents, bleaches, and fabric softeners is exempt from tax. A commercial laundry’s purchase of water, which is a solvent, is also exempt from tax if purchased for use in the cleaning of clothing.

The purchase of starch by laundries and “sizing” by dry cleaners is not exempt from tax.

**285.47(2)** Also, on and after July 1, 1987, the sale of property which is a container, label, or similar article or receptacle for transfer in association with the maintenance or repair of fabric or clothing is exempt from tax. In general, the sale of any article which protects dry-cleaned or laundered clothing from dirt or helps the dry-cleaned or laundered clothing to maintain its proper shape or form in the same fashion as a container does would be exempt from tax under this subrule. By way of nonexclusive example, the sale of plastic garment bags, which protect clothing from dirt, is exempt from tax. The sale of “shirt boards” and garment hangers, both of which help clothing to maintain its proper shape, would also be exempt.

A container, label, or similar article’s sale is exempt from tax only if the item is transferred to the customer of a commercial laundry, dry cleaner, or other retailer. Thus, “bundle bags” and “meese carts,” used to transfer or transport clothing within a dry-cleaning establishment, are not subject to the exemption because these bags and carts remain with the dry cleaner and are not transferred to a customer.

Concerning labels, the sale of which would be exempt from tax, these labels must be affixed to the dry-cleaned or laundered clothing and transferred to the customer of the dry-cleaning or laundering establishment. By way of nonexclusive example, the sale to dry cleaners, of “special attention,” “invoice” and “sorry” tags would be exempt from tax.

The sale of safety pins and other types of clips used to hang skirts and other garments from hangers would not be exempt from tax. These items do not sufficiently resemble containers or labels to the extent that their sale is exempt from tax.

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**701—285.48(422,423) Sale or rental of farm machinery, equipment, replacement parts, and repairs used in livestock, dairy, or plant production.** Sales or rental of farm machinery and equipment used in livestock or dairy production and replacement parts which occur on or after July 1, 1988, are exempt from sales and use tax. On and after July 1, 1995, machinery, equipment, and replacement parts used in the production of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants are exempt from tax. See rule 701—18.57(422,423).

**285.48(1) Definitions and characterizations.** For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions and characterizations of words apply.

a. “Machinery” means major mechanical machines or major components thereof which contribute directly and primarily to the livestock or dairy production process. Usually, a machine is a large object with moving parts which performs work by the expenditure of energy, either mechanical (e.g., gasoline or kerosene) or electrical.

b. “Equipment” is tangible personal property (other than a machine) directly and primarily used in livestock or dairy production. It may be characterized as property which performs a specialized function which, of itself, has no moving parts or if it does possess moving parts, its source of power is external to it. The following examples attempt to differentiate between machinery and equipment:

EXAMPLE A. An electric pump is used to pump milk into a bulk milk tank. The electric pump is machinery; the bulk milk tank is equipment.

EXAMPLE B. An auger places feed into a cattle feeder. If not “real property” (see 18.48(1) “c”) the auger is a piece of machinery; the cattle feeder is a piece of equipment.

c. Property used in livestock or dairy production which is neither “equipment” nor “machinery.”

(1) Real property. The ground or the earth is not machinery or equipment. A building is not machinery or equipment, *Mid-American Growers, Inc. v. Dept. of Revenue*, 493 N.E.2d 1097 (Ill. App. Ct. 1986). Therefore, tangible personal property which is sold for incorporation into the ground or a building in such a manner that it will become a part of the ground or the building is taxable. Generally, property incorporated into the ground or a building has become a part of the ground or the building if removal of the property from the ground or building will substantially damage the property, ground, or building or substantially diminish the value of the property, ground, or building. Fence posts embedded in concrete and electrical wiring, light fixtures, fuse boxes, and switches are examples of property sold for incorporation into the ground or a building, respectively. The property referred to in

18.48(1) “c”(1) can be identified by applying the following test: Assume that the property is being sold to a contractor rather than a person engaged in livestock or dairy production. If sold to a contractor, would the retailer be required to consider the property “building material” and charge the contractor sales tax upon the purchase of this building material. If this is the case, sale of the property is not exempt from Iowa tax law. Iowa department of revenue rule 701—19.3(422,423) contains a characterization of “building material” and a list of specific examples of building material.

(2) “Supplies” are neither machinery nor equipment. Tangible personal property is part of farm supplies if it is used up or destroyed by virtue of its use in livestock or dairy production or, because of its nature, can only be used once in livestock or dairy production. A light bulb is an example of a farm supply which is not machinery or equipment. The sale of some farm supplies is exempt from tax. See 701—subrule 17.9(3). See List B in subrule 18.48(7) for examples of farm supplies which could be mistaken for equipment and are not exempt from tax on other grounds.

d. “Hand tools” are tools which can be held in the hand or hands and which are powered by human effort. Hand tools specifically designed for use in livestock or dairy production are exempt from tax as “equipment.” Mechanical devices that are held in the hand and driven by electricity or some source other than human muscle power are, if otherwise qualified, exempt from tax as “farm machinery.” See subrule 18.48(7), List C, for examples of “hand tools” exempt and not exempt from tax.

e. Directly used in livestock or dairy production. To determine if machinery or equipment is “directly” used in livestock or dairy production, one must first ensure that the machinery or equipment is used during livestock or dairy production and not before that process has begun or after it has ended. Subrule 18.48(1), paragraph “g,” describes when livestock or dairy production begins and ends. If the machinery or equipment is used in livestock or dairy production, to be “directly” so used, that use must constitute an integral and essential part of production as distinguished from a use in production which is incidental, merely convenient to or remote from production. The fact that machinery or equipment is essential or necessary to livestock or dairy production does not mean that it is also “directly” used in production. Machinery or equipment may be necessary to livestock or dairy production but so remote from it that it is not directly used in that production.

(1) In determining whether machinery or equipment is used directly, consideration should be given to the following factors:

1. The physical proximity of the machinery or equipment to other machinery or equipment whose direct use is unarguable. The closer the machinery or equipment whose direct use is questioned is to the machinery or equipment whose direct use is not questioned, the more likely it is that the former is directly used in livestock or dairy production.

2. The proximity in time of the use of machinery or equipment whose direct use is questionable to the use of machinery whose direct use is not questioned. The closer in time the use, the more likely that the questioned machinery or equipment’s use is direct rather than remote.

3. The active causal relationship between the use of the machinery or equipment in question and livestock or dairy production. The fewer intervening causes between the use of the machinery or equipment and the production of the product, the more likely it is that the machinery or equipment is directly used in production.

(2) The following are examples of machinery and equipment directly used in livestock or dairy production:

1. Machinery and equipment used to transport or limit the movement of livestock and dairy animals (e.g., electric fence equipment, head gates, and loading chutes).

2. Machinery and equipment used in the conception, birth, feeding, and watering of livestock or dairy animals (e.g., artificial insemination equipment, portable farrowing pens, feed carts, and automatic watering equipment).

3. Machinery and equipment used to maintain healthful or sanitary conditions in the immediate area where livestock are kept (e.g., manure gutter cleaners, automatic cattle oilers, fans, and heaters if not real property).

4. Machinery or equipment used to test or inspect livestock or dairy animals during production.

(3) The following are nonexclusive examples of machinery or equipment which would not be directly used in livestock or dairy production.

1. Machinery or equipment used to assemble, maintain, or repair other machinery or equipment directly used in livestock or dairy production (e.g., welders, paint sprayers, and lubricators).

2. Machinery used in farm management, administration, advertising, or selling (e.g., a recordkeeping computer, calculating machine, office safe, telephone, books, and farm magazines).

3. Machinery or equipment used in the exhibit of livestock or dairy animals (e.g., blankets, halters, prods, leads, and harnesses).

4. Machinery or equipment used in safety or fire prevention, even though the machinery or equipment is required by law.

5. Machinery or equipment for employee or personal use. Machinery or equipment used for the personal comfort, convenience, or use by a farmer, the farmer's family or employees, or persons associated with the farmer are not exempt from tax. Examples of such machinery and equipment include the following: beds, mattresses, blankets, tableware, stoves, refrigerators, and other equipment used in conjunction with the operation of a farm home or of a migrant labor camp, or other facilities for farm employees.

6. Machinery and equipment used for heating, cooling, ventilation, and illumination of farm buildings generally rather than specifically in the immediate area where livestock are kept.

7. Vehicles subject to registration.

*f.* "Primarily" used in livestock or dairy production. Machinery or equipment is "primarily used in livestock or dairy production" if of the total time that unit of machinery or equipment is used, more than 50 percent of the time is in livestock or dairy production. If a unit of machinery or equipment is used more than 50 percent of the time for production and the balance of time for other business purposes, the exemption applies. If a unit of equipment is used 50 percent or more of the time for business purposes other than livestock or dairy production, the exemption does not apply. Any unit of machinery or equipment used more than 50 percent of the time directly in livestock or dairy production is subject to the exemption.

*g.* Beginning and end of livestock or dairy production. Livestock or dairy production begins with the purchase or breeding of livestock or dairy animals. Livestock and dairy production ceases when an animal or the product of an animal's body (e.g., wool or milk) has been transported to the point where it will be sold by the farmer or processed.

*h.* Farm machinery and equipment means machinery and equipment specifically designed for use in livestock and dairy production or equipment and machinery not specifically designed for this use but which are directly and primarily used in livestock or dairy production except for common or ordinary hand tools. See 18.48(1) "*d*" for a definition of "hand tools."

EXAMPLE. Farmer Jones raises livestock and fans must be used to cool the animals. Farmer Jones buys fans designed for use in a residence which he uses directly and solely to cool the livestock. The exemption applies.

*i.* "Self-propelled implement" has the same meaning as in 701—subrule 17.9(5), paragraph "*c*" where the term is defined to mean an implement which is capable of movement from one place to another under its own power. The term self-propelled implement includes but is not limited to the following items: skidloaders and tractors; and the following machinery if capable of movement under its own power: combines, corn pickers, fertilizer spreaders, hay conditioners/windrowers, sprayers, and bean buggies.

*j.* Implements customarily drawn or attached to self-propelled implements. The following is a nonexclusive, representative list of implements which are customarily drawn or attached to self-propelled implements: augers, balers, blowers, combines, conveyers, cultivators, disks, drags, dryers (portable), farm wagons, feeder wagons, fertilizer spreaders, front- and rear-end loaders, harrows, hay loaders, mowers and rakes, husking machines, manure spreaders, planters, plows, posthole diggers, rotary blade mowers, rotary hoes, sprayers and tanks, and tillage equipment.

*k.* The term "grain dryer" includes the heater and the blower necessary to force the warmed air into a grain storage bin. It does not include equipment used in grain storage or movement such as augers

and spreaders or any other equipment that is not a grain dryer. Equipment other than a grain dryer which is used in grain drying may be exempt or subject to refund if the equipment is a self-propelled implement or customarily drawn or attached to a self-propelled implement.

*l.* The term “replacement parts essential to any repair or reconstruction necessary to farm machinery or equipment’s exempt use in the production of agricultural products” does not include attachments and accessories not essential to the operation of the machinery or equipment itself (except when sold as part of the assembled unit) such as cigarette lighters, radios, canopies, air conditioning units, cabs, deluxe seats, and tools or utility boxes.

**285.48(2)** and **285.48(3)** Reserved.

**285.48(4)** *Packing material used in agricultural, livestock, or dairy production.* For sales occurring on or after July 1, 1996, the gross receipts from the sale of property which is a container, label, carton, pallet, packing case, wrapping, baling wire, twine, bag, bottle, shipping case, or other similar article or receptacle sold for use in agricultural, livestock, or dairy production are not subject to sales tax. This exemption also applies to producers of ornamental, flowering, or vegetable plants in commercial greenhouses or other places which sell such items in the ordinary course of business since that activity is considered to be agricultural.

**285.48(5)** Reserved.

**285.48(6)** *Auxiliary attachments exemption.* On and after July 1, 1995, sales of auxiliary attachments which improve the performance, safety, operation, or efficiency of machinery or equipment are exempt from tax. Sales of replacement parts for these auxiliary attachments are also exempt on and after that date.

**285.48(7)** *Lists.* Lists (representative but not all-inclusive) of tangible personal property for which sales or use tax paid is or is not refundable.

LIST A. Property Used in Livestock and Dairy  
Production Which is Usually Real Property. See  
18.48(1)“c”(1). Its sale is usually taxable.

barn ventilators*	livestock feeders*
conveyers*	silos
farrowing crates*	specialized flooring*
fence posts	sprinklers
fencing wire	stanchions
furnaces*	watering tanks*
gestation stalls*	ventilators*

\*These items also appear in List D. Tax paid on their sale can be refundable or their sale exempt if the items are not real property.

LIST B. Taxable Farm Supplies  
Which Are Not Machinery or Equipment

burlap*	lubricants
disposable hypodermic syringes	marking chalk
ear tags	packages for one-time use
hog rings	



\*Burlap is exempt when used in the form of a bag, container, wrap or other receptacle or packaging material.

LIST C. Hand Tools—Taxable and Nontaxable

axes	lanterns
brooms	milk cans*
buckets	mops
cleaning brushes	paintbrushes
dehorner (nonelectric)*	pliers
garden hoses	scrapers
grease guns	screwdrivers
hammers	shovels
hay hooks*	wheelbarrows
hog ringers*	wrenches
lamps	

\*Hand tools specially designed for use in livestock or dairy production are equipment. Tax paid on the sale or use of these hand tools is refundable.

LIST D. Farm Machinery and Equipment Directly and  
Primarily Used in Livestock or Dairy Production.  
Tax Paid is Usually Refundable or the Sale Exempt.

artificial insemination equipment	gates*
augers*	grain augers
automatic feeding systems*	head gates
bulk feeding tanks*	heating pads and lamps
bulk milk coolers	hog feeders*
bulk milk tanks	hypodermic syringes and needles, nondisposable
cattle weaners and feeders	livestock feeding, watering and handling equipment*
cattle currying and oiling machines	loading chutes*
cattle feeders*	LP gas tanks
conveyers*	manure handling equipment*
dehorner, electric	milk coolers
electric fence equipment	milk strainers
fans*	milking machines
farrowing crates, houses and stalls*	refrigerators used to cool raw milk
feed bins*	silo unloaders
feed carts	specialized flooring*
feed elevators*	space heaters
feed grinders	sprayers
feed tanks*	squeeze chutes*
feeders	vacuum coolers
foggers	ventilators*
furnaces*	

\*If not real property. See 18.48(1)“c”(1).

**285.48(8)** *Seller's and purchaser's liability for sales tax.* The seller shall be relieved of sales tax liability if the seller takes from the purchaser an exemption certificate stating that the purchase is of machinery or equipment meeting the requirements of subrule 18.48(4). An exemption certificate can take the form of a stamp imprinted onto one of the documents of sale. If items purchased tax-free pursuant to an exemption certificate are used or disposed of by the purchaser in a nonexempt manner, the purchaser is solely liable for the taxes and shall remit the tax directly to the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1145.

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**701—285.49(422,423) Aircraft sales, rental, component parts, and services exemptions prior to, on, and after July 1, 1999.**

**285.49(1)** Prior to July 1, 1999, sales in Iowa of aircraft subject to registration were subject to sales tax. On and after July 1, 1999, sales of aircraft in Iowa are subject to Iowa use tax rather than Iowa sales tax. See rule 701—31.6(423). Also, on and after that date, the use tax imposed on sales of aircraft in Iowa is collected by the Iowa department of transportation at the time of the aircraft's registration. Sales of certain aircraft parts in Iowa, the performance of taxable services in Iowa on or in connection with the repair, remodeling, or maintenance of aircraft, and the rental of aircraft in Iowa remain subject to Iowa sales tax on and after July 1, 1999. See subrule 18.49(3).

**285.49(2)** For the purposes of this subrule only, an “aircraft” is any contrivance known or hereafter invented which is designed for navigation of or flight in the air and is used in a scheduled interstate Federal Aviation Administration certified air carrier operation.

*a. Exempt aircraft sales.* As of July 1, 1988, and up to and including June 30, 1999, gross receipts from the sale of aircraft are exempt from tax.

*b. Exempt rental of aircraft.* Effective May 1, 1995, and retroactive to July 1, 1988, the taxable rental (see 701—26.74(422,423)) of aircraft, as defined in the introductory paragraph of this subrule, is exempt from tax.

*c. Exempt sale or rental of aircraft parts.* Effective May 1, 1995, and retroactive to July 1, 1988, gross receipts from the sale or rental of tangible personal property permanently affixed to any aircraft as a component part of that aircraft are exempt from tax. The term “component parts” includes, but is not limited to, repair or replacement parts and materials.

*d. Exempt performance of services.* Effective May 1, 1995, and retroactive to July 1, 1988, gross receipts from the rendering, furnishing, or performing of services in connection with the repair, remodeling, or maintenance of aircraft (including aircraft engines and component materials or parts) are exempt from tax.

**285.49(3)** For the purposes of this subrule only, an “aircraft” is any aircraft used in a nonscheduled interstate Federal Aviation Administration certified air carrier operation conducted under 14 CFR ch. 1, pt. 135. On and after July 1, 1998, the gross receipts from the sale or rental of tangible personal property permanently affixed or permanently attached as a component part of these aircraft, including but not limited to repair or replacement materials or parts, are exempt from tax. Also exempt, on and after that date, are the gross receipts from the performance of any service used for aircraft repair, remodeling, or maintenance when the service is performed on an aircraft, aircraft engine, or aircraft component material or part exempt under this subrule. Gross receipts from the sale or rental of aircraft are not exempt from tax under this subrule.

**285.49(4)** For the purposes of this subrule only, an “aircraft” is any contrivance known or hereafter invented which is designed for navigation of or flight in the air. On and after July 1, 1998, and up to and including June 30, 1999, the gross receipts from the sale of an aircraft to an aircraft dealer who rents or leases the aircraft to another are exempt from tax if all of the following circumstances exist:

*a.* The aircraft is kept in the inventory of the dealer for sale at all times.

*b.* The dealer reserves the right to immediately take the aircraft from the renter or lessee when a buyer is found.

c. The renter or lessee is aware that the dealer will immediately take the aircraft when a buyer is found.

As soon as an aircraft, the sale of which is exempt under this subrule, is used for any purpose other than leasing or renting, or the conditions set out in paragraphs “a,” “b,” and “c” are not continuously met, the dealer claiming the exemption is liable for the tax which would have been due but for the exemption set out in this subrule. Tax will be computed on the original purchase price paid by the dealer.

See rule 701—32.13(423) for a description of the manner in which transactions described in this subrule are exempted from tax on and after July 1, 1999.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45, subsections 38, 38A, 38B and 38C and Iowa Code section 423.2 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 168.

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**701—285.50(422,423) Property used by a lending organization.** On and after July 1, 1988, the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property to a nonprofit organization organized for the purpose of lending the tangible personal property to the general public for use by the public for nonprofit purposes are exempt from tax. The exemption contained in this rule is applicable to tangible personal property only, and not to taxable services. It is applicable to the sale of that property and not to its rental to a nonprofit organization. Finally, the exemption is applicable only to property purchased by a nonprofit organization for subsequent rental to the general public. The exemption is not applicable to other property (e.g., office equipment) which the nonprofit organization might need for its ongoing existence.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45(36).

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**701—285.51(422,423) Sales to nonprofit legal aid organizations.** On and after July 1, 1988, the gross receipts from the sale or rental of tangible personal property or from services performed, rendered, or furnished to a nonprofit legal aid organization are exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 422.45(37).

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**701—285.52(422,423) Irrigation equipment used in farming operations.** On and after July 1, 1989, the gross receipts from the sale or rental of irrigation equipment used in farming operations are exempt from tax. The term “irrigation equipment” includes, but is not limited to, circle irrigation systems and trickle irrigation systems. The term “farming operations” has the same meaning as the term “agricultural production” set out in 701—subrule 17.9(3), paragraph “a,” and as further characterized in 18.44(2) “a.”

Effective May 18, 2001, and retroactive to April 1, 1995, the gross receipts from the sale or rental of irrigation equipment, as defined above, whether installed above or below ground are exempt from tax as long as the equipment is sold or rented by a contractor or farmer and the equipment is primarily used in agricultural operations.

Contractors or farmers entitled to the exemption set forth in the previous paragraph may apply for a refund of taxes, interest or penalties paid on the sale or rental of qualifying irrigation equipment for transactions that occurred between April 1, 1995, and May 18, 2001. To be eligible for refund, refund claims must be filed with the department prior to October 1, 2001. Refund claims are limited to \$25,000 in the aggregate and will not be allowed if not timely filed. If the amount of refund claims totals more than \$25,000 in the aggregate, the department will prorate the \$25,000 among all claimants in relation to the amounts of the claimants’ valid claims.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 and 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 723.

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**701—285.53(422,423) Sales to persons engaged in the consumer rental purchase business.** On and after July 1, 1989, the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property, except vehicles subject to registration, to persons regularly engaged in the consumer purchase business are exempt from tax if the property (1) is sold for the purpose of utilization in a transaction involving a “consumer rental

purchase agreement” as defined in Iowa Code subsection 537.3604(8), and (2) the gross receipts from the consumer rental of the property are subject to Iowa sales or use tax.

If property exempt under this rule is made use of for any purpose other than a consumer rental purchase, the person claiming the exemption is liable for the tax that would have been due had the exemption not existed. The tax shall be computed on the original purchase price to the person claiming the exemption. The aggregate of the tax paid on the consumer rental purchase of the property, not exceeding the amount of sales or use tax owed, shall be credited against the tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45(18).

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**701—285.54(422,423) Sales of advertising material.** On and after July 1, 1990, gross receipts from the sales of advertising material to any person in Iowa are exempt from tax if that person, or any agent of that person, will, after the sale, send that advertising material outside of Iowa and subsequent sole use of that material will be outside this state.

For the purposes of this rule “advertising material” is tangible personal property only, including paper. “Advertising material” is limited to the following: brochures, catalogs, leaflets, fliers, order forms, return envelopes, floppy discs, CD-ROMs, videotapes, and any similar items of tangible personal property which will be used to promote sales of property or services.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45.

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**701—285.55(422,423) Drop shipment sales.** A “drop shipment” generally involves two sales transactions and three parties. The first party is a consumer located inside Iowa. The second party is a retailer located outside the state. The third party is a supplier who may be located inside or outside of Iowa. The two sales transactions in question are the sale of property from the supplier to the out-of-state retailer, and the further sale of that property from the out-of-state retailer to the consumer in Iowa.

A “drop shipment sale” occurs when the consumer places an order for the purchase of tangible personal property with the out-of-state retailer. The retailer does not own the property ordered at the same time the consumer’s order is placed. The retailer then purchases the property from the supplier. The supplier in turn ships the property directly to the consumer in Iowa. Under Iowa law the supplier in a drop shipment sale cannot be required to collect tax (either sales or use) from the consumer, even if the requisite “nexus” to require collection exists. See the next to last paragraph of this rule for a characterization of “nexus.” The supplier transfers possession of the goods to the consumer; however, transfer of possession alone has never been held to be a “sale” for the purposes of Iowa sales and use tax law. *Sturtz v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 373 N.W.2d 131 (Iowa 1985) and *Cedar Valley Leasing v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 274 N.W.2d 357 (Iowa 1979).

With reference to drop shipment sales: If delivery of the goods under the contract for sale has occurred outside of Iowa, sale of the goods has occurred outside of Iowa. If delivery of the goods under the contract for sale has occurred within Iowa, the sale has occurred here. See *Sturtz* above for more information regarding sales and delivery. If the sale has occurred in Iowa and the retailer possesses the requisite nexus to require it to collect Iowa tax, the retailer is obligated to collect Iowa sales tax upon the “gross receipts” from its sale of the goods to the consumer. If the sale has occurred outside this state, and the retailer possesses the nexus to require it to collect Iowa tax, the retailer is obligated to collect Iowa retailer’s use tax upon the purchase price of the goods. If the retailer does not have nexus sufficient to require it to collect either Iowa sales or Iowa use tax, or if the retailer fails to collect either tax, the consumer is obligated to pay a consumer use tax directly to the department upon the purchase price of the goods. These rules are illustrated in the following examples.

EXAMPLE A: A consumer in Des Moines, Iowa, purchases goods from a retailer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Minneapolis retailer contracts with a supplier in Iowa to manufacture and ship the goods to the consumer. The retailer has nexus with Iowa, and delivery under the contract for sale has occurred in this state. In this case, the consumer is obligated to pay and the retailer is obligated to collect Iowa sales tax. The supplier is not obligated to collect any Iowa tax.

EXAMPLE B: A consumer in Des Moines, Iowa, purchases goods from a retailer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Minnesota retailer contracts with a supplier in Iowa to manufacture and ship the goods to the consumer. The retailer has no nexus with Iowa. Delivery under the contract of sale is in Iowa. Under these circumstances, the consumer is obligated to pay consumer's use tax directly to the department. Neither the retailer nor the supplier is obligated to collect any Iowa tax.

EXAMPLE C: A consumer in Des Moines, Iowa, purchases goods from a retailer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The retailer contracts with a supplier in Minneapolis to manufacture and ship the goods to the consumer in Des Moines. The retailer has nexus with Iowa, and delivery under the contract for sale occurs in Iowa. Under these circumstances, the consumer is obligated to pay and the retailer is obligated to collect Iowa sales tax. The supplier is not obligated to collect any Iowa tax.

EXAMPLE D: A consumer in Des Moines, Iowa, purchases goods from a retailer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The retailer contracts with a supplier in Minneapolis to manufacture and ship the goods to the consumer in Des Moines. The retailer has nexus with this state; delivery under the contract for sale is in Minnesota. Under the circumstances, the consumer is obligated to pay and the retailer is obligated to collect Iowa retailer's use tax. The supplier is not obligated to collect or pay any Iowa tax.

EXAMPLE E: A consumer in Des Moines, Iowa, purchases goods from a retailer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The retailer contracts with a supplier in Minneapolis to manufacture and ship the goods to the consumer in Des Moines. The retailer has no nexus with this state. Delivery can occur in either Minnesota or Iowa. In this example, the consumer is obligated to pay Iowa consumer's use tax directly to the department. Neither the retailer nor the supplier is obligated to collect any Iowa tax.

EXAMPLE F: A consumer in Des Moines, Iowa, purchases goods from a retailer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The retailer contracts with a supplier located in Madison, Wisconsin, to ship the goods to the consumer in Des Moines. The retailer has nexus with Iowa, and delivery under the contract for sale is in Iowa. Under these circumstances, the retailer is obligated to collect and the consumer obligated to pay Iowa sales tax. The supplier is not obligated to collect any Iowa tax.

EXAMPLE G: A consumer in Des Moines, Iowa, purchases goods from a retailer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The retailer contracts with a supplier located in Madison, Wisconsin, to ship the goods to the consumer in Des Moines. The retailer has nexus with Iowa with delivery in Madison, Wisconsin. Under these circumstances, the retailer is obligated to collect and the consumer obligated to pay Iowa retailer's use tax. The supplier is not obligated to collect any Iowa tax.

EXAMPLE H: A consumer in Des Moines, Iowa, purchases goods from a retailer in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The retailer contracts with a supplier located in Madison, Wisconsin, to ship the goods to the consumer in Des Moines. The retailer has no nexus with Iowa. Delivery under the contract for sale may be in Iowa or Wisconsin. Under these circumstances, the consumer is obligated to pay Iowa consumer's use tax directly to the department. Neither the retailer nor the supplier is obligated to collect any Iowa tax.

As used in these examples, the requirement of "nexus" is discussed in *Good's Furniture House Inc. v. Iowa State Bd. of Tax Review*, 382 N.W.2d 145 (Iowa 1986); cert. den. 479 U.S. 817; *State Tax Commission v. General Trading Co.*, 10 N.W.2d 659, 233 Iowa 877 (1943) affd. 64 S.Ct. 1028, 322 U.S. 335, 88 L.Ed. 1309; and *Nelson v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 292 N.W. 130, 228 Iowa 1273 (1940) reversed 61 S.Ct. 586, 312 U.S. 359, 85 L.Ed. 522, as well as other judicial decisions, and Iowa Code section 422.43(12).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsections 422.42(2) and 422.42(5).  
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**701—285.56(422,423) Wind energy conversion property.** On and after July 1, 1993, the gross receipts from the sale of property used to convert wind energy to electrical energy or the gross receipts from the sale of materials used to manufacture, install, or construct property used to convert wind energy to electrical energy shall be exempt from tax.

For the purposes of this rule, "property used to convert wind energy to electrical energy" means any device which converts wind energy to usable electrical energy including, but not limited to, wind

chargers, windmills, wind turbines, pad mount transformers, substations, power lines, and tower equipment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1993 Iowa Acts, chapter 161.

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**701—285.57(422,423) Exemptions applicable to the production of flowering, ornamental, and vegetable plants.** On and after July 1, 1995, the production of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants by a grower in a commercial greenhouse or at another location is considered to be a part of agricultural production. The word “plants” does not include trees, shrubs, other woody perennials, or fungus. The exemption also applies to implements, machinery, equipment, and replacement parts directly and primarily used in the production of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants and fuel used for providing heating or cooling for greenhouses or buildings or parts of buildings dedicated to the production of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants intended for sale in the ordinary course of business. The following exemptions are applicable to the production of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants.

**285.57(1)** Sales of fertilizer, limestone, herbicides, pesticides, insecticides, plant food, and medication for use in disease, weed, insect control, or other health promotion of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants to a commercial greenhouse are exempt from tax. For the purposes of this subrule a virus, bacteria, fungus, or insect which is purchased for use in killing insects or other pests is an “insecticide” or “pesticide.” See rules 701—226.6(423) and 701—17.9(422,423) for more information regarding these exemptions.

**285.57(2)** Sales of fuel to provide heating or cooling for a greenhouse or building or a part of a building dedicated to the production of flowering, ornamental, or vegetable plants held for sale in the ordinary course of business are exempt from tax. Electricity is a “fuel” for the purposes of this subrule. Fuel used in a plant production building for purposes other than heating or cooling (e.g., lighting) or for purposes other than direct use in plant production (e.g., heating or cooling office space) is not eligible for this exemption. For example, assume that there is a separate meter for electricity used only for heating or cooling. If a greenhouse is used, partially for growing plants and partially for a nonexempt purpose, a proportional exemption from sales tax may be claimed based upon a percentage calculated from a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of square feet of the greenhouse heated or cooled and used for raising plants, and the denominator of which is the number of square feet heated or cooled in the entire greenhouse. It may be necessary to alter this formula (by the use of separate metering, for example) if a greenhouse has a walk-in cooler and the cooler is used directly in plant production. Plant production has ended when a plant has grown to the point that it is of the size or weight at which it will be prepared for shipment to the destination where it will be marketed. Examples of nonexempt purposes for which a portion of a greenhouse might be used include, but are not limited to, portions used for office space, loading docks, storage of property other than plants, housing of heating and cooling equipment and portions used for packaging plants for shipment. See rule 701—15.3(423) regarding fuel exemption certificates and subrule 18.48(8) regarding seller’s and purchaser’s liability for sales tax.

**285.57(3)** Sales of gas, electricity, steam or other tangible personal property for use as a fuel in implements of husbandry used in the production of plants in a commercial greenhouse or elsewhere are exempt from tax. See 701—subrule 17.9(6), paragraph “a,” for a definition of “implements of husbandry.”

**285.57(4)** Sales of self-propelled implements. Sales of self-propelled implements or implements customarily drawn by or attached to self-propelled implements and replacement parts for the same are exempt from tax if the implements are used directly and primarily in the production of plants in commercial greenhouses or elsewhere. See rule 701—18.44(422,423) for an extensive explanation of this exemption. Implements exempt under this subrule include, but are not limited to, forklifts used to transport pallets of plants; wagons containing sterilized soil and tractors used to pull the same.

**285.57(5)** Sale of water used in the production of plants is exempt from tax. If water is not separately metered, the grower of plants must determine by use of a percentage that portion which is used for a taxable purpose and that portion which is used for an exempt purpose.

Nonexclusive examples of taxable usage would be rest rooms, sanitation, lawns, and vehicle wash.

**285.57(6)** For sales occurring on or after July 1, 1996, the gross receipts for the sale of property which is a container, label, carton, pallet, packing case, wrapping, baling wire, twine, bag, bottle, shipping case, or other similar article or receptacle sold for use in agricultural, livestock, or dairy production are not subject to sales tax. This exemption also applies to producers of ornamental, flowering, or vegetable plants in commercial greenhouses or other places which sell such items in the ordinary course of business since that activity is considered to be agricultural. A noninclusive list of containers and packaging materials would include boxes, trays, labels, sleeves, tape, and staples.

**285.57(7)** Sales of machinery and equipment used in plant production which are not self-propelled or attached to self-propelled machinery and equipment are also exempt from tax. See rule 701—18.48(422,423) for a thorough explanation of this exemption. Listed below are a number of examples of machinery and equipment which are directly and primarily used in plant production. Sales of this machinery and equipment to commercial growers are usually exempt from tax.

Air-conditioning pads\*

Airflow control tubes

Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> control and monitoring equipment

Backup generators

Bins holding sterilized soil

Control panels = heating and cooling

Coolers used to chill plants\*

Cooling walls\* or membranes

Equipment used to control water levels for subirrigation

Fans = cooling and ventilating\*

Floor mesh for controlling weeds

Germination chambers

Greenhouse boilers\*

Greenhouse netting or mesh = used for light and heat control

Greenhouse monorail systems\*

Greenhouse thermometers

Handcarts used to move plants

Lighting which provides artificial sunlight

Overhead heating, lighting and watering systems

Overhead tracks for holding potted plants\*

Plant tables\*

Plant watering systems\*

Portable buildings used to grow plants\*

Seeding and transplanting machines

Soil pot and soil flat filling machines

Steam generators for soil sterilization\*

Warning devices = excess heat or cold

Watering booms

\*If not real property. See 18.48(1) “c”(1).

**285.57(8)** Miscellaneous exempt and taxable sales. Sales of pots, soil, seeds, bulbs, and “starter plants” for use in plant production are not the sale of machinery or equipment, but can be sales for resale and exempt from tax if the pots and soil are sold with the final product or become the finished product. Sales of portable buildings which will be used to display plants for retail sales are taxable. Finally, sales of whitewash which will be painted on greenhouses to control the amount of sunlight entering those houses are taxable sales of a “supply” rather than exempt sales of equipment. See 18.48(1) “c”(2)

relating to “supplies.” See rule 701—18.7(422,423) relating to containers, including packaging cases, shipping cases, wrapping materials, and similar items sold to retailers, and see subrule 18.57(6).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.42(1), 422.42(4), 422.42(11), 422.45(39) and 422.47(4) and Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1145. [ARC 4117C, IAB 11/7/18, effective 12/12/18; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—285.58** Reserved.

**701—285.59(422,423) Exempt sales to nonprofit hospitals.** On and after July 1, 1998, the gross receipts from sales or rentals of tangible personal property to and from the rendering, furnishing, or performing of services for a nonprofit hospital licensed under Iowa Code chapter 135B are exempt from tax if the property or service purchased is used in the operation of the hospital. A hospital is not entitled to claim a refund for tax paid by a contractor on the sale or use of tangible personal property or the performance of services in the fulfillment of a written construction contract with the hospital. However, see the circumstances set out below in which sales of goods, wares or merchandise, or taxable services to a hospital for use in the fulfillment of a construction contract, are exempt from Iowa tax.

For the purposes of this rule, the word “hospital” means a place which is devoted primarily to the maintenance and operation of facilities for diagnosis, treatment, or care, over a period exceeding 24 hours, of two or more nonrelated individuals suffering from illness, injury, or a medical condition (such as pregnancy). The word “hospital” includes general hospitals, specialized hospitals (e.g., pediatric, mental, and orthopedic hospitals, and cancer treatment centers), sanatoriums, and other hospitals licensed under Iowa Code chapter 135B. Also included are institutions, places, buildings, or agencies in which any accommodation is primarily maintained, furnished, or offered for the care, over a period exceeding 24 hours, of two or more nonrelated aged or infirm persons requiring or receiving chronic or convalescent care. Excluded from the meaning of the term “hospital” are institutions for well children; day nursery and child care centers; foster boarding homes and houses; homes for handicapped children; homes, houses, or institutions for aged persons which limit their function to providing food, lodging, and provide no medical or nursing care, and house no bedridden person; dispensaries or first-aid stations maintained for the care of employees, students, customers, members of any commercial or industrial plan, educational institution, or convent; freestanding hospice facilities which operate a hospice program in accordance with 42 CFR § 418 and freestanding clinics which do not provide diagnosis, treatment, or care for periods exceeding 24 hours. This list of inclusions and exclusions is not exclusive. For additional information see 481—Chapter 51.

Ordinarily, goods, wares, or merchandise (such as building materials, supplies, and equipment; see rule 701—19.3(422,423) for definitions) which is purchased by a hospital and used by a contractor in the fulfillment of a written contract with the hospital cannot be purchased exempt from Iowa tax. The goods, wares, and merchandise used in the fulfillment of these construction contracts are not used in the “operation” of a hospital but in activities at least one step removed from that operation. See *Polich v. Anderson-Robinson Coal Co.*, 227 Iowa 553, 288 N.W. 650 (1939).

However, for a limited period, the gross receipts from all sales of goods, wares, or merchandise or from services rendered, furnished, or performed are exempt from tax (or a claim for refund may be filed for tax paid) if the tangible personal property or the taxable service is used in the fulfillment of a written construction contract with a hospital and all of the following circumstances exist:

1. Deliveries under contracts of sale of the goods, wares, or merchandise occurred or the taxable services were rendered, furnished, or performed between July 1, 1998, and December 31, 2001, inclusive. A claim for refund may be filed for any tax paid for this period, so long as the claim is filed prior to April 1, 2002, and the requirements of “2” and “3” below are also met. Claims for refunds of tax, interest, or penalty paid for the period of July 1, 1998, to December 31, 2001, are limited to \$25,000 in the aggregate. If the amount of the claimed refunds for this period totals more than \$25,000, the department must prorate the \$25,000 among all claimants in relation to the amounts of the claimants’ valid claims.

2. The written construction contract was entered into prior to December 31, 1999, or bonds to fund the construction were issued prior to December 31, 1999.



3. The property or services were purchased directly by the hospital or by a contractor as an agent of the hospital. For the purposes of this exemption, no hospital can retroactively designate a contractor to be its agent and by this means transform a contractor's purchases of goods, wares, merchandise, or services into its own. Upon the department's request, a hospital claiming that a contractor is or has been its purchasing agent must present suitable evidence of a principal-agent relationship between itself and the contractor during any period for which exempt sales or a refund is claimed. The best evidence of a principal and purchasing agent relationship is a written document setting out the terms of the relationship and the period for which the agency is in effect; however, other evidence, which is the equivalent of a written document in reliability, will be considered by the department when necessary.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 422.45 as amended by 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1207.

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**701—285.60(422,423) Exempt sales of gases used in the manufacturing process.** Effective May 24, 1999, but retroactive to January 1, 1991, sales of argon and other similar gases to be used in the manufacturing process are exempt from tax. For the purposes of this rule, only inert gases are gases which are similar to argon. An "inert gas" is any gas which is normally chemically inactive. It will not support combustion and cannot be used as either a fuel or as an oxidizer. Argon, nitrogen, carbon dioxide, helium, neon, krypton, and xenon are nonexclusive examples of inert gases. Oxygen, hydrogen, and methane are nonexclusive examples of gases which are not inert. These sales are exempt only if the gas is purchased by a "manufacturer," for used in "processing," as those terms are defined in subrule 18.45(1), for the period prior to July 1, 1997, and as those terms are defined in subrule 18.58(1) for the period beginning July 1, 1997.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 170.

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**701—285.61(422,423) Exclusion from tax for property delivered by certain media.** For the period beginning March 15, 1995, a taxable "sale" of tangible personal property does not occur if the substance of the transaction is delivered to the purchaser digitally, electronically, or by utilizing cable, radio waves, microwaves, satellites, or fiber optics. This exclusion from tax is not applicable to any leasing of tangible personal property, a lease not being a "sale" of tangible personal property for the purposes of Iowa sales and use tax law, *Cedar Valley Leasing, Inc. v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 274 N.W.2d 357 (Iowa 1979). The exclusion is also not applicable to property delivered by any medium other than those listed above. Sales of items such as artwork, drawings, photographs, music, electronic greeting cards, "canned" software (see subrule 18.34(1)), entertainment properties (e.g., films, concerts, books, and television and radio programs), and all other digitized products delivered as described above are not taxable, except the exclusion does not repeal by implication the tax on the service of providing pay television. See rule 701—26.56(422). If an order for a product is placed by way of any of the media described above but the product ordered is delivered by conventional, physical means, e.g., the U.S. Postal Service or common carrier, sale of the product is not excluded from tax under this rule.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 422.43 as amended by 2002 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2321.

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CHAPTER 286  
Reserved

CHAPTER 287  
FOODS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, INSULIN,  
HYPODERMIC SYRINGES, DIABETIC TESTING MATERIALS, PROSTHETIC,  
ORTHOTIC OR ORTHOPEDIC DEVICES

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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CHAPTER 288  
DETERMINATION OF A SALE AND SALE PRICE

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**701—288.1** and **288.2** Reserved.

**701—288.3(423) Exemption certificates, direct pay permits, fuel used in processing, and beer and wine wholesalers.**

**288.3(1) General provision.** The sales price from the sale of tangible personal property or specified digital products to a purchaser for any exempt purpose are not subject to tax as provided by the Iowa sales and use tax statutes. In addition, a seller of tangible personal property or specified digital products need not collect Iowa sales or use tax from a purchaser that possesses a valid direct pay permit issued by the department of revenue. However, the following are requirements for the exemption and noncollection of tax by a seller when a direct pay permit is involved:

*a.* The sales tax liability for all sales of tangible personal property, specified digital products, and taxable services is upon the seller and the purchaser unless the seller takes from the purchaser a valid exemption certificate stating under penalty of perjury that the purchase is for a nontaxable purpose and is not a retail sale, or the seller is not obligated to collect tax due, or unless the seller takes a fuel exemption certificate. If the tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services are purchased tax-free pursuant to a valid exemption certificate and the tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services are used or disposed of by the purchaser in a nonexempt manner, the purchaser is solely liable for the taxes and shall remit the taxes directly to the department. The protection afforded a seller by this paragraph does not apply to a seller who fraudulently fails to collect tax or to a seller who solicits purchasers to participate in the unlawful claiming of an exemption.

*b.* The director is required to provide exemption certificates to assist retailers in properly accounting for nontaxable sales of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services to buyers for exempt purposes. These exemption certificates must be completed as to the information required on the form in order to be valid.

**288.3(2) Retailer-provided exemption certificates.** Retailers may provide their own exemption certificates. Those exemption certificates must contain information required by the department, including, but not limited to: the seller's name, the buyer's name and address, the buyer's nature of business (wholesaler, retailer, manufacturer, lessor, other), the reason for purchasing tax-exempt (e.g., resale or processing), the general description of the products purchased, and state sales tax or I.D. registration number. The certificate must be signed and dated by the buyer.

*a.* An exemption certificate or blanket exemption certificate as referred to in paragraph "b" cannot be used to make a tax-free purchase of any tangible personal property, specified digital products, or service not covered by the certificate. For example, the certificate used to purchase a chemical consumed in processing cannot be used to purchase a generator which is going to become an integral part of other tangible personal property which will be ultimately sold at retail.

*b.* Any person repeatedly selling the same type of property or service to the same purchaser for resale, processing, or for any other exempt purpose may accept a blanket certificate covering more than one transaction. A seller who accepts a blanket certificate is required periodically to inquire of the purchaser to determine if the information on the blanket certificate is accurate and complete. Such an inquiry by the seller shall be deemed evidence of good faith on the part of the seller.

*c.* When due to extraordinary circumstances in the nature of fire, flood, or other cases of destruction beyond the taxpayer's control, a seller does not have an exemption certificate on file, the seller may show by other evidence, such as a signed affidavit by the purchaser, that the property or service was purchased for an exempt purpose.

*d.* The liability for the tax does not shift from the seller to the purchaser if the seller has not accepted a valid exemption certificate in good faith. If the seller has actual knowledge of information or circumstances indicating that it is unlikely that the property or services will be used by the purchaser in an exempt manner, then in order to act in good faith the seller must make further inquiry to determine the

facts supporting the exemption certificate. In addition, if the nature of the business of the purchaser, as shown by the exemption certificate, indicates that it is unlikely that the property or services will be used in an exempt manner, then in order to act in good faith the seller must make further inquiry to determine the facts supporting the exemption certificate.

EXAMPLE 1. A seller is expected to inquire to discover the facts supporting the claimed exemption if the seller knows that the property or services will not be, or it is unlikely that the property or services will be, resold or used in processing by that purchaser. This further inquiry is expected even when there is nothing in the nature of the business as shown on the valid exemption certificate to cause the seller to make further inquiry.

EXAMPLE 2. A seller is expected to inquire to discover the facts supporting the claimed exemption of the sale of sawdust or a tool chest purchased by a gas station since such items are rarely resold by a gas station.

EXAMPLE 3. A seller is not expected to make further inquiry, in the absence of actual knowledge, to determine which light bulbs bought by a hardware store are for use in the store or those purchased for resale.

If the seller has met the requirements set forth above in accepting a valid exemption certificate, the seller shall be deemed to have acted in good faith and the liability for the tax shifts to the purchaser who becomes solely liable for the taxes.

*e.* A seller is relieved from liability for sales tax if (1) a purchaser deletes the tax reimbursement from the payment to the seller or if the purchaser makes a notation on an invoice such as “not subject to tax” or “resale” and (2) if the seller can produce written evidence to show that an attempt was made to obtain an exemption certificate to show that the transaction was exempt from tax but was unable to obtain said certificate from the purchaser.

*f.* The failure of a permit holder to act in good faith while giving or receiving exemption certificates may result in the revocation of the sales tax permit. Revocation is authorized under the provisions of Iowa Code section 423.36.

*g.* The purchase of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services which are specifically exempt from tax under the Iowa Code need not be evidenced by an exemption certificate. However, if certificates are given to support these transactions, they do not relieve the seller of the responsibility for tax if at some later time the transaction is determined to be taxable.

*h.* A person who is selling tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services, but who is not making taxable sales at retail, shall not be required to hold a permit. When this person purchases tangible personal property, specified digital products, or services for resale, the person shall furnish a certificate in accordance with these rules to the supplier stating that the property or services was purchased for the purpose of resale.

*i.* For information regarding the use of exemption certificates for contractors, see 701—Chapter 19.

### **288.3(3)** *Fuel exemption certificates.*

#### *a.* Definitions.

“*Fuel*” includes, but is not limited to, heat, steam, electricity, gas, water, or any other tangible personal property consumed in creating heat, power, or steam.

“*Fuel consumed in processing*” includes fuel used in grain drying or providing heat or cooling for livestock buildings, fuel used for generating electric current, fuel consumed in implements of husbandry engaged in agricultural production, as well as fuel used in “processing” as defined in rules 701—285.29(422,423) and 701—215.15(43). See rule 701—284.2(422) for a detailed description of “fuel used in processing.” See rule 701—284.3(422,423) for extensive discussion regarding electricity and steam used in processing.

“*Fuel exemption certificate*” is a certificate given by a purchaser and signed under penalty of perjury to assist a seller in properly accounting for nontaxable sales of fuel consumed in processing. The fuel exemption certificate must contain information required by the department, including, but not limited to: the seller’s name and address; the purchaser’s name and address; the type of fuel purchased, e.g., electricity, propane; a description of the purchaser’s business, e.g., farmer, manufacturer of



steel products, food processor; a general description of the type of processing in which the fuel is consumed, e.g., grain drying, raising livestock, generating electricity, or manufacture of tangible personal property; and the percentage exemption claimed. The fuel exemption certificate must be signed under penalty of perjury by the purchaser and dated. The seller may demand from the purchaser additional documentation attached to the fuel exemption certificate which is reasonably necessary to support the claim of exemption for fuel consumed in processing. In the absence of separate metering, documentation reasonably necessary to support a claim for exemption will consist of either an electrical consultant's survey or of a document prepared by the purchaser in accordance with the requirements of subrule 288.3(4). Attachment of documentation is not necessary if the purchaser has furnished the seller with documentation when filing an earlier exemption certificate and a substantial change in the purchaser's operation had not occurred since the documentation was furnished or if fuel consumed by the purchaser in processing is separately metered and billed by the seller.

*"Substantial change"* means a change in the purchaser's use or disposition of tangible personal property and services such that the purchaser pays less than 90 percent of the purchaser's actual sales tax liability.

*b.* If fuel is purchased tax-free pursuant to a fuel exemption certificate which has been accepted by the seller and the purchaser uses or disposes of the fuel in a nonexempt manner, the purchaser is solely liable for sales tax and shall remit that tax directly to the department. A seller can, however, rely upon a fuel exemption certificate for sales occurring within five years subsequent to the date of the certificate only. For later sales, the seller must secure a new certificate of exemption from the purchaser.

*c.* A purchaser may apply to the department for review of any fuel exemption certificate. The department shall review the certificate and determine the correct amount of exemption within 12 months from the date of application. The department shall notify a purchaser of any determination that is different from the purchaser's claim of exemption. Failure to determine the correct amount of exemption within 12 months from the date of application shall constitute a determination on the department's part that the claim of exemption on the fuel certificate is correct as submitted. A determination regarding an exemption certificate is final unless the purchaser appeals to the director for a revision of the determination within 60 days from the date of the notice of determination. The director shall grant a hearing and upon the hearing, the director shall determine the correct exemption and notify the purchaser of the decision by mail. The decision is final unless the purchaser seeks judicial review of the director's decision under Iowa Code section 422.55 within 60 days from the date of the notice of the director's decision. The purchaser must notify the seller of any change in percentage.

*d.* The effective date of the legislation allowing use of an exemption certificate for fuel used in processing is January 1, 1988. However, a certificate which is complete and correct according to paragraph 288.3(3) "*a.*" and any other requirement of the director, which is signed and dated prior to January 1, 1988, shall, if accepted by a seller in good faith, protect the seller to the extent described in paragraph 288.3(3) "*b.*" for energy consumed on or after January 1, 1988. Exemption certificates filed with the seller prior to January 1, 1988, also expire five years from date of acceptance.

**288.3(4) *Determining percentage of electricity used in processing.*** When electricity is purchased for consumption both for processing and for taxable uses, and the use of the electricity is recorded on a single meter, the purchaser must allocate the use of the electricity according to taxable and nontaxable consumption if an exemption for nontaxable use is to be claimed. The calculations which support the allocation, if properly performed, can serve as the documentation reasonably necessary to support a claim of exemption for fuel used in processing. The following method with its alternative table may be used to determine the percentage of electricity used on the farm or in a factory which is exempt by virtue of its being used in processing. See paragraph 288.3(4) "*e.*" for alternative methods of computing exempt use, including exempt use by a new business. First, the base period for the calculations must be selected.

*a.* Ordinarily, the 12 months previous to the date upon which the exemption is calculated are used as the base period for determining the percentage of electricity exempt as used in processing. This immediately previous 12-month period is used because it is a span of time which is (1) recent enough to accurately reflect future electric usage; (2) extended enough to take into account variations in electrical usage resulting from changes in temperature occurring with the seasons; and (3) is not so long as to

require unduly burdensome calculations. However, individual circumstances can dictate that a shorter or longer period than 12 months will be used or that some 12-month period other than that immediately previous to the date upon which the exemption certificate is filed, will be used.

EXAMPLE: Mr. Wilson is a farmer. He files an exemption certificate for the period beginning January 1, 1990. The year 1989 is one with a very mild winter, a relatively cool summer, and a very dry autumn. Mr. Wilson uses no electricity for grain drying and substantially less electricity than usual for heating and cooling his livestock buildings. Mr. Wilson must use a 12-month period which is more representative of his usual exempt electrical consumption than that of January through December 1989.

EXAMPLE: Mr. Jackson is also a farmer. He files an exemption certificate for the period beginning January 1, 1991. The year 1990 is one in which the summer is extraordinarily hot, the winter exceedingly cold, and the autumn very wet. Mr. Jackson uses far more electricity than normal to dry his grain and heat and cool his livestock buildings. He should use a 12-month period more representative of his customary exempt use of electricity than the period January through December 1990.

EXAMPLE: Company A manufactures its product in a factory which has no windows and is heavily insulated. The factory always runs 40 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Because of these and other circumstances, Company A's electrical usage does not vary significantly from month to month, and it is easy enough to document this. Company A can calculate its percentage of exempt use of electricity based on a one-month, rather than a 12-month, period.

EXAMPLE: Company B manufactures widgets. The "economic cycle" for widget production is, on the average, 36 months long. During this economic cycle, there are times when, for months at a time, the factory will operate three shifts. At other times, for weeks at a time, the entire factory will be shut down and its personnel laid off. The only accurate way to determine exempt percentage of electricity used is to calculate electrical use over the entire economic cycle. Therefore, 36 months, rather than 12 months, would be the base period.

*b.* Calculating kilowatts used per hour by various electrical devices. The first step in computing percentage of exemption is to determine the number of kilowatts used per hour for each device in farm or factory. If kilowatts consumed per hour of a device's use is not listed on the device or otherwise readily obtainable, formulas can be used to determine this information.

#### Lights

For incandescent bulbs, add rated wattages and divide by 1,000. For fluorescent lights, add rated wattages plus an additional 20 percent of rated wattages, then divide by 1,000.

#### Incandescent Lights:

$$\frac{\text{Watts}}{1,000} = \text{Kilowatts Per Hour}$$

#### Fluorescent and Other High Intensity Lights:

$$\frac{\text{Watts} + .20 (\text{Watts})}{1,000} = \text{Kilowatts Per Hour}$$

#### Devices Other Than Lights

For these devices, use the wattage rating given by the manufacturer and divide by 1,000 to obtain approximate kilowatts used per hour of operation.

$$\frac{\text{Watts}}{1,000} = \text{Kilowatts Per Hour}$$

If an appliance does not list a watt rating, tables provided by Iowa State University Cooperative Extension Service can be used especially by farmers who are attempting to compute their exempt percentage of electricity used. Persons using a table are reminded to convert watts to kilowatts before proceeding to further calculations.

c. The average number of kilowatts consumed per hour of operation for any one device must next be multiplied by the total number of hours which the device is operated during the base period. A person may use intermediate calculations. For example, assume that a machine used in processing consumes 20 kilowatts per hour of operation. The machine is operated, during a 12-month base period, 40 hours per week during 50 weeks. The machine is not placed in operation when the factory is closed for two weeks vacation. Exempt use is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Kilowatts Per Hour}}{20} \times \frac{\text{Hours Operated Per Week}}{40} \times \frac{\text{Weeks Operated in 12-Month Period Equals Number of Exempt Kilowatt Hours}}{50 = 40000}$$

Assume that a grain dryer uses 30 kilowatts per hour of operation. During a 12-month base period, the grain dryer is used in processing 200 hours per month, for 3 months. The calculation for total number of kilowatt hours of exempt use for the 12-month period is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Kilowatts Per Hour}}{30} \times \frac{\text{Hours of Exempt Use Per Month}}{200} \times \frac{\text{Number of Months of Exempt Use Equals Total Number of Exempt Kilowatt Hours}}{3 = 18000}$$

d. The following is a very simplified example of a worksheet for determining the percentage of electricity qualifying for exemption when a single meter records both exempt and taxable use.

	Kilowatts Per Hour of Operation	Average Hours of Operation Per 12-Month Base Period	Average Kilowatt Hours Per 12-Month Base Period	Total
<b>All Exempt Usage</b>				
Production Machine #1	10	1000	10000	
Production Machine #2	10	1000	10000	
Other	10	1000	10000	
<b>Total Exempt Usage</b>				<b>30000(A)</b>
<b>All Taxable Usage</b>				
Air Conditioners	10	3000	30000	
General Lighting	10	3000	30000	
Office Equipment	10	3000	30000	
Space Heaters	10	3000	30000	
Other	10	3000	30000	
<b>Total Taxable Usage</b>				<b>150000(B)</b>
<b>Total—All Usages</b>				<b>180000(C)</b>

$$\frac{30000}{180000} \text{ or } \frac{A}{C} = \text{Percentage of Electricity Purchase Qualifying for Exemption} = 16.60\%$$

The number actually used in the base period can be determined by reference to billings for the base period. If the number of kilowatt hours calculated to have been used does not approximate the number actually used in the base period, the calculations are deficient and should be performed again. Once the precise percentage of exemption has been calculated, that percentage must be applied during any period for which a purchaser is requesting exemption. Any substantial and permanent change in the amount of electricity consumed or in the proportion of exempt and nonexempt use of electricity is an occasion for recomputing the exempt percentage and for filing a new exemption certificate.

*e.* The following are nonexclusive alternatives to the above method of determining the percentage of electricity which is exempt because it is used in processing. First, if currently only one meter exists to measure both exempt and nonexempt use of electricity, the most accurate method of determining exempt and nonexempt use may be separate metering of these two uses. This possibility is especially practical if all exempt use results from the activities of one machine, however large. If separate metering is impossible or impractical, it may be useful to employ the services of an energy consultant. If using energy consultant's service is impractical, it may be possible to secure, from the manufacturer of a machine used in processing, the number of kilowatts which a machine uses per hour of operation. Often, these manufacturer's studies give a more accurate measure of a machine's use of electricity than the formulas set out in paragraph 288.3(4) "b" above. This circumstance is especially true with regard to large electric motors.

If a business is new, and no historical data exists for use in calculating exempt and nonexempt percentages of electricity or other fuel consumed, any person calculating future exempt use must make the best projections possible. If calculating future exempt use with no past historical data to serve as a basis for the calculations, it is suggested that conservative estimates of exempt use be made. Using these conservative estimates can avoid future liability for sales tax on the part of the purchaser of the electricity. Possibly, in calculating exempt use of fuel for a new business, historical data from existing similar businesses can be used if available from persons not in direct competition to the person claiming the exemption.

Ordinarily any method of determining the percentage of electricity used in processing will involve calculating both exempt and nonexempt usage. However, in certain instances it is acceptable to calculate only exempt or nonexempt usage in one column and to list separately the equipment or devices making the exempt or nonexempt use of the electricity separate. This practice can normally be followed where electrical usage does not fluctuate dramatically and where usage is either predominantly exempt or predominantly not exempt.

**288.3(5) *Applicability.*** The provisions of subrule 288.3(4) explaining the determination of the percentage exemption for electricity also apply to other types of fuel such as natural gas, LP, etc., when used for exempt purposes.

**288.3(6) *Special certificates of beer and wine wholesalers.*** Beer or wine purchased from a wholesaler holding a Class A or F permit has been purchased for resale if the purchaser provides the wholesaler with a retail beer or wine permit or liquor license number. A wholesaler's record of account with an individual retailer is a complete and correct exemption certificate for the purposes of beer or wine sales and provides all the protection which the usual exemption certificate (see subrule 288.3(2)) provides if the record of account contains the retailer's beer or wine permit or liquor license number and all other information concerning the account is taken in good faith by the wholesaler. The words "beer," "permit," "retailer," "wholesaler," and "wine" have the same definitions for the purposes of this rule as the definitions given them in Iowa Code section 123.3.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.3, 423.36 and 423.45.  
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**701—288.4 to 288.7** Reserved.

**701—288.8(423) Returned merchandise.** When merchandise is sold and returned by a customer who secures an allowance or a return of the full purchase price, the seller may deduct the amount allowed as

full credit or refund, provided the merchandise is taxable merchandise and tax has been previously paid on the sales price.

An allowance shall not be made for the return of any merchandise which (1) is exempt from either sales or use tax; or (2) has not been reported in the taxpayer's tax previously paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 423.31.  
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**701—288.9 and 288.10** Reserved.

**701—288.11(423) Leased departments.** When a permit holder leases a part of the premises where the permit holder's retail business is conducted, the lessor shall immediately notify the department and supply the following information: (1) name and home office address of the lessee; (2) type of merchandise sold by the lessee or service performed; (3) date when the lessee began making sales or performing services at retail in Iowa on the leased premises; and (4) whether the lessee has secured a permit to account directly to the department for tax due or if the lessee's sales will be accounted for in the lessor's tax return. Upon request, the department shall furnish a form to the lessor on which to report this information.

If the lessor fails to notify the department that a part of the premises has been leased and does not furnish the requested information, the lessor shall be responsible for tax due as a result of sales by the lessee, unless the lessee has properly remitted the tax due.

The lessor who has leased a part of the premises shall report to the department the names and addresses of all lessees. If the lessor is accounting for the lessee's sales, the lessor shall, after the name of each lessee, show the amount of net taxable sales made by the lessee and which net taxable sales are included in the lessor's return. If the lessee is reporting the tax directly to the department, the lessor shall show the permit number of the lessee.

When the lessee has terminated selling activities, the lessor shall immediately notify the department.

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**701—288.12(423) Excise tax included in and excluded from gross receipts.**

**288.12(1)** An excise tax which is not an Iowa sales or use tax may be excluded from the gross receipts or purchase price of the sale or use of property or taxable services only if all of the following conditions exist:

*a.* The excise tax is imposed upon the identical sale which the Iowa sales tax is imposed upon or upon the sale which measures the taxable use or upon a use identical to the Iowa taxable use and not upon some event or activity which precedes or occurs after the sale or use.

*b.* The legal incidence of the excise tax falls upon the purchaser who is responsible for payment of the Iowa sales tax. The purchaser must be obligated to pay the excise tax either directly to the government in question or to another person (e.g., the retailer) who acts as a collector of the tax. See *Gurley v. Rhoden*, 421 U.S. 200, 95 S. Ct. 1605, 44 L.Ed.2d 110 (1975) for a description of the circumstances under which the legal, as opposed to the economic, burden of an excise tax falls upon the purchaser.

*c.* The name of the tax is specifically stated and the amount of the tax separately set out on the invoice, bill of sale, or upon another document which embodies a record of the sale.

EXAMPLE 1. The federal government imposes an excise tax upon the act of manufacturing tangible personal property within the United States. The amount of the tax is measured as a percentage of the price for the first sale of the property, which is usually to a wholesaler. However, one particular manufacturer sells its manufactured goods at retail in Iowa. Even if this tax meets the requirements for exclusion of paragraphs "b" and "c" above, it is not excludable because it does not meet the requirements of paragraph "a." The tax is not imposed upon the act of sale but upon the prior act of manufacture. The tax is merely measured by the amount of the proceeds of the sale.

EXAMPLE 2. The federal government imposes an excise tax of 4 percent on a retailer's gross receipts from sales of tangible personal property. The law allows the retailer to separately identify and bill a customer for the tax. However, if a retailer fails to pay the tax, the government cannot collect it from

a purchaser and if the government assesses tax against the retailer and secures a judgment requiring the retailer to pay the tax, the retailer who has failed to collect the tax from a purchaser on the initial sale has no right of reimbursement from the purchaser. This tax is not excludable from Iowa excise tax. Its economic burden falls upon the purchaser. However, since neither the government nor the retailer has any legal right to demand payment of the tax from a purchaser, the legal incidence of the tax is not upon the purchaser; and the tax would not meet the requirements of paragraph “b” above.

**288.12(2)** As of January 1, 1988, the following federal excise taxes are includable in the gross receipts of Iowa sales tax:

*a.* The federal gallonage taxes on distilled spirits, wines, and beer imposed by 26 U.S.C. Sections 5001, 5041, and 5051.

*b.* The tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. Section 5701 with regard to cigars, cigarettes, and cigarette papers and tubes.

*c.* The federal tax on gasoline imposed under 26 U.S.C. Section 4081.

*d.* The federal tax on tires, inner tubes, and tread rubber imposed by 26 U.S.C. Section 4071.

*e.* The federal manufacturer’s excise tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. Section 4061 has been repealed.

**288.12(3)** The following excise taxes are excluded from the amount of gross receipts:

*a.* The federal tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. Section 4251(a) on the communication services of local telephone service, toll telephone service, and teletypewriter exchange service.

*b.* The federal tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. Section 4051 upon the first retail sale of automobile and truck chassis and bodies; truck trailer and semitrailer chassis and bodies and tractors of the kind chiefly used for highway transportation in combination with trailers or semitrailers.

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**701—288.13(423) Freight, other transportation charges, and exclusions from the exemption applicable to these services.** The determination of whether freight and other transportation charges shall be subject to sales or use tax is dependent upon the terms of the sale agreement.

**288.13(1) Charges separately stated.** When tangible personal property or a taxable service is sold at retail in Iowa or purchased for use in Iowa and under the terms of the sale agreement the seller is to deliver the property to the buyer or the purchaser is responsible for delivery and such delivery charges are stated and agreed to in the sale agreement or the charges are separate from the sale agreement, the sales price of the freight or transportation charges shall not be subject to tax. This exemption does not apply to the service of transporting electrical energy or the service of transporting natural gas.

**288.13(2) Charges not separately stated.** When freight and other transportation charges are not separately stated in the sale agreement or are not separately sold, the sales price of the freight or transportation charges become a part of the sales price of the sale of tangible personal property or a taxable service and are subject to tax. Where a sales agreement exists, the freight and other transportation charges are subject to tax unless the freight and other transportation charges are separately contracted. If the written contract contains no provisions separately itemizing such charge, tax is due on the full contract price with no deduction for transportation charge, regardless of whether or not such transportation charges are itemized separately on the invoice.

**288.13(3) Exemption.** The sales price from charges for delivery of electricity or natural gas are exempt from tax to the extent that the sales price from the sale, furnishing, or service of electricity or natural gas or its use are exempt from sales or use tax under Iowa Code chapter 423. The exclusions from this exemption relating to the transportation of natural gas and electricity are applicable to all contracts for the performance of these transportation services. Below are examples which explain some of the principal circumstances in which the transport of natural gas or electricity is a service subject to tax.

Freight and transportation charges include, but are not limited to, the following charges or fees: freight; transportation; shipping; delivery; or trip charges.

EXAMPLE 1. Consumer ABC, located in Des Moines, contracts with supplier DEF, located in Waterloo, for DEF to sell gas and electricity to ABC. ABC then contracts with utility GHI to transport the energy over GHI’s network (of pipes or wires) from Waterloo to ABC’s facility in Des Moines.

GHI's transport of ABC's energy is a taxable service. The transportation of natural gas and electricity by a utility is a taxable service of furnishing natural gas or electricity whether or not that utility or some other utility produces the natural gas or generates the electricity furnished. A utility's transportation of gas or electricity is a "transportation service" specifically excluded from the exemption in Iowa Code section 423.3(70).

EXAMPLE 2. Consumer ABC contracts with utility DEF for DEF to provide electricity from DEF's generating plant in Mason City to ABC's location in Cedar Rapids. Transport of the electricity is by way of DEF's network of long distance transmission lines. The contract between ABC and DEF states the prices to be paid for the purchase of various amounts of electricity and also sets out the amounts to be paid for transport of electricity and constitutes separate sales of electricity and transportation services. In these circumstances, amounts which ABC pays DEF for transport of the electricity are taxable.

EXAMPLE 3. As in Example 2, consumer ABC contracts with utility DEF for the delivery of electricity from DEF's generating plant in Mason City to ABC's location in Cedar Rapids, ownership of the electricity to pass to ABC in Cedar Rapids. Also, as in Example 2, the contract between ABC and DEF states varying prices to be paid for the purchase and transportation of varying amounts of electricity and constitutes separate sales of electricity and transportation services. Transport of the electricity will be by way of GHI's transmission lines. DEF contracts with GHI for the transport of the electricity to ABC's plant in Cedar Rapids. At the time the contract is signed, GHI asks DEF for an exemption certificate stating that DEF will resell GHI's transportation service to ABC. GHI must either secure the certificate or collect Iowa sales tax from DEF. GHI is furnishing a taxable electricity transportation service to DEF, which DEF will in turn furnish to ABC. DEF must collect tax from ABC.

EXAMPLE 4. In this example, the same contract exists between ABC and DEF as exists in Example 3. However, in this example, a breakdown at DEF's plant in Mason City prevents DEF from generating the electricity which it is contractually obligated to provide to ABC. DEF is forced to purchase both electricity and its transport from JKL. The contract between DEF and JKL states the prices to be paid for the purchase of various amounts of electricity and also sets out the amounts to be paid for the transport of this electricity and constitutes separate sales of electricity and transportation services. JKL asks DEF for an exemption certificate stating that DEF has purchased the electricity and its transport for resale to ABC. In this case, JKL must secure an exemption certificate from DEF to avoid collecting tax on its sale and transport of the electricity for DEF.

EXAMPLE 5. Again, ABC and DEF have contracted, as they did in Example 2, for DEF to sell and transport electricity from Mason City to Cedar Rapids. However, their agreement mentions only one combined price for sale and delivery of the electricity. There is no separately contracted price for transport of the electricity, in contrast to the situation in Example 2. In this case, the entire amount which ABC pays to DEF is taxable as the entire amount paid is for the sale of tangible personal property.

EXAMPLE 6. Manufacturer EFG contracts with utility DEF for the purchase of natural gas with a separate contract for its delivery. The gas is to be transported from DEF's storage facility near Osceola to EFG's manufacturing plant in Fort Dodge by way of DEF's pipeline. Ownership of the gas passes from DEF to EFG in Fort Dodge. EFG uses 92 percent of the gas which is transported to its plant in processing the tangible personal property manufactured there. The receipts which EFG pays DEF for the transport of the gas are excluded from the transportation exemption, but they are not excluded from the processing exemption. Ninety-two percent of those receipts are exempt from tax because that is the percentage of gas used by EFG in processing. In addition, utility DEF charges manufacturer EFG \$9.95 as a delivery fee for the gas. Since the purchase of the gas has a 92 percent exemption from Iowa sales tax because of a 92 percent usage in processing, 92 percent of the delivery charge of \$9.95 is also exempt from tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2 and 423.3.  
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**701—288.15(423) Premiums and gifts.** A person who gives away or donates tangible personal property, specified digital products, or taxable services shall be deemed to be a consumer of such property, products, or services for tax purposes. The sales price from the sale of tangible personal property, specified digital products, or taxable services to such persons for such purposes shall be subject to tax.

When a retailer purchases tangible personal property, a specified digital product, or a taxable service, exclusive of tax, for the purpose of resale in the regular course of business and later gives it away or donates it, the retailer shall include in the return the value of the property, product, or service at the retailer's cost price.

When a retailer sells tangible personal property, specified digital products, or taxable services and furnishes a premium with the property, product, or service sold, the retailer is considered to be the ultimate consumer or user of the premium furnished.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.1 and 423.2.

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CHAPTER 289  
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RULES  
INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE  
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**701—300.1(422) Definitions.**

**300.1(1)** When the word “*department*” appears herein, the word refers to and is synonymous with the “Iowa department of revenue”; the word “*director*” is the “director of revenue” or the director’s authorized assistants and employees.

The administration of the individual income tax is a responsibility of the department. The department is charged with the administration of the individual income tax, fiduciary tax, withholding of tax and individual estimate declarations, subject always to the rules, regulations and direction of the director.

**300.1(2)** The term “*computed tax*” means the amount of tax remaining before deductions of the personal exemption credit and other credits in Iowa Code chapter 422, division II, and before the computation of the school district surtax and the emergency medical services income surtax.

**300.1(3)** The word “*taxpayer*” includes under this division:

- a. Every resident of the state of Iowa.
- b. Every part-year resident of the state of Iowa.
- c. Every estate and trust resident of this state whose income is in whole or in part subject to the state income tax.
- d. Nonresident individuals, estates and trusts (those with a situs outside of Iowa) receiving taxable income from property in Iowa or from business, trade, or profession or occupation carried on in this state.

**300.1(4)** The term “*fiduciary*” shall mean one who acts in place of or for the benefit of another in accordance with the meaning of the term defined in Iowa Code section 422.4. The term includes, but is not limited to, the executor or administrator of an estate, a trustee, guardian or conservator, or a receiver.

**300.1(5)** The term “*employer*” means those who have a right to exercise control as to the performance of services as defined in Iowa Code section 422.4.

**300.1(6)** The term “*employee*” means and includes every individual who is a resident, or who is domiciled in Iowa, or any nonresident, or corporation performing services within the state of Iowa, the performance of which services constitutes, establishes, and determines the relationship between the parties as that of employer and employee. This includes officers of corporations, individuals, including elected officials performing services for the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or the state of Iowa, or any county, city, municipality or political subdivision thereof.

**300.1(7)** The term “*wages*” means any remuneration for services performed by an employee for an employer, including the cash value of all such remuneration paid in any medium or form other than cash. Wages have the same meaning as provided by the Internal Revenue Code as made applicable to Iowa income tax.

Wages subject to Iowa income tax withholding consist of all remuneration, whether in cash or other form, paid to an employee for services performed for the employer. For this purpose, the word “wages” includes all types of employee compensation, such as salaries, fees, bonuses, and commissions. It is immaterial whether payments are based on the hour, day, week, month, year or on a piecework or percentage plan.

Wages paid in any form other than money are measured by the fair market value of the goods, lodging, meals, or other consideration given in payment for services.

Where wages are paid in property other than money, the employer should make necessary arrangements to ensure that the tax is available for payment. Vacation allowances and back pay, including retroactive wage increases, are taxed as ordinary wages.

Tips or gratuities paid directly to an employee by a customer and not accounted for to the employer are not subject to withholding. However, the recipients must include them in their personal income tax returns.

Amounts paid specifically, either as advances or reimbursements, for traveling or other bona fide ordinary and necessary expenses incurred or reasonably expected to be incurred in the business of the employer are not wages and are not subject to these taxes. Traveling and other reimbursed expenses must be identified either by making a separate payment or by specifically indicating the separate amounts where both wages and expense allowance are combined in a single payment.

Wages are to be considered as paid when they are actually paid or when they are constructively paid, that is, when they are credited to the account of, or set apart for the wage earner so that they may be drawn upon by the wage earner at any time, although not then actually reduced to possession.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.3, 422.4 and 422.16.

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## **701—300.2(422) Statute of limitations.**

### **300.2(1) *Periods of audit.***

*a.* The department has three years after a return has been filed or three years after the return became due, including any extensions of time for filing, whichever time is the later, to determine whether any additional tax other than that shown on the return is due and owing. This three-year statute of limitations does not apply in the instances specified in paragraphs “*b*,” “*c*,” “*d*,” “*e*,” “*f*” and “*g*.”

*b.* If a taxpayer fails to include in the taxpayer’s return items of gross income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code as amended, as will under that Code extend the statute of limitations for federal tax purposes to six years, the correct amount of tax due may be determined by the department within six years from the time the return is filed, or within six years after the return became due, including any extensions of time for filing, whichever time is the later.

*c.* If a taxpayer files a false or fraudulent return with intent to evade tax, the correct amount of tax due may be determined by the department at any time after the return has been filed.

*d.* If a taxpayer fails to file a return, the periods of limitations so specified in Iowa Code section 422.25 do not begin to run until the return is filed with the department.

*e.* While the burden of proof of additional tax owing under the six-year period or the unlimited period is upon the department, a prima facie case of omission of income, or of making a false or fraudulent return, shall be made upon a showing of a federal audit of the same income, a determination by federal authorities that the taxpayer omitted items of gross income or made a false or fraudulent return, and the payment by the taxpayer of the amount claimed by the federal government to be the correct tax or the admission by the taxpayer to the federal government of liability for that amount.

*f.* In addition to the periods of limitation set forth in paragraph “*a*,” “*b*,” “*c*,” “*d*,” or “*e*,” the department has six months after notification by the taxpayer of the final disposition of any matter between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service with respect to any particular tax year to make an examination and determination. Final disposition of any matter between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service triggers the extension of the statute of limitations for the department to make an examination and determination, and the extension runs until six months after the department receives notification and a copy of the federal document showing the final disposition or final federal adjustments from the taxpayer. *Van Dyke v. Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance*, 547 N.W.2d 1. This examination and determination is limited to those matters between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service which affect Iowa taxable income. *Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987). The notification shall be in writing in any form sufficient to inform the department of final disposition, and attached to the notification shall be a photo reproduction or carbon copy of the federal document which shows the final disposition and any schedules necessary to explain the federal adjustments. The notification and copy of the federal document shall be mailed, under separate cover, to the Examination Section, Compliance Division, P.O. Box 10456, Des Moines, Iowa 50306. Any notification and copy of the federal document which is included in, made a part of, or mailed with a current year Iowa individual income tax return will not be considered as proper notification for the purposes of beginning the running of the six-month period.

*g.* In lieu of the period of limitation for any prior year for which an overpayment of tax or an elimination or reduction of an underpayment of tax due for that prior year results from the carryback to



such prior year of a net operating loss or net capital loss, the period shall be the period of limitation for the taxable year of the net operating loss or net capital loss which results in such carryback.

**300.2(2) Waiver of statute of limitations.** When the taxpayer and the department enter into an agreement to extend the period of limitation, interest continues to accrue on any deficiency or overpayment during the period of the waiver. The taxpayer may claim a refund during the period of the waiver.

**300.2(3) Amended returns filed within 60 days of the expiration of the statute of limitations for assessment.** If a taxpayer files an amended return on or after April 1, 1995, within 60 days prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations for assessment, the department has 60 days from the date the amended return is received to issue an assessment for applicable tax, interest, or penalty.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.25.

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#### **701—300.3(422) Retention of records.**

**300.3(1)** Every individual subject to the tax imposed by Iowa Code section 422.5 (whether or not the individual incurs liability for the tax) and every withholding agent subject to the provisions of Iowa Code section 422.16 shall retain those books and records as required by Section 6001 of the Internal Revenue Code and federal income tax regulation 1.6001-1(e) including the federal income tax return and all supporting federal schedules. For taxpayers using an electronic data interchange process or technology also see 701—subrule 11.4(4).

**300.3(2)** In addition, records relating to other deductions or additions to federal adjusted income and Iowa tax credits shall be retained so long as the contents may be material in the administration of the Iowa Code under the statutes of limitations for audit specified in Iowa Code section 422.25.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.25 and 422.70.

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**701—300.4(422) Authority for deductions.** Whether and to what extent deductions shall be allowed depends upon specific legislative acts, and only where there is a clear provision can any particular deduction be allowed. Therefore, a deduction will be allowed only if the taxpayer can establish the validity and correctness of such deduction.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.7 and 422.9.

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#### **701—300.5(422) Jeopardy assessments.**

**300.5(1)** A jeopardy assessment may be made in a case where a return has been filed, and the director believes for any reason that collection of the tax will be jeopardized by delay; or in a case where a taxpayer fails to file a return, whether or not formally called upon to do so, in which case the department is authorized to estimate the income of the taxpayer upon the basis of available information, and to add penalty and interest.

**300.5(2)** A jeopardy assessment is due and payable when the notice of the assessment is served upon the taxpayer. Proceedings to enforce the payment of the assessment by seizure or sale of any property of the taxpayer may be instituted immediately.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.30.

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**701—300.6(422) Information deemed confidential.** Iowa Code sections 422.20 and 422.72 apply generally to the director, deputies, auditors, agents, present or former officers and employees of the department. Disclosure of information from a taxpayer's filed return or report or other confidential state information by department of revenue personnel to a third person is prohibited under the above sections. Other persons having acquired information disclosed in a taxpayer's filed return or report or other confidential state information will be bound by the same rules of secrecy under these sections as

any member of the department and will be subject to the same penalties for violations as provided by law. See rule 701—5.8(17A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.16, 422.20, and 422.72.  
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**701—300.7** Reserved.

**701—300.8(422) Delegations to audit and examine.** Pursuant to statutory authority, the director delegates to authorized assistants and employees the power to examine returns and make audits; and to determine the correct amount of tax due, subject to review by or appeal to the director.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.70.  
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**701—300.9(422) Bonding procedure.** The director may, when necessary and advisable in order to secure the collection of the tax required to be deducted and withheld or the amount actually deducted, whichever is greater, require an employer or withholding agent to file with the director a bond issued by a surety company authorized to conduct business in Iowa and approved by the insurance commissioner as to solvency and responsibility in an amount the director may fix, or in lieu of bond, securities approved by the director in an amount the director may prescribe and keep in the custody of the department. Pursuant to the statutory authorization in Iowa Code section 422.16, the director has determined that the following procedures will be instituted with regard to bonds. However, the bonding procedures were applicable only to nonresident employers or withholding agents for withholding taxes due prior to January 1, 1987. The penalty for failure of a withholding agent to file a bond, described in subrule 300.9(4) applies to taxes required to be withheld on or after January 1, 1990.

**300.9(1) When required.**

*a. New applications by withholding agents.* A new withholding agent applicant will be requested to post a bond or security if (1) it is determined upon a complete investigation of the applicant's financial status that the applicant would be unable to timely remit the tax, or (2) the new applicant held a withholding agent's identification number for a prior business and the remittance record of the tax under the prior identification number falls within one of the conditions in paragraph "b" below, or (3) the department experienced collection problems while the applicant was engaged in business under the prior identification number.

*b. Existing withholding agents.* Existing withholding agents shall be requested to post a bond or security when they have had two or more delinquencies in remitting the withholding tax during the last 24 months if filing returns on a quarterly basis or have had four or more delinquencies during the last 24 months if filing returns on a monthly basis. The simultaneous late filing of the return and the late payment of the tax will count as one delinquency. However, the late filing of the return or the late payment of the tax will not count as a delinquency if the withholding agent can satisfy one of the conditions set forth in Iowa Code section 421.27.

*c. Waiver of bond.* If a withholding agent has been requested to post a bond or security or if a withholding agent applicant has been requested to post a bond or security, upon the filing of the bond or security, if the withholding agent maintains a good filing record for a period of two years, the withholding agent may request that the department waive the continued bond or security requirement.

**300.9(2) Type of security or bond.** When it is determined that a withholding agent or withholding agent applicant is required to post collateral to secure the collection of the withholding tax, the following types of collateral will be considered as sufficient: surety bonds, securities or certificates of deposit. When the withholding agent is a corporation, an officer or employee of the corporation may assume personal liability as security for the payment of the withholding tax. The officer or employee will be evaluated as provided in 300.9(1)"a" as if the officer or employee applied as the withholding agent as an individual.

**300.9(3) Amount of bond or security.** When it is determined that a withholding agent or withholding agent applicant is required to post a bond or securities, the following guidelines will be used to determine the amount of the bond, unless the facts warrant a greater amount: If the withholding agent or applicant

will be or is a monthly depositor, a bond or securities in an amount sufficient to cover five months' withholding tax liability will be required. If the applicant or withholding agent will be or is a quarterly filer, the bond or securities which will be required is an amount sufficient to cover nine months or three quarters of tax liability.

**300.9(4) *Penalty for failure of a withholding agent to file bond.*** If the withholding agent is requested by the department to file a bond to secure collection of the state withholding tax and fails to file the bond, the withholding agent is subject to a penalty. The penalty for failure to file a bond is 15 percent of the tax the withholding agent is required to withhold on an annual basis. However, the penalty cannot exceed \$5000.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.16.

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**701—300.10(422) Indexation.** Iowa Code section 422.5 provides for the adjustment of the tax brackets by a cumulative inflation factor to be determined by the director. The requirement that provided that the state general fund balance on June 30 of the prior calendar year had to be \$60 million or more before there was indexation of the tax rate brackets for the current year was repealed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1996.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.4 and 422.21.

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**701—300.11(422) Appeals of notices of assessment and notices of denial of taxpayer's refund claims.** Rescinded ARC 7192C, IAB 12/13/23, effective 1/17/24.

**701—300.12(422) Indexation of the optional standard deduction for inflation.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990, the optional standard deduction is indexed or increased by the cumulative standard deduction factor computed by the department of revenue. The cumulative standard deduction factor is the product of the annual standard deduction factor for the 1989 calendar year and all standard deduction factors for subsequent annual calendar years. The annual standard deduction factor is an index, to be determined by the department of revenue by October 15 of the calendar year, which reflects the purchasing power of the dollar as a result of inflation during the fiscal year ending in that calendar year preceding the calendar year for which the annual standard deduction factor is to apply. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, the department shall use the annual percentage change, but not less than 0 percent, in the gross domestic product price deflator computed for the second quarter of the calendar year by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the United States Department of Commerce and shall add all of that percentage change to 100 percent, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of 1 percent. The annual standard deduction factor shall not be less than 100 percent.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.4.

[ARC 7761B, IAB 5/6/09, effective 6/10/09; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

**701—300.13(422) Reciprocal tax agreements.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, the department of revenue may, when the action has been approved by the general assembly and the governor, and when it is cost-efficient, administratively feasible, and of mutual benefit to Iowa and another state, enter into a reciprocal tax agreement with a tax administration agency of the other state. Under this agreement, income earned from personal services in Iowa by residents of the other state will be exempt from Iowa income tax if the other state provides an identical exemption from its state income tax for income earned in the other state from personal services by Iowa residents. For purposes of this rule, "income earned from personal services" includes wages, salaries, commissions, tips, deferred compensation, pensions, and annuities which were earned from personal services in Iowa by a resident of another state that had a reciprocal tax agreement with Iowa at the time the wages, salaries, commissions, tips, deferred compensation, pensions, or annuities were earned. See rule 701—302.45(422) for the treatment of deferred compensation, pensions, or annuities received by a nonresident of Iowa related to the documented retirement of a participant in a deferred compensation plan, a pensioner or an annuitant.

The provisions of rule 701—302.45(422) supersede the definition of “income earned from personal services” under any reciprocal agreement as it relates to deferred compensation, pensions, or annuities.

**300.13(1) *Reciprocal tax agreement with Illinois.*** Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 422.8(5), the department of revenue entered into a reciprocal tax agreement with tax administration officials of Illinois in November 1972 which went into effect for taxable years which began after December 31, 1972. The Iowa-Illinois reciprocal tax agreement cannot be terminated by the Iowa department of revenue unless the termination is authorized by a constitutional majority of each house of the general assembly and is approved by the governor. The Iowa-Illinois reciprocal tax agreement includes the following terms:

*a.* No Illinois or Iowa employer is required to withhold Illinois income tax from compensation paid to an Iowa resident for personal services in Illinois.

*b.* No Illinois or Iowa employer is required to withhold Iowa income tax from compensation paid to an Illinois resident for personal services in Iowa.

*c.* Every Iowa employer who is subject to the jurisdiction of Illinois is liable to the state of Illinois for withholding of Illinois income tax from compensation paid to Illinois residents.

*d.* Every Illinois employer who is subject to the jurisdiction of Iowa is liable to the state of Iowa for the withholding of Iowa income tax from compensation paid to Iowa residents.

*e.* The Illinois department of revenue will encourage Illinois employers who are not subject to the jurisdiction of Iowa to withhold and remit Iowa income tax from wages paid to Iowa residents employed in Illinois.

*f.* The Iowa department of revenue will encourage Iowa employers who are not subject to the jurisdiction of Illinois to withhold and remit Illinois income tax from compensation paid to Illinois residents from employment in Iowa.

*g.* For purposes of the agreement, “compensation” means wages, salaries, commissions, tips, deferred compensation, pensions, and annuities and any other remuneration paid for personal services. In the case of deferred compensation, pensions, and annuities, those incomes are deemed to have been earned at the time of employment. Therefore, if an Illinois resident receives a pension or annuity from employment in Iowa at the time the reciprocal agreement was in effect, the pension or annuity income is not taxable to Iowa since it is “compensation” covered by the reciprocal agreement. See rule 701—302.45(422) for the treatment of deferred compensation, pensions, or annuities received by an Illinois resident related to the documented retirement of a participant in a deferred compensation plan, a pensioner or an annuitant. The provisions of rule 701—302.45(422) supersede the definition of “compensation” under the reciprocal agreement with Illinois. “Compensation” does not include unemployment compensation benefits which an Illinois resident receives due to employment in Iowa.

*h.* No Iowa resident is required to pay Illinois income tax or file an Illinois return from compensation paid from personal services in Illinois.

*i.* No Illinois resident is required to pay Iowa income tax or to file an Iowa return on compensation for personal services in Iowa.

*j.* For purposes of the agreement, the term “Iowa resident” means an individual who is a resident under the laws of the state of Iowa, and the term “Illinois resident” means an individual who is a resident as defined in the Illinois Income Tax Act.

**300.13(2) *Reciprocal tax agreements with states other than Illinois.*** The Iowa department of revenue has not entered into reciprocal tax agreements with any state except the state of Illinois. See subrule 300.13(1).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.8 as amended by 2002 Iowa Acts, House File 2116, and section 422.15.

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**701—300.14(422) Information returns for reporting income payments to the department of revenue.** Effective January 1, 1993, every person, every corporation, or agent of a person or corporation, lessees or mortgagors of real or personal property, fiduciaries, employers, and all officers and employees of the state or of any political subdivision of the state, having control, receipt, custody,

or disposal of any of the income items described in subrule 300.14(1), shall file information returns with the department of revenue by the last day of February following the end of the year in which the payments were made. For purposes of this rule, “every person” is every individual who is a resident of this state. For purposes of this rule, “every corporation” includes all corporations that have a place of business in this state.

**300.14(1)** *Incomes to be included in information returns.* The entities described in rule 701—300.14(422) are required to file information returns to the department of revenue on income payments of interest (other than interest coupons payable to the bearer), rents, salaries, wages, premiums, annuities, compensation, remunerations, emoluments, unemployment compensation, royalties, patronage dividends, or other fixed or determinable annual or periodic gains, profits, and income to the extent that the amount of income is great enough so that an information return on the income is required to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. However, no reporting is required for payments of deferred compensation, pensions, and annuities to nonresidents of Iowa. In addition, no reporting is required for any type of income payment where information on the income payment is available to the department from the Internal Revenue Service.

**300.14(2)** *Information on income payments available from the Internal Revenue Service.* The department can obtain information from the Internal Revenue Service on many income payments made to individuals in the tax year. The following is a list of federal reporting forms and the types of information available on those forms from the Internal Revenue Service for residents of Iowa:

a. 1065 K-1.

1. Dividends.
2. Interest.
3. Tax withheld.
4. Royalties.
5. Ordinary income or (loss).
6. Real estate income or (loss).
7. Other rental income or (loss).
8. Other portfolio income or (loss).
9. Guaranteed payments.

- b.* K-1 1041.
  - 1. Dividends.
  - 2. Interest.
  - 3. Other taxable income or (loss).
  - 4. Tax withheld.
  
- c.* K-1 1120-S.
  - 1. Dividends.
  - 2. Interest.
  - 3. Tax withheld.
  - 4. Royalties.
  - 5. Ordinary income.
  - 6. Real estate.
  - 7. Other rental.
  - 8. Other portfolio.
  
- d.* 1099-S.
  - 1. Real estate sales.
  
- e.* 1099-B.
  - 1. Aggregate profit and loss.
  - 2. Realized profit and loss.
  
- f.* 1098.
  - 1. Mortgage interest.
  
- g.* 1099-G.
  - 1. Tax withheld.
  - 2. Taxable grant.
  - 3. Unemployment compensation.
  - 4. Agricultural subsidies.
  
- h.* 1099-DIV.
  - 1. Dividends.
  - 2. Tax withheld.
  - 3. Capital gains.
  - 4. Cash liquid distribution.
  - 5. Noncash liquid distribution.
  - 6. Investment expense.
  - 7. Ordinary dividends.

- i.* 1099-INT.
  - 1. Interest.
  - 2. Tax withheld.
  - 3. Savings bonds.
  - 4. Interest forfeiture.
  - 5. Tax-exempt interest.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.15.  
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**701—300.15(422) Relief from joint and several liability under Iowa Code section 422.21(7) for substantial understatement of tax attributable to nonrequesting spouse or former spouse.** Married or formerly married taxpayers are generally jointly and severally liable for the total tax, penalty, and interest from a joint return or from a return where the spouses file separately on the combined return. However, pursuant to Iowa Code section 422.21(7), a person who is eligible for relief under the criteria established in Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code may be relieved of liability for an understatement of Iowa tax that is attributable to erroneous items of the nonrequesting spouse or former spouse. For state income tax purposes, the requirements set forth in this rule shall control to the extent that they conflict with Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**300.15(1) Filing status required for relief from joint and several liability.** For state income tax purposes, a married or formerly married taxpayer may qualify for relief from joint and several liability under Iowa Code section 422.21(7) only if the taxpayer filed a joint return or filed separately on a combined return.

**300.15(2) Scope of relief for Iowa income tax purposes.** An understatement of the tax is the excess of the tax required to be shown over the tax actually shown on the return. An erroneous item is any item resulting in an understatement or deficiency in Iowa taxes to the extent that the item is omitted from, or improperly reported or characterized on, an Iowa tax return, including Iowa deductions and tax credits that would not be included on a federal return.

**300.15(3) Requirement to provide IRS determination or other evidence of eligibility.**

*a.* If the person seeking relief from joint and several liability under Iowa Code section 422.21(7) also applied for tax relief from the federal government under Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code and received a final determination letter or other document issued by the Internal Revenue Service in connection with relief requested under Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code, the person is required to provide the department with a copy of such letter or document within the time frame set forth in subrule 300.15(6). Failure to provide this required information, if it exists, will result in the denial of the request for relief from joint and several liability under Iowa Code section 422.21(7).

*b.* If the person seeking relief from joint and several liability under Iowa Code section 422.21(7) also applied for federal relief under Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code but did not receive a final determination letter or other document issued by the Internal Revenue Service in connection with the requested relief, the person must provide the department with other evidence to support the position that the taxpayer is eligible for relief under Iowa Code section 422.21(7).

*c.* If the person seeking relief under Iowa Code section 422.21(7) did not apply for federal relief under Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code, the person must submit a written statement to the department detailing the reason for not applying for relief under Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code as well as evidence to support the position that the taxpayer is eligible for relief under Iowa Code section 422.21(7).

**300.15(4) Burden of proof; evaluation of criteria listed under Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code.** The burden is on the person seeking relief from joint and several liability to show that the person is eligible for relief under Iowa Code section 422.21(7). In determining whether the person seeking relief from joint and several liability is eligible for relief under Iowa Code section 422.21(7), the department shall apply this rule and the relevant criteria set forth in Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code and the related federal regulations.

**300.15(5)** *Protesting a denied request for relief from joint and several liability.* If the department denies a claim for relief from joint and several liability under Iowa Code section 422.21(7), the person seeking relief may protest the department's determination under 701—Chapter 7. The department will evaluate the protest by applying the criteria set forth in this rule and Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code and the related regulations. In protest proceedings, the burden is on the person seeking relief from joint and several liability to show that the person meets the criteria for relief under this rule and Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**300.15(6)** *Time period for requesting relief from joint and several liability.* For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2004, relief from joint and several liability must be requested within two years after the date of the notice of assessment. However, an applicant who fails to meet this deadline may be granted equitable relief if the applicant satisfies the criteria listed under Section 6015(f) of the Internal Revenue Code and, if applicable, Internal Revenue Service Notice 2011-70, which became effective July 25, 2011.

**300.15(7)** *Notice to nonrequesting spouse or former spouse.* On or before 60 days from the date the person seeking relief from joint and several liability files a request with the department, the department may notify the nonrequesting spouse or former spouse of the request for relief. The notice will advise the nonrequesting spouse or former spouse of the right to intervene by filing a notice of intervention with the department in accordance with subrules 300.15(8) and 300.15(9). The notice shall not include the current address or contact information of the spouse or former spouse requesting relief. The department will use the last-known address of the nonrequesting spouse when sending the notice.

**300.15(8)** *Intervention by nonrequesting spouse or former spouse.* If the nonrequesting spouse or former spouse desires to intervene, such individual shall file a notice of intervention with the department not later than 60 days after the date the notice of the request for relief from joint and several liability is sent by the department to the nonrequesting spouse or former spouse, unless the department directs otherwise.

**300.15(9)** *Contents of notice of intervention.*

a. A notice of intervention must be in the following format:

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

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Name of Intervenor

**NOTICE OF  
INTERVENTION**

Address of Intervenor

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

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b. A notice of intervention must contain all of the following, where applicable and known to the intervenor:

(1) The name, address, telephone number, and identification number of the taxpayer (i.e., social security number (SSN), federal identification number (FEIN), or individual tax identification number (ITIN) of the person who is requesting intervention);

(2) The docket number of the proceeding initiated by the person seeking relief from joint and several liability under Iowa Code section 422.21(7);

(3) A copy of a determination letter or other document, if any, issued by the Internal Revenue Service showing that the person seeking relief from joint and several liability under Section 6015 of the Internal Revenue Code has been granted or denied relief for the relevant tax years;

(4) A clear and concise statement of the grounds for intervention, all relevant facts, and the reasons why the intervenor agrees or disagrees with the person seeking relief from joint and several liability as to that person's entitlement to such relief;



(5) A citation to any specific statutes, rules, policies, decisions, or orders which may be relevant in the department's determination of the applicability of relief from joint and several liability to the person seeking such relief;

(6) Any information known to the petitioner relating to the department's treatment of similar cases; and

(7) The signature of the intervenor at the conclusion of the notice of intervention attesting to the accuracy and truthfulness of the information set forth in the notice of intervention.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.21 as amended by 2020 Iowa Acts, House File 2641.

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**701—300.16(422) Preparation of taxpayers' returns by department employees.** A department employee can assist a taxpayer in the preparation and completion of the taxpayer's individual income tax returns and other state tax returns during the employee's hours of employment for the department in either of the following situations:

1. At the time the department employee is conducting an audit of the taxpayer.
2. When the department employee is requested to prepare a taxpayer's individual income tax return or other tax returns by the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or the taxpayer's authorized representative.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 421.17.  
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**701—300.17(422) Resident determination.** For Iowa individual income tax purposes, an individual is a "resident" if: (1) the individual maintains a permanent place of abode within the state, or (2) the individual is domiciled in the state. An individual who is determined to be a "resident" of Iowa is subject to Iowa income tax on all the individual's income for the taxable year, no matter whether the income is earned within Iowa or outside of Iowa, except when an item of income is specifically exempted from taxation by a provision of federal or Iowa law.

**300.17(1) Permanent place of abode.** The establishment of a permanent place of abode requires the maintenance of a place of abode over a sufficient period of time to create a well-settled physical connection with a given locality. Significant factors, among others, to be considered in determining whether an individual maintains such a permanent place of abode are: (1) the amount of time the individual spends in the locality; (2) the nature of the individual's place of abode; (3) the individual's activities in the locality; and (4) the individual's intentions with regard to the length and nature of the individual's stay.

There is a rebuttable presumption that an individual is maintaining a "permanent place of abode" if the individual maintains a place of abode within this state and spends more than 183 days of the tax year within this state. The term "place of abode" includes a house, apartment, condominium, mobile home, or other dwelling place maintained or occupied by the individual whether or not owned or rented by the individual. Situations where presence in the state for 183 days of the tax year may not cause an individual to be considered to be maintaining a "permanent place of abode" would include situations where presence in the state is not voluntary, such as confinement to a correctional facility or an extended hospital stay.

**300.17(2) Domicile.** An individual is "domiciled" in this state if the individual intends to permanently or indefinitely reside in Iowa and intends to return to Iowa whenever the individual may be absent from this state. Individuals who have moved into this state are domiciled in Iowa if the following three elements exist: (1) a definite abandonment of a former domicile; (2) actual removal to, and physical presence in this state; and (3) a bona fide intention to change domicile and to remain in this state permanently or indefinitely. *Julson v. Julson*, 255 Iowa 301, 122 N.W.2d 329, 331 (1963).

Every person has one and only one domicile. Domicile, for purposes of determining when an individual is "domiciled in this state," is largely a matter of intention which must be freely and voluntarily exercised. The intention to change one's domicile must be present and fixed and not

dependent upon the happening of some future or contingent event. Because it is essentially a matter of intent, precedents are of slight assistance and the determination of the place of domicile depends upon all the facts and circumstances in each case.

Once an individual is domiciled in Iowa, that status is retained until such time as the individual takes positive action to become domiciled in another state or country, relinquishes the rights and privileges of residency in Iowa, and meets the criteria set forth from *Julson v. Julson*, 255 Iowa 301, 122 N.W.2d, 329, 331 (1963). The director may require an individual claiming domicile outside the state of Iowa to provide documentation supporting establishment of another domicile. Absence from the state for 183 days of the tax year or for any other extended period of time does not alone show abandonment of an Iowa domicile.

a. There is a rebuttable presumption that an individual is domiciled in Iowa if the individual meets the following factors:

- (1) Maintains a residence or place of abode in Iowa, whether owned, rented, or occupied, even if the individual is in Iowa less than 183 days of the tax year, and either
- (2) Claims a homestead credit or military tax exemption on a home in Iowa, or
- (3) Is registered to vote in Iowa, or
- (4) Maintains an Iowa driver's license, or
- (5) Does not reside in an abode in any other state for more days of the tax year than the individual resides in Iowa.

b. There is a rebuttable presumption that an individual is not domiciled in Iowa if the individual meets all of the following factors:

- (1) Does not claim a homestead credit or military exemption on a home in Iowa,
- (2) Is not registered to vote in Iowa,
- (3) Does not maintain an Iowa driver's license,
- (4) Is in Iowa less than 183 days of the tax year; and
- (5) The individual maintains a place of abode outside of Iowa where the individual resides for at least 183 days of the tax year.

c. In addition to the factors listed for the above rebuttable presumptions for "permanent place of abode" or "domicile," some of the nonexclusive factors to consider in determining whether an individual is a resident of Iowa are as follows:

- (1) Maintains a place of abode in Iowa, whether owned, rented, or occupied.
- (2) Maintains an Iowa driver's license.
- (3) Maintains active membership in an Iowa church, club, or professional organization and participates as a result of such membership.
- (4) Documents, such as tax forms, legal documents, and correspondence, initiated during tax periods, use an Iowa address. Legal documents could include wills, deeds, or other contracts.
- (5) Immediate family members residing in Iowa who are claimed as dependents or rely, in whole or in part, on the taxpayer for their support.
- (6) Vehicles registered in Iowa.
- (7) Location of employment or active participation in a business within Iowa.
- (8) Active checking or savings accounts or use of safe deposit boxes located in Iowa.
- (9) Claims a benefit on the federal income tax return based upon an Iowa home being the principal place of residence. Examples include mortgage interest on principal residence and travel expenses while away from the principal place of residence.
- (10) Receives a number of services in Iowa from doctors, dentists, attorneys, CPAs or other professionals.

Unless shown to the contrary, married persons are presumed to have the same residence. Ordinarily, the residence of a minor is that of the person who has permanent custody over the minor.

An individual may qualify as a part-year resident of Iowa by: (1) not maintaining a permanent place of abode; and (2) not having a domicile in Iowa for the entire tax year. In determining part-year resident status, whether an individual is in or out of Iowa for 183 days may not be a factor.

**300.17(3)** *Resident determination for individuals on active duty military service.* The Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act provides in 50 U.S.C. Appx § 574(1) that members of the armed forces of the United States shall not be deemed to have lost a residence or domicile in any state, solely by being absent from that state in compliance with military or naval orders, or to have acquired a residence or domicile in another state while being absent from the state of residence. Thus, residents of Iowa who enter military service will retain their Iowa residence during the tenure of their military service or until they take positive action to change their state of residence.

For tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2011, residents of Iowa in military service will have Iowa income tax withheld from their military pay except when the military pay is earned in a combat zone and is totally or partially exempt from both federal and state income tax. An Iowa resident in military service can change state of residence for purposes of withholding of state income tax by completing Form DD2058 and designating a state other than Iowa as the individual's new state of residence. The military payroll officer of the service person will accept the DD2058 form and stop withholding Iowa income tax from the service person's military pay and start withholding the state income tax of the state of new residence of the service person (assuming the new state of residence has an income tax and assuming the new state of residence requires withholding of income tax from wage payments to its residents in military service). However, the completion of the DD2058 form by the "former Iowa resident" will not be considered as a valid change of residence for Iowa income tax purposes unless the service person was physically residing in the new state of residence at the time the DD2058 form was completed and the service person took other actions to show intent to change state of residence. Other actions to show intent to change state of residence would include: (1) registering to vote in the new state; (2) purchasing real property in the new state; (3) titling and registering vehicles in the new state; (4) notifying the state of previous residence of the state of residence change; (5) preparing a new last will and testament which indicates the new residence; and (6) complying with the tax laws of the state of new residence. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, see rule 701—302.76(422) regarding the exemption of active duty pay for both resident and nonresident members of the armed forces, armed forces military reserve, or the national guard.

Military personnel who are residents of other states and who come to Iowa as a result of military or naval orders, but who later decide to become legal or actual residents of Iowa, or military personnel who purchase residential property in Iowa and claim homestead credits or the military exemption for the property for property tax purposes are presumed to be residents of Iowa for income tax purposes.

Military personnel who are not residents of the state of Iowa and who receive military pay for service in Iowa shall not be considered to have received this income for services performed within Iowa or from sources within Iowa. These nonresidents of Iowa will be taxable on nonmilitary wages for personal services in Iowa they receive while stationed in Iowa. These individuals will also be taxable to Iowa on incomes they receive from businesses, trades, professions, or occupations operated in Iowa during the time they are stationed in Iowa as well as on nonmilitary incomes from any other sources within Iowa.

Since military nonresidents of Iowa cannot be taxed on their military pay while they are stationed in Iowa, the military pay cannot be considered for purposes of Iowa's taxation of nonresidents in accordance with the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Public Law 108-189. The military pay of the nonresident of Iowa must be excluded from the computation of the nonresident credit set forth in rule 701—304.5(422). This exclusion from the computation of the nonresident credit applies to military pay of nonresident servicemembers who are in an active duty status as defined under Title 10 of the United States Code.

For tax years beginning before January 1, 2009, spouses of military personnel who earn wages and other incomes from Iowa sources are taxed on these incomes similarly to other nonresidents of Iowa. Spouses of Iowa resident military personnel who were nonresidents of Iowa at the time of the marriages with the Iowa residents will not be considered to be residents of Iowa until they actually reside in Iowa with their husbands or wives. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, spouses who earn wages from Iowa sources are not subject to Iowa income tax on these wages if one spouse who is present in Iowa is a member of the armed forces, the other spouse is present in Iowa solely to be with the military spouse, and the spouse who is a member of the armed forces maintains a domicile in another state.

This treatment for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, is required by the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act, Public Law No. 111-97.

**300.17(4) Examples of resident determination.**

*a.* Fred and Mary were domiciled in Iowa when Fred retired in 1994. They have a house in Iowa and a condominium in Florida. Prior to 1994, Fred and Mary spent approximately four months in Florida and the remaining eight months in Iowa. Fred owned a small business when he retired and was retained as a consultant and remained a member of the board of directors after retirement. Fred and Mary have friends and family in both Iowa and Florida. They are also involved in the activities of the local country club as well as other civic and service organizations in both locations. When Fred retired, he and Mary decided to spend more time in Florida, especially during the winter months. They usually leave for Florida in late October and return to Iowa in early April. They have transferred their automobile registrations to Florida and they have acquired Florida driver's licenses. They have registered to vote in Florida and have voted in Florida elections. They visit doctors and dentists in both locations as the need arises. They maintain bank accounts in both locations and have mail sent to the location at which they are physically residing. Fred and Mary usually return to Iowa for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and Fred returns once a month to attend board meetings. They do not claim a homestead credit or military tax exemption on their Iowa home, but they do use their Iowa address on most of their legal documents and on their federal tax return. They also travel and vacation during the winter months and oftentimes leave Florida to vacation.

Fred and Mary would be considered Iowa residents because they have retained a permanent abode in Iowa.

*b.* Susan takes an apartment in Des Moines when her employer assigns her to the region office of a large accounting firm for a temporary period. She spends more than 183 days in Iowa, but she returns to her apartment in Ohio once a month to visit her friends and to check her mail. She intends to return to Ohio when her assignment in Des Moines is terminated. She has retained her Ohio driver's license and she is registered to vote in Ohio.

Susan would not be considered to be an Iowa resident because she has not established a "permanent" place of abode in Iowa, even though she is present in Iowa for more than 183 days. Also, she has not had a definite abandonment of her former domicile. Susan would be taxed on her Iowa income as a nonresident. However, if Susan was assigned to Des Moines on a permanent basis, she may be considered an Iowa resident even though she retains her apartment in Ohio.

*c.* John is an over-the-road truck driver and his job takes him out of Iowa for approximately 240 days a year. He is married and his wife, Mary, lives in Marshalltown, Iowa. His two school-age children attend school in that community and Mary also has a part-time job as a nurse for the neighborhood clinic. John gets home for most weekends and for the holidays. He is registered to vote in Iowa and utilizes the Iowa homestead and military tax exemptions. He does not own any other real property except a lakeside cabin in Minnesota, where the family vacations during the summer.

John would be considered an Iowa resident even though he is not present in the state for more than 183 days because John intends to return to Iowa whenever he is absent and has not taken any steps to establish residency in any other state.

*d.* Wilber, who is a resident of Idaho, has a heart attack while vacationing in Iowa. He is hospitalized in the University Hospitals in Iowa City. While there, the doctors also discover that he has a rare blood disorder and Wilber is confined to the hospital for nearly nine months, during which time he receives treatment.

Wilber's presence in Iowa is for a medical emergency. When an individual suffers a medical emergency while present in this state for other purposes and cannot be realistically moved from the state or in situations where an individual is confined to an institution as a result of seeking treatment, the time spent in Iowa would not count toward the 183-day rule. Also, Wilber's hospital room would not be considered a permanent place of abode.

*e.* Chuck and Linda both worked for a major manufacturing company in Iowa and both of them decided to take advantage of an early retirement package offered by their employer. They do not have any children, but Chuck has a brother who lives in Davenport, Iowa, and Linda has a sister who lives

in Phoenix, Arizona. After retirement, Chuck and Linda sell their house and purchase a motor home. They spend their time traveling the United States and Canada. They do not have a place of abode in any state as they live in their new vehicle. They do not spend more than 183 days in any state during the year. They retained their Iowa driver's licenses and their motor home is registered in Iowa. They also have bank accounts in both Iowa and Arizona, and they have their mail sent to Chuck's brother as well as Linda's sister. They show Iowa as their state of residence for federal income tax purposes. They are not registered to vote in any state.

Chuck and Linda would be considered residents of Iowa. They have not shown an intention to change domicile and remain in another state permanently or indefinitely.

This rule is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.3, 422.4 and 422.16.

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**701—300.18(422) Tax treatment of income repaid in current tax year which had been reported on prior Iowa individual income tax return.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1992, if a taxpayer repays in the current tax year an amount of income that had been reported on the taxpayer's Iowa individual income tax return for a prior year that had been filed with the department and the taxpayer would have been eligible for a tax benefit under similar circumstances under Section 1341 of the Internal Revenue Code, the taxpayer will be eligible for a tax benefit on the Iowa return for the current tax year. The tax benefit will be either the reduced tax on the Iowa return for the current tax year due to the deduction of the repaid income or the reduction in tax on the Iowa return or returns for the prior year(s) due to the exclusion of the repaid income. The reduction in tax from the return for the prior year may be claimed as a refundable credit on the return for the current tax year.

EXAMPLE A: A taxpayer reported \$7,000 in unemployment benefits on the taxpayer's 1994 Iowa return that the taxpayer had received in 1994. In early 1995 the taxpayer was notified that \$4,000 of the unemployment benefits had to be repaid. The benefits were repaid by the end of 1995. The taxpayer claimed a deduction on the 1995 Iowa return for the amount of unemployment benefits repaid during 1995 which had been reported on the taxpayer's 1994 Iowa return as that action gave the taxpayer a greater reduction in Iowa income tax liability than the taxpayer would have received from a reduction in tax on the 1994 return by recomputing the liability by excluding the repaid income.

EXAMPLE B: A taxpayer had received a \$5,000 bonus in 1994 which was reported on the taxpayer's 1994 Iowa return. In 1995 the taxpayer's employer advised the employee that the bonus was awarded in error and to be repaid. The \$5,000 bonus was repaid to the employer by the end of 1995. The taxpayer claimed a credit of \$440 on the 1995 Iowa return for repayment of the bonus in 1995. This represented the reduction in tax for 1994 from recomputing the tax liability for that year without the \$5,000 bonus. This provided the taxpayer a greater tax benefit than the taxpayer would have received from claiming a deduction on the 1995 Iowa return from repayment of the bonus.

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CHAPTER 301  
FILING RETURN AND PAYMENT OF TAX

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**701—301.1(422) Who must file.**

**301.1(1) Residents of Iowa.**

*a. Residents under 65 years of age.* For each taxable year, every resident of Iowa, except any resident claimed as a dependent on another person's return, whose net income is greater than \$13,500 in the case of married persons, heads of household, and surviving spouses or greater than \$9,000 in the case of single persons or married persons filing separately must make, sign, and file a return. In the case of married persons filing separately, if the combined net income of both spouses exceeds \$13,500, both spouses must make, sign, and file a return even if one of the spouse's net income is \$9,000 or less. Each resident who is claimed as a dependent on another person's return and whose net income is \$5,000 or more must make, sign, and file a return. For purposes of this subrule, the portion of a lump-sum distribution subject to separate federal tax, the federal standard deduction or itemized deductions to the extent it does not exceed federal adjusted gross income, the personal exemption allowed for federal purposes, the qualified business income deduction allowed for federal purposes, and any net operating loss carryover are included in net income to determine if a person must file a return.

*b. Residents 65 years of age or older.* For each taxable year, every resident of Iowa, except any resident claimed as a dependent on another person's return, who is at least 65 years of age or older on December 31 of the tax year, whose net income is greater than \$32,000 in the case of married persons, heads of household, and surviving spouses or greater than \$24,000 in the case of single persons or married persons filing separately must make, sign, and file a return. In the case of married persons filing separately, if the combined net income of both spouses exceeds \$32,000, both spouses must make, sign, and file a return even if one of the spouse's net income is \$24,000 or less. For married persons, for purposes of this paragraph, only one spouse is required to be at least 65 years of age or older on December 31 of the tax year. Each resident who is claimed as a dependent on another person's return and whose net income is \$5,000 or more must make, sign, and file a return.

For purposes of this subrule, the portion of a lump-sum distribution subject to separate federal tax, the federal standard deduction or itemized deductions to the extent it does not exceed federal adjusted gross income, the personal exemption allowed for federal purposes, the qualified business income deduction allowed for federal purposes, and any net operating loss carryover taken for federal purposes are included in net income to determine if a person must file a return.

**301.1(2) Nonresidents of Iowa.**

*a. Nonresidents under 65 years of age.* For each taxable year, every nonresident of Iowa must make, sign, and file an Iowa return if the nonresident has a net income of \$1,000 or more from Iowa sources and meets one or more of the following conditions: (1) has a net income from all sources that is greater than \$13,500 in the case of married persons, heads of household, and surviving spouses, (2) has a net income from all sources greater than \$9,000 in the case of single persons, (3) has a net income from all sources greater than \$9,000 in the case of married persons filing separately; however, if the combined net income of both spouses exceeds \$13,500, both spouses must make, sign, and file a return even if one of the spouse's net income is \$9,000 or less, or (4) is claimed as a dependent on another person's return and has a net income from all sources of at least \$5,000. For purposes of this paragraph, the portion of a lump-sum distribution subject to separate federal tax that is allocable to Iowa is included in net income to determine if the nonresident has sufficient net income from Iowa sources to make and file a return. In determining net income from all sources, the portion of a lump-sum distribution subject to separate federal tax, the federal standard deduction or itemized deductions to the extent it does not exceed federal adjusted gross income, the personal exemption allowed for federal purposes, the qualified business income deduction allowed for federal purposes, and any net operating loss carryover are included in net income to determine if a person must file a return.

*b. Nonresidents 65 years of age or older.* For these taxable years, every nonresident of Iowa must make, sign, and file an Iowa return if the nonresident has a net income of \$1,000 or more from Iowa sources and meets one or more of the following conditions: (1) has a net income from all sources that is greater than \$32,000 in the case of married persons, heads of household, and surviving spouses, (2) has a net income from all sources greater than \$24,000 in the case of single persons, (3) has a net income from all sources greater than \$24,000 in the case of married persons filing separately; however, if the combined net income of both spouses exceeds \$32,000, both spouses must make, sign, and file a return even if one of the spouse's net income is \$24,000 or less, or (4) is claimed as a dependent on another person's return and has a net income from all sources of at least \$5,000. For married persons, for the purposes of this paragraph, only one spouse is required to be 65 years of age or older on December 31 of the tax year. For purposes of this subrule, the portion of a lump-sum distribution subject to separate federal tax that is allocable to Iowa is included in net income to determine if the nonresident has sufficient net income from Iowa sources to make and file a return. In determining net income from all sources, the portion of a lump-sum distribution subject to separate federal tax, the federal standard deduction or itemized deductions to the extent it does not exceed federal adjusted gross income, the personal exemption allowed for federal purposes, the qualified business income deduction allowed for federal purposes, and any net operating loss carryover are included in net income to determine if a person must file a return.

**301.1(3) Part-year residents of Iowa.**

*a. Part-year residents under 65 years of age.* For each taxable year, every part-year resident of Iowa must make, sign, and file a return if the individual has a net income of \$1,000 or more from Iowa sources and meets one or more of the following conditions: (1) has a net income from all sources that is greater than \$13,500 in the case of married persons, heads of household, and surviving spouses, (2) has a net income from all sources that is greater than \$9,000 in the case of a single person, (3) has a net income from all sources greater than \$9,000 in the case of married persons filing separately; however, if the combined net income of both spouses exceeds \$13,500, both spouses must make, sign, and file a return even if one of the spouse's net income is \$9,000 or less, or (4) is claimed as a dependent on another person's return and had a net income from all sources of \$5,000 or more. For purposes of this paragraph, the portion of a lump-sum distribution that is allocable to Iowa is included in net income to determine if the person has sufficient net income from Iowa sources to make and file a return. In determining net income from all sources, the portion of a lump-sum distribution subject to separate federal tax, the federal standard deduction or itemized deductions to the extent it does not exceed federal adjusted gross income, the personal exemption allowed for federal purposes, the qualified business income deduction allowed for federal purposes, and any net operating loss carryover are included in net income to determine if a person must file a return.

*b. Part-year residents 65 years of age or older.* For these taxable years, every part-year resident of Iowa must make, sign, and file an Iowa return if the part-year resident has a net income of \$1,000 or more from Iowa sources and meets one or more of the following conditions: (1) has a net income from all sources that is greater than \$32,000 in the case of married persons, heads of household, and surviving spouses, (2) has a net income from all sources greater than \$24,000 in the case of single persons, (3) has a net income from all sources greater than \$24,000 in the case of married persons filing separately; however, if the combined net income of both spouses exceeds \$32,000, both spouses must make, sign, and file a return even if one of the spouse's net income is \$24,000 or less, or (4) is claimed as a dependent on another person's return and has a net income from all sources of at least \$5,000. For married persons, for the purposes of this paragraph, only one spouse is required to be 65 years of age or older on December 31 of the tax year. For purposes of this subrule, the portion of a lump-sum distribution subject to separate federal tax that is allocable to Iowa is included in net income to determine if the part-year resident has sufficient net income from Iowa sources to make and file a return. In determining net income from all sources, the portion of a lump-sum distribution subject to separate federal tax, the federal standard deduction or itemized deductions to the extent it does not exceed federal adjusted gross income, the personal exemption allowed for federal purposes, the qualified business income deduction allowed for



federal purposes, and any net operating loss carryover are included in net income to determine if a person must file a return.

**301.1(4) Incapacity to file a return.** If a taxpayer is physically or mentally unable to make a return, the return shall be made by a duly authorized agent, guardian or other person charged with the care of the person or property of such taxpayer. A power of attorney must accompany a return made by an agent or guardian.

**301.1(5) Minimum income requirement.** See rules 701—302.1(422) to 701—302.52(422) and any subsequent rules in 701—Chapter 302 for the computation of net income to determine if a taxpayer meets the minimum filing requirements described in subrules 301.1(1), 301.1(2), and 301.1(3).

**301.1(6) Final return.** If a taxpayer has died during the year, see paragraph 301.4(2) “d.”

**301.1(7) Returns filed for refund.** A taxpayer whose Iowa source net income or all source net income is less than the amount for which the filing of an Iowa individual income tax return is required must file a return to receive a refund of Iowa income tax withheld or Iowa estimated tax paid in the tax year or to receive a refund from an Iowa refundable tax credit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.5 and 422.13.

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### **701—301.2(422) Time and place for filing.**

**301.2(1) Returns of individuals.** A return of income must be filed on or before the due date. The due date is the last day of the fourth month following the close of the taxpayer’s taxable year, whether the return be made on the basis of the calendar year or for a fiscal year, or the last day of the period covered by an extension of time granted by the department. When the due date falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the return will be due the following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. Iowa Code section 421.9A contains additional information on due dates that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. If a return is placed in the mail, properly addressed and postage paid, in ample time to reach the department on or before the due date for filing, no penalty will attach should the return not be received until after that date. Mailed returns should be addressed to Income Tax Return Processing, Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Farmers and fishermen have the same filing due date as other individual taxpayers; however, those farmers and fishermen who have elected not to file a declaration of estimated tax shall file their returns and pay the tax due, on or before March 1, to avoid penalty for underpayment of estimated tax.

**301.2(2) and 301.2(3)** Reserved.

**301.2(4) Extension of time for returns for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1991.** The taxpayer is required to file the taxpayer’s individual income tax return on or before the due date of the return with payment in full of the amount required to be shown due with the return. However, in any instance where the taxpayer is unable to file the return by the due date because of illness or death in the taxpayer’s immediate family, unavoidable absence of the taxpayer, or other legitimate reason, the director may grant a six-month extension of time to file the return.

If the taxpayer has paid at least 90 percent of the tax required to be shown due by the due date and has not filed a return by the due date, the director will consider that the taxpayer has requested an extension of time to file the return and will automatically grant an extension of up to six months to file the return. The taxpayer does not have to file an application for extension form with the department to get the automatic extension to file the return within the six-month period after the due date and not be subject to penalty. However, if the taxpayer wants to make a tax payment to ensure that at least 90 percent of the tax has been paid on or before the due date, the payment should be made with the Iowa tax voucher form. This form can be requested from the Taxpayer Services Section, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306, or by telephone at (515)281-3114.

To determine whether or not at least 90 percent of the tax was “paid” on or before the due date, the aggregate amount of tax credits applicable on the return plus the tax payments made on or before the due date are divided by the tax required to be shown due on the return. The tax required to be shown on the return is the sum of the income tax, lump-sum tax, minimum tax, school district income surtax, and

the emergency medical services income surtax. The tax credits applicable are the credits set out in Iowa Code chapter 422, division II, and section 422.111. The tax payments to be considered for purposes of determining if 90 percent of the tax was paid are the withholding tax payments, estimate payments, and the payments made with the Iowa income tax voucher form to ensure that 90 percent of the tax was paid timely.

If the aggregate of the tax credits and the tax payments are equal to or greater than 90 percent of the tax required to be shown due, the taxpayer will have met the “90 percent” test and no penalty will be assessed. However, the taxpayer will still be subject to statutory interest on any tax due when the return is filed.

Any tax elections, such as the election to carry forward a net operating loss occurring in the tax year, will be considered to be valid in instances when the return is filed within the six-month extended period after the due date. The fact that the taxpayer has paid less than 90 percent of the tax required to be shown due will not invalidate any tax elections made on the return, if the return is filed within the six-month extended period.

*a.* Extensions for taxpayers with tax homes outside the United States and Puerto Rico. Taxpayers with tax homes outside the United States and Puerto Rico may, in some situations, be granted additional time to file their federal income tax returns beyond the six-month period after the federal due date. In some cases, this additional time is needed to meet residency time requirements in a foreign country so the taxpayer will be eligible for the foreign income exclusion which is also applicable to filing Iowa income tax returns. In cases where the taxpayer’s tax home is outside the United States and the taxpayer has been granted additional time to file the federal income tax return which is greater than six months from the due date, the taxpayer will be deemed to have the same additional time to file the Iowa return and not be subject to penalty for late filing if 90 percent of the tax required to be shown due on the return was paid by the due date. Taxpayers with tax elections filing returns under these circumstances will be considered to have made these elections timely. However, the taxpayers should attach to their Iowa return documentation showing they were granted additional time after the six-month period from the due date to file their federal returns.

*b.* Payment of interest on refunds from income tax returns filed in the six-month period after the due date. The following information applies only to Iowa individual income tax returns that are filed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1999. In the case of Iowa returns that have overpayments of income tax that are filed in the six-month period after the due date and where at least 90 percent of the tax shown due was paid by the due date, interest at the statutory rate will be paid on the overpayments determined on the returns, starting on the first day of the second month after the end of the six-month extended period and ending in the month in which the refund is issued.

For taxpayers filing Iowa individual income tax returns for calendar-year tax years, the six-month extended period starts May 1 of the year following the end of the tax year and ends on October 31 of the year following the end of the tax year. However, if April 30 falls on a Sunday as it does in the year 2000 for 1999 Iowa individual returns filed in that year, the due date is moved to Monday, May 1. The extended period in this instance starts on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, and ends on October 31, 2000.

EXAMPLE. A husband and wife file their 1999 Iowa return on September 15, 2000. This return has an overpayment of tax of \$200. Because the return is filed in the six-month period after the May 1, 2000, due date, and because the refund is issued in January 2001, interest accrues on the overpayment for the months of December 2000 and January 2001.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.21 and 422.25.  
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### **701—301.3(422) Form for filing.**

**301.3(1)** *Use of and completeness of prescribed forms.* Returns shall, in all cases, be made by residents and nonresidents on forms supplied by the department of revenue. Taxpayers not supplied with the proper forms shall make application for the forms to the department, in ample time to have their returns made, verified and filed on or before the due date. Each taxpayer shall carefully prepare a return so as to fully and clearly set forth the data required. For lack of a prescribed form, a statement

made by a taxpayer disclosing gross income and the deductions from gross income may be accepted as a tentative return, and if verified and filed within the prescribed time, will relieve the taxpayer from liability to penalties, provided that without unnecessary delay a tentative return is replaced by a return made on the proper form. Each question shall be answered and each direction complied with in the same manner as if the forms and instructions were embodied in these regulations. Individual resident taxpayers shall enter the name of the school district of residence on the return. If the school district is not supplied, the return shall be deemed incomplete.

A return not signed by the taxpayer or the taxpayer's agent or guardian, shall not be deemed completely executed and filed as required by law.

Failure to receive the proper form does not relieve the taxpayer from the obligation of making any return required by statute.

**301.3(2) *Optional method of filing.*** The front and back page of the Iowa individual income tax return, if properly completed, may be filed as an optional return, if a complete facsimile or photocopy of the federal return and supporting schedules are attached.

**301.3(3) *Copy of federal income tax return to be filed by nonresident.*** A nonresident taxpayer must file a copy of their federal income tax return for the current tax year with their Iowa income tax return. The copy shall include full and complete copies of all farm, business, capital gains and other schedules that were filed with the federal return.

**301.3(4) *Amended returns.*** If it becomes known to the taxpayer that the amount of income reported to be federal net income or Iowa taxable income was erroneously stated on the Iowa return, or changed by an Internal Revenue Service audit, or otherwise, the taxpayer shall file an amended Iowa return along with supporting schedules, to include the amended federal return if applicable. A copy of the federal revenue agent's report and notification of final federal adjustments provided by the taxpayer will be acceptable in lieu of an amended return. The assessment or refund of tax shall be dependent on the statute of limitations as set forth in 701—subrule 300.2(1) and rule 701—305.3(422).

**301.3(5) *Voter's registration forms in income tax booklets and income tax return instructions.*** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, income tax return booklets and income tax return instructions shall include two voter registration forms. The voter registration forms to be inserted into the income tax return instruction forms and booklets are to be designed by the voter registration commission. However, effective July 1, 1992, the voter registration forms are to be inserted in the income tax return booklets and income tax return instructions only for odd-numbered tax years. Thus, the voter registration forms will not be included in the income tax return booklets for the 1992 tax year but are to be included in the booklets for 1993.

Effective July 1, 2004, the requirement that voter registration forms be included in the income tax booklets and income tax instructions has been eliminated. The official website of the department includes the official electronic state of Iowa voter registration form and a link to the Iowa secretary of state's official website.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.13, 422.21 and 422.22 and Iowa Code sections 48A.24 and 421.17 as amended by 2004 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2296.

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#### **701—301.4(422) Filing status.**

**301.4(1) *Single taxpayers.*** The term "single person" includes, for income tax purposes, an unmarried person, a person legally separated under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance or any other person not properly classified under subrules 301.4(2) through 301.4(8).

**301.4(2) *Married taxpayers.*** A taxpayer is considered married for the entire year if on the last day of the tax year the taxpayer is (a) married and living together with the taxpayer's spouse, (b) married and living apart from the spouse, but not legally separated under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance, (c) living together with the spouse in a common law marriage that is recognized by the state where the common law marriage exists or (d) widowed but the spouse died during the year.

**301.4(3) *Common law marriage.*** A common law marriage is a social relationship between a man and a woman that meets all the necessary requisites of a marriage except that it was not solemnized,

performed or witnessed by an official authorized by law to perform marriages. The necessary elements of a common law marriage are: (a) a present intent of both parties freely given to become married, (b) a public declaration by the parties or a holding out to the public that they are husband and wife, (c) continuous cohabitation together as husband and wife (this means consummation of the marriage), and (d) both parties must be capable of entering into the marriage relationship. No special time limit is necessary to establish a common law marriage. Iowa recognizes, for income tax purposes, all valid common law marriages.

**301.4(4) *Married filing jointly.*** Married taxpayers who file a joint return with the Internal Revenue Service may file a joint return with the Iowa department of revenue.

**301.4(5) *Married filing separately on the same form.*** Married taxpayers may file separately on the same form. This return is also known as the combined return. If a married taxpayer files a combined return with his or her spouse, any refund will be issued in both names.

**301.4(6) *Married filing separately.*** Married taxpayers, each having income in his or her own right, may file separate returns if they do not wish to file separately on the same form.

**301.4(7) *Head of household.*** The term “head of household” shall have the same meaning as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. An individual who is claiming “surviving spouse” status for federal income tax purposes may not claim “head of household” on the Iowa individual income tax return.

**301.4(8) *Surviving spouse.*** The term “surviving spouse” shall have the same meaning as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. Individuals who qualify and file as a qualifying widow(er) with a dependent child on the federal return may file using the same filing status on the Iowa return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.12.

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#### **701—301.5(422) Payment of tax.**

**301.5(1) *Payment of tax for wage earners.*** Withholding of tax on wage earners is required under Iowa Code section 422.16. See 701—Chapter 307.

**301.5(2) *Payment of tax on income not subject to withholding.*** Those taxpayers with income not subject to withholding which will produce a tax liability of \$200 or more shall file and pay a declaration of estimated tax. See 701—Chapter 308.

**301.5(3) *Full estimated payment on original due date.*** When an extension is requested as provided by Iowa Code section 422.21, the total amount of estimated tax must be paid on or before the due date for filing the return.

**301.5(4) *Balance of tax due.*** If the computation on the tax return shows additional tax due, it shall be paid in full with the filing of the return.

**301.5(5) *Payment of tax by uncertified checks.*** The department will accept uncertified checks in payment of income taxes, provided the checks are collectible for their full amount without any deduction for exchange or other charges. The date on which the department receives the check will be considered the date of payment, so far as the taxpayer is concerned, unless the check is returned dishonored. If one check is remitted to cover two or more individuals’ taxes, the remittance must be accompanied by a letter of transmittal stating: (a) the name of the drawer of the check; (b) the amount of the check; (c) the amount of any cash, money order or other instrument included in the same remittance; (d) the name of each individual whose tax is to be paid by the remittance; and (e) the amount of payment on account of each individual.

**301.5(6) *Procedure with respect to dishonored checks.*** If any check is returned unpaid, all expenses incidental to the collection thereof will be charged to the taxpayer. If any taxpayer whose check has been returned by the depository bank uncollected should fail at once to make that check good, the director will proceed to collect the tax as though no check has been given. A taxpayer who tenders a certified check in payment for taxes is not relieved from obligation until the check has been paid.

**301.5(7) *Penalty and interest.*** In computing penalty and interest for failing to file a timely return or to pay the tax, refer to 701—Chapter 306.

**301.5(8) and 301.5(9)** Reserved.

**301.5(10)** *Thirteen thousand five hundred dollar exemption.* All taxpayers, except single taxpayers or taxpayers filing married filing separately, whose net income as computed under Iowa Code section 422.7, plus the amount of a lump-sum distribution for which the taxpayer has elected to be separately taxed for federal income tax purposes, the federal standard deduction or itemized deductions to the extent it does not exceed federal adjusted gross income, the personal exemption allowed for federal purposes, the qualified business income deduction allowed for federal purposes, and any net operating loss carryover is \$13,500 or less are exempt from paying Iowa individual income tax subject to the following conditions:

*a.* In the case of married taxpayers, the incomes of both spouses are considered in order to determine if the taxpayers qualify for exemption from tax. However, in the case of married taxpayers where one spouse has a net operating loss and the taxpayers file separate Iowa returns, the taxpayers cannot receive the benefit of the exemption from tax if the spouse with the loss elects to carry back or carry forward that loss.

*b.* An individual claimed as a dependent on another person's return with an income of at least \$5,000 but not more than \$13,500 will be exempt from Iowa tax if:

(1) The person on whose return the dependent is claimed is filing as a single individual and has a net income of \$9,000 or less, or

(2) The person on whose return the dependent is claimed and the person's spouse have a combined net income of \$13,500 or less.

(3) The person on whose return the dependent is claimed is filing as a head of household or as a surviving spouse and has a net income of \$13,500 or less.

*c.* If the payment of tax would reduce the net income to less than \$13,500, the tax shall be reduced to an amount which would allow the taxpayer to retain a net income of \$13,500. Example: If a taxpayer's net income was \$13,600 and the computed tax after personal exemptions and other credits was \$300, the payment of \$300 would reduce the income below \$13,500; therefore, the amount of tax is reduced to \$100 so the taxpayer can retain a net income of \$13,500.

**301.5(11)** *Nine thousand dollar exemption.* Single taxpayers and taxpayers filing married filing separately whose net income as computed under Iowa Code section 422.7, plus the amount of a lump-sum distribution for which the taxpayer has elected to be separately taxed for federal income tax purposes, the federal standard deduction or itemized deductions to the extent it does not exceed federal adjusted gross income, the personal exemption allowed for federal purposes, the qualified business income deduction allowed for federal purposes, and any net operating loss carryover is \$9,000 or less are exempt from paying Iowa individual income tax subject to the following conditions:

*a.* An individual claimed as a dependent on another person's return with an income of at least \$5,000 but not more than \$9,000 will be exempt from tax if:

(1) The person on whose return the dependent is claimed has a net income of \$9,000 or less, or

(2) The person on whose return the dependent is claimed and the person's spouse have a combined net income of \$13,500 or less.

(3) The person on whose return the dependent is claimed is filing as a head of household or as a surviving spouse and has a net income of \$13,500 or less.

*b.* If the payment of tax would reduce the net income to less than \$9,000, the tax is reduced to an amount which will allow the taxpayer to retain a net income of \$9,000.

*c.* For taxpayers that file married filing separately, the combined net income of both spouses must be less than \$13,500 for either of them to qualify for this exemption.

**301.5(13)** *Exemptions for taxpayers 65 years of age or older.*

*a.* All taxpayers except single taxpayers or taxpayers filing married filing separately who are at least 65 years of age or older on December 31 of the tax year and whose net income as computed under Iowa Code section 422.7, plus the amount of a lump-sum distribution for which the taxpayer has elected to be separately taxed for federal income tax purposes, the federal standard deduction or itemized deductions to the extent it does not exceed federal adjusted gross income, the personal exemption allowed for federal purposes, the qualified business income deduction allowed for federal purposes, and any net

operating loss carryover is \$32,000 or less are exempt from paying Iowa individual income tax subject to the conditions set forth below:

(1) In the case of married taxpayers, the incomes of both spouses are considered in order to determine if the taxpayers qualify for exemption from tax. For purposes of this subrule, only one spouse is required to be 65 years of age or older by December 31 of the tax year. However, in the case of married taxpayers when one spouse has a net operating loss and the taxpayers file separate Iowa returns, the taxpayers cannot receive the benefit of the exemption from tax if the spouse with the loss elects to carry back or carry forward that loss.

(2) An individual claimed as a dependent on another person's return with an income of at least \$5,000, but not more than \$32,000, will be exempt from Iowa tax if:

1. The person on whose return the dependent is claimed is filing as a single individual and has a net income of \$9,000 or less (\$24,000 or less if the person is 65 years of age or older); or

2. The person on whose return the dependent is claimed and the person's spouse have a combined net income of \$13,500 or less (\$32,000 or less of the combined income of the person and the person's spouse if at least one spouse is 65 years of age or older); or

3. The person on whose return the dependent is claimed is filing as a head of household or as a surviving spouse and has a net income of \$13,500 or less (\$32,000 or less if the person is 65 years of age or older).

(3) If the payment of tax would reduce the net income to less than \$32,000, the tax shall be reduced to an amount which would allow the taxpayer to retain a net income of \$32,000.

EXAMPLE: If a taxpayer's net income was \$32,100 and the computed tax after personal exemptions and other credits was \$300, the payment of \$300 would reduce the income below \$32,000; therefore, the amount of tax is reduced to \$100 in order for the taxpayer to retain a net income of \$32,000.

*b.* Single taxpayers or taxpayers filing married filing separately whose net income, as computed under Iowa Code section 422.7, plus the amount of a lump-sum distribution for which the taxpayer has elected to be separately taxed for federal income tax purposes, the federal standard deduction or itemized deductions to the extent it does not exceed federal adjusted gross income, the personal exemption allowed for federal purposes, the qualified business income deduction allowed for federal purposes, and any net operating loss carryover is \$24,000 or less are exempt from paying Iowa individual income tax subject to the conditions set forth in paragraphs "c," "d," and "e" below:

*c.* An individual claimed as a dependent on another person's return with an income of at least \$5,000, but not more than \$24,000, will be exempt from tax if:

(1) The person on whose return the dependent is claimed has a net income of \$9,000 or less (\$24,000 or less if the person is 65 years of age or older); or

(2) The person on whose return the dependent is claimed and the person's spouse have a combined net income of \$13,500 or less (\$32,000 or less of the combined income of the person and the person's spouse if at least one spouse is 65 years of age or older); or

(3) The person on whose return the dependent is claimed is filing as a head of household or as a surviving spouse and has a net income of \$13,500 or less (\$32,000 or less if the person is 65 years of age or older).

*d.* If the payment of tax would reduce the net income to less than \$24,000, the tax is reduced to an amount which will allow the taxpayer to retain a net income of \$24,000.

*e.* For taxpayers that file married filing separately, the combined net income of both spouses must be less than \$32,000 for either of them to qualify for this exemption.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.5 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2408, and sections 422.16, 422.17, 422.21, 422.24, and 422.25.

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#### **701—301.6(422) Minimum tax.**

**301.6(1)** and **301.6(2)** Reserved.

**301.6(3)** *Minimum tax for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987.*

a. *Method for computation of the minimum tax.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the minimum tax is imposed only to the extent that the minimum tax exceeds the taxpayer's regular income tax liability. The minimum tax rate is 75 percent of the maximum regular tax rate for individual income tax. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, through December 31, 1997, the tax rate is 7.5 percent of the taxpayer's minimum taxable income. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998, the tax rate is 6.7 percent of the taxpayer's minimum taxable income. Minimum taxable income is computed as follows:

	Iowa Taxable Income
Plus:	<u>*Applicable Adjustments and **Tax Preference Items (from Form IA 6251)</u>
	Subtotal
Less:	<u>***Applicable Exemption Amount</u>
	Minimum Taxable Income

(1) \*The federal adjustments that are also applicable in computing state minimum taxable income are:

1. Depreciation of property placed in service after 1986.
2. Circulation and research and experimental expenditures paid or incurred after 1986.
3. Mining, exploration, and development costs paid or incurred after 1986.
4. Long-term contracts entered into after 2-28-86.
5. Pollution control facilities placed in service after 1986.
6. Installment sales of certain property.
7. Basis adjustment.
8. Certain loss limitations.
9. Tax shelter farm loss.
10. Passive activity loss.
11. Adjustments related to beneficiaries of estates and trusts.

(2) \*\*The federal tax preference items which are also applicable in computing state minimum taxable income are:

1. Accelerated depreciation of real property placed in service before 1987.
2. Accelerated depreciation on leased personal property placed in service before 1987.
3. Amortization of certified pollution control facilities placed in service before 1987.
4. Appreciated property charitable deduction.
5. Incentive stock options.
6. Reserves for losses on bad debts of financial institutions.

For tax periods ending on or after September 10, 2001, any federal adjustments or tax preference items that are determined based on a percentage of taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income may have to be adjusted for Iowa alternative minimum tax purposes. These adjustments and preferences for Iowa alternative minimum tax purposes are based on federal adjusted gross income as adjusted by the disallowance of the additional first-year depreciation allowance authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code as described in rule 701—302.60(422).

(3) \*\*\*Exemption amounts are: \$17,500 for a married person filing a separate return or separately on the combined return form or for an estate or trust; \$26,000 for a single person or a head of household or qualifying widow(er); \$35,000 for a married couple filing a joint return. However, the applicable exemption amounts will be reduced, but not below zero, by 25 percent of the amount by which the minimum taxable income of the taxpayer determined without the exemption amount exceeds the following amounts: \$75,000 for a married taxpayer filing separate returns or separately on the combined return or for an estate or a trust; \$112,500 for a single person, a head of household, or a surviving spouse (qualifying widow(er)); \$150,000 for a married couple that files a joint state return.

The following two examples illustrate how the minimum tax is computed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987:

EXAMPLE 1. Taxpayers A had an Iowa income tax liability of \$9,375 from a taxable income of \$100,000 in 1987. The A's were filing a joint return and had tax preferences of \$60,000 from an appreciated property charitable deduction. The A's minimum tax liability is shown below:

	Iowa Taxable Income	\$100,000
Plus:	Tax Preference Items and Adjustments	<u>60,000</u>
	Subtotal	160,000
Less:	Exemption Amount	<u>35,000</u>
	Minimum Taxable Income	\$125,000
		<u>× .075</u>
	Computed Minimum Tax	\$ 9,375
Less:	Regular Tax	<u>8,648</u>
	Minimum Tax Liability	\$ 727

Since the A's minimum tax liability exceeded their regular tax by \$727, they had a minimum tax liability of \$727 in 1987.

EXAMPLE 2. Ms. B was a single taxpayer in 1987. She had a regular income tax liability of \$9,375 on taxable income of \$100,000. She had an adjustment of \$50,000 from a passive activity loss. Ms. B's minimum tax liability is shown below:

	Iowa Taxable Income	\$100,000
Plus:	Tax Preference Items and Adjustments	<u>50,000</u>
	Subtotal	\$150,000
Less:	Exemption Amount	<u>35,000</u>
	Subtotal	\$115,000
Plus:	Reduction in Exemption Amount (25% of \$37,500)	<u>9,375</u>
	Minimum Taxable Income	\$124,375
		<u>× .075</u>
	Computed Minimum Tax	\$ 9,328
Less:	Regular Tax	<u>8,648</u>
	Minimum Tax Liability	\$ 680

Ms. B had a minimum tax liability of \$680 in 1987 because the minimum tax exceeded the regular tax for 1987 by \$680.

*b. Net operating loss computed for a year beginning after 1982 which is carried back or carried forward to the current taxable year.* In the case of a net operating loss computed for a tax year beginning after December 31, 1982, which is carried back or carried forward to the current tax year, the net operating loss shall be reduced by the amount of tax preferences and adjustments arising in the current tax year.

*c. Net operating loss deduction for tax years beginning after December 31, 1986.* The deduction for a net operating loss for a tax year beginning after December 31, 1986, which is carried back or carried forward to another tax year shall not exceed 90 percent of the minimum taxable income computed for the tax year without the net operating loss. The computation of minimum taxable income is described in paragraph "a" of this subrule.

*d. Apportionment of minimum tax for nonresidents and part-year residents and nonresident and part-year resident estates or trusts.* In the case of resident taxpayers, including estates or trusts domiciled in Iowa for the entire tax year, the taxpayers are subject to 100 percent of the minimum tax computed as described in paragraph "a" of this subrule. In the case of nonresidents of Iowa including nonresident estates and trusts and individuals, including estates and trusts domiciled in Iowa for less than the entire tax year, the minimum tax computed according to paragraph "a" of this subrule less applicable credits against tax is allocated to Iowa as shown below:



$$\text{State Minimum Tax Less Credits} \times \frac{\text{Iowa Source Net Income Plus Tax Preferences, Adjustments and Losses Attributable to Iowa}}{\text{Total Net Income Plus All Tax Preferences, Adjustments and Losses}}$$

For purposes of this computation, only those adjustments, tax preferences, and losses shown on Form IA 6251 are applicable for determining which items shall be included in the numerator and the denominator.

*e. Allocation of the state minimum tax between married couples filing separate returns or separately on the combined return form.* Married taxpayers electing to file separate returns or separately on the combined return form must allocate the minimum tax between them in the proportion that each spouse's respective preference items, adjustments, and losses relate to the preference items, adjustments and losses of both spouses.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.5 as amended by 2003 Iowa Acts, Senate File 442.

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**701—301.7(422) Tax on lump-sum distributions.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1982, Iowa Code section 422.5 provides that in addition to the tax computed on the taxable income, a tax shall also be imposed on the amount of a lump-sum distribution for which the taxpayer has elected under Section 402(e) of the Internal Revenue Code to be separately taxed for federal income tax purposes for the tax year. The rate of this tax is 25 percent of the separate federal tax imposed on the amount of the lump-sum distribution.

**301.7(1) Exemption amounts.**

*a. An exemption of \$9,000 for single taxpayers and an exemption of \$13,500 for all other taxpayers.* To be eligible for the \$9,000 or less exemption for single taxpayers and the \$13,500 or less exemption for all other taxpayers as provided in Iowa Code section 422.5, subsection 3, the total amount of a lump-sum distribution subject to the separate federal tax must be included in the net income. If this net income (including the lump-sum distribution income) is less than \$9,000 for single taxpayers and less than \$13,500 for all other taxpayers, then no tax (other than Iowa minimum tax) is due. The Iowa tax on lump-sum distributions and the computed tax may be limited to the amount of income tax that exceeds \$9,000 for single taxpayers and \$13,500 for all other taxpayers (including the lump-sum distribution income).

EXAMPLE: If the net income of a single taxpayer including a lump-sum distribution was \$9,030 and the computed tax and lump-sum tax was \$50 after personal exemptions and out-of-state credit, the payment of \$50 tax would reduce the income below \$9,000; therefore, the amount of tax due is reduced to \$30 in order for the taxpayer to retain a net income of \$9,000.

*b. An exemption of \$18,000 for single taxpayers and an exemption of \$24,000 for other taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older.* These exemption amounts apply for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, but before January 1, 2009. To be eligible for the \$18,000 or less exemption for single taxpayers and the \$24,000 or less exemption for all other taxpayers as provided in 2007 Iowa Code section 422.5, subsection 3A, the total amount of a lump-sum distribution subject to the separate federal tax must be included in the net income. If this net income (including the lump-sum distribution income) is less than \$18,000 for single taxpayers and less than \$24,000 for all other taxpayers, then no tax (other than Iowa minimum tax) is due. The Iowa tax on lump-sum distributions and the computed tax may be limited to the amount of income tax that exceeds \$18,000 for single taxpayers and \$24,000 for all other taxpayers (including the lump-sum distribution income).

EXAMPLE: If the net income of a single taxpayer including a lump-sum distribution was \$18,200 and the computed tax and lump-sum tax was \$300 after personal exemptions and out-of-state credit, the payment of \$300 tax would reduce the income below \$18,000; therefore, the amount of tax due is reduced to \$200 in order for the taxpayer to retain a net income of \$18,000.

For married persons filing jointly, filing separately on a combined return or filing separate returns, only one spouse is required to be 65 years of age or older on December 31 of the tax year.

*c. An exemption of \$24,000 for single taxpayers and an exemption of \$32,000 for all other taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older.* These exemption amounts apply for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009. To be eligible for the \$24,000 or less exemption for single taxpayers and the \$32,000 or less exemption for all other taxpayers as provided in Iowa Code section 422.5, subsection 3B, the total amount of a lump-sum distribution subject to the separate federal tax must be included in the net income. If this net income (including the lump-sum distribution income) is less than \$24,000 for single taxpayers and less than \$32,000 for all other taxpayers, then no tax (other than Iowa minimum tax) is due. The Iowa tax on lump-sum distributions and the computed tax may be limited to the amount of income tax that exceeds \$24,000 for single taxpayers and \$32,000 for all other taxpayers (including the lump-sum distribution income).

EXAMPLE: If the net income of a single taxpayer including a lump-sum distribution was \$24,300 and the computed tax and lump-sum tax was \$500 after personal exemptions and out-of-state credit, the payment of \$500 tax would reduce the income below \$24,000; therefore, the amount of tax due is reduced to \$300 in order for the taxpayer to retain a net income of \$24,000.

For married persons filing jointly, filing separately on a combined return or filing separate returns, only one spouse is required to be 65 years of age or older on December 31 of the tax year.

**301.7(2) Nonresidents.** A nonresident is liable for tax on a lump-sum distribution or a portion of a lump-sum distribution attributable to services performed within Iowa. If a distribution to a nonresident is attributable to services performed both within and outside Iowa, the tax must be allocated in the ratio of the income from services performed within Iowa to the total income from all services performed relating to the lump-sum distribution unless it can be shown that another method of proration would result in a more equitable amount of tax on the distribution.

**301.7(3) Penalty and interest.** In computing penalty and interest for failing to file a timely return or to pay the lump-sum tax, refer to 701—Chapter 306.

**301.7(4) Personal exemption credits.** Personal and dependent exemption credits may be applied against the separate lump-sum tax to the extent that the credits are not fully applied against the computed tax on income reported under Iowa Code section 422.7.

**301.7(5) Out-of-state tax credit.** When computing an out-of-state tax credit for a year in which tax on a lump-sum distribution has been computed separately, the amount of the lump-sum distribution on which the separate tax has been computed must be included on the Iowa gross income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.5 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2408.

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**701—301.8(422) State income tax limited to taxpayer's net worth immediately before the distressed sale.** Taxpayers whose net incomes include gains or losses from distressed sales may limit their state income tax liabilities for the tax years in which the distress sales occurred to their net worths immediately before the distressed sales. The state income tax liability of a taxpayer is the aggregate of the taxpayer's income tax plus the taxpayer's minimum tax plus the taxpayer's lump-sum tax. For purposes of this provision, a distressed sale is the forfeiture of an installment real estate contract, the transfer of real or personal property securing a debt to a creditor in cancellation of that debt, or from the sale or exchange of property as a result of actual notice of foreclosure. Proof of forfeiture of the installment real estate contract, proof of transfer of property to a creditor in cancellation of a debt, or a copy of the notice of foreclosure will constitute documentation of the distressed sale and must be made a part of the return. A copy of the balance sheet showing the taxpayer's net worth immediately before the distressed sale must also be provided with the return.

The balance sheet supporting the taxpayer's net worth must include the taxpayer's personal assets and liabilities as well as the assets of the taxpayer's farm or other business. In the case of married taxpayers, except in the case of a husband and wife who lived apart at all times during the tax year,

the assets and liabilities of both spouses must be considered in determining the taxpayers' net worth immediately before the distressed sale.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.5.

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**701—301.9(422) Special tax computation for all low-income taxpayers except single taxpayers.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, a special tax computation is available for determining the state income tax liability for all low-income taxpayers except single taxpayers described in subrule 301.4(1). Under this provision, the taxpayer multiplies the net income for the tax year in excess of \$13,500 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1993, by the maximum individual income tax rate. The tax amount computed by this procedure is then compared to the tax amount on the individual's taxable income from the tax tables or the tax-rate schedule. The taxpayer is subject to the lesser of the two tax amounts. In the case of married taxpayers electing to file separate returns or separately on the combined return form, the incomes of both spouses must be considered for purposes of determining the tax liability from the special tax computation. For purposes of this rule, the partial exclusion of pension and other retirement benefits described in rule 701—302.47(422) and the phase-out exclusion for social security benefits described in 701—subrule 302.23(3) must be included in the net income amounts when determining the tax liability from the special tax computation. The tax liability calculated from the special tax computation is allocated between the spouses in the ratio of each spouse's net income to the combined net income of both spouses. In determining the special tax computation for taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, see rule 701—301.15(422).

For example, a married couple's net income in 1987 was \$8,200. The taxpayers elected to file separately on the combined return form for 1987. One spouse had a net income of \$6,000, the second spouse had a net income of \$2,200. There was no federal income tax withheld on the wages earned by either of the taxpayers. The spouse with the net income of \$6,000 had a regular income tax liability of \$105. The spouse with the net income of \$2,200 had a regular income tax liability of \$4. The special tax computation of these taxpayers is shown below:

	Taxpayers' combined net income	\$8,200
	(\$6,000 + \$2,200)	
Less:	Income not subject to special tax	<u>7,500</u>
	Income subject to special tax	700
		<u>× 9.98%</u>
	Special tax liability for 1987	\$ 70

The taxpayers' special tax liability for 1987 was \$70. The special tax is imposed since it is less than the taxpayers' regular tax liability of \$109. This special tax liability is allocated to each spouse on the following basis:

Spouse 1	Spouse 2
$\frac{\$6,000}{\$8,200} \times 70 = \$51$	$\frac{\$2,200}{\$8,200} \times 70 = \$19$

The special tax computation for low-income taxpayers is not available to married taxpayers filing separate state returns or to married taxpayers filing separately on the combined return form in instances where one of the spouses has a net operating loss described in Iowa Code section 422.9, subsection 3, and the spouse elects to carry back or carry forward the net operating loss. Also, the special tax computation for low-income taxpayers is not available if the taxpayer is required to annualize the taxpayer's income as described in rule 701—303.9(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.5.

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**701—301.10(422) Election to report excess income from sale or exchange of livestock due to drought in the next tax year.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990, a taxpayer may elect to report excess income from the sale or exchange of livestock due to drought on the Iowa return for the next tax year if the taxpayer qualified for similar treatment of the excess income under Section 451(e) of the Internal Revenue Code. This election is available only to a taxpayer on the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting whose principal trade or business is farming as described in Section 6420(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. For purposes of this rule the election applies to all livestock held for sale or exchange, whether raised or purchased for resale. This election also applies to livestock used for draft, breeding, dairy, or sporting purposes which were held less than two years in the case of cattle and horses and less than one year in the case of other livestock. For purposes of this election, livestock does not include poultry.

The area in which the livestock was sold or exchanged must have been declared a disaster area due to drought. However, the sale or exchange can take place before or after the area is declared a disaster area as long as the same disaster (the drought) caused the livestock sale. In order for the election to report excess income in the following tax year to be valid, the election must be made by the due date of the return, including extensions. Additional information about computing the excess income as well as information needed on the statement for making the election is described in Treasury Regulation §1.451-7.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.5.

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**701—301.11(422) Forgiveness of tax for an individual whose federal income tax was forgiven because the individual was killed outside the United States due to military or terroristic action.** For tax years ending on or after August 2, 1990, an individual's Iowa income tax is forgiven if the person's federal income tax was forgiven because the individual was killed in a combat zone, the individual was missing in action and presumed dead, or the individual was killed outside the United States due to terrorist or military action while the person was a military or civilian employee of the United States. The Iowa income tax is forgiven on the return for the tax year in which the individual was killed or was missing and was presumed dead, and is forgiven on the return for the tax year prior to the year of death. In a situation where the person that was killed was married at the time of death, no tax will be due on the return filed for the year of death if a joint state return or a married filing separately on the combined state return is filed for that tax year. In the case of the return for the tax year prior to the year of death for the person killed in military or terrorist action, all the tax will be forgiven on the return if the person was married at the time of death and a joint state return or a married filing separate state return was filed for this prior year. However, if the person that was killed had filed a return using the married filing separately on the combined return form status, only the state income tax attributable to the person that was killed will be forgiven. The department will not honor an amended return for the prior year to change the filing status from separately on the combined return form to joint return so all the state income tax for both spouses will be forgiven.

When a state income tax return or claim for refund is filed for forgiveness of tax for an individual who was killed in military or terrorist action, a notation should be entered at the top of the return "Forgiveness of Tax—Killed in Military Action" or "Forgiveness of Tax—Killed in Terrorist Action" depending on how the individual was killed. In addition, a copy of the death certificate, or other evidence of the person's death or evidence establishing that the individual is missing in action and presumed dead, should be attached to the claim for refund or the tax return. A refund claim for forgiveness of tax will be honored only if the claim is made within the statute of limitations for refund provided in Iowa Code subsection 422.73(2).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.5 and 422.73.

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**701—301.12(422) Tax benefits for persons in the armed forces deployed outside the United States and for certain other persons serving in support of those forces.**

**301.12(1) Extension of deadlines.**

*a. Extension of certain deadlines for certain military personnel.*

(1) For tax years ending after August 2, 1990, the time period to file state income tax returns and to perform certain other acts related to the department (“certain other acts related to the department” is defined in paragraph 301.12(1)“e” below) is extended for persons in the armed forces:

1. Who serve in an area designated by the President or the Congress as a combat zone.
2. Who serve in an area designated by the President or the Congress as a qualified hazardous duty area.
3. Who were deployed outside the United States in an operation designated by the Secretary of Defense as a contingency operation as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 101(a)(13), or which became a contingency operation by the operation of law. Persons who were deployed in a contingency operation who ceased to participate in such operation on or after May 21, 2003, are considered to be eligible individuals for purposes of being granted additional time to perform certain acts with the department to the extent the period for performing an act did not expire prior to May 21, 2003, or a later date if the person ceased to participate in the contingency operation on a date after May 21, 2003.

(2) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, the additional time to file returns and perform other acts related to the department described in this subrule is available to all active duty military service members in the armed forces, all armed forces military reservists, and all national guard personnel who are deployed outside the United States. These armed forces, armed forces reserve and national guard personnel are not required to be deployed outside the United States in a combat zone, qualified hazardous duty area, or contingency operation to be allowed the additional time to file Iowa returns and perform other acts related to the department.

*b. Extension applicable to certain civilians.* Those persons who were serving in support of armed forces personnel in a combat zone or those persons who were serving in support of armed forces personnel in a qualified hazardous duty area are also eligible for the extension of the time period to file state income tax returns and to perform certain other acts related to the department. Persons eligible under this provision include certain civilians who were working in a combat zone and directly supporting military operations. Iowa allows this extension for those civilians who qualify for a federal extension under Section 7508(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Examples of civilians who may be eligible are members of the Red Cross and contractors or civilian employees who worked in a combat zone.

*c. Extension applicable to spouses of eligible individuals.* The additional time period for filing returns and performing other acts applies to the spouse of the person who was in the combat zone or the qualified hazardous duty area or the spouse of a person who was serving in support of persons in the combat zone or the hazardous duty area to the extent the spouse files jointly or separately on the combined return with the person who was in the combat zone or the hazardous duty area, or when the spouse is a party with the person who was serving in support of persons in the combat zone or hazardous duty area to any tax matter with the department for which the additional time period is allowed.

*d. Length of the extension period.* Eligible individuals are given the same additional time period to file state income tax returns and perform other acts related to the department as would constitute timely filing of returns or timely performance of other acts as described in Section 7508(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The additional time period for filing state returns and performing other acts is 180 days after the person leaves the combat zone or hazardous duty area or ceases to participate in the contingency operation. However, a person who was hospitalized because of illness or injury in the combat zone or the hazardous duty area has up to five years to file returns or perform certain acts with this department after leaving the combat zone or hazardous duty area.

*e. Other acts related to the department defined.* “Other acts related to the department” includes filing claims for refund for any type of tax administered by the department, making tax payments other than withholding payments, filing appeals on tax matters, filing returns for taxes other than income tax, and performing other acts such as making timely contributions to individual retirement accounts.

**301.12(2) Application for the extension.** In order to claim the extension described in 301.12(1), eligible taxpayers should notify the department of their eligibility by sending the information listed below to the email address or other address listed on the department’s website.

*a. Contents of the notification.* The notification sent to the department should include:

- (1) The taxpayer's name, and spouse's name, if applicable.
- (2) The taxpayer's stateside address, and spouse's address, if applicable.
- (3) The taxpayer's date of birth, and spouse's date of birth, if applicable.
- (4) The date the taxpayer was deployed to the combat zone or other qualifying area.
- (5) For military personnel, an official document that indicates the taxpayer's area of operation.
- (6) For qualifying civilians, a letter of authorization or similar letter from the taxpayer's employer, or a letter from the military stating that the taxpayer served in a "tax-free zone" or "Combat Zone Tax Exclusion Area (CZTE)."

*b. Who may submit the notification of eligibility for the extension.* The notification of eligibility to the department may be submitted by the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or an authorized agent or representative of the taxpayer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.3 and 422.21.

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**701—301.13** Reserved.

**701—301.14(422) Tax benefits for persons serving in support of the Bosnia-Herzegovina hazardous duty area.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, a number of state tax benefits are authorized for individuals serving in a location designated by the President and Congress as a qualified hazardous duty area or other persons serving in support of the individuals in the hazardous duty area. Public Law No. 104-117 was enacted by Congress on March 20, 1996, and designated Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia, and Macedonia as a qualified hazardous duty area so that troops performing peacekeeping duties in the area would be eligible for tax benefits for federal income tax purposes on the same basis they would have been eligible for the same benefits if they had served in a combat zone under prior law.

For Iowa tax purposes, persons serving peacekeeping duties in the hazardous duty area or other persons serving overseas in support of the persons in the hazardous duty area will be eligible for the same tax benefits that were previously only available to persons serving military duties in a combat zone. The tax benefits that are available for persons serving in the hazardous duty area or persons serving overseas in support of the persons in the hazardous duty area are described in rule 701—301.12(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.3 as amended by 1996 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2168.

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**701—301.15(422) Special tax computation for taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older.**

**301.15(1)** *Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, but before January 1, 2009.* A special tax computation is available for determining the state income tax liability for certain taxpayers, except single taxpayers described in subrule 301.4(1), who are 65 years of age or older. For married persons filing jointly, filing separately on a combined return or filing separate returns, only one spouse is required to be 65 years of age or older on December 31 of the tax year. Under this provision, the taxpayer multiplies the net income for the tax year in excess of \$24,000 by the maximum individual income tax rate. The tax amount computed by this procedure is then compared to the tax amount on the individual's taxable income from the tax tables or the tax-rate schedule. The taxpayer is subject to the lesser of the two tax amounts. In the case of married taxpayers electing to file separate returns or separately on the combined return, the incomes of both spouses must be considered for purposes of determining the tax liability from the special tax computation. The tax liability calculated from the special tax computation is allocated between the spouses in the ratio of each spouse's net income to the combined net income of both spouses. For purposes of this rule, the partial exclusion of pension and other retirement benefits described in rule 701—302.47(422) and the phase-out exclusion for social security benefits described in 701—subrule 302.23(3) must be included in the net income amounts when determining the tax liability from the special tax computation.

EXAMPLE: A married couple had gross income, which included pensions, of \$27,000 for 2007, and they elected to file separately on a combined return. One spouse had gross income of \$15,000, and the other spouse had gross income of \$12,000. Only one spouse was 65 years of age as of December 31, 2007. Each spouse was able to claim a \$6,000 pension exclusion in accordance with rule 701—302.47(422). The one spouse with a net income of \$9,000 had a regular tax liability of \$229, and the other spouse with a net income of \$6,000 had a regular tax liability of \$70 for a total regular tax liability in the amount of \$299. The special tax computation of these taxpayers is shown below:

Taxpayers' combined net income after pension exclusion	\$15,000
Pension Exclusion	\$12,000
Total Income	\$27,000
Less: Income not subject to special tax	\$24,000
Income subject to special tax	\$3,000
Maximum Individual Income Tax Rate	8.98%
Special Tax Liability for 2007	\$269

Since the taxpayers' special tax liability for 2007 was \$269, this tax was imposed since it was less than the taxpayers' regular tax liability of \$299. This special tax liability is allocated to each spouse on the following basis:

$$\frac{\text{Spouse 1}}{\$27,000} \times \$269 = \$149 \quad \frac{\text{Spouse 2}}{\$27,000} \times \$269 = \$120$$

The special tax computation for low-income taxpayers is not available to married taxpayers filing separate state returns or to married taxpayers filing separately on the combined return form in instances where one of the spouses has a net operating loss described in Iowa Code section 422.9, subsection 3, and the spouse elects to carry back or carry forward the net operating loss. Also, the special tax computation for low-income taxpayers is not available if the taxpayer is required to annualize the taxpayer's income as described in rule 701—303.9(422).

**301.15(2) Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009.** A special tax computation is available for determining the state income tax liability for certain taxpayers, except single taxpayers described in subrule 301.4(1), who are 65 years of age or older. For married persons filing jointly, filing separately on a combined return or filing separate returns, only one spouse is required to be 65 years of age or older on December 31 of the tax year. Under this provision, the taxpayer multiplies the net income for the tax year in excess of \$32,000 by the maximum individual income tax rate. The tax amount computed by this procedure is then compared to the tax amount on the individual's taxable income from the tax tables or the tax-rate schedule. The taxpayer is subject to the lesser of the two tax amounts. In the case of married taxpayers electing to file separate returns or separately on the combined return, the incomes of both spouses must be considered for purposes of determining the tax liability from the special tax computation. The tax liability calculated from the special tax computation is allocated between the spouses in the ratio of each spouse's net income to the combined net income of both spouses. For purposes of this rule, the partial exclusion of pension and other retirement benefits described in rule 701—302.47(422) and the phase-out exclusion for social security benefits described in 701—subrule 302.23(3) must be included in the net income amounts when determining the tax liability from the special tax computation.

The special tax computation for low-income taxpayers is not available to married taxpayers filing separate state returns or to married taxpayers filing separately on the combined return form in instances when one of the spouses has a net operating loss described in Iowa Code section 422.9, subsection 3, and the spouse elects to carry back or carry forward the net operating loss. Also, the special tax computation

for low-income taxpayers is not available if the taxpayer is required to annualize the taxpayer's income as described in rule 701—303.9(422).

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CHAPTER 302  
DETERMINATION OF NET INCOME

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**701—302.1(422) Net income defined.** Net income for state individual income tax purposes shall mean federal adjusted gross income as properly computed under the Internal Revenue Code and shall include the adjustments in 701—302.2(422) to 701—302.9(422). The remaining provisions of this rule and 701—302.12(422) through 701—302.86(422) shall also be applicable in determining net income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.2(422) Interest and dividends from federal securities.** For individual income tax purposes, the state is prohibited by federal law from taxing dividends from corporations owned or sponsored by the federal government, or interest derived from obligations of the United States and its possessions, agencies, and instrumentalities. Therefore, if the federal adjusted gross income of an individual, taxable by Iowa, includes dividends or interest of this type, an adjustment must be made by deducting the amount of the dividend or interest. If the inclusion of an amount of income or the amount of a deduction is based upon federal adjusted gross income and federal adjusted gross income includes dividends from corporations owned or sponsored by the federal government, or interest derived from obligations of the United States and its possessions, agencies, and instrumentalities, a recomputation of the amount of income or deduction must be made excluding dividends or interest of this type from the calculations.

A federal statute exempts stocks and obligations of the United States Government, as well as the interest on the obligations, from state income taxation (see 31 U.S.C.S. Section 3124(a)).

“Obligations of the United States” are those obligations issued “to secure credit to carry on the necessary functions of government.” *Smith v. Davis* (1944) 323 U.S. 111, 119, 89 L.Ed. 107, 113, 65 S.Ct. 157, 161. The exemption is aimed at protecting the “borrowing” and “supremacy” clauses of the United States Constitution. *Society for Savings v. Bowers* (1955) 349 U.S. 143, 144, 99 L.Ed.2d 950, 955, 75 S.Ct. 607, 608; *Hibernia v. City and County of San Francisco* (1906) 200 U.S. 310, 313, 50 L.Ed. 495, 496, 26 S.Ct. 265, 266.

Tax-exempt credit instruments possess the following characteristics:

1. They are written documents,
2. They bear interest,
3. They are binding promises by the United States to pay specified sums at specified dates, and
4. They have Congressional authorization which also pledges the faith and credit of the United States in support of the promise to pay. *Smith v. Davis*, supra.

A governmental obligation that is secondary, indirect, or contingent, such as a guaranty of a nongovernmental obligor’s primary obligation to pay the principal amount of and interest on a note, is not an obligation of the type exempted under 31 U.S.C.S. Section 3124(1). *Rockford Life Ins. Co. v. Department of Revenue*, 107 S.Ct. 2312 (1987).

The following list contains widely held United States Government obligations, but is not intended to be all-inclusive.

This noninclusive listing indicates the position of the department with respect to the income tax status of the listed securities. It is based on current federal law and the interpretation thereof by the department. Federal law or the department’s interpretation is subject to change. Federal law precludes all states from imposing an income tax on the interest income from direct obligations of the United States Government. Also, preemptive federal law may preclude state taxation of interest income from the securities of federal government-sponsored enterprises and agencies and from the obligations of U.S. territories. Any profit or gain on the sale or exchange of these securities is taxable.

**302.2(1)** Federal obligations and obligations of federal instrumentalities the interest on which is exempt from Iowa income tax.

*a. United States Government obligations:* United States Treasury—Principal and interest from bills, bonds, and notes issued by the United States Treasury exempt under 31 U.S.C. Section 3124[a].

1. Series E, F, G, H, and I bonds
2. United States Treasury bills
3. U.S. Government certificates
4. U.S. Government bonds
5. U.S. Government notes
6. Original issue discount (OID) on a United States Treasury obligation

*b. Territorial obligations:*

1. Guam—Principal and interest from bonds issued by the Government of Guam (48 U.S.C.S. Section 1423[a]).

2. Puerto Rico—Principal and interest from bonds issued by the Government of Puerto Rico (48 U.S.C.S. Section 745).

3. Virgin Islands—Principal and interest from bonds issued by the Government of the Virgin Islands (48 U.S.C.S. Section 1403).

4. Northern Mariana Islands—Principal and interest from bonds issued by the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands (48 U.S.C.S. Section 1681(c)).

*c. Federal agency obligations:*

1. Commodity Credit Corporation—Principal and interest from bonds, notes, debentures, and other similar obligations issued by the Commodity Credit Corporation (15 U.S.C.S. Section 713a-5).

2. Banks for Cooperatives—Principal and interest from notes, debentures, and other obligations issued by Banks for Cooperatives (12 U.S.C.S. Section 2134).

3. Farm Credit Banks—Principal and interest from systemwide bonds, notes, debentures, and other obligations issued jointly and severally by Banks of the Federal Farm Credit System (12 U.S.C.S. Section 2023).

4. Federal Intermediate Credit Banks—Principal and interest from bonds, notes, debentures, and other obligations issued by Federal Intermediate Credit Banks (12 U.S.C.S. Section 2079).

5. Federal Land Banks—Principal and interest from bonds, notes, debentures, and other obligations issued by Federal Land Banks (12 U.S.C.S. Section 2055).

6. Federal Land Bank Association—Principal and interest from bonds, notes, debentures, and other obligations issued by the Federal Land Bank Association (12 U.S.C.S. Section 2098).

7. Financial Assistance Corporation—Principal and interest from notes, bonds, debentures, and other obligations issued by the Financial Assistance Corporation (12 U.S.C.S. Section 2278b-10[b]).

8. Production Credit Association—Principal and interest from notes, debentures, and other obligations issued by the Production Credit Association (12 U.S.C.S. Section 2077).

9. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)—Principal and interest from notes, bonds, debentures, and other such obligations issued by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (12 U.S.C.S. Section 1825).

10. Federal Financing Bank—Interest from obligations issued by the Federal Financing Bank. Considered to be United States Government obligations (12 U.S.C.S. Section 2288, 31 U.S.C.S. Section 3124[a]).

11. Federal Home Loan Bank—Principal and interest from notes, bonds, debentures, and other such obligations issued by any Federal Home Loan Bank and consolidated Federal Home Loan Bank bonds and debentures (12 U.S.C.S. Section 1433).

12. Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC)—Principal and interest from notes, bonds, debentures, and other such obligations issued by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (12 U.S.C.S. Section 1725[e]).

13. Federal Financing Corporation—Principal and interest from notes, bonds, debentures, and other such obligations issued by the Federal Financing Corporation (12 U.S.C.S. Section 2288(b)).

14. Financing Corporation (FICO)—Principal and interest from any obligation of the Financing Corporation (12 U.S.C.S. Sections 1441[e][7] and 1433).

15. General Services Administration (GSA)—Principal and interest from General Services Administration participation certificates. Considered to be United States Government obligations (31 U.S.C.S. Section 3124[a]).

16. Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- Principal and interest from War Housing Insurance debentures (12 U.S.C.S. Section 1739[d]).
- Principal and interest from Rental Housing Insurance debentures (12 U.S.C.S. Section 1747g[g]).
- Principal and interest from Armed Services Mortgage Insurance debentures (12 U.S.C.S. Section 1748b[f]).
- Principal and interest from National Defense Housing Insurance debentures (12 U.S.C.S. Section 1750c[d]).
- Principal and interest from Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund debentures (12 U.S.C.S. Section 1710[d]).

17. National Credit Union Administration Central Liquidity Facility—Income from notes, bonds, debentures, and other obligations issued on behalf of the National Credit Union Administration Central Liquidity Facility (12 U.S.C.S. Section 1795k[b]).

18. Resolution Funding Corporation—Principal and interest from obligations issued by the Resolution Funding Corporation (12 U.S.C.S. Sections 1441[f][7] and 1433).

19. Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae)—Principal and interest from obligations issued by the Student Loan Marketing Association. Considered to be United States Government obligations (20 U.S.C.S. Section 1087-2[1], 31 U.S.C.S. Section 3124[a]).

20. Tennessee Valley Authority—Principal and interest from bonds issued by the Tennessee Valley Authority (16 U.S.C.S. Section 831n-4[d]).

21. United States Postal Service—Principal and interest from obligations issued by the United States Postal Service (39 U.S.C.S. Section 2005[d][4]).

22. Treasury Investment Growth Receipts.

23. Certificates on Government Receipts.

**302.2(2)** Taxable securities. There are a number of securities issued under the authority of an Act of Congress which are subject to the Iowa income tax. These securities may be guaranteed by the United States Treasury or supported by the issuing agency's right to borrow from the Treasury. Some may be backed by the pledge of full faith and credit of the United States Government. However, it has been determined that these securities are not direct obligations of the United States Government to pay a specified sum at a specified date, nor are the principal and interest from these securities specifically exempted from taxation by the respective authorizing Acts. Therefore, income from such securities is subject to the Iowa income tax. Examples of securities which fall into this category are those issued by the following agencies and institutions:

*a. Federal agency obligations:*

1. Federal or State Savings and Loan Associations
2. Export-Import Bank of the United States
3. Building and Loan Associations
4. Interest on federal income tax refunds
5. Postal Savings Account
6. Farmers Home Administration
7. Small Business Administration
8. Federal or State Credit Unions
9. Mortgage Participation Certificates
10. Federal National Mortgage Association
11. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac)
12. Federal Housing Administration
13. Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae)
14. Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae)
15. Merchant Marine (Maritime Administration)

16. Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac)
  - b. *Obligations of international institutions:*
    1. Asian Development Bank
    2. Inter-American Development Bank
    3. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
  - c. *Other obligations:*

Washington D.C. Metro Area Transit Authority

Interest from repurchase agreements involving federal securities is subject to Iowa income tax. *Nebraska Department of Revenue v. John Loewenstein*, 513 US 123 (1994). *Everett v. State Dept. of Revenue and Finance*, 470 N.W.2d 13 (Iowa 1991).

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, interest from Mortgage Backed Certificate Guaranteed by Government National Mortgage Association (“Ginnie Maes”) is subject to Iowa income tax. See *Rockford Life Insurance Company v. Illinois Department of Revenue*, 96 L.Ed.2d 152.

For the treatment of interest or dividends from regulated investment companies (mutual funds) that invest in obligations of the type discussed in this rule, see rule 701—302.52(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.3(422) Interest and dividends from foreign securities and securities of state and other political subdivisions.** Interest and dividends from foreign securities and from securities of state and other political subdivisions are to be included in Iowa net income. Certain types of interest and dividends, because of specific exemption, are not includable in income for federal tax purposes. To the extent such income has been excluded for federal income tax purposes, unless the item of income is specifically exempted from state taxation by the laws or constitution of Iowa or of the United States, it must be added to Iowa taxable income.

The following is a noninclusive listing of bonds issued by the state of Iowa and its political subdivisions, interest on which is exempt from both federal and state income taxes.

1. Board of regents: Bonds issued under Iowa Code sections 262.41, 262.51, 262.60, 262A.8, and 263A.6.
2. Urban renewal: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 403.9(2).
3. Municipal housing law - low-income housing: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 403A.12.
4. Subdistricts of soil conservation districts, revenue bonds: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 161A.22.
5. Aviation authorities, revenue bonds: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 330A.16.
6. Rural water districts: Bonds and notes issued under Iowa Code section 357A.15.
7. County health center: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 331.441(2) “c”(7).
8. Iowa finance authority, water pollution control works and drinking water facilities financing: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 16.131(5).
9. Iowa finance authority, beginning farmer loan program: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 16.64.
10. Iowa finance authority, Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 455G.6(14).
11. Iowa finance authority, 911 program notes and bonds: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 34A.20(6).
12. Quad Cities interstate metropolitan authority bonds: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 28A.24.
13. Prison infrastructure revenue bonds: Bonds issued under Iowa Code sections 12.80(3) and 16.177(8).
14. Community college residence halls and dormitories bonds: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 260C.61.
15. Community college bond program bonds: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 260C.71(6).

16. Interstate bridges bonds: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 313A.36.
17. Iowa higher education loan authority: Obligations issued by the authority pursuant to Iowa Code section 261A.27.
18. Vision Iowa program: Bonds issued pursuant to Iowa Code section 12.71(8).
19. School infrastructure program bonds: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 12.81(8).
20. Iowa utilities board and Iowa consumer advocate building project bonds: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 12.91(9).
21. Iowa jobs program revenue bonds: Bonds issued under Iowa Code section 12.87(8).

Interest from repurchase agreements involving obligations of the type discussed in this rule is subject to Iowa income tax. *Nebraska Department of Revenue v. John Loewenstein*, 513 US 123 (1994). *Everett v. State Dept. of Revenue and Finance*, 470 N.W.2d 13 (Iowa 1991).

For the treatment of interest or dividends from regulated investment companies (mutual funds) that invest in obligations of the type discussed in this rule, see rule 701—302.52(422).

Gains and losses from the sale or other disposition of bonds issued by the state of Iowa or its political subdivisions, as distinguished from interest income, shall be taxable for state income tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.4** Reserved.

**701—302.5(422) Military pay.**

**302.5(1)** Reserved.

**302.5(2)** For income received for services performed prior to January 1, 1969, and for services performed for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1977, but before January 1, 2011. An Iowa resident who is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, as defined in Title 10, United States Code, Section 101, shall include all income received for such service performed prior to January 1, 1969, and for services performed during tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1977, but before January 1, 2011. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, see rule 701—302.76(422). However, the taxability of this active duty military income shall be terminated for any income received for services performed effective the day after either of the two following conditions:

*a.* When universal compulsory military service is reinstated by the United States Congress. “Compulsory military service” is defined to be the actual act of drafting individuals into the military service and not just the registration of individuals under the Military Selective Service Act (50 App. U.S.C. 453); or

*b.* When a state of war is declared to exist by the United States Congress.

Federal active duty does not include a member of the national guard when called for training by order of the governor through order of the adjutant general. These members are in the service of the state and not on active duty of the United States. Federal active duty also does not include members of the various military reserve programs. A taxpayer must be on active federal duty to qualify for exemption. National guard and reservists who undergo voluntary training are not on active duty in a federal status. National guard and reservist pay does not qualify for the military exemption and such pay is taxable by the state of Iowa.

Compensation received from the United States Government by nonresident members of the armed forces who are temporarily present in the state of Iowa pursuant to military orders is exempt from Iowa income tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.5.

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**701—302.6(422) Interest and dividend income.** This rule applies to interest and dividends from foreign securities and securities of state and other political subdivisions. Interest and dividends from foreign securities and from securities of state and other political subdivisions are to be included in Iowa taxable

income. Certain types of interest and dividends, because of specific exemption, are not included in income for federal tax purposes. To the extent such income has been excluded for federal income tax purposes, unless the term of income is specifically exempted from state taxation by the laws or constitutions of Iowa or of the United States, it must be added to Iowa taxable income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.7(422) Current year capital gains and losses.** In determining short-term or long-term capital gain or loss the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code are to be followed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.8(422) Gains and losses on property acquired before January 1, 1934.** When property was acquired prior to January 1, 1934, the basis as of January 1, 1934, for determining capital or other gains or losses is the higher of cost, adjusted for depreciation allowed or allowable to January 1, 1934, or fair market value as of that date.

If, as a result of this provision, a basis is to be used for purposes of Iowa individual income tax which is different from the basis used for purposes of federal income tax, appropriate adjustment must be made and detailed schedules supplied in the computation of Iowa taxable income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.9(422) Work opportunity tax credit and alcohol and cellulosic biofuel fuels credit.** Where an individual claims the work opportunity tax credit under Section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code or the alcohol and cellulosic biofuel fuels credit under Section 40 of the Internal Revenue Code, the amount of credit allowable must be used to increase federal taxable income. The amount of credit allowable used to increase federal adjusted gross income is deductible in determining Iowa net income. The work opportunity tax credit applies to eligible individuals who begin work before January 1, 2012. The adjustment for the alcohol and cellulosic biofuel fuels credit is applicable for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1980.

This rule is intended to implement 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 422.7 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328.

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**701—302.10 and 302.11** Reserved.

**701—302.12(422) Income from partnerships or limited liability companies.** Residents engaged in a partnership or limited liability company, even if located or doing business outside the state of Iowa, are taxable upon their distributive share of net income of such partnership or limited liability company, whether distributed or not, and are required to include such distributive share in their return. A nonresident individual who is a member of a partnership or limited liability company doing business in Iowa is taxable on that portion of net income which is applicable to the Iowa business activity whether distributed or not. See 701—Chapter 401.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.7, 422.8, and 422.15.

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**701—302.13(422) Subchapter “S” income.** Where a corporation elects, under Sections 1371-1379 of the Internal Revenue Code, to distribute the corporation’s income to the shareholders, the corporation’s income, in its entirety, is subject to individual reporting whether or not actually distributed. Both resident and nonresident shareholders shall report their share of the corporation’s net taxable income on their respective Iowa returns. *Isaacson v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 183 N.W.2d 693, Iowa Supreme Court, February 9, 1971. Residents shall report their distributable share in total while nonresidents shall report only their portion of their distributable share which was earned in Iowa. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, residents should refer to 701—Chapter 403 to determine if they qualify to



compute Iowa taxable income by allocation and apportionment. See 701—Chapter 503 for allocation and apportionment of corporate income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.7, 422.8, 422.15, and 422.36.  
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**701—302.14(422) Contract sales.** Interest derived as income from a land contract is intangible personal property and is assignable to the recipient's domicile. Gains received from the sale or assignment of land contracts are considered to be gains from real property in this state and are assignable to this state. As to nonresidents, see 701—302.16(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.7 and 422.8.  
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**701—302.15(422) Reporting of incomes by married taxpayers who file a joint federal return but elect to file separately for Iowa income tax purposes.** Married taxpayers who have separate incomes and have filed jointly for federal income tax purposes can elect to file separate Iowa returns or to file separately on the combined Iowa return form. Where married persons file separately, both must use the optional standard deduction if either elects to use it, or both must claim itemized deductions if either elects to claim itemized deductions. The provisions of Treasury Regulation § 1.63-1 are equally applicable regarding the election to use the standard deduction or itemized deductions for Iowa income tax purposes. The spouses' election to file separately for Iowa income tax purposes is subject to the condition that incomes received by the taxpayers and the deductions for business expenses are allocated between the spouses as the incomes and deductions would have been allocated if the taxpayers had filed separate federal returns. Any Iowa additions to net income and any deductions to net income which pertain to taxpayers filing separately for Iowa income tax purposes must also be allocated accurately between the spouses. Thus, if married taxpayers file a joint federal return and elect to file separate Iowa returns or separately on the combined Iowa return, the taxpayers are required to compute their separate Iowa net incomes as if they had determined their federal adjusted gross incomes on separate federal returns with the Iowa adjustments to net income.

However, the fact that the taxpayers file separately for Iowa income tax purposes does not mean that the spouses will be subject to limitations that would apply if the taxpayers had filed separate federal returns. Instead, tax provisions that are applicable for taxpayers filing joint federal returns are also applicable to the taxpayers when they file separate Iowa returns unless the tax provisions are superseded by specific provisions in Iowa income tax law.

For example, married taxpayers that file separate federal returns cannot take the child and dependent care credit (in most instances) and cannot take the earned income credit. Taxpayers that file a joint federal return and elect to file separately for Iowa income tax purposes can take the child and dependent care credit and the earned income credit on their Iowa returns assuming they meet the qualifications for claiming these credits on the joint federal return.

The following paragraphs and examples are provided to clarify some issues and provide some guidance for taxpayers who filed a joint federal income tax return and elect to file separate Iowa returns or separately on the combined Iowa return form.

1. Election to expense certain depreciable business assets. When married taxpayers who have filed a joint federal return elect to file separate Iowa returns or separately on the combined Iowa return form, the taxpayers may claim the same deduction for the expensing of depreciable business assets as they were allowed on their joint federal return of up to \$100,000 (for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2003, and which is adjusted annually for inflation for subsequent tax years) as authorized under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code. In a situation where one spouse is a wage earner and the second spouse has a small business, the second spouse may claim the same deduction for expensing depreciable assets of up to \$100,000 (for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2003) that was allowable on the taxpayers' joint federal return. The fact that a spouse elects to file a separate Iowa return or separately on the combined return form after filing a joint federal return does not mean the spouse is limited to the same deduction for expensing of depreciable business assets of up to \$50,000 (for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2003) that would have applied if the spouse had filed a separate federal return.

In situations where a married couple has ownership of a business, the deduction for the expensing of depreciable assets which is allowable on the spouses' joint federal return should be allocated between the spouses in the same ratio as incomes and losses from the business are reported by the spouses. Subrule 302.15(4) sets out criteria for allocation of incomes and losses of businesses in which married couples have an ownership interest.

2. Capital losses. Except for the Iowa capital gains deduction for limited amounts of net capital gains from certain types of assets described in rule 701—302.38(422), the federal income tax provision for reporting capital gains and losses and for the carryover of capital losses in excess of certain amounts are applicable for Iowa individual income tax purposes. When married taxpayers file a joint federal income tax return and elect to file separate Iowa returns or separately on the combined return form, the spouses must allocate capital gains and losses between them on the basis of the ownership of the assets that were sold or exchanged. That is, the spouses must allocate the capital gains and losses between them on the separate Iowa returns as the capital gains and losses would have been allocated if the taxpayers had filed separate federal returns instead of a joint federal return. However, each spouse is not subject to the \$1,500 capital loss limitation on the separate Iowa return which is applicable to a married taxpayer that files a separate federal return. Instead, the spouses are collectively subject to the same \$3,000 capital loss limitation for married taxpayers filing joint federal returns which is authorized under Section 1211(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. In circumstances where both spouses have net capital losses, each of the spouses can claim a capital loss of up to \$1,500 on the separate Iowa return. In a situation where one spouse has a net capital loss of less than \$1,500 and the other spouse has a capital loss greater than \$1,500, the first spouse can claim the entire capital loss, while the second spouse can claim the portion of the net capital loss on the joint federal return that was not claimed by the first spouse. In no case can the net capital losses claimed on separate Iowa returns by married taxpayers exceed the \$3,000 maximum capital loss that is allowed on the joint federal return. In a circumstance where one spouse has a net capital loss and the other spouse has a net capital gain, the amounts of capital gains and losses claimed by the spouses on their separate Iowa returns must conform with the net capital gain amount or net capital loss amount claimed on the joint federal return for the taxpayers. The following examples illustrate how capital gains and losses are to be allocated between spouses filing separate Iowa returns or separately on the combined Iowa return form for married taxpayers who filed joint federal returns.

EXAMPLE 1. A married couple filed a joint federal return which showed a net capital loss of \$3,000. All of the capital loss was attributable to the husband, as the wife had no capital gains or losses. Therefore, when the taxpayers filed separate Iowa returns, the husband's return showed a \$3,000 capital loss and the wife's return showed no capital gains or losses.

EXAMPLE 2. A married couple filed a joint federal return showing a net capital loss of \$3,000, which was the maximum loss they could claim, although they had aggregate capital losses of \$8,000. The husband had a net capital loss of \$6,000 and the wife had a net capital loss of \$2,000. When the taxpayers filed their separate Iowa returns each spouse claimed a net capital loss of \$1,500, since each spouse had a capital loss of up to \$1,500. The husband had a net capital loss carryover of \$4,500 and the wife had a net capital loss carryover of \$500.

EXAMPLE 3. A married couple filed a joint federal return showing a net capital loss of \$2,500. The husband had a net capital gain of \$7,500 and the wife had a net capital loss of \$10,000. The wife claimed a net capital loss of \$10,000 on her separate Iowa return, while the husband reported a net capital gain of \$7,500 on his separate Iowa return.

EXAMPLE 4. A married couple filed a joint federal return showing a net capital loss of \$3,000. The wife had a net capital loss of \$800 and the husband had a net capital loss of \$2,500. The wife claimed a \$800 net capital loss on her separate Iowa return. The husband claimed a net capital loss on his separate Iowa return of \$2,200 which was the portion of the net capital loss claimed on the joint federal return that was not claimed by the wife. The husband had a net capital loss carryover of \$300.

3. Unemployment compensation benefits. When a husband and wife have filed a joint federal return and elect to file separate Iowa returns or separately on the Iowa combined return form, the spouses are to report the same amount of unemployment compensation benefits on their Iowa returns as was reported for federal income tax purposes as provided in Section 85 of the Internal Revenue Code.

When unemployment compensation benefits are received in the tax year the benefits are to be reported by the spouse or spouses who received the benefits as a result of employment of the spouse or spouses. Nonresidents of Iowa, including nonresidents covered by the reciprocal agreement with Illinois, are to report unemployment compensation benefits on the Iowa income tax return as Iowa source income to the extent the benefits pertain to the individual's employment in Iowa. In a situation where the unemployment compensation benefits are the result of employment in Iowa and in one or more other states, the unemployment compensation benefits should be allocated to Iowa on the basis of the individual's Iowa salaries and wages for the employer to the total salaries and wages for the employer. However, to the extent that unemployment compensation benefits pertain to a person's employment in Iowa for a railroad and the benefits are paid by the railroad retirement board, the benefits are totally exempt from Iowa income tax pursuant to 45 U.S.C. Section 352(e).

**302.15(1)** *Income from property in which only one spouse has an ownership interest but which is not used in business.* If ownership of property not used in a business is in the name of only one spouse and each files a separate state return, income derived from such property may not be divided between husband and wife but must be reported by only that spouse possessing the ownership interest.

**302.15(2)** *Income from property in which both husband and wife have an ownership interest but which is not used in a business.* A husband and wife who file a joint federal return and elect to file separate Iowa returns must each report the share of income from jointly or commonly owned real estate, stocks, bonds, bank accounts, and other property not used in a business in the same manner as if their federal adjusted gross incomes had been determined separately. The rules for determining the manner of reporting this income depend upon the nature of the ownership interest and, in general, may be summarized as follows:

*a.* Joint tenants. A husband and wife owning property as joint tenants with the right of survivorship, a common example of which is a joint savings account, should each report on separate returns one-half of the income from the savings account held by them in joint tenancy.

*b.* Tenants in common. Income from property held by husband and wife as tenants in common is reportable by them in proportion to their legally enforceable ownership interests in the property.

**302.15(3)** *Salary and wages derived from personal or professional services performed in the course of employment.* A husband and wife who file a joint federal return and elect to file separate Iowa returns must report on each spouse's state return the salary and wages which are attributable to services performed pursuant to each individual's employment. The income must be reported on Iowa separate returns in the same manner as if their federal adjusted gross incomes had been determined separately. The manner of reporting wages and salaries by spouses is dependent upon the nature of the employment relationship and is subject to the following rules:

*a.* Interspousal employment—salary or wages paid by one spouse to the other. Wages or compensation paid for services or labor performed by one spouse with respect to property or business owned by the other spouse may be reported on a separate return if the amount of the payment is reasonable for the services or labor actually performed. It is presumed that the compensation or wages paid by one spouse to the other is not reasonable nor allowable for purposes of reporting the income separately unless a bona fide employer-employee relationship exists. For example, unless actual services are rendered, payments are actually made, working hours and standards are set and adhered to, unemployment compensation and workers' compensation requirements are met, the payments may not be separately reported by the salaried spouse.

*b.* Wages and salaries received by a husband or wife pursuant to an employment agreement with an employer other than a spouse. Wages or compensation paid for services or labor performed by a husband or wife pursuant to an employment agreement with some other employer is presumed income of only that spouse that is employed and must be reported separately only by that spouse.

**302.15(4)** *Income from a business in which both husband and wife have an ownership interest.* Income derived from a business the ownership of which is in both spouses' names, as evidenced by record title or by the existence of a bona fide partnership agreement or by other recognized method of establishing legal ownership, may be allocated between spouses and reported on separate individual state income tax returns provided that the interest of each spouse is allocated according to

the capital interest of each, the management and control exercised by each, and the services performed by each with respect to such business. Compliance with the conditions contained in paragraphs “a” or “b” of this subrule and consideration of paragraphs “c,” “d,” and “e” of this subrule must be made in allocating income from a business in which both husband and wife have an ownership interest.

*a.* Allocation of partnership income. Allocation of partnership income between spouses is presumed valid only if partnership information returns, as required for income tax purposes, have currently been filed with respect to the federal self-employment tax law. An oral understanding does not constitute a bona fide partnership implied merely from a common ownership of property.

*b.* Allocation of income derived from a business other than a partnership in which both husband and wife claim an ownership interest. In the case of a business owned by a husband and wife who filed a joint federal income tax return in which one of them claimed all of the income therefrom for federal self-employment tax purposes, it will be presumed for purposes of administering the state income tax law, unless expressly shown to the contrary by the taxpayer, that the spouse who claimed that income for federal self-employment tax purposes did, thereby, with the consent of the other spouse, claim all right to such income and that therefore such income must be included in the state income tax return of the spouse who claimed it for federal self-employment tax purposes if the husband and wife file separate state income tax returns.

*c.* Capital contribution. In determining the weight to be attributed to the capital contribution of each spouse to a business, consideration may be given only to that invested capital which is legally traceable to each individual spouse. Capital existing under the right, dominion, and control of one spouse which is invested in the business is presumed to be a capital contribution of that spouse. Sham transactions which do not affect real changes of ownership in capital between spouses in that such transactions do not legally disturb the right, dominion, and control of the assignor or the donor over the capital must be disregarded in determining capital contribution of the recipient spouse.

*d.* Management and control. Participation in the control and management of a business must be distinguished from the regular performance of nonmanagerial services. Contribution of management and control with respect to the business must be of a substantial nature in order to accord it weight in making an allocation of income. Substantial participation in management does not necessarily involve continuous or even frequent presence at the place of business, but it does involve genuine consultation with respect to at least major business decisions, and it presupposes substantial acquaintance with an interest in the operations, problems, and policies of the business, along with sufficient maturity and background of education or experience to indicate an ability to grasp business problems that are appreciably commensurate with the demands of the enterprise concerned. Vague or general statements as to family discussions at home or elsewhere will not be accepted as a sufficient showing of actual consultation.

*e.* Services performed. The amount of services performed by each spouse is a factor to be considered in determining proper allocation of income from a business in which each spouse has an ownership interest. In order to accord weight to services performed by an individual spouse, the services must be of a beneficial nature in that they make a direct contribution to the business. For example, for a business operation, whether it is a retail sales enterprise, farming operation or otherwise, in which both husband and wife have an ownership interest, the services contributed by the spouses must be directly connected with the business operation. Services for the family such as planting and maintaining family gardens, domestic housework, cooking family meals, and routine errands and shopping, are not considered to be services performed or rendered as an incident of or a contribution to the particular business; such activities by a spouse must be disregarded in determining the allocable income attributable to that spouse.

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**701—302.16(422) Income of nonresidents.** Except as otherwise provided in this rule all income of nonresidents derived from sources within Iowa is subject to Iowa income tax.

Net income received by a nonresident taxpayer from a business, trade, profession, or occupation in Iowa must be reported.

Income from the sale of property, located in Iowa, including property used in connection with the trade, profession, business or occupation of the nonresident, is taxable to Iowa even though the sale is consummated outside of Iowa, and provided that the property was sold before subsequent use outside of Iowa. Any income from the property prior to its sale is also Iowa taxable income.

Income received from a trust or an estate, where the income is from Iowa sources, is taxable, regardless of the situs of the estate or trust. Dividends received in lieu of, or in partial or full payment of, an amount of wages or salary due for services performed in Iowa by a nonresident shall be considered taxable Iowa income. Annuities, interest on bank deposits and interest-bearing obligations, and dividends are not allocated to Iowa except to the extent to which they are derived from a business, trade, profession, or occupation carried on within the state of Iowa by the nonresident.

Interest received from the sale of property, on an installment contract even though the gain from the sale of the property is subject to Iowa taxation, is not allocable to Iowa if the property is not part of the nonresident's trade, profession, business or occupation. As to residents, see 701—302.14(422).

**302.16(1)** *Nonresidents exempt from paying tax.* See 701—subrules 301.5(10) and 301.5(11) for the net income exemption amounts for nonresidents.

These provisions for reducing tax in 701—paragraphs 301.5(10)“c” and 301.5(11)“b” do not apply to the Iowa minimum tax which must be paid irrespective of the amount of Iowa income that an individual has.

**302.16(2)** *Compensation for personal services of nonresidents.* The Iowa income of a nonresident must include compensation for personal services rendered within the state of Iowa. The salary or other compensation of an employee or corporate officer who performs services related to businesses located in Iowa, or has an office in Iowa, are not subject to Iowa tax, if the services are performed while the taxpayer is outside of Iowa. However, the salary earned while the nonresident employee or officer is located within the state of Iowa would be subject to Iowa taxation. The Iowa taxable income of the nonresident shall include that portion of the total compensation received from the employer for personal services for the tax year which the total number of working days that the individual was employed within the state of Iowa bears to the total number of working days within and without the state of Iowa.

Compensation paid by an Iowa employer for services performed wholly outside of Iowa by a nonresident is not taxable income to the state of Iowa. However, all services performed within Iowa, either part-time or full-time, would be taxable to the nonresident and must be reported to this state.

Compensation received from the United States Government by a nonresident member of the armed forces is explained in 701—302.5(422).

Income from commissions earned by a nonresident traveling salesperson, agent or other employee for services performed or sales made and whose compensation depends directly on the volume of business transacted by the nonresident will include that proportion of the compensation received which the volume of business transacted by the employee within the state of Iowa bears to the total volume of business transacted by the employee within and without the state. Allowable deductions will be apportioned on the same basis. However, where separate accounting records are maintained by a nonresident or the employer of the business transacted in Iowa, then the amount of Iowa compensation can be reported based upon separate accounting.

Nonresident actors, singers, performers, entertainers, wrestlers, boxers (and similar performers), must include as Iowa income the gross amount received for performances within this state.

Nonresident attorneys, physicians, engineers, architects (and other similar professions), even though not regularly employed in this state, must include as Iowa income the entire amount of fees or compensation received for services performed in this state.

If nonresidents are employed in this state at intervals throughout the year, as would be the case if employed in operating trains, planes, motor buses, or trucks and similar modes of transportation, between this state and other states and foreign countries, and who are paid on a daily, weekly or monthly basis, the gross income from sources within this state is that portion of the total compensation for personal services which the total number of working days employed within the state bears to the total number of working

days both within and without the state. If paid on a mileage basis, the gross income from sources within this state is that portion of the total compensation for services which the number of miles traveled in Iowa bears to the total number of miles traveled both within and without the state. If paid on some other basis, the total compensation for personal services must be apportioned between this state and other states and foreign countries in such a manner as to allocate to Iowa that portion of the total compensation which is reasonably attributable to personal services performed in this state. Any alternative method of allocation is subject to review and change by the director. However, pursuant to federal law, nonresidents who earn compensation in Iowa and one or more other states for a railway company, an airline company, a merchant marine company, or a motor carrier are only subject to the income tax laws of their state of residence, and the compensation would not be considered gross income from sources within Iowa.

**302.16(3)** *Income from business sources within and without the state.* When income is derived from any business, trade, profession, or occupation carried on partly within and partly without the state only such income as is fairly and equitably attributable to that portion of the business, trade, profession, or occupation carried on in this state, or to services rendered within the state shall be included in the gross income of a nonresident taxpayer. In any event, the entire amount of such income both within and without the state is to be shown on the nonresident's return.

**302.16(4)** *Apportionment of business income from business carried on both within and without the state.*

*a.* If a nonresident, or a partnership or trust with a nonresident member, transacts business both within and without the state, the net income must be so apportioned as to allocate to Iowa a portion of the income on a fair and equitable basis, in accordance with approved methods of accounting.

*b.* The amount of net income attributable to the manufacture or sale of tangible personal property shall be that portion which the gross sales made within the state bears to the total gross sales. The gross sales of tangible personal property are in the state if the property is delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state, regardless of the F.O.B. point or other conditions of the sale.

*c.* Income derived from business other than the manufacture or sale of tangible personal property shall be attributed to Iowa in that portion which the Iowa gross receipts bear to the total gross receipts. Gross receipts are attributable to this state in the portion which the recipient of the service receives benefit of the service in this state.

*d.* If the taxpayer believes that the gross sales or gross receipts methods subjects the taxpayer to taxation on a greater portion of net income than is reasonably attributable to the business within this state the taxpayer may request the use of separate accounting or another alternative method which the taxpayer believes to be proper under the circumstances. In any event, the entire income received by the taxpayer and the basis for a special method of allocation shall be disclosed in the taxpayer's return.

*e.* On or after January 1, 2016, see 701—Chapter 276 for allocation and apportionment of net income to Iowa by an out-of-state business or out-of-state employee who enters Iowa to perform disaster and emergency-related work during a disaster response period as those terms are defined in Iowa Code section 29C.24.

**302.16(5)** *Income from intangible personal property.* Business income of nonresidents from rentals or royalties for the use of, or the privilege of using in this state, patents, copyrights, secret processes and formulas, goodwill, trademarks, franchises, and other like property is income from sources within the state.

Income of nonresidents from intangible personal property such as shares of stock in corporations, bonds, notes, bank deposits and other indebtedness is not taxable as income from sources within this state except where such income is derived from a business, trade, profession, or occupation carried on within this state by the nonresident. If a nonresident buys or sells stocks, bonds, or other such property, so regularly, systematically and continuously as to constitute doing business in this state, the profit or gain derived from such activity is taxable as income from a business carried on within Iowa.

Following are examples to illustrate when intangible income may or may not be subject to the allocation provisions of Iowa Code section 422.8 and rules 701—302.15(422) and 701—304.5(422):

EXAMPLE A - An Illinois resident is a laborer at a factory in Davenport. A \$50 payroll deduction is made each week from the laborer's paycheck to the company's credit union. The Illinois resident will

earn \$600 in interest income from the Iowa credit union account in 1983. The interest income would not be included in the net income allocated to Iowa since the interest income is not derived from the taxpayer's business or utilized for business purposes.

EXAMPLE B - A Nebraska resident is a self-employed plumber, who has a plumbing business in Council Bluffs. The plumber has an interest-bearing checking account in an Iowa bank which the plumber uses to pay bills for the plumbing business. The plumber will earn \$200 in interest income from the checking account in 1982. The plumber will have a net income of \$25,000 from the plumbing business which will be reported on the plumber's 1982 Iowa return. The interest income earned by this nonresident would be taxable to Iowa since it is derived from the business and is utilized in the business.

EXAMPLE C - An Illinois resident has a farm in Illinois. The Illinois resident has an account in an Iowa savings and loan association and invests earnings from the Illinois farm in the Iowa savings and loan account. In 1982, the Illinois farmer will earn \$1,000 in interest income from the account in the Iowa savings and loan. The interest income is not included in the net income allocable to Iowa since the interest income is not derived from the taxpayer's trade or business.

EXAMPLE D - An Illinois resident has Iowa farms. The Illinois resident invests the profits from the farms in a savings account in an Iowa bank. Several times a year, the taxpayer transfers part of the funds from the savings account to the taxpayer's checking account to purchase machinery to be used in the farming operations. The interest income would not be included in income allocated to Iowa since the interest income is not derived from the taxpayer's trade or business nor is the savings account utilized as a business account.

EXAMPLE E - An Illinois resident is a physician, whose practice is in Iowa. The physician has a business checking account in an Iowa bank that is used to pay the bills relating to the physician's practice. In the same bank, the physician has a personal savings account where all the physician's receipts for a given month are deposited. On the first working day of the month, funds are transferred from the savings account to the checking account to pay the bills that have accrued during the month. The interest income from the savings account would be included in net income allocated to Iowa since it is derived from and utilized in the business.

EXAMPLE F - A nonresident has a farm in Iowa which is the nonresident's principal business, although this person is an Illinois resident. The nonresident has an interest-bearing checking account in an Iowa bank. This checking account is used to pay personal expenditures as well as to pay expenses incurred in operation of the farm. In 1982, the taxpayer will earn \$550 in interest from the checking account. The interest would be included in net income allocated to Iowa since the interest is derived from the business, generated from a business account, and utilized in the business.

Income of a nonresident beneficiary from an estate or trust, distributed or distributable to the beneficiary out of income from intangible personal property of the estate or trust, is not income from sources in this state and is not taxable to the nonresident beneficiary unless the property is so used by the estate or trust as to create a business, trade, profession, or occupation in this state.

Whether or not the executor or administrator of an estate or the trustee of a trust is a resident of this state is immaterial, insofar as the taxation of income of beneficiaries from the estate or trust are concerned.

EXAMPLE G - A nonresident is a partner in a family investment partnership in which the other partners are members of the same family. The other partners are residents of Iowa. The partnership invests in mutual funds, interest-bearing securities and stocks which produce interest, dividend and capital gain income for the partnership. The partners who are Iowa residents make occasional decisions in Iowa on what investments should be made by the partnership. The distributive share of interest, dividend and capital gain income reported by the nonresident would not be included in net income allocated to Iowa since it was not derived from a business carried on within the state.

**302.16(6) *Distributive shares of nonresident partners.*** When a partnership derives income from sources within this state as determined in 302.16(3) through 302.16(5), the nonresident members of the partnership are taxable only upon that portion of their distributive share of the partnership income which is derived from sources within this state.

**302.16(7)** *Interest and dividends from government securities.* Interest and dividends from federal securities subject to the federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code are not to be included in determining the Iowa net income of a nonresident, but any interest and dividends from securities and from securities of state and other political subdivisions exempt for federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code are to be included in the Iowa net income of a nonresident to the extent that same are derived from a business, trade, profession, or occupation carried on within the state of Iowa by the nonresident.

**302.16(8)** *Gains or losses from sales or exchanges of real property and tangible personal property by a nonresident of Iowa.* If a nonresident realizes any gains or losses from sales or exchanges of real property or tangible personal property within the state of Iowa, such gains or losses are subject to the Iowa income tax and shall be reported to this state by the nonresident. Gains or losses attributable to Iowa will be determined as follows:

1. Gains or losses from sales or exchanges of real property located in this state are allocable to this state.
2. Capital gains and losses from sales or exchanges of tangible personal property are allocable to this state if the property had a situs in this state at the time of the sale.

In determining whether a short-term or long-term capital gain or a capital loss is involved in a sale or exchange, and determining the amount of a gain from the sale of real or tangible property in Iowa, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code are to be followed.

**302.16(9)** *Capital gains or losses from sales or exchanges of ownership interests in Iowa business entities by nonresidents of Iowa.* Nonresidents of Iowa who sell or exchange ownership interests in various Iowa business entities will be subject to Iowa income tax on capital gains and capital losses from those transactions for different entities as described in the following paragraphs:

*a. Capital gains from sales or exchanges of stock in C corporations and S corporations.* When a nonresident of Iowa sells or exchanges stock in a C corporation or an S corporation, that shareholder is selling or exchanging the stock, which is intangible personal property. The capital gain received by a nonresident of Iowa from the sale or exchange of capital stock of a C corporation or an S corporation is taxable to the state of the personal domicile or residence of the owner of the capital stock unless the stock attains an independent business situs apart from the personal domicile of the individual who sold the capital stock. The stock may acquire an independent business situs in Iowa if the stock had been used as an integral part of some business activity occurring in Iowa in the year in which the sale or exchange of the stock had taken place. Whether the stock has attained an independent business status is determined on a factual basis.

For example, a situation in which capital stock owned by a nonresident of Iowa was used as collateral to secure a loan to remodel a retail store in Iowa, regardless of the ownership of the store, would meet the test for the stock being used as an integral part of some business activity in Iowa.

Assuming that the gain from the sale or exchange of stock is attributable to Iowa, the next step is to determine how much of the gain is attributable to Iowa. This is computed on the basis of the Iowa allocation and apportionment rules applicable to the separate business the stock has become an integral part of for the year in which the sale or exchange occurred. For example, if the business was subject to Iowa income tax on 40 percent of its income in the year of the sale or exchange, then 40 percent of the capital gain would be attributable or taxable by Iowa.

However, the fact that the gain from the sale or exchange of stock is taxable or partially taxable to Iowa does not mean that the dividends received by the nonresident in the year of sale are taxable to Iowa. Dividends from stock used in an Iowa specific business activity would not be taxable to Iowa except under special circumstances. An illustration of these special circumstances would be when the dividends are from capital stock from a business where the purchase and sale of stock constitute a regular business in Iowa. In this situation the dividends would be taxable to Iowa. See subrule 302.16(5).

*b. Capital gains from sales or exchanges of interests in partnerships.* When a nonresident of Iowa sells or exchanges the individual's interest in a partnership, the nonresident is actually selling an intangible since the partnership can continue without the nonresident partner and the assets used by the partnership are legally owned by the partnership and an individual retains only an equitable interest in



the assets of the partnership by virtue of the partner's ownership interest in the partnership. However, because of the unique attributes of partnerships, the owner's interest in a partnership is considered to be localized or "sourced" at the situs of the partnership's activities as a matter of law. *Arizona Tractor Co. v. Arizona State Tax Com'n.*, 566 P.2d 1348, 1350 (Ariz. App. 1997); Iowa Code chapter 486 (unique attributes of a partnership defined). Therefore, if a partnership conducts all of its business in Iowa, 100 percent of the gain on the sale or exchange of a partnership interest would be attributable to Iowa. On the other hand, if the partnership conducts 100 percent of its business outside of Iowa, none of the gain would be attributable to Iowa for purposes of the Iowa income tax. In the situation where a partnership conducts business both in and out of Iowa, the capital gain from the sale or exchange of an interest in the partnership would be allocated or apportioned in and out of Iowa based upon the partnership's activities in and out of Iowa in the year of the sale or exchange.

Note that if a partnership is a publicly traded partnership and is taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, any capital gains realized on the sale or exchange of a nonresident partner's interest in the partnership will receive the same tax treatment as the capital gain from the sale or exchange of an interest in a C corporation or an S corporation as specified in paragraph "a" of this subrule.

*c. Capital gains from sales or exchanges of sole proprietorships.* When a nonresident sells or exchanges the individual's interest in a sole proprietorship, the nonresident is actually selling or exchanging tangible and intangible personal property used in this business because the sole proprietor is the legal and equitable owner of all such assets. Therefore, the general source or situs rules governing the gain from the sale or exchange of tangible property and intangible property by a nonresident individual control. Thus, if the sole proprietorship is located in Iowa, the gain from the sale or exchange of the proprietorship by a nonresident would be taxable to Iowa.

*d. Capital gains from sales or exchanges of interests in limited liability companies.* Limited liability companies are hybrid business entities containing elements of both a partnership and a corporation. If a limited liability company properly elected to file or would have been required to file a federal partnership tax return, a capital gain from the sale or exchange of an ownership interest in the limited liability company by a nonresident member of the company would be taxable to Iowa to the same extent as if the individual were selling a similar interest in a partnership as described in paragraph "b" of this subrule. However, if the limited liability company properly elected or would have been required to file a federal corporation tax return, a nonresident member who sells or exchanges an ownership interest in the limited liability company would be treated the same as if the nonresident were selling a similar interest in a C corporation or an S corporation as described in paragraph "a" of this subrule.

*e. Taxation of corporate liquidations.* As a matter of Iowa law, the proceeds from corporate liquidating distributions are not considered to be the proceeds from the sale or exchange of corporate stock. Rather, such proceeds represent the transfer back to the shareholder of that shareholder's pro-rata share of the actual assets of the corporation in which each shareholder held only an equitable ownership interest prior to the dissolution. *Lynch v. State Board of Assessment and Review*, 228 Iowa 1000, 1003-1004, 291 N.W. 161 (1940). The amount of such gain is calculated by subtracting the distribution realized from the shareholder's basis in the stock. *Id.* Thus, any gain realized by the shareholder upon such distribution is considered a capital gain from a sale or exchange of the assets by the shareholder for purposes of sourcing the shareholder's liquidating distribution gain. Consequently, the gain, whether it is from a distribution of cash or other property, is controlled by the general source or situs rules in subrule 302.16(8) governing the taxation of the sale or exchange of tangible personal property by a nonresident and subrule 302.16(10) governing the sale or exchange of intangible personal property by a nonresident.

*f. Capital losses realized by a nonresident of Iowa from the sale or exchange of an ownership interest in an Iowa business entity.* In a situation where a nonresident of Iowa sells the ownership interest in an Iowa business entity and has a capital loss from the transaction, the nonresident can claim the loss on the Iowa income tax return under the same circumstances that a capital gain would have been reported as described in paragraphs "a" through "e" of this subrule. The federal income tax provisions for netting Iowa source capital gains and losses are applicable as well as the federal provisions for limiting the net

capital loss in the tax year to \$3,000, with the carryover of the portion of net capital losses that exceed \$3,000.

**302.16(10)** *Capital gains and losses from sales or exchanges of intangible personal property other than ownership interests in business entities.* Capital gains and losses realized by a nonresident of Iowa from the sale or exchange of intangible personal property (other than interests in business entities) are taxable to Iowa if the intangible property was an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in Iowa prior to the sale or exchange. In the case of an intangible asset which was an integral part of a business activity of a business entity occurring regularly within and without Iowa, a capital gain or loss from the sale or exchange of the intangible asset by a nonresident of Iowa would be reported to Iowa in the ratio of the Iowa business activity to the total business activity for the year of the sale.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.5, 422.7, and 422.8.

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**701—302.17(422) Income of part-year residents.** A taxpayer who was a resident of Iowa for only a portion of the taxable year is subject to the following rules of taxation:

1. For that portion of the taxable year for which the taxpayer was a nonresident, the taxpayer shall allocate to Iowa only the income derived from sources within Iowa.

2. For that portion of the taxable year for which the taxpayer was an Iowa resident, the taxpayer shall allocate to Iowa all income earned or received whether from sources within or without Iowa.

A taxpayer moving into Iowa may adjust the Iowa-source gross income on Schedule IA 126 by the amount of the moving expense to the extent allowed by Section 217 of the Internal Revenue Code. Any reimbursement of moving expense shall be included in Iowa-source gross income. A taxpayer moving from Iowa to another state or country may not adjust the Iowa-source gross income by the amount of moving expense, nor should any reimbursement of moving expense be allocated to Iowa.

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**701—302.18(422) Net operating loss carrybacks and carryovers.** Net operating losses shall be allowed or allowable for Iowa individual income tax purposes and will be computed using a method similar to the method used to compute losses allowed or allowable for federal income tax purposes. In determining the applicable amount of Iowa loss carrybacks and carryovers, the adjustments to net income set forth in Iowa Code section 422.7 and the deductions from net income set forth in Iowa Code section 422.9 must be considered.

**302.18(1)** *Treatment of federal income taxes.*

a. Refund of federal income taxes due to net operating loss carrybacks or carryovers shall be reflected in the following manner:

(1) Accrual basis taxpayers shall accrue refunds of federal income taxes to the year in which the net operating loss occurs.

(2) Cash basis taxpayers shall reflect refunds of federal income taxes in the return for the year in which the refunds are received.

(3) Refunds reported in the year in which the net operating loss occurs which contain both business and nonbusiness components shall be analyzed and separated accordingly. The amount of refund attributable to business income shall be that amount of federal taxes paid on business income which are being refunded.

b. Federal income taxes paid in the year of the loss which contain both business and nonbusiness components shall be analyzed and separated accordingly. Federal income taxes paid in the year of the loss shall be reflected as a deduction to business income to the extent that the federal income tax was the result of the taxpayer's trade or business. Federal income taxes paid which are not attributable to

a taxpayer's trade or business shall also be allowed as a deduction but will be limited to the amount of gross income which is not derived from a trade or business.

**302.18(2) *Nonresidents doing business within and without Iowa.*** If a nonresident does business both within and without Iowa, the nonresident shall make adjustments reflecting the apportionment of the operating loss on the basis of business done within and without the state of Iowa, according to rule 701—302.16(422). The apportioned income or loss shall be added or deducted, as the case may be, to any amount of other income attributable to Iowa for that year.

**302.18(3) *Loss carryback and carryforward.*** The net operating loss attributable to Iowa as determined in rule 701—302.18(422) shall be subject to the federal 2-year carryback and 20-year carryover provisions if the net operating loss was for a tax year beginning after August 5, 1997, or subject to the federal 3-year carryback and the 15-year carryforward provisions if the net operating loss was for a tax year beginning prior to August 6, 1997. However, in the case of a casualty or theft loss for an individual taxpayer or for a net operating loss in a presidentially declared disaster area incurred by a taxpayer engaged in a small business or in the trade or business of farming, the net operating loss is to be carried back 3 taxable years and forward 20 taxable years if the loss is for a tax year beginning after August 5, 1997. The net operating loss or casualty or theft loss shall be carried back or over to the applicable year as a reduction or part of a reduction of the taxable income attributable to Iowa for that year. However, a net operating loss shall not be carried back to a year in which the taxpayer was not doing business in Iowa. If the election under Section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is made, the Iowa net operating loss shall be carried forward 20 taxable years if the net operating loss is for a tax year beginning after August 5, 1997, or the net operating loss shall be carried forward 15 taxable years if the loss is for a tax year beginning before August 6, 1997. A copy of the federal election made under Section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code must be attached to the Iowa individual return filed with the department.

**302.18(4) *Loss not applicable.*** No part of a net loss for a year for which an individual was not subject to the imposition of Iowa individual income tax shall be included in the Iowa net operating loss deduction applicable to any year prior to or subsequent to the year of the loss.

**302.18(5) *Special adjustments applicable to net operating losses.*** Section 172(d) of the Internal Revenue Code provides for certain modifications when computing a net operating loss. These modifications refer to, but are not limited to, such things as considerations of other net operating loss deductions, treatment of capital gains and losses, and the limitation of nonbusiness deductions. Where applicable, the modifications set forth in Section 172 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be considered when computing the net operating loss carryover or carryback for Iowa income tax purposes.

**302.18(6) *Distinguishing business or nonbusiness items.*** In computing a net operating loss, nonbusiness deductions may be claimed only to the extent of nonbusiness income. Therefore, it is necessary to distinguish between business and nonbusiness income and expenses. For Iowa net operating loss purposes, an item will retain the same business or nonbusiness identity which would be applicable for federal income tax purposes.

**302.18(7) *Examples.*** The computation of a net operating loss deduction for Iowa income tax purposes is illustrated in the following examples:

- a. Individual A had the following items of income for the taxable year:

Gross income from retail sales business		\$125,000
Interest income from federal securities		2,000
Salary from part-time job		12,500
Individual A's federal return showed the following deductions:		
Business deductions (retail sales)		\$150,000
Itemized (nonbusiness) deductions:		
Interest	\$400	
Real estate tax	600	
Iowa income tax	800	\$ 1,800

Individual A paid \$3,000 federal income tax during the year which consisted of \$2,500 federal withholding (business) and a \$500 payment (nonbusiness) which was for the balance of the prior year's federal tax liability.

The federal computations are as follows:

	<u>Per Return</u>	<u>Computed NOL</u>
Income:		
Retail Sales	\$125,000	\$125,000
Interest income-federal securities	2,000	2,000
Salary	12,500	12,500
Subtotal	<u>\$139,500</u>	<u>\$139,500</u>
Deductions:		
Business	\$150,000	\$150,000
Itemized deductions	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>
(Loss) per federal	<u>(\$ 12,300)</u>	
Computed net operating loss		<u>(\$ 12,300)</u>

Since the nonbusiness deductions do not exceed the nonbusiness income, the loss per the federal return and the computed net operating loss are the same.

The Iowa computations are as follows:

	<u>Per Return</u>	<u>Computed NOL</u>
Income:		
Retail sales	\$125,000	\$125,000
Salary	12,500	12,500
Subtotal	<u>\$137,500</u>	<u>\$137,500</u>
Deductions:		
Business	\$150,000	\$150,000
Federal tax deductions	3,000	2,500
Itemized deductions	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>
(Loss) per return	<u>(\$ 16,500)</u>	
Computed Iowa NOL		<u>(\$ 15,000)</u>

NOTE: Itemized (nonbusiness deductions) are eliminated due to the lack of nonbusiness income. The only nonbusiness income, interest from federal securities, is not taxable for Iowa income tax purposes under Iowa Code section 422.7. The only federal tax deduction allowable is that related to business activity.

b. Individual B had the following items of income for the taxable year:

Gross income from restaurant business		\$300,000
Wages		12,000
Business long-term capital gain @100%		1,000
Municipal bond interest (nonbusiness)		1,000
Federal tax refund of prior year taxes		500
Iowa tax refund of prior year taxes		100
Individual B's federal return showed the following deductions:		
Business deductions from restaurant		\$333,000
Itemized deductions:		
Interest (nonbusiness)	\$590	
Real estate tax (nonbusiness)	780	
Iowa income tax*	520	
Alimony (nonbusiness)	600	
Union dues (business)	100	2,590

\*Iowa estimated payments totaled \$220 of which \$70 related to nonbusiness income and \$150 related to business capital gains and business profits. \$300 in Iowa tax was withheld from his wages.

Individual B paid \$2,000 in federal income taxes during the tax year. \$1,500 of this amount was withholding on wages and \$500 was a federal estimated payment based on capital gains and projected business profits.

In the previous year 75 percent of B's income was from business sources and 25 percent was from nonbusiness sources.

The federal computations are as follows:

	<u>Per Return</u>	<u>Computed NOL</u>
Income:		
Retail sales	\$300,000	\$300,000
Wages	12,000	12,000
Capital gains	500(a)	1,000(a)
Iowa refund	100	100
Subtotal	<u>\$312,600</u>	<u>\$313,100</u>
Deductions:		
Business	\$333,000	\$333,000
Itemized deductions	2,590	575(b)
(Loss) per federal	<u>(\$ 22,990)</u>	
Computed net operating loss		<u>(\$ 20,475)</u>

(a) Capital gains are reduced by 50 percent in computing adjusted gross income, but must be reported in full in computing a net operating loss.

- (b) Itemized deductions are limited to business deductions consisting of \$100 for union dues, \$450 for Iowa tax on business income, and nonbusiness deductions to the extent of nonbusiness income which amounts to \$25. The only nonbusiness income is 25 percent of the \$100 Iowa refund.

The Iowa computations are as follows:

	<u>Per Return</u>	<u>Computed NOL</u>
Income:		
Retail sales	\$300,000	\$300,000
Wages	12,000	12,000
Capital gains	500	1,000
Municipal bond interest	1,000	1,000
Federal refund	500	500
Subtotal	<u>\$314,000</u>	<u>\$314,500</u>
Deductions:		
Business	\$333,000	\$333,000
Federal tax	2,000	2,000
Itemized deductions	<u>2,070(c)</u>	<u>1,225(d)</u>
(Loss) per return	<u>(\$ 23,070)</u>	
Computed Iowa NOL		<u>(\$ 21,725)</u>

- (c) Iowa income tax is not an itemized deduction for Iowa income tax purposes.
- (d) Itemized deductions are limited to business deductions of \$100 for union dues and nonbusiness deductions to the extent of nonbusiness income of \$1,125. Nonbusiness income includes \$1,000 of municipal bond interest and 25 percent (\$125) of the federal tax refund.

**302.18(8)** *Net operating losses for nonresidents and part-year residents for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1982.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1982, nonresidents and part-year residents may carryback/carryforward only those net operating losses from Iowa sources. Nonresidents and part-year residents may not carryback/carryforward net operating losses which are from all sources.

Before the Iowa net operating loss of a nonresident or part-year resident is available for carryback/carryforward to another tax year, the loss must be decreased or increased by a number of possible adjustments depending on which adjustments are applicable to the taxpayer for the year of the loss. Iowa Net Operating Loss (NOL) Worksheet (41-123) may be used to make the adjustments to the net operating loss and compute the net operating loss deduction available for carryback/carryforward.

If the net operating loss was increased by an adjustment for an individual retirement account or H.R.10 retirement plan, the net operating loss should be decreased by the amount of the adjustment. The net operating loss should also be decreased by the amount of any capital loss or by the capital gain deduction to the extent the capital loss or capital gain deduction was from the sale or exchange of an asset from an Iowa source.

In a situation where the nonresident or part-year resident taxpayer received a federal income tax refund in the year of the NOL, the refund should reduce the loss in the ratio of the Iowa source income to the all source income for the tax year in which the refund was generated.

The net operating loss should be increased by any federal income tax paid in the loss year for a prior year in the ratio of the Iowa income for the prior year to the all source income for the prior year. Federal income tax withheld from wages or other compensation received in the loss year may be used to increase the Iowa net operating loss to the extent the tax is withheld from wages or other compensation earned in Iowa.

Federal estimate tax payments would be allocated to Iowa and increase the net operating loss on the basis of the Iowa income not subject to withholding to total income not subject to withholding. In

any case where this method of allocation of federal estimate payments to Iowa is not considered to be equitable, the taxpayer may allocate the payments using another method as long as this method is disclosed on the taxpayer's Iowa individual income tax return for the year of the loss. However, the burden of proof is on the taxpayer to show that an alternate method of allocation is equitable.

Nonbusiness deductions included in the itemized deductions paid during the year of the net operating loss may be used to increase the NOL to the extent of nonbusiness income which is reported to Iowa in computation of the net operating loss. In most instances of net operating losses for nonresidents, no itemized deductions will be allowed in computing the net operating loss deduction. This is because most nonresidents will have no nonbusiness income reported to Iowa. Business deductions included in the federal itemized deductions may be used to increase the net operating loss deduction to the extent the deductions pertain to a business, trade, occupation or profession conducted in Iowa.

EXAMPLE A. A nonresident taxpayer had the following all source income and Iowa source income for 1982:

Category	All Source Income	Iowa Source Income
Wages	\$20,000	\$20,000
Interest	5,000	0
Rental income	5,000	5,000
Business loss	(50,000)	(10,000)
Iowa net income (loss)	<u>(\$20,000)</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>

The nonresident taxpayer did not have an Iowa net operating loss available for carryback/carryforward for Iowa income tax purposes because the taxpayer's Iowa source income was not negative. The taxpayer's all source loss of (\$20,000) does not qualify for carryback/carryforward on the Iowa return. However, since the taxpayer's all source income is negative, the taxpayer will not have an Iowa income tax liability for the year of the all source loss.

EXAMPLE B. A nonresident taxpayer received a federal refund of \$1,000 in 1983. The refund was from the taxpayer's 1981 federal return where the taxpayer's Iowa income was 20% of the total income. \$2,000 of federal income tax was withheld from the taxpayer's Iowa wages in 1982. The taxpayer had \$10,000 in itemized deductions in 1982. However, the taxpayer had no Iowa nonbusiness income in 1982. In addition, no Iowa business deductions were included in the itemized deductions available on the federal return. The individual had the following all source income and Iowa source income in 1982:

Category	All Source Income	Iowa Source Income
Wages	\$60,000	\$10,000
Interest	3,000	0
Rental income	5,000	5,000
Farm income loss	(30,000)	(30,000)
Capital gain	2,000	2,000
Total incomes	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>(\$13,000)</u>

The taxpayer's Iowa source loss of (\$13,000) was decreased by \$200 of the federal refund since 20% of the refund was considered to be from Iowa income. The loss was decreased by \$3,000 which was the capital gain deduction of the Iowa source asset sold in 1982. The loss was increased by the federal income tax withheld of \$2,000 from Iowa wages. Because there is no Iowa source nonbusiness income nor Iowa source business deductions, the taxpayer's itemized deductions will not affect the net operating loss deduction.

Shown below is a recap of the net operating loss deduction for the nonresident taxpayer.

Iowa source net loss . . . . .	(\$13,000)
Iowa portion of federal refund . . . . .	200
Federal tax withheld on Iowa wages. . . . .	(2,000)
Capital gain deduction . . . . .	3,000
Total	<u>(\$11,800)</u>

The taxpayer's net operating loss deduction available for carryback/carryforward to another tax year is (\$11,800).

After all adjustments are made to the Iowa net operating loss to compute the net operating loss deduction available for carryback/carryforward, the NOL deduction is applied to the carryback/carryforward tax year as described in paragraph "a" and paragraph "b" below:

*a. Application of net operating losses to tax years beginning prior to January 1, 1982.* In cases where a net operating loss deduction for a nonresident or part-year resident for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 1982, is applied to a tax year beginning prior to January 1, 1982, the net operating loss deduction is applied to the taxable income for the carryback/carryforward year unless the NOL deduction is greater than the taxable income. If the NOL deduction is greater than the taxable income, the taxable income is increased by any Iowa source capital loss or any Iowa source capital gain deduction before the NOL deduction is applied against the taxable income.

EXAMPLE 1. A nonresident taxpayer has an Iowa net operating loss deduction of (\$15,000) from the taxpayer's 1982 Iowa return. The taxpayer is carrying the NOL deduction back to 1979 where taxpayer's Iowa taxable income was \$14,000. The taxpayer had a net capital loss of \$3,000 in 1979. Because the taxpayer's 1979 taxable income of \$14,000 was \$1,000 less than the NOL deduction, the taxable income was increased by \$1,000 of the net capital loss so there would be no carryover of the NOL to 1980. However, since the NOL deduction erased all the taxable income for 1979, the taxpayer would be granted a refund of all the Iowa income tax paid for the carryback year of 1979, plus applicable interest.

*b. Application of net operating losses to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1982.* In situations where a net operating loss of a nonresident or part-year resident for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 1982, is carried back/carried forward for application to a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 1982, the net operating loss deduction is applied to the Iowa source income of the taxpayer for the carryback/carryforward year. The Iowa source income is the income on line 25 of Section B of Schedule IA-126 for the 1982 and 1983 Iowa returns and line 26 of Section B of Schedule IA-126 for the 1984 Iowa return and the incomes on similar corresponding lines of Section B of Schedule IA-126 for tax years after 1984. In situations where the net operating loss deductions are larger than the Iowa source incomes, the Iowa source incomes are increased by any Iowa source capital gains or capital losses that are applicable, not to exceed the NOL deduction.

The Iowa source net income after reduction by the NOL deduction is divided by the all source income for the taxpayer. The resulting percentage is the adjusted Iowa income percentage. This percentage is subtracted from 100 percent to arrive at the revised nonresident/part-year resident credit for the taxpayer. The taxpayer's overpayment as a result of the net operating loss is the amount by which the revised nonresident/part-year credit exceeds the nonresident/part-year credit prior to application of the net operating loss deduction.

EXAMPLE 1. A nonresident taxpayer had a net operating loss deduction of \$11,800 for the 1996 tax year. When the 1996 Iowa return was filed, the taxpayer elected to carry the loss forward to the 1997 tax year. The taxpayer's all source net income and Iowa source net income for 1997 were as shown below. The net operating loss carryforward from 1996 is deducted only from the Iowa source income for 1997:



Category	All Source Income	Iowa Source Income
Wages	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,000
Interest	3,000	0
Rental income	10,000	3,000
Farm income	25,000	25,000
Capital gain	2,000	2,000
Net operating loss carryforward	—	(11,800)
Iowa net income	\$100,000	\$ 38,200

The Iowa source income of \$38,200 after reduction by the NOL carryforward is divided by the all source income of \$100,000 which results in an Iowa income percentage of 38.2. This percentage is subtracted from 100 percent to arrive at the nonresident/part-year resident credit percentage of 61.8. When the tax after credit amount of \$7,364 is multiplied by the nonresident/part-year credit percentage of 61.8, this results in a credit of \$4,551. This credit is \$869 greater than the nonresident/part-year credit of \$3,682 would have been for 1997 without application of the net operating loss deduction which was carried forward from 1996.

**302.18(9)** *Net operating loss carryback for a taxpayer engaged in the business of farming.* Notwithstanding the net operating loss carryback periods described in subrule 302.18(3), a taxpayer who is engaged in the trade or business of farming as defined in Section 263A(e)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and has a loss from farming as defined in Section 172(b)(1)(F) of the Internal Revenue Code for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 1998, this loss from farming is a net operating loss which the taxpayer may carry back five taxable years prior to the year of the loss. Therefore, if a taxpayer has a net operating loss from the trade or business of farming for the 1998 tax year, the net operating loss from farming can be carried back to the taxpayer's 1993 Iowa return and can be applied to the income shown on that return. The farming loss is the lesser of (1) the amount that would be the net operating loss for the tax year if only income and deductions from the farming business were taken into account, or (2) the amount of the taxpayer's net operating loss for the tax year. Thus, if a taxpayer has a \$10,000 loss from a grain farming business and the taxpayer had wages in the tax year of \$7,000, the taxpayer's loss for the year is only \$3,000. Therefore, the taxpayer has a net operating loss from farming of \$3,000 that may be carried back five years.

However, if a taxpayer has a net operating loss from the trade or business of farming for a taxable year beginning in 1998 or for a taxable year after 1998 and makes a valid election for federal income tax purposes to carry back the net operating loss two years, or three years if the loss was in a presidentially declared disaster area or related to a casualty or theft loss, the net operating loss must be carried back two years or three years for Iowa income tax purposes. A copy of the federal election made under Section 172(i)(3) for the two-year or three-year carryback in lieu of the five-year carryback may be attached to the Iowa return or the amended Iowa return to show why the carryback was two years or three years instead of five years.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.5 and 422.7 and Iowa Code Supplement section 422.9(3).

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**701—302.19(422) Casualty losses.** Casualty losses may be treated in the same manner as net operating losses and may be carried back three years and forward seven years in the event said casualty losses exceed income in the loss year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.20(422) Adjustments to prior years.** When Iowa requests for refunds are filed, they shall be allowed only if filed within three years after the tax payment upon which a refund or credit became due, or one year after the tax payment was made, whichever time is the later. Even though a refund may be barred by the statute of limitations, a loss shall be carried back and applied against income on a previous year to determine the correct amount of loss carryforward.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.73.

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**701—302.21(422) Additional deduction for wages paid or accrued for work done in Iowa by certain individuals.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984, but before January 1, 1989, a taxpayer who operates a business which is considered to be a small business as defined in subrule 302.21(2) is allowed an additional deduction for 50 percent of the first 12 months of wages paid or accrued during the tax years for work done in Iowa by employees first hired on or after January 1, 1984, or after July 1, 1984, where the taxpayer first qualifies as a small business under the expanded definition of a small business effective July 1, 1984, and meets one of the following criteria.

A handicapped individual domiciled in this state at the time of hiring.

An individual domiciled in this state at the time of hiring who meets any of the following conditions:

1. Has been convicted of a felony in this or any other state or the District of Columbia.
2. Is on parole pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 906.
3. Is on probation pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 907 for an offense other than a simple misdemeanor.
4. Is in a work release program pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 247A.

An individual, whether or not domiciled in this state at the time of the hiring, who is on parole or probation and to whom the interstate probation and parole compact under Iowa Code section 913.40 applies.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, the additional deduction for wages paid or accrued for work done in Iowa by certain individuals is 65 percent of the wages paid for the first 12 months of employment of the individuals, not to exceed \$20,000 per individual. Individuals must meet the same criteria to qualify their employers for this deduction for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, as for tax years beginning before January 1, 1989.

For tax years ending after July 1, 1990, a taxpayer who operates a business which does not qualify as a small business specified in subrule 302.21(2) may claim an additional deduction for wages paid or accrued for work done in Iowa by certain convicted felons provided the felons are described in the four numbered paragraphs above and the following unnumbered paragraph and provided the felons are first hired on or after July 1, 1990. The additional deduction is 65 percent not to exceed \$20,000 for the first 12 months of wages paid for work done in Iowa.

The qualifications mentioned in subrules 302.21(1), 302.21(4), 302.21(5), and 302.21(6) and in paragraphs 302.21(3) “f” and “g” apply to the additional deduction for work done in Iowa by a convicted felon in situations where the taxpayer is not a small business as well as in situations where the taxpayer is a small business.

The additional deduction applies to any individual hired on or after July 1, 2001, whether or not domiciled in Iowa at the time of hiring, who is on parole or probation and to whom either the interstate probation and parole compact under Iowa Code section 907A.1 or the compact for adult offenders under Iowa Code chapter 907B applies. The amount of additional deduction for hiring this individual is equal to 65 percent of the wages paid, but the additional deduction is not to exceed \$20,000 for the first 12 months of wages paid for work done in Iowa.

**302.21(1)** The additional deduction shall not be allowed for wages paid to an individual who was hired to replace an individual whose employment was terminated within the 12-month period preceding the date of first employment. However, if the individual being replaced left employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer or if the individual was discharged for misconduct in connection with the individual’s employment as determined by the department of workforce development, the additional deduction shall be allowed.

The determination of whether an individual left employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer or if the individual was discharged for misconduct is a factual determination which must be made on a case-by-case basis.

**302.21(2)** The term “small business” means a business entity organized for profit including but not limited to an individual proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association or cooperative. It includes the operation of a farm, but not the practice of a profession. The following conditions apply to a business entity which is a small business for purposes of the additional deduction for wages:

*a.* The small business shall not have had more than 20 full-time equivalent employee positions during each of the 26 consecutive weeks within the 52-week period immediately preceding the date on which an individual for whom an additional deduction for wages is taken was hired. Full-time equivalent position means any of the following:

1. An employment position requiring an average work week of 40 or more hours;
2. An employment position for which compensation is paid on a salaried full-time basis without regard to hours worked; or
3. An aggregation of any number of part-time positions which equal one full-time position. For purposes of this subrule each part-time position shall be categorized with regard to the average number of hours worked each week as a one-quarter, half, three-quarter, or full-time position, as set forth in the following table:

<u>Average Number of Weekly Hours</u>	<u>Category</u>
More than 0 but less than 15	¼
15 or more but less than 25	½
25 or more but less than 35	¾
35 or more	1 (full-time)

*b.* The small business shall not have more than \$1 million in annual gross revenues, or after July 1, 1984, \$3 million in annual gross revenues or as the average of the three preceding tax years. “Annual gross revenues” means total sales, before deducting returns and allowances but after deducting corrections and trade discounts, sales taxes and excise taxes based on sales, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

*c.* The small business shall not be an affiliate or subsidiary of a business which is dominant in its field of operation. “Dominant in its field of operation” means having more than 20 full-time equivalent employees and more than \$1 million of annual gross revenues, or after July 1, 1984, \$3 million of annual gross revenues or as the average of the three preceding tax years. “Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operations” means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation.

*d.* “Operation of a farm” means the cultivation of land for the production of agricultural crops, the raising of poultry, the production of eggs, the production of milk, the production of fruit or other horticultural crops, grazing or the production of livestock. Operation of a farm shall not include the production of timber, forest products, nursery products, or sod and operation of a farm shall not include a contract where a processor or distributor of farm products or supplies provides spraying, harvesting or other farm services.

*e.* “The practice of a profession” means a vocation requiring specialized knowledge and preparation including but not limited to the following: medicine and surgery, podiatry, osteopathy, osteopathic medicine and surgery, psychology, psychiatry, chiropractic, nursing, dentistry, dental hygiene, optometry, speech pathology, audiology, pharmacy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, mortuary science, law, architecture, engineering and surveying, and accounting.

**302.21(3)** Definitions.

*a.* The term “*handicapped person*” means any person who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment.

The term handicapped does not include any person who is an alcoholic or drug abuser whose current use of alcohol or drugs prevents the person from performing the duties of employment or whose employment, by reason of current use of alcohol or drugs, would constitute a direct threat to the property or the safety of others.

*b.* The term “*physical or mental impairment*” means any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory, including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive; digestive; genitourinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin and endocrine; or any mental or psychological disorder, such as intellectual disability, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities.

*c.* The term “*major life activities*” means functions such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

*d.* The term “*has a record of such impairment*” means has a history of, or has been misclassified as having, a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

*e.* The term “*is regarded as having such an impairment*” means:

1. Has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities but that is perceived as constituting such a limitation;

2. Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such impairment; or

3. Has none of the impairments defined as physical or mental impairments, but is perceived as having such an impairment.

*f.* The term “*successfully completing a probationary period*” includes those instances where the employee quits without good cause attributable to the employer during the probationary period or was discharged for misconduct during the probationary period.

*g.* The term “*probationary period*” means the period of probation for newly hired employees, if the employer has a written probationary policy. If the employer has no written probationary policy for newly hired employees, the probationary period shall be considered to be six months from the date of hire.

**302.21(4)** If a newly hired employee has been certified as either a vocational rehabilitation referral or an economically disadvantaged ex-convict for purposes of qualification for the work opportunity tax credit under Section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code, that employee shall be considered to have met the qualifications for the additional wage deduction.

A vocational rehabilitation referral is any individual certified by a state employment agency as having a physical or mental disability which, for the individual constitutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment. In addition, the individual must have been referred to the employer after completion or while receiving rehabilitation services pursuant to either a state or federal approved vocational rehabilitation program.

For all other newly hired employees, the employer has the burden of proof to show that the employees meet the qualifications for the additional wage deduction.

**302.21(5)** The taxpayer shall include a schedule with the filing of its tax return showing the name, address, social security number, date of hiring and wages paid of each employee for which the taxpayer claims the additional deduction for wages.

**302.21(6)** If the employee for which an additional deduction for wages was allowed fails to successfully complete a probationary period and the taxpayer has already filed an Iowa individual income tax return taking the additional deduction for wages, the taxpayer shall file an amended return adding back the additional deduction for wages. The amended return shall state the name and social security number of the employee who failed to successfully complete a probationary period.

This rule is intended to implement 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 422.7 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2247.

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**701—302.22(422) Disability income exclusion.**

**302.22(1)** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984, a taxpayer who is permanently and totally disabled and has not attained age 65 by the end of the tax year or reached mandatory retirement age can exclude a maximum of \$100 per week of payments received in lieu of wages. In order for the payments to qualify for the exclusion, the payments must be made under a plan providing payment of such amounts to an employee for a period during which the employee is absent from work on account of permanent and total disability.

**302.22(2)** In the case of a married couple where both spouses meet the qualifications for the disability exclusion, each spouse may exclude \$5,200 of income received on account of disability.

**302.22(3)** There is a reduction in the exclusion, dollar for dollar, to the extent that a taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income (determined without this exclusion and without the deduction for the two-earner married couple) exceeds \$15,000. In the case of a married couple, both spouses' incomes must be considered for purposes of determining if the disability income exclusion is to be reduced for income that exceeds \$15,000. The taxpayers' disability income exclusion is eliminated when the taxpayers' federal adjusted gross income is equal to or exceeds \$20,200. The deduction of the taxpayers' disability income exclusion because the taxpayers' federal adjusted gross income is greater than \$15,000 is illustrated in the following example:

A married couple is filing their 1984 Iowa return. The husband retired during the year and received \$8,000 in disability income during the 40-week period in 1984 that he was retired. The husband's other income in 1984 was \$2,500 and the wife's income was \$7,500.

Of the \$8,000 in disability payments received by the husband in the 40-week period he was retired in 1984, only \$4,000 is eligible for the exclusion. This is because the maximum amount that can be excluded on a weekly basis as a result of the disability exclusion is \$100.

However, the \$4,000 that qualifies for the exclusion must be reduced to the extent that the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$15,000. In this example, the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income is \$18,000, which exceeds \$15,000 by \$3,000. Therefore, the amount eligible for exclusion of \$4,000 must be reduced by \$3,000. This gives the taxpayers an exclusion of \$1,000.

**302.22(4)** For purposes of the disability income exclusion, "permanent and total disability" means the individual is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which (a) can be expected to last for a continuous period of 12 months or more or (b) can be expected to result in death. A certificate from a qualified physician must be attached to the individual's tax return attesting to the taxpayer's permanent and total disability as of the date the individual claims to have retired on disability. The certificate must include the name and address of the physician and contain an acknowledgment that the certificate will be used by the taxpayer to claim the exclusion. In an instance where an individual has been certified as permanently and totally disabled by the Veterans Administration, Form 6004 may be attached to the return instead of the physician's certificate. Form 6004 must be signed by a physician on the VA disability rating board.

**302.22(5)** Mandatory retirement age is the age at which the taxpayer would have been required to retire under the employer's retirement program.

**302.22(6)** The disability income exclusion is not applicable to federal income tax for tax years beginning after 1983. There are many revenue rulings, court cases and other provisions which were relevant to the disability income exclusion for the tax periods when the exclusion was available on federal returns. These provisions, court cases and revenue rulings concerning the disability income exclusion are equally applicable to the disability income exclusion on Iowa returns for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.23(422) Social security benefits.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984, but before January 1, 2014, social security benefits received are taxable on the Iowa return. Although Tier 1 railroad retirement benefits were taxed similarly as social security benefits for federal income

tax purposes beginning on or after January 1, 1984, these benefits are not subject to Iowa income tax. 45 U.S.C. Section 231m prohibits taxation of railroad retirement benefits by the states.

The following subrules specify how social security benefits are taxed for Iowa individual income tax purposes for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984, but prior to January 1, 1994; for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1994, but prior to January 1, 2007; and for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, but prior to January 1, 2014:

**302.23(1)** *Taxation of social security benefits for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984, but prior to January 1, 1994.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984, but prior to January 1, 1994, social security benefits are taxable on the Iowa return to the same extent as the benefits are taxable for federal income tax purposes. When both spouses of a married couple receive social security benefits and file a joint federal income tax return but separate returns or separately on the combined return form, the taxable portion of the benefits must be allocated between the spouses. The following formula should be used to compute the amount of social security benefits to be reported by each spouse on the Iowa return:

$$\text{Taxable Social Security Benefits on the Federal Return} \times \frac{\text{Total Social Security Benefit Received by Husband (or Wife)}}{\text{Total Social Security Benefits Received by Both Spouses}}$$

The example shown below illustrates how taxable social security benefits are allocated between spouses:

A married couple filed a joint federal income tax return for 1984. They filed separately on the combined return form for Iowa income tax purposes. During the tax year the husband received \$6,000 in social security benefits and the wife received \$3,000 in social security benefits. \$2,000 of the social security benefits was taxable on the federal return.

The \$2,000 in taxable social security benefits is allocated to the spouses on the following basis:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Husband} \\ \$2,000 \times \frac{\$6,000}{\$9,000} = \$1,333.40 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Wife} \\ \$2,000 \times \frac{\$3,000}{\$9,000} = \$666.60 \end{array}$$

In situations where taxpayers have received both social security benefits and Tier 1 railroad retirement benefits and are taxable on a portion of those benefits, the formula which follows should be used to determine the social security benefits to be included in net income:

$$\text{Taxable Social Security Benefits and Railroad Retirement Benefits on Federal Return} \times \frac{\text{Total Social Security Benefit Received}}{\text{Total Social Security Benefits and Railroad Retirement Benefits Received}}$$

**302.23(2)** *Taxation of social security benefits for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1994, but prior to January 1, 2007.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1994, but prior to January 1, 2007, although up to 85 percent of social security benefits received may be taxable for federal income tax purposes, no more than 50 percent of social security benefits will be taxable for state individual income tax purposes. Thus, in the case of Iowa income tax returns for 1994 through 2006, social security benefits will be taxed as the benefits were taxed from 1984 through 1993 as described in subrule 302.23(1).

The amount of social security benefits that is subject to tax is the lesser of one-half of the annual benefits received in the tax year or one-half of the taxpayer's provisional income over a specified base amount. The provisional income is the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income plus one-half of the social security benefits and one-half of the railroad retirement benefits received. Although railroad benefits are not taxable, one-half of the railroad retirement benefits received may be used to determine the

amount of social security benefits that is taxable for state income tax purposes. Modified adjusted gross income is the taxpayer’s federal adjusted gross income, plus interest that is tax-exempt on the federal return, plus any of the following incomes:

- 1. Savings bond proceeds used to pay expenses of higher education excluded from income under Section 135 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 2. Foreign source income excluded from income under Section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 3. Income from Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands excluded under section 931 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 4. Income from Puerto Rico excluded under Section 933 of the Internal Revenue Code.

A taxpayer’s base amount is: (a) \$32,000 if married and a joint federal return was filed, (b) \$0 if married and separate federal returns were filed by the spouses and (c) \$25,000 for individuals who filed federal returns and used a filing status other than noted in (a) and (b).

The IA 1040 booklet and instructions for 1994 through 2006 will include a worksheet to compute the amount of social security benefits that is taxable for Iowa income tax purposes. An example of the social security worksheet follows. Similar worksheets will be used for computing the amount of social security benefits that is taxable for years 1995 through 2006. An example of the social security worksheet follows:

- 1. Enter amount(s) from box 5 of all of Form(s) SSA-1099. If a joint return was filed, enter totals from box 5 of Form(s) SSA-1099 for both spouses. Do not include railroad retirement benefits from RRB-1099 here. See line 3. 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Divide line 1 amount above by 2. 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- \*3. Add amounts of the following incomes from Form 1040: wages, taxable interest income, dividend income, taxable state and local income tax refunds, alimony, business income or loss, capital gain or loss, capital gain distributions, other gains, taxable IRA distributions, taxable pensions and annuities, incomes from Schedule E, farm income or loss, unemployment compensation, other income and 1/2 of railroad retirement benefits from RRB 1099. 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Enter amount from Form 1040, line 8b for interest that is federally tax-exempt. 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Add lines 2, 3 and 4. 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Enter total adjustment to income from Form 1040. 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Subtract line 6 from line 5. 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Enter on line 8 one of the following amounts based on the filing status used on Form 1040: Single, Head of Household, or Qualifying Widow(er), enter \$25,000. Married filing jointly, enter \$32,000. Married filing separately, enter \$0 (\$25,000 if you did not live with spouse any time in 1994). 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Subtract line 8 from line 7. If zero or less enter 0. If line 9 is zero, none of the social security benefits are taxable. If line 9 is more than zero, go to line 10. 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Divide line 9 amount above by 2. 10. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Taxable social security benefits enter smaller of line 2 or line 10 here and on line 14 IA 1040. 11. \_\_\_\_\_

\*If applicable, include on line 3 the following incomes excluded from federal adjusted gross income: foreign earned income, income excluded by residents of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and Guam and proceeds from savings bonds used for higher education.

Married taxpayers who filed a joint federal return and are filing separate Iowa returns or separately on the combined return form can allocate taxable social security benefits between them with the following formula.

$$\text{Taxable Social Security Benefits From Worksheet} \times \frac{\text{Total Social Security Benefit Received by Husband (or Wife)}}{\text{Total Social Security Benefits Received by Both Spouses}}$$

**302.23(3)** *Taxation of social security benefits for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, but prior to January 1, 2014.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, but prior to January 1, 2014, the amount of social security benefits subject to Iowa income tax will be computed as described in subrule 302.23(2), but will be further reduced by the following percentages:

Calendar years 2007 and 2008	32%
Calendar year 2009	43%
Calendar year 2010	55%
Calendar year 2011	67%
Calendar year 2012	77%
Calendar year 2013	89%

The Iowa individual income tax booklet and instructions for 2007 through 2013 will include a worksheet to compute the amount of social security benefits that is taxable for Iowa income tax purposes. An example of the social security worksheet follows:

1. Enter amount(s) from box 5 of Form(s) SSA-1099. If a joint return was filed, enter totals from box 5 of Form(s) SSA-1099 for both spouses. Do not include railroad retirement benefits from RRB-1099 here. See line 3. 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Divide line 1 amount above by 2. 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- \*3. Add amounts of the following incomes from Form 1040: wages, taxable interest income, dividend income, taxable state and local income tax refunds, alimony, business income or loss, capital gain or loss, capital gain distributions, other gains, taxable IRA distributions, taxable pensions and annuities, incomes from Schedule E, farm income or loss, unemployment compensation, other income and 1/2 of railroad retirement benefits from RRB 1099. 3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Enter amount from Form 1040, line 8b for interest that is federally tax-exempt. 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Add lines 2, 3 and 4. 5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Enter total adjustment to income from Form 1040. 6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Subtract line 6 from line 5. 7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Enter on line 8 one of the following amounts based on the filing status used on Form 1040: Single, Head of Household, or Qualifying Widow(er), enter \$25,000. Married filing jointly, enter \$32,000. Married filing separately, enter \$0 (\$25,000 if you did not live with spouse anytime during the year). 8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Subtract line 8 from line 7. If zero or less enter 0. If line 9 is zero, none of the social security benefits are taxable. If line 9 is more than zero, go to line 10. 9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Divide line 9 amount above by 2. 10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Taxable social security benefits before phase-out exclusion. Enter smaller of line 2 or line 10. 11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Multiply line 11 by applicable exclusion percentage. 12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Taxable social security benefits. Subtract line 12 from line 11. 13. \_\_\_\_\_



\*If applicable, include on line 3 the following incomes excluded from federal adjusted gross income: foreign earned income, income excluded by residents of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and Guam and proceeds from savings bonds used for higher education and employer-provided adoption benefits.

Married taxpayers who filed a joint federal return and are filing separate Iowa returns or separately on the combined return form can allocate taxable social security benefits between them with the following formula.

$$\text{Taxable Social Security Benefits From Worksheet} \times \frac{\text{Total Social Security Benefit Received by Spouse 1 (or Spouse 2)}}{\text{Total Social Security Benefits Received by Both Spouses}}$$

The amount on line 12 of this worksheet is the phase-out exclusion of social security benefits which must be included in net income in determining whether an Iowa return must be filed in accordance with rules 701—301.1(422) and 701—301.5(422), and this amount must also be included in net income in calculating the special tax computation in accordance with rule 701—301.15(422).

**302.23(4) Taxation of social security benefits for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, no social security benefits are taxable on the Iowa return. However, the 100 percent phase-out exclusion of social security benefits must still be included in net income in determining whether an Iowa return must be filed in accordance with rules 701—301.1(422) and 701—301.5(422), and the 100 percent phase-out exclusion of social security benefits must also be included in net income in calculating the special tax computation in accordance with rule 701—301.15(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2408.

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**701—302.24(99E) Lottery prizes.** Prizes awarded under the Iowa Lottery Act are Iowa earned income. Therefore, individuals who win lottery prizes are subject to Iowa income tax in the aggregate amount of prizes received in the tax year, even if the individuals were not residents of Iowa at the time they received the prizes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 99E.19.

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**701—302.25 and 302.26** Reserved.

**701—302.27(422) Incomes from distressed sales of qualifying taxpayers.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1986, taxpayers with gains from sales, exchanges, or transfers of property must exclude those gains from net income, if the gains are considered to be distressed sale transactions.

**302.27(1) Qualifications that must be met for transactions to be considered distressed sales.** There are a number of qualifications that must be met before a transaction can be considered to be a distressed sale. The transaction must involve forfeiture of an installment real estate contract, the transfer of real or personal property securing a debt to a creditor in cancellation of that debt, or from the sale or exchange of property as a result of actual notice of foreclosure. The following three additional qualifications need to have been met.

*a.* The forfeiture, transfer, or sale or exchange was done for the purpose of establishing a positive cash flow.

*b.* Immediately before the forfeiture, transfer, or sale or exchange, the taxpayer's debt-to-asset ratio exceeded 90 percent as computed under generally accepted accounting principles.

*c.* The taxpayer's net worth at the end of the tax year was less than \$75,000.

In determining the taxpayer's debt-to-asset ratio immediately before the forfeiture, transfer, or sale or exchange and at the end of the tax year, the taxpayer must include any asset transferred within 120

days prior to the transaction or within 120 days prior to the end of the tax year without adequate and full consideration in money or money's worth.

Proof of forfeiture of the installment real estate contract, proof of transfer of property to a creditor in cancellation of a debt, or a copy of the notice of foreclosure constitutes documentation of the distressed sale and must be made a part of the return. Balance sheets showing the taxpayer's debt-to-asset ratio immediately before the distressed sale transaction and the taxpayer's net worth at the end of the tax year must also be included with the income tax return. The balance sheets supporting the debt-to-asset ratio and the net worth must list the taxpayer's personal assets and liabilities as well as the assets and liabilities of the taxpayer's farm or other business.

For purposes of this provision, in the case of married taxpayers, except in the instance when the husband and wife live apart at all times during the tax year, the assets and liabilities of both spouses must be considered in determining the taxpayers' net worth or the taxpayers' debt-to-asset ratio.

**302.27(2) *Losses from distressed sale transactions of qualifying taxpayers.*** Losses from distressed sale transactions meeting the qualifications described above were disallowed prior to the time that the provision for disallowing these losses was repealed in the 1990 session of the General Assembly. Taxpayers whose Iowa income tax liabilities were increased because of disallowance of losses from distressed sales transactions may file refund claims with the department to get refunds of the taxes paid due to disallowance of the losses. Refund claims will be honored by the department to the extent that the taxpayers provide verification of the distressed sale losses and the claims are filed within the statute of limitations for refund given in Iowa Code subsection 422.73(2).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.28** Reserved.

**701—302.29(422) *Intangible drilling costs.*** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1986, but before January 1, 1987, intangible drilling and development costs which pertain to any well for the production of oil, gas, or geothermal energy, and which are incurred after the commencement of the installation of the production casing for the well, are not allowed as an expense in the tax year when the costs were paid or incurred and must be added to net income. Instead of expensing the intangible drilling and development costs which are incurred after the commencement of the installation of the production casing for a well, the expenses must be amortized over a 26-month period, beginning in the month in which the costs are paid or incurred if the costs were incurred for a well which is located in the United States, the District of Columbia, and those continental shelf areas which are adjacent to United States territorial waters and over which the United States has exclusive rights with respect to the exploration and exploitation of natural resources as provided in Section 638 of the Internal Revenue Code.

In the case of intangible drilling and development costs which are incurred for oil or gas wells outside the United States, those costs must be recovered over a ten-year straight-line amortization period beginning in the year the costs are paid or incurred. However, in lieu of amortization of the costs, the taxpayer may elect to add these costs to the basis of the property for cost depletion purposes.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the intangible drilling costs, which are an addition to income subject to amortization, are the intangible drilling costs described in Section 57(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. These intangible drilling costs are an item of tax preference for federal minimum tax purposes for tax years beginning after December 31, 1986.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.30(422) *Percentage depletion.*** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the percentage depletion that is an addition to net income is the depletion described in Section 57(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code only to the extent the depletion applies to an oil, gas, or geothermal well.

This depletion is an item of tax preference for federal minimum tax purposes for tax years beginning after December 31, 1986.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.31(422) Away-from-home expenses of state legislators.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, state legislators whose personal residences in their legislative districts are more than 50 miles from the state capitol may claim the same deductions for away-from-home expenses as are allowed on their federal income tax returns under Section 162(h)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. These individuals may claim deductions for meals and lodging per “legislative day” in the amount of per diem allowance for federal employees in effect for the tax year. The portion of this per diem allowance which is equal to the daily expense allowance authorized for state legislators in Iowa Code section 2.10 may be claimed as an adjustment to income. The balance of the per diem allowance for federal employees must be allocated between lodging expenses and meal expenses and is deductible as a miscellaneous itemized deduction. However, only 50 percent of the amount attributable to meal expenses may be deducted for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1994.

State legislators whose personal residences in their legislative districts are 50 miles or less from the state capitol may claim a deduction for meals and lodging of \$50 per “legislative day.” However, in lieu of either of the deduction methods previously described in this rule, any state legislator may elect to itemize adjustments to income for amounts incurred for meals and lodging for the “legislative days” of the state legislator.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.32(422) Interest and dividends from regulated investment companies which are exempt from federal income tax.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, interest and dividends from regulated investment companies which are exempt from federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code are subject to Iowa income tax. See rule 701—302.52(422) for a discussion of the Iowa income tax exemption of some interest and dividends from regulated investment companies that invest in certain obligations of the state of Iowa and its political subdivisions the interest from which is exempt from Iowa income tax. To the extent that a loss on the sale or exchange of stock in a regulated investment company was disallowed on an individual’s federal income tax return pursuant to Section 852(b)(4)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code because the taxpayer held the stock six months or less and because the regulated investment company had invested in federal tax-exempt securities, the loss is allowed for purposes of computation of net income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.33** Reserved.

**701—302.34(422) Exemption of restitution payments for persons of Japanese ancestry.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1988, restitution payments authorized by P.L. 100-383 to individuals of Japanese ancestry who were interned during World War II are exempt from Iowa income tax to the extent the payments are included in federal adjusted gross income. P.L. 100-383 provides for a payment of \$20,000 for each qualifying individual who was alive on August 10, 1988. In cases where the qualifying individuals have died prior to the time that the restitution payments were received, the restitution payments received by the survivors of the interned individuals are also exempt from Iowa income tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.35(422) Exemption of Agent Orange settlement proceeds received by disabled veterans or beneficiaries of disabled veterans.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, proceeds from settlement of a lawsuit against the manufacturer or distributor of a Vietnam herbicide received by a

disabled veteran or the beneficiary of a disabled veteran for damages from exposure to the herbicide are exempt from Iowa income tax to the extent the proceeds are included in federal adjusted gross income. For purposes of this rule, Vietnam herbicide means a herbicide, defoliant, or other causative agent containing a dioxin, including, but not limited to, Agent Orange used in the Vietnam conflict beginning December 22, 1961, and ending May 7, 1975.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.36(422) Exemption of interest earned on bonds issued to finance beginning farmer loan program.** Interest earned on or after July 1, 1989, from bonds or notes issued by the agricultural development authority to finance the beginning farmer loan program is exempt from the state income tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 175.17 and 422.7.

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**701—302.37(422) Exemption of interest from bonds issued by the Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund board.** Interest received from bonds issued by the Iowa comprehensive petroleum underground storage tank fund board is exempt from state individual income tax. This is effective for interest received from these bonds on or after May 5, 1989, but before July 1, 2009.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 455G.6.

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**701—302.38(422) Capital gain deduction or exclusion for certain types of net capital gains.** Rescinded ARC 7102C, IAB 10/18/23, effective 11/22/23.

**701—302.39(422) Exemption of interest from bonds or notes issued to fund the 911 emergency telephone system.** Interest received on or after May 4, 1990, from bonds or notes issued by the Iowa finance authority to fund the 911 emergency telephone system is exempt from the state income tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.7 and 477B.20.

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**701—302.40(422) Exemption of active-duty military pay of national guard personnel and armed forces reserve personnel received for services related to operation desert shield.** For tax years ending on or after August 2, 1990, military pay received by persons in the national guard and persons in the armed forces military reserve is exempt from state income tax to the extent the military pay is not otherwise excluded from taxation and the military pay is for active-duty military service on or after August 2, 1990, pursuant to military orders related to Operation Desert Shield. The exemption applies to individuals called to active duty in Iowa to replace other persons who were in military units who were called to serve on active duty outside Iowa provided the military orders specify that the active duty assignment in Iowa pertains to Operation Desert Shield.

Persons filing original returns or amended returns on Form IA 1040X for tax years where the exempt income was received should print the notation, "Operation Desert Shield" at the top of the original return form or amended return form. A copy of the military orders showing the person was called to active duty and was called in support of Operation Desert Shield should be attached to the original return form or amended return form to support the exemption of the active duty military pay.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.41(422) Capital gain exclusion for elected employee-owned stock in a qualified corporation.**

**302.41(1) In general.** Employee-owners may make a single, irrevocable lifetime election to exclude from net income the net capital gain from the sale or exchange of capital stock from a qualified corporation at the following rates:

- a. For tax years beginning in the 2023 calendar year, 33 percent.
- b. For tax years beginning in the 2024 calendar year, 66 percent.
- c. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, 100 percent.

**302.41(2) Definitions.** Unless otherwise indicated in this rule or required by the context, all words and phrases used in this rule that are defined under Iowa Code section 422.7(43) shall have the same meaning as provided to them under that Iowa Code section.

**302.41(3) Qualifying for the exclusion.** For the employee-owner's sale or exchange to qualify for the exclusion in this rule, the capital stock must be acquired by the employee-owner while employed and on account of employment with a qualified corporation.

a. *While employed.* The capital stock must have been acquired while the employee-owner was employed by the qualifying corporation. Capital stock received as compensation is acquired by the employee-owner while employed. Capital stock acquired from a stock right, stock warrant, or stock option is only acquired by the employee-owner while employed if such right, warrant, or option is exercised while the employee-owner is employed by the qualifying corporation.

b. *On account of employment.* For capital stock to have been acquired on account of employment, the employee-owner must have acquired the capital stock in a manner only available to employees of the qualified corporation. Capital stock acquired at formation in exchange for capital contribution is not acquired on account of employment.

c. *Holding period.* To qualify for the exclusion, the employee-owner must own the capital stock for at least ten cumulative years. If the employee-owner owns any capital stock in the qualified corporation for at least ten cumulative years, then every share of the employee-owner's capital stock in that qualified corporation is considered to meet the holding period requirement. For stock rights, stock warrants, or stock options, the holding period does not begin until the right, warrant, or option is exercised.

**302.41(4) Electing capital stock for exclusion.**

a. *General rule.* The employee-owner shall make the election to exclude capital gain from the sale of capital stock of a qualified corporation on a form prescribed by the department with the employee-owner's original Iowa income tax return for the tax year in which the election is made. The form shall be available on the department's website. To qualify for the exclusion, the employee-owner must include all information required by the form.

b. *Election when sale or exchange takes place over multiple transactions.* The election applies to all subsequent sales or exchanges of capital stock of the same qualified corporation of which the initial election was made, within 15 years of the date the election was made. The employee-owner shall include the form prescribed by the department with the employee-owner's Iowa income tax return when claiming the exclusion for a subsequent sale or exchange.

c. *The election can only be made once.* An employee-owner may only make one lifetime election to exclude the qualifying capital stock of a single qualifying corporation under this rule. The election is irrevocable once made.

**302.41(5) Election by a party other than the employee-owner.**

a. *Election upon death of the employee-owner.* If the employee-owner dies after having sold or exchanged qualifying capital stock without having made an election, the surviving spouse or, if there is no surviving spouse, the personal representative of the employee-owner's estate may make a qualifying election in the manner described in subrule 302.41(4) for the tax year in which the employee-owner died.

b. *Inter vivos transfer of qualifying capital stock.* After the election described in this rule has been made, the election applies to capital stock transferred from the employee-owner to the employee-owner's spouse as an inter vivos gift or to an inter vivos trust primarily for the benefit of the employee-owner's spouse. Capital stock transferred through a will or testamentary trust does not qualify for this exclusion. The election only applies if the spouse was married to the employee-owner on the date of the sale or exchange or the date of death of the employee-owner.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.42(422) Depreciation of speculative shell buildings.**

**302.42(1)** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1992, speculative shell buildings constructed or reconstructed after that date may be depreciated as 15-year property under the accelerated cost recovery system of the Internal Revenue Code. If the taxpayer has deducted depreciation on the speculative shell building on the taxpayer's federal income tax return, that amount of depreciation must be added to the federal adjusted gross income in order to deduct depreciation computed under this rule.

**302.42(2)** On sale or other disposition of the speculative building, the taxpayer must report on the taxpayer's Iowa individual income tax return the same gain or loss as is reported on the taxpayer's federal individual income tax return. If, while owned by the taxpayer, the building is converted from a speculative shell building to another use, the taxpayer must deduct the same amount of depreciation on the taxpayer's Iowa tax return as is deducted on the taxpayer's federal tax return.

**302.42(3)** For the purposes of this rule, the term "speculative shell building" means a building as defined in Iowa Code section 427.1(27) "c."

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.43(422) Retroactive exemption for payments received for providing unskilled in-home health care services to a relative.** Retroactive to January 1, 1988, for tax years beginning on or after that date, supplemental assistance payments authorized under Iowa Code section 249.3(2) "a"(2) which are received by an individual providing unskilled in-home health care services to a member of the caregiver's family are exempt from state income tax to the extent that the individual caregiver is not a licensed health care professional designated in Iowa Code section 147.13, subsections 1 to 10.

For purposes of this exemption, a member of the caregiver's family includes a spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, brother, stepbrother, sister, stepsister, lineal ancestor such as grandparent and great-grandparent, and lineal descendant such as grandchild and great-grandchild, and those previously described relatives who are related by marriage or adoption. Those licensed health care professionals who are not eligible for this exemption include medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, psychologists, podiatrists, chiropractors, physical therapists, occupational therapists, nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, optometrists, speech pathologists, audiologists, and other similar licensed health care professionals.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.44(422,541A) Individual development accounts.** Individual development accounts are authorized for low-income taxpayers for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1994. Additions to the accounts are described in the following subrule:

**302.44(1) Exemption of additions to individual development accounts.** The following additions to individual development accounts are exempt from the state income tax of the owners of the accounts to the extent the additions were subject to federal income tax:

*a.* The amount of contributions made in the tax year to an account by persons and entities other than the owner of the account.

*b.* The amount of any savings refund or state match payments made in the tax year to an account as authorized for contributions made to the accounts by the owner of the account.

*c.* Earnings on the account in the tax year or interest earned on the account.

**302.44(2) Reserved.**

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.7, 541A.2 and 541A.3 as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2430.

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**701—302.45(422) Exemption for distributions from pensions, annuities, individual retirement accounts, or deferred compensation plans received by nonresidents of Iowa.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1994, a distribution from a pension plan, annuity, individual retirement account, or deferred compensation plan which is received by a nonresident of Iowa is exempt from

Iowa income tax to the extent the distribution is directly related to the documented retirement of the pensioner, annuitant, owner of individual retirement account, or participant in a deferred compensation arrangement. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, distributions of nonqualified retirement benefits which are paid by a partnership to its retired partners and which are received by a nonresident of Iowa are exempt from Iowa income tax to the extent the distribution is directly related to the documented retirement of the partner. In a situation where the pensioner, annuitant, owner of the individual retirement account, or participant of a deferred compensation arrangement dies before the date of documented retirement, any distribution from the pension, annuity, individual retirement account, or deferred compensation arrangement will not be taxable to the beneficiary receiving the distributions if the beneficiary is a nonresident of Iowa. If the pensioner, annuitant, owner of the individual retirement account, or participant of a deferred compensation arrangement dies after the date of documented retirement, any distributions from the pension, annuity, individual retirement account, or deferred compensation arrangement will not be taxable to a beneficiary receiving distributions if the beneficiary is a nonresident of Iowa.

For purposes of this rule, the distributions from the pensions, annuities and deferred compensation arrangements were from pensions, annuities, and deferred compensation earned entirely or at least partially from employment or self-employment in Iowa. For purposes of this rule, distributions from individual retirement arrangements were from individual retirement arrangements that were funded by contributions from the arrangements that were deductible or partially deductible on the Iowa income tax return of the owner of the individual retirement accounts.

The following subrules include definitions and examples which clarify when distributions from pensions, annuities, individual retirement accounts, and deferred compensation arrangements are exempt from Iowa income tax, when the distributions are received by nonresidents of Iowa:

**302.45(1) Definitions.**

*a.* The word “beneficiary” means an individual who receives a distribution from a pension or annuity plan, individual retirement arrangement, or deferred compensation plan as a result of either the death or divorce of the pensioner, annuitant, participant of a deferred compensation arrangement, or owner of an individual retirement account.

*b.* The term “individual’s documented retirement” means any evidence that the individual can provide to the department of revenue which would establish that the individual or the individual’s beneficiary is receiving distributions from the pension, annuity, individual retirement account, or the deferred compensation arrangement due to the retirement of the individual.

Examples of documents that would establish an individual’s retirement may include: copies of birth certificates or driver’s licenses to establish an individual’s age; copies of excerpts from an employer’s personnel manual or letter from employer to establish retirement or early retirement policies; a copy of a statement from a physician to establish an individual’s disability which could have contributed to a person’s retirement.

*c.* The term “nonresident” applies only to individuals and includes all individuals other than those individuals domiciled in Iowa and those individuals who maintain a permanent place of abode in Iowa. See 701—subrule 300.17(2) for the definition of domicile.

**302.45(2) Examples:**

*a.* John Jones had worked for the same Iowa employer for 32 years when he retired at age 62 and moved to Arkansas in March of 1994. Mr. Jones started receiving distributions from the pension plan from his former employer starting in May 1994. Because Mr. Jones was able to establish that he was receiving the distributions from the pension plan due to his retirement from his employment, Mr. Jones was not subject to Iowa income tax on the distributions from the pension plan. Note that Mr. Jones had sold his Iowa residence in March and established his domicile in Arkansas at the time of his move to Arkansas.

*b.* Wanda Smith was the daughter of John Smith who died in February 1994 after 25 years of employment with a company in Urbandale, Iowa. Wanda Smith was the sole beneficiary of John and started receiving distributions from John’s pension in April 1994. Wanda Smith was a bona fide resident of Oakland, California, when she received distributions from her father’s pension. Wanda was not subject

to Iowa income tax on the distributions since she was a nonresident of Iowa at the time the distributions were received.

c. Martha Graham was 55 years old when she quit her job with a firm in Des Moines to take a similar position with a firm in Dallas, Texas. Ms. Graham had worked for the Des Moines business for 22 years before she resigned from the job in May 1994. Starting in July 1994, Ms. Graham received monthly distributions from the pension from her former Iowa employer. Although Ms. Graham was a nonresident of Iowa, she was subject to Iowa income tax on the pension distribution since the taxpayer didn't have a documented retirement.

d. William Moore was 58 years old when he quit his job with a bank in Mason City in February 1994 after 30 years of employment with the bank. By the time Mr. Moore started receiving pension payments from his employment with the bank, he had moved permanently to New Mexico. Shortly after he arrived in New Mexico, Mr. Moore secured part-time employment. The pension payments were not taxable to Iowa as Mr. Moore was retired notwithstanding his part-time employment in New Mexico.

e. Joe Brown had worked for an Iowa employer for 25 years when he retired in June 1992 at the age of 65. Mr. Brown started receiving monthly pension payments in July 1992. Mr. Brown resided in Iowa until August 1994, when he moved permanently to Nevada to be near his daughter. Mr. Brown was not taxable to Iowa on the pension payments he received after his move to Nevada. Mr. Brown's retirement occurred in June 1992 when he resigned from full-time employment.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.8.

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**701—302.46(422) Taxation of compensation of nonresident members of professional athletic teams.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, the Iowa source income of a nonresident individual who is a member of a professional athletic team includes the portion of the individual's total compensation for services provided for the athletic team that is in the ratio that the number of duty days spent in Iowa rendering services for the team during the tax year bears to the total number of duty days spent both within and without Iowa in the tax year. Thus, if a nonresident member of a professional athletic team has \$50,000 in total compensation from the team in 1995 and the athlete has 20 Iowa duty days and 180 total duty days for the team in 1995, \$5,556 of the compensation would be taxable to Iowa ( $\$50,000 \times 20/180 = \$5,556$ ).

The following subrules include definitions, examples, and other information which clarify Iowa's taxation of nonresident members of professional athletic teams:

**302.46(1) Definitions.**

a. The term "professional athletic team" includes, but is not limited to, any professional baseball, basketball, football, soccer, or hockey team.

b. The term "member of a professional athletic team" includes those employees who are active players, players on the disabled list, and any other persons required to travel and who travel with and perform services on behalf of a professional athletic team on a regular basis. This includes, but is not limited to, coaches, managers, and trainers.

c. The term "total compensation for services rendered as a member of a professional athletic team" means the total compensation received during the taxable year for services rendered. "Total compensation" includes, but is not limited to, salaries, wages, bonuses (as described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph), and any other type of compensation paid during the taxable year to a member of a professional athletic team for services performed in that year. Such compensation does not include strike benefits, severance pay, termination pay, contract or option year buy-out payments, expansion or relocation payments, and any other payments not related to services rendered for the team.

For purposes of this paragraph, "bonuses" included in "total compensation for services rendered as a member of a professional athletic team" subject to the allocation described in this rule are:

(1) Bonuses earned as a result of play (i.e., performance bonuses) during the season, including bonuses paid for championship, playoff, or "bowl" games played by a team, or for the member's selection to all-star, league, or other honorary positions; and

(2) Bonuses paid for signing a contract, unless all of the following conditions are met:



1. The payment of the signing bonus is not conditional upon the signee playing any games for the team, or performing any subsequent services for the team, or even making the team;
2. The signing bonus is payable separately from the salary and any other compensation; and
3. The signing bonus is nonrefundable.

d. Except as provided in subparagraphs (4) and (5) of this paragraph, the term “duty days” means all days during the taxable year from the beginning of the professional athletic team’s official preseason training period through the last game in which the team competes or is scheduled to compete. Duty days are included in the allocation described in this rule for the tax year in which they occur, including where a team’s official preseason training period through the last game in which the team competes, or is scheduled to compete, occurs during more than one tax year.

(1) Duty days also includes days on which a member of a professional athletic team renders a service for a team on a date which does not fall within the previously mentioned period (e.g., participation in instructional leagues, the “Pro Bowl” or promotional “caravans”). Rendering a service includes conducting training and rehabilitation activities, but only if conducted at the facilities of the team.

(2) Included within duty days are game days, practice days, days spent at team meetings, promotional caravans and preseason training camps, and days served with the team through all postseason games in which the team competes or is scheduled to compete.

(3) Duty days for any person who joins a team during the period from the beginning of the professional athletic team’s official preseason training period through the last game in which the team competes, or is scheduled to compete, begins on the day the person joins the team. Conversely, duty days for any person who leaves a team during such period ends on the day the person leaves the team. When a person switches teams during a taxable year, separate duty day calculations are to be made for the period the person was with each team.

(4) Days for which a member of a professional athletic team is not compensated and is not rendering services for the team in any manner, including days when the member of a professional athletic team has been suspended without pay and prohibited from performing any services for the team, are not to be treated as duty days.

(5) Days for which a member of a professional athletic team is on the disabled list and does not conduct rehabilitation activities at facilities of the team and is not otherwise rendering services for the team in Iowa, are not to be considered duty days spent in Iowa. However, all days on the disability list are considered to be included in total duty days spent both within and outside the state of Iowa.

(6) Total duty days for members of a professional athletic team that are not professional athletes are the number of days in the year that the members are employed by the professional athletic team. Thus, in the case of a coach of a professional athletic team who was coach for the entire year of 1995, the coach’s total duty days for 1995 would be 365.

(7) Travel days in Iowa by a team member that do not involve a game, practice, team meeting, all-star game, or other personal service for the team are not considered to be duty days in Iowa. However, to the extent these days fall within the period from the team’s preseason training period through the team’s final game, these Iowa travel days will be considered in the total duty days spent within and outside Iowa, for team members who are professional athletes.

(8) Duty days in Iowa do not include days a team member performs personal services for the professional athletic team in Iowa on those days that the team member is a bona fide resident of a state with which Iowa has a reciprocal tax agreement. See rule 701—300.13(422).

**302.46(2) Filing composite Iowa returns for nonresident members of professional athletic teams.** For tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2022, professional athletic teams may file composite Iowa returns under 701—Chapter 404 on behalf of team members who are nonresidents of Iowa and who have compensation that is taxable to Iowa from duty days in Iowa for the athletic team. However, the athletic team may include on the composite return only those team members who are nonresidents of Iowa and who have no Iowa-source incomes other than the incomes from duty days in Iowa for the team. The athletic team may exclude from the composite return any team member who is a nonresident of Iowa and whose income from duty days in Iowa is less than \$1,000. Information on filing composite

returns for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, for nonresident members of professional athletic teams can be found in rule 701—405.9(422).

**302.46(3)** *Examples of taxation of nonresident members of professional athletic teams.*

a. Player A, a member of a professional athletic team, is a nonresident of Iowa. Player A's contract for the team requires A to report to such team's training camp and to participate in all exhibition, regular season, and playoff games. Player A has a contract which covers seasons that occur during year 1/year 2 and year 2/year 3. Player A's contract provides that A is to receive \$500,000 for the year 1/year 2 season and \$600,000 for the year 2/year 3 season. Assuming player A receives \$550,000 from the contract during taxable year 2 (\$250,000 for one-half the year 1/year 2 season and \$300,000 for one-half the year 2/year 3 season), the portion of compensation received by player A for taxable year 2, attributable to Iowa, is determined by multiplying the compensation player A receives during the taxable year (\$550,000) by a fraction, the numerator of which is the total number of duty days player A spends rendering services for the team in Iowa during taxable year 2 (attributable to both the year 1/year 2 season and the year 2/year 3 season) and the denominator of which is the total number of player A's duty days spent both within and outside Iowa for the entire taxable year.

b. Player B, a member of a professional athletic team, is a nonresident of Iowa. During the season, B is injured and is unable to render services for B's team. While B is undergoing medical treatment at a clinic, which is not a facility of the team, but is located in Iowa, B's team travels to Iowa for a game. The number of days B's team spends in Iowa for practice, games, meetings, for example, while B is present at the clinic, are not to be considered duty days spent in Iowa for player B for that taxable year for purposes of this rule, but these days are considered to be included within total duty days spent both within and outside Iowa.

c. Player C, a member of a professional athletic team, is a nonresident of Iowa. During the season, C is injured and is unable to render services for C's team. C performs rehabilitation exercises at the facilities of C's team in Iowa as well as at personal facilities in Iowa. The days C performs rehabilitation exercise in the facilities of C's team are considered duty days spent in Iowa for player C for that taxable year for purposes of this rule. However, days player C spends at personal facilities in Iowa are not to be considered duty days spent in Iowa for player C for that taxable year for purposes of this rule, but the days are considered to be included within total duty days spent both within and outside Iowa.

d. Player D, a member of a professional athletic team, is a nonresident of Iowa. During the season, D travels to Iowa to participate in the annual all-star game as a representative of D's team. The number of days D spends in Iowa for practice, the game, meetings, for example, are considered to be duty days spent in Iowa for player D for that taxable year for purposes of this rule, as well as included within total duty days spent both within and outside Iowa.

e. Assume the same facts as given in paragraph "d," except that player D is not participating in the all-star game and is not rendering services for D's team in any manner. Player D is instead traveling to and attending this game solely as a spectator. The number of days player D spends in Iowa for the game is not to be considered to be duty days spent in Iowa for purposes of this rule. However, the days are considered to be included within total duty days spent both within and outside Iowa.

**302.46(4)** *Use of an alternative method to compute taxable portion of a nonresident's compensation as a member of a professional athletic team.* If a nonresident member of a professional athletic team believes that the method provided in this rule for allocation of the member's compensation to Iowa is not equitable, the nonresident member may propose the use of an alternative method for the allocation of the compensation to Iowa. The request for an alternative method for allocation must be filed no later than 60 days before the due date of the return, considering that the due date may be extended for up to 6 months after the original due date if at least 90 percent of the tax liability was paid by the original due date (April 30 for taxpayers filing on a calendar-year basis).

The request for an alternative method should be filed with the Taxpayer Services and Policy Division, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306. The request must set forth the alternative method for allocation to Iowa of the compensation of the nonresident professional team member. In addition, the request must specify, in detail, why the method for allocation of the compensation set forth in this rule is not equitable, as well as why the alternative method for allocation of the compensation is more

equitable than the method provided in this rule. The burden of proof is on the nonresident professional team member to show that the alternative method is more equitable than the method provided in the rule.

If the department determines that the alternative method is more reasonable for allocation of the taxable portion of the team member's compensation than the method provided in this rule, the team member can use the alternative method on the current return and on subsequent returns.

If the department rejects the team member's use of the alternative method, the team member may file a protest within 60 days of the date of the department's letter of rejection. The nonresident team member's protest of the department's rejection of the alternate formula must be made in accordance with rule 701—7.9(17A) and must state, in detail, why the method provided in this rule is not equitable, as well as why the alternative method for allocation of the compensation is more equitable than the method set forth in this rule.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.3, 422.7, and 422.8.  
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**701—302.47(422) Exclusion of pensions and other retirement benefits for disabled individuals, individuals who are 55 years of age or older, surviving spouses, and survivors.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, an individual who is disabled, is 55 years of age or older, is a surviving spouse, or is a survivor with an insurable interest in an individual who would have qualified for the exclusion at the time of death is eligible for an exclusion of retirement benefits received in the tax year. More information can be found in rule 701—302.80(422) for the exclusion of military retirement pay and rule 701—302.23(422) for the exclusion of Social Security benefits.

**302.47(1) Retirement income.**

*a. Qualifying retirement income.* Generally, distributions from documented retirement plans meeting the qualification requirements in the Internal Revenue Code qualify for the retirement income exclusion. The following is a nonexclusive list of plans that qualify for the retirement income exclusion:

- (1) Traditional individual retirement account (IRA) authorized under Internal Revenue Code Section 408(a).
- (2) Roth individual retirement account (Roth IRA) authorized under Internal Revenue Code Section 408A.
- (3) Roth conversion income.
- (4) Simplified employee pension individual retirement arrangement (SEP-IRA) defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 408(k).
- (5) Savings incentive match plan for employees (SIMPLE IRA) defined under Internal Revenue Code Section 408(p).
- (6) Qualified deferred compensation plans including those authorized under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k).
- (7) Eligible deferred compensation plans including those authorized under Internal Revenue Code Section 457(b).
- (8) A defined benefit plan, pension plan, profit-sharing plan, or stock bonus plan qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 401 including IPERS and employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs).
- (9) Keogh plans or HR 10 plans.
- (10) Eligible combined plans described in Internal Revenue Code Section 414(x).

*b. Retirement income that does not qualify.* Generally, distributions from retirement plans that do not meet the qualification requirements in the Internal Revenue Code do not qualify for the retirement income exclusion. The following nonexclusive list of plans does not qualify for the retirement income exclusion:

- (1) Nonqualified deferred compensation plans described in Internal Revenue Code Section 409A.
- (2) Nonqualified annuities.

**302.47(2) Survivors having an insurable interest.**

*a. Insurable interest.* “Insurable interest” is a term used in life insurance which also applies to this rule and means an interest in the life of the person insured, arising from the relations of the party obtaining

the insurance, either as credit of or surety for the insured, or from the ties of blood or marriage to the insured, as would justify a reasonable expectation of advantage or benefit from the continuance of the life of the insured. For purposes of this rule, the term “insurable interest” applies to a beneficiary receiving retirement benefits due to the death of a decedent under the same circumstances as if the beneficiary were receiving life insurance benefits as a result of the death of the decedent. Case law related to an insurable interest in the life insurance context is relevant in determining whether a beneficiary is a survivor with an insurable interest.

*b. Survivors with an insurable interest must be natural persons.* Only natural persons may be a survivor with an insurable interest for purposes of this exclusion.

*c. Parties deemed to have an insurable interest by relationship.* Some relationships are deemed so close that the individual will have an insurable interest in the decedent. These are spouses in each other’s lives, parents in the lives of their children, and children in the lives of their parents.

*d. Individuals other than close relations may be a survivor with an insurable interest.* Individuals other than those with a relationship with the decedent described in paragraph 302.47(2) “c” must establish that they had a pecuniary interest in the continuation of the life of the decedent at the time of death to be considered a survivor with an insurable interest. The beneficiary has the burden of proof to show that the beneficiary had a reasonable expectation of an advantage or benefit that the beneficiary would have received with the continuance of the life of the decedent. Being named a beneficiary of the retirement plan alone does not establish that an individual is a survivor with an insurable interest.

EXAMPLE: A grandson was receiving college tuition regularly from his grandfather and received the grandfather’s pension as a beneficiary of the grandfather after the grandfather’s death. The grandson would be deemed to have an insurable interest in the benefits and would be eligible for the retirement income exclusion.

**302.47(3) Disabled individuals.** For purposes of this rule, a disabled individual is a person who is receiving benefits as a result of retirement from employment or self-employment due to disability. In addition, a person is considered to be a disabled individual if the individual is determined to be disabled in accordance with criteria established by the Social Security Administration or other federal or state governmental agency.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.5 and 422.7.

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**701—302.48(422) Health insurance premiums deduction.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, the amounts paid by a taxpayer for health insurance for the taxpayer, the taxpayer’s spouse, and the taxpayer’s dependents are deductible in computing net income on the Iowa return to the extent the amounts paid were not otherwise deductible in computing adjusted gross income. However, amounts paid by a taxpayer for health insurance on a pretax basis whereby the portion of the wages of the taxpayer used to pay health insurance premiums is not included in the taxpayer’s gross wages for income tax or social security tax purposes are not deductible on the Iowa return.

In situations where married taxpayers pay health insurance premiums from a joint checking or other joint account and the taxpayers are filing separate state returns or separately on the combined return form, the taxpayers must allocate the deduction between the spouses on the basis of the net income of each spouse to the combined net income unless one spouse can show that only that spouse’s income was deposited to the joint account.

In circumstances where a taxpayer is self-employed and takes a deduction on the 1996 federal return for 30 percent of the premiums paid for health insurance on the federal return, the taxpayer would be allowed a deduction on the Iowa return for the portion of the health insurance premiums that was not deducted on the taxpayer’s federal return, including any health insurance premiums deducted as an itemized medical deduction under Section 213 of the Internal Revenue Code.

For purposes of the state deduction for health insurance premiums, the same premiums for the same health insurance or medical insurance coverage qualify for this deduction as would qualify for the federal medical expense deduction. Thus, premiums paid for contact lens insurance qualify for the

health insurance deduction. Also eligible for the deduction for tax years beginning in the 1996 calendar year are premiums paid by a taxpayer before the age of 65 for medical care insurance effective after the age of 65, if the premiums are payable (on a level payment basis) for a period of ten years or more or until the year the taxpayer attains the age of 65 (but in no case for a period of less than five years). For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1997, premiums for long-term health insurance for nursing home coverage are eligible for this deduction to the extent the premiums for long-term health care services are eligible for the federal itemized deduction for medical and dental expenses, irrespective of the limitations set forth in Section 213(d)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code. For example, a 55-year-old taxpayer who paid \$1,050 in premiums for long-term health insurance for nursing home coverage for the 2004 tax year would be allowed a deduction for Iowa purposes for the entire \$1,050, even though the limitation for the federal itemized deduction for medical expenses in Section 213(d)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code for these premiums for this taxpayer is \$980.

Amounts paid under an insurance contract for other than medical care (such as payment for loss of limb or life or sight) are not deductible, unless the medical charge is stated separately in the contract or provided in a separate statement.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 1997 Iowa Acts, Senate File 129.

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**701—302.49(422) Employer social security credit for tips.** Employers in the food and beverage industry are allowed a credit under Section 45B of the Internal Revenue Code for a portion of the social security taxes paid or incurred after 1993 on employee tips. The credit is equal to the employer's FICA obligation attributable to tips received which exceed tips treated as wages for purposes of satisfying minimum wage standards of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The credit is allowed only for tips received by an employee in the course of employment from customers on the premises of a business for which the tipping of employees serving food or beverages is customary. To the extent that an employer takes the credit for a portion of the social security taxes paid or incurred, the employer's deduction for the social security tax is reduced accordingly. For Iowa income tax purposes, the full deduction for the social security tax paid or incurred is allowed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1994.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 422.7.

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**701—302.50(422) Computing state taxable amounts of pension benefits from state pension plans.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, a retired member of a state pension plan, or a beneficiary of a member, who receives benefits from the plan where there was a greater contribution to the plan for the member for state income tax purposes than for federal income tax purposes can report less taxable income from the benefits on the Iowa individual income tax return than was reported on the federal return for the same tax year. This rule applies only to a member of a state pension plan, or the beneficiary of a member, who received benefits from the plan sometime after January 1, 1995, and only in circumstances where the member received wages from public employment in 1995, 1996, 1997, or 1998, or possibly in 1999 for certain teachers covered by the state pension plan authorized in Iowa Code chapter 294 so the member had greater contributions to the state pension plan for state income tax purposes than for federal income tax purposes. Starting with wages paid on or after January 1, 1999, to employees covered by a state pension plan other than teachers covered by the state pension plan authorized in Iowa Code chapter 294, contributions made to the pension plan will be made on a pretax basis for state income tax purposes as well as for federal income tax purposes. However, in the case of teachers covered by the state pension plan authorized in Iowa Code chapter 294, contributions to the pension plan on behalf of these teachers on a pretax basis for state income tax purposes may start after January 1, 1999.

For example, in the case of a state employee who was covered by IPERS and had wages from covered public employment of \$41,000 or more in 1995, that person would have made posttax contributions to IPERS of \$1,517 for state income tax purposes for 1995 and zero posttax contributions to IPERS for federal income tax purposes for 1995. The \$1,517 in contributions to IPERS for federal income tax

purposes was made on a pretax basis and was considered to have been made by the employee's employer or the state of Iowa and not the employee. At the time this employee receives retirement benefits from IPERS, the retired employee will be subject to federal income tax on the portion of the benefits that is attributable to the \$1,517 IPERS contribution made in 1995. However, this employee will not be subject to state income tax on the portion of the IPERS benefits received which is attributable to the \$1,517 contribution to IPERS for 1995.

This rule does not apply to members or beneficiaries of members who elect to take a lump sum distribution of benefits from a state pension plan in lieu of receiving monthly payments of benefits from the plan.

The following subrules further clarify how the portion of certain state pension benefits that is taxable for state individual income tax purposes for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, is determined.

**302.50(1)** *Definitions related to state taxation of benefits from state pension plan.* The following definitions clarify those terms and phrases that have a bearing on the state's taxation of certain individuals who receive retirement benefits from state pension plans:

a. For purposes of this rule, the terms "state pension," "state pensions," and "state pension plans" mean only those pensions and those pension plans authorized in Iowa Code chapter 97A for public safety peace officers, chapter 97B for Iowa public employees (IPERS), chapter 294 for certain teachers, and chapter 411 for police officers and firefighters. There are other pension plans available for some public employees in the state which may be described as "state pensions" or "state pension plans" in other contexts or situations, but these pension plans are not covered by this rule. An example of a pension plan that is not a "state pension plan" for purposes of this rule is the judicial retirement system for state judges authorized in Iowa Code section 602.9101.

b. For purposes of this rule, "member" is an individual who was employed in public service covered by a state pension plan and is either receiving or was receiving benefits from the pension plan.

c. For purposes of this rule, "beneficiary" is a person who has received or is receiving benefits from a state pension plan due to the death of an individual or member who earned benefits in a state pension plan.

d. For purposes of this rule, the term "IPERS" means the Iowa public employees retirement system.

e. For purposes of this rule, the term "pretax," when the term is applied to a contribution made to a state pension plan during a year from a public employee's compensation, means a contribution to a state pension plan that is not taxed on the employee's income tax return for the tax year in which the contribution is made. The contribution is considered to have been made by the state or the employee's employer and not by the employee so this contribution is not part of the employee's basis in the pension that is not taxed when the pension is received.

f. For purposes of this rule, the term "posttax," when the term is applied to a contribution made to a state pension plan during a year from a public employee's compensation, means the contribution is included in the employee's taxable income for the tax year of the contribution and the contribution is considered to have been made by the employee. That is, the contribution is part of the employee's basis in the pension which is not taxed at the time the pension is received.

**302.50(2)** *Computation of the taxable amount of the state pension for federal income tax purposes.* An individual who receives benefits in the tax year from one of the state pension plans is not subject to federal income tax on the benefits to the extent of the pensioner's or member's recovery of posttax contribution to the pension plan. The individual receiving benefits in the year from a state pension plan should get a Form 1099-R showing the total benefits received in the tax year from the pension plan. The individual can determine the federal taxable amount of the benefits by using the general rule or the simplified general rule which is described in federal publication 17 or federal publication 575. Note that members who first receive pension benefits after November 18, 1996, must compute the federal taxable amount of their pension benefits by using the simplified general rule shown in the federal tax publications. Note also that individuals receiving benefits in the tax year from IPERS who started receiving benefits in 1993 or in later years will receive information with the 1099-R form

which shows the amount of gross benefits received in the tax year that is taxable for federal income tax purposes.

**302.50(3)** *Computing the taxable amount of state pension benefits for state individual income tax purposes.* An individual receiving state pension benefits in the tax year must have a number of facts about the state pension in order to be able to compute the taxable amount of the pension for Iowa income tax purposes. The individual must know the gross pension benefits received in the tax year, the taxable amount of the pension for federal income tax purposes, the employee's contribution to the pension for federal income tax purposes, and the employee's contribution to the pension for state income tax purposes. In situations where the employee's contribution for state income tax purposes is equal to the contribution for federal income tax purposes, the same amount of the pension will be taxable on the state income tax return as is taxable on the federal return.

In cases when all of an individual's employment covered by a state pension plan occurred on or after January 1, 1995, so that all the contributions to the pension plan (other than posttax service purchases) for the employee were made on a pretax basis for federal income tax purposes, all of the benefits received from the pension would be taxed on the federal income tax return. In this situation, the state taxable amount of the pension would be computed using the general rule or the simplified general rule shown in federal publication 17 or federal publication 575. The employee's state contribution or state basis would be entered on line 2 of the worksheet in the federal publication that is usually used to compute the taxable amount of the pension for the federal income tax return.

To compute the state taxable amount of the state pension in situations where the employee had a contribution to the pension for federal tax purposes, the federal taxable amount for the year is first subtracted from the gross pension benefit received in the year which leaves the amount of the pension received in the year which was not taxable on the federal return. Next, the member's posttax contribution or basis in the pension for federal tax purposes is divided by the member's posttax contribution or basis in the pension for state income tax purposes which provides the ratio of the member's federal basis or contribution to the member's state contribution or basis. Next, the amount of the state pension received in the year that is not taxed on the federal return is divided by the ratio or percentage that was determined in the previous step, which provides the exempt amount of the pension for state tax purposes. Finally, the state exempt amount determined in the previous step is subtracted from the gross amount received in the year, which leaves the taxable amount for state income tax purposes. Note that individuals who retired in 1993 and in years after 1993 and are receiving benefits from IPERS will receive information from IPERS which will advise them of the taxable amount of the pension for state income tax purposes. The examples in subrule 302.50(4) are provided to illustrate how the state taxable amounts of state pension benefits received in the tax year are computed in different factual situations.

**302.50(4)** *Examples.*

*a.* A state employee retired in April 1996 and started receiving IPERS benefits in April 1996. The retired state employee received \$1,794.45 in gross benefits from IPERS in 1996. The federal taxable amount of the benefits was \$1,690.36. The employee's federal posttax contribution or basis in the pension was \$4,907 and the state posttax contribution or basis was \$7,194. The nontaxable amount of the IPERS benefits for federal income tax was \$104.09 which was calculated by subtracting the federal taxable amount of \$1,690.36 from the gross amount of the benefits of \$1,794.45. The ratio of the employee's posttax contribution to the pension for federal income tax purposes was 68.21 percent of the employee's contribution to the pension for state income tax purposes. This was determined by dividing \$4,907 by \$7,194. The nontaxable amount of the IPERS benefit for federal income tax purposes of \$104.09 was then divided by 68.21 percent, which is the ratio determined in the previous step, and which results in a total of \$152.60. This was the nontaxable amount of the pension for state income tax purposes. When \$152.60 is subtracted from the gross benefits of \$1,794.45 paid in the year, the remaining amount is \$1,641.85 which is the taxable amount of the pension that should be reported on the individual's Iowa individual income tax return for the 1996 tax year.

*b.* A state employee retired in July 1995. The retired employee received \$1,881.88 in IPERS benefits in 1996 and \$1,790.60 of the benefits was taxable on the individual's federal return for 1996. The person's federal posttax contribution to the IPERS pension was \$3,130 and the posttax contribution for

state income tax purposes was \$3,821. The amount of benefits not taxable for federal income tax purposes was \$91.28 which was computed by subtracting the amount of pension benefits of \$1,790.60 that was taxable on the federal income tax return from the gross benefits of \$1,881.88 received in 1996. The retiree's federal posttax contribution of \$3,130 to IPERS was divided by the retiree's posttax contribution of \$3,821 to IPERS for state income tax purposes which resulted in a ratio of 81.91 percent. The amount of IPERS benefits of \$91.28 exempt for federal income tax purposes is divided by the 81.91 percent computed in the previous step which results in an amount of \$111.44 which is the amount of IPERS benefits received in 1996 which is not taxable on the Iowa return. \$111.44 is subtracted from the gross benefits of \$1,881.88 received in 1996 which leaves the state taxable amount for 1996 of \$1,770.44.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, House File 2513.

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**701—302.51(422) Exemption of active-duty military pay of national guard personnel and armed forces military reserve personnel for overseas services pursuant to military orders for peacekeeping in the Bosnia-Herzegovina area.** For active duty military pay received on or after November 21, 1995, by national guard personnel and by armed forces military reserve personnel, the pay is exempt from state income tax to the extent the military pay was earned overseas for services performed pursuant to military orders related to peacekeeping in the Bosnia-Herzegovina area. In order for the active duty pay to qualify for exemption from tax, the military service had to have been performed outside the United States, but not necessarily in the Bosnia-Herzegovina area.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 1997 Iowa Acts, House File 355.

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**701—302.52(422) Mutual funds.** Iowa does not tax dividend or interest income from regulated investment companies to the extent that such income is derived from interest on United States Government obligations or obligations of this state and its political subdivisions. The exemption is also applicable to income from regulated investment companies which is derived from interest on government-sponsored enterprises and agencies where federal law specifically precludes state taxation of such interest. Income derived from interest on securities which are merely guaranteed by the federal government or from repurchase agreements collateralized by the United States Government obligations is not excluded and is subject to Iowa income tax. There is no distinction between Iowa's tax treatment of interest received by a direct investor as compared with a mutual fund shareholder. The interest retains its same character when it "flows-through" the mutual fund and is subject to taxation accordingly.

Taxpayers may subtract from federal adjusted gross income, income received from any of the obligations listed in subrule 302.2(1) and rule 701—302.3(422) above, even if the obligations are owned indirectly through owning shares in a mutual fund:

1. If the fund invests exclusively in these state tax-exempt obligations, the entire amount of the distribution (income) from the fund may be subtracted.
2. If the fund invests in both exempt and nonexempt obligations, the amount represented by the percentage of the distribution that the mutual fund identifies as exempt may be subtracted.
3. If the mutual fund does not identify an exempt amount or percentage, taxpayers may figure the amount to be subtracted by multiplying the distribution by the following fraction: as the numerator, the amount invested by the fund in state-exempt United States obligations; as the denominator, the fund's total investment. Use the year-end amounts to figure the fraction if the percentage ratio has remained constant throughout the year. If the percentage ratio has not remained constant, take the average of the ratios from the fund's quarterly financial reports.

Therefore, if the federal adjusted gross income of an individual, taxable by Iowa, includes dividends or interest of this type, an adjustment must be made deducting the amount of the dividend or interest.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.53(422) Deduction for contributions by taxpayers to the Iowa educational savings plan trust and addition to income for refunds of contributions previously deducted.** The Iowa educational savings plan trust was created so that individuals and certain other qualified participants can contribute funds on behalf of beneficiaries in accounts administered by the treasurer of state to cover qualified education expenses of the beneficiaries. The Iowa educational savings plan trust includes the college savings Iowa plan and the Iowa advisor 529 plan. The following subrules provide details on how individuals' net incomes are affected by contributions to beneficiaries' accounts, interest and any other earnings earned on beneficiaries' accounts, and refunds of contributions which were previously deducted. Definitions and other information about establishing college savings Iowa accounts may be found in rules promulgated by the treasurer of state. See 781—Chapter 16.

**302.53(1)** *Deduction from net income for contributions made to the Iowa educational savings plan trust on behalf of beneficiaries.*

*a.* An individual referred to as a “participant” can claim a deduction on the Iowa individual income tax return for contributions made by that individual to the Iowa educational savings plan trust on behalf of a beneficiary.

*b.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, if a participant makes a contribution to the Iowa educational savings plan trust on or after January 1, but on or before the deadline for filing an Iowa individual income tax return, excluding extensions, the participant may elect to have the deduction for the contribution apply to that participant's Iowa individual income taxes for the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the contribution was made. Once a participant has elected to apply a contribution to the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the contribution was made, the contribution is deemed to have been made on December 31 of that previous calendar year. Once the election has been made, the deduction for that contribution may only be applied in computing the taxpayer's Iowa net income for the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the contribution was made. Contributions made on or after January 1, but before the deadline for filing Iowa individual income taxes, that the participant elects to have applied to the immediately preceding calendar year shall count toward the maximum contribution that may be deducted for that previous year. See paragraph 302.53(1)“c” below.

**EXAMPLE:** An individual makes a contribution to her Iowa educational savings plan account on April 5, 2018. The deadline for filing a 2017 Iowa income tax return is April 30, 2018. The individual elects to have the contribution apply to her 2017 individual income taxes instead of her 2018 Iowa individual income taxes. The department of revenue will consider the individual's contribution to have been made on December 31, 2017. The individual may now claim a deduction for the contribution, up to the annual maximum deduction, on her 2017 Iowa income taxes. However, because the individual elected to have her contribution apply to her 2017 Iowa income taxes, she cannot claim the deduction for the April 5, 2018, contribution on her 2018 Iowa income tax return.

*c.* The deduction on the 1998 Iowa return cannot exceed \$2,000 per beneficiary for contributions made in 1998 or the adjusted maximum annual amount for contributions made after 1998. Note that the maximum annual amount that can be deducted per beneficiary may be adjusted or increased to an amount greater than \$2,000 for inflation on an annual basis. Rollover contributions from other states' educational savings plans will qualify for the deduction, subject to the maximum amount allowable. Starting with tax years beginning in the 2000 calendar year, a participant may contribute an amount on behalf of a beneficiary that is greater than \$2,000, but may claim a deduction on the Iowa individual return of the lesser of the amount contributed or \$2,000 as adjusted by inflation. For example, if a taxpayer made a \$5,000 contribution on behalf of a beneficiary to the Iowa educational savings plan trust in 2000, the taxpayer may claim a deduction on the IA 1040 return for 2000 in the amount of \$2,054, as this amount is \$2,000 as adjusted for inflation in effect for 2000.

**EXAMPLE:** An individual has ten grandchildren from the age of six months to 12 years. In October 1998, the person became a participant in the Iowa educational savings plan trust by making \$2,000 contributions to the trust on behalf of each of the ten grandchildren. When the participant filed the 1998

Iowa individual income tax return, the participant could claim a deduction on the return for the \$20,000 contributed to the Iowa educational savings plan trust on behalf of the individual's ten grandchildren.

**302.53(2)** *Exclusion of interest and earnings on beneficiary accounts in the Iowa educational savings plan trust.* To the extent that interest or other earnings accrue on a beneficiary's account in the Iowa educational savings plan trust, the interest or other earnings are excluded for purposes of computing net income on the Iowa individual income tax return of the participant or the return of the beneficiary.

**302.53(3)** *Including on the Iowa individual return amounts refunded to the participant from the Iowa educational savings plan trust that had previously been deducted.* The refund or withdrawal of funds is to be included in net income on a participant's Iowa individual income tax return to the extent that contributions to the account had been deducted on prior Iowa individual income tax returns of the participant if the participant cancels a beneficiary's account in the Iowa educational savings plan trust and receives a refund of the funds in the account made on behalf of the beneficiary or if the participant makes a withdrawal from the Iowa educational savings plan trust for purposes other than the following:

*a. Qualifying higher education withdrawals.* The payment of qualified higher education expenses as defined in Section 529(e)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The term "qualified higher education expenses" does not include tuition expenses related to attendance at an elementary or secondary school.

*b. Qualifying elementary and secondary tuition withdrawals.* For withdrawals made on or after January 1, 2018, the payment of tuition expenses in connection with and required for enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary school in Iowa which is accredited under Iowa Code section 256.11, and which adheres to the provisions of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Iowa Code chapter 216. These qualified tuition expenses shall not exceed \$10,000 per beneficiary per year. This limitation is based on the beneficiary, not the participant.

Participants are responsible for tracking the amount of qualified tuition expense payments a beneficiary may receive from other participants. If a beneficiary's distributions exceed this annual limitation, the most recent payments are presumed to be the nonqualifying payments. By agreement amongst themselves, account holders are permitted to choose an alternative method for determining which payments are nonqualifying. An alternative method is presumed valid if, after the additions to income required by this paragraph, the beneficiary's total qualifying tax-free withdrawals for elementary or secondary school tuition expenses do not exceed the \$10,000 limitation. However, upon request, the account holders are responsible for providing the department with adequate documentation to substantiate the method used.

*c. Change in beneficiaries.* A change in beneficiaries under, or transfer to another account within, the Iowa educational savings plan trust.

*d. ABLE rollovers.* A transfer to the Iowa ABLE savings plan trust, provided such change or transfer is permitted under Iowa Code section 12D.6(5).

EXAMPLE: Because a beneficiary of a certain participant died in the year 2000, this participant in the Iowa educational savings plan trust canceled the participant agreement for the beneficiary with the trust and received a refund of \$4,200 of funds in the beneficiary's account. Because \$4,000 of the refund represented contributions that the participant had deducted on prior Iowa individual income tax returns, the participant was to report on the Iowa return for the tax year 2000, \$4,000 in contributions that had been deducted on the participant's Iowa returns for 1998 and 1999.

EXAMPLE: Beneficiary A is an elementary school student who attends an accredited elementary school located in Iowa. Participant B and participant C have each opened an Iowa educational savings plan trust account with A as the designated beneficiary. In January 2019, participant B withdraws \$6,000 from B's account to pay A's spring semester tuition. In August 2019, participant C withdraws \$6,000 from C's account to pay for A's fall semester tuition. Although neither B nor C has made a withdrawal in excess of \$10,000, that limitation is based on the beneficiary, A, who has received a total of \$12,000 in distributions in 2019. Because A's total distributions have exceeded the annual limitation on distributions related to elementary or secondary school tuition, the participants must include the \$2,000 excess in their net income. Because C's withdrawal was made after B's, the entire excess is presumed attributable to C,

and therefore C must include the entire \$2,000 excess in C's Iowa net income for 2019, unless B and C can show that they agreed to an alternative method of allocating the excess amount.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.54(422) Roth individual retirement accounts.** Roth individual retirement accounts were authorized in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and are applicable for tax years beginning after December 31, 1997. Generally, no deduction is allowed on either the federal income tax return or the Iowa individual income tax return for a contribution to a Roth IRA. The following subrules include information about tax treatment of certain transactions for Roth IRAs.

**302.54(1) Taxation of income derived from rolling over or converting existing IRAs to Roth IRAs.** At the time existing IRAs are rolled over to or converted to Roth IRAs in the 1998 calendar year or in a subsequent year, any income realized from the rollover or conversion of the existing IRA is taxable. However, in the case of conversion of existing IRAs to Roth IRAs in 1998, the taxpayer can make an election to have all the income realized from the conversion subject to tax in 1998 rather than have the conversion income spread out over four years. If the conversion income is spread out over four years, one-fourth of the conversion income is included on the 1998 Iowa and federal returns of the taxpayer and one-fourth of the income is included on the taxpayer's Iowa and federal returns for each of the following three tax years. Note that if an existing IRA for an individual is converted to a Roth IRA for the individual in a calendar year after 1998, all the income realized from the conversion is to be reported on the federal return and the Iowa return for that tax year for the individual. That is, when conversion of existing IRAs to Roth IRAs occurs after 1998, there is no provision for having the conversion income taxed over four years.

For example, an Iowa resident converted three existing IRAs to one Roth IRA in 1998, realized \$20,000 in income from the conversion, and did not elect to have all the conversion income taxed on the 1998 Iowa and federal returns. Because the taxpayer did not make the election so all the conversion income was taxed in 1998, \$5,000 in conversion income was to be reported on the taxpayer's federal and Iowa returns for 1998 and similar incomes were to be reported on the federal and Iowa returns for 1999, 2000, and 2001. Note that to the extent the recipient of the Roth IRA conversion income is eligible, the conversion income is subject to the pension/retirement income exclusion described in rule 701—302.47(422).

**302.54(2) Roth IRA conversion income for part-year residents.** To the extent that an Iowa resident has Roth IRA conversion income on the individual's federal income tax return, the same income will be included on the resident's Iowa income tax return. However, when an individual with Roth IRA conversion income in the tax year is a part-year resident of Iowa, the individual may allocate the conversion income on the Iowa return in the ratio of the taxpayer's months in Iowa during the tax year to 12 months. In a situation where an individual spends more than half of a month in Iowa, that month is to be reported to Iowa for purposes of the allocation.

For example, an individual moved to Des Moines from Omaha on June 12, 1998, and had \$20,000 in Roth IRA conversion income in 1998. Because the individual spent 7 months in Iowa in 1998, 7/12, or 60 percent, of the \$20,000 in conversion income is allocated to Iowa. Thus, \$12,000 of the conversion income should be reported on the taxpayer's Iowa return for 1998.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2357.

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**701—302.55(422) Exemption of income payments for victims of the Holocaust and heirs of victims.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, income payments received by individuals because they were victims of the Holocaust or income payments received by individuals who are heirs of victims of the Holocaust are excluded in the computation of net incomes, to the extent the payments were included in the individuals' federal adjusted gross incomes. Victims of the Holocaust were victims

of persecution in the World War II era for racial, ethnic or religious reasons by Nazi Germany or other Axis regime.

Holocaust victims may receive income payments for slave labor performed in the World War II era. Income payments may also be received by Holocaust victims as reparation for assets stolen from, hidden from, or otherwise lost in the World War II era, including proceeds from insurance policies of the victims. The World War II era includes the time of the war and the time immediately before and immediately after the war. However, income from assets acquired with the income payments or from the sale of those assets shall not be excluded from the computation of net income. The exemption of income payments shall only apply to the first recipient of the income payments who was either a victim of persecution by Nazi Germany or any other Axis regime or a person who is an heir of the victim of persecution.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 217.39 and 422.7.  
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**701—302.56(422) Taxation of income from the sale of obligations of the state of Iowa and its political subdivisions.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, income from the sale of obligations of the state of Iowa and its political subdivisions shall be added to Iowa net income to the extent not already included. Gains or losses from the sale or other disposition of bonds issued by the state of Iowa or its political subdivisions shall be included in Iowa net income unless the law authorizing these obligations specifically exempts the income from the sale or other disposition of the bonds from the Iowa individual income tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, chapter 116.  
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**701—302.57(422) Installment sales by taxpayers using the accrual method of accounting.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, and prior to January 1, 2002, taxpayers who use the accrual method of accounting and who have sales or exchanges of property that they reported on the installment method for federal income tax purposes must report the total amount of the gain or loss from the transaction in the tax year of the sale or exchange pursuant to Section 453 of the Internal Revenue Code as amended up to and including January 1, 2000.

EXAMPLE 1. Taxpayer Jones uses the accrual method of accounting for reporting income. In 2001, Mr. Jones sold farmland he had held for eight years for \$200,000 which resulted in a capital gain of \$50,000. For federal income tax purposes, Mr. Jones elected to report the transaction on the installment basis, where he reported \$12,500 of the gain on his 2001 federal return and will report capital gains of \$12,500 on each of his federal returns for the 2002, 2003 and 2004 tax years.

However, for Iowa income tax purposes, Mr. Jones must report on his 2001 Iowa return the entire capital gain of \$50,000 from the land sale. Although Taxpayer Jones must report a capital gain of \$12,500 on each of his federal income tax returns for 2002, 2003 and 2004, from the installment sale of the farmland in 2001, he will not have to include the installments of \$12,500 on his Iowa income tax returns for those three tax years because Mr. Jones had reported the entire capital gain of \$50,000 from the 2001 transaction on his 2001 Iowa income tax return.

EXAMPLE 2. Taxpayer Smith uses the accrual method of accounting for reporting income. In 2002, Mr. Smith sold farmland he had held for eight years for \$500,000 which resulted in a capital gain of \$100,000. For federal income tax purposes, Mr. Smith elected to report the transaction on the installment basis, where he reported \$20,000 of the gain on his 2002 federal return and will report the remaining capital gains on federal returns for the four subsequent tax years. Because this installment sale occurred in 2002, Mr. Smith shall report \$20,000 of the capital gain on his Iowa income tax return for 2002 and will report the balance of the capital gains from the installment sale on Iowa returns for the next four tax years, the same as reported on his federal returns for those years.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2002 Iowa Acts, House File 2116.

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**701—302.58(422) Exclusion of distributions from retirement plans by national guard members and members of military reserve forces of the United States.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, members of the Iowa national guard or members of military reserve forces of the United States who are ordered to national guard duty or federal active duty are not subject to Iowa income tax on the amount of distributions received during the tax year from qualified retirement plans of the members to the extent the distributions were taxable for federal income tax purposes. In addition, the members are not subject to state penalties on the distributions even though the members may have been subject to federal penalties on the distributions for early withdrawal of benefits. Because the distributions described above are not taxable for Iowa income tax purposes, a national guard member or armed forces reserve member who receives a distribution from a qualified retirement plan may request that the payer of the distribution not withhold Iowa income tax from the distribution.

This rule is intended to implement 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 422.7 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2097.

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**701—302.59** Reserved.

**701—302.60(422) Additional first-year depreciation allowance.**

**302.60(1) Assets acquired after September 10, 2001, but before May 6, 2003.** For tax periods ending after September 10, 2001, but beginning before May 6, 2003, the additional first-year depreciation allowance (“bonus depreciation”) of 30 percent authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as enacted by Public Law No. 107-147, Section 101, does not apply for Iowa individual income tax. Taxpayers who claim the bonus depreciation on their federal income tax return must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on assets acquired after September 10, 2001, but before May 6, 2003, and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(k).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets.

The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets acquired after September 10, 2001, but before May 6, 2003, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

See 701—subrule 502.22(1) for examples illustrating how this subrule is applied.

**302.60(2) Assets acquired after May 5, 2003, but before January 1, 2005.** For tax periods beginning after May 5, 2003, but beginning before January 1, 2005, the bonus depreciation of 50 percent authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law No. 108-27, Section 201, may be taken for Iowa individual income tax. If the taxpayer elects to take the 50 percent bonus depreciation, the depreciation deduction allowed on the Iowa individual income tax return is the same as the depreciation deduction allowed on the federal income tax return for assets acquired after May 5, 2003, but before January 1, 2005.

*a.* If the taxpayer elects to take the 50 percent bonus depreciation and had filed an Iowa return prior to February 24, 2005, which reflected the disallowance of 50 percent bonus depreciation, the taxpayer may choose between two options to reflect this change. Taxpayer may either file an amended return for the applicable tax year to reflect the 50 percent bonus depreciation provision, or taxpayer may reflect the change for 50 percent bonus depreciation on the next Iowa return filed subsequent to February 23, 2005. Taxpayer must choose only one of these two options. Regardless of the option chosen, taxpayer must complete and attach a revised Form IA 4562A to either the amended return or the return filed subsequent to February 23, 2005.

EXAMPLE 1: Taxpayer filed a 2003 Iowa individual income tax return on April 15, 2004, which reflected an adjustment of \$50,000 for the difference between federal depreciation and Iowa depreciation relating to the disallowance of 50 percent bonus depreciation. Taxpayer now elects to take the 50 percent

bonus depreciation for Iowa tax purposes. Taxpayer may either amend the 2003 Iowa return to reflect a \$50,000 reduction in Iowa taxable income, or taxpayer may take the additional deduction of \$50,000 on taxpayer's 2004 Iowa return that is filed after February 23, 2005.

EXAMPLE 2: Assume the same facts as given in Example 1, and taxpayer filed a 2004 Iowa return prior to February 24, 2005. Taxpayer did not take an additional \$50,000 deduction on the 2004 Iowa return. Taxpayer may either amend the 2003 Iowa return to reflect a \$50,000 reduction in Iowa taxable income, or taxpayer may take the additional deduction of \$50,000 on taxpayer's 2005 Iowa return.

*b.* If the taxpayer elects not to take the 50 percent bonus depreciation, taxpayer must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on assets acquired after May 5, 2003, but before January 1, 2005, and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(k). If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets. The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets acquired after May 5, 2003, but before January 1, 2005, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

**302.60(3)** *Assets acquired after December 31, 2007, but before January 1, 2010.* For tax periods beginning after December 31, 2007, but beginning before January 1, 2010, the bonus depreciation of 50 percent authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law No. 110-185, Section 103, and Public Law 111-5, Section 1201, does not apply for Iowa individual income tax. Taxpayers who claim the bonus depreciation on their federal income tax return must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on assets acquired after December 31, 2007, but before January 1, 2010, and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(k).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets.

The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets acquired after December 31, 2007, but before January 1, 2010, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

See rule 701—502.22(422) for examples illustrating how this rule is applied.

**302.60(4)** *Qualified disaster assistance property.* For property placed in service after December 31, 2007, with respect to federal declared disasters occurring before January 1, 2010, the bonus depreciation of 50 percent authorized in Section 168(n) of the Internal Revenue Code for qualified disaster assistance property, as amended by Public Law 110-343, Section 710, does not apply for Iowa individual income tax. Taxpayers who claim the bonus depreciation on their federal income tax return must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on qualified disaster assistance property and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(n).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of this property for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of such property.

The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying disaster assistance property can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

**302.60(5)** *Assets acquired after December 31, 2009, but before January 1, 2014.* For tax periods beginning after December 31, 2009, but beginning before January 1, 2014, the bonus depreciation authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law No. 111-240, Section 2022, Public Law No. 111-312, Section 401, and Public Law No. 112-240, Section 331, does

not apply for Iowa individual income tax. Taxpayers who claim the bonus depreciation on their federal income tax return must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on assets acquired after December 31, 2009, but before January 1, 2014, and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(k).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets.

The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets acquired after December 31, 2009, but before January 1, 2014, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

See 701—subrule 502.22(3) for examples illustrating how this subrule is applied.

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**701—302.61(422) Exclusion of active duty pay of national guard members and armed forces military reserve members for service under orders for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation New Dawn.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, active duty pay received by national guard members and armed forces reserve members is excluded to the extent the income is included in federal adjusted gross income and to the extent the active duty pay is for service under military orders for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle or Operation Enduring Freedom. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, active duty pay received by national guard members and armed forces reserve members is excluded to the extent the income is included in federal adjusted gross income and to the extent the active duty pay is for service under military orders for Operation New Dawn. National guard members and military reserve members receiving active duty pay on or after January 1, 2003, but before January 1, 2011, for service not covered by military orders for one of the operations specified above are subject to Iowa income tax on the active duty pay to the extent the active duty pay is included in federal adjusted gross income. For active duty pay received on or after January 1, 2011, see rule 701—302.76(422). An example of a situation where the active duty pay may not be included in federal adjusted gross income is when the active duty pay was received for service in an area designated as a combat zone or in an area designated as a hazardous duty area so the income may be excluded from federal adjusted gross income. That is, if an individual's active duty military pay is not subject to federal income tax, the active duty military pay will not be taxable on the individual's Iowa income tax return.

National guard members and military reserve members who are receiving active duty pay for service on or after January 1, 2003, that is exempt from Iowa income tax, may complete an IA W-4 Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate and claim exemption from Iowa income tax for active duty pay received during the time they are serving on active duty pursuant to military orders for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation New Dawn.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 652.

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**701—302.62(422) Deduction for overnight expenses not reimbursed for travel away from home of more than 100 miles for performance of service as a member of the national guard or armed forces military reserve.** A taxpayer may subtract, in computing net income, the costs not reimbursed that were incurred for overnight transportation, meals and lodging expenses for travel away from the taxpayer's home more than 100 miles, to the extent the travel expenses were incurred for the performance of services on or after January 1, 2003, by the taxpayer as a national guard member or an armed forces

military reserve member. The deduction for Iowa tax purposes is the same that is allowed for federal income tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 186.

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**701—302.63(422) Exclusion of income from military student loan repayments.** Individuals serving on active duty in the national guard, armed forces military reserve or the armed forces of the United States may subtract, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, income from military student loan repayments made on or after January 1, 2003.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2003 Iowa Acts, House File 674.

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**701—302.64(422) Exclusion of death gratuity payable to an eligible survivor of a member of the armed forces, including a member of a reserve component of the armed forces who has died while on active duty.** An eligible survivor of a member of the armed forces, including a member of a reserve component of the armed forces, who has died while on active duty may subtract, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, a gratuity death payment made to the eligible survivor of a member of the armed forces who died while on active duty after September 10, 2001. This exclusion applies to a gratuity death payment made to the eligible survivor of any person in the armed forces or a reserve component of the armed forces who died while on active duty after September 10, 2001.

The purpose of the death gratuity is to provide a cash payment to assist a survivor of a deceased member of the armed forces to meet financial needs during the period immediately following a service member's death and before other survivor benefits, if any, become available.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2003 Iowa Acts, House File 674.

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**701—302.65(422) Section 179 expensing.**

**302.65(1) In general.** Iowa taxpayers who elect to expense certain depreciable business assets in the year the assets were placed in service under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code must also expense those same assets for Iowa income tax purposes in that year. However, for certain years, the Iowa limitations on this deduction are different from the federal limitations for the same year. This means that for some tax years, adjustments are required to determine the correct Iowa section 179 expensing deduction, as described in this rule.

**302.65(2) Claiming the deduction.**

*a. Timing and requirement to follow federal election.* A taxpayer who takes a federal section 179 deduction must also take the deduction for the same asset in the same year for Iowa purposes, except as expressly provided by Iowa law or this rule. A taxpayer who takes a federal section 179 deduction is not permitted to opt out of taking the same deduction for Iowa purposes. A taxpayer who does not take a federal section 179 deduction on a specific qualifying asset is not permitted to take a section 179 deduction for Iowa purposes on that asset.

*b. Qualifying for the deduction.* Whether a specific business asset qualifies for a section 179 deduction is determined by the Internal Revenue Code (Title 26, U.S. Code) and applicable federal regulations for both federal and Iowa purposes.

*c. Amount of the Iowa deduction.* Generally, the Iowa deduction must equal the amount of the federal deduction taken for the same asset in the same year, subject to special Iowa limitations. The following chart provides a comparison of the Iowa and federal section 179 dollar limitations and reduction limitations. See rule 701—502.23(422) for the section 179 rules applicable to corporations (both C and S corporations) and other entities subject to the corporate income tax, and see rule 701—602.24(422) for the section 179 rules applicable to financial institutions subject to the franchise tax.



Section 179 Deduction Allowances Under Federal and Iowa Law				
Tax Year	Federal		Iowa	
	Dollar Limitation	Reduction Limitation	Dollar Limitation	Reduction Limitation
2003	\$ 100,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 400,000
2004	102,000	410,000	102,000	410,000
2005	105,000	420,000	105,000	420,000
2006	108,000	430,000	108,000	430,000
2007	125,000	500,000	125,000	500,000
2008	250,000	800,000	250,000	800,000
2009	250,000	800,000	133,000	530,000
2010	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2011	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2012	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2013	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2014	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2015	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2016	500,000	2,010,000	25,000	200,000
2017	510,000	2,030,000	25,000	200,000
2018	1,000,000	2,500,000	70,000	280,000
2019	1,020,000	2,550,000	100,000	400,000
2020 and later	Iowa limitations are the same as federal			

*d. Reduction.* Both the federal and the Iowa deductions for section 179 assets are reduced (phased out dollar for dollar) for taxpayers whose total section 179 assets placed in service during a given year cost more than the amount specified (reduction limitation) for that year. Like the deduction limitation, the Iowa and federal reduction limitations are different for certain years. See paragraph 302.65(2) “c” for applicable limitations.

EXAMPLE: Taxpayer purchases \$400,000 worth of qualifying section 179 assets and places all of them in service in 2018. Taxpayer claims a section 179 deduction of \$400,000 for the full cost of the assets on the 2018 federal return. The Iowa section 179 deduction for 2018 is phased out dollar for dollar by the amount of section 179 assets placed in service in excess of \$280,000. This means that, for 2018, the Iowa deduction is fully phased out if the taxpayer placed in service section 179 assets that cost, in total, more than \$350,000. Since the cost of the qualifying assets in this example exceeds the Iowa section 179 phase-out limit, the taxpayer cannot claim any section 179 deduction on the Iowa return. However, the taxpayer may depreciate the entire cost of the assets for Iowa purposes.

*e. Amounts in excess of the Iowa limits.*

(1) Recovering the excess. Due to the differences between the Iowa and federal limitations for certain years, taxpayers may have a federal section 179 deduction that exceeds the amount allowed for Iowa purposes. This excess amount is handled in different ways depending on the source of the deduction.

1. Assets placed in service by the taxpayer or entity reporting the deduction. The cost of any section 179 assets placed in service by the taxpayer in excess of the Iowa limitation for a given year may be recovered through regular depreciation under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to bonus depreciation under Section 168(k). The Iowa section 179 and depreciation deductions and any basis adjustments resulting from the difference in timing of the recovery between Iowa and federal law are calculated and tracked on forms made available on the department’s website.

EXAMPLE: Taxpayer purchases a \$100,000 piece of equipment and places it in service in 2018. Taxpayer claims a section 179 deduction of \$100,000 for the full cost of the equipment on the 2018 federal return. Taxpayer is also required to claim a section 179 deduction of \$70,000 on the 2018 Iowa

return (the full amount of the federal deduction up to the Iowa limit). The taxpayer can depreciate the remaining \$30,000 cost of the equipment for Iowa purposes.

2. Special election for assets placed in service by a pass-through entity when the section 179 deduction is claimed by the owner of that pass-through. See subrule 302.65(3) for information on a special election available to certain owners of pass-through entities related to any section 179 deductions passed through from a partnership or other entity that, in the aggregate, exceed the Iowa limitations.

(2) Application of limitation to pass-throughs. In the case of pass-through entities, section 179 limitations apply at both the entity level and the owner level. Pass-through entities that are required to file an Iowa return and that actually place section 179 assets in service should follow 302.65(2)“e”(1)“1” to account for any assets for which the total federal section 179 deductions for a given year exceeded the Iowa limitation. Owners of pass-throughs receiving section 179 deductions from one or more pass-throughs that, in the aggregate, exceed the Iowa limitations should follow 302.65(2)“e”(1)“2.”

EXAMPLE: Partner A (an individual and an Iowa resident) owns 50 percent interests in each of three partnerships: C, D, and E. Partnership C does business exclusively in Iowa, places \$200,000 worth of section 179 assets in service during tax year 2019 and claims a federal section 179 deduction for the full cost of the assets. Because C is required to file an Iowa partnership return, C is subject to the Iowa section 179 limitations for 2019 and must adjust its Iowa section 179 deduction as provided in 302.65(2)“e”(1)“1.” C passes 50 percent of its section 179 deduction (\$100,000 for federal purposes, \$50,000 for Iowa purposes) through to A. A also receives \$50,000 each in section 179 deductions from D and E, for a total of \$150,000 in section 179 deductions (for Iowa purposes) in 2019. A is subject to the \$100,000 Iowa section 179 deduction limitation for 2019, but because A received total section 179 deductions from one or more pass-throughs in excess of the 2019 Iowa limitation, A is eligible for the special election referenced in 302.65(2)“e”(1)“2.”

*f. Income limitation.* The Iowa section 179 deduction for any given year is limited to the taxpayer’s income from active conduct in a trade or business in the same manner that the section 179 deduction is limited for federal purposes. If an allowable Iowa section 179 deduction exceeds the taxpayer’s business income for a given year, any excess may be carried forward as described in paragraph 302.65(2)“g.”

*g. Carryforward.* This paragraph applies only to amounts that do not exceed the Iowa section 179 deduction limitations for a given year but do exceed the taxpayer’s business income for that year. As with the federal deduction, allowable Iowa section 179 deductions claimed in a given year that exceed a taxpayer’s business income may be carried forward and claimed in future years. This carryforward, if any, is calculated using only amounts up to the Iowa limit. Any federal section 179 deduction the taxpayer claimed in excess of the Iowa limit is not an Iowa section 179 deduction and therefore is not eligible for the carryforward described in this paragraph. Such amounts must instead be recovered as described in paragraph 302.65(2)“e,” or in subrule 302.65(3) for taxpayers receiving the deduction from one or more pass-through entities and making the special election as described in that subrule.

EXAMPLE: Taxpayer purchases a \$100,000 piece of equipment and places it in service in 2019. Taxpayer claims a section 179 deduction of \$100,000 for the full cost of the equipment on the 2019 federal return. Taxpayer is also required to claim a section 179 deduction of \$100,000 on the 2019 Iowa return (because the federal deduction is equal to the Iowa limit for the year, the Iowa and federal deductions are the same). However, the taxpayer has only \$50,000 in business income for 2019, so the allowable deduction for that year is limited to \$50,000. The remaining \$50,000 may be carried forward and applied as a section 179 deduction (subject to all limitations) in 2020, and in any future years until the amount is fully deducted.

*h. Differences in basis.* Iowa adjustments for differences between the Iowa and federal section 179 deduction limitations may cause the taxpayer to have a different basis in the same asset for Iowa and federal purposes. Taxpayers are required to use forms made available on the department’s website to calculate and track these differences.

**302.65(3) Section 179 deduction received from a pass-through entity.** In some cases, an individual or entity that receives income from one or more pass-through entities may receive a section 179 deduction in excess of the Iowa deduction limitation listed in paragraph 302.65(2)“c” for a given year. The individual

or entity may be eligible for a special election with regard to that excess section 179 deduction, as described in this subrule.

*a. Tax years beginning before January 1, 2018.* For tax years beginning before January 1, 2018, the amount of any section 179 deduction received in excess of the Iowa deduction limitation for that year is not eligible for the special election.

*b. Special election available for tax years 2018 and 2019.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, but before January 1, 2020, an individual or entity that receives a section 179 deduction from one or more pass-through entities in excess of the Iowa deduction limitation for that tax year may elect to deduct the excess in future years, as described in this subrule. See rule 701—502.23(422) for rules applicable to corporations (both C and S corporations) and other entities subject to the corporate income tax, and see rule 701—602.24(422) for rules applicable to financial institutions subject to the franchise tax.

(1) This special election applies only to section 179 deductions passed through to the individual or entity by one or more other entities.

(2) If the total Iowa section 179 deduction passed through to the individual or entity exceeds the federal section 179 deduction limitation for that year, the individual or entity may only use the amount up to the federal limitation when calculating the deduction under this election. Any amount in excess of the federal limitation shall not be deducted for Iowa purposes.

*c. Section 179 assets of an individual or entity.* An individual or entity that makes the special election may not claim an Iowa section 179 deduction for any assets the individual or entity placed in service during the same year but must instead depreciate such assets using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) without regard to bonus depreciation under Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. To the extent the individual or entity claimed a federal section 179 deduction on those assets, the Iowa depreciation deductions and any basis adjustments resulting from the difference in timing of the recovery between Iowa law and federal law are calculated and tracked on forms made available on the department's website.

EXAMPLE: A is a sole proprietor who places in service \$20,000 worth of section 179 assets in tax year 2018 and claims the deduction for the full amount for federal purposes. A is also a partner in Partnership B, an out-of-state partnership with no Iowa filing obligation. Partnership B also places section 179 assets in service, properly claims a federal section 179 deduction, and passes a total of \$100,000 of that deduction through to A. For federal purposes, A has a total of \$120,000 in section 179 deductions. Because A has section 179 deductions from a pass-through that exceed the Iowa limitation for the year, A is eligible for the special election. A makes the special election and claims the maximum Iowa section 179 deduction of \$70,000 on the amount passed through from Partnership B. Under the special election, A will be allowed to deduct the remaining \$30,000 passed through from Partnership B over the next five years, as described in paragraph 302.65(3)“e.” However, because A made the special election, A will be required to depreciate the entire \$20,000 cost of the assets A placed in service as a sole proprietor.

*d. Calculating the special election.* An eligible individual or entity electing to take advantage of the special election must first add together all section 179 deductions which the individual or entity received from all relevant pass-through entities. The individual or entity must claim an aggregate Iowa section 179 deduction equal to the Iowa limit for the tax year. This amount must be subtracted from the total. Whatever remains is the amount the individual or entity will be permitted to deduct (special election deduction) in future years.

*e. Special election deduction.*

(1) Calculation. The remaining amount from paragraph 302.65(3)“d” must be divided into five equal shares.

(2) Claiming the special election deduction. The individual or entity may deduct one of the five shares in each of the next five years. The dollar limitations and reduction limitations on section 179 deductions do not apply to special deduction amounts allowed over the five-year period under this paragraph.

(3) Excess special deduction. The special election deduction for a given year is limited to the taxpayer's business income for that year. Any excess may be carried forward to future years. Any

amounts carried forward under this subparagraph shall be added to, and treated in the same manner as, regular Iowa section 179 deduction carryforwards as described in paragraph 302.65(2) “g.”

EXAMPLE: A is an Iowa resident who is a partner in a partnership that does not do business in Iowa. In 2019, the partnership passes through a \$600,000 federal section 179 deduction and does not recalculate the deduction for Iowa purposes, because the partnership has no obligation to file an Iowa return. A claims an Iowa section 179 deduction of \$100,000 (the 2019 Iowa limitation) and elects the five-year carryforward for the rest, meaning A will be allowed to take a \$100,000 Iowa deduction in each of the next five years.

In 2020, A is eligible for the \$100,000 deduction carried forward under the election, but A only has \$50,000 in business income. The deduction is limited to business income, so A can only use \$50,000 of the deduction in this year. However, A will be permitted to treat the excess \$50,000 as a section 179 carryforward and use it to offset business income in future years until the deduction is used up.

*f. Basis.* The individual’s or entity’s basis in the pass-through entity assets is adjusted by the full amount of the section 179 deduction passed through in the year that the section 179 deduction is received and is therefore the same for both Iowa and federal purposes.

*g. Later tax years.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, Iowa fully conforms to the federal section 179 deduction and special Iowa treatment for excess section 179 deductions received from pass-throughs is not available.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2019 Iowa Acts, Senate File 220.

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**701—302.66(422) Deduction for certain unreimbursed expenses relating to a human organ transplant.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, a taxpayer, while living, may subtract up to \$10,000 in unreimbursed expenses that were incurred relating to the taxpayer’s donation of all or part of a liver, pancreas, kidney, intestine, lung or bone marrow to another human being for immediate human organ transplantation. The taxpayer can claim this deduction only once, and the deduction can be claimed in the year in which the transplant occurred. The unreimbursed expenses must not be compensated by insurance to qualify for the deduction.

The unreimbursed expenses which are eligible for the deduction include travel expenses, lodging expenses and lost wages. If the deduction is claimed for travel expenses and lodging expenses, these expenses cannot also be claimed as an itemized deduction for medical expenses under Section 213(d) of the Internal Revenue Code for Iowa tax purposes. The deduction for lost wages does not include any sick pay or vacation pay reimbursed by an employer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 801.

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**701—302.67(422) Deduction for alternative motor vehicles.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, but beginning before January 1, 2015, a taxpayer may subtract \$2,000 for the cost of a clean fuel motor vehicle if the taxpayer was eligible to claim for federal tax purposes the alternative motor vehicle credit under Section 30B of the Internal Revenue Code for this motor vehicle.

The vehicles eligible for this deduction include new qualified fuel cell motor vehicles, new advanced lean burn technology motor vehicles, new qualified hybrid motor vehicles, qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles and new qualified alternative fuel vehicles. The advanced lean burn technology, qualified hybrid and qualified alternative fuel vehicles must be placed in service before January 1, 2011, to qualify for the deduction. The qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles must be placed in service before January 1, 2012, to qualify for the deduction. The qualified fuel cell motor vehicles must be placed

in service before January 1, 2015, to qualify for the deduction. A taxpayer must claim a credit on the taxpayer's federal income tax return on federal Form 8910 to claim the deduction on the Iowa return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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#### **701—302.68(422) Injured veterans grant program.**

**302.68(1)** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a taxpayer who receives a grant under the injured veterans grant program provided in 2006 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2312, section 1, may subtract, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, the amount of the grant received. The injured veterans grant program is administered by the Iowa department of veterans affairs, and grants of up to \$10,000 are provided to veterans who are residents of Iowa and are injured in the line of duty in a combat zone or in a zone where the veteran was receiving hazardous duty pay after September 11, 2001.

**302.68(2)** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a taxpayer may subtract, to the extent not otherwise deducted in computing adjusted gross income, the amounts contributed to the department of veterans affairs for the purpose of providing grants under the injured veterans grant program established in 2006 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2312, section 1. If a deduction is claimed for these amounts contributed to the injured veterans grant program, this deduction cannot also be claimed as an itemized deduction for charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for Iowa tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2312.

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**701—302.69(422) Exclusion of ordinary or capital gain income realized as a result of involuntary conversion of property due to eminent domain.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a taxpayer may exclude the amount of ordinary or capital gain income realized as a result of the involuntary conversion of property due to eminent domain for Iowa individual income tax. Eminent domain refers to the authority of government agencies or instrumentalities of government to requisition or condemn private property for any public improvement, public purpose or public use. The exclusion for Iowa individual income tax can only be claimed in the year in which the ordinary or capital gain income was reported on the federal income tax return.

In order for an involuntary conversion to qualify for this exclusion, the sale must occur due to the requisition or condemnation, or its threat or imminence, if it takes place in the presence of, or under the threat or imminence of, legal coercion relating to a requisition or condemnation. There are numerous federal revenue rulings, court cases and other provisions relating to the definitions of the terms "threat" and "imminence," and these are equally applicable to the exclusion of ordinary or capital gains realized for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006.

**302.69(1) Reporting requirements.** In order to claim an exclusion of ordinary or capital gain income realized as a result of involuntary conversion of property due to eminent domain, the taxpayer must attach a statement to the Iowa individual income tax return in the year in which the exclusion is claimed. The statement should state the date and details of the involuntary conversion, including the amount of the gain being excluded and the reasons why the gain meets the qualifications of an involuntary conversion relating to eminent domain. In addition, if the gain results from the sale of replacement property as outlined in subrule 302.69(2), information must be provided in the statement on that portion of the gain that qualified for the involuntary conversion.

**302.69(2) Claiming the exclusion when gain is not recognized for federal tax purposes.** For federal tax purposes, an ordinary or capital gain is not recognized when the converted property is replaced with property that is similar to, or related in use to, the converted property. In those cases, the basis of the old property is simply transferred to the new property, and no gain is recognized. In addition, when property is involuntarily converted into money or other unlike property, any gain is not recognized when replacement property is purchased within a specified period for federal tax purposes.

For Iowa individual income tax purposes, no exclusion will be allowed for ordinary or capital gain income when there is no gain recognized for federal tax purposes. The exclusion will only be allowed

in the year in which ordinary or capital gain income is realized due to the disposition of the replacement property for federal tax purposes, and the exclusion is limited to the amount of the ordinary or capital gain income relating to the involuntary conversion. The basis of the property for Iowa individual income tax purposes will remain the same as the basis for federal tax purposes and will not be altered because of the exclusion allowed for Iowa individual income tax.

EXAMPLE: In 2007, taxpayer sold some farmland as a result of an involuntary conversion relating to eminent domain and realized a gain of \$50,000. However, the taxpayer purchased similar farmland immediately after the sale, and no gain was recognized for federal tax purposes. Therefore, no exclusion is allowed on the 2007 Iowa individual income tax return. In 2009, taxpayer sold the replacement farmland that was not subject to an involuntary conversion and realized a total gain of \$70,000, which was reported on the 2009 federal income tax return. The taxpayer can claim a deduction of \$50,000 on the 2009 Iowa individual income tax return relating to the gain that resulted from the involuntary conversion.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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### **701—302.70(422) Exclusion of income from sale, rental or furnishing of tangible personal property or services directly related to production of film, television or video projects.**

**302.70(1)** *Projects registered on or after January 1, 2007, but before July 1, 2009.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, a taxpayer who is a resident of Iowa may exclude, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, income received from the sale, rental or furnishing of tangible personal property or services directly related to the production of film, television, or video projects that are registered with the film office of the Iowa department of economic development.

Income which can be excluded on the Iowa return must meet the criteria of a qualified expenditure for purposes of the film qualified expenditure tax credit as set forth in rule 701—304.37(15,422). See rule 701—300.17(422) for the determination of Iowa residency.

However, if a taxpayer claims this income tax exclusion, the same taxpayer cannot also claim the film qualified expenditure tax credit as described in rule 701—304.37(15,422). In addition, any taxpayer who claims this income tax exclusion cannot have an equity interest in a business which received a film qualified expenditure tax credit. Finally, any taxpayer who claims this income tax exclusion cannot participate in the management of the business which received the film qualified expenditure tax credit.

EXAMPLE: A production company which registers with the film office for a project is a limited liability company with three members, all of whom are Iowa residents. If any of the three members receives income that is a qualified expenditure for purposes of the film qualified expenditure tax credit, such member(s) cannot exclude this income on the Iowa income tax return because the member(s) has an equity interest in the business which received the credit.

**302.70(2)** *Projects registered on or after July 1, 2009.* For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2009, a taxpayer who is a resident of Iowa may exclude no more than 25 percent of the income received from the sale, rental or furnishing of tangible personal property or services directly related to the production of film, television, or video projects that are registered with the film office of the Iowa department of economic development in the year in which the qualified expenditure occurred. A reduction of 25 percent of the income is allowed to be excluded for the three subsequent tax years.

EXAMPLE: An Iowa taxpayer received \$10,000 in income in the 2010 tax year related to qualified film expenditures for a project registered on February 1, 2010. The \$10,000 was reported as income on taxpayer's 2010 federal tax return. Taxpayer may exclude \$2,500 of income on the Iowa individual income tax return for each of the tax years 2010-2013.

**302.70(3)** *Repeal of exclusion.* The exclusion of income from the sale, rental or furnishing of tangible personal property or services directly related to production of film, television or video projects is repealed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012. However, the exclusion is still available if the contract or agreement related to a film project was entered into on or before May 25, 2012. Assuming the same facts as those in the example in subrule 302.70(2), the taxpayer can continue to

exclude \$2,500 of income on the Iowa individual income tax return for the 2012 and 2013 tax years since the contract or agreement was entered into on or before May 25, 2012.

This rule is intended to implement 2012 Iowa Acts, House File 2337, sections 38 to 40, and Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, House File 2337, section 33.

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**701—302.71(422) Exclusion for certain victim compensation payments.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, a taxpayer may exclude from Iowa individual income tax any income received from certain victim compensation payments to the extent this income was reported on the federal income tax return. The amounts which may be excluded from income include the following:

1. Victim compensation awards paid under the victim compensation program administered by the department of justice in accordance with Iowa Code section 915.81, and received by the taxpayer during the tax year.

2. Victim restitution payments received by a taxpayer during the tax year in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 910 or 915.

3. Damages awarded by a court, and received by a taxpayer, in a civil action filed by a victim against an offender during the tax year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2007 Iowa Acts, Senate File 70.

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**701—302.72(422) Exclusion of Vietnam Conflict veterans bonus.**

**302.72(1)** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, but before January 1, 2013, a taxpayer who received a bonus under the Vietnam Conflict veterans bonus program may subtract, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, the amount of the bonus received. The Vietnam Conflict veterans bonus is administered by the Iowa department of veterans affairs, and bonuses of up to \$500 are awarded to residents of Iowa who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States between July 1, 1973, and May 31, 1975.

**302.72(2)** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, but before January 1, 2013, a taxpayer who received a bonus under the Vietnam Conflict veterans bonus program may subtract, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, the amount of the bonus received. The Vietnam Conflict veterans bonus is administered by the Iowa department of veterans affairs. Bonuses of up to \$500 are awarded to veterans who were inducted into active duty service from the state of Iowa, who served on active duty in the United States armed forces between July 1, 1958, and May 31, 1975, and who have not received a bonus for that service from Iowa or another state.

This rule is intended to implement 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 422.7 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2038.

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**701—302.73(422) Exclusion for health care benefits of nonqualified tax dependents.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, but beginning before January 1, 2011, a taxpayer may exclude from Iowa individual income tax the income reported from including nonqualified tax dependents on the taxpayer's health care plan, to the extent this income was reported on the federal income tax return.

**302.73(1) Term of coverage.** Iowa Code section 509A.13B provides that group insurance, group insurance for public employees, and individual health insurance policies or contracts permit continuation of existing coverage for an unmarried child of an insured or enrollee, if the insured or enrollee so elects. If the election is made, it will be in effect through the policy anniversary date on or after the date the child marries, ceases to be a resident of Iowa, or attains the age of 25, whichever occurs first, so long as the unmarried child maintains full-time status as a student in an accredited institution of postsecondary education. These children can be included on the health care coverage even though they are not claimed as a dependent on the federal and Iowa income tax returns.

**302.73(2) Federal treatment.** Section 105(b) of the Internal Revenue Code provides that the income reported from including dependents on the taxpayer's health care coverage is exempt from federal income tax. However, income is reported for federal income tax purposes on the value of the health care coverage of children who are not claimed as dependents on the taxpayer's federal and Iowa income tax returns for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, but beginning before January 1, 2011. The amount of income included on the federal income tax return is allowed to be excluded on the Iowa return. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, income is no longer reported on the federal income tax return on the value of health care coverage of children who are not claimed as dependents and who have not attained age 27 as of the end of the tax year; therefore, no adjustment is required on the Iowa return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 512.

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**701—302.74(422) Exclusion for AmeriCorps Segal Education Award.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a taxpayer may exclude from Iowa individual income tax any amount of AmeriCorps Segal Education Award to the extent the education award was reported as income on the federal income tax return. The AmeriCorps Segal Education Award is available to individuals who complete a year of service in the AmeriCorps program. The education award can be used to pay education costs at institutions of higher learning, for educational training, or to repay qualified student loans.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 482.

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**701—302.75(422) Exclusion of certain amounts received from Iowa veterans trust fund.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a taxpayer may subtract, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, the amounts received from the Iowa veterans trust fund related to travel expenses directly related to follow-up medical care for wounded veterans and their spouses and amounts received related to unemployment assistance during a period of unemployment due to prolonged physical or mental illness or disability resulting from military service.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, House File 2532.

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**701—302.76(422) Exemption of active duty pay for armed forces, armed forces military reserve, or the national guard.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, all pay received from the federal government for military service performed while on active duty status in the armed forces, armed forces military reserve, or the national guard is excluded to the extent the pay was included in federal adjusted gross income.

**302.76(1) Definition of active duty personnel.** Active duty personnel who qualify for the exclusion include the following:

*a.* Active duty members of the regular armed forces, which include the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard of the United States.

*b.* Members of a reserve component of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard who are on an active duty status as defined in Title 10 of the United States Code.

*c.* Members of the national guard who are in an active duty status as defined in Title 10 of the United States Code.

**302.76(2) Military personnel who do not qualify for the exclusion include the following:**

*a.* Members of a reserve component of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard who are not in an active duty status as defined in Title 10 of the United States Code.

*b.* Full-time members of the national guard who perform duties in accordance with Title 32 of the United States Code.



*c.* Other members of the national guard who are not in an active duty status as defined in Title 10 of the United States Code.

*d.* Other members of the national guard who do not receive pay from the federal government.

**302.76(3)** Income from nonmilitary activities. Any wages earned from nonmilitary wages for personal services conducted in Iowa by both residents and nonresidents of Iowa will still be subject to Iowa individual income tax. In addition, both residents and nonresidents of Iowa who earn income from businesses, trades, professions or occupations operated in Iowa that are unrelated to military activity will be subject to Iowa individual income tax on that income.

**302.76(4)** Exemption from Iowa withholding. Active duty personnel meeting the requirements of subrule 302.76(1) who are receiving pay from the federal government on or after January 1, 2011, that is exempt from Iowa individual income tax may complete an IA W-4 Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate and claim exemption from Iowa income tax for active duty pay received from the federal government.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 652.

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**701—302.77(422) Exclusion of biodiesel production refund.** A taxpayer may exclude, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, the amount of the biodiesel production refund described in rule 701—250.1(423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.78(422) Allowance of certain deductions for 2008 tax year.**

**302.78(1)** For the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2008, but before January 1, 2009, the following deductions provided in the federal Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, Public Law No. 110-343, will be allowed on the Iowa individual income tax return:

*a.* The deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers allowed under Section 62(a)(2)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code.

*b.* The deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses allowed under Section 222 of the Internal Revenue Code.

*c.* The deduction for disaster-related casualty losses allowed under Section 165(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**302.78(2)** Taxpayers who did not claim these deductions on the Iowa return for 2008 as originally filed, or taxpayers who claimed these deductions on the Iowa return as filed and subsequently filed an amended return disallowing these deductions, must file an amended return for the 2008 tax year to claim these deductions. The amended return must be filed within the statute of limitations provided in 701—subrules 305.3(8) and 305.3(15). If the amended return is filed within the statute of limitations, the taxpayer is only entitled to a refund of the excess tax paid. The taxpayer will not be entitled to any interest on the excess tax paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.7 and 422.9 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 533.

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**701—302.79(422) Special filing provisions related to 2010 tax changes.**

**302.79(1)** For the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2010, but before January 1, 2011, the following adjustments will be allowed on the Iowa individual income tax return:

*a.* The deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers allowed under Section 62(a)(2)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code.

*b.* The deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses allowed under Section 222 of the Internal Revenue Code.

c. The increased expensing allowance authorized under Section 179(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**302.79(2)** Taxpayers who did not claim these adjustments on the Iowa return for 2010 as originally filed have two options to reflect these adjustments. Taxpayer may either file an amended return for the 2010 tax year to reflect these adjustments or taxpayer may reflect these adjustments on the tax return for the 2011 tax year. If the taxpayer elects to reflect these adjustments on the 2011 tax return, the following provisions are suspended related to the claiming of the following adjustments for 2011:

a. The limitation based on income provisions and regulations of Section 179(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with regard to the Section 179(b) adjustment.

b. The applicable dollar limit provision of Section 222(b)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code with regard to the qualified tuition and related expenses adjustment.

**302.79(3)** Examples. The following noninclusive examples illustrate how this rule applies:

EXAMPLE 1: Taxpayer claimed a \$150,000 Section 179 expense on the federal return for 2010. Taxpayer only claimed a \$134,000 Section 179 expense on the Iowa return as originally filed for 2010. Taxpayer elects not to file an amended return for 2010, but to make the adjustment on the 2011 Iowa return. Taxpayer reported a loss from the taxpayer's trade or business on the 2011 federal return, so no Section 179 expense can be claimed on the federal return for 2011 in accordance with Section 179(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Taxpayer can claim the \$16,000 (\$150,000 less \$134,000) difference as a deduction on the Iowa return for 2011 since the income provision of Section 179(b)(3) is suspended for Iowa tax purposes.

EXAMPLE 2: Taxpayers are a married couple who claimed a \$4,000 tuition and related expenses deduction on their federal return for 2010. Taxpayers did not claim this deduction on their Iowa return as originally filed for 2010. Taxpayers elected not to file an amended return for 2010, but to make the adjustment on the 2011 Iowa return. Taxpayers reported federal adjusted gross income in excess of \$160,000 on their 2011 federal return, so no deduction for tuition and related expenses can be claimed on the 2011 federal return in accordance with Section 222(b)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. Taxpayers can claim the \$4,000 deduction on the Iowa return for 2011 since the dollar limit provision of Section 222(b)(2)(B) is suspended for Iowa tax purposes.

EXAMPLE 3: Taxpayer is an elementary school teacher who claimed a \$250 deduction for out-of-pocket expenses for school supplies on the federal return for 2010. Taxpayer did not claim this deduction on the Iowa return as originally filed for 2010. Taxpayer elected not to file an amended return for 2010, but to make the adjustment on the 2011 Iowa return. Taxpayer also claimed a \$200 deduction for out-of-pocket expenses for school supplies on the federal return for 2011. Taxpayer can claim a \$450 (\$250 plus \$200) deduction on the Iowa return for 2011.

This rule is intended to implement 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 533, section 143.

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**701—302.80(422) Exemption for military retirement pay.** Retirement pay received by taxpayers from the federal government for military service performed in the armed forces, armed forces reserves, or national guard is exempt from state income tax. In addition, amounts received by a surviving spouse, former spouse, or other beneficiary of a taxpayer who served in the armed forces, armed forces reserves, or national guard under the Survivor Benefit Plan are also exempt from state income tax. The retirement pay is only deductible to the extent it is included in the taxpayer's federal taxable income.

**302.80(1) Coordination with pension exclusion.** The exclusion of retirement pay is in addition to the exclusion, provided in rule 701—302.47(422), of pensions and other retirement benefits for disabled individuals, individuals who are 55 years of age or older, surviving spouses and survivors. In addition, taxpayers who do not qualify for the exclusion in rule 701—302.47(422) and who receive retirement pay under federal law that combines retirement pay for both uniformed service and the federal civil service retirement system or federal employees' retirement system must prorate the retirement pay based on years of service.

EXAMPLE: A single taxpayer who is not disabled and is 50 years of age receives \$60,000 as a federal pension during the tax year. The taxpayer has 20 years of military service and 10 years of civilian

employment with the federal government. The military retirement pay portion is \$40,000 (20 years, divided by 30 years, multiplied by \$60,000). The taxpayer can exclude \$40,000 of military retirement pay. The taxpayer may not exclude the \$20,000 of civilian retirement pay since it does not qualify for the exclusion in rule 701—302.47(422) because the taxpayer is under 55 years of age and is not disabled.

**302.80(2) Coordination with filing threshold and alternate tax.** The military retirement pay is excluded from the calculation of income used to determine whether an Iowa income tax return is required to be filed pursuant to 701—subrules 301.1(1) and 301.5(10) through 301.5(13). In addition, the military retirement pay is excluded from the calculation of the special tax computation for all low-income taxpayers except single taxpayers pursuant to rule 701—301.9(422) and is excluded from the calculation of the special tax computation for taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older under rule 701—301.15(422).

**302.80(3) Iowa withholding.** The amount of military retirement pay is excluded from the calculation of payments used to determine whether Iowa tax should be withheld from pension and annuity payments as determined pursuant to 701—subrule 307.3(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.5 and 422.7.

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**701—302.81(422) Iowa ABLE savings plan trust.** The Iowa ABLE savings plan trust was created so that individuals can contribute funds on behalf of designated beneficiaries into accounts administered by the treasurer of state. The funds contributed to the trust may be used to cover future disability-related expenses of the designated beneficiary. The funds contributed to the trust are intended to supplement, but not supplant, other benefits provided to the designated beneficiary by various federal, state, and private sources. The Iowa ABLE savings plan program is administered by the treasurer of state under the terms of Iowa Code chapter 12I. The following subrules provide details about how an individual's net income is affected by contributions to a beneficiary's account, by interest and any other earnings on a beneficiary's account, and by distributions of contributions which were previously deducted.

**302.81(1) Definitions.**

*“Account owner”* means an individual who enters into a participation agreement under Iowa Code chapter 12I for the payment of qualified disability expenses on behalf of a designated beneficiary.

*“Designated beneficiary”* means an individual who is a resident of this state or a resident of a contracting state and who meets the definition of “eligible individual” found in Section 529A of the Internal Revenue Code.

*“Iowa ABLE savings plan trust”* means a qualified ABLE program administered by the Iowa treasurer of state under the terms of Iowa Code chapter 12I.

*“Other qualified ABLE program”* refers to any qualified ABLE program administered by another state with which the Iowa treasurer of state has entered into an agreement under the terms of Iowa Code section 12I.10 (see subrule 302.81(2) below).

*“Qualified ABLE program”* means the same as defined in Section 529A of the Internal Revenue Code.

*“Qualified disability expenses”* means the same as defined in Section 529A of the Internal Revenue Code.

**302.81(2) Contracting with other states.** Iowa Code section 12I.10 allows the treasurer of state to choose to defer implementation of Iowa's own qualified ABLE program and instead enter into an agreement with another state that already has a qualified ABLE program, to provide Iowa residents access to that state's qualified ABLE program, provided that the other state's program meets the qualifications set out in Iowa Code section 12I.10(1).

**302.81(3) Subtraction from net income for contributions made to the Iowa ABLE savings plan trust or other qualified ABLE program.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, individuals can subtract from their Iowa net income the amount contributed to the Iowa ABLE savings plan trust or other qualified ABLE program on behalf of a designated beneficiary during the tax year, subject to the maximum contribution level for that year. This subtraction is not allowed for any contribution that is

a transfer from an Iowa educational savings plan trust account and that was previously deducted as a contribution to the Iowa educational savings plan trust.

**302.81(4)** *Exclusion of interest and earnings on beneficiary accounts in the Iowa ABLE savings plan trust or other qualified ABLE program.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, to the extent that interest or other earnings accrue on an account in the Iowa ABLE savings plan trust or other qualified ABLE program (if the account owner is an Iowa resident), the interest or other earnings are excluded for purposes of computing net income on the designated beneficiary's Iowa individual income tax return.

**302.81(5)** *Addition to net income of amounts distributed to the participant from the Iowa ABLE savings plan trust or other qualified ABLE program that had previously been deducted.*

a. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, if a taxpayer, as an account owner, cancels the account owner's account in the Iowa ABLE savings plan trust or other qualified ABLE program and receives a distribution of the funds in the account, the amount of the distribution shall be included in net income on the account owner's Iowa individual income tax return to the extent that contributions to the account had been deducted on prior state individual income tax returns of the account owner or any other person as a contribution to the Iowa ABLE savings plan trust or other qualified ABLE program or as a contribution to an Iowa educational savings plan trust account.

b. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, if a taxpayer makes a withdrawal of funds previously deducted by the taxpayer or any other person from the Iowa ABLE savings plan trust or other qualified ABLE program for purposes other than the payment of qualified disability expenses, the amount of the withdrawal shall be included in net income on the taxpayer's Iowa individual income tax return to the extent that contributions to the account had been deducted on prior Iowa individual income tax returns of the taxpayer or any other person as contributions to a qualified ABLE program or an Iowa educational savings plan trust account.

**302.81(6)** *Maximum contribution level.* The amount of the deduction available for an individual taxpayer each year for contributions on behalf of any one designated beneficiary to the Iowa ABLE savings plan trust or other qualified ABLE program may not exceed the maximum contribution level for that year. The maximum contribution level is set by the treasurer of state. The maximum contribution level is indexed yearly for inflation pursuant to Iowa Code section 12D.3(1).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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#### **701—302.82(422,541B) First-time homebuyer savings accounts.**

**302.82(1)** *Definitions.* Definitions that apply to the first-time homebuyer savings account program may be found in Iowa Code section 541B.2.

**302.82(2)** *Establishing an account.*

a. *Account holders.*

(1) A first-time homebuyer savings account holder must be an individual or married couple.

(2) Any individual may establish a first-time homebuyer savings account by opening an account that meets the requirements provided in this rule.

(3) A married couple who files a joint Iowa income tax return may establish a joint first-time homebuyer savings account by opening a joint savings account that meets the requirements provided in this rule. Married couples who file separately or separately on a combined return for Iowa income tax purposes may not establish a joint first-time homebuyer savings account.

(4) There is no limit on the number of first-time homebuyer savings accounts that any account holder may open. However, account holders are subject to other restrictions under the Iowa Code and these rules, including but not limited to the annual contribution limits and aggregate lifetime limits in paragraph 302.82(4) "c."

(5) No account holder may open or hold more than one account for the same designated beneficiary.

(6) The account holder may change the designated beneficiary of the account at any time.

b. *Beneficiaries.*

(1) In order to be a designated beneficiary of a first-time homebuyer savings account, an individual must:

1. Be a resident of Iowa, as defined in Iowa Code section 422.4,
2. Not own, either individually or jointly, any single-family or multifamily residence, and
3. Not have owned or purchased, individually or jointly, any single-family or multifamily residence at any time in the three years immediately prior to both:

- The date on which the individual is designated the beneficiary of a first-time homebuyer savings account, and
- The date of the qualified home purchase for which the eligible home costs are paid or reimbursed from the first-time homebuyer savings account.

(2) The designated beneficiary may also be the account holder.

(3) Each account shall have only one designated beneficiary.

(4) The account holder must designate a beneficiary, on forms provided by the department, by April 30 of the year immediately following the tax year in which the account holder opened the account.

*c. Account requirements.* To qualify as a first-time homebuyer savings account, the account must be:

(1) An interest-bearing savings account meeting the qualifications for a “savings deposit” under 12 CFR 204.2(d),

(2) At a state or federally chartered bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or trust company in Iowa, and

(3) Used exclusively as a first-time homebuyer savings account, in compliance with the requirements of this rule.

**302.82(3) Maintaining the account.**

*a. Contributing to the account.*

(1) Any person may make cash contributions to a first-time homebuyer savings account. Cash contributions may be made by people other than the account holder or the beneficiary. However, only the account holder may claim a deduction for contributing to a first-time homebuyer savings account, as described in subrule 302.82(4).

(2) There is no limit on the amount of contributions that may be made to or retained in a first-time homebuyer savings account. However, there are restrictions on the amounts that can be deducted for Iowa income tax purposes, as described in subrule 302.82(4).

*b. Documenting transactions.*

(1) Annual reports. For each tax year beginning with the tax year in which the first-time homebuyer savings account is established, the account holder must submit a report to the department showing all account activity during the tax year. The report shall be included with the taxpayer’s Iowa individual income tax return and must show the account number of, all deposits into, and withdrawals from, the first-time homebuyer savings account, along with any other information required by the forms provided by the department.

(2) Withdrawal reports. All withdrawals must be reported, on forms provided by the department, within 90 days of the date of the withdrawal or, for withdrawals made less than 90 days before an account holder files an income tax return with the department, no later than the date the return is filed. Account holders must report both withdrawals for eligible home costs and any nonqualifying withdrawals. Any withdrawal that appears on the annual report but that is not properly reported at the time it is made shall be deemed to be a nonqualifying withdrawal that must be added back on the account holder’s Iowa income tax return for the tax year in which the withdrawal was made.

(3) Account fees. Fees and charges for the maintenance of the account that are deducted from the account by the financial institution in which the first-time homebuyer savings account is held shall not be considered withdrawals for the purposes of the reporting requirements described in paragraph 302.82(3)“b.”

*c. Nonqualifying withdrawals.* Funds may be withdrawn from a first-time homebuyer savings account at any time. However, once any nonqualifying withdrawal, as defined in subparagraph 302.82(5)“a”(2), is made, the account holder may no longer claim the Iowa income tax benefits

related to the first-time homebuyer savings account described in subrule 302.82(4). Furthermore, any nonqualifying withdrawal shall also result in an addition to income and penalty as described in subrule 302.82(5).

*d. Ten-year limitation.* An account shall not remain designated a first-time homebuyer savings account for more than ten years, beginning with the year in which the account was first opened. Any funds remaining in the account on January 1 of the tenth calendar year following the year in which the account holder first opened the account shall be deemed immediately withdrawn and may be subject to Iowa income taxes and penalties as described in subrule 302.82(5). The account holder has no obligation to close the account, but as of January 1 of the tenth calendar year after the year in which the account was opened, the account will no longer be a first-time homebuyer savings account entitled to the Iowa income tax benefits described in this rule. A change in the designated beneficiary of the account does not extend the ten-year period in which the account holder may maintain a first-time homebuyer savings account; the period still runs from the year the account was first opened.

*e. Exclusively first-time homebuyer account.* For an account to qualify as a first-time homebuyer savings account, the account holder shall use the account exclusively as a first-time homebuyer savings account consistent with these rules.

**302.82(4) Deductions.**

*a. Deduction for contributions.* Any funds contributed to the first-time homebuyer savings account by the account holder during the tax year may be deducted from the account holder's net income on the account holder's Iowa individual income tax return for that year, subject to the limitations described in paragraph 302.82(4)"c." Although anyone may contribute funds to the first-time homebuyer savings account, only the account holder may claim the deduction, and the deduction may be claimed only for amounts the account holder personally contributed.

*b. Deduction for interest.* To the extent that any interest earned on the funds in a first-time homebuyer savings account is included in the account holder's Iowa income for a tax year, the amount of that interest may be deducted from the account holder's net income on the account holder's Iowa individual income tax return for that tax year, subject to the lifetime limitation described in subparagraph 302.82(4)"c"(2).

*c. Limitations.*

(1) Annual limitation. The deduction described in paragraph 302.82(4)"a" is subject to the limitations described in paragraphs "1" and "2" below. These limitations apply to the total contributions that the account holder makes to all first-time homebuyer savings accounts owned by the account holder:

1. Joint first-time homebuyer savings account holders. For married couples who are joint first-time homebuyer savings account holders, the deduction is limited to \$4,000 per year, adjusted annually for inflation.

2. For all other taxpayers who are first-time homebuyer savings account holders, the deduction is limited to \$2,000 per year, adjusted annually for inflation.

(2) Lifetime limitation. Account holders are subject to an aggregate lifetime limit on the deductions described in paragraphs 302.82(4)"a" and "b." No account holder may take total deductions under this program in excess of the lifetime limitation in place for the tax year in which the account holder first opens a first-time homebuyer savings account. The applicable lifetime limit imposed upon taxpayers opening an account in a given year is calculated annually by multiplying the annual limit in effect for that year by 10.

(3) Annual publication of limitations. Each year, the department shall publish the annual contribution limit as indexed for inflation and the lifetime limit applicable to account holders who open accounts during that year.

**302.82(5) Additions to income.**

*a. Nonqualifying withdrawals.*

(1) Addition to income. If there is any nonqualifying withdrawal, as defined in subparagraph 302.82(5)"a"(2), during the tax year, the account holder must add to the account holder's Iowa net income for that year the full amount of the nonqualifying withdrawal, to the extent such income was previously deducted under paragraph 302.82(4)"a." Any nonqualifying withdrawal also makes the

account holder ineligible to claim any further deductions described in subrule 302.82(4) in any future tax year.

(2) Nonqualifying withdrawal defined.

1. Any withdrawal from a first-time homebuyer savings account for any purpose other than the payment or reimbursement of the designated beneficiary's eligible home costs in connection with a qualified home purchase is a nonqualifying withdrawal. A nonqualifying withdrawal includes but is not limited to a withdrawal caused by the death of the account holder and withdrawal made pursuant to garnishment, levy, bankruptcy order, or any other order. If a nonqualifying withdrawal occurs, the account holder cannot cure the nonqualifying withdrawal by returning funds to the account.

2. A withdrawal shall be presumed to be a nonqualifying withdrawal unless:

- Ownership of the qualifying home which the funds from the account are used to purchase passes to the designated beneficiary within 60 days of the date the funds are withdrawn, and
- The designated beneficiary actually occupies the home as the designated beneficiary's primary residence within 90 days of the date the funds are withdrawn.

3. Notwithstanding subparagraph 302.82(5) "a"(2), any amount transferred between different first-time homebuyer savings accounts of the same account holder by a person other than the account holder shall not be considered a nonqualifying withdrawal.

*b. Unused funds.* Any amount remaining in a first-time homebuyer savings account on January 1 of the tenth calendar year after the calendar year in which the account holder first opened any first-time homebuyer savings account shall be considered immediately withdrawn. This remaining amount shall be subject to the add-back described in paragraph 302.82(5) "a."

*c. Penalties.* For any amount considered a withdrawal required to be added to net income pursuant to this subrule, the account holder shall be assessed a penalty equal to 10 percent of the amount of the withdrawal. The penalty shall not apply to withdrawals made by reason of the death of the account holder or to withdrawals made pursuant to a garnishment, levy, or other order, including but not limited to an order in bankruptcy following a filing for protection under the federal Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §101 et seq.

*d. Examples.*

EXAMPLE 1: Taxpayer eligible for the deduction; no addition to income or penalty from nonqualifying withdrawal. A is an individual. In 2018, A creates a new interest-bearing savings account with a financial institution. In 2018, A submits a form to the department designating the account as a first-time homebuyer savings account and designating Z, an Iowa resident who has never owned a home, as the beneficiary of the account. In tax year 2018, A contributes \$1,000 to the first-time homebuyer savings account. A contributes \$1,000 per year to the first-time homebuyer savings account during tax years 2019, 2020, and 2021. Every year, A timely submits the required annual reports and all accompanying information. In 2021, after A contributed \$1,000 to the first-time homebuyer savings account, Z made a qualified home purchase. A withdrew the entire balance of the first-time homebuyer savings account and applied the amount to eligible home costs. Within 90 days of withdrawing the funds, A submitted the required withdrawal report and the necessary supporting documentation to the department.

Result: A is allowed to deduct from net income the amount of the contributions generated from the first-time homebuyer account, since the yearly contributions are below the annual limits. A is allowed to deduct \$1,000 each year from A's 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 net income. Additionally, A is allowed to deduct income from interest generated from the account each year. A does not have any addition to net income or any penalties associated with the withdrawal or usage of the funds.

EXAMPLE 2: Nonqualifying withdrawal of entire account due to voluntary withdrawal by A. Assume the same facts as Example 1. However, rather than making a qualified withdrawal, in 2021, A withdraws the entire balance of the first-time homebuyer savings account and pays for Z's college tuition.

Result: The withdrawal is a nonqualified withdrawal. Any withdrawal that is not for eligible home costs is a nonqualified withdrawal. A's nonqualified withdrawal has three results. First, the amount of the nonqualified withdrawal is added back to the account holder's net income for the tax year in which the nonqualified withdrawal occurred. In this example, A's 2021 net income would increase by

the amount of the contributions that A previously deducted. (See Iowa Code section 422.7(41) “c”(1).) Second, A will be assessed a penalty equal to 10 percent of the total contributions that A previously deducted. (See Iowa Code section 422.7(41) “d.”) Third, A will no longer be able to claim the first-time homebuyer deduction in any future tax years. (See Iowa Code section 422.7(41) “b”(2)(b).) A is barred from claiming the first-time homebuyer deduction in the future, even if A attempts to open a first-time homebuyer account for a different beneficiary in a different tax year.

EXAMPLE 3: Nonqualifying withdrawal of entire account by legal process. Assume the same facts as Example 1. However, rather than a qualifying withdrawal occurring, in 2021, a creditor levies the entire balance of the first-time homebuyer account in order to satisfy A’s debt to the creditor.

Result: The levy is a nonqualified withdrawal. Any withdrawal, including a withdrawal that is caused by a legal process not initiated by A, that is not for a qualified home purchase is a nonqualified withdrawal. Example 3 has the same result as Example 2, except in Example 3, A does not incur a 10 percent penalty because the withdrawal was due to a levy. (See Iowa Code section 422.7(41) “d.”)

EXAMPLE 4: Nonqualifying withdrawal of a partial balance of a first-time homebuyer savings account. A is an individual. In 2018, A creates a new interest-bearing savings account with a financial institution. In 2018, A submits a form with the department designating the account as a first-time homebuyer savings account and designating Z, an Iowa resident who has never owned a home, as the beneficiary of the account. In tax year 2018, A contributes \$1,000 to the first-time homebuyer savings account. A contributes \$1,000 per year to the first-time homebuyer savings account during tax years 2019, 2020, and 2021. Every year, A timely submits the required annual reports and all accompanying information. After making the \$1,000 deposit for 2021, A has a total of \$4,100 in the first-time homebuyer savings account. In 2022, A withdraws \$1,000 from the account in order to pay for personal expenses.

Result: The \$1,000 withdrawal is a nonqualifying withdrawal. A must file a withdrawal report with the department within 90 days of the withdrawal. A withdrawal report is required for both qualifying and nonqualifying withdrawals. The \$1,000 withdrawal will result in the addition of \$1,000 to A’s 2022 net income. A will also be assessed a \$100 penalty. The balance of the first-time homebuyer account is \$3,100. Subject to the ten-year limitation and the other requirements of the deduction, A may use the remaining \$3,100 for Z’s eligible home costs prior to January 1, 2028. If A does so, A will not have the \$3,000 added back to A’s net income or face any penalties associated with the \$3,000 eligible home costs. Regardless of what occurs with the remaining \$3,100, A will be prohibited from claiming the first-time homebuyer deduction for any period after the date of the nonqualified withdrawal. This is true even if A attempts to repay the \$1,000 withdrawal or if A attempts to open any other first-time homebuyer accounts.

EXAMPLE 5: No withdrawals made within ten years of opening the account. A is an individual. In March of 2018, A creates a new interest-bearing savings account with a financial institution. A completes all of the necessary paperwork and designates Z as the beneficiary of the account. In 2018, and in each subsequent year, A contributes \$1,000 to the first-time homebuyer savings account. On December 31, 2027, A has made a total of \$10,000 dollars in contributions to the account, has taken a deduction for each contribution, and has made no withdrawals from the account. On January 1, 2028, Z still has not purchased a qualifying home.

Result: As of January 1, 2028, the account is no longer a first-time homebuyer savings account, and the entire account balance is deemed to have been withdrawn in a nonqualifying withdrawal. A is required to report the entire \$10,000 previously deducted for contributions to the account as income in tax year 2028 and pay a \$1,000 penalty for the nonqualifying withdrawal. A can no longer open a new first-time homebuyer savings account or take any deductions for contributions made to another account under the program.

EXAMPLE 6: Divorce between taxpayers with a joint account. A and B are a married couple who file a joint Iowa income tax return. In 2018, A and B open a joint savings account and take the necessary steps to designate it as a joint first-time homebuyer savings account. In 2018, A and B contribute \$2,000 to the account and deduct the full amount on their joint Iowa income tax return for 2018. They contribute



the same amount, file joint returns, and deduct the full amount in tax years 2019, 2020, and 2021. In 2022, A and B divorce. The divorce decree divides the funds in the account evenly between A and B.

Result: In this situation, when the funds from the account are distributed between A and B, the entire withdrawal is deemed to be a nonqualifying withdrawal, and A and B are jointly and severally liable for the payment of the tax and penalty due on the entire amount that they previously deducted for contributions to the first-time homebuyer savings account.

Alternative result: A and B can avoid this result by taking some steps before the divorce decree is entered. Prior to the divorce decree, A and B can each open a new first-time homebuyer savings account individually. As long as the divorce decree orders that funds from the original joint first-time homebuyer savings account be transferred to A's and B's new individual accounts, the funds may be transferred without triggering a nonqualifying withdrawal, A and B will not be subject to taxes or penalties on their previous contributions to the account, and each will still be eligible to take deductions for contributions to their new accounts, subject to the applicable limitations. In this scenario, the transfer must occur as a direct result of a court order; if A or B transfers funds themselves, the transfer is deemed to be a nonqualifying withdrawal.

Even if the funds in A and B's original joint account are successfully transferred without triggering a nonqualifying withdrawal as described above, both A and B will still be jointly and severally liable for any tax or penalty due on any nonqualifying withdrawal that either makes later, up to the amount they deducted on their joint returns prior to the divorce.

EXAMPLE 7: Death of the account holder. A is an individual. In 2018, A creates a new interest-bearing savings account with a financial institution. In 2018, A submits a form to the department designating the account as a first-time homebuyer savings account and designating Z, an Iowa resident who has never owned a home, as the beneficiary of the account. In tax year 2018, A contributes \$1,000 to the first-time homebuyer savings account. A makes \$1,000 contributions per year to the first-time homebuyer savings account during tax years 2019, 2020, and 2021. Every year, A timely submits the required annual reports and all accompanying information. In 2022, A dies without having withdrawn any funds from the account either for a qualifying home purchase for Z or for any other reason.

Result: All of the funds in the account are deemed immediately withdrawn at the time of A's death. Because this is a nonqualifying withdrawal, the \$4,000 in contributions which A previously deducted must be included as income on A's final return. However, because the reason for the deemed withdrawal was A's death, the 10 percent penalty is not included on A's final return.

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### **701—302.83(422) Like-kind exchanges of personal property completed after December 31, 2017, but before tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020.**

**302.83(1)** *In general.* Public Law 115-97, Section 13303, repealed the deferral of gain or loss from exchanges of like-kind personal property for federal purposes under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code. This federal repeal applies to exchanges completed after December 31, 2017, unless the taxpayer began the exchange by transferring personal property or receiving replacement personal property on or before that date. Iowa did not conform to this federal repeal for Iowa individual income tax purposes for tax periods beginning before January 1, 2019. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020, Iowa generally conforms to the federal treatment of gain or loss from exchanges of like-kind personal property, but eligible taxpayers may elect the treatment that applied under prior federal law for Iowa purposes. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, Iowa fully conforms to the federal treatment for these exchanges, and no special election is available. This rule governs exchanges of like-kind personal property completed after December 31, 2017, but before tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020. This rule does not apply to exchanges completed during any tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

**302.83(2)** *Qualification.* Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code in effect on December 21, 2017, and any applicable federal regulations govern whether transactions involving the disposition and acquisition of personal property qualify for Iowa individual income tax purposes as a like-kind

exchange of personal property subject to the deferral of gain or loss, and also govern the date and tax period during which an exchange is considered completed. The treatment of such transactions as a like-kind exchange for Iowa individual income tax purposes is either mandatory or permissive depending on the date the like-kind exchange is completed.

*a. Like-kind exchanges completed after December 31, 2017, but before tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019.* Transactions involving the disposition and acquisition of personal property that qualify under this subrule as a like-kind exchange completed after December 31, 2017, but before tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, are required to be treated as a like-kind exchange for Iowa individual income tax purposes.

*b. Like-kind exchanges completed during tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020.* For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, Iowa is conformed to the federal repeal of deferral of gain or loss from exchanges of like-kind personal property, so the federal and Iowa treatment of such transactions under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code will generally be the same. However, transactions involving the disposition and acquisition of personal property that qualify under this subrule as a like-kind exchange completed during tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020, may at the election of the taxpayer be treated as a like-kind exchange for Iowa individual income tax purposes. The election is made by completing the necessary worksheets and forms and making the required adjustments on the Iowa return as described in subrule 302.83(3). No special attachment or statement is required. The election only applies to the transactions involved in the like-kind exchange, and the taxpayer may elect or not elect to treat other qualifying transactions as a like-kind exchange for Iowa purposes.

**302.83(3) Calculation and Iowa adjustments.** A taxpayer required to or electing to treat qualifying transactions as a like-kind exchange for Iowa tax purposes must make certain Iowa calculations and adjustments on forms and worksheets made available on the department's website. The IA 8824 Worksheet described in this subrule need not be included with the Iowa return but must be kept with the taxpayer's records. The taxpayer is responsible for providing documentation at the department's request to substantiate a like-kind exchange under this rule.

*a. Like-kind exchange calculation.* The taxpayer must complete Parts I and II of the IA 8824 Worksheet to compute the Iowa recognized gain, if any, the Iowa deferred gain or loss, and the Iowa basis of the like-kind personal property received in the like-kind exchange.

**EXAMPLE 1:** X, a sole proprietor engaged in commercial farming and filing on a calendar-year basis, trades a tractor with a fair market value (FMV) of \$25,000 along with \$75,000 in cash to Y for a new tractor with an FMV of \$100,000. For purposes of this example it is assumed that the tractor trade occurs in 2019 and qualifies as a like-kind exchange and that X elects such treatment for Iowa individual income tax purposes under paragraph 302.83(2) "b." At the time of the trade, the adjusted basis of X's old tractor is \$0 for federal tax purposes and is \$13,680 for Iowa tax purposes. X realizes a gain for Iowa purposes on the exchange of the old tractor in the amount of \$11,320 (\$100,000 FMV of new tractor - \$75,000 cash paid - \$13,680 Iowa adjusted basis of old tractor). Because X did not receive any cash or other property that was not like-kind, or assume any liabilities from Y, the entire amount of X's \$11,320 realized gain qualifies for deferral, so X recognizes \$0 of gain on the exchange for Iowa tax purposes. As a result, X's basis in the new tractor for Iowa tax purposes is \$88,680 (\$13,680 Iowa adjusted basis of old tractor + \$75,000 cash paid by X).

*b. Iowa nonconformity adjustment.*

(1) The taxpayer must complete Part III of the IA 8824 Worksheet to adjust for the difference between any recognized Iowa gain from the exchange as calculated on the IA 8824 Worksheet, Part II, and any gain or loss (including gain or loss recaptured as ordinary income) recognized on the taxpayer's federal return.

**EXAMPLE 2:** Assume the same facts as given in Example 1. Because the tractor trade occurred in 2019, it will not qualify as a like-kind exchange for federal tax purposes but will instead be treated as two separate transactions: a sale of the old tractor and a purchase of the new tractor. X recognizes a gain for federal tax purposes on the sale of the old tractor in the amount of \$25,000 (\$25,000 sales price of old tractor - \$0 federal adjusted basis of old tractor), the entire amount of which is recaptured as

ordinary income because of prior depreciation. X reports the \$25,000 of income on the federal return. X is required to report the same \$25,000 as income on the Iowa return but is also allowed a \$25,000 subtraction on the same Iowa return because X's recognized gain for Iowa tax purposes is \$0 as calculated in Example 1. X's nonconformity adjustment of -\$25,000 must be reported on the Iowa return in the manner prescribed on the IA 8824 Worksheet.

(2) If the total recognized federal gain is reported using the installment sale method under Section 453 of the Internal Revenue Code, the total amount of any Iowa nonconformity adjustment related to that federal gain must be claimed over the same installment period, and the proportion of the total Iowa nonconformity adjustment claimed for each tax year shall equal the same proportion that the federal gain reported for that tax year bears to the total amount of federal gain that will ultimately be reported for all tax years resulting from the disposition of the personal property. The taxpayer must complete an IA 8824 Worksheet for each tax year that an Iowa nonconformity adjustment is claimed.

*c. Cost recovery adjustments.*

(1) The taxpayer must complete the IA 4562A to account for any differences between the federal and Iowa cost recovery deductions related to the like-kind personal property involved in the like-kind exchange, including if the taxpayer's basis in the like-kind personal property received is different for federal and Iowa purposes, or if the taxpayer claimed additional first-year depreciation or a section 179 deduction for federal purposes on the like-kind property received in the exchange. See rule 701—302.60(422) for requirements related to the disallowance of additional first-year depreciation for Iowa individual income tax purposes. See rule 701—302.65(422) for the section 179 limitations imposed under the Iowa individual income tax.

(2) Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6 prescribes rules related to the calculation of depreciation for certain assets involved in a like-kind exchange, but a taxpayer may elect to not have those rules apply pursuant to Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6(i). A taxpayer may choose to make a similar election under Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6(i) for Iowa tax purposes with regard to a like-kind exchange under this rule if the personal property otherwise would have qualified for such federal election notwithstanding the fact that no like-kind exchange occurred for federal purposes or the fact that no election was actually made for federal tax purposes in accordance with Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6(j). The election is made by calculating depreciation for Iowa tax purposes on the personal property involved in the like-kind exchange using the method described in Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6(i) on the timely filed Iowa return, including extensions, for the same tax year that the like-kind exchange was completed. No special attachment or statement is required.

EXAMPLE 3: Assume the same facts as given in Examples 1 and 2. X elects additional first-year depreciation on the new tractor and claims a depreciation deduction on the federal return of \$100,000 (100 percent of X's federal basis). X is required to add back the total amount of the federal depreciation on the Iowa return because Iowa does not allow additional first-year depreciation. But X is permitted deductions for regular depreciation on the new tractor with an Iowa basis of \$88,680 (\$13,680 carryover basis from old tractor + \$75,000 excess basis from cash paid) under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to bonus depreciation under Section 168(k). See rule 701—302.60(422) for more information on the disallowance of additional first-year depreciation.

EXAMPLE 4: Assume the same facts as given in Examples 1 and 2. X elects to expense the entire cost of the new tractor under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code and claims a deduction on the federal return of \$100,000. X is also required to claim the section 179 deduction on the new tractor for Iowa tax purposes pursuant to subrule 302.65(2). However, the amount that represents the carryover basis from the old tractor (\$13,680) is not eligible for the deduction under Section 179(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, so the cost of the new tractor that is eligible for the section 179 deduction for Iowa purposes is only \$75,000 (excess basis from cash paid). This is the amount of section 179 deduction that X must claim on the Iowa return, subject to the applicable Iowa dollar limitation and reduction limitations in rule 701—302.65(422). Because X is the taxpayer who placed the new tractor in service, X is permitted

deductions for regular depreciation on the carryover basis in the new tractor (\$13,680) under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to bonus depreciation under Section 168(k).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, chapter 1161 [Senate File 2417].

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**701—302.84(422) Broadband infrastructure grant exemption.**

**302.84(1) *Broadband infrastructure grant exemption, generally.*** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, certain qualifying communications service providers may subtract, to the extent included in income, the amount of qualifying government grants used to install broadband infrastructure that facilitates broadband service in targeted service areas at or above download and upload speeds identified by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to Section 706 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended. This rule explains terms not defined in Iowa Code section 422.7.

**302.84(2) *Definitions.***

“Facilitate” shall have the same meaning as defined in Iowa Code section 8B.1.

“Grant” means a transfer for a governmental purpose of money or property to a transferee that is not a related party to or an agent of the transferor. The transfer must not impose any obligation or condition to directly or indirectly repay any amount to the transferor or a related party. Obligations or conditions intended solely to assure expenditure of the transferred moneys in accordance with the governmental purpose of the transfer do not prevent a transfer from being a grant.

1. “Federal grant” means any grant issued by the United States government, including any agency or instrumentality thereof.

2. “State grant” means any grant issued by any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a territory or possession of the United States, including any agency or instrumentality thereof.

3. “Local grant” means any grant issued by any city, county, township, school district, or any other unit of local government, including any agency or instrumentality thereof.

**302.84(3) *Limitation on certain refund claims.*** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2020, refund claims resulting from this exemption must be filed prior to October 1, 2020. No refunds shall be issued for claims filed on or after that date.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—302.85(422) Interest expense deduction adjustments.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the limit on the amount of business interest expense that a taxpayer may deduct in a taxable year under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 163(j) does not apply for Iowa purposes. This rule provides information on how taxpayers must calculate and report their business interest expense deduction for Iowa purposes for tax year 2018 (subrule 302.85(2)), when Iowa did not conform to the limitation; tax year 2019 (subrule 302.85(3)), when Iowa did conform to the limitation; and tax years 2020 and later (subrule 302.85(4) et seq.), when Iowa again does not conform to this limitation. All references to the Code of Federal Regulations (Treas. Reg.) and certain other information in this rule are based on final Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations and guidance in effect on January 13, 2021.

**302.85(1) *Definitions.*** The following terms apply to the interpretation and application of this rule.

“*Current-year business interest expense*” means the same as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-1(b)(9).

“*Excess business interest expense*” means the same as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-1(b)(16).

“*Iowa partnership*” means any partnership required to file an Iowa return (IA 1065) for the relevant tax year.

“*Iowa S corporation*” means any S corporation required to file an Iowa return (IA 1120S) for the relevant tax year.

“*Non-Iowa partnership*” means any partnership that is not required to file an Iowa return (IA 1065) for the relevant tax year.

“*Non-Iowa S corporation*” means any S corporation that is not required to file an Iowa return (IA 1120S) for the relevant tax year.

**302.85(2) Tax year 2018.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, but before January 1, 2019 (tax year 2018), Iowa conforms with the IRC in effect on January 1, 2015, meaning the 30 percent limitation on the business interest expense deduction first imposed by IRC Section 163(j) under Public Law 115-97 (TCJA) does not apply for Iowa purposes.

*a. In general.* For tax year 2018, Iowa taxpayers are permitted to deduct current-year business interest expense without regard to the limitations imposed by IRC Section 163(j) under the TCJA. The taxpayer’s additional deduction is computed on the 2018 Nonconformity Adjustments Worksheet. Taxpayers who qualify for these higher Iowa deductions in 2018 may need to make further adjustments in 2019 for amounts deducted under this subrule for Iowa purposes but disallowed and carried forward for federal purposes. See subrule 302.85(3) for more information about these 2019 adjustments.

*b. Special rules for partnerships and S corporations.*

(1) Iowa partnerships and S corporations. Partnerships and S corporations required to file Iowa returns in tax year 2018 are required to make adjustments for Iowa’s nonconformity with IRC Section 163(j) at the entity level, meaning they can deduct the full interest expense on the entity’s own Iowa return and the reduction to the partner’s or shareholder’s share of the entity’s income will be included in the all source modifications line of the partners’ or shareholders’ Iowa Schedules K-1.

EXAMPLE 1: P, a partnership doing business in Iowa, has \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense in 2018. For federal purposes, \$20,000 of that amount is disallowed under IRC Section 163(j). The partnership deducts \$80,000 at the entity level in 2018, and the remaining disallowed \$20,000 is allocated to the partners to be deducted in future years. For Iowa purposes, the \$80,000 of business interest expense allowed for federal purposes is included in the partnership’s non-separately stated ordinary business income (loss), and the partnership will make an adjustment on the entity’s IA 1065 to deduct the \$20,000 of current-year business interest expense that was disallowed for federal purposes. The \$20,000 additional Iowa deduction will be reported to the partners as an all source modification on the partners’ IA 1065 Schedules K-1, and partners will receive the benefit of this all source modification item when the partners report their Iowa partnership income on their own Iowa tax return for the year. The partners will not be permitted to make further Iowa adjustments on their own Iowa tax return for the excess business interest expense amounts passed through to them from the partnership for federal purposes.

(2) Owners of partnerships and S corporations with no entity-level 2018 Iowa filing requirement.

1. Non-Iowa partnerships. Iowa partners who received interest expense deductions from partnerships that were not required to file 2018 Iowa returns may claim the larger Iowa deduction for business interest expenses passed through from the partnership on the partner’s own 2018 Iowa return by including in the partner’s Iowa deduction the amount of disallowed business interest expense deduction shown on the 2018 federal Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), line 13, code K, received from the non-Iowa partnership.

EXAMPLE 2: X is an Iowa resident and a partner in P2, an out-of-state partnership with no business in Iowa and no Iowa filing obligation. In 2018, P2 has \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense and is subject to the IRC Section 163(j) limitation for federal purposes. At the entity level, P2 is permitted to deduct \$80,000 on its 2018 federal partnership return. The \$20,000 in excess business interest expense is then allocated to P2’s partners. X is allocated \$5,000 in excess business interest expense from P2. Because P2 is not required to file an Iowa return, and therefore X did not receive a 2018 IA 1065 Schedule K-1 from P2, X is permitted to deduct the \$5,000 allocated from P2 as current-year business interest expense on X’s 2018 Iowa income tax return.

2. Non-Iowa S corporations. Iowa shareholders of S corporations that have no Iowa filing requirement are limited to the deduction actually passed through to them on the federal Schedule K-1 received from the S corporation for Iowa purposes in tax year 2018. These shareholders are not permitted to make adjustments for interest expense disallowed at the entity level for the non-Iowa S corporation.

EXAMPLE 3: R is an Iowa resident and a shareholder in X, an out-of-state S corporation with no business in Iowa and no Iowa filing obligation. In 2018, X has \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense and is subject to the IRC Section 163(j) limitation for federal purposes. At the entity level, X is permitted to deduct \$80,000 on its 2018 federal income tax return. The \$20,000 in excess business interest expense is then carried forward to be deducted by X in future tax years. Because X is not required to file an Iowa return, and excess business interest expense amounts are carried forward at the entity level for S corporations rather than being allocated to shareholders, R is not eligible to make an adjustment for X's disallowed business interest expense amounts on R's 2018 Iowa income tax return. R will only be able to benefit from the deductions for these disallowed amounts for Iowa purposes in the same years that X actually deducts the carried-forward amounts for federal purposes.

**302.85(3)** *Tax year 2019.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020 (tax year 2019), Iowa conforms to the IRC in effect on March 24, 2018.

*a. Applicable limitation.* For tax year 2019, Iowa conforms to the 30 percent limitation on the business interest expense deduction imposed by IRC Section 163(j). Because of Iowa's fixed conformity date, Iowa did not conform with the higher 50 percent limitation retroactively imposed by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, to the extent that increased limitation applied in tax year 2019 for federal purposes. For tax year 2019 only, taxpayers are required to calculate their Iowa business interest expense deduction by applying the limitations of IRC Section 163(j) without regard to IRC Section 163(j)(10).

EXAMPLE 4: Taxpayer Z has an adjusted taxable income (ATI) of \$100,000 for tax year 2019 and \$80,000 in deductible business interest expense. For federal purposes, Z's business interest expense deduction is limited to \$50,000 (50 percent of ATI) under the CARES Act. However, because Iowa only conforms to the 30 percent limitation imposed by the TCJA, and not the higher CARES Act limitation for 2019, Z's Iowa business interest expense deduction for the year is limited to \$30,000. Z will report this difference by entering a negative \$20,000 adjustment on IA 101, line 3 (Z may have additional adjustments on this line if the current year federal deduction included amounts carried forward from 2018).

*b. Addition to income for tax year 2018 federal carryforward amounts deducted in tax year 2019.* To the extent a taxpayer's tax year 2019 federal business interest expense deduction includes amounts that were disallowed and carried forward to future years under IRC Section 163(j) in tax year 2018 for federal purposes, but allowed as a deduction in tax year 2018 for Iowa purposes under paragraph 302.85(2)"a" (in general), subparagraph 302.85(2)"b"(1) (Iowa partnerships and S corporations), or numbered paragraph 302.85(2)"b"(2)"1" (non-Iowa partnerships), these carried-forward amounts must be added back in computing Iowa income. These prior deductions and current adjustments are calculated and tracked on the IA 101 Nonconformity Adjustments form. Note that shareholders of non-Iowa S corporations should not be required to add back 2018 carryforward amounts deducted by the S corporation 2019, because the shareholders were not permitted to deduct these excess amounts for Iowa purposes in 2018. See numbered paragraph 302.85(2)"b"(2)"2."

EXAMPLE 5: X is a partner in P under the same facts described in Example 1 above. For tax year 2019, X completes federal Form 8990 and is eligible to deduct \$1,000 of the excess business interest expense allocated to X from P in 2018 on X's 2019 federal income tax return. This \$1,000 federal deduction for prior-year excess business interest expense allocated from P must be added back in computing X's 2019 Iowa income. The same add-back would be required if this scenario were applied to the facts in Example 2 above.

**302.85(4)** *Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, Iowa does not conform with the IRC Section 163(j) business interest expense deduction limitation.

*a. Current-year business interest expense.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, a taxpayer's current-year business interest expense is fully deductible to the extent permitted by IRC Section 163 for Iowa purposes without regard to any limitation under subsection 163(j). Even though Iowa does not conform to IRC Section 163(j), provisions of the IRC other than Section 163(j) may subject interest expense to disallowance, deferral, capitalization, or other limitations, and those other provisions

of the IRC still generally apply for Iowa purposes. No additional Iowa adjustments are permitted for federal limitations such as those described in Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-3(b)(4), which are determined after the application of IRC Section 163(j) for federal purposes. See Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-3 for examples of other provisions of the IRC that may restrict interest expense deductions for federal and Iowa purposes, independent of the IRC Section 163(j) limitation.

*b. Carryforward.*

(1) Special one-time carryforward catch-up (tax year 2020 only). For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, but before January 1, 2021 (tax year 2020), taxpayers who filed a 2019 Iowa return are permitted to deduct all interest expense deduction amounts that were disallowed and carried forward under IRC Section 163(j) for Iowa purposes in tax year 2019. This deduction shall be calculated and reported on the taxpayer's 2020 Iowa income tax return using form IA 163A. Business interest expense amounts carried over from tax year 2018 at the federal level shall not be deducted for Iowa tax purposes in tax year 2020.

EXAMPLE 6: In 2019, X had \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense. X's business interest expense deduction was limited to \$50,000 for federal purposes and limited to \$30,000 for Iowa purposes due to Iowa's nonconformity with the CARES Act for that year. See paragraph 40.85(3) "a." In 2020, X is again subject to an IRC Section 163(j) limitation and is not permitted to deduct any prior-year carryforward amounts for federal purposes. However, because Iowa does not conform to the IRC Section 163(j) limitation for 2020, X may deduct all of X's current-year business interest expense and all \$70,000 (\$100,000 - \$30,000) of X's disallowed Iowa interest expense carried over from 2019. X must complete the IA 163 in order to calculate X's current-year business interest expense deduction, and the IA 163A to determine the total amount of 2019 disallowed Iowa interest expense amounts which may be deducted in full on X's 2020 Iowa return.

(2) Addition to income for prior-year federal carryforward amounts deducted in the current year. When current-year interest expense is limited at the federal level, the disallowed business interest expense is carried forward to be deducted in future years for federal purposes, when certain conditions are met. See Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-1(b)(10) for the definition of "disallowed business interest expense." Iowa law allows taxpayers to fully deduct current-year business interest expense, and no amounts are carried forward for Iowa purposes. Disallowed business interest expense carryforward amounts from prior years, including excess business interest expense allocated to a partner in a prior year, cannot be deducted for Iowa purposes except as described in subparagraph 302.85(4) "b"(1). All prior-year disallowed business interest expense carryforward amounts deductible under IRC Section 163(j) in the current year at the federal level, including excess business interest expense allocated to a partner in a prior year, must be added back in computing the taxpayer's Iowa income for the year.

EXAMPLE 7: In 2020, taxpayer X has \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense. For federal purposes, X is subject to the IRC Section 163(j) limitation. X deducts \$70,000 in business interest expense on X's 2020 federal return and carries the remaining \$30,000 forward to be deducted in future years. For Iowa purposes, X deducts the full \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense in 2020.

In 2021, X has \$50,000 in current-year business interest expense. For federal purposes, X is permitted to deduct the full \$50,000 in interest expense generated in 2021, plus \$5,000 of the amount that was disallowed in 2020 for a total federal deduction of \$55,000 in 2021. X must add the federal carryforward amount (\$5,000) back on X's 2021 Iowa return, limiting X's 2021 Iowa deduction to the \$50,000 in current-year business interest expense.

**302.85(5) Partners and partnerships.**

*a. Partnership-level adjustments.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, an Iowa partnership that is subject to the IRC Section 163(j) limitation for federal purposes is permitted to deduct all current-year business interest expense at the partnership level in that tax year for Iowa purposes.

(1) Excess business interest expense. A partnership may include as a reduction on the partnership's Iowa income tax return any excess business interest expense, as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-1(b)(16), of the partnership that was disallowed and allocated to the partners for that tax year for federal purposes.

(2) Tiered partnerships. For partnerships that receive excess business interest expense passed through from a partnership in which they are a partner, see paragraph 302.85(5) “b” for information on how to report Iowa adjustments for that passed-through income.

*b. Partner-level adjustments.*

(1) Interest expense from Iowa partnerships. Iowa adjustments related to excess business interest expense of an Iowa partnership are made at the entity level as described in subparagraph 302.85(5) “a”(1) and are reported to partners on an IA 1065 Schedule K-1. Partners are not permitted to make any Iowa adjustment at the partner level to their federal interest expense deduction for amounts of excess business interest expense allocated from an Iowa partnership on the partner’s federal Schedule K-1 related to that Iowa partnership. See Example 1 above.

(2) Interest expense from non-Iowa partnerships. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, partners may include as part of their Iowa business interest expense deduction the total amount of current-year excess business interest expense deduction passed through to them from all non-Iowa partnerships as shown on the federal Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), line 13, code K. See Example 2 above.

(3) Partnership basis. A partner’s basis is reduced (but not below zero) by the amount of excess business interest expense the partnership passes through to the partner each year. See Treas. Reg. Section 163(j)-6(h) for detailed information about how to make these basis adjustments. For federal purposes, immediately before disposition of the partnership interest, the partner’s basis is then increased by the amount of any passed-through business interest expense which has not yet been treated as paid or accrued by the partner as described in Treas. Reg. Section 163(j)-6(h)(3). No basis increase at the time of disposition is allowed for Iowa purposes for passed-through business interest expense amounts that were deducted for Iowa, but not for federal, purposes due to Iowa’s nonconformity with IRC Section 163(j).

**302.85(6) S corporation adjustments.** For federal purposes, IRC Section 163(j) limitations are applied at the S corporation level. Unlike partnerships, disallowed business interest expense amounts are carried forward and deducted in future years at the entity level rather than being passed through to shareholders. See rule 701—502.29(422) for more information about the IRC Section 163(j) adjustments required for corporations, including S corporations, for Iowa purposes. See also Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-6(l) for more information about the application of IRC Section 163(j) to S corporations for federal purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7(60).  
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**701—302.86(422) COVID-19 grant exclusion.**

**302.86(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

“Administering agency” means the economic development authority, the Iowa finance authority, or the department of agriculture and land stewardship.

“Grant recipient” means a person who applies for and is issued a qualifying COVID-19 grant by an administering agency.

“Issued” means the approval of the grant recipient’s application and amount for a qualifying COVID-19 grant by an administering agency, regardless of when the grant funds were paid by the administering agency.

**302.86(2) Qualifying COVID-19 grant programs.**

*a.* The department is responsible for determining whether a grant program provides a “qualifying COVID-19 grant” as defined in Iowa Code section 422.7(62). In making this determination, and for purposes of the definition of “qualifying COVID-19 grant,” a grant program is “created to primarily provide COVID-19 related financial assistance to economically impacted individuals and businesses located in this state” if that grant program, at the time of its inception, was intended by the administering agency to provide a majority (more than 50 percent) of its financial assistance to or for the benefit of either or both of the following persons economically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic:

- (1) Individuals living in Iowa.
- (2) Businesses that are doing business in Iowa or are deriving income from sources within Iowa.



b. The administering agency shall notify the director of the existence of any grant program it believes may be a qualifying COVID-19 grant program. Upon such notification, the department will request from the administering agency the information necessary to determine whether that program is a qualifying COVID-19 grant as defined in Iowa Code section 422.7(62) and this rule. The administering agency shall provide the department with the requested information within the time frame prescribed by the department in its request. Failure to provide the requested information to the department shall prevent the department from determining that the grant program is a qualifying COVID-19 grant. Grant programs not specifically listed below in paragraph 302.86(2) "c" are not qualifying COVID-19 grants and are not eligible for the exclusion provided in this rule, even if that program may otherwise meet the definition of "qualifying COVID-19 grant" in Iowa Code section 422.7(62).

c. The following is an exhaustive list of programs that have been identified by the department as qualifying COVID-19 grants, including a general description of each program's grant recipients, that may qualify for the exclusion from Iowa net income under subrule 302.86(3):

(1) Beef up Iowa program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipient is Iowa State University.

(2) Iowa beginning farmer debt relief fund administered by the Iowa finance authority. Grant recipients include Iowa beginning farmers.

(3) Iowa biofuels relief program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa biodiesel and ethanol producers.

(4) Iowa county fairs relief fund administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa county and district fairs.

(5) Iowa COVID-19 business disruption relief program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa bars, taverns, breweries, distilleries, wineries, and other similar drinking establishments.

(6) Iowa COVID-19 targeted small business sole operator fund administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa targeted small businesses.

(7) Iowa disposal assistance program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa pork and egg producers.

(8) Iowa eviction and foreclosure prevention program administered by the Iowa finance authority. Grant recipients include Iowa residential renters and homeowners.

(9) Iowa homeowner foreclosure prevention program administered by the Iowa finance authority. Grant recipients include Iowa residential homeowners.

(10) Iowa hospital COVID-19 relief fund administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa hospitals.

(11) Iowa livestock producer relief fund administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa livestock producers.

(12) Iowa movie theatre relief grant program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa movie theaters.

(13) Iowa nonprofit recovery fund administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa nonprofit organizations.

(14) Iowa renewable fuel retail recovery program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa fuel retailers.

(15) Iowa rent and utility assistance program administered by the Iowa finance authority. Grant recipients include Iowa residential renters.

(16) Iowa residential utility disruption prevention program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa residential renters and homeowners.

(17) Iowa restaurant and bar relief grant program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa bars, breweries, brewpubs, distilleries, wineries, and restaurants.

(18) Iowa small business relief grant program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa small businesses.

(19) Iowa small business utility disruption prevention program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa small businesses and small nonprofit organizations.

(20) Local produce and protein program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa schools, early childcare centers, specialty crop producers, and food hubs.

(21) Meat processing expansion and development program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa meat and poultry processing businesses and employees and Iowa livestock producers.

(22) Pack the pantry program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa food pantries.

(23) Pass the pork program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa food banks.

(24) Turkey to table program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa food banks.

(25) Iowa bowling center relief fund administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa for-profit bowling centers.

(26) Iowa charter bus relief program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include for-profit charter bus companies with a vehicle fleet registered in Iowa.

(27) Iowa sports entertainment relief program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include certain for-profit and nonprofit sports teams with a home venue located in Iowa.

(28) Iowa fitness center relief program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include for-profit, nonprofit, and local government-owned fitness centers located in Iowa.

**302.86(3)** *Excluding qualifying COVID-19 grants from Iowa net income.*

*a. Generally.* A grant recipient may subtract a qualifying COVID-19 grant when calculating Iowa net income if all of the following apply:

(1) The grant was issued as part of a qualifying COVID-19 grant program identified in paragraph 302.86(2)“c.”

(2) The grant was issued on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before December 31, 2021.

(3) The grant funds were included in the grant recipient’s net income for a tax year ending on or after March 17, 2020, but beginning before January 1, 2024. The grant may only be subtracted to the extent it is included in the grant recipient’s net income for that qualifying tax year. A qualifying COVID-19 grant that is exempt from federal income tax, and thus not included in the grant recipient’s Iowa net income, does not qualify for an additional subtraction on the grant recipient’s Iowa return.

*b. Third-party payee of grant funds.* A third-party payee of qualifying COVID-19 grant funds is not eligible for this exemption from Iowa income. If the proceeds of a qualifying COVID-19 grant are paid to someone other than the grant recipient, only the grant recipient on whose behalf the grant proceeds were paid may qualify for this exemption from Iowa income.

*c. Repayment.* Grant funds that were repaid to the administering agency for any reason are not eligible for this exemption from Iowa income.

*d. Reporting requirements.* A grant recipient who received qualifying COVID-19 grant funds and who excludes those funds when calculating Iowa net income should retain documentation to support the claimed exclusion. A grant recipient must provide such documentation to the department if requested. The required documentation may include, but is not limited to, documentation to support that the grant recipient was issued and received the grant within the qualifying periods.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7(62).

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**701—302.87(422) Capital gain deduction for certain types of net capital gains.** Information relating to the Iowa capital gain deduction available for tax years prior to January 1, 2023, can be found in prior versions of rule 701—302.38(422). Prior versions of the Iowa Administrative Code are located here: [www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/agencies](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/agencies). For tax years beginning on or after January 1,

2023, net capital gains from the sale of real property used in a farming business and the sale of certain livestock described in subrules 302.87(5) and 302.87(6) may be excluded in the computation of net income for qualified individual taxpayers. To exclude qualifying capital gains, a taxpayer has to meet certain holding period and material participation requirements, unless otherwise indicated in this rule.

**302.87(1) Definitions.** Unless otherwise indicated in this rule or required by the context, all words and phrases used in this rule that are defined under Iowa Code section 422.7(13) shall have the same meaning as provided to them under that Iowa Code section.

*“Disabled individual”* means an individual who is receiving benefits as a result of retirement from employment or self-employment due to disability. In addition, a person is considered to be a disabled individual if the individual is determined to be disabled in accordance with criteria established by the Social Security Administration or other federal or state governmental agency.

**302.87(2) Material participation.** If the taxpayer has regular, continuous, and substantial involvement in the operations of a farming business that meets the criteria for material participation in an activity under Section 469(h) of the Internal Revenue Code and the federal tax regulations for material participation in 26 CFR Sections 1.469-5 and 1.469-5T for the applicable number of years required under Iowa law for the deduction, the taxpayer has met the material participation requirement. Section 469(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code does not apply when determining material participation for the purposes of this rule.

a. Work done in connection with an activity is not participation in the activity if the work is not of a type that is customarily done by an owner and one of the principal purposes for the performance of the work is to avoid the disallowance of any loss or credit from the activity.

b. Work done in an activity by an individual in the individual’s capacity as an investor is not material participation in the business or activity unless the investor is directly involved in the day-to-day management or operations of the activity or business. Investor-type activities include the study and review of financial statements or reports on operations of the activity, preparing or compiling summaries or analyses of finances or operations of the activity for the individual’s own use, and monitoring the finances or operations of the activity in a nonmanagerial capacity.

c. A highly relevant factor in material participation in a business is how regularly the taxpayer is present at the place where the principal operations of a business are conducted. In addition, a taxpayer is likely to have material participation in a business if the taxpayer performs all functions of the business. The fact that the taxpayer utilizes employees or contracts for services to perform daily functions in a business will not prevent the taxpayer from qualifying as materially participating in the business, but the services will not be attributed to the taxpayer.

d. In determining whether a particular taxpayer has material participation in a business, participation of the taxpayer’s spouse in a business must also be taken into account. Activity done by a taxpayer’s spouse is considered activity done by the taxpayer. The spouse’s participation in the business must be taken into account even if the spouse does not file a joint state return with the taxpayer or if the spouse has no ownership interest in the business. The activities of other family members, employees, independent contractors, vendors, laborers, or consultants are not attributed to the taxpayer to determine material participation.

e. Generally, an individual will be considered as materially participating in a tax year if the taxpayer satisfies or meets any of the following tests:

- (1) The individual participates in the farming business for more than 500 hours in the taxable year.
- (2) The individual’s participation in the farming business constitutes substantially all of the participation of all individuals in the business (including individuals who are not owners of interests in the business) for the tax year.

EXAMPLE: Taxpayer A is a teacher in a small town in southeast Iowa. Taxpayer A owns 20 acres of farmland. Taxpayer A grows various crops on this land and is the only one who works on the farm. In the summer of 2023, there was a drought killing most of Taxpayer A’s crops so Taxpayer A spent only 80 hours in 2023 growing crops. Taxpayer A is deemed to have materially participated in the farming business in 2023.

(3) The individual participates in the farming business for more than 100 hours in the tax year, and no other individual (including individuals who are not owners of interests in the business) participates more in the business than the taxpayer during the tax year.

(4) The individual participates in two or more businesses, excluding rental businesses, in the tax year and participates for more than 500 hours in all of the businesses and more than 100 hours in each of the businesses, and the participation is not material participation within the meaning of one of the tests in subparagraphs 302.87(2) “e”(1) through (3), (5) and (6).

EXAMPLE: Taxpayer B is a full-time CPA. Taxpayer B owns a restaurant and a farm. In 2023, Taxpayer B spent 400 hours working on the farm and 150 hours at the restaurant, and other individuals spent more time in the business activity than Taxpayer B did. Taxpayer B is treated as a material participant in each of the businesses in 2023.

(5) The individual materially participated (determined without regard to this subparagraph) in a farming business for five of the ten years preceding the applicable tax year.

EXAMPLE: Taxpayer C is the co-owner of a farming business. Taxpayer C stopped farming in 2018 after 15 years of farming. Since Taxpayer C stopped farming, Taxpayer C has retained interest in the farming business. Taxpayer C is considered to be materially participating in the business in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 because Taxpayer C materially participated in the farming business during five of the ten years immediately preceding 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

(6) The individual participates in the business activity for more than 100 hours and, based on all the facts and circumstances, the individual participates on a regular, continuous, and substantial basis. Management activities of a taxpayer are not considered for purposes of determining if there was material participation if either of the following applies: any person other than the taxpayer is compensated for management services or any person provides more hours of management services than the taxpayer.

*f.* The following paragraphs provide additional information regarding material participation:

(1) Limited partners of a limited partnership. The limited partners will not be treated as materially participating in any activity of a limited partnership except in a situation where the limited partner would be treated as materially participating under the material participation tests in subparagraphs 302.87(2) “e”(1) or 302.87(2) “e”(5) above if the taxpayer were not a limited partner for the tax year.

(2) Cash farm lease. A taxpayer who rents out farmland on a cash basis is not materially participating in a farming business. The burden is on the taxpayer to show that the taxpayer materially participated in the farming business operated on the cash-rented farmland.

(3) Farmer landlord involved in crop-share arrangement. A farmer landlord is subject to self-employment tax on net income from a crop-share arrangement with a tenant. The landlord is considered to be materially participating with the tenant in the crop-share activity if the landlord satisfies one of the four following tests:

TEST 1: The landlord does any three of the following: (1) pays or is obligated to pay for at least half the direct costs of producing the crop; (2) furnishes at least half the tools, equipment, and livestock used in producing the crop; (3) consults with the tenant; and (4) inspects the production activities periodically.

TEST 2: The landlord regularly and frequently makes, or takes part in making, management decisions substantially contributing to or affecting the success of the enterprise.

TEST 3: The landlord worked 100 hours or more spread over a period of five weeks or more in activities connected with crop production.

TEST 4: The landlord has done tasks or performed duties which, considered in their total effect, show that the landlord was materially and significantly involved in the production of the farm commodities.

(4) Conservation reserve program (CRP). Activities conducted under the CRP do not fall within the definition of “farming business” under Iowa Code section 422.7. If a taxpayer’s only activity is managing CRP land, the taxpayer does not meet the material participation requirement. A taxpayer may still meet the material participation requirement if the taxpayer materially participates in a farming business through a different activity.

(5) Recordkeeping requirements. Taxpayers are required to provide proof of services performed and the hours attributable to those services. Detailed records should be maintained by the taxpayer, on as close to a daily basis as possible at or near the time of the performance of the activity, to verify that the

material participation test has been met. However, material participation can be established by any other reasonable means, such as approximating the number of hours based on appointment books, calendars, or narrative summaries. Records prepared long after the activity, in preparation of an audit or proceeding, are insufficient to establish participation in an activity.

**302.87(3) Lifetime election.** A retired farmer may make a single lifetime election on a form prescribed by the department to exclude all qualifying capital gains from the sale of real property used in a farming business and the sale of certain livestock described in subrules 302.87(5) and 302.87(6). If a retired farmer makes the election described in this subrule, the retired farmer is not eligible to make the election to exclude the net income received pursuant to a farm tenancy agreement covering real property under Iowa Code section 422.7(14) and rule 701—302.88(422) or claim the beginning farmer tax credit under Iowa Code section 422.11E in the same tax year or any subsequent tax year. The election is irrevocable once made.

*a. Beginning farmer tax credit.* A retired farmer shall not utilize an unclaimed amount of a beginning farmer tax credit in the same tax year they are making an election described in this subrule or in subrule 302.88(3) or in any subsequent tax year.

*b. Surviving spouses.* A surviving spouse of a deceased retired farmer may be eligible to make the election described in this subrule or the election described in subrule 302.88(3) or exclude the qualifying income pursuant to the election made by the retired farmer prior to death.

(1) A surviving spouse of a deceased retired farmer may make the election described in this subrule or the election described in subrule 302.88(3) on behalf of the deceased retired farmer that the retired farmer would have been eligible to make prior to death. A surviving spouse may only make an election on behalf of the deceased retired farmer by the due date of the tax return, including extensions, for the tax year immediately following the tax year of the retired farmer's death.

EXAMPLE 1: Farmer A, a retired farmer, owned real property used in a farming business, Plot 1. Farmer A was married to Spouse B. Farmer A sold Plot 1 which generated a capital gain. Farmer A died later that tax year. Farmer A qualified to make an election to exclude qualifying capital gains from the calculation of net income prior to death but did not make an election before death. Spouse B can make an election on behalf of Farmer A on the final tax return.

(2) If a retired farmer made the election described in this subrule or the election described in subrule 302.88(3) prior to death, the surviving spouse of the deceased retired farmer may exclude the qualifying income pursuant to the election made by the retired farmer prior to death. A surviving spouse cannot change the election the deceased retired farmer made. Any election made by the retired farmer prior to death is binding on all real property used in a farming business owned by the retired farmer at the time of death. This election is only binding on the retired farmer and the surviving spouse.

EXAMPLE 2: Farmer C, a retired farmer, owned real property used in a farming business, Plot 2. Farmer C was married to Spouse D. Farmer C met the material participation and holding period requirements. Farmer C made the election to exclude net income from a farm tenancy agreement described in subrule 302.88(3) from Plot 2. Farmer C then died. Spouse D inherited Plot 2 from Farmer C. Spouse D does not qualify to make an election. Spouse D may exclude net income from a farm tenancy agreement from Plot 2 pursuant to the election Farmer C made before death. Spouse D cannot exclude qualifying capital gains with regard to Plot 2 or claim the beginning farmer tax credit.

EXAMPLE 3: Assume the same facts as Example 2 but Spouse D does qualify to make an election independent of Farmer C. Spouse D still cannot exclude qualifying capital gains from Plot 2 or claim the beginning farmer tax credit unless Spouse D disclaims Farmer C's election and makes an election as described in subparagraph 3.

EXAMPLE 4: Farmer E, a retired farmer, owned real property used in a farming business, Plot 3, Plot 4, and Plot 5. Farmer E was married to Spouse F. Farmer E met the holding period and material participation requirements. Farmer E sold Plot 3, which generated a capital gain. Farmer E made an election to exclude the capital gain. Farmer E then died. Spouse F inherited Plot 4 and Plot 5 from Farmer E. Plot 4 and Plot 5 are bound by the election Farmer E made before death. Spouse F is eligible to exclude the capital gain from the sale of Plot 4 and Plot 5 pursuant to the election Farmer E made.

Spouse F cannot exclude net income from a farm tenancy agreement from Plot 4 or Plot 5 or claim the beginning farmer tax credit.

EXAMPLE 5: Farmer G, a retired farmer, owned real property used in a farming business, Plot 6 and Plot 7. Farmer G was married to Spouse H. Farmer G met the holding period and the material participation requirements. Farmer G made the election to exclude net income from a farm tenancy agreement described in subrule 302.88(3) from Plot 6 and Plot 7. Farmer G then died. Spouse H inherited Plot 6 and Plot 7. Spouse H is bound by the election made by Farmer G on Plot 6 and Plot 7 and may exclude the net income from a farm tenancy agreement for those plots. Spouse H gets remarried to a new spouse, Spouse J. Spouse H then dies. Spouse J inherits Plot 6 and Plot 7 from Spouse H. Spouse J is not a surviving spouse of a retired farmer and is not bound by the election Farmer G originally made on Plot 6 and Plot 7. Spouse J may make an election described in this subrule or described in subrule 302.88(3) on Plot 6 and Plot 7 if Spouse J meets the eligibility criteria.

(3) A surviving spouse of a deceased retired farmer may disclaim the election made by the retired farmer. If a surviving spouse of a deceased retired farmer makes this disclaimer, the surviving spouse is not eligible to deduct qualifying income pursuant to an election made by the retired farmer prior to death. A surviving spouse of a deceased retired farmer shall make this disclaimer on a form prescribed by the department and file the form with the surviving spouse's income tax return. A surviving spouse must make the disclaimer by the due date of the tax return, including extensions, for the tax year immediately following the tax year of the retired farmer's death. If the surviving spouse excluded income on the surviving spouse's return for the tax year of the retired farmer's death pursuant to the election the retired farmer made and wants to disclaim the election, then the surviving spouse must amend the surviving spouse's return to include that income in Iowa net income and adjust tax liability accordingly. If no disclaimer is made by the due date, including extensions, of the surviving spouse's income tax return for the tax year immediately following the tax year of the retired farmer's death, then the surviving spouse is no longer eligible to make a disclaimer and is bound by the election the retired farmer made. The disclaimer is irrevocable once made. Once a disclaimer has been made, a surviving spouse may make a single lifetime election that would also apply to the land previously bound by the deceased retired farmer's election if the surviving spouse meets the definition of a retired farmer. A surviving spouse may make a single lifetime election that would apply to land not bound by the deceased retired farmer's election if the surviving spouse meets the eligibility criteria.

EXAMPLE 6: Farmer K, a retired farmer, owned real property used in a farming business, Plot 8. Farmer K was married to Spouse L. Farmer K met the holding period and the material participation requirements. Farmer K made the election to exclude net income from a farm tenancy agreement described in subrule 302.88(3) from Plot 8. Farmer K then died. Spouse L inherited Plot 8 from Farmer K. Spouse L independently qualifies as a retired farmer to make an election described in this subrule or the election described in subrule 302.88(3). Spouse L may exclude net income from a farm tenancy agreement from Plot 8 pursuant to the election Farmer K made before death, or Spouse L may disclaim that election and make Spouse L's own election to exclude capital gains from Plot 8.

EXAMPLE 7: Assume the same facts as Example 6 except Spouse L does not independently qualify as a retired farmer to make an election described in this subrule or the election described in subrule 302.88(3). Spouse L may exclude net income from a farm tenancy agreement from Plot 8 pursuant to the election Farmer K made before death, or Spouse L may disclaim that election and not exclude income because Spouse L does not qualify to make an election as a retired farmer.

*c. Joint owners.* A retired farmer may exclude income pursuant to the election described in this subrule or the election described in subrule 302.88(3) to the extent of the retired farmer's ownership interest in the real property.

(1) A retired farmer who owns real property used in a farming business jointly with a spouse and makes the election described in this subrule or the election described in subrule 302.88(3) may only exclude qualifying income from that real property to the extent of the retired farmer's ownership interest held in that real property. The retired farmer's ownership interest does not include the ownership interest of the retired farmer's spouse. If each spouse qualifies as a retired farmer, each spouse may make different elections on the property they jointly own to the extent of their respective ownership interests. There is a

rebuttable presumption that spouses who jointly own real property used in a farming business each have a 50 percent ownership interest in the real property. This can be rebutted with documentation proving a different ownership percentage.

EXAMPLE 8: Farmer M and Farmer N, both retired farmers, are married and own Plot 9 jointly. They each have a 50 percent ownership interest in Plot 9. They both qualify to make the election to exclude qualifying capital gains or net income from a farm tenancy agreement. They file jointly for Iowa tax purposes. In 2023, Farmer M and Farmer N receive \$50,000 total in net income from a farm tenancy agreement covering Plot 9. Farmer M makes the election to exclude net income from a farm tenancy agreement. Farmer N does not make an election. Farmer M is eligible to exclude \$25,000, 50 percent of the net income from Plot 9, from net income. Farmer N must include \$25,000, 50 percent of the net income from the farm tenancy agreement, in net income. Farmer N is still eligible to make an election to exclude qualifying capital gains or net income from a farm tenancy agreement in a subsequent tax year.

EXAMPLE 9: Assume the same facts as Example 8 except Farmer N makes the same election to exclude net income from a farm tenancy agreement. On the jointly filed return, Farmer M and Farmer N can exclude from net income \$50,000, 100 percent of the net income from a farm tenancy agreement.

EXAMPLE 10: Assume the same facts as Example 8 except Farmer N does not qualify to make an election to exclude qualifying capital gains or net income from a farm tenancy agreement. Farmer M can exclude from net income \$25,000, 50 percent of the net income received from a farm tenancy agreement on Plot 9. Farmer N must include in net income \$25,000, 50 percent of the net income from the farm tenancy agreement on Plot 9.

(2) A retired farmer who owns real property used in a farming business jointly with someone who is not the retired farmer's spouse may only exclude qualifying income from that real property to the extent of the retired farmer's ownership interest held in the real property.

EXAMPLE 11: Farmer O, a retired farmer, owns Plot 10 jointly with Farmer P. Farmer O and Farmer P are not taxed as a partnership. Farmer O has a 60 percent ownership interest in Plot 10, while Farmer P has a 40 percent ownership interest. Farmer O qualifies to make an election to exclude qualifying capital gains or net income from a farm tenancy agreement. Farmer P does not. Farmer O and Farmer P sell Plot 10 for a capital gain of \$100,000. Farmer O elects to exclude the capital gain. Farmer O may exclude from net income \$60,000, 60 percent of the capital gain. Farmer P is required to include \$40,000 in net income, 40 percent of the capital gain.

**302.87(4)** *Net capital gains from the sale of real property used in a farming business.* Net capital gains from the sale of real property used in a farming business may be excluded from the owner's Iowa net income if the owner held the real property used in a farming business for ten or more years and materially participated in a farming business for at least ten years. If the taxpayer is a retired farmer, the taxpayer must make the election described in subrule 302.87(3) to exclude qualifying capital gains. It is not required that the property be located in Iowa for the owner to qualify for the deduction.

*a.* Material participation means the same as "materially participated" as defined in Iowa Code section 422.7(13) and described in detail in subrule 302.87(2). If the taxpayer is a retired farmer and materially participated in a farming business for ten or more years in the aggregate, then the taxpayer will meet the material participation requirements. If the taxpayer is not a retired farmer, the taxpayer must have materially participated in a farming business for the ten years immediately preceding the sale. When determining whether a taxpayer is no longer materially participating to meet the definition of a retired farmer, the material participation test in subparagraph 302.87(2)"e"(5) shall not apply and the participation of the spouse of the taxpayer does not count as participation by the taxpayer.

*b.* If the taxpayer has held the real property used in a farming business and sells the property to a relative of the taxpayer, the net capital gain from the sale may be excluded from net income regardless of whether the taxpayer met the material participation or holding period requirements.

*c.* In situations in which real property was sold by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, estate, or trust and the capital gain from the sale of the real property flows through to the owners of the business entity for federal income tax purposes, the owners may exclude the capital gain from their net incomes if the real property was held for ten or more years and the owners had materially

participated in a farming business for ten years prior to the date of sale of the real property, or ten years in the aggregate if the owner is a retired farmer.

*d.* Installments received in the tax year from installment sales of real property used in a farming business are eligible for the exclusion of capital gains from net income if all relevant criteria were met at the time of the installment sale.

EXAMPLE: A taxpayer received an installment payment in 2025 from the sale of real property used in a farming business that occurred in 2023. The installment received in 2025 would qualify for the exclusion if the taxpayer had held the real property for a minimum of ten years and had materially participated in a farming business for a minimum of ten years at the time of the sale in 2023.

*e.* Capital gains from the sale of real property by a C corporation do not qualify for the capital gain deduction.

*f.* The following noninclusive examples illustrate how this subrule applies:

EXAMPLE 1: S corporation, X, owned 1,000 acres of farmland. Taxpayer A is the sole shareholder of X and had materially participated in X for more than ten years at the time that X sold 500 acres of the farmland for a capital gain of \$100,000. X owned the farmland for more than ten years at the time of the sale. The capital gain recognized by X that passed through to Taxpayer A as the shareholder of X can be excluded from Iowa net income because Taxpayer A met the material participation and holding period requirements.

EXAMPLE 2: Taxpayer B and Taxpayer C are brothers who both owned 50 percent of the stock in an S corporation, Y, that owned 1,000 acres of farmland. Taxpayer B managed all the farming operations for Y from the time Y was formed in 2010. Taxpayer C did not participate in the farming operations. Y sold 200 acres of the farmland to another brother, Taxpayer D, for a \$50,000 gain. \$25,000 of the capital gain passed through to Taxpayer B, and \$25,000 of the capital gain passed through to Taxpayer C. Both Taxpayer B and Taxpayer C had owned the corporation for at least ten years at the time the land was sold, but only Taxpayer B had materially participated in the corporation for at least ten years. Taxpayer B may exclude the \$25,000 capital gain from the land sale because he met the time held and material participation requirements. Taxpayer C may exclude the \$25,000 capital gain because the land was sold to a relative of Taxpayer C.

EXAMPLE 3: Taxpayer E owned and materially participated in a farming business for 15 years and raised row crops. There were 500 acres of land in the farming business, 300 acres had been held for 15 years, and 200 acres had been held for five years. Taxpayer E sold the 500 acres of land. Taxpayer E cannot exclude the capital gain from the sale of the 200 acres that had only been held for five years. Taxpayer E may exclude the capital gain from the sale of the 300 acres of land that had been held for 15 years.

EXAMPLE 4: Taxpayer F owned and materially participated in a farming business for more than ten years. In this business, Taxpayer F farmed a neighbor's land on a crop-share basis throughout the period. Taxpayer F bought 80 acres of land and farmed that land for six years until Taxpayer F sold the land for a capital gain of \$20,000. Taxpayer F cannot exclude the capital gain because the farmland had been held for less than ten years even though Taxpayer F materially participated in a farming business for more than ten years.

EXAMPLE 5: Taxpayer G and Taxpayer H were partners in a partnership since 2008 that owned 80 acres of farmland. Taxpayer G and Taxpayer H are both over 55 years old. The land was sold in 2023 when Taxpayer G and Taxpayer H retired from farming. In all the years Taxpayer G and Taxpayer H were partners in the partnership, Taxpayer G materially participated in the farming business. Taxpayer H was a material participant for the years 2008-2013 and 2018-2023. Taxpayer G and Taxpayer H realized a capital gain of \$50,000 from the land sale, which was divided equally between them. Taxpayer G was able to exclude \$25,000 of the capital gain that Taxpayer G received from the sale since Taxpayer G had held the land and materially participated in a farming business for at least ten years at the time the land was sold. Taxpayer H was able to exclude \$25,000 of the capital gain because, although Taxpayer H had not materially participated in a farming business for ten consecutive years when the land was sold, Taxpayer H was a retired farmer and had materially participated in a farming business for ten years in the aggregate.



EXAMPLE 6: Taxpayer J had a farming business that Taxpayer J owned and materially participated in for 20 years. There were two tracts of farmland in the farming business. Taxpayer J sold one tract of farmland in the farming business that Taxpayer J had held for more than ten years for a \$50,000 capital gain. The farmland was sold to a person who was not a relative. During the same year, Taxpayer J had \$30,000 in long-term capital losses from sales of stock. In this situation, the capital gains would not be applied against the capital losses. Because the capital losses are unrelated to the farming business, Taxpayer J does not have to reduce the Iowa capital gain deduction by the capital losses from the sales of stock.

EXAMPLE 7: Taxpayer K had owned farmland, Plot A, and had materially participated in a farming business since 2010. In 2018, Taxpayer K entered into a like-kind exchange under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code for farmland, Plot B. Taxpayer K continued to materially participate in a farming business. Plot B was sold in 2023, resulting in a capital gain. Under Section 1223 of the Internal Revenue Code, the holding period for the capital gain starts in 2010. Taxpayer K held Plot B for less than ten years, but because Taxpayer K met the ten-year holding period requirement under Section 1223, the capital gain from the sale qualifies for the Iowa capital gain deduction.

EXAMPLE 8: Taxpayer L and Taxpayer M, a married couple, owned farmland in Iowa since 1995. Taxpayer L died in 2010 and, under Taxpayer L's will, Taxpayer M acquired a life interest in the farm. The farmland was managed by their child, Taxpayer N, after Taxpayer L's death. Taxpayer N had a remainder interest. Taxpayer M died in 2018, and Taxpayer N continued to materially participate and manage the farm operation. Taxpayer N sold the farmland in 2023 and reported a capital gain. Under Section 1223 of the Internal Revenue Code, the holding period for the capital gain starts in 2010, when Taxpayer L died. Because the holding period for the capital gain was ten years or more, and Taxpayer N met the material participation requirement, Taxpayer N can deduct the capital gain.

**302.87(5)** *Net capital gains from the sale of cattle or horses used for certain purposes and held for 24 months by taxpayers who are retired farmers.* Net capital gains from the sale of cattle or horses held for 24 months or more for draft, breeding, dairy, or sporting purposes may be excluded from the taxpayer's Iowa net income if the taxpayer is a retired farmer and the taxpayer made the election described in subrule 302.87(3). The retired farmer must have materially participated in the farming business in which the cattle or horses were held for five of the eight years preceding the retired farmer's retirement or disability and must have sold all or substantially all of the retired farmer's interest in the farming business by the time the election is made. For purposes of this subrule and subrule 302.87(6), "substantially all" means 90 percent of the interest in the farming business.

*a.* Material participation means the same as "materially participated" as defined in Iowa Code section 422.7(13) and described in detail in subrule 302.87(2). When determining whether a taxpayer is no longer materially participating to meet the definition of a retired farmer, the material participation test in subparagraph 302.87(2) "e" (5) shall not apply and the participation of the spouse of the taxpayer does not count as participation by the taxpayer.

*b.* Whether cattle or horses sold by the taxpayer after the taxpayer has held them 24 months or more were held for draft, breeding, dairy, or sporting purposes may be determined from federal court cases on such sales and the standards and examples included in 26 CFR Section 1.1231-2. Proper records should be kept showing purchase and birth dates of cattle and horses. The absence of records may make it impossible for the owner to show that the owner held a particular animal for the necessary holding period. Whether cattle or horses are held for draft, breeding, dairy, or sporting purposes depends on all the facts and circumstances of each case.

*c.* Capital gains from sales of qualifying cattle or horses by an S corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, where the capital gains flow through to the owners of the respective business entity for federal income tax purposes, qualify for the capital gain deduction to the extent the owners receiving the capital gains are retired farmers who meet all the relevant criteria.

*d.* Capital gains from sales of qualifying cattle or horses by a C corporation are not eligible for the capital gain deduction.

**302.87(6)** *Net capital gains from the sale of breeding livestock, other than cattle or horses, held for 12 or more months by taxpayers who are retired farmers.* Net capital gains from the sale of breeding

livestock, other than cattle or horses, held for 12 or more months may be excluded from the taxpayer's Iowa net income if the taxpayer is a retired farmer and the taxpayer made the election described in subrule 302.87(3). The retired farmer must have materially participated in the farming business in which the breeding livestock, other than cattle or horses, were held for five of the eight years preceding the retired farmer's retirement or disability. The retired farmer must have sold all or substantially all of the retired farmer's interest in the farming business by the time the election is made.

*a.* Material participation means the same as "materially participated" as defined in Iowa Code section 422.7(13) and described in detail in subrule 302.87(2). When determining whether a taxpayer is no longer materially participating to meet the definition of a retired farmer, the material participation test in subparagraph 302.87(2) "e"(5) shall not apply and the participation of the spouse of the taxpayer does not count as participation by the taxpayer.

*b.* If livestock other than cattle or horses is considered to have been held for breeding purposes under the criteria established in 26 CFR Section 1.1231-2, the livestock will also be deemed to have been breeding livestock for purposes of this rule. Proper records should be kept showing purchase and birth dates of breeding livestock. The absence of records may make it impossible for the owner to show that the owner held a particular animal for the necessary holding period. Whether livestock are held for breeding purposes depends on all the facts and circumstances of each case.

*c.* Capital gains from sales of qualifying livestock other than cattle or horses by an S corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, where the capital gains flow through to the owners of the respective business entity for federal income tax purposes, qualify for the capital gain deduction to the extent the owners receiving the capital gains are retired farmers who meet all the relevant criteria.

*d.* Capital gains from the sale of breeding livestock other than cattle or horses by a C corporation are not eligible for the capital gain deduction.

**302.87(7) *Installments from sales consummated before January 1, 2023.*** Installments from sales that were consummated before January 1, 2023, that result in net capital gains qualify for the capital gain deduction if the requirements of Iowa Code section 422.7(21) and rule 701—302.38(422), as they existed prior to January 1, 2023, were met at the time the sale was consummated.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7(13).  
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**701—302.88(422) Net income from a farm tenancy agreement covering real property.** An eligible individual may elect to exclude net income from a farm tenancy agreement covering real property held by the individual for ten or more years from the computation of net income, if the eligible individual materially participated in a farming business for ten or more years.

**302.88(1) *Definitions.*** Unless otherwise indicated in this rule or required by the context, all words and phrases used in this rule that are defined under Iowa Code section 422.7(14) shall have the same meaning as provided to them under that Iowa Code section.

*"Disabled individual"* means an individual who is receiving benefits as a result of retirement from employment or self-employment due to disability. In addition, a person is considered to be a disabled individual if the individual is determined to be disabled in accordance with criteria established by the Social Security Administration or other federal or state governmental agency.

*"Held"* shall be determined with reference to the holding period provisions of Section 1223 of the Internal Revenue Code and the federal regulations pursuant thereto.

**302.88(2) *Material participation.*** Material participation for the purposes of this rule is determined pursuant to subrule 302.87(2) and the definition of "materially participated" in Iowa Code section 422.7(14). An eligible individual meets the material participation requirements if the individual materially participated in a farming business for ten years or more in the aggregate. When determining whether an eligible individual has stopped materially participating, the material participation test in subparagraph 302.87(2) "e"(5) and the material participation of a spouse shall not apply.

**302.88(3) *Lifetime election.*** An eligible individual may make a single lifetime election on a form prescribed by the department to exclude net income pursuant to a farm tenancy agreement covering real property. If an eligible individual makes the election described in this subrule, the eligible individual

is not eligible to make an election to exclude the capital gain from the sale of real property used in a farming business or certain livestock under Iowa Code section 422.7(13) and rule 701—302.87(422) or claim the beginning farmer tax credit under Iowa Code section 422.11E in the same tax year or any subsequent tax year. The election is irrevocable once made.

*a. Beginning farmer tax credit.* A retired farmer shall not utilize an unclaimed amount of a beginning farmer tax credit in the same tax year the retired farmer is making an election described in this subrule or in subrule 302.87(3) or in any subsequent tax year.

*b. Surviving spouses.* A surviving spouse of a deceased eligible individual may make the election described in this subrule or the election described in subrule 302.87(3) subject to the provisions of subrule 302.87(3). For purposes of this subrule, “retired farmer” as used in subrule 302.87(3) has the same meaning as “eligible individual.”

*c. Joint owners.* An eligible individual may exclude income pursuant to the election described in this subrule or the election described in subrule 302.87(3) to the extent of the eligible individual’s ownership interest in the real property subject to the provisions of subrule 302.87(3). For purposes of this subrule, “retired farmer” as used in subrule 302.87(3) has the same meaning as “eligible individual.”

**302.88(4) Amount of exclusion.** An eligible individual that has made the election described in subrule 302.88(3) may exclude the amount of net income received from a farm tenancy agreement covering real property. An eligible individual may exclude net income from any qualifying farm tenancy agreement covering real property if the holding period requirements are met with respect to the real property in question, including agreements that are entered into after the single lifetime election is made. The amount of the exclusion cannot exceed the fair profits which would normally arise from a farm tenancy agreement between two parties operating at arm’s length.

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CHAPTER 303  
DETERMINATION OF TAXABLE INCOME

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 41]

**701—303.1(422) Verification of deductions required.** Deductions from gross income, otherwise allowable, will not be allowed in cases where the department requests the taxpayer to furnish information sufficient to enable it to determine the validity and correctness of such deductions, until such information is furnished. For taxpayers using an electronic data interchange process or technology also see 701—subrule 11.4(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.25.  
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**701—303.2(422) Federal rulings and regulations.** In determining whether “taxable income,” “net operating loss deduction” or any other deductions are computed for federal tax purposes under, or have the same meaning as provided by, the Internal Revenue Code, the department will use applicable rulings and regulations that have been duly promulgated by the commissioner of internal revenue, unless the director has created rules and regulations or has exercised discretionary powers as prescribed by statute which calls for an alternative method for determining “taxable income,” “net operating loss deduction” or any other deduction, or unless the department finds that an applicable internal revenue ruling or regulation is unauthorized according to the Iowa Code.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.7 and 422.9.  
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**701—303.3(422) Federal income tax deduction and federal refund.** Federal income taxes paid or accrued during the tax year are a permissible deduction for Iowa income tax purposes, adjusted by any federal refunds received or accrued during the tax year. Taxpayers who are not on an accrual basis of accounting shall deduct their federal income taxes in the year paid.

**303.3(1) Federal income tax deduction.** The federal income tax deduction for cash basis taxpayers equals the sum of the following:

*a.* The entire amount of federal income tax withheld during the taxable year from compensation of the taxpayer. Where a husband and wife file separate returns or separately on a combined Iowa return, the actual federal income tax withheld from wages earned by either spouse or both spouses must be deducted by each in accordance with wage statement(s) and may not be prorated between the spouses.

*b.* Tax paid at any time during the taxable year on a filing of federal estimated tax or on any amendment to such filing. Where a husband and wife file separate Iowa returns or separately on a combined Iowa return, the federal estimated tax payments made in the tax year shall be prorated between the spouses by the ratio of each spouse’s income not subject to withholding to the total income not subject to withholding of both spouses, including the federal estimated tax payment made in January of the tax year which was made for the prior tax year. If an estimated tax payment or portion of the payment is made for self-employment tax, then the spouse who has earned the self-employment income shall report the amount of estimated tax designated as self-employment tax. The federal tax deduction for the tax year does not include the self-employment tax paid through the federal estimated payments made in the tax year. In addition, the federal tax deduction does not include the additional .9 percent Medicare tax computed under Section 3101(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. However, one-half of the self-employment tax paid in the tax year is deductible in computing federal adjusted gross income pursuant to Section 164(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, so this self-employment tax is also deductible in computing net income. If an estimated tax payment or portion of the payment is made for the federal net investment income tax computed under Section 1411 of the Internal Revenue Code for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, see paragraph 303.3(1) “f” on how the federal net income tax should be prorated between spouses.

*c.* Any additional federal tax on a prior federal return paid during the taxable year. Where a husband and wife file separately or separately on a combined Iowa return, additional federal tax paid

shall be prorated between the spouses by the ratio of net income reported by each spouse to total net income of both spouses in the year for which the additional federal tax was paid. If additional federal tax paid includes federal self-employment tax, then that amount of self-employment tax shall be deducted by the spouse who earned the self-employment income. Any federal tax paid for a tax year in which an Iowa individual income tax return was not required to be filed is not allowed as a deduction in the year the federal taxes were paid. If additional federal tax paid includes the federal net investment income tax computed under Section 1411 of the Internal Revenue Code for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, see paragraph 303.3(1) "f" on how the federal net income tax should be prorated between spouses.

EXAMPLE 1. Individual A earned \$8,500 in income for the 2004 tax year and paid \$200 in federal tax with the filing of the federal return in 2005. Individual A was not required to file an Iowa return for 2004 because the Iowa net income was under \$9,000. Individual A cannot claim a deduction for the \$200 in federal tax paid on the 2005 Iowa return because an Iowa return was not required to be filed for the 2004 tax year.

EXAMPLE 2. Individual B moved into Iowa on January 1, 2005, and filed an initial Iowa individual income tax return for the 2005 tax year. Individual B paid \$1,000 in additional federal income tax with the filing of the 2004 federal income tax return in 2005. Individual B cannot claim a deduction for the \$1,000 in federal tax paid on the 2005 Iowa return because an Iowa return was not filed for the 2004 tax year.

d. The earned income credit computed under Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code and the additional child tax credit computed under Section 24(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent that these credits reduce the federal income tax liability on the prior federal return filed during the taxable year. Where a husband and wife file separately or separately on a combined Iowa return, the earned income credit and the additional child tax credit shall be prorated between the spouses by the ratio of net income reported by each spouse to total net income of both spouses in the year for which these credits were claimed.

EXAMPLE: Individual A filed a 2003 federal income tax return reporting a tax liability of \$2,000. Individual A had \$500 of federal income tax withheld and \$2,500 of earned income credit. Individual A can deduct \$500 as a federal income tax deduction on the Iowa return for 2003 and \$1,500 as a federal tax deduction on the Iowa return for 2004, since the federal tax deduction is limited to the extent it reduced the federal income tax liability.

e. The motor vehicle fuel tax credit computed under Section 34 of the Internal Revenue Code for the taxable year. Where a husband and wife file separately or separately on a combined Iowa return, the motor vehicle fuel tax credit shall be prorated between the spouses by the ratio of net income reported by each spouse to total net income of both spouses in the year for which these credits were claimed.

EXAMPLE: Individual B filed a 2003 federal income tax return reporting a tax liability of \$1,500. Individual B paid \$1,000 in federal estimated tax during 2003 and claimed a \$400 motor vehicle fuel tax credit on the 2003 federal return. Individual B can deduct \$1,400 as a federal income tax deduction on the Iowa return for 2003.

f. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, the federal net investment income tax, also known as the unearned income Medicare contribution tax, computed under Section 1411 of the Internal Revenue Code. The federal net investment income tax is computed on the lesser of net investment income for the tax year or the excess of the modified adjusted gross income for the tax year over a threshold amount.

Where a married couple file separate returns or separately on a combined Iowa return, the federal net investment income tax, if computed on net investment income, shall be prorated between the spouses by the ratio of net investment income reported by each spouse to total net investment income of both spouses in the year for which the federal net investment income tax was paid. Where a married couple file separate returns or separately on a combined Iowa return, the federal net investment income tax, if computed on the excess of modified adjusted gross income over a threshold amount, shall be prorated between the spouses by the ratio of net income reported by each spouse to total net income of both spouses in the year for which the federal net investment income tax was paid.

**303.3(2) Federal income tax refunds.**



a. Any refund of federal income tax received during the taxable year must be used to reduce the amount deducted for federal income tax to the extent the refunded amount was deducted on the Iowa return in a prior year. When a husband and wife file separately or separately on a combined Iowa return, the federal income tax refund to be reported shall be prorated between the spouses by the ratio of net income reported by each spouse to total net income reported by both spouses. If an amount of self-employment tax is required to be added back to Iowa net income, then the spouse who earned the self-employment income which generated the self-employment tax shall report that amount as an addition to net income. Any federal tax refund received for a tax year in which an Iowa individual income tax return was not required to be filed is not required to be reported in the year the federal refund was received.

EXAMPLE 1: Individual A earned \$7,500 in income for the 2004 tax year and had \$1,000 in federal income tax withheld. Individual A received a refund of the entire \$1,000 federal tax withheld with the filing of the federal return in 2005. Individual A was not required to file an Iowa return for 2004 because the Iowa net income was under \$9,000. Individual A does not have to report the \$1,000 federal refund received on the 2005 Iowa return because an Iowa return was not required to be filed for the 2004 tax year.

EXAMPLE 2: Individual B moved into Iowa on July 1, 2005, and filed an initial Iowa individual income tax return for the 2005 tax year. Individual B received a \$2,000 federal income tax refund with the filing of the 2004 federal income tax return in 2005. Individual B does not have to report the \$2,000 federal refund on the 2005 Iowa return because an Iowa return was not filed for the 2004 tax year.

b. Any portion of the federal refund received due to the earned income credit computed under Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code or the additional child tax credit computed under Section 24(d) of the Internal Revenue Code does not have to be reported on the Iowa return. However, any portion of the federal refund received due to the motor vehicle fuel tax credit computed under Section 34 of the Internal Revenue Code does have to be reported on the Iowa return.

EXAMPLE 1: Individual A filed a 2003 federal income tax return reporting a tax liability of \$2,000. Individual A had \$500 of federal income tax withheld and \$2,500 of earned income credit and received a federal income tax refund of \$1,000 after filing the return in 2004. Individual A does not have to report the \$1,000 federal refund on the Iowa return for 2004, since the refund resulted from the earned income credit.

EXAMPLE 2: Individual B filed a 2003 federal income tax return reporting a tax liability of \$500. Individual B had \$1,000 of federal income tax withheld and \$1,000 of earned income credit and received a federal income tax refund of \$1,500 after filing the return in 2004. Individual B must report a \$500 federal refund on the Iowa return for 2004, since the portion of the refund relating to the earned income credit does not have to be reported.

EXAMPLE 3: Individual C filed a 2003 federal income tax return reporting a tax liability of \$1,000. Individual C paid \$900 in federal estimated tax and claimed a \$400 federal motor vehicle fuel tax credit and received a federal refund of \$300 after filing the return in 2004. Individual C must report the \$300 federal refund on the Iowa return for 2004, since the refund resulted from the motor vehicle fuel tax credit.

c. Any portion of the federal refund received due to the first-time homebuyer credit computed under Section 36 of the Internal Revenue Code does not have to be reported on the Iowa return. Similarly, any recapture of the credit under Section 36(f) of the Internal Revenue Code is not allowed as a deduction for federal taxes paid.

EXAMPLE: Individual A filed a 2008 federal income tax return reporting a tax liability of \$1,000. Individual A had \$1,200 of federal tax withheld and \$7,500 of first-time homebuyer credit and received a federal income tax refund of \$7,700 after filing the return in 2009. Individual A must report a \$200 federal refund on the Iowa return for 2009, since the portion of the federal refund relating to the first-time homebuyer credit does not have to be reported. The \$500 of federal taxes that will be recaptured and paid for each year on the federal income tax return for 2009-2023 in accordance with Section 36(f) of the Internal Revenue Code will not be allowed as a deduction on the Iowa return for federal taxes paid.

**303.3(3)** *Federal income tax deduction—part-year residents.*

*a.* For tax years beginning on or before December 31, 1981, the federal income tax deduction attributable to Iowa by part-year residents shall be determined by multiplying the federal tax paid or accrued for the entire taxable year by a fraction, the numerator of which is the Iowa net income and the denominator of which is the federal adjusted gross income except that the taxpayer can deduct actual federal income tax withheld on that income subject to withholding which was earned while the taxpayer was an Iowa resident if the federal tax withheld on the Iowa income is separately shown on the wage statement(s) of the taxpayer.

*b.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1982, the federal income tax deduction attributable to Iowa by part-year residents shall be the same deduction as is available for resident taxpayers.

**303.3(4)** *Federal income tax deduction—nonresidents.*

*a.* For tax years beginning on or before December 31, 1981, the federal income tax deduction attributable to Iowa by nonresidents shall be determined by multiplying the federal tax paid or accrued for the entire taxable year by a fraction, the numerator of which is the Iowa net income and denominator of which is the federal adjusted gross income.

If separate Iowa nonresident returns are filed by a husband and wife who filed a joint federal return, each spouse's Iowa adjusted gross income must be divided by the total federal net income of both spouses in order to compute a ratio that can be used to determine the federal tax deduction attributable to each spouse. In any event, the ratio including the combined ratio of husband and wife cannot exceed 100 percent.

Federal income taxes paid during the taxable year on prior years' federal income tax returns will not be allowable on the nonresident return for the taxable year unless Iowa returns were filed for the prior years for which the federal taxes were paid.

Any federal income tax, either paid by a nonresident or withheld from their compensation, which is later refunded to the taxpayer, shall be included as Iowa income by the nonresident for the year the refund is received, in the same portion that such federal tax was deducted by the nonresident in a prior Iowa income tax return.

*b.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1982, the federal income tax deduction attributable to Iowa by nonresidents of Iowa shall be the same deduction as is available for resident taxpayers.

**303.3(5) and 303.3(6)** Reserved.

**303.3(7)** *Federal rebate received in 2008.* For tax years beginning in the 2008 calendar year, the federal tax rebate or advanced refund of federal income tax provided to certain individuals in 2008 pursuant to the federal Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 is not to be included as part of an individual's federal income tax refund for the individual's federal tax deduction for Iowa individual income tax purposes.

EXAMPLE. Frank and Jane Casey received a federal refund of \$1,300 in March 2008 from federal income tax that had been deducted on their 2007 Iowa individual income tax return. Frank and Jane also received a \$1,200 federal rebate in June 2008. When Frank and Jane file their 2008 Iowa return, they must report a federal income tax refund of \$1,300. However, they are not required to include as part of the federal income tax refund shown on their 2008 Iowa return the \$1,200 federal rebate they received in June 2008.

**303.3(8)** *Federal rate reduction credit and the federal income tax deduction for the 2009 tax year.* For tax years beginning in the 2009 calendar year, the tax reduction credit or the advanced refund of federal income tax provided to certain individuals pursuant to the federal Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 is to be included as part of an individual's federal income tax refund for Iowa individual income tax purposes. The tax reduction credit was also referred to as the federal rebate when it was refunded to some taxpayers during the 2008 calendar year. This subrule does not apply to those taxpayers who received the federal rebate in the 2008 calendar year.

EXAMPLE: When Fred and Barbara Jones completed their 2008 federal income tax return, they received the benefit of a rate reduction credit of \$1,200, which resulted in the Browns' receiving a

federal income tax refund of \$1,300 in May 2009. Fred and Barbara need to report the entire \$1,300 refund of federal income tax when they complete their Iowa income tax return for 2009.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.9 as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, House File 2417.

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**701—303.4(422) Optional standard deduction.** An optional standard deduction is provided on the Iowa individual income tax return for both residents and nonresidents. In the case of married taxpayers filing separate returns or separately on the combined return, if one spouse takes the optional standard deduction, the other spouse must also take the optional standard deduction. The standard deduction claimed by the taxpayer may not exceed the taxpayer's income before the standard deduction.

A taxpayer has the option of itemizing deductions or of using the optional standard deduction on the Iowa return, regardless of the deduction method used on the federal return.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990, the optional standard deduction amounts are indexed or increased for inflation by the cumulative standard deduction factor. The cumulative standard deduction factor is described in rule 701—300.12(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.4 and 422.9.

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**701—303.5(422) Itemized deductions.** Deductions may be itemized on the Iowa return to the same extent that they are allowable on the federal return with the following exceptions:

**303.5(1)** To the extent that Iowa income taxes were included in itemized deductions allowable for federal income tax purposes, they must be subtracted from the itemized deductions to be deducted on the Iowa return.

**303.5(2)** For the tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, and before January 1, 2008, and for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, but before January 1, 2014, the itemized deduction for state sales and use taxes is allowed on the Iowa return only if the taxpayer elected to deduct state sales and use taxes as an itemized deduction in lieu of the deduction for state income taxes on the federal return under Section 164 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If the taxpayer elected to deduct state income taxes as an itemized deduction on the federal return, taxpayer cannot claim an itemized deduction for state sales and use taxes on the Iowa return. In addition, if taxpayer claimed the standard deduction in accordance with Section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code on the federal return, taxpayer cannot claim an itemized deduction for state sales and use taxes on the Iowa return.

If the taxpayer is allowed to deduct state sales and use taxes as an itemized deduction on the Iowa return, taxpayer cannot claim an itemized deduction on the Iowa return for either the school district surtax imposed under Iowa Code section 257.21 or the emergency medical services income surtax imposed under Iowa Code chapter 422D.

**303.5(3)** Adoption expense deduction. Unreimbursed amounts paid by the taxpayer in the adoption of a child if placed by an adoption service provider under Iowa Code chapter 600, which exceed 3 percent of the taxpayer's net income, or the combined net income of a husband and wife in the case of married taxpayers filing a joint return, will be allowed as a deduction in the year paid. Qualifying expenses include all medical, hospital, legal fees, welfare agency fees, and all other costs relating to the adoption of a child. Those expenses claimed for adoption purposes may not be claimed elsewhere on the individual income tax return for tax years beginning before January 1, 2014. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, an adoption tax credit equal to certain qualified adoption expenses can be claimed in accordance with rule 701—304.52(422), but the expenses claimed for the credit cannot be allowed as a deduction under this subrule.

EXAMPLE: The Joneses, a married couple whose combined net income for 2014 is \$100,000, incur \$6,000 of qualified adoption expenses and claim a \$2,500 adoption tax credit in accordance with rule 701—304.52(422). The amount of expenses in excess of 3 percent of their combined net income is

\$3,000. Since the taxpayers claimed a \$2,500 adoption tax credit, only \$500 of expenses is eligible for the deduction.

**303.5(4) Deduction for expenses for the care of certain disabled relatives.**

*a.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1983, a deduction from net income may be taken for expenses incurred by a taxpayer for care of a disabled person who is unable to live independently. Such care must be provided in the home in which the taxpayer resides throughout the year. A person is considered to be incapable of living independently if as a result of a physical or mental defect the person is incapable of caring for the person's hygienical or nutritional needs or requires the full-time attention of another person for personal safety or the safety of others. The fact that an individual, by reason of a physical or mental defect, is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity, or is unable to perform the normal household functions of a homemaker or to care for minor children, does not of itself establish that the individual is physically or mentally incapable of self-care. An individual who is physically handicapped or is mentally defective, and for such reason requires the constant attention of another person, is considered to be physically or mentally incapable of self-care.

To qualify for the deduction, in addition to being disabled, the person must be the grandchild, child, parent or grandparent of the taxpayer or the taxpayer's spouse, and

- (1) Be receiving medical assistance benefits under Iowa Code chapter 249A; or
- (2) Be eligible to receive such benefits under the income and resource levels established in Iowa Code chapter 239B; or
- (3) Would be eligible to receive such benefits if living in a health-care facility licensed under Iowa Code chapter 135C.

Expenses incurred for a taxpayer's disabled spouse do not qualify for the deduction.

*b.* The deductible amount is limited to \$5,000 for each disabled person cared for in the taxpayer's home and the expenses must not be otherwise deductible as a deduction from net income under Iowa Code section 422.9.

*c.* Qualifying expenses include a proportionate share of food expenses as well as amounts spent directly on the disabled person for such items as clothing, medical care, dental care and transportation.

Medical expenses incurred for a disabled relative, which are eliminated from federal itemized deductions because of the federal adjusted gross income percentage limitation, may be included in the deduction for expenses incurred for the care of the disabled relative providing the other requirements are met. Following are examples to illustrate the portion of medical expenses incurred which would be deductible.

EXAMPLE 1. Mr. and Mrs. Smith care for Mrs. Smith's mother in their home. Mrs. Smith's mother is physically unable to live independently and qualifies for medical assistance benefits under Iowa Code chapter 249A. Mr. and Mrs. Smith paid medical expenses of \$1,500 for themselves and \$500 for Mrs. Smith's mother. The medical expenses for Mrs. Smith's mother are includable as federal itemized deductions. Mr. and Mrs. Smith's federal adjusted gross income is \$20,000. For 1983, the federal deduction for medical expenses would be \$1,000 (\$2,000 minus 5 percent of \$20,000 or \$1,000). Since the deductible amount for federal tax purposes is \$1,000 or 50 percent of the total medical expenses of Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Smith's mother, there remains 50 percent of the \$500 expense for Mrs. Smith's mother (or \$250) which can be included in the Iowa deduction for a disabled relative.

EXAMPLE 2. Mr. and Mrs. Smith's medical expenses were \$400 and Mrs. Smith's mother's expenses were \$200. None of the \$600 in expenses would be deductible as a federal itemized deduction but the mother's \$200 in expenses would be includable in the Iowa deduction for expenses incurred for a disabled relative.

*d.* Expenses not directly related to care of a disabled relative are not deductible. This category includes rent, mortgage interest, utilities, house insurance and taxes. Such expenses would be incurred without the disabled relative in the home and unless an expense can be directly attributed to the disabled relative, it may not be deducted.

*e.* In the event that the person being cared for is receiving assistance benefits under Iowa Code chapter 239B, the expenses qualifying for deduction shall be the net difference between the expenses actually incurred in caring for the person which are not otherwise deductible as a deduction to net

income and the assistance benefits under Iowa Code chapter 239B. Iowa Code chapter 239B covers family investment program payments.

*f.* In order to claim a deduction for expenses for care of a disabled relative, a schedule of qualifying expenses must be provided with the tax return as well as a statement from a qualified physician certifying that the disabled individual is unable to live independently. Such certification must be filed with the tax return in the initial year for the deduction and every third year thereafter.

**303.5(5)** and **303.5(6)** Reserved.

**303.5(7)** Deduction of multipurpose vehicle registration fee. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1992, and before January 1, 2005, individuals who itemize deductions for Iowa income tax purposes may claim a deduction for 60 percent of the amount of the registration fee paid for a multipurpose vehicle under Iowa Code section 321.124, subsection 3, paragraph “*h.*” “Multipurpose vehicle” means a motor vehicle designed to carry not more than ten people and constructed either on a truck chassis or with special features for occasional off-road operation. The registration certificate for a multipurpose vehicle has the letters “MV” printed next to the word “style” on the certificate.

This subrule applies only to model year 1992 and older model year multipurpose vehicles. The registration fees for multipurpose vehicles for the 1993 model year and for model years after 1993 are the same as for other motor vehicles where the fees for newer model year vehicles are based on the value and weight of the vehicle. In order to qualify for this deduction, no part of the multipurpose vehicle registration fee may have been deducted as an itemized deduction under Section 164 of the Internal Revenue Code or as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

See also subrule 303.5(9), which provides for the deduction for registration fees for older motor vehicles. Subrule 303.5(7) also applies to multipurpose vehicles to the extent those vehicles are for the 1993 model year or for model years after 1993.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, the itemized deduction for Iowa income tax for multipurpose vehicle registration fees is the same as allowed under Section 164 of the Internal Revenue Code for federal tax purposes.

**303.5(8)** Medical expense deduction limitation. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, to the extent that a taxpayer has a medical care expense deduction on the federal return under Section 213 of the Internal Revenue Code, the taxpayer must compute the medical care expense deduction on the Iowa return by excluding those health insurance premiums deducted in computing net income in accordance with Iowa Code subsection 422.7(29) and rule 701—302.48(422).

**303.5(9)** Deduction of older motor vehicle registration fee. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, and before January 1, 2005, individuals who itemize deductions for Iowa income tax purposes may claim a deduction for 60 percent of the annual registration fee paid for certain older motor vehicles. This deduction applies to a 1994 model year vehicle or a newer model year vehicle that is nine model years old or older. This deduction also applies to a 1993 or older motor vehicle which has been transferred to a new owner or to a 1993 or older model vehicle that was brought into Iowa on or after January 1, 2002. However, the deduction otherwise allowed pursuant to this subrule is not allowed to the extent that the vehicle was used in the taxpayer’s trade or business so that the deduction for the registration of the vehicle has already been allowed in the computation of Iowa net income.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, the itemized deduction for Iowa income tax for older motor vehicle registration fees is the same as allowed under Section 164 of the Internal Revenue Code for federal tax purposes.

**303.5(10)** Additional first-year depreciation allowance. For tax periods ending on or after September 10, 2001, any federal itemized deductions that are determined based on a percentage of a taxpayer’s federal adjusted gross income may have to be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes. These itemized deductions for Iowa individual tax purposes are based on federal adjusted gross income as adjusted by the disallowance of the additional first-year depreciation allowance authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code as described in rule 701—302.60(422).

EXAMPLE: Mr. and Mrs. Jones reported \$50,000 in federal adjusted gross income on their 2002 federal income tax return. Mr. and Mrs. Jones paid medical expenses of \$5,000 for 2002, but could only claim an itemized deduction for medical expenses for federal tax purposes equal to \$1,250, or to the

extent the medical expenses exceeded 7.5 percent of their federal adjusted gross income (\$50,000 times 7.5% = \$3,750. \$5,000 - \$3,750 = \$1,250). Mr. and Mrs. Jones reported a \$5,000 increase in Iowa adjusted gross income due to the disallowance of additional first-year depreciation on their Iowa return for 2002. Mr. and Mrs. Jones can claim an itemized deduction on the 2002 Iowa return for medical expenses of \$875, or to the extent the medical expenses exceeded 7.5 percent of their adjusted gross income for Iowa purposes of \$55,000 (\$55,000 times 7.5% = \$4,125. \$5,000 - \$4,125 = \$875).

**303.5(11)** Charitable contributions made in January 2005 for relief of victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami. For cash contributions made after December 31, 2004, and before February 1, 2005, to charitable organizations for the purpose of helping victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami, the taxpayer may claim this contribution as an itemized deduction on the 2004 Iowa income tax return if the taxpayer elected to claim this contribution as an itemized deduction on the 2004 federal tax return. If the taxpayer elected to claim the cash contribution made in January 2005 as an itemized deduction on the 2005 federal tax return, then it must be claimed as an itemized deduction on the 2005 Iowa return.

**303.5(12)** Medical expense deduction for certain unreimbursed expenses relating to a human organ transplant. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, a taxpayer who claims a deduction for unreimbursed travel and lodging expenses relating to a human organ transplant in accordance with rule 701—302.66(422) cannot claim an itemized deduction for medical expenses under Section 213(d) of the Internal Revenue Code for these same expenses for Iowa tax purposes.

**303.5(13)** Charitable contributions relating to the injured veterans grant program. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a taxpayer who claims a deduction for contributions to the injured veterans grant program in accordance with 701—subrule 302.68(2) cannot claim an itemized deduction for charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the same contribution for Iowa tax purposes.

**303.5(14)** Charitable contributions relating to school tuition organizations. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a taxpayer who claims a school tuition organization tax credit in accordance with rule 701—304.32(422) cannot claim an itemized deduction for charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the amount of the contribution to the school tuition organization for Iowa tax purposes.

**303.5(15)** Charitable contributions relating to the charitable conservation contribution tax credit. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, a taxpayer who claims a charitable conservation contribution tax credit in accordance with rule 701—304.40(422) cannot claim an itemized deduction for charitable contributions for the amount of the contribution for which the tax credit is claimed. See 701—subrule 304.40(4) for examples illustrating how this subrule is applied.

**303.5(16)** Charitable contributions relating to the endow Iowa tax credit. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a taxpayer who claims an endow Iowa tax credit in accordance with rule 701—304.24(151,422) cannot claim an itemized deduction for charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the amount of the contribution for which the tax credit is claimed for Iowa tax purposes.

**303.5(17)** Charitable contributions relating to the from farm to food donation tax credit. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, a taxpayer who claims a from farm to food donation tax credit in accordance with rule 701—304.51(422,85GA,SF452) cannot claim an itemized deduction for charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the amount of the contribution for which the tax credit is claimed for Iowa tax purposes.

**303.5(18)** Charitable contributions relating to the Iowa education savings plan trust. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, certain qualifying organizations may establish Iowa education savings plan trust accounts as participants, as described in Iowa Code chapter 12D. Taxpayers may make charitable contributions to such qualifying organizations so that the organization can deposit the contribution into the organization's Iowa education savings plan trust account. However, for Iowa income tax purposes, a taxpayer must add back any portion of the federal charitable contribution deduction allowed for a contribution to a qualifying organization, to the extent that the taxpayer

designated that any part of such contribution be used for the direct benefit of the taxpayer's dependent or for the benefit of any other specific person chosen by the taxpayer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7 and section 422.9 as amended by 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2468.

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**701—303.6(422) Itemized deductions—separate returns by spouses.** Where both spouses itemize deductions, the deductions must be divided between them in the ratio that each spouse's separate Iowa net income bears to the total Iowa net income of both spouses unless each spouse can show that the spouse paid for or is entitled to accrue the deductions. It will be presumed that the deductions are paid by both spouses and must be prorated if the deductions were paid from a joint checking account of both spouses. In any event, all itemized deductions must either be prorated between spouses or must be specifically deducted by the spouse that paid for the deductions. No combinations of the two methods will be permitted.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.9.

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**701—303.7(422) Itemized deductions—part-year residents.**

**303.7(1)** Reserved.

**303.7(2)** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1982, itemized deductions attributable to Iowa by part-year residents shall be the itemized deductions allowable for resident taxpayers.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.7, 422.8 and 422.9.

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**701—303.8(422) Itemized deductions—nonresidents.**

**303.8(1)** Reserved.

**303.8(2)** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1982, itemized deductions attributable to Iowa by nonresidents shall be the itemized deductions available for resident taxpayers.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.5, 422.7 and 422.9.

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**701—303.9(422) Annualizing income.** Where a taxpayer is required to annualize income for federal income tax purposes the taxpayer must also annualize on the Iowa return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7.

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**701—303.10(422) Income tax averaging.** There is no provision in the Iowa Code which allows income tax averaging.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.7 and 422.5.

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**701—303.11(422) Reduction in state itemized deductions for certain high-income taxpayers.** For tax years beginning after December 31, 1990, the itemized deductions for certain high-income taxpayers are reduced for federal income tax purposes by the lesser of 3 percent of the excess of adjusted gross income (AGI) over the applicable amount, or 80 percent of the amount of itemized deductions otherwise allowable for the taxable year. For 1991, the applicable amount is \$100,000 (\$50,000 in the case of a married person filing a separate federal return). The applicable amount is to be increased each tax year to reflect inflation in the taxable years after 1991. For example, for 1995 the applicable amount is \$114,700 (\$57,350 in the case of a married person filing a separate return). This reduction in itemized deductions for certain high-income taxpayers applies for Iowa individual income tax purposes for the same tax years that the provision applies for federal income tax purposes. The following subrules clarify how the reduction in itemized deductions is to be determined on the Iowa individual income tax return:

**303.11(1)** *Itemized deduction worksheet (Form 41-104)*. High-income taxpayers who are itemizing deductions on the Iowa income tax return and whose itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes were subject to reduction because their federal adjusted gross incomes exceeded certain amounts (the amounts for 1996 were \$117,950 for all taxpayers except married taxpayers who filed separate federal returns and \$58,975 for married individuals who filed separate federal returns) must complete Itemized Deduction Worksheet (Form 41-104) to determine the amount of federal itemized deductions that can be claimed on the Iowa income tax return. This worksheet must also be used to compute the itemized deductions allowable on the Iowa return for taxpayers who claimed the standard deduction on their federal individual income tax return, but are itemizing deductions for Iowa income tax purposes and whose deductions would have been subject to reduction, if they had itemized deductions on their federal income tax return. These taxpayers must complete the worksheet (Form 41-104) as if they had itemized deductions on their federal returns. Generally, the itemized deductions allowed on the federal income tax return for high-income taxpayers are also allowed for Iowa individual income tax purposes, except that the Iowa income tax that was allowable as a deduction on the federal Schedule A is not allowed as an Iowa itemized deduction. In addition, the deduction for medical expenses claimed as an itemized deduction on the federal income tax return should be reduced by the amount of health insurance premiums claimed as a deduction on line 18 of the IA 1040. The line references on Form 41-104 are to the federal 1040 and to the federal Schedule A for 1996 and to the IA 1040 for the 1996 tax year. Similar line references will apply on Form 41-104 and to IA 1040 for any later tax year when the taxpayer's federal itemized deductions were subject to reduction because the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income exceeded the threshold amount for that year and the taxpayer itemized deductions on the Iowa income tax return. Note that if a taxpayer's itemized deductions are less than the Iowa standard deduction amount, the taxpayer may elect to claim the Iowa standard deduction.

Form 41-104 follows:

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| 1. Enter the allowable federal itemized deductions as shown on line 34 of the 1040.  | 1. _____   |
| 2. Add the amounts on federal Schedule A, lines *4, 13, 19 plus any gambling losses including on line 27 and enter the total here. | 2. _____   |
| 3. Subtract line 2 amount from line 1 amount.  | 3. _____   |
| 4. Add the amounts on federal Schedule A, lines *4, 9, 14, 18, 19, 26, and 27 and enter the total here.                            | 4. _____   |
| 5. Subtract line 2 amount from line 4 amount.  | 5. _____   |
| 6. Divide line 3 by line 5 and enter percentage here.  | 6. _____ % |
| 7. Enter the amount of Iowa income tax that is included in line 5 of the federal Schedule A.                                       | 7. _____   |
| 8. Multiply line 7 by the percentage on line 6.  | 8. _____   |
| 9. Subtract line 8 from line 1. Enter this amount here and on line 39 of the IA 1040.  | 9. _____   |

\*The deduction for medical expenses from line 4 of federal Schedule A must be reduced by the amount of any health insurance premiums that were deducted on line 18 of Form IA 1040 in computing the taxpayer's net income for the tax year.

**303.11(2)** Reserved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.3 and 422.9.  
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**701—303.12(422) Deduction for home mortgage interest for taxpayers with mortgage interest credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, any taxpayer who had the mortgage interest credit on the federal return can claim a deduction on the Schedule A of the IA 1040 for all the mortgage



interest paid in the tax year, including the mortgage interest that was not deducted on the federal return due to the mortgage interest credit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.3 and 422.9.

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**701—303.13(422) Iowa income taxes and Iowa tax refund.** As provided in subrule 303.5(1), Iowa individual income taxes paid or accrued are allowable itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes, but are not allowable itemized deductions for Iowa income tax purposes. To the extent Iowa income taxes were deducted as itemized deductions for federal tax purposes, they shall be disallowed as an itemized deduction for Iowa income tax purposes.

Refunds of Iowa income taxes to the extent that the refunds were included in the determination of federal adjusted gross income shall be allowed as a reduction to Iowa adjusted gross income, only to the extent that an itemized deduction for Iowa income taxes was disallowed on a prior Iowa return. Iowa income tax refunds resulting from Iowa refundable income tax credits are not allowed as a reduction for Iowa income tax purposes.

EXAMPLE: Individual A made Iowa estimated payments of \$2,000 during the 2003 tax year. The \$2,000 of estimated payments was claimed as an itemized deduction for federal tax purposes, but was not allowed as an itemized deduction for Iowa tax purposes. The 2003 Iowa return reported a tax liability of \$1,600. Individual A had \$2,000 of Iowa estimated payments and a \$500 ethanol blended gasoline tax credit, and received a \$900 Iowa tax refund in 2004. Of the \$900 refund reported as income on the federal return, Individual A will be allowed a \$400 (\$2,000 - \$1,600) reduction on the Iowa return for 2004.

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CHAPTER 304  
ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPUTED TAX AND TAX CREDITS

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**701—304.1(257,422) School district surtax.** Iowa law provides for the implementation of an income surtax for increasing local school district budgets. The surtax must be approved by the voters of a school district in a special election or by a resolution of the board of directors of a school district. The surtax rate is determined by the department of management on the basis of the revenue to be raised by the surtax for the particular school district with the surtax.

The school district surtax is imposed on the income tax liabilities of all taxpayers residing in the school district on the last day of the taxpayers' tax years. For purposes of the school district surtax, income tax liability is the tax computed under Iowa Code section 422.5, less the nonrefundable credits against computed tax which are authorized in Iowa Code chapter 422, division II.

In a situation where an individual is residing in a school district with a surtax and the individual dies during the tax year, the individual will be considered to be subject to the surtax, since the individual was residing in the school district on the last day of the individual's tax year.

An individual serving in the Armed Forces of the United States who maintains permanent residence in an Iowa school district with a surtax is subject to the surtax regardless of whether the individual is physically residing in the school district on the last day of the tax year.

A person who is present in the school district on the last day of the tax year on a temporary basis due to annual leave or in transit between duty stations is not subject to the surtax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 257.21, 257.29, and 422.15.  
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**701—304.2(422D) Emergency medical services income surtax.** Effective July 1, 1992, a county board of supervisors may offer for voter approval a local option income surtax, an ad valorem property tax, or a combination of the two taxes to generate revenues for emergency medical services. However, this rule pertains only to the local option income surtax for emergency medical services. If a majority of those voting in the election approve the emergency medical services income surtax, the income surtax will be imposed for tax years beginning on or after January 1 of the fiscal year in which the election is held. Thus, if an election is held in the 2007-2008 fiscal year (July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008) and the income surtax is approved in the election, the income surtax will be imposed on 2008 returns for individuals filing on a calendar-year basis. In the case of individuals filing on a fiscal-year basis, the income surtax will be imposed on returns for tax years beginning in the 2008 fiscal year. If an emergency medical services income surtax is imposed for a county, it can be imposed only for a maximum period of five years. When the emergency medical income surtax is repealed because the five-year imposition has expired, the income surtax is repealed as of December 31 for tax years beginning on or after that date.

**304.2(1)** *The rate of the income surtax imposed for emergency medical services.* After the income surtax is approved by an election of county voters, the board of supervisors will set the rate of tax to be imposed, which can be expressed in tenths of 1 percent or hundredths of 1 percent but cannot exceed 1 percent. In addition, because the cumulative total of the percents of income surtax imposed on any taxpayer in the county cannot exceed 20 percent, the rate of an emergency medical services income surtax may be limited, if a school district income surtax has been approved previously by a school district in the county and the surtax rate exceeds 19 percent. Therefore, assuming that a school district in the county had previously approved an income surtax rate of 19.4 percent, the medical emergency income surtax rate would be limited to six-tenths of 1 percent. If a school district income surtax and emergency medical income surtax are approved on or about the same date and the cumulative total of the income surtaxes is greater than 20 percent, the income surtax approved on the earlier of the two dates will be allowed at the rate approved and the second income surtax approved will be limited accordingly so that the cumulative rate will not exceed 20 percent. If a school district income surtax and an emergency medical income surtax are approved on the same date with a proposed cumulative rate that exceeds 20 percent, each of the surtaxes will be reduced equally so that the cumulative surtax rate will not exceed 20

percent. Assuming that a school district in a particular county approves an income surtax of 20 percent on November 4, 2008, and an emergency medical income surtax of 1 percent is approved on the same date, both surtaxes will be reduced by five-tenths of 1 percent so that the cumulative rate of the two income surtaxes does not exceed 20 percent. The department of management can provide information about any income surtaxes that have been approved for the school districts in the county.

**304.2(2) *Imposing the emergency medical income surtax.*** The emergency medical income surtax will be imposed on the state income tax liability on each individual residing in the county at the end of the individual's tax year, whether the individual's tax year ends at the end of the calendar year or fiscal year. For purposes of the emergency medical income surtax, an individual's income tax liability is the aggregate of the state income taxes determined in Iowa Code section 422.5 less the nonrefundable credits against computed income tax which are authorized in Iowa Code chapter 422, division II.

**304.2(3) *Administering the emergency medical income surtax.*** The director of revenue shall administer the emergency medical income surtax in the same way as other state individual tax laws are administered. All powers and requirements related to administering the state income tax law apply to the administration of the emergency medical income surtax including, but not limited to, the provisions of Iowa Code sections 422.4, 422.20 to 422.31, 422.68, 422.70, and 422.72 to 422.75. The county board of supervisors and county officials shall confer with the director for assistance in drafting the ordinance imposing the emergency medical income surtax. Certified copies of the ordinance shall be filed with the department of revenue and the department of management within 30 days after the emergency medical income surtax is approved.

**304.2(4) *Accounting for the emergency medical income surtax and paying the surtax.*** The department shall account for the emergency medical income surtax and any interest and penalties on the surtax so that there is a separate accounting for each county where the income surtax is imposed. The accounting shall be applicable to those individual income tax returns filed on or before November 1 of the calendar year following the tax year for which the tax is imposed. The emergency medical income surtax and any penalties and interest should be credited to a "local income surtax fund" established in the office of the state treasurer. On or before December 15 of the year after the tax year, the director of revenue shall certify to the state treasurer the income surtax and any interest and penalties collected from returns filed on or before November 1.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 422D.  
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#### **701—304.3(422) Exemption credits.**

**304.3(1)** A single person shall deduct from the computed tax a personal exemption credit of \$40. A single person is defined in 701—subrule 301.4(1).

**304.3(2)** A married person living with husband or wife at the close of the taxable year, or living with husband or wife at the time of the death of that spouse during the taxable year, shall, if a joint return is filed, deduct from the computed tax a personal exemption of \$80. Where such spouse files a separate return, each spouse is entitled to deduct from the computed tax a personal exemption of \$40. The personal exemption may not be divided between the spouses in any other proportion.

**304.3(3)** A taxpayer shall deduct from computed tax an exemption of \$40 for each dependent. "Dependent" has the same meaning as provided by the Internal Revenue Code, and the same dependents shall be claimed for Iowa income tax purposes as the taxpayer is entitled to claim for federal income tax purposes. If each spouse furnished 50 percent of the support, the spouses must elect between them which spouse is to be entitled to claim the dependent. The dividing of dependent credits applies only to the number of dependents and not to the credit amount for a particular dependent.

**304.3(4)** A head of household as defined in 701—subrule 301.4(7) is allowed a personal exemption credit of \$80.

**304.3(5)** A taxpayer who is 65 years of age on or before the first day following the end of the tax year is allowed an additional personal exemption credit of \$20 in addition to any other credits allowed by this rule.

**304.3(6)** A taxpayer who is blind, as defined in Iowa Code section 422.12(1) “e,” is allowed a personal exemption credit of \$20 in addition to any other credits allowed by this rule.

**304.3(7)** A nonresident taxpayer or a part-year resident taxpayer will be allowed to deduct personal exemption credits as if the nonresident taxpayer or part-year taxpayer was a resident for the entire year.

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**701—304.4(422) Tuition and textbook credit for expenses incurred for dependents attending grades kindergarten through 12 in Iowa.** Taxpayers who pay tuition and textbook expenses of dependents who attend grades kindergarten through 12 in Iowa may receive a tax credit of 25 percent of up to \$2,000 (\$1,000 for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2021) of qualifying expenses for each dependent who receives private instruction, as defined in Iowa Code section 422.12(1) “c,” or attends an elementary or secondary school located in Iowa. A taxpayer whose dependent receives private instruction is only eligible for the tuition and textbook credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021.

For a taxpayer whose dependent attends an elementary or secondary school, in order for the taxpayer to qualify for the tuition and textbook credit, the elementary school or secondary school that the dependent is attending must meet the standards for accreditation of public and nonpublic schools in Iowa provided in Iowa Code section 256.11. In addition, the school the dependent is attending must not be operated for profit and must adhere to the provisions of the United States Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 216, which is known as the Iowa civil rights Act of 1965.

**304.4(1) Tuition.** For purposes of the tuition and textbook tax credit, “tuition” means any charge for the expense of personnel, buildings, equipment, and materials other than textbooks, and other expenses which relate to the teaching of only those subjects that are legally and commonly taught in public elementary or secondary schools in Iowa. “Tuition” includes charges by a qualified school for summer school classes or for instruction of a child who is physically unable to attend classes at the site of the elementary or secondary school. Expenses paid by a taxpayer, including a taxpayer whose dependent receives private instruction, for equipment and materials other than textbooks must be for equipment and materials required for attendance in Iowa in order to be eligible for the tuition and textbook tax credit. The following are examples of equipment and materials that may qualify for the credit provided they are required for attendance in school or for providing private instruction:

- a. Pocket folders and binders.
- b. Spiral notebooks and loose-leaf paper.
- c. Writing utensils, including pens, pencils, highlighters, colored pencils, crayons, and markers.
- d. Backpacks.
- e. Rulers.
- f. Calculators.
- g. Scissors.
- h. Computers, including rental fees paid to a school for the use of a computer.

“Tuition” does not include charges or fees which relate to the teaching of religious tenets, doctrines, or worship in cases where the purpose of the teaching is to inculcate the religious tenets, doctrines, or worship. In addition, “tuition” does not include amounts paid to an individual or other entity for instruction that is supplementary to elementary or secondary school instruction or private instruction. Amounts paid to an elementary or secondary school or to a person providing private instruction for meals, lodging, or clothing for a dependent do not qualify for the tax credit for tuition. “Tuition” also does not include expenses for Internet services or Internet upgrades to facilitate remote learning.

**304.4(2) Textbooks.** For purposes of the tuition and textbook tax credit, “textbooks” means books and other instructional materials used to teach only those subjects legally and commonly taught in public elementary and secondary schools in Iowa. “Textbooks” includes fees or charges for required supplies or materials for classes in art, home economics, shop, or similar courses. “Textbooks” also includes books and materials used for extracurricular activities, such as sporting events, musical events, dramatic events, speech activities, driver’s education, or programs of a similar nature.

“Textbooks” does not include amounts paid for books or other instructional materials used in the teaching of religious tenets, doctrines, or worship, in cases where the purpose of the teaching is to inculcate the religious tenets, doctrine, or worship. For tax years beginning before January 1, 2021, “textbooks” does not include amounts paid for books or other instructional materials used in teaching a dependent subjects in the home or outside of an elementary or secondary school. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, “textbooks” does include amounts paid for books or other instructional materials used in teaching a dependent subjects in the home or outside of an elementary or secondary school if that dependent is receiving private instruction.

**304.4(3) Extracurricular activities.** For purposes of the tuition and textbook tax credit, amounts paid for dependents to participate in or to attend extracurricular activities may be claimed as part of the tuition and textbook tax credit. “Extracurricular activities” includes sporting events, musical events, dramatic events, speech activities, driver’s education, and programs of a similar nature.

*a.* The following are specific examples of expenditures related to a dependent’s participation in or attendance at extracurricular activities offered by a qualifying school or offered in the course of private instruction that may qualify for the tuition and textbook tax credit:

- (1) Fees for participation in sports activities.
- (2) Fees for field trips.
- (3) Rental fees for instruments for bands or orchestras but not rental fees in rent-to-own contracts.
- (4) Driver’s education fees.
- (5) Cost of activity tickets or admission tickets to sporting, music, and dramatic events.
- (6) Fees for events such as homecoming, winter formal, prom, or similar events.
- (7) Rental of costumes for plays.
- (8) Purchase of costumes for plays if the costumes are not suitable for street wear.
- (9) Purchase of track shoes, football shoes, or other athletic shoes with cleats, spikes, or other features that are not suitable for street wear.
- (10) Costs of tickets or other admission fees to attend banquets or buffets for academic or athletic awards.
- (11) Trumpet grease, woodwind reeds, guitar picks, violin strings, and similar types of items for maintenance of instruments used in bands or orchestras.
- (12) Band booster club or athletic booster club dues, but only if dues are for the dependent and not the parent or adult.
- (13) Rental of a formal gown or a tuxedo for a dance or similar event.
- (14) Dues paid to clubs or organizations such as chess club, photography club, debate club, or similar organizations.
- (15) Amounts paid for music that will be used in music programs, including vocal music programs.
- (16) Fees paid for required general materials for shop class, agriculture class, home economics class, or auto repair class and general fees for equivalent classes.
- (17) Fees for a dependent’s bus trips to attend school or private instruction if paid to the school or the provider of private instruction.
- (18) Costs of band or athletic uniforms.
- (19) Costs of instrument lessons.

*b.* The following are specific examples of expenditures related to a dependent’s participation in or attendance at extracurricular activities offered by a school or offered in the course of private instruction that will not qualify for the tuition and textbook credit.

- (1) Purchase of a musical instrument used in a band or orchestra.
- (2) Purchase of basketball shoes or other athletic shoes that are readily adaptable to street wear.
- (3) Amounts paid for special testing such as SAT or PSAT, and for Iowa talent search tests.
- (4) Payments for senior trips, band trips, and other overnight activity trips which involve payment for meals and lodging.
- (5) Fees paid to K-12 schools or to a private instructor for courses for college credit.
- (6) Amounts paid for T-shirts, sweatshirts, and similar clothing that is appropriate for street wear.
- (7) Amounts paid for special programs at universities and colleges.

(8) Amounts paid for a yearbook, annual, or class ring.

(9) Fees for special materials paid for shop class, agriculture class, auto repair class, home economics class, and similar classes. For purposes of this paragraph, “special materials” means materials used for personal projects of the dependents, such as materials to make furniture for personal use, automobile parts for family automobiles, and other materials for projects for personal or family benefit.

(10) Purchase of a formal gown or a tuxedo for a dance or similar event.

(11) Amounts paid for sports-related social events.

**304.4(4) *Claiming the credit.*** The credit can only be claimed by the spouse who claims the dependent credit on the Iowa tax return as described in subrule 304.3(3). For example, for divorced or separated parents, only the spouse who claims the dependent credit on the Iowa return can claim the tuition and textbook credit for tuition and textbook expenses for that dependent.

In cases where married taxpayers file separately on a combined return form, the tuition and textbook credit shall be allocated between the spouses in the ratio in which the dependent credit was claimed between the spouses.

EXAMPLE: A married couple has two dependent children and claimed a tuition and textbook credit of \$500 related to both children on their 2011 Iowa return. The taxpayers filed separately on a combined Iowa return form for 2011. One spouse claimed both of the dependent credits on the Iowa return. The \$500 tuition and textbook credit will be claimed by the spouse who claimed the dependent credits on the Iowa return.

EXAMPLE: A married couple has three dependent children and claimed a tuition and textbook credit of \$600 related to all three children on their 2011 Iowa return. The taxpayers filed separately on a combined Iowa return form for 2011. One spouse claimed one dependent credit, and the other spouse claimed two dependent credits on the Iowa return. The spouse who claimed one dependent credit will claim \$200 of the tuition and textbook credit, while the spouse who claimed two dependent credits will claim \$400 of the tuition and textbook credit.

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**701—304.5(422) Nonresident and part-year resident credit.** An individual who is a nonresident of Iowa for the entire tax year, or an individual who is an Iowa resident for a portion of the tax year, is allowed a credit against the individual’s Iowa income tax liability for the Iowa income tax on the portion of the individual’s income which was earned outside Iowa while the person was a nonresident of Iowa. This credit is computed on Schedule IA 126. The following subrules explain how the credit is computed for taxpayers who are nonresidents of Iowa and taxpayers who are part-year residents of Iowa.

**304.5(1) *Credit calculation for nonresidents of Iowa.***

*a.* Prior to the calculation of the nonresident credit, a nonresident of Iowa shall compute taxable income in the same manner as a full-year Iowa resident. Thus, a nonresident would have the same initial Iowa income tax liability as a full-year Iowa resident taxpayer with the same taxable income before the nonresident credit is computed.

*b.* The nonresident credit is computed by dividing the taxpayer’s Iowa source net income by the taxpayer’s total net income. See 701—Chapter 302 to determine a nonresident’s Iowa source net income and total net income. This Iowa income percentage is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent (e.g., 1.2 percent) for tax years beginning before January 1, 2022, and to the nearest ten-thousandth of a percent (e.g., 1.2345 percent) for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022. The Iowa income percentage is then subtracted from 100 percent to arrive at the nonresident credit percentage, which represents the percentage of the individual’s total income which was earned outside Iowa. The nonresident credit percentage is multiplied by the net Iowa tax to compute the nonresident credit. For purposes of this subrule, “net Iowa tax” means the Iowa regular income tax after reduction for the nonrefundable credits provided in Iowa Code section 422.12.

EXAMPLE 1: A single resident of Nebraska had Iowa source net income of \$15,000 in 2022 from wages earned from employment in Iowa. The rest of this person's income was attributable to sources outside Iowa. This nonresident of Iowa had a total net income of \$40,000 and a taxable income of \$30,000 due to allowable deductions. The Iowa income percentage is computed by dividing the Iowa source net income of \$15,000 by the taxpayer's total net income of \$40,000, which results in a percentage of 37.5000. This percentage is subtracted from 100 percent, which leaves a nonresident credit percentage of 62.5000.

The Iowa tax before reduction for the nonrefundable credits under Iowa Code section 422.12 is \$1,508. The individual is allowed an exemption credit under Iowa Code section 422.12 of \$40, which leaves a tax amount of \$1,468 (\$1,508 - \$40). When \$1,468 is multiplied by the nonresident credit percentage of 62.5000, a nonresident credit of \$918 is computed.

EXAMPLE 2: A California resident, who was married, had \$20,000 of Iowa source net income in 2022 from an Iowa farm. This individual had an additional \$80,000 in net income that was attributable to sources outside Iowa, but the individual's spouse had no income. The taxpayers had a total net income of \$100,000 and a taxable income of \$70,000 due to allowable deductions.

The taxpayers had an Iowa income tax liability of \$4,583 after application of the personal exemption credits of \$80 under Iowa Code section 422.12. The taxpayers had an Iowa source net income of \$20,000 and a total net income of \$100,000. Therefore, the Iowa income percentage was 20.0000. Subtracting the Iowa income percentage of 20 percent from 100 percent leaves a nonresident credit percentage of 80.0000.

When the Iowa income tax liability of \$4,583 is multiplied by 80 percent, this results in a nonresident credit of \$3,666.

**304.5(2)** *Credit calculation for part-year residents of Iowa.*

a. Prior to the calculation of the part-year resident credit, an individual who is a resident of Iowa for part of the tax year shall compute taxable income in the same manner as a full-year Iowa resident. Therefore, a part-year resident would have the same initial Iowa income tax liability as a full-year Iowa resident with the same taxable income before computation of the part-year resident credit.

b. The part-year resident credit for a part-year resident is computed by adding all the individual's net income received while the taxpayer was a resident of Iowa and all the Iowa source net income received during the period of the tax year when the individual was a nonresident of Iowa, and dividing that sum by the taxpayer's total net income. See 701—Chapter 302 to determine a part-year resident's Iowa source net income and total net income. This Iowa income percentage is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent (e.g., 1.2 percent) for tax years beginning before January 1, 2022, and to the nearest ten-thousandth of a percent (e.g., 1.2345 percent) for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022. The Iowa income percentage is then subtracted from 100 percent to arrive at the part-year resident credit percentage, which represents the percentage of the individual's total income which was earned outside of Iowa while a nonresident. The part-year resident credit percentage is multiplied by the net Iowa tax to compute the part-year resident credit. For purposes of this subrule, "net Iowa tax" means the Iowa regular income tax after reduction for the nonrefundable credits provided in Iowa Code section 422.12.

EXAMPLE 3: A single individual was a resident of Nebraska for the first half of 2022 and moved to Iowa on July 1, 2022, to accept a job in Des Moines. This individual earned \$20,000 from wages, \$200 from interest, and \$4,000 from a ranch in Nebraska from January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022. In the second half of 2022, this person had wages of \$30,000, interest income of \$300, and \$4,000 from the Nebraska ranch. This part-year resident had \$14,000 of allowable deductions.

The part-year resident's total net income was \$58,500 and the Iowa source net income was \$34,300, which includes the Iowa wages, the Nebraska ranch income of \$4,000 earned during the individual's period of Iowa residence, as well as the interest income of \$300 earned during that time of the tax year. The Iowa taxable income for the part-year resident for 2022 was \$44,500 due to allowable deductions of \$14,000 (\$58,500 - \$14,000). The individual's Iowa income percentage was 58.6325, which was determined by dividing the Iowa source income of \$34,300 by the total income of \$58,500. Subtracting the Iowa income percentage of 58.6325 from 100 percent results in a part-year resident credit percentage



of 41.3675. The Iowa tax on total income was \$2,529, which was reduced to \$2,489 after subtraction of the personal exemption credit of \$40 under Iowa Code section 422.12.

When \$2,489 is multiplied by the part-year resident percentage of 41.3675, a part-year resident credit of \$1,030 is computed for this part-year resident.

EXAMPLE 4: A single individual moved from Minnesota to Iowa on July 1, 2022. This person earned \$5,000 in income from an Iowa farm in the first half of the tax year and another \$10,000 from this farm in the second half of the tax year. This person had \$10,000 in wages from employment in Minnesota in the first half of the year and another \$15,000 in wages from employment in Iowa in the second half of the tax year. This person had \$2,000 in interest from a bank in the first half of the year and \$2,000 in interest from a bank in the second half of the tax year.

The part-year resident's total net income was \$44,000 and the Iowa source net income was \$32,000, which consisted of \$15,000 in wages, \$2,000 in interest income, and \$15,000 in income from the Iowa farm. Since the farm was in Iowa, all farm income, including the income received while the individual was not a resident of Iowa, was taxable to Iowa. The individual's Iowa taxable income was \$34,250, which was computed after subtracting \$9,750 in allowable deductions (\$44,000 - \$9,750). The taxpayer's Iowa income tax liability was \$1,757 after subtraction of a personal exemption credit of \$40 under Iowa Code section 422.12.

The taxpayer's Iowa income percentage was 72.7273, which was computed by dividing the Iowa source net income of \$32,000 by the total net income of \$44,000. The part-year resident credit percentage was 27.2727, which was arrived at by subtracting the Iowa income percentage of 72.7273 from 100 percent. The taxpayer's part-year resident credit is \$479. This was determined by multiplying the Iowa income tax liability after personal exemption credit amount of \$1,757 by the part-year resident percentage of 27.2727.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.5.

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## **701—304.6(422) Out-of-state tax credits.**

**304.6(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

“*Foreign country*” means any country, other than the United States, and any political subdivision of that country.

“*Income tax*” means any direct tax imposed upon a taxpayer and measured by the taxpayer's income for a specified period of time. The out-of-state jurisdiction's characterization of the tax is not controlling in the department's determination of whether a tax is an income tax. Fees, penalty, and interest paid in connection with an income tax do not qualify. For purposes of this rule, the term “income tax” does not include a minimum tax imposed on preference items.

“*Pass-through entity*” means an entity taxed as a partnership for federal tax purposes, an S corporation, an estate, or a trust other than grantor trusts.

“*Regulated investment company*” means any domestic corporation that meets the requirements of Section 851 of the Internal Revenue Code and that has made a valid election under Section 853 of the Internal Revenue Code to have its shareholders' pro rata share of entity-level income tax paid by the electing corporation be deemed to have been paid by its shareholders. The term “regulated investment company” includes, but is not limited to, a mutual fund.

“*State*” means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, and any political subdivision thereof.

“*Tiered owner*” means an owner or beneficiary of a pass-through entity that is itself a pass-through entity.

**304.6(2) General application.**

a. *Residents.* Iowa residents, including part-year residents, are allowed an out-of-state tax credit against the resident's Iowa income tax liability for income taxes owed and paid by the resident to another state or foreign country on income for which all of the following are true:

(1) The income was derived from sources within the other state or foreign country. In determining whether income is derived from sources within that other state or foreign country, Iowa statutes and rules on the sourcing of a nonresident's income shall govern.

(2) The income is subject to Iowa income tax. Income tax imposed by another state or foreign country on income that is not subject to Iowa income tax does not qualify for the credit.

(3) The income was earned while the taxpayer was an Iowa resident and is included on the resident's Iowa income tax return. The credit is allowable only if the taxpayer files an Iowa income tax return as a resident or part-year resident.

*b. Nonresidents.* Nonresidents of Iowa shall not claim the out-of-state tax credit.

**304.6(3) Rule for pass-through entities.**

*a. Direct owners.*

(1) If the Iowa resident is a direct partner, shareholder, or beneficiary of a pass-through entity that owed and paid entity-level income tax, or income tax on a composite return basis, to another state or foreign country on income derived from sources in that state or foreign country, the resident is allowed to treat the resident's pro rata share of that income tax as paid by the resident for purposes of the out-of-state tax credit, provided the resident's pro rata share of that income flows through to the resident and meets the requirements of paragraph 304.6(2) "a."

(2) The entity-level income tax or composite income tax paid to the other state or foreign country is the net state or foreign income tax actually owed and paid for the tax year on income taxed by that state or foreign country, as properly computed on the pass-through entity's income tax return or composite return (not a withholding return) in the other state or foreign country after reduction for all nonrefundable credits provided to the pass-through entity. Paragraph 304.6(6) "b" provides an additional limitation if the Iowa resident receives a refundable credit in the other state or foreign country for the Iowa resident's share of the income tax owed and paid by the pass-through entity. The resident's pro rata share of entity-level income tax or composite income tax paid by the pass-through entity shall be in the same proportion as the resident's pro rata share of income derived from sources in that state or foreign country, as properly reported on the entity's return in the other state or foreign country.

(3) To qualify, the pass-through entity must provide to the resident a statement identifying the jurisdiction and the resident's pro rata share of the income, income tax liability, and income tax paid in that jurisdiction.

EXAMPLE 1: Partnership W earns \$2,000 of income in state A, which imposes an entity-level income tax directly on the partnership. Partnership W pays \$100 of income tax to state A. Partnership W is owned 50 percent by Partnership X and 50 percent by individual Y, a resident of Iowa. Individual Y receives a statement from Partnership W showing that Partnership W earned \$2,000 of income and paid \$100 of entity-level income tax to state A and that individual Y's pro rata share of that income and entity-level income tax is \$1,000 and \$50, respectively. If that \$1,000 of income from Partnership W is subject to Iowa income tax and included on individual Y's Iowa income tax return as earned while an Iowa resident, individual Y will be entitled to treat the \$50 of income tax paid by Partnership W to state A as paid by individual Y in the computation of Y's out-of-state tax credit.

*b. Indirect owners.*

(1) If the Iowa resident is an indirect partner, shareholder, or beneficiary of a pass-through entity that paid entity-level income tax, or income tax on a composite return basis, to another state or foreign country on income derived from sources in that state or foreign country, the resident is allowed to treat the resident's pro rata share of that income tax as paid by the resident for purposes of the out-of-state tax credit if both of the following requirements are satisfied:

1. The tiered owner reduces the amount of the paying pass-through entity's income tax that the tiered owner reports to its partners, shareholders, or beneficiaries by the amount of any credit available from that other state or foreign country to the tiered owner for the tax liability of the paying pass-through entity.

2. The resident's pro rata share of that income flows through one or more tiered owners to the resident and meets the requirements of paragraph 304.6(2) "a."

(2) The entity-level income tax or composite income tax paid to the other state or foreign country is the net state or foreign income tax actually owed and paid for the tax year on income taxed by that state or foreign country, as properly computed on the pass-through entity's income tax return or composite tax return (not a withholding return) in the other state or foreign country, after reduction for all nonrefundable credits provided to the pass-through entity, and after further reduction by a tiered owner for any credits provided by that other state or foreign country to the tiered owner for the tax liability of the paying pass-through entity. Paragraph 304.6(6) "b" provides an additional limitation if the Iowa resident receives a refundable credit in the other state or foreign country for the Iowa resident's share of the income tax owed and paid by a pass-through entity. The resident's pro rata share of entity-level income tax or composite income tax paid by the pass-through entity shall be in the same proportion as the resident's pro rata share of income derived from sources in that state or foreign country, as properly reported on the entity's return in the other state or foreign country, after flowing through one or more tiered pass-through entities to the resident.

(3) To qualify, the paying pass-through entity must provide to the tiered owner a statement identifying the jurisdiction and the tiered owner's pro rata share of the income, income tax liability, and income tax paid in that jurisdiction. The tiered owner, in turn, must provide the indirect partner, shareholder, or beneficiary with a statement that includes all of the following information:

1. The jurisdiction to which income tax was paid; the paying pass-through entity and any other tiered owner through which the income flowed; and the indirect partner's, shareholder's, or beneficiary's pro rata share of the paying pass-through entity's income.

2. The indirect partner's, shareholder's, or beneficiary's pro rata share of the paying pass-through entity's income tax liability and income tax paid to the other jurisdiction after reduction for any credit available to the tiered owner for the tax liability of the paying pass-through entity. If no such credit was provided to the tiered owner, the statement must include a declaration from the tiered owner to that effect.

EXAMPLE 2: Assume the same facts as Example 1. Partnership X (a tiered owner) receives a statement from Partnership W which shows that W earned \$2,000 of income in state A and paid \$100 of entity-level income tax to state A and that Partnership X's pro rata share of that income and entity-level income tax is \$1,000 and \$50, respectively. Partnership X is not eligible for a credit in state A for its share of the entity-level income tax paid by Partnership W. Partnership X is owned 50 percent by individual Z, a resident of Iowa. Individual Z then receives a statement from Partnership X indicating that Partnership X was not eligible for a credit for the tax paid by Partnership W, that Z's pro rata share of Partnership W's income taxed by state A is \$500, and that Z's pro rata share of Partnership W's income tax imposed by and paid to state A is \$25. If that \$500 of income from Partnership W flows through Partnership X to individual Z, is subject to Iowa income tax, and is included on Z's Iowa income tax return as earned while an Iowa resident, Z will be entitled to treat the \$25 of income tax paid by Partnership W to state A as paid by Z in the computation of Z's out-of-state tax credit.

EXAMPLE 3: Assume the same facts as Example 2, except that Partnership X (a tiered owner) is eligible for a \$50 credit in state A for its share of the entity-level income tax paid by Partnership W to state A. Partnership X must reduce its share of Partnership W's entity-level income tax (\$50) that it can report to its partners by the amount of the credit provided by state A for that tax (\$50). Therefore, Partnership X cannot pass Partnership W's entity-level income tax through to individual Z, and Z cannot treat a pro rata share of Partnership W's entity-level income tax as paid by Z. However, if Partnership X is itself subject to and pays an entity-level income tax in state A, it may be allowed to pass through, and individual Z may be allowed to treat as paid by Z a pro rata share of the entity-level income tax paid by Partnership X in state A in the same manner as described in paragraph 304.6(3) "a."

**304.6(4) Rule for regulated investment companies.** If the Iowa resident is a shareholder of a regulated investment company making an election under Section 853 of the Internal Revenue Code, the resident shareholder is allowed an out-of-state tax credit for the resident shareholder's pro rata share of entity-level income tax paid to a foreign country or possession of the United States by the regulated investment company and treated as paid by the resident shareholder under Section 853 of the Internal Revenue Code if the income taxed by the foreign country or possession of the United States is also subject to tax in Iowa and is included on the resident shareholder's Iowa income tax return as earned

while an Iowa resident. To qualify, the regulated investment company must provide to the resident shareholder a statement identifying the jurisdiction and the resident shareholder's pro rata share of the income, income tax liability, and income tax paid in that jurisdiction.

EXAMPLE 4: Individual D is a resident of Iowa and a shareholder of a mutual fund that paid income tax to foreign jurisdictions and that made an election under Section 853 of the Internal Revenue Code. On the annual, year-end tax statement, the mutual fund reported \$2,000 of income to individual D and \$10 of foreign tax paid with respect to D's income. If that \$2,000 of income from the mutual fund is subject to Iowa income tax and included on individual D's Iowa income tax return as earned while an Iowa resident, D will be entitled to treat the \$10 of income tax paid by the mutual fund to the foreign jurisdictions as paid by D in the computation of D's out-of-state tax credit.

**304.6(5) Computing the out-of-state tax credit—preliminary calculation.**

*a. Required form.* The tax credit must be computed on the IA 130, Iowa Out-of-State Tax Credit Schedule. Married taxpayers filing separate Iowa returns, or filing separately on a combined Iowa return, must complete a separate IA 130 for each spouse.

*b. Computed separately by jurisdiction.* The tax credit must be computed separately for each out-of-state jurisdiction. A separate IA 130 is required for each out-of-state jurisdiction. However, separate computations and separate IA 130s are not required for foreign income taxes paid by a regulated investment company.

*c. Computed separately by income tax type.* The tax credit must be computed separately for regular income tax and special lump-sum distribution tax. If the taxpayer was assessed a special tax on a lump-sum distribution by another state or foreign country, compute the tax credit separately under these rules using only the lump-sum distribution and lump-sum distribution tax imposed in Iowa and imposed in the other state or foreign country. A lump-sum distribution taxed by another state or foreign country shall not be included as part of gross income. A minimum tax or income tax imposed on preference items derived from sources in another state or foreign country are not eligible for the out-of-state tax credit under this rule. For rules on the out-of-state tax credit with respect to minimum tax paid, see rule 701—304.7(422).

*d. Full-year Iowa residents.* For a taxpayer who is an Iowa resident for the entire tax year, the income tax paid to the other state or foreign country is the sum of the following amounts:

(1) Income tax treated as paid by the resident under subrules 304.6(3) and 304.6(4). The income tax shall be treated as paid by the resident for the tax year that the out-of-state pass-through income is considered taxable Iowa income to the resident.

(2) The net state or foreign income tax actually owed and paid by the resident for the tax year on income qualifying under paragraph 304.6(2) "a," as properly computed on the resident's income tax return in the other state or foreign country, less all nonrefundable credits provided to the resident, and less any refundable credits provided to the resident for entity-level income taxes or composite income taxes paid by a pass-through entity. See Example 5 below.

*e. Part-year Iowa residents.* A taxpayer who is a part-year resident of Iowa may only claim the out-of-state tax credit against the taxpayer's Iowa income tax liability for income tax paid to another state or foreign country on income qualifying under paragraph 304.6(2) "a" that is earned during the period of the tax year that the taxpayer was an Iowa resident. The income tax paid to the other state or foreign country is the sum of the following amounts:

(1) Income tax treated as paid by the resident under subrules 304.6(3) and 304.6(4) on income earned during the period of the tax year that the taxpayer was an Iowa resident. The income tax shall be treated as paid by the resident for the tax year that the out-of-state pass-through income is considered taxable Iowa income.

(2) The net state or foreign income tax actually owed and paid by the taxpayer for the tax year on income qualifying under paragraph 304.6(2) "a" that was earned during the period of the tax year that the taxpayer was an Iowa resident, as properly computed on the resident's income tax return in the other state or foreign country, less all nonrefundable credits provided to the resident, and less any refundable credits

provided to the resident for entity-level income taxes or composite income taxes paid by a pass-through entity. See Example 6 below.

**304.6(6) Computing the out-of-state tax credit—additional limitations and considerations.**

*a. Maximum credit.* The out-of-state tax credit cannot exceed the amount of Iowa income tax that would have been imposed on the same income which was taxed by the other state or foreign country. The maximum out-of-state tax credit must be computed according to the formula in this paragraph. If gross income is subject to tax in a jurisdiction at more than one level (i.e., at the pass-through entity level and at the individual level), it shall only be counted once for purposes of computing the maximum credit.

(1) Full-year Iowa residents. Gross income qualifying under paragraph 304.6(2)“a” and taxed by the other state or foreign country shall be divided by the total gross income of the Iowa resident taxpayer. This quotient, multiplied by the net Iowa tax as determined on the total gross income of the taxpayer as if entirely earned in Iowa, shall be the maximum tax credit. For tax years beginning before January 1, 2022, this quotient shall be computed as a percentage rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent (e.g., 1.2 percent). For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, this quotient shall be computed as a percentage rounded to the nearest ten-thousandth of a percent (e.g., 1.2345 percent). For purposes of this subparagraph, “net Iowa tax” means the Iowa regular income tax after reduction for the nonrefundable credits provided in Iowa Code section 422.12.

EXAMPLE 5: Taxpayer A was an Iowa resident for the entire tax year but commuted across the border and worked in state Z. Taxpayer A had wages of \$30,000 in state Z. Taxpayer A filed an income tax return in state Z reporting the \$30,000 of wages and had state Z income tax liability of \$500, which is A’s preliminary out-of-state credit under subrule 304.6(5). Taxpayer A also had income of \$10,000 from rental of an Iowa farm and another \$10,000 in interest income from a personal savings account. Taxpayer A’s total gross income for the tax year was \$50,000. Thus, 60 percent ( $\$30,000 \div \$50,000$ ) of Taxpayer A’s income was earned in state Z. Taxpayer A’s net Iowa tax on total gross income was \$817, which results in a maximum out-of-state credit of \$490 ( $\$817 \times .60$ ). Therefore, the out-of-state tax credit allowed is \$490, because the maximum credit of \$490 was less than the preliminary credit of \$500.

(2) Part-year Iowa residents. Gross income qualifying under paragraph 304.6(2)“a” that was earned during the period of the tax year that the taxpayer was an Iowa resident and taxed by the other state or foreign country shall be divided by the total gross income of the Iowa taxpayer earned while an Iowa resident or otherwise sourced to Iowa. This quotient, multiplied by the net Iowa tax as determined on the total gross income of the taxpayer as if entirely earned in Iowa, shall be the maximum tax credit. For tax years beginning before January 1, 2022, this quotient shall be computed as a percentage rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent (e.g., 1.2 percent). For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, this quotient shall be computed as a percentage rounded to the nearest ten-thousandth of a percent (e.g., 1.2345 percent). For purposes of this subparagraph, “net Iowa tax” means the Iowa regular income tax after reduction for the nonrefundable credits provided in Iowa Code section 422.12 and after reduction for the nonresident and part-year resident credit in rule 701—304.5(422).

EXAMPLE 6: Taxpayer B was a part-year Iowa resident for the tax year. Taxpayer B resided in state Z for the first six months of the year and moved to Iowa on July 1 but continued to commute across the border and work in state Z. Taxpayer B was employed in state Z for the entire year and had wages of \$30,000 in state Z. Taxpayer B filed an income tax return in state Z reporting the \$30,000 of wages and had state Z income tax liability of \$1,000. The amount of gross income taxed by state Z while taxpayer B was an Iowa resident was \$15,000 (50 percent of the \$30,000 of state Z wages). Since 50 percent of the income earned in state Z was earned while taxpayer B was a resident of Iowa, the preliminary out-of-state credit under subrule 304.6(5) was \$500 ( $\$1,000 \times .50$ ). Taxpayer B also had \$10,000 in farm rental income from farmland located in Iowa. Taxpayer B’s gross income earned while an Iowa resident and otherwise sourced to Iowa was \$25,000 ( $\$15,000$  of wages +  $\$10,000$  farm rental income). Thus, 60 percent of the gross income was earned in state Z while an Iowa resident ( $\$15,000 \div \$25,000$ ). Taxpayer B’s net Iowa tax on total gross income was \$1,094, which results in a maximum out-of-state credit of \$656 ( $\$1,094 \times .60$ ). Therefore, the out-of-state tax credit allowed is \$500, because the preliminary credit of \$500 was less than the maximum credit of \$656.

*b. Refund attributable to credit for entity-level income tax or composite income tax paid by a pass-through entity.* If the resident claims a refundable tax credit in another state or foreign country for entity-level income tax or composite income tax paid by a pass-through entity, that refundable credit reduces the resident's income tax liability in that state or foreign country as described in subparagraphs 304.6(5) "d"(2) and 304.6(5) "e"(2). However, any refund attributable to that refundable credit also reduces the amount of income tax treated as paid by the resident under subrules 304.6(3) and 304.6(4). In computing this credit reduction, the refundable credit for entity-level income tax or composite income tax paid by a pass-through entity shall be applied on the other state's or foreign country's income tax return after all nonrefundable credits, but before any other refundable credit. The credit reduction is required whether the resident receives the refund or applies the amount to a different tax liability or tax period.

EXAMPLE 7: Individual B, a resident of Iowa and a 50 percent owner of Partnership P doing business in state Z, receives a statement from Partnership P in accordance with subparagraph 304.6(3) "a"(3) showing that P earned income in and paid entity-level income tax to state Z and individual B's pro rata share of that income and that entity-level income tax is \$5,000 and \$250, respectively. However, individual B also receives a \$250 refundable credit from state Z for B's share of the entity-level income tax paid by Partnership P. Individual B files an individual income tax return in state Z to report B's pro rata share of income from Partnership P and calculates a tentative income tax of \$200, before application of the refundable credit. Individual B applies the refundable tax credit against that tentative income tax and calculates an income tax liability of \$0 and a refund of \$50 from state Z. Therefore, individual B must reduce the \$250 of entity-level income tax treated as paid by B under subrule 304.6(3) to \$200 (\$250 - \$50). Individual B files an Iowa income tax return which includes the \$5,000 of income from Partnership P earned in state Z and calculates a preliminary out-of-state tax credit under subrule 304.6(5) of \$200.

*c. Taxpayers claiming the S corporation apportionment tax credit.* A taxpayer who is a shareholder of an S corporation and who has income that was apportioned outside of Iowa through a claim to the S corporation apportionment tax credit is not permitted to claim the out-of-state tax credit on the same S corporation income. Income tax paid by the resident or a pass-through entity with respect to the S corporation income shall not be included in the resident's preliminary credit calculation in paragraph 304.6(5) "d" or "e." Gross income from the S corporation shall not be included in the resident's maximum credit calculation in paragraph 304.6(6) "a."

*d. Married taxpayers using a different filing status in the other state or foreign country.* If married taxpayers use a separate filing status in the other state or foreign country, but file jointly for Iowa tax purposes, the taxpayers must combine both spouses' income and income tax paid in the other state or foreign country for purposes of computing the out-of-state tax credit. If married taxpayers file jointly in the other state or foreign country, but file separate Iowa returns, or separately on a combined Iowa return, the taxpayers must prorate the income tax paid in the other state or foreign country according to each spouse's respective gross income earned in that state or foreign country.

*e. Tax on income that does not flow through to resident.* Entity-level income tax or composite income tax paid by a pass-through entity on income that does not flow through to the Iowa resident and meet the requirements of paragraph 304.6(2) "a" does not qualify for the out-of-state tax credit. For example, a LIFO recapture tax installment paid by an S corporation in another state would not qualify because that tax is measured by the income of the entity in the last tax year it was a C corporation, when such income did not flow through to the shareholders. Also, income tax paid by a trust in another state on income not distributed to the beneficiaries would not qualify because that income did not flow through to the beneficiaries. These examples are not intended to be exhaustive.

*f. Recalculating credit following adjustments in the other jurisdiction.* If the taxpayer or the taxpayer's pass-through entity amends the amount of income or income tax liability reported and paid to the other state or foreign country, either through an amended return, audit, or otherwise, the taxpayer shall file an amended Iowa return and recalculate the allowable out-of-state tax credit. Any refund must be requested by the later of three years after the due date of the return, or one year after payment of the

tax, as prescribed in Iowa Code section 422.73(2)“a.” Iowa law does not provide additional time to request a refund following an audit by another state or foreign country.

*g. Nonrefundable and nontransferable.* The out-of-state tax credit cannot exceed the resident’s tax liability; thus, no amount is eligible to be carried forward to any future tax year. The credit may not be transferred to any other person.

**304.6(7) Claiming the out-of-state tax credit—supporting documentation.** To claim the out-of-state tax credit, the taxpayer claiming the credit must submit the following to the department with the return or upon request as indicated below:

*a. Out-of-state tax return.* A copy of the income tax return filed with the other state or foreign country must be submitted. The department may further request a copy of the return which has been certified by the tax authority of that state or foreign country and showing thereon that the income tax assessed has been paid to them.

*b. Iowa income tax return.* To claim the out-of-state tax credit, a taxpayer must file an Iowa income tax return for the tax year for which the credit is claimed. A taxpayer must file an Iowa income tax return to claim the out-of-state tax credit even if the taxpayer would not otherwise have an obligation to file an Iowa income tax return for the year for which the credit is claimed.

*c. Iowa out-of-state tax credit schedule.* An IA 130, Iowa Out-of-State Tax Credit Schedule, must be submitted for the tax year for which the credit is claimed.

*d. Pass-through entity statements.* A taxpayer who is claiming an out-of-state tax credit for entity-level income tax or composite income tax paid by a pass-through entity must submit a statement from the pass-through entity that meets the requirements of subrule 304.6(3). The pass-through entity’s actual income tax returns must be submitted to the department upon request. A taxpayer who is claiming an out-of-state tax credit for entity-level income tax paid by a regulated investment company must submit a statement from the regulated investment company that meets the requirements of subrule 304.6(4).

*e. Additional foreign income tax documentation.* A taxpayer who is claiming the out-of-state tax credit for income taxes paid to a foreign country must provide the department with a copy of federal Form 1116, Foreign Tax Credit, if that form was required to be submitted with the taxpayer’s federal income tax return. This submission requirement does not mean that all amounts on federal Form 1116 qualify for the Iowa out-of-state tax credit. Additionally, if the income tax was paid in foreign currency, the taxpayer shall include a detailed explanation of how the taxpayer figured the conversion rate. The conversion rate is the rate of exchange in effect on the day the taxpayer paid the foreign income tax.

*f. Proof of payment.* Upon request, the taxpayer must provide the department with a photocopy, or other similar reproduction, of either:

- (1) The receipt issued by the other state or foreign country for payment of the tax, or
- (2) The canceled check (both sides) with which the tax was paid to the other state or foreign country together with a statement of the amount and kind (e.g., wage or salary income, rental income, business income) of total income on which such tax was paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.8.

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### **701—304.7(422) Out-of-state tax credit for minimum tax.**

**304.7(1) General rule.** Iowa residents are allowed an out-of-state tax credit for minimum taxes or income taxes paid to another state or foreign country on preference items derived from sources outside of Iowa. Part-year residents who pay minimum tax to another state or foreign country on preference items derived from sources outside Iowa will be allowed an out-of-state tax credit only to the extent that the minimum tax paid to the other state or foreign country relates to preference items that occurred during the period the taxpayer was an Iowa resident. Taxpayers who were nonresidents of Iowa for the entire tax year are not eligible for an out-of-state tax credit on their Iowa returns for minimum taxes paid to another state or foreign country on preference items.

If the Iowa resident is a partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary of a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or trust which files a composite income tax return and pays minimum tax in

another state on behalf of the partners, shareholders, members or beneficiaries, the out-of-state tax credit will be allowed for the Iowa resident. The Iowa resident must provide a schedule of the resident's share of the minimum tax paid to another state on a composite basis, and the out-of-state tax credit is limited based upon the calculation set forth in subrule 304.7(2).

However, if the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or trust is directly subject to minimum tax in another state and the minimum tax is not directly imposed on the resident taxpayer, then the out-of-state tax credit is not allowed for the Iowa resident on the minimum tax directly imposed on the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or trust. For example, if another state does not recognize the S corporation election for state tax purposes and a corporation income tax is imposed directly on the S corporation which includes minimum tax, then the out-of-state tax credit is not allowed for the Iowa resident shareholder on the corporation income tax, including minimum tax, paid to the other state.

**304.7(2) Limitation of out-of-state tax credit for minimum tax.** The limitation on the out-of-state tax credit for minimum tax is that the credit shall not exceed the Iowa minimum tax that would have been computed on the same preference items which were taxed by the other state or foreign country. The limitation may be determined according to the following formula: The total of preference items earned outside of Iowa and taxed by another state or foreign country shall be divided by the total of preference items of the resident taxpayer. This quotient, multiplied by the state minimum tax on the total of preference items as if entirely earned in Iowa, shall be the maximum credit against the Iowa minimum tax. However, if the minimum tax imposed by the other state or foreign country is less than the minimum tax computed under the limitation formula, the out-of-state credit for minimum tax will not exceed the minimum tax imposed by the other state or foreign country.

No out-of-state credit will be allowed on the Iowa return for minimum tax paid to another state or foreign country to the extent that the minimum tax of the other state or foreign country is imposed on items of tax preference not subject to the Iowa minimum tax. In addition, no out-of-state credit will be allowed for minimum tax paid to another state or foreign country of capital gains or losses from distressed sales which are excluded from the Iowa minimum tax. Capital gains or losses from distressed sales are described in rule 701—302.27(422).

**304.7(3) Proof of claim for out-of-state tax credit for minimum tax.** The out-of-state credit for minimum tax may be claimed on the return of a taxpayer if proof of payment of minimum tax to the state or foreign country is included with the return. Documents needed for proof of payment are a photocopy of the minimum tax form of the state or country to which minimum tax was paid as well as instructions from the minimum tax form or other information which specifies how the minimum tax is imposed and what preference items are subject to the minimum tax of that state or foreign country.

In the case of audit by the department of a taxpayer claiming an out-of-state tax credit for minimum tax paid, the department may require additional proof of payment of the out-of-state tax credit. The department will accept any of the following documents as verification of payment of the minimum tax:

- a.* A photocopy, or other similar reproduction, of either:
  - (1) The receipt issued by the other state or foreign country for payment of the tax, including the minimum tax, or
  - (2) The canceled check (both sides) which was used for payment of the minimum tax to the other state or foreign country.
- b.* A copy of the return filed with the other state or foreign country which has been certified by the tax authority of that state or foreign country and which shows that the income tax, including the minimum tax, has been paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.8.

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**701—304.8(422) Withholding and estimated tax credits.** An employee from whose wages tax is withheld shall claim credit for the tax withheld on the employee's income tax return for the year during which the tax was withheld. Credit will be allowed only if a copy of the withholding statement is



attached to the return. Taxpayers who have made estimated income tax payments shall claim credit for the estimated tax paid for the taxable year.

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**701—304.9(422) Motor fuel credit.** An individual, partnership, limited liability company, or S corporation may elect to receive an income tax credit in lieu of the motor fuel tax refund provided by Iowa Code chapter 452A. An individual, partnership, limited liability company, or S corporation which holds a motor fuel tax refund permit under Iowa Code section 452A.18 when it makes this election must cancel the permit within 30 days after the first day of the tax year. However, if the refund permit is not canceled within this period, the permit becomes invalid at the time the election to receive an income tax credit is made. The election will continue for subsequent tax years unless a new motor fuel tax refund permit is obtained.

The motor fuel income tax credit must be the amount of Iowa motor fuel tax paid on qualifying fuel purchases as determined by Iowa Code chapter 452A and Iowa Code section 422.110 less any state sales tax as determined by 701—subrule 220.2(2). The credit must be claimed on the tax return covering the tax year in which the motor fuel tax was paid. If the motor fuel credit results in an overpayment of income tax, the overpayment may be refunded or may be credited to income tax due in the subsequent tax year.

The motor fuel tax credits for fuel taxes paid by partnerships, limited liability companies, and S corporations are not claimed on returns filed for the partnerships, limited liability companies, and S corporations. Instead, the pro rata shares of the motor fuel tax credits are allocated to the partners, members, and shareholders in the same ratio as incomes are allocated to the partners, members, and shareholders. A schedule must be attached to the individual's returns showing the distribution of gallons and the amount of credit claimed by each partner, member, or shareholder.

The partnership, limited liability company, or S corporation must attach to its return a schedule showing the allocation to each partner, member, or shareholder of the motor fuel purchased by the partnership, limited liability company, or S corporation which qualifies for the credit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.110 and 422.111.  
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**701—304.10(422) Alternative minimum tax credit for minimum tax paid in a prior tax year.** Minimum tax paid in prior tax years commencing with tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, by a taxpayer can be claimed as a tax credit against the taxpayer's regular income tax liability in a subsequent tax year. Therefore, 1988 is the first tax year that the minimum tax credit is available, and the credit is based on the minimum tax paid by the taxpayer for 1987. The minimum tax credit may only be used against regular income tax for a tax year to the extent that the regular tax is greater than the minimum tax for the tax year. If the minimum tax credit is not used against the regular tax for a tax year, the remaining credit is carried over to the following tax year to be applied against the regular income tax liability for that period. The minimum tax credit is computed on Form IA 8801.

**304.10(1) Examples of computation of the minimum tax credit and carryover of the credit.**

EXAMPLE 1. The taxpayers reported \$5,000 of minimum tax for 2007. For 2008, the taxpayers reported regular tax of \$8,000, and the minimum tax liability is \$6,000. The minimum tax credit is \$2,000 for 2008 because, although the taxpayers had an \$8,000 regular tax liability, the credit is allowed only to the extent that the regular tax exceeds the minimum tax. Since only \$2,000 of the carryover credit from 2007 was used, there is a \$3,000 minimum tax carryover credit to 2009.

EXAMPLE 2. The taxpayers reported \$2,500 of minimum tax for 2007. For 2008, the taxpayers reported regular tax of \$8,000, and the minimum tax liability is \$5,000. The minimum tax credit is \$2,500 for 2008 because, although the regular tax exceeded the minimum tax by \$3,000, the credit is allowed only to the extent of minimum tax paid for prior tax years. There is no minimum tax carryover credit to 2009.

**304.10(2) Minimum tax credit for nonresidents and part-year residents.** Nonresident and part-year resident taxpayers who paid Iowa minimum tax in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, are

eligible for the minimum tax credit to the extent that the minimum tax they paid was attributable to tax preferences and adjustments. Therefore, if a nonresident or part-year resident taxpayer had Iowa source tax preferences or adjustments, then all the minimum tax that was paid would qualify for the minimum tax credit.

The minimum tax credit for a tax year as computed above applies to the regular income tax liability less the nonresident part-year credit to the extent this regular tax amount exceeds the minimum tax for the tax year. To the extent the credit is not used, the credit can be carried over to the next tax year.

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**701—304.11(15,422) Research activities credit.** The taxes imposed on individual income shall be reduced by a state tax credit for increasing research activities in this state. For individual income tax, the requirements of the research activities credit are described in Iowa Code section 422.10. This rule explains terms not defined in the statute and procedures for claiming the credit.

**304.11(1) Definitions.**

“*Accountant*” means a person authorized under Iowa Code chapter 542 to engage in the practice of public accounting in Iowa as defined in Iowa Code section 542.3(23) or authorized to engage in such practice in another state under a similar law of another state.

“*Architect*” means a person licensed under Iowa Code chapter 544A or a similar law of another state.

“*Aviation and aerospace*” means the design, development or production of aircraft, rockets, missiles, spacecraft and other machinery and equipment that operate in aerospace.

“*Collection agency*” means a person primarily engaged in the business of collecting debt, including but not limited to consumer debt collection subject to the provisions of the federal Fair Debt Collections Practices Act in 15 U.S.C. §1692 et seq., the Iowa debt collection practices Act in Iowa Code sections 537.7101 through 537.7103, or other similar state law.

“*Finance or investment company*” means a person primarily engaged in finance or investment activities broadly consisting of the holding, depositing, or management of a customer’s money or assets for investment purposes, or the provision of loans or other similar financing or credit to customers. “Finance or investment company” includes but is not limited to a person organized or licensed under Iowa Code chapter 524, 533, or 533D or other similar state or federal law, or an investment company as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80a-3.

“*Life sciences*” means the sciences concerned with the study of living organisms, including agriscience, biology, botany, zoology, microbiology, physiology, biochemistry, and related subjects.

“*Manufacturing*” means the same as defined in 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2417, section 183.

“*Publisher*” means a person whose primary business is the publishing of books, periodicals, newspapers, music, or other works for sale in any format.

“*Real estate company*” means a person licensed under Iowa Code chapter 543B or otherwise primarily engaged in acts constituting dealing in real estate as described in Iowa Code section 543B.6.

“*Retailer*” means a person that primarily engages in sales of personal property as defined in 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2417, section 158, or services directly to an ultimate consumer. A business that primarily makes sales for resale is not a retailer.

“*Software engineering*” means the detailed study of the design, development, operation, and maintenance of software.

“*Transportation company*” means a person whose primary business is the transportation of persons or property from one place to another.

“*Wholesaler*” means a person that primarily engages in buying large quantities of goods and reselling them in smaller quantities to retailers or other merchants who in turn sell those goods to the ultimate consumer.

**304.11(2) Requirement that the business claim and be allowed the federal credit.** To claim this credit, a taxpayer’s business must claim and be allowed a research credit for such qualified research expenses under Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code for the same taxable year as the taxpayer’s business is claiming the credit.

*a. Being “allowed” the federal credit.* For purposes of this subrule, a federal credit is “allowed” if the taxpayer meets all requirements to claim the credit under Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code and any applicable federal regulation and Internal Revenue Service guidance and such credit has not been disallowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

*b. Applicability of requirement to pass-throughs.* If the individual received the Iowa credit through a pass-through entity, the pass-through entity that conducted the research must have claimed and been allowed the federal credit in order for the individual to claim the Iowa credit.

*c. Impact of federal audit.* If the Internal Revenue Service audits or otherwise reviews the return and disallows the credit, the taxpayer shall file an amended Iowa return along with supporting schedules, including an amended federal return or a copy of the federal revenue agent’s report and notification of final federal adjustments, to add back the Iowa credit to the extent not previously disallowed by the department.

*d. Authority of the department.* Nothing in this subrule shall limit the department’s authority to review, examine, audit, or otherwise challenge an Iowa tax credit claim under Iowa Code section 422.10, regardless of inaction, a settlement, or a determination by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**304.11(3) Calculating the credit.** For information on how the credit is calculated, see Iowa Code section 422.10.

**304.11(4) Claiming the tax credit.**

*a. Forms.* The credit must be claimed on the forms provided on the department’s website and must include all information required by the forms.

*b. Allocation to the individual owners of an entity or beneficiaries of an estate or trust.* An individual may claim a research activities credit incurred by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, estate, or trust electing to have the income of the business entity taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual from the business entity shall be based upon the pro rata share of the individual’s earnings from a partnership, S corporation, estate or trust.

*c. Refundability.* Any research credit in excess of the individual’s tax liability, less the nonrefundable credits authorized in Iowa Code chapter 422, division II, may be refunded to the individual or may be credited to the individual’s tax liability for the following tax year.

*d. Transferability.* Tax credit certificates shall not be transferred to any other person.

*e. Enterprise zone claimants.* The enterprise zone program was repealed on July 1, 2014. However, any supplemental research activities credit earned by businesses pursuant to Iowa Code section 15.335 and approved under the enterprise zone program prior to July 1, 2014, remains valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2014.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15.335 and 422.10 as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2417.

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**701—304.12(422) New jobs credit.** A tax credit is available to an individual who has entered into an agreement under Iowa Code chapter 260E and has increased employment by at least 10 percent.

**304.12(1) Definitions.**

*a.* The term “new jobs” means those jobs directly resulting from a project covered by an agreement authorized by Iowa Code chapter 260E (Iowa industrial new jobs training Act) but does not include jobs of recalled workers or replacement jobs or other jobs that formerly existed in the industry in this state.

*b.* The term “jobs directly related to new jobs” means those jobs which directly support the new jobs but do not include in-state employees transferred to a position which would be considered to be a job directly related to new jobs unless the transferred employee’s vacant position is filled by a new employee. The burden of proof that a job is directly related to new jobs is on the taxpayer.

EXAMPLE A. A taxpayer who has entered into a chapter 260E agreement to train new employees for a new product line, transfers an in-state employee to be foreman of the new product line but does not fill

the transferred employee's position. The new foreman's position would not be considered a job directly related to new jobs even though it directly supports the new jobs because the transferred employee's old position was not refilled.

EXAMPLE B. A taxpayer who has entered into a chapter 260E agreement to train new employees for a new product line transfers an in-state employee to be foreman of the new product line and fills the transferred employee's position with a new employee. The new foreman's position would be considered a job directly related to new jobs because it directly supports the new jobs and the transferred employee's old position was filled by a new employee.

c. The term "taxable wages" means those wages upon which an employer is required to contribute to the state unemployment fund as defined in Iowa Code section 96.1A(36) for the year in which the taxpayer elects to take the new jobs tax credit. For fiscal year taxpayers, "taxable wages" shall not be greater than the maximum wage upon which an employer is required to contribute to the state unemployment fund for the calendar year in which the taxpayer's fiscal year begins.

d. The term "agreement" means an agreement entered into under Iowa Code chapter 260E after July 1, 1985, an amendment to that agreement, or an amendment to an agreement entered into before July 1, 1985, if the amendment sets forth the base employment level as of the date of the amendment. The term "agreement" also includes a preliminary agreement entered into under Iowa Code chapter 260E provided the preliminary agreement contains all the elements of a contract and includes the necessary elements and commitments relating to training programs and new jobs.

e. The term "base employment level" means the number of full-time jobs an industry employs at a plant site which is covered by an agreement under Iowa Code chapter 260E on the date of the agreement.

f. The term "project" means a training arrangement which is the subject of an agreement entered into under Iowa Code chapter 260E.

g. The term "industry" means a business engaged in interstate or intrastate commerce for the purpose of manufacturing, processing, or assembling products, conducting research and development, or providing services in interstate commerce, but excludes retail, health, and professional services. "Industry" does not include a business which closes or substantially reduces its operations in one area of the state and relocates substantially the same operation in another area of the state. "Industry" is a business engaged in the above-listed activities rather than the generic definition encompassing all businesses in the state engaged in the same activities. For example, in the meat-packing business, an industry is considered to be a single corporate entity or operating division, rather than the entire meat-packing business in the state.

h. The term "new employees" means the same as new jobs or jobs directly related to new jobs.

i. The term "full-time job" means any of the following:

- (1) An employment position requiring an average work week of 35 or more hours;
- (2) An employment position for which compensation is paid on a salaried full-time basis without regard to hours worked; or
- (3) An aggregation of any number of part-time or job-sharing employment positions which equal one full-time employment position. For purposes of this subrule, each part-time or job-sharing employment position shall be categorized with regard to the average number of hours worked each week as one-quarter, half, three-quarters, or full-time position, as set forth in the following table:

Average Number of Weekly Hours	Category
More than 0 but less than 15	¼
15 or more but less than 25	½
25 or more but less than 35	¾
35 or more	1 (full-time)

**304.12(2)** *How to compute the credit.* The credit is 6 percent of the taxable wages paid to employees in new jobs or jobs directly related to new jobs for the taxable year in which the taxpayer elects to take the credit.

EXAMPLE 1. A taxpayer enters into an agreement to increase employment by 20 new employees which is greater than 10 percent of the taxpayer's base employment level of 100 employees. In year one of the agreement, the taxpayer hires 20 new employees but elects not to take the credit in that year. In year two of the agreement, only 18 of the new employees hired in year one are still employed and the taxpayer elects to take the credit. The credit would be 6 percent of the taxable wages of the 18 remaining new employees. In year three of the agreement, the taxpayer hires two additional new employees under the agreement to replace the two employees that left in year two and elects to take the credit. The credit would be 6 percent of the taxable wages paid to the two replacement employees. In year four of the agreement, three of the employees for which a credit had been taken left employment and three additional employees were hired. No credit is available for these employees. A credit can only be taken one time for each new job or job directly related to a new job.

EXAMPLE 2. A taxpayer operating two plants in Iowa enters into a chapter 260E agreement to train new employees for a new product line at one of the taxpayer's plants. The base employment level on the date of the agreement at plant A is 300 and at plant B is 100. Under the agreement, 20 new employees will be trained for plant B which is greater than a 10 percent increase of the base employment level for plant B. In the year in which the taxpayer elects to take the credit, the employment level at plant A is 290 and at plant B is 120. The credit would be 6 percent of the wages of 10 new employees at plant B as 10 new jobs were created by the industry in the state. A credit for the remaining 10 employees can be taken if the employment level at plant A increases back to 300 during the period of time that the credit can be taken.

**304.12(3)** *When the credit can be taken.* The taxpayer may elect to take the credit in any tax year which either begins or ends during the period beginning with the date of the agreement and ending with the date by which the project is to be completed under the agreement. However, the taxpayer may not take the credit until the base employment level has been exceeded by at least 10 percent.

EXAMPLE: A taxpayer enters into an agreement to increase employment from a base employment level of 200 employees to 225 employees. In year one of the agreement, the taxpayer hires 20 new employees which is a 10 percent increase over the base employment level but elects not to take the credit. In year two of the agreement, two of the new employees leave employment. The taxpayer elects to take the credit which would be 6 percent of the taxable wages of the 18 employees currently employed. In year three, the taxpayer hires 7 new employees and elects to take the credit. The credit would be 6 percent of the taxable wages of the 7 new employees.

A taxpayer may claim on the taxpayer's individual income tax return the pro rata share of the Iowa new jobs credit from a partnership, subchapter S corporation, estate or trust. The portion of the credit claimed by the individual shall be in the same ratio as the individual's pro rata share of the earnings of the partnership, subchapter S corporation, or estate or trust. All partners in a partnership, shareholders in a subchapter S corporation and beneficiaries in an estate or trust shall elect to take the Iowa new jobs credit the same year.

For tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2007, any Iowa new jobs credit in excess of the individual's tax liability less the credits authorized in Iowa Code sections 422.12 and 422.12B may be carried forward for ten years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, any Iowa new jobs credit in excess of the individual's tax liability less the credits authorized in Iowa Code section 422.12 may be carried forward for ten years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier.

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### **701—304.13(422) Earned income credit.**

**304.13(1)** *Tax years beginning before January 1, 2007.* Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990, an individual is allowed an Iowa earned income credit equal to a percentage of the earned income credit to which the taxpayer is entitled on the taxpayer's federal income tax return as authorized in Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Iowa earned income credit is nonrefundable; therefore, the credit may not exceed the remaining income tax liability of the taxpayer after the personal

exemption credits and the other nonrefundable credits are deducted. The percentage of the earned income credit for tax years beginning in the 1990 calendar year is 5 percent. The percentage of the earned income credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1991, is 6.5 percent.

For federal income tax purposes, the earned income credit is available for a low-income worker who maintains a household in the United States that is the principal place of abode of the worker and a child or children for more than one-half of the tax year or the worker must have provided a home for the entire tax year for a dependent parent. In addition, the worker must be (1) a married person who files a joint return and is entitled to a dependency exemption for a son or daughter, adopted child or stepchild; (2) a surviving spouse; or (3) an individual who qualifies as a head of household as described in Section 2(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. The federal earned income credit for a taxpayer is determined by computing the taxpayer's earned income on a worksheet provided in the federal income tax return instructions and determining the allowable credit from a table included in the instructions for the 1040 or 1040A. For purposes of the credit, a taxpayer's earned income includes wages, salaries, tips, or other compensation plus net income from self-employment.

In the case of married taxpayers who filed a joint federal return and who elected to file separate state returns or separately on the combined return form, the Iowa earned income credit is allocated between the spouses in the ratio that each spouse's earned income relates to the earned income of both spouses.

Nonresidents and part-year residents of Iowa are allowed the same earned income credits as resident taxpayers.

**304.13(2)** *Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007.* Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, but beginning before January 1, 2013, an individual is allowed an Iowa earned income credit equal to 7 percent of the earned income credit to which the taxpayer is entitled on the taxpayer's federal income tax return as authorized in Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, but beginning before January 1, 2014, an individual is allowed an Iowa earned income tax credit equal to 14 percent of the earned income credit to which the taxpayer is entitled on the taxpayer's federal income tax return as authorized in Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, an individual is allowed an Iowa earned income tax credit equal to 15 percent of the earned income credit to which the taxpayer is entitled on the taxpayer's federal income tax return as authorized in Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Iowa earned income credit is refundable; therefore, the credit may exceed the remaining income tax liability of the taxpayer after the personal exemption credits and other nonrefundable credits are deducted.

In the case of married taxpayers who filed a joint federal return and who elected to file separate state returns or separately on the combined return form, the Iowa earned income credit is allocated between the spouses in the ratio that each spouse's earned income relates to the earned income of both spouses.

Nonresidents or part-year residents of Iowa must determine the Iowa earned income tax credit in the ratio of their Iowa source net income to their total source net income. In addition, if nonresidents or part-year residents of Iowa are married and elect to file separate returns or separately on the combined return form, the Iowa earned income credit must be allocated between the spouses in the ratio of each spouse's Iowa source net income to the combined Iowa source net income.

**EXAMPLE:** A married couple lives in Omaha, Nebraska. One spouse worked in Iowa in 2007 and had wages and other income from Iowa sources of \$12,000. That spouse had a federal adjusted gross income from all sources of \$15,000. The other spouse had no Iowa source net income and had a federal adjusted gross income from all sources of \$10,000. The taxpayers had a federal earned income credit of \$2,800.

The federal earned income credit of \$2,800 multiplied by 7 percent equals \$196. The ratio of Iowa source net income of \$12,000 divided by total source net income of \$25,000 equals 48 percent. The Iowa earned income tax credit equals \$196 multiplied by 48 percent, or \$94.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.12B as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 295.

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**701—304.14(15) Investment tax credit—new jobs and income program and enterprise zone program.**

**304.14(1) General rule.** An investment tax credit of up to 10 percent of the new investment which is directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business is available for businesses approved by the economic development authority under the new jobs and income program and the enterprise zone program. The new jobs and income program was repealed on July 1, 2005, and has been replaced with the high quality job creation program. See rule 701—304.29(15) for information on the investment tax credit under the high quality job creation program. Any investment tax credit earned by businesses approved under the new jobs and income program prior to July 1, 2005, remains valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2005. The credit is available for machinery and equipment or improvements to real property placed in service after May 1, 1994. The credit shall be taken in the year the qualifying asset is placed in service. The enterprise zone program was repealed on July 1, 2014. Any investment tax credit earned by businesses approved under the enterprise zone program prior to July 1, 2014, remains valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2014. For business applications received by the economic development authority on or after July 1, 1999, purchases of real property made in conjunction with the location or expansion of an eligible business, the cost of land and any buildings and structures located on the land will be considered to be new investment which is directly related to new jobs for purposes of determining the amount of new investment upon which an investment tax credit may be taken. For projects approved on or after July 1, 2005, under the enterprise zone program, the investment tax credit will be amortized over a five-year period, as described in subrule 304.29(2).

For eligible businesses approved by the Iowa department of economic development on or after March 17, 2004, certain lease payments made by eligible businesses to a third-party developer will be considered to be new investment for purposes of computing the investment tax credit. The eligible business shall enter into a lease agreement with the third-party developer for a minimum of ten years. The investment tax credit is based on the annual base rent paid to a third-party developer by the eligible business for a period not to exceed ten years. The total costs of the annual base rent payments for the ten-year period cannot exceed the cost of the land and the third-party developer's cost to build or renovate the building used by the eligible business. The annual base rent is defined as the total lease payment less taxes, insurance and operating and maintenance expenses.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be carried forward seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to an individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount of the credit claimed by the individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

**304.14(2) Investment tax credit—value-added agricultural products or biotechnology-related processes.** For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2001, an eligible business whose project primarily involves the production of value-added agricultural products may elect to receive a refund for all or a portion of an unused investment tax credit. For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2001, but before July 1, 2003, an eligible business includes a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is not required to file an Iowa corporation income tax return and whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol. For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2003, an eligible business includes a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is not required to file an Iowa corporation income tax return. For tax years ending on or after July 1, 2005, an eligible business approved under the enterprise zone program whose project primarily involves biotechnology-related processes may elect to receive a refund for all or a portion of an unused investment tax credit.

Eligible businesses shall apply to the Iowa department of economic development for tax credit certificates between May 1 and May 15 of each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The election to receive a refund of all or a portion of an unused investment tax credit is no longer available beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Only those businesses that

have completed projects before the May 1 filing date may apply for a tax credit certificate. The Iowa department of economic development will not issue tax credit certificates for more than \$4 million during a fiscal year for this program and eligible businesses described in subrule 304.29(2). If applications are received for more than \$4 million, the applicants shall receive certificates for a prorated amount.

The economic development authority will issue tax credit certificates within a reasonable period of time. Tax credit certificates are valid for the tax year following project completion. The tax credit certificate must be included with the tax return for the tax year during which the tax credit is claimed. The tax credit certificate shall not be transferred, except for a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is required to file an Iowa corporation income tax return and whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, or for a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is required to file an Iowa corporation income tax return for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2003.

For value-added agricultural projects, for a cooperative that is not required to file an Iowa income tax return because it is exempt from federal income tax, the cooperative must submit a list of its members and the share of each member's interest in the cooperative. The Iowa department of economic development will issue a tax credit certificate to each member on the list.

See 701—subrule 501.10(4) for examples illustrating how this subrule is applied.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, but before July 1, 2003, a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is required to file an Iowa corporation income tax return and whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol may elect to transfer all or a portion of its tax credit to its members. For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2003, a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is required to file an Iowa corporation income tax return may elect to transfer all or a portion of its tax credit to its members. The amount of tax credit transferred and claimed by a member shall be based upon the pro rata share of the member's earnings in the cooperative. The economic development authority will issue a tax credit certificate to each member of the cooperative to whom the credit was transferred provided that tax credit certificates which total no more than \$4 million are issued during a fiscal year. The tax credit certificate must be included with the tax return for the tax year during which the tax credit is claimed.

**304.14(3) *Repayment of credits.*** If an eligible business fails to maintain the requirements of the new jobs and income program or the enterprise zone program, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives taken on Iowa returns. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the tax credits may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure to maintain the requirements of the new jobs and income program or the enterprise zone program because this repayment is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

If the eligible business, within five years of purchase, sells, disposes of, razes, or otherwise renders unusable all or a part of the land, buildings, or other existing structures for which a tax credit was claimed under this rule, the income tax liability of the eligible business for the year in which all or part of the property is sold, disposed of, razed, or otherwise rendered unusable shall be increased by one of the following amounts:

- a.* One hundred percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within one full year after being placed in service.
- b.* Eighty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within two full years after being placed in service.



c. Sixty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within three full years after being placed in service.

d. Forty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within four full years after being placed in service.

e. Twenty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within five full years after being placed in service.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15.333 as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2380.

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**701—304.15(422) Child and dependent care credit.** There is a child and dependent care credit which is refundable to the extent the amount of the credit exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability less other applicable income tax credits. If a taxpayer claims the child and dependent care credit, the taxpayer cannot claim the early childhood development credit described in rule 701—304.31(422).

**304.15(1) Computation of the Iowa child and dependent care credit.** The Iowa child and dependent care credit is computed as a percentage of the child and dependent care credit which is allowed for federal income tax purposes under Section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, the Iowa credit is computed without regard to whether or not the federal credit was limited to the taxpayer's federal tax liability. In addition, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, the Iowa credit will be allowed even if the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income is below \$0. The credit is computed so that taxpayers with lower net incomes are allowed higher percentages of their federal child care credit than taxpayers with higher net incomes. The following is a schedule showing the percentages of federal child and dependent care credits allowed on the taxpayers' Iowa returns on the basis of the net incomes of the taxpayers.

* Net income	Percentage of federal credit allowed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, and before January 1, 2021	Percentage of federal credit allowed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021
Less than \$10,000	75%	75%
\$10,000 or more but less than \$20,000	65%	65%
\$20,000 or more but less than \$25,000	55%	55%
\$25,000 or more but less than \$35,000	50%	50%
\$35,000 or more but less than \$40,000	40%	40%
\$40,000 or more but less than \$45,000	30%	30%
\$45,000 or more but less than \$90,000	No Credit	30%
\$90,000 or more	No Credit	No Credit

\*Note that in the case of married taxpayers who have filed joint federal returns and elect to file separate returns or to file separately on the combined return form for Iowa purposes, the taxpayers must determine the child and dependent care credit by the schedule provided in this rule on the basis of their combined net incomes. The credit determined from the schedule must be allocated between the married taxpayers in the proportion that each spouse's net income relates to the combined net income of the taxpayers.

**304.15(2) Examples of computation of the Iowa child and dependent care credit.** The following are examples of computation of the child and dependent care credit and the allocation of the credit between spouses in situations where married taxpayers have filed joint federal returns and are filing separate Iowa returns or are filing separately on the combined Iowa return form.

EXAMPLE A: A married couple has a combined net income of \$40,000. Both spouses were employed. They had a federal child and dependent care credit of \$600 which related to expenses incurred for care

of their two small children. One of the spouses had a net income of \$30,000 and the second spouse had a net income of \$10,000.

The taxpayers' Iowa child and dependent care credit was \$180 since they were entitled to an Iowa child and dependent care credit of 30 percent of their federal credit of \$600. If the taxpayers elect to file separate Iowa returns, the \$180 credit would be allocated between the spouses on the basis of each spouse's net income as it relates to the combined net income of both spouses as shown below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \$180 \times \frac{\$30,000}{\$40,000} &= \$135 && \text{child and dependent care credit for spouse} \\
 &&& \text{with \$30,000 net income} \\
 \\ 
 \$180 \times \frac{\$10,000}{\$40,000} &= \$45 && \text{child and dependent care credit for spouse} \\
 &&& \text{with \$10,000 net income}
 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE B: A married couple filed their Iowa return separately on a combined return. Both spouses were employed. They had a federal child and dependent care credit of \$800 which related to expenses incurred for care of their children. One spouse had a net income of \$25,000 and the other spouse had a net income of \$12,500, so their combined net income was \$37,500.

The taxpayers' Iowa child and dependent care credit was \$320, since they were entitled to an Iowa credit of 40 percent of their federal credit of \$800. The \$320 credit is allocated between the spouses on the basis of each spouse's Iowa net income as it relates to the combined Iowa net income of both spouses as shown below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \$320 \times \frac{\$25,000}{\$37,500} &= \$213 && \text{child and dependent care credit for spouse} \\
 &&& \text{with \$25,000 Iowa net income} \\
 \\ 
 \$320 \times \frac{\$12,500}{\$37,500} &= \$107 && \text{child and dependent care credit for spouse} \\
 &&& \text{with \$12,500 Iowa net income}
 \end{aligned}$$

**304.15(3)** *Computation of the Iowa child and dependent care credit for nonresidents and part-year residents.* Nonresidents and part-year residents who have income from Iowa sources in the tax year may claim child and dependent care credits on their Iowa returns. The percentage of the federal credit allowed is determined based on the nonresident or part-year resident's all-source net income. If the nonresident or part-year resident's all-source net income is \$90,000 or higher, the taxpayer will not qualify for the Iowa child and dependent care credit regardless of the amount of the taxpayer's Iowa-source income. To compute the amount of child and dependent care credit that can be claimed on the Iowa return by a nonresident or part-year resident, the following formula shall be used:

Federal child and dependent care credit	×	Percentage of federal child and dependent credit allowed on Iowa return from table in subrule 42.15(1) based on all-source net income	×	<u>*Iowa net income</u>  All-source net income
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\*Iowa net income for purposes of determining the child care credit that can be claimed on the Iowa return by a nonresident or part-year resident taxpayer is the total Iowa-source income less the Iowa-source adjustments to income as computed on the Schedule IA 126.

In cases where married taxpayers are nonresidents or part-year residents of Iowa and are filing separate Iowa returns or are filing separately on the combined Iowa return form, the child and dependent

care credit allowable on the Iowa return should be allocated between the spouses in the ratio of the Iowa net income of each spouse to the combined Iowa net income of the taxpayers.

**304.15(4)** *Example of computation of the Iowa child and dependent care credit for nonresidents and part-year residents.* The following is an example of the computation of the Iowa child and dependent care credit for nonresidents and part-year residents.

A married couple lives in Omaha, Nebraska. One of the spouses worked in Iowa and had an Iowa-source net income of \$15,000. That spouse had an all-source net income of \$20,000. The second spouse had an Iowa-source net income of \$10,000 and an all-source net income of \$15,000. The couple had a combined Iowa-source net income of \$25,000 and a combined all-source net income of \$35,000. The taxpayers had a federal child and dependent care credit of \$800 which related to expenses incurred for the care of their two young children. The taxpayers' Iowa child and dependent care credit is calculated below:

Federal child and dependent care credit	Percentage of federal child and dependent credit allowed on Iowa return	Iowa-source net income	All-source net income
\$800	× 40% =	\$320	× $\frac{\$25,000}{\$35,000} =$ \$229

The \$229 credit is allocated between the spouses as shown below:

\$229 ×	$\frac{\$15,000}{\$25,000} =$	\$137 for spouse with Iowa-source net income of \$15,000
\$229 ×	$\frac{\$10,000}{\$25,000} =$	\$92 for spouse with Iowa-source net income of \$10,000

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.12C.

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**701—304.16(422) Franchise tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1997, a shareholder in a financial institution, as defined in Section 581 of the Internal Revenue Code, which has elected to have its income taxed directly to the shareholders may take a tax credit equal to the shareholder's pro rata share of the Iowa franchise tax paid by the financial institution.

For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2004, a member of a financial institution organized as a limited liability company that is taxed as a partnership for federal income tax purposes which has elected to have its income taxed directly to its members may take a tax credit equal to the member's pro rata share of the Iowa franchise tax paid by the financial institution.

The credit must be computed by recomputing the amount of tax computed under Iowa Code section 422.5 by reducing the shareholder's or member's taxable income by the shareholder's or member's pro rata share of the items of income and expenses of the financial institution and subtracting the credits allowed in Iowa Code sections 422.12 and 422.12B for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2007. The recomputed tax must be subtracted from the amount of tax computed under Iowa Code section 422.5 reduced by the credits allowed in Iowa Code sections 422.12 and 422.12B for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2007. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, only the credits allowed in Iowa Code section 422.12 are reduced in computing the franchise tax credit.

The resulting amount, not to exceed the shareholder's or member's pro rata share of the franchise tax paid by the financial institution, is the amount of tax credit allowed the shareholder or member.

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**701—304.17(15E) Eligible housing business tax credit.** An individual who qualifies as an eligible housing business may receive a tax credit of up to 10 percent of the new investment which is directly related to the building or rehabilitating of homes in an enterprise zone. The enterprise zone program was repealed on July 1, 2014, and the eligible housing business tax credit has been replaced with the workforce housing tax incentives program. See rule 701—304.53(15) for information on the tax incentives provided under the workforce housing tax incentives program. Any investment tax credit earned by businesses approved under the enterprise zone program prior to July 1, 2014, remains valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2014. The tax credit may be taken on the tax return for the tax year in which the home is ready for occupancy.

An eligible housing business is one which meets the criteria in 2014 Iowa Code section 15E.193B.

**304.17(1) Computation of credit.** New investment which is directly related to the building or rehabilitating of homes includes but is not limited to the following costs: land, surveying, architectural services, building permits, inspections, interest on a construction loan, building materials, roofing, plumbing materials, electrical materials, amounts paid to subcontractors for labor and materials provided, concrete, labor, landscaping, appliances normally provided with a new home, heating and cooling equipment, millwork, drywall and drywall materials, nails, bolts, screws, and floor coverings.

New investment does not include the machinery, equipment, or hand or power tools necessary to build or rehabilitate homes.

A taxpayer may claim on the taxpayer's individual income tax return the pro rata share of the Iowa eligible housing business tax credit from a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, estate, or trust. The portion of the credit claimed by the individual shall be in the same ratio as the individual's pro rata share of the earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust, except for projects beginning on or after July 1, 2005, which used low-income housing tax credits authorized under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code to assist in the financing of the housing development. For these projects, the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder.

For tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2007, any Iowa eligible housing business tax credit in excess of the individual's tax liability, less the credits authorized in Iowa Code sections 422.12 and 422.12B, may be carried forward for seven years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, any Iowa eligible housing business tax credit in excess of the individual's tax liability less the credits authorized in Iowa Code section 422.12 may be carried forward for seven years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier.

If the eligible housing business fails to maintain the requirements of 2014 Iowa Code section 15E.193B, the taxpayer, in order to be an eligible housing business, may be required to repay all or a part of the tax incentives the taxpayer received. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the income tax credit may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure to maintain the requirements of 2014 Iowa Code section 15E.193B. This repayment is required because it is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

Prior to January 1, 2001, the tax credit cannot exceed 10 percent of \$120,000 for each home or individual unit in a multiple dwelling unit building. Effective January 1, 2001, the tax credit cannot exceed 10 percent of \$140,000 for each home or individual unit in a multiple dwelling unit building.

Effective for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the taxpayer must receive a tax credit certificate from the economic development authority to claim the eligible housing business tax credit. The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's tax identification number, the date the project was completed, the amount of the eligible housing business tax credit and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. In addition, the tax credit certificate shall include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, as provided in subrule 304.17(2). The tax credit certificate must be included with the income tax return for the tax period in which the home is ready for occupancy. The administrative rules for the eligible housing business tax credit for the economic development authority may be found under 261—Chapter 59.

**304.17(2) *Transfer of the eligible housing business tax credit.*** For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the eligible housing business tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity if low-income housing tax credits authorized under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code are used to assist in the financing of the housing development. In addition, the eligible housing business tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity for projects beginning on or after July 1, 2005, if the housing development is located in a brownfield site as defined in Iowa Code section 15.291, or if the housing development is located in a blighted area as defined in Iowa Code section 403.17. No more than \$3 million of tax credits for housing developments located in brownfield sites or blighted areas may be transferred in a calendar year, with no more than \$1.5 million being transferred for any one eligible housing business in a calendar year.

The excess of the \$3 million limitation of tax credits eligible for transfer in the 2013 and 2014 calendar years for housing developments located in brownfield sites or blighted areas cannot be claimed by a transferee prior to January 1, 2016. The eligible housing business must have notified the economic development authority in writing before July 1, 2014, of the business's intent to transfer any tax credits for housing developments located in brownfield sites or blighted areas. If a tax credit certificate is issued by the economic development authority for a housing development approved prior to July 1, 2014, that is located in a brownfield site or blighted area, the tax credit can still be claimed by the eligible business, but the tax credit cannot be transferred by the eligible business if the economic development authority was not notified prior to July 1, 2014.

**EXAMPLE 1:** A housing development located in a brownfield site was completed in December 2013 and was issued a tax credit certificate totaling \$250,000. The \$3 million calendar cap for transferred tax credits for brownfield sites and blighted areas has already been reached for the 2013 and 2014 tax years. The \$250,000 tax credit is going to be transferred to Bill Smith, and the economic development authority was notified of the transfer prior to July 1, 2014. Once a replacement tax credit certificate has been issued, Mr. Smith cannot file an amended Iowa individual income tax return for the 2013 tax year until January 1, 2016, to claim the \$250,000 tax credit.

**EXAMPLE 2:** A housing development located in a blighted area was completed in May 2014 and was issued a tax credit certificate totaling \$150,000. The \$3 million calendar cap for transferred tax credits for brownfield sites and blighted areas has already been reached for the 2014 tax year. The \$150,000 tax credit is going to be transferred to Greg Rogers, and the economic development authority was notified of the transfer prior to July 1, 2014. Once a replacement tax credit certificate has been issued, Mr. Rogers cannot file an amended Iowa individual income tax return for the 2014 tax year until January 1, 2016, to claim the \$150,000 tax credit.

Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate for transfers prior to July 1, 2006, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the economic development authority, along with a statement which contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred. For transfers on or after July 1, 2006, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee for transfers prior to July 1, 2006, the economic

development authority will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. For transfers on or after July 1, 2006, the department of revenue will issue the replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members or shareholders and information on how the housing business tax credit should be divided among the partners, members or shareholders. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members or shareholders. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information that was on the original certificate and must have the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax period for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credits shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement 2014 Iowa Code section 15E.193B.

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**701—304.18(422) Assistive device tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, a taxpayer that is a small business that purchases, rents, or modifies an assistive device or makes workplace modifications for an individual with a disability who is employed or will be employed by the taxpayer may qualify for an assistive device tax credit, subject to the availability of the credit. The assistive device credit is equal to 50 percent of the first \$5,000 paid during the tax year by the small business for the purchase, rental, or modification of an assistive device or for making workplace modifications. Any credit in excess of the tax liability may be refunded or applied to the taxpayer's tax liability for the following tax year. If the taxpayer elects to take the assistive device tax credit, the taxpayer shall not deduct for Iowa income tax purposes any amount of the cost of an assistive device or workplace modification that is deductible for federal income tax purposes. A small business will not be eligible for the assistive device credit if the device is provided for an owner of the small business unless the owner is a bona fide employee of the small business.

**304.18(1) *Submitting applications for the credit.*** A small business that wishes to receive the assistive device tax credit must submit an application for the credit to the Iowa department of economic development and provide other information and documents requested by the Iowa department of economic development. If the taxpayer meets the criteria for qualification for the credit, the Iowa department of economic development will issue the taxpayer a certificate of entitlement for the credit. However, the aggregate amount of assistive device tax credits that may be granted by the Iowa department of economic development to all small businesses during a fiscal year cannot exceed \$500,000. The certificate of entitlement for the assistive device credit shall include the taxpayer's name, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's tax identification number, the estimated amount of the tax credit, the date on which the taxpayer's application was approved, the date when it is anticipated that the assistive device project will be completed and a space on the application where the taxpayer shall enter the date that the assistive device project was completed. The certificate of entitlement will not be considered to be valid for purposes of claiming the assistive device credit on the taxpayer's Iowa income tax return until the taxpayer has completed the assistive device project and has entered the completion date on the certificate of entitlement form. The tax year of the small business in which the assistive device project is completed is the tax year for which the assistive device credit may be claimed. For example, in a case where taxpayer A received a certificate of entitlement for an assistive device credit on September 15, 2007, and completed the assistive device workplace modification project on January 15, 2008, taxpayer A could claim the assistive device credit on taxpayer A's 2008 Iowa return, assuming that taxpayer A is filing returns on a calendar-year basis.

The department of revenue will not allow the assistive device credit on a taxpayer's return if the certificate of entitlement or a legible copy of the certificate is not included with the taxpayer's income tax return. If the taxpayer has been granted a certificate of entitlement and the taxpayer is a partnership,

limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust, where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business entity, the taxpayer must provide a copy of the certificate to each of the owners with a statement showing how the credit is to be allocated among the individual owners of the business entity. An individual owner shall include a copy of the certificate of entitlement and the statement of allocation of the assistive device credit with the individual's state income tax return.

**304.18(2) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

*"Assistive device"* means any item, piece of equipment, or product system which is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of an individual with a disability in the workplace or on the job. "Assistive device" does not mean any medical device, surgical device, or organ implanted or transplanted into or attached directly to an individual. "Assistive device" does not include any device for which a certificate of title is issued by the state department of transportation, but does include any item, piece of equipment, or product system otherwise meeting the definition of "assistive device" that is incorporated, attached, or included as a modification in or to such a device issued a certificate of title.

*"Business entity"* means partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust, where the income of the business is taxed to each of the individual owners of the business, whether the individual owner is a partner, member, shareholder, or beneficiary.

*"Disability"* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 15.102. Therefore, "disability" means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, a record of physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, or being regarded as an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual. "Disability" does not include any of the following:

1. Homosexuality or bisexuality.
2. Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders, or other sexual behavior disorders.
3. Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania.
4. Psychoactive substance abuse disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.
5. Alcoholism.

*"Employee"* means an individual who is employed by the small business and who meets the criteria in Treasury Regulation § 31.3401(c)-1(b), which is the definition of an employee for federal income tax withholding purposes. An individual who receives self-employment income from the small business shall not be considered an employee of the small business for purposes of this rule.

*"Small business"* means that the business either had gross receipts in the tax year before the current tax year of \$3 million or less or employed not more than 14 full-time employees during the tax year prior to the current tax year.

*"Workplace modifications"* means physical alterations to the office, factory, or other work environment where the disabled employee is working or will work.

**304.18(3) Allocation of assistive tax credit to owners of a business entity.** If the taxpayer that was entitled to an assistive device credit is a business entity, the business entity shall allocate the allowable credit to each of the individual owners of the entity on the basis of each owner's pro rata share of the earnings of the entity to the total earnings of the entity. Therefore, if a partnership has an assistive device credit of \$2,500 for a tax year and one partner of the partnership receives 25 percent of the earnings of the partnership, that partner would receive an assistive device credit for the tax year of \$625 or 25 percent of the total assistive device credit of the partnership.

**304.18(4) Repeal of credit.** The assistive device credit is repealed on July 1, 2009.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11E.

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**701—304.19(404A,422) Historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit for projects with Part 2 applications approved and tax credits reserved prior to July 1, 2014.** A historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit, subject to the availability of the

credit, may be claimed against a taxpayer's Iowa individual income tax liability for 25 percent of the qualified costs of rehabilitation of property to the extent the costs were incurred on or after July 1, 2000, for approved rehabilitation projects of eligible property in Iowa.

The general assembly has mandated that the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue adopt rules to jointly administer Iowa Code chapter 404A. 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2453, amended the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program effective July 1, 2014. The department of revenue's provisions for projects with tax credits reserved prior to July 1, 2014, are found in this rule. The department of revenue's provisions for projects with agreements entered into on or after July 1, 2014, are found in rule 701—304.54(404A,422). The department of cultural affairs' rules related to this program may be found at 223—Chapter 48. Division I of 223—Chapter 48 applies to projects with reservations approved prior to July 1, 2014. Division II of 223—Chapter 48 applies to projects with agreements entered into on or after July 1, 2014.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the department of cultural affairs shall not reserve tax credits under 2013 Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 112, section 1, for applicants that do not have an approved Part 2 application and a tax credit reservation on or before June 30, 2014. Projects with approved Part 2 applications and provisional tax credit reservations on or before June 30, 2014, shall be governed by 2013 Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 112, section 1; by 223—Chapter 48, Division I; and by rule 701—304.19(404A,422). Projects for which Part 2 applications were approved and agreements entered into after June 30, 2014, shall be governed by 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2453; by 223—Chapter 48, Division II; and by rule 701—304.54(404A,422).

**304.19(1)** *Eligible properties for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.* The following types of property are eligible for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit:

- a. Property verified as listed on the National Register of Historic Places or eligible for such listing.
- b. Property designated as of historic significance to a district listed in the National Register of Historic Places or eligible for such designation.
- c. Property or district designated a local landmark by a city or county ordinance.
- d. Any barn constructed prior to 1937.

**304.19(2)** *Application and review process for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.*

a. Taxpayers who want to claim an income tax credit for completing a historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district project must submit an application for approval of the project. The application forms for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit may be requested from the State Tax Credit Program Manager, State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Cultural Affairs, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290. The telephone number for this office is (515)281-4137. Applications for the credit will be accepted by the state historic preservation office on or after July 1, 2000, until such time as all the available credits allocated for each fiscal year are encumbered.

b. Applicants for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit must include all information and documentation requested on the application forms for the credit in order for the application to be processed.

**304.19(3)** *Computation of the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.* The amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit is 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation costs made to an eligible property in a project. Qualified rehabilitation costs are those rehabilitation costs approved by the state historic preservation office for a project for a particular taxpayer to the extent those rehabilitation costs are actually expended by that taxpayer.

a. In the case of commercial property, qualified rehabilitation costs must equal at least \$50,000 or 50 percent of the assessed value of the property, excluding the value of the land, prior to rehabilitation, whichever is less. In the case of property other than commercial property, the qualified rehabilitation



costs must equal at least \$25,000 or 25 percent of the assessed value, excluding the value of the land, prior to the rehabilitation, whichever amount is less.

b. In computing the tax credit, the only costs which may be included are the qualified rehabilitation costs incurred commencing from the date on which the first qualified rehabilitation cost is incurred and ending with the end of the taxable year in which the property is placed in service. The rehabilitation period may include dates that precede approval of a project, provided that any qualified rehabilitation costs incurred prior to the date of approval of the project are qualified rehabilitation costs.

c. For purposes of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit, qualified rehabilitation costs include those costs properly included in the basis of the eligible property for income tax purposes. Costs treated as expenses and deducted in the year paid or incurred and amounts that are otherwise not added to the basis of the property for income tax purposes are not qualified rehabilitation costs. Amounts incurred for architectural and engineering fees, site survey fees, legal expenses, insurance premiums, development fees, and other construction-related costs are qualified rehabilitation costs to the extent they are added to the basis of the eligible property for tax purposes. Costs of sidewalks, parking lots, and landscaping do not constitute qualified rehabilitation costs. Any rehabilitation costs used in the computation of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit are not added to the basis of the property for Iowa income tax purposes if the rehabilitation costs were incurred in a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2000, but prior to January 1, 2001. Any rehabilitation costs incurred in a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2001, are added to the basis of the rehabilitated property for income tax purposes except those rehabilitation expenses that are equal to the amount of the computed historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit for the tax year.

EXAMPLE: The basis of a commercial building in a historic district was \$500,000, excluding the value of the land, before the rehabilitation project. During a project to rehabilitate this building, \$600,000 in rehabilitation costs were expended to complete the project and \$500,000 of those rehabilitation costs were qualified rehabilitation costs which were eligible for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit of \$125,000. Therefore, the basis of the building for Iowa income tax purposes was \$975,000, since the qualified rehabilitation costs of \$125,000, which are equal to the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit for the tax year, are not added to the basis of the rehabilitated property. The basis of the building for federal income tax purposes was \$1,100,000. It should be noted that this example does not consider any possible reduced basis for the building for federal income tax purposes due to the rehabilitation investment credit provided in Section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**304.19(4)** *Completion of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district project and claiming the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit on the Iowa return.* After the taxpayer completes an authorized rehabilitation project, the taxpayer must be issued a certificate of completion of the project from the state historic preservation office of the department of cultural affairs. After verifying the taxpayer's eligibility for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit, the state historic preservation office shall issue a historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit certificate, which shall be included with the taxpayer's income tax return for the tax year in which the rehabilitation project is completed or the year the credit was reserved, whichever is later. For example, if a project was completed in 2008 and the credit was reserved for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the credit can be claimed on the 2009 calendar year return that is due on April 30, 2010. The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's tax identification number, the address or location of the rehabilitation project, the date the project was completed, the year the tax credit was reserved and the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit. In addition, the tax credit certificate shall include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee, the amount of the tax credit being transferred, and any consideration received in exchange for the tax credit, as provided in subrule 304.19(6). In addition, if the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, estate or trust, where the tax credit is allocated to the owners or beneficiaries of the entity, a list of the owners or beneficiaries and the amount of credit allocated to each owner or beneficiary shall be provided with the certificate.

The tax credit certificate shall be included with the income tax return for the period in which the project was completed.

For tax years ending on or after July 1, 2007, any historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is fully refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

**304.19(5)** *Allocation of historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credits to the individual owners of the entity for tax credits reserved for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2012.* For tax credits reserved for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2012, the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder. The credit does not have to be allocated based on the pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation.

**304.19(6)** *Transfer of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.* For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity. A tax credit certificate of less than \$1,000 shall not be transferable.

*a.* For transfers on or after July 1, 2006, the department of revenue will issue the replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. Within 90 days of the transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue along with a statement containing the transferee's name, tax identification number and address, the denomination that each replacement tax credit certificate is to carry, the amount of all consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit and the names of recipients of any consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit. If a payment of money was any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit, the transferee shall list the amount of the payment of money in its statement to the department of revenue. If any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit included nonmonetary consideration, including but not limited to any promise, representation, performance, discharge of debt or nonmonetary rights or property, the tax credit transferee shall describe the nature of nonmonetary consideration and disclose any value the transferor and transferee assigned to the nonmonetary consideration. The tax credit transferee must indicate on its statement to the department of revenue if no consideration was provided in exchange for the tax credit. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members or shareholders and information on how the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit should be divided among the partners, members or shareholders. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members or shareholders. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information that was on the original certificate and must have the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate.

*b.* The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax period for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

*c.* If the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit of the transferee exceeds the tax liability shown on the transferee's return, the tax credit shall be fully refundable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 436, and Iowa Code section 422.11D.

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**701—304.20(422) Ethanol blended gasoline tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, a retail gasoline dealer may claim an ethanol blended gasoline tax credit against that individual's individual income tax liability. The taxpayer must operate at least one retail motor fuel site at which more than 60 percent of the total gallons of gasoline sold and dispensed through one or more

motor fuel pumps by the taxpayer in the tax year is ethanol blended gasoline. The tax credit shall be calculated separately for each retail motor fuel site operated by the taxpayer. The amount of the credit for each eligible retail motor fuel site is two and one-half cents multiplied by the total number of gallons of ethanol blended gasoline sold and dispensed through all motor fuel pumps located at that retail motor fuel site during the tax year in excess of 60 percent of all gasoline sold and dispensed through motor fuel pumps at that retail motor fuel site during the tax year.

For taxpayers having a fiscal year ending in 2002, the tax credit is available for each eligible retail motor fuel site based on the total number of gallons of ethanol blended gasoline sold and dispensed through all motor fuel pumps located at the taxpayer's retail motor fuel site from January 1, 2002, until the end of the taxpayer's fiscal year. Assuming a tax period that began on July 1, 2001, and ended on June 30, 2002, the taxpayer would be eligible for the tax credit based on the gallons of ethanol blended gasoline sold from January 1, 2002, through June 30, 2002. For taxpayers having a fiscal year ending in 2002, a claim for refund to claim the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit must be filed before October 1, 2003, even though the statute of limitations for refund set forth in 701—subrule 305.3(8) has not yet expired.

**EXAMPLE 1:** A taxpayer sold 100,000 gallons of gasoline at the taxpayer's retail motor fuel site during the tax year, 70,000 gallons of which was ethanol blended gasoline. The taxpayer is eligible for the credit since more than 60 percent of the total gallons sold was ethanol blended gasoline. The number of gallons in excess of 60 percent of all gasoline sold is 70,000 less 60,000, or 10,000 gallons. Two and one-half cents multiplied by 10,000 equals a \$250 credit available.

The credit may be calculated on Form IA 6478. The credit must be calculated separately for each retail motor fuel site operated by the taxpayer. Therefore, if the taxpayer operates more than one retail motor fuel site, it is possible that one retail motor fuel site may be eligible for the credit while another retail motor fuel site may not. The credit may be taken only for those retail motor fuel sites for which more than 60 percent of gasoline sales involves ethanol blended gasoline.

Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

Starting with the 2006 calendar tax year, a taxpayer may claim the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit even if the taxpayer also claims the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit provided in rule 701—304.31(422) for the same tax year for the same ethanol gallons.

**EXAMPLE 2:** A taxpayer sold 200,000 gallons of gasoline at a retail motor fuel site in 2006, of which 160,000 gallons was ethanol blended gasoline. Of these 160,000 gallons, 1,000 gallons was E-85 gasoline. Taxpayer is entitled to claim the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit of two and one-half cents multiplied by 40,000 gallons, since this amount constitutes the gallons in excess of 60 percent of the total gasoline gallons sold. Taxpayer may also claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit on the 1,000 gallons of E-85 gasoline sold.

**304.20(1) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

*"Ethanol blended gasoline"* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 214A.1.

*"Gasoline"* means any liquid product prepared, advertised, offered for sale or sold for use as, or commonly and commercially used as, motor fuel for use in a spark-ignition, internal combustion engine, and which meets the specifications provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2.

*"Motor fuel pump"* means a pump, meter, or similar commercial weighing and measuring device used to measure and dispense motor fuel for sale on a retail basis.

*"Retail dealer"* means a person engaged in the business of storing and dispensing motor fuel from a motor fuel pump for sale on a retail basis, regardless of whether the motor fuel pump is located at a retail motor fuel site including a permanent or mobile location.

*"Retail motor fuel site"* means a geographic location in Iowa where a retail dealer sells and dispenses motor fuel on a retail basis. For example, tank wagons are considered retail motor fuel sites.

*"Sell"* means to sell on a retail basis.

**304.20(2) Allocation of credit to owners of a business entity.** If the taxpayer that was entitled to the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust, the business entity shall allocate the allowable credit to each of the individual owners of the entity

on the basis of each owner's pro rata share of the earnings of the entity to the total earnings of the entity. Therefore, if a partnership has an ethanol blended gasoline tax credit of \$3,000 and one partner of the partnership receives 25 percent of the earnings of the partnership, that partner would receive an ethanol blended gasoline tax credit for the tax year of \$750 or 25 percent of the total ethanol blended gasoline tax credit of the partnership.

**304.20(3) *Repeal of ethanol blended gasoline tax credit.*** The ethanol blended gasoline tax credit is repealed on January 1, 2009. However, the tax credit is available for taxpayers whose fiscal year ends after December 31, 2008, for those ethanol gallons sold beginning on the first day of the taxpayer's fiscal year until December 31, 2008. The ethanol promotion tax credit described in rule 701—304.37(15,422) is available beginning January 1, 2009, for retail dealers of gasoline.

See 701—subrule 501.19(3) for an example illustrating how this subrule is applied.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11C.

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**701—304.21(15E) Eligible development business investment tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, a business which qualifies as an eligible development business may receive a tax credit of up to 10 percent of the new investment which is directly related to the construction, expansion or rehabilitation of building space to be used for manufacturing, processing, cold storage, distribution, or office facilities.

An eligible development business must be approved by the Iowa department of economic development prior to March 17, 2004, and meet the qualifications of Iowa Code section 15E.193C. Effective March 17, 2004, the eligible development business program is repealed.

New investment includes the purchase price of land and the cost of improvements made to real property. The tax credit may be claimed by an eligible development business in the tax year in which the construction, expansion or rehabilitation is completed.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

If the eligible development business fails to meet and maintain any one of the requirements to be an eligible business, the business shall be subject to repayment of all or a portion of the amount of tax incentives received. For example, if within five years of project completion the development business sells or leases any space to any retail business, the development business shall proportionally repay the value of the investment credit. The proportion of the investment credit that would be due for repayment by an eligible development business for selling or leasing space to a retail business would be determined by dividing the square footage of building space occupied by the retail business by the square footage of the total building space.

An eligible business which is not a development business and which operates in an enterprise zone cannot claim an investment tax credit if the property is owned, or was previously owned, by an approved development business that has already received an investment tax credit. An eligible business which is not a development business can claim an investment tax credit only on additional new improvements made to real property that was not included in the development business's approved application for the investment tax credit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15E.193C.

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**701—304.22(15E,422) Venture capital credits.**

**304.22(1) *Investment tax credit for an equity investment in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund.***

*a. Equity investments in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund before January 1, 2011.* See rule 123—2.1(15E) for the discussion of the investment tax credit for an equity

investment in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund, along with the issuance of tax credit certificates by the Iowa capital investment board, for equity investments made before January 1, 2011. For equity investments made in a qualifying business prior to January 1, 2004, only direct investments made by an individual are eligible for the investment tax credit. Individuals receiving income from a revocable trust's investment in a qualifying business are eligible for the investment tax credit for the portion of the revocable trust's equity investment in a qualifying business.

*b. Equity investments in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund on or after January 1, 2011, and before July 2, 2015.* For equity investments made on or after January 1, 2011, see 261—Chapter 115 for information regarding eligibility for qualifying businesses and community-based seed capital funds, applications for the investment tax credit for equity investments in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund, and the issuance of tax credit certificates by the economic development authority.

(1) Certificate issuance. The department of revenue will be notified by the economic development authority when the tax credit certificates are issued.

(2) Amount of the tax credit. The credit is equal to 20 percent of the taxpayer's equity investment in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund.

(3) Year in which the tax credit may be claimed. An investment shall be deemed to have been made on the same date as the date of acquisition of the equity interest as determined by the Internal Revenue Code. For investments made prior to January 1, 2014, a taxpayer shall not claim the tax credit prior to the third tax year following the tax year in which the investment is made. For investments made in qualifying businesses on or after January 1, 2014, the credit can be claimed in the year of the investment. However, for investments made in qualifying businesses during the 2014 calendar year, the credit cannot be redeemed prior to January 1, 2016. For example, if an individual taxpayer whose tax year ends on December 31, 2012, makes an equity investment during the 2012 calendar year, the individual taxpayer cannot claim the tax credit until the tax year ending December 31, 2015. However, if the taxpayer dies prior to redeeming the tax credit, the remaining tax credit may be redeemed on the decedent's final income tax return. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011, the amount of tax credits authorized cannot exceed \$2 million. The tax credit certificate must be included with the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate.

(4) Carried over tax credits. If a tax credit is carried over and issued for the tax year immediately following the year in which the investment was made because the \$2 million cap has been reached, the tax credit may be claimed by the taxpayer for the third tax year following the tax year for which the credit is issued. For example, if an individual taxpayer makes an equity investment in December 2012 and the \$2 million cap for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, had already been reached, the tax credit will be issued for the tax year ending December 31, 2013, and cannot be redeemed until the tax year ending December 31, 2016.

(5) Limitations. Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer claims the tax credit. The tax credit is not transferable to any other taxpayer.

(6) Pro rata tax credit claims for certain business entities. For equity investments made in a community-based seed capital fund or equity investments made in a qualifying business on or after January 1, 2004, an individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

*c. Equity investments in a qualifying business on or after July 2, 2015.* For equity investments made on or after July 2, 2015, see 261—Chapter 115 for information regarding eligibility for qualifying businesses, applications for the investment tax credit for equity investments in a qualifying business, and the issuance of tax credit certificates by the economic development authority.

(1) Certificate issuance. The department of revenue will be notified by the economic development authority when the tax credit certificates are issued.

(2) Amount of the tax credit. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011, the amount of the tax credits authorized cannot exceed \$2 million. The credit is equal to 25 percent of the taxpayer's equity investment in a qualifying business. In any one calendar year, the amount of tax credits issued for any one qualifying business shall not exceed \$500,000. The maximum amount of tax credit that may be issued per calendar year to a natural person and the person's spouse or dependent shall not exceed \$100,000 combined. For purposes of this paragraph, "dependent" has the same meaning as provided by the Internal Revenue Code.

(3) Year in which the tax credit may be claimed. A taxpayer shall not claim a tax credit prior to September 1, 2016. The tax credit certificate must be included with the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate. For purposes of this paragraph, an investment shall be deemed to have been made on the same date as the date of acquisition of the equity interest as determined by the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) Pro rata tax credit claims for certain business entities. An individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust. Any credits claimed by an individual are subject to the limitations provided in 304.22(1)"c"(2) above.

(5) Refundability. For a tax credit claimed against the taxes imposed in Iowa Code chapter 422, division II, any tax credit in excess of the tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming a refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment shown on the taxpayer's final completed return credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

(6) Transfers and carryback of tax credits prohibited. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer claims the tax credit. The tax credit is not transferable to any other taxpayer.

**304.22(2)** *Investment tax credit for an equity investment in a venture capital fund.* See rule 123—3.1(15E) for the discussion of the investment tax credit for an equity investment in a venture capital fund, along with the issuance of tax credit certificates by the Iowa capital investment board. This credit is repealed for investments in venture capital funds made after July 1, 2010.

The department of revenue will be notified by the Iowa capital investment board when the tax credit certificates are issued. The tax credit certificate must be attached to the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

For equity investments made in a venture capital fund, an individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

**304.22(3)** *Contingent tax credit for investments in Iowa fund of funds.* See rule 123—4.1(15E) for the discussion of the contingent tax credit available for investments made in the Iowa fund of funds organized by the Iowa capital investment corporation. Tax credit certificates related to the contingent tax credits will be issued by the Iowa capital investment board.

The department of revenue will be notified by the Iowa capital investment board when these tax credit certificates are issued and, if applicable, when they are redeemed. If the tax credit certificate is redeemed, the certificate must be attached to the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate.

If the tax credit certificate is redeemed, any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If the tax credit certificate is redeemed, an individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the

individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

**304.22(4) Innovation fund investment tax credit.** See 261—Chapter 116 for information regarding eligibility for an innovation fund, applications for the investment tax credit for investments in an innovation fund, and the issuance of tax credit certificates by the economic development authority.

The department of revenue will be notified by the economic development authority when the tax credit certificates are issued. The credit is equal to 20 percent of the taxpayer's equity investment in the form of cash in an innovation fund for tax years beginning and investments made on or after January 1, 2011, and before January 1, 2013. For tax years beginning and investments made on or after January 1, 2013, the taxpayer may claim a tax credit equal to 25 percent of the taxpayer's equity investment in the form of cash in an innovation fund. An investment shall be deemed to have been made on the same date as the date of acquisition of the equity interest as determined by the Internal Revenue Code. A taxpayer shall claim the tax credit for the tax year in which the investment is made. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011, the amount of tax credits authorized cannot exceed \$8 million. No tax credit certificates will be issued prior to September 1, 2014. The tax credit certificate must be attached to the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the investment was made as stated on the tax credit certificate.

If a tax credit is carried over and issued for the tax year immediately following the year in which the investment was made because the \$8 million cap has been reached, the tax credit may be claimed by the taxpayer for the tax year following the tax year for which the credit is issued. For example, if an individual taxpayer makes an equity investment in December 2013 and the \$8 million cap for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, had already been reached, the tax credit will be issued for the tax year ending December 31, 2014, and can be redeemed for the tax year ending December 31, 2014.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until depleted, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer claims the tax credit.

The innovation fund tax credit certificate may be transferred once to any person or entity.

Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department, along with a statement which contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust claiming the credit for individual or corporation income tax, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries and information on how the innovation fund tax credit should be divided among the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information as that on the original tax credit certificate and must have the same effective taxable year and the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate. The replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different tax type than the original tax credit certificate.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax year for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

For equity investments made in an innovation fund, an individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based

on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15E.51, 15E.52, 15E.66, 422.11F, and 422.11G and section 15E.43 as amended by 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 138.

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**701—304.23(15) New capital investment program tax credits.** Effective for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, a business which qualifies under the new capital investment program is eligible to receive tax credits. An eligible business under the new capital investment program must be approved by the Iowa department of economic development and meet the qualifications of 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 125, section 4. The new capital investment program was repealed on July 1, 2005, and has been replaced with the high quality job creation program. See rule 701—304.29(15) for information on the tax credits available under the high quality job creation program. Any tax credits earned by businesses approved under the new capital investment program prior to July 1, 2005, remain valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2005.

**304.23(1) Research activities credit.** A business approved under the new capital investment program is eligible for an additional research activities credit as described in 701—subrule 501.7(5). This credit for increasing research activities is in lieu of the research activities credit described in subrule 304.11(3).

**304.23(2) Investment tax credit.**

*a. General rule.* An eligible business can claim an investment tax credit equal to a percentage of the new investment directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business. The percentage is equal to the amount provided in paragraph “b.” New investment directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business includes the following:

(1) The cost of machinery and equipment, as defined in Iowa Code section 427A.1(1), paragraphs “e” and “j,” purchased for use in the operation of the eligible business. The purchase price shall be depreciated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(2) The purchase price of real property and any buildings and structures located on the real property.

(3) The cost of improvements made to real property which is used in the operation of the eligible business.

For eligible businesses approved by the Iowa department of economic development on or after March 17, 2004, certain lease payments made by eligible businesses to a third-party developer will be considered to be new investment for purposes of computing the investment tax credit. The eligible business shall enter into a lease agreement with the third-party developer for a minimum of five years. The investment tax credit is based on the annual base rent paid to a third-party developer by the eligible business for a period not to exceed ten years. The total costs of the annual base rent payments for the ten-year period cannot exceed the cost of the land and the third-party developer's cost to build or renovate the building used by the eligible business. The annual base rent is defined as the total lease payment less taxes, insurance and operating and maintenance expenses.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax period may be carried forward seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, cooperative organized under Iowa Code chapter 501 and filing as a partnership for federal tax purposes, or estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to an individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount of the credit claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, cooperative organized under Iowa Code chapter 501 and filing as a partnership for federal tax purposes, or estate or trust.

*b. Tax credit percentage.* The amount of tax credit claimed shall be based on the number of high quality jobs created as determined by the Iowa department of economic development:

(1) If no high quality jobs are created but economic activity within Iowa is advanced, the eligible business may claim a tax credit of up to 1 percent of the new investment.



(2) If 1 to 5 high quality jobs are created, the eligible business may claim a tax credit of up to 2 percent of the new investment.

(3) If 6 to 10 high quality jobs are created, the eligible business may claim a tax credit of up to 3 percent of the new investment.

(4) If 11 to 15 high quality jobs are created, the eligible business may claim a tax credit of up to 4 percent of the new investment.

(5) If 16 or more high quality jobs are created, the eligible business may claim a tax credit of up to 5 percent of the new investment.

*c. Investment tax credit—value-added agricultural products or biotechnology-related processes.* An eligible business whose project primarily involves the production of value-added agricultural products or uses biotechnology-related processes may elect to receive a refund for all or a portion of an unused investment tax credit. An eligible business includes a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol.

Eligible businesses that elect to receive a refund shall apply to the Iowa department of economic development for tax credit certificates between May 1 and May 15 of each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The election to receive a refund of all or a portion of an unused investment tax credit is no longer available beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Only those businesses that have completed projects before the May 1 filing date may apply for a tax credit certificate. The Iowa department of economic development shall not issue tax credit certificates for more than \$4 million during a fiscal year to eligible businesses for this program and eligible businesses described in subrule 304.14(2). If applications are received for more than \$4 million, the applicants shall receive certificates for a prorated amount.

The economic development authority shall issue tax credit certificates within a reasonable period of time. Tax credit certificates are valid for the tax year following project completion. The tax credit certificate must be included with the tax return for the tax year during which the tax credit is claimed. The tax credit certificate shall not be transferred, except for a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol, as provided in subrule 304.14(2). For value-added agricultural projects involving ethanol, the cooperative must submit a list of its members and the share of each member's interest in the cooperative. The economic development authority shall issue a tax credit certificate to each member on the list.

*d. Repayment of benefits.* If an eligible business fails to maintain the requirements of the new capital investment program, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives taken on Iowa returns. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the tax credits may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure to maintain the requirements of the new capital investment program. This repayment is required because it is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

An eligible business in the new capital investment program may also be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives received on Iowa returns if the eligible business experiences a layoff of employees in Iowa or closes any of its facilities in Iowa.

If, within five years of purchase, the eligible business sells, disposes of, razes, or otherwise renders unusable all or a part of the land, buildings, or other existing structures for which a tax credit was claimed under this subrule, the income tax liability of the eligible business shall be increased by one of the following amounts:

(1) One hundred percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within one full year after being placed in service.

(2) Eighty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within two full years after being placed in service.

(3) Sixty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within three full years after being placed in service.

(4) Forty percent of the tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within four full years after being placed in service.

(5) Twenty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within five full years after being placed in service.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15.333 as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2380, and sections 15.335 and 15.381 to 15.387.

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**701—304.24(15E,422) Endow Iowa tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, a taxpayer who makes an endowment gift to an endow Iowa qualified community foundation may qualify for an endow Iowa tax credit, subject to the availability of the credit. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, but before January 1, 2010, the credit is equal to 20 percent of a taxpayer's endowment gift to an endow Iowa qualified community foundation approved by the Iowa department of economic development. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, the credit is equal to 25 percent of a taxpayer's endowment gift to an endow Iowa qualified community foundation approved by the Iowa department of economic development. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a taxpayer cannot claim a deduction for charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the amount of the contribution for which the tax credit is claimed for Iowa tax purposes. The administrative rules for the endow Iowa tax credit for the Iowa department of economic development may be found under 261—Chapter 47.

The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits available is \$2 million in the aggregate for the 2003 and 2004 calendar years. The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits is \$2 million annually for the 2005-2007 calendar years, and \$200,000 of these tax credits on an annual basis is reserved for endowment gifts of \$30,000 or less. The maximum amount of tax credit granted to a single taxpayer shall not exceed \$100,000 for the 2003-2007 calendar years. The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits annually for the 2008 and 2009 calendar years is \$2 million plus a percentage of the tax imposed on the adjusted gross receipts from gambling games in accordance with Iowa Code section 99F.11(3). The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits annually for 2010 is \$2.7 million plus a percentage of the tax imposed on the adjusted gross receipts from gambling games in accordance with Iowa Code section 99F.11(3). The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits annually for 2011 is \$3.5 million plus a percentage of the tax imposed on the adjusted gross receipts from gambling games in accordance with Iowa Code section 99F.11(3). The maximum amount of tax credit granted to a single taxpayer shall not exceed 5 percent of the total endow Iowa tax credit amount authorized for 2008 and subsequent years. For the 2012 calendar year and subsequent calendar years, the total amount of endow Iowa tax credits is \$6 million; the maximum amount of tax credit authorized to a single taxpayer is \$300,000 (\$6 million multiplied by 5 percent). The endow Iowa tax credit cannot be transferred to any other taxpayer.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If a taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15E.305 as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, House File 620, and section 422.11H.

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**701—304.25(422) Soy-based cutting tool oil tax credit.** Effective for tax periods ending after June 30, 2005, and beginning before January 1, 2007, a manufacturer may claim a soy-based cutting tool oil tax credit. A manufacturer, as defined in Iowa Code section 428.20, may claim the credit equal to the costs incurred during the tax year for the purchase and replacement costs relating to the transition from using nonsoy-based cutting tool oil to using soy-based cutting tool oil.

All of the following conditions must be met to qualify for the tax credit:

1. The costs must be incurred after June 30, 2005, and before January 1, 2007.
2. The costs must be incurred in the first 12 months of the transition from using nonsoy-based cutting tool oil to using soy-based cutting tool oil.
3. The soy-based cutting tool oil must contain at least 51 percent soy-based products.
4. The costs of the purchase and replacement must not exceed \$2 per gallon of soy-based cutting tool oil used in the transition.
5. The number of gallons used in the transition cannot exceed 2,000 gallons.
6. The manufacturer shall not deduct for Iowa income tax purposes the costs incurred in the transition to using soy-based cutting tool oil which are deductible for federal tax purposes.

Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

If a taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to an individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11I.

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**701—304.26(15I,422) Wage-benefits tax credit.** Effective for tax years ending on or after June 9, 2006, a wage-benefits tax credit equal to a percentage of the annual wages and benefits paid for a qualified new job created by the location or expansion of the business in Iowa is available for qualified businesses.

**304.26(1) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

*"Average county wage"* means the annualized average hourly wage calculated by the Iowa department of economic development using the most current four quarters of wage and employment information as provided in the Quarterly Covered Wage and Employment Data report provided by the department of workforce development. Agricultural/mining and governmental employment categories are deleted in compiling the wage information.

*"Benefits"* means all of the following:

1. Medical and dental insurance plans.
2. Pension and profit-sharing plans.
3. Child care services.
4. Life insurance coverage.
5. Vision insurance plan.
6. Disability coverage.

*"Department"* means the Iowa department of revenue.

*"Full-time"* means the equivalent of employment of one person:

1. For 8 hours per day for a five-day, 40-hour workweek for 52 weeks per year, including paid holidays, vacations, and other paid leave, or
2. The number of hours or days per week, including paid holidays, vacations, and other paid leave, currently established by schedule, custom or otherwise, as constituting a week of full-time work for the kind of service an individual performs for an employing unit.

*"Grow Iowa values fund"* means the grow Iowa values fund created in Iowa Code Supplement section 15G.108.

*"Nonqualified new job"* means any one of the following:

1. A job previously filled by the same employee in Iowa.
2. A job that was relocated from another location in Iowa.

3. A job that is created as a result of a consolidation, merger, or restructuring of a business entity if the job does not represent a new job in Iowa.

“*Qualified new job*” or “*job creation*” means a job that meets all of the following criteria:

1. Is a new full-time job that has not existed in the business in Iowa within the previous 12 months.
2. Is filled by a new employee for at least 12 months.
3. Is filled by a resident of the state of Iowa.
4. Is not created as a result of a change in ownership.
5. Was created on or after June 9, 2005.

“*Retail business*” means a business which sells its product directly to a consumer.

“*Retained qualified new job*” or “*job retention*” means the continued employment, after the first 12 months of employment, of the same employee in a qualified new job for another 12 months.

“*Service business*” means a business which is not engaged in the sale of tangible personal property, and which provides services to a local consumer market and does not have a significant proportion of its sales coming from outside Iowa.

**304.26(2)** *Calculation of credit.* A business which is not a retail or service business may claim the wage-benefits tax credit which is determined as follows:

- a. If the annual wages and benefits for the qualified new job equal less than 130 percent of the average county wage, the credit is 0 percent of the annual wage and benefits paid.
- b. If the annual wages and benefits for the qualified new job equal at least 130 percent but less than 160 percent of the average county wage, the credit is 5 percent of the annual wage and benefits paid for each qualified new job.
- c. If the annual wages and benefits for the qualified new job equal at least 160 percent of the average county wage, the credit is 10 percent of the annual wage and benefits paid for each qualified new job.

If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the tax credit. The amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the individual’s earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

Any credit in excess of the taxpayer’s tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

**304.26(3)** *Application for the tax credit; tax credit certificate; amount of tax credit available.*

a. In order to claim the wage-benefits tax credit, the business must submit an application to the department along with information on the qualified new job or retained qualified new job. The application cannot be submitted until the end of the twelfth month after the qualified job was filled. For example, if the new job was created on June 9, 2005, the application cannot be submitted until June 9, 2006. The following information must be submitted in the application:

- (1) Name, address and federal identification number of the business.
- (2) A description of the activities of the business. If applicable, the proportion of the sales of the business which come from outside Iowa shall be included.
- (3) The amount of wages and benefits paid to each employee for each new job for the previous 12 months.
- (4) A computation of the amount of credit being requested.
- (5) The address and state of residence of each new employee.
- (6) The date that the qualified new job was filled.
- (7) An indication of whether the job is a qualified new job or a retained qualified new job for which an application was filed for a previous year.
- (8) The type of tax for which the credit will be applied.

(9) If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust, a schedule of the partners, shareholders, members or beneficiaries. This schedule shall include the names, addresses and federal identification numbers of the partners, shareholders, members or beneficiaries, along with their percentage of the pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

*b.* Upon receipt of the application, the department has 45 days either to approve or deny the application. If the department does not act on the application within 45 days, the application is deemed approved. If the department denies the application, the business may appeal the decision to the Iowa economic development board within 30 days of the notice of denial.

*c.* If the application is approved, or if the Iowa economic development board approves the application that was previously denied by the department, a tax credit certificate will be issued by the department to the business, subject to the availability of the amount of credits that may be issued. The tax credit certificate shall contain the name, address and tax identification number of the business (or individual, estate or trust, if applicable), the date of the qualified new job(s), the wage and benefits paid for each job(s) for the 12-month period, the amount of the credit, the tax period for which the credit may be applied, and the type of tax for which the credit will be applied.

*d.* The tax credit certificates that are issued in a fiscal year cannot exceed \$10 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and shall not exceed \$4 million for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011. The tax credit certificates are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, if tax credit certificates have already been issued for the \$10 million limit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, any applications for tax credit certificates received after the \$10 million limit has been reached will be denied. Similarly, if tax credit certificates have already been issued for the \$4 million limit for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011, any applications for tax credit certificates received after the \$4 million limit has been reached will be denied. If a business failed to receive all or a part of the tax credit due to the \$10 million or \$4 million limitation, the business may reapply for the tax credit for the retained new job for a subsequent tax period.

*e.* A business which qualifies for the tax credit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, is eligible to receive the tax credit certificate for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011, subject to the \$4 million limit for tax credits for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011, if the business retains the qualified new job during each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011. The business must reapply by June 30 of each fiscal year for the tax credit, and the percentage of the wages and benefits allowed for the credit set forth in subrule 304.26(2) for the first year is applicable for each subsequent period. Preference will be given in issuing tax credit certificates for those businesses that retain qualified new jobs, and preference will be given in the order in which applications were filed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. Therefore, those businesses which received the first \$4 million of tax credits for the year ending June 30, 2007, in which the qualified jobs were created will automatically receive a tax credit for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011, as long as the qualified jobs are retained and an application is completed.

*f.* For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011, if credits become available because the jobs were not retained by businesses which received the first \$4 million of credits for the year ending June 30, 2007, an application which was originally denied will be considered in the order in which the application was received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

EXAMPLE: Wage-benefits tax credits of \$4 million are issued for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, relating to applications filed between July 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007. For the next fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, the same businesses that received the \$4 million in wage-benefits tax credits filed applications totaling \$3 million for the retained jobs for which the application for the prior year was filed on or before March 31, 2007. The first \$3 million of the available \$4 million will be allowed to these same businesses. The remaining \$1 million that is still available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, will be allowed for those retained jobs for which applications for the prior year were filed starting on April 1, 2007, until the remaining \$1 million in tax credits is issued.

*g.* A business may apply in writing to the Iowa economic development board for a waiver of the average wage and benefit requirement. If a waiver is granted, the business must provide the department with the waiver and it must be attached to the application.

*h.* A business may receive other federal, state, and local incentives and tax credits in addition to the wage-benefits tax credit. However, a business that receives a wage-benefits tax credit cannot receive

tax incentives under the high quality job creation program set forth in Iowa Code chapter 15 or moneys from the grow Iowa values fund.

**304.26(4) Examples.** The following noninclusive examples illustrate how this rule applies:

EXAMPLE 1: Business A operates a grocery store and hires five new employees, each of whom will earn wages and benefits in excess of 130 percent of the average county wage. Business A would not qualify for the wage-benefits tax credit because Business A is a retail business.

EXAMPLE 2: Business B operates an accounting firm and hires two new accountants, each of whom will earn wages and benefits in excess of 160 percent of the average county wage. The accounting firm provides services to clients wholly within Iowa. Business B would not qualify for the wage-benefits tax credit because it is a service business. The majority of its sales are generated from within the state of Iowa and thus Business B, because it is a service business, is not eligible for the credit.

EXAMPLE 3: Business C operates a software development business and hires two new programmers, each of whom will earn wages and benefits in excess of 160 percent of the average county wage. Over 50 percent of the customers of Business C are located outside Iowa. Business C would qualify for the wage-benefits tax credit because a majority of its sales are coming from outside the state, even though Business C is engaged in the performance of services.

EXAMPLE 4: Business D is a manufacturer that hires a new employee in Clayton County, Iowa, on July 8, 2005. The average county wage for Clayton County for the third quarter of 2005 is \$11.86 per hour. If the average county wage per hour for Clayton County is \$11.95 for the fourth quarter of 2005, \$12.05 for the first quarter of 2006, and \$12.14 for the second quarter of 2006, the annualized average county wage for this 12-month period is \$12.00 per hour. This wage equates to an average annual wage of \$24,960 ( $\$12.00 \times 40 \text{ hours} \times 52 \text{ weeks}$ ). In order for Business D to qualify for the 5 percent wage-benefits tax credit, the new employee must receive wages and benefits totaling \$32,448 (130 percent of \$24,960) for the 12-month period from July 8, 2005, through July 7, 2006. In order for Business D to qualify for the 10 percent wage-benefits tax credit, the new employee must receive wages and benefits totaling \$39,936 (160 percent of \$24,960) for the 12-month period from July 8, 2005, through July 7, 2006.

EXAMPLE 5: Business E is a manufacturer that hires three new employees in Grundy County, Iowa, on July 1, 2005. If the average county wage for the 12-month period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, is \$13.75 per hour in Grundy County, this wage equates to an average county wage of \$28,600. The wages and benefits for each of these three new employees is \$40,000 for the period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, which is 140 percent of the average county wage. Business E is entitled to a wage-benefits tax credit of \$2,000 for each employee ( $\$40,000 \times 5 \text{ percent}$ ), for a total wage-benefits tax credit of \$6,000. If Business E files on a calendar-year basis, the \$6,000 wage-benefits tax credit can be claimed on the tax return for the period ending December 31, 2006.

EXAMPLE 6: Business F is a manufacturer that hires ten new employees on July 1, 2005, and qualifies for the wage-benefits tax credit because the wages and benefits paid exceed 130 percent of the average county wage. Business F receives a wage-benefits tax credit in July 2006 for these ten employees, which can be used on the tax return for the period ending December 31, 2006. On August 31, 2006, two of the employees leave the business and are replaced by two new employees. Business F is entitled to a wage-benefits tax credit for only eight employees in July 2007 because only eight employees continued employment for the subsequent 12 months in a job which meets the definition of a retained qualified new job. Business F cannot request a wage-benefits tax credit for the two employees hired on August 31, 2006. Business F cannot request the wage-benefits tax credit because these two full-time jobs existed in the business within the previous 12 months in Iowa, and these jobs do not meet the definition of a qualified new job or retained qualified new job.

EXAMPLE 7: Business G is a manufacturer that hires ten new employees on July 1, 2005, and qualifies for the wage-benefits tax credit because the wages and benefits paid exceed 130 percent of the average county wage. Business G receives a wage-benefits tax credit in July 2006 for these ten employees equal to 5 percent of the wages and benefits paid. On October 1, 2006, Business G hires an additional five employees, each of whom receives wages and benefits in excess of 130 percent of the average county wage. Business G can apply for the wage-benefits tax credit on October 1, 2007, for these five employees,

since these employees have now been employed for 12 months. However, the credit may not be allowed if more than \$4 million of retained job tax credits have been issued for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

EXAMPLE 8: Assume the same facts as Example 6, except that the \$10 million limit of tax credits has already been met for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and Business F hired five new employees on August 31, 2006. Business F can apply for the wage-benefits tax credit for the three employees on August 31, 2007, a number which is above the ten full-time jobs originally created, but Business F may not receive the tax credit if more than \$4 million of retained job tax credits have been issued for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

EXAMPLE 9: Assume the same facts as Example 7, except that the ten employees hired on July 1, 2005, by Business G received wages and benefits equal to 155 percent of the average county wage, and the five employees hired on October 1, 2006, by Business G received wages equal to 161 percent of the average county wage. Business G can apply for the tax credit on October 1, 2007, equal to 10 percent of the wages and benefits paid for the employees hired on October 1, 2006. On July 1, 2007, Business G can reapply for the tax credit equal to 5 percent of the wages and benefits paid only for the ten employees originally hired on July 1, 2005, even if the wages and benefits for these ten employees exceed 160 percent of the average county wage for the period from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

**304.26(5) *Repeal of the wage-benefits tax credit.*** The wage-benefits tax credit is repealed effective July 1, 2008. However, the wage-benefits tax credit is still available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, as provided in paragraphs 304.26(3) “d,” “e,” and “f.” A business is not entitled to a wage-benefits tax credit for a qualified new job created on or after July 1, 2008.

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**701—304.27(422,476B) Wind energy production tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2006, an owner of a qualified wind energy production facility that has been approved by the Iowa utilities board may claim a wind energy production tax credit for qualified electricity sold by the owner or used for on-site consumption against a taxpayer’s Iowa individual income tax liability. The administrative rules for the certification of eligibility for the wind energy production tax credit for the Iowa utilities board may be found in rule 199—15.18(476B).

**304.27(1) *Application and review process for the wind energy production tax credit.*** An owner of a wind energy production facility must be approved by the Iowa utilities board in order to qualify for the wind energy production tax credit. The facility must be an electrical production facility that produces electricity from wind, that is located in Iowa, and that is placed in service on or after July 1, 2005, but before July 1, 2012. For applications filed on or after March 1, 2008, a facility must consist of one or more wind turbines which have a combined nameplate generating capacity of at least 2 megawatts and no more than 30 megawatts. For applications filed on or after July 1, 2009, by a private college or university, community college, institution under the control of the state board of regents, public or accredited nonpublic elementary and secondary school, or public hospital as defined in Iowa Code section 249J.3, the facility must have a combined nameplate generating capacity of no less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a megawatt.

The maximum amount of nameplate generating capacity for all qualified wind energy production facilities cannot exceed 50 megawatts. An owner shall not own more than two qualified facilities. A facility that is not operational within 18 months after issuance of the approval from the Iowa utilities board will no longer be considered a qualified facility. However, a facility that is not operational within 18 months due to the unavailability of necessary equipment shall be granted an additional 12 months to become operational.

An owner of the qualified facility must apply to the Iowa utilities board for the wind energy production tax credit. The application for the tax credit must be filed no later than 30 days after the close of the tax year for which the credit is applied. The information to be included in the application is set forth in 199—subrule 15.20(1).

**304.27(2) *Computation of the credit.*** The wind energy production credit equals one cent multiplied by the number of kilowatt-hours of qualified electricity sold or used for on-site consumption by the owner

during the tax year. For the first tax year in which the credit is applied, the kilowatt-hours of qualified electricity sold may exceed 12 months.

EXAMPLE: A qualified facility was placed in service on April 1, 2006, and the taxpayer files on a calendar-year basis. The first year for which the credit can be claimed is the period ending December 31, 2007, since that is the first tax year that began on or after July 1, 2006. The credit for the 2007 tax year can include electricity sold between April 1, 2006, and December 31, 2007.

The credit is not allowed for any kilowatt-hours of electricity sold to a related person. The definition of “related person” uses the same criteria set forth in Section 45(e)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code relating to the federal renewable electricity production credit. Persons shall be treated as related to each other if such persons are treated as a single employer under Treasury Regulation § 1.52-1. In the case of a corporation that is a member of an affiliated group of corporations filing a federal consolidated return, such corporation shall be treated as selling electricity to an unrelated person if such electricity is sold to the person by another member of the affiliated group.

The utilities board will notify the department of the number of kilowatt-hours of electricity sold by the qualified facility or generated and used on site by the qualified facility during the tax year. The department will calculate the credit and issue a tax credit certificate to the owner. The tax credit certificate will include the taxpayer’s name, address and federal identification number, the tax type for which the credit will be claimed, the amount of the credit and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. In addition, the tax credit certificate will include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit certificate, as provided in subrule 304.27(3). If the department refuses to issue the tax credit certificate, the taxpayer shall be notified in writing and the taxpayer will have 60 days from the date of denial to file a protest in accordance with rule 701—7.8(17A). The department will not issue a tax credit certificate if the facility is not operational within 18 months after approval was given by the utilities board, unless a 12-month extension is granted by the utilities board as provided in subrule 304.27(1).

If the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust requesting a credit for individual or corporation income tax, the tax credit certificate will be issued to the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries based on the partner’s, member’s, shareholder’s or beneficiary’s pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust, except when the taxpayer is eligible to receive renewable electricity production tax credits authorized under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code. In cases where the taxpayer is eligible to receive renewable electricity production tax credits under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code, the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder. In addition, if a taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust that is eligible to receive renewable electricity production tax credits under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code, the taxpayer may distribute the tax credit to an equity holder or beneficiary as a liquidating distribution, or portion thereof, of an equity holder’s interest in the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, or the beneficiary’s interest in the estate or trust.

The credit can be allowed for a ten-year period beginning on the date the qualified facility was originally placed in service. For example, if a facility was placed in service on April 1, 2006, the credit can be claimed for kilowatt-hours of electricity sold between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2016.

To claim the tax credit, the taxpayer must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax year set forth on the certificate. Any tax credit in excess of the tax liability may be carried forward for seven years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier.

**304.27(3) *Transfer of the wind energy production tax credit certificate.*** The wind energy production tax credit certificate may be transferred to any person or entity.

Within 30 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department, along with a statement which contains the transferee’s name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited



liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust claiming the credit for individual or corporation income tax, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries and information on how the wind energy production tax credit should be divided among the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information as that on the original tax credit certificate and must have the same effective taxable year and the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate. The replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different tax type than the original tax credit certificate.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax year for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11J and Iowa Code chapter 476B as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 672.

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**701—304.28(422,476C) Renewable energy tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2006, a purchaser or producer of renewable energy whose facility has been approved by the Iowa utilities board may claim a renewable energy tax credit for qualified renewable energy against a taxpayer's Iowa individual income tax liability.

**304.28(1) Eligible facility application process.**

*a. Eligible facility application process, generally.* A producer or purchaser of a renewable energy facility must be approved as an eligible renewable energy facility by the Iowa utilities board in order to qualify for the renewable energy tax credit. The eligible renewable energy facility can be a wind energy conversion facility, biogas recovery facility, biomass conversion facility, methane gas recovery facility, solar energy conversion facility or refuse conversion facility. The facility must be located in Iowa and placed in service on or after July 1, 2005, and before January 1, 2018. The administrative rules for the certification of eligibility for the renewable energy tax credit for the Iowa utilities board may be found in rule 199—15.19(476C).

*b. Limitations on maximum energy production and nameplate generating capacity.* The maximum amount of nameplate generating capacity of all wind energy conversion facilities cannot exceed 363 megawatts. For tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2015, the maximum amount of energy production capacity for biogas recovery facilities, biomass conversion facilities, methane gas recovery facilities, solar energy conversion facilities and refuse conversion facilities cannot exceed a combined output of 53 megawatts of nameplate generating capacity and 167 billion British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, the maximum amount of energy production for biogas recovery facilities, biomass conversion facilities, methane gas recovery facilities, solar energy conversion facilities and refuse conversion facilities cannot exceed a combined output of 63 megawatts of nameplate generating capacity and, annually, 167 billion British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose. A facility that is not operational within 30 months after issuance of approval from the utilities board will no longer be considered a qualified facility. However, if the facility is a wind energy conversion property and is not operational within 18 months due to the unavailability of necessary equipment, the facility may apply for a 12-month extension of the 30-month limit. Extensions can be renewed for succeeding 12-month periods if the facility applies for the extension prior to expiration of the current extension period. A producer of renewable energy, who is the person who owns the renewable energy facility, cannot own more than two eligible renewable energy facilities. A person that has an equity interest equal to or greater than 51 percent in an eligible renewable energy facility cannot have an equity interest greater than 10 percent in any other renewable energy facility. However, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, an entity described in

Iowa Code section 476C.1(6) “b”(4) or (5) may have an ownership interest in up to four solar energy conversion facilities described in Iowa Code section 476C.3(4) “b”(3).

**304.28(2) Tax credit certificate procedure.**

*a. Tax credit application process.* A producer or purchaser of a renewable energy facility must apply to the utilities board for the renewable energy tax credit. The application for the tax credit must be filed no later than 30 days after the close of the tax year for which the credit is applied. The information to be included in the application is set forth in 199—subrule 15.21(1). The utilities board will notify the department of the number of kilowatt-hours, standard cubic feet or British thermal units that were generated and purchased from an eligible facility or used for on-site consumption by the producer during the tax year for which the credit is applied.

*b. Tax credit calculation.* The department shall calculate the amount of the credit for which the applicant is eligible in accordance with subrules 304.28(3) and 304.28(4) and shall issue a tax credit certificate for that amount or shall notify the applicant in writing of its refusal to do so.

*c. Tax credit certificate issuance.* The tax credit certificate will include the taxpayer’s name, address and federal identification number; the tax type for which the credit will be claimed; the amount of the credit; and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. In addition, the tax credit certificate will include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit certificate, as provided in subrule 304.28(5). Once a tax credit certificate is issued pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476C, it shall not be terminated or rescinded.

*d. Taxpayers that are partnerships, limited liability companies, S corporations, or estates or trusts.* If the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust requesting a credit for individual or corporation income tax, the tax credit certificate will be issued to the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries based on the partner’s, member’s, shareholder’s or beneficiary’s pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust, except when the taxpayer is eligible to receive renewable electricity production tax credits authorized under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code. In cases where the taxpayer is eligible to receive renewable electricity production tax credits under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code, the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder. In addition, if a taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust that is eligible to receive renewable electricity production tax credits under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code, the taxpayer may distribute the tax credit to an equity holder or beneficiary as a liquidating distribution, or portion thereof, of an equity holder’s interest in the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation or of the beneficiary’s interest in the estate or trust.

*e. Carryforward.* To claim the tax credit, the taxpayer must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax period set forth on the certificate. Any tax credit in excess of the tax liability may be carried forward for seven years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier.

**304.28(3) Limitations.**

*a. Energy production.* Of the maximum amount of energy production capacity equivalent for biogas recovery facilities, biomass conversion facilities, methane gas recovery facilities, solar energy conversion facilities and refuse conversion facilities:

(1) No single facility may be allocated more than ten megawatts of nameplate generating capacity or energy production capacity equivalent.

(2) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, ten megawatts of nameplate generating capacity or energy production capacity equivalent shall be reserved for solar energy conversion facilities described in Iowa Code section 476C.3(4) “b”(3) that have a generating capacity of one and one-half megawatts or less.

(3) For tax years, beginning on or after January 1, 2014, 55 billion British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose shall be reserved annually for an eligible facility that is a refuse conversion facility for processed, engineered fuel from a multicounty solid waste management planning area.

(4) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, the maximum annual amount of energy production capacity for a single refuse conversion facility is 55 billion British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose.

*b. Related persons.* The credit is not allowed for any kilowatt-hours, standard cubic feet or British thermal units that are purchased from an eligible facility by a related person. Persons shall be treated as related to each other if either person owns an 80 percent or more equity interest in the other person.

*c. Operation.* The facility must be operational within 30 months after approval was given by the utilities board, unless a 12-month extension is granted by the utilities board as provided in subrule 304.28(1).

*d. Prohibited for persons that have received a credit under Iowa Code chapter 476B.* A person that has received a wind energy production tax credit pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476B may not be issued a renewable energy tax credit certificate.

*e. Ten-year award limitation.* The credit is allowed for a ten-year period beginning on the date the purchaser first purchases renewable energy from a qualified facility or on the date the qualified facility first began producing renewable energy for on-site consumption. For example, if a renewable energy facility first began producing energy for on-site consumption on April 1, 2006, the credit can be claimed for kilowatt-hours, standard cubic feet or British thermal units generated and used for on-site consumption by the producer between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2016. Tax credit certificates cannot be issued for renewable energy purchased or produced for on-site consumption after December 31, 2027.

**304.28(4) Computation of the credit.** The renewable energy tax credit equals 1½ cents per kilowatt-hour of electricity, or \$1.44 per 1000 standard cubic feet of hydrogen fuel, or \$4.50 per 1 million British thermal units of methane gas or other biogas used to generate electricity, or \$4.50 per 1 million British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose generated by and purchased from an eligible renewable energy facility or used for on-site consumption by the producer during the tax year. For the first tax year in which the credit is applied, the kilowatt-hours, standard cubic feet or British thermal units generated by and purchased from the facility or used for on-site consumption by the producer may exceed 12 months if the facility was operational for fewer than 12 months in its initial year of operation.

EXAMPLE: A qualified wind energy production facility was placed in service on April 1, 2006, and the taxpayer files on a calendar-year basis. The first year for which the credit can be claimed is the year ending December 31, 2007, since that is the first tax year that began on or after July 1, 2006. The credit for the 2007 tax year can include electricity generated and purchased or used for on-site consumption by the producer between April 1, 2006, and December 31, 2007.

**304.28(5) Transfer of the renewable energy tax credit certificate.**

*a. One-transfer limitation.* The renewable energy tax credit certificate may be transferred once to any person or entity. A decision between a producer and purchaser of renewable energy regarding who may claim the tax credit is not considered a transfer.

*b. Transfer process—information required.* Within 30 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department, along with a statement which contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number; the amount of the tax credit being transferred; the value of any consideration provided by the transferee to the transferor; and any other information required by the department. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust claiming the credit for individual or corporation income tax, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries and information on how the renewable energy tax credit should be divided among the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information as that on the original tax credit certificate and must have the same effective taxable year and the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate. The replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different tax type than the original tax credit certificate.

*c. Tax year.* The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax year for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit.

*d. Consideration.* Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

**304.28(6) *Small wind innovation zones.*** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, an owner of a small wind energy system operating within a small wind innovation zone which has been approved by the Iowa utilities board is eligible for the renewable energy tax credit. The administrative rules of the Iowa utilities board for the certification of eligibility for owners of small wind energy systems operating within a small wind innovation zone may be found in rule 199—15.22(476).

**304.28(7) *Appeals.*** If the department refuses to issue the tax credit certificate, the taxpayer shall be notified in writing, and the taxpayer will have 60 days from the date of denial to file a protest in accordance with rule 701—7.8(17A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11J and Iowa Code chapter 476C as amended by 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 124, and 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2468.

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**701—304.29(15) *High quality job creation program.*** Effective for tax periods ending on or after July 1, 2005, for programs approved on or after July 1, 2005, but before July 1, 2009, a business which qualifies under the high quality job creation program is eligible to receive tax credits. The high quality job creation program replaces the new jobs and income program and the new capital investment program. An eligible business under the high quality job creation program must be approved by the Iowa department of economic development and meet the qualifications of Iowa Code section 15.329. The administrative rules for the high quality job creation program for the Iowa department of economic development may be found at 261—Chapter 68.

The high quality job creation program was repealed on July 1, 2009, and has been replaced with the high quality jobs program. See rule 701—304.42(15) for information on the investment tax credit and additional research activities credit under the high quality jobs program. Any investment tax credit and additional research activities credit earned by businesses approved under the high quality job creation program prior to July 1, 2009, remains valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2009.

**304.29(1) *Research activities credit.*** An eligible business approved under the high quality job creation program is eligible for an additional research activities credit as described in 701—subrule 501.7(4).

Research activities allowable for the Iowa research activities credit include expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components manufactured or assembled in Iowa; such expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are not eligible for the federal credit for increasing research activities. For purposes of this subrule, innovative renewable energy generation components do not include components with more than 200 megawatts in installed effective nameplate generating capacity. The research activities credit related to renewable energy generation components under the high quality job creation program and the enterprise zone program shall not exceed \$1 million in the aggregate.

These expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are applicable only to the additional research activities credit set forth in this subrule and are not applicable to the research activities credit set forth in paragraphs 304.11(3) “a” and “b.” The research activities credit is subject to the threshold amounts of qualifying investment set forth in Iowa department of economic development 261—subrule 68.4(7).

**304.29(2) *Investment tax credit.***

*a. General rule.* An eligible business can claim an investment tax credit equal to a percentage of the new investment directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business. The percentage is equal to the amount provided in Iowa department of economic development

261—subrule 68.4(7). New investment directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business includes the following:

(1) The cost of machinery and equipment, as defined in Iowa Code section 427A.1(1), paragraphs “e” and “j,” purchased for use in the operation of the eligible business. The purchase price shall be depreciated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(2) The purchase price of real property and any buildings and structures located on the real property.

(3) The cost of improvements made to real property which is used in the operation of the eligible business.

In addition, certain lease payments made by eligible businesses to a third-party developer will be considered to be new investment for purposes of computing the investment tax credit. The eligible business shall enter into a lease agreement with the third-party developer for a minimum of five years. The investment tax credit is based on the annual base rent paid to a third-party developer by the eligible business for a period not to exceed ten years. The total costs of the annual base rent payments for the ten-year period cannot exceed the cost of the land and the third-party developer’s cost to build or renovate the building used by the eligible business. The annual base rent is defined as the total lease payment less taxes, insurance and operating and maintenance expenses.

The investment tax credit can be claimed in the tax year in which the qualifying assets are placed in service. The investment tax credit will be amortized over a five-year period. Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax period may be carried forward seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

EXAMPLE: An eligible business which files tax returns on a calendar-year basis earned \$100,000 of investment tax credits for new investment made in 2006. The business can claim \$20,000 of investment tax credits for each of the years from 2006 through 2010. The \$20,000 of investment tax credit that can be claimed in 2006 can be carried forward to the 2007-2013 tax years if the entire credit cannot be claimed on the 2006 return. Similarly, the \$20,000 investment tax credit that can be claimed in 2007 can be carried forward to the 2008-2014 tax years if the entire credit cannot be claimed on the 2007 return.

If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, cooperative organized under Iowa Code chapter 501 and filing as a partnership for federal tax purposes, or estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to an individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount of the credit claimed by an individual must be based on the individual’s pro rata share of the individual’s earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, cooperative organized under Iowa Code chapter 501 and filing as a partnership for federal tax purposes, or estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to an individual.

*b. Investment tax credit—value-added agricultural products or biotechnology-related processes.* An eligible business whose project primarily involves the production of value-added agricultural products or uses biotechnology-related processes may elect to receive a refund for all or a portion of an unused investment tax credit. An eligible business includes a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol.

Eligible businesses that elect to receive a refund shall apply to the Iowa department of economic development for tax credit certificates between May 1 and May 15 of each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The election to receive a refund of all or a portion of an unused investment tax credit is no longer available beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Only those businesses that have completed projects before the May 1 filing date may apply for a tax credit certificate. The Iowa department of economic development shall not issue tax credit certificates for more than \$4 million during a fiscal year to eligible businesses for this program and the enterprise zone program described in subrule 304.14(2). If applications are received for more than \$4 million, the applicants shall receive certificates for a prorated amount.

The economic development authority shall issue tax credit certificates within a reasonable period of time. Tax credit certificates are valid for the tax year following project completion. The tax credit certificate must be included with the tax return for the tax year during which the tax credit is claimed. The tax credit certificate shall not be transferred, except for a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol, as provided in subrule 304.14(2). For value-added agricultural projects involving ethanol, the cooperative must submit a list

of its members and the share of each member's interest in the cooperative. The economic development authority shall issue a tax credit certificate to each member on the list.

*c. Repayment of benefits.* If an eligible business fails to maintain the requirements of the high quality job creation program, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives taken on Iowa returns. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the tax credits may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure of the eligible business to maintain the requirements of the high quality job creation program because the repayment is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

An eligible business in the high quality job creation program may also be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives received on Iowa returns if the eligible business experiences a layoff of employees in Iowa or closes any of its facilities in Iowa.

If, within five years of purchase, the eligible business sells, disposes of, razes, or otherwise renders unusable all or a part of the land, buildings, or other existing structures for which a tax credit was claimed under this subrule, the income tax liability of the eligible business shall be increased by one of the following amounts:

- (1) One hundred percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within one full year after being placed in service.
- (2) Eighty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within two full years after being placed in service.
- (3) Sixty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within three full years after being placed in service.
- (4) Forty percent of the tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within four full years after being placed in service.
- (5) Twenty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within five full years after being placed in service.

**304.29(3) Determination of tax credit amounts.** The amount of tax credit claimed under the high quality job creation program shall be based on the number of high quality jobs created and the amount of qualifying investment made as determined by the Iowa department of economic development.

*a.* If the high quality jobs have a starting wage, including benefits, equal to or greater than 130 percent of the average county wage but less than 160 percent of the average county wage, see Iowa department of economic development 261—paragraph 68.4(7)“*a*” for the amount of tax credits that may be claimed.

*b.* If the high quality jobs have a starting wage, including benefits, equal to or greater than 160 percent of the average county wage, see Iowa department of economic development 261—paragraph 68.4(7)“*b*” for the amount of tax credits that may be claimed.

*c.* An eligible business approved under the high quality job creation program is not eligible for the wage-benefits tax credit set forth in rule 701—304.26(15I,422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15.326 to 15.337.

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**701—304.30(15E,422) Economic development region revolving fund tax credit.** Effective for tax years ending on or after July 1, 2005, but beginning before January 1, 2010, a taxpayer who makes a contribution to an economic development region revolving fund may claim a tax credit, subject to the availability of the credit. The tax credit is equal to 20 percent of a taxpayer's contribution

to the economic development region revolving fund approved by the Iowa department of economic development. The administrative rules for the economic development region revolving fund tax credit for the Iowa department of economic development may be found at 261—Chapter 32. The tax credit is repealed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

The total amount of economic development region revolving fund tax credits available shall not exceed \$2 million per fiscal year. The tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the taxpayer redeems the credit. The economic development region revolving fund tax credit is not transferable to any other taxpayer.

Any tax credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If a taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15E.232 and 422.11K as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2380.

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**701—304.31(422) Early childhood development tax credit.** Taxpayers may claim a tax credit equal to 25 percent of the first \$1,000 of expenses paid to others for early childhood development for each dependent three to five years of age. The credit is available only to taxpayers whose net income is less than \$90,000. If a taxpayer claims the early childhood development tax credit, the taxpayer cannot claim the child and dependent care credit described in rule 701—304.15(422). The early childhood development tax credit is refundable to the extent that the credit exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability.

For married taxpayers who elect to file separately on a combined form or elect to file separate returns for Iowa tax purposes, the combined net income of the taxpayers must be less than \$90,000 to be eligible for the credit. If the combined net income is less than \$90,000, the early childhood development tax credit shall be prorated to each spouse in the proportion that each spouse's respective net income bears to the total combined net income.

Nonresidents and part-year residents who have income from Iowa sources in the tax year may claim the early childhood development tax credit on their Iowa returns. If the taxpayer's all-source net income is \$90,000 or higher, the taxpayer will not qualify for the credit. Nonresidents or part-year residents of Iowa must determine the early childhood development tax credit in the ratio of their Iowa-source net income to their all-source net income. In addition, if nonresidents or part-year residents of Iowa are married and elect to file separate returns or to file separately on a combined Iowa return, the early childhood development tax credit must be allocated between the spouses in the ratio of each spouse's Iowa-source net income to their combined Iowa-source net income.

**304.31(1) Expenses eligible for the credit.** The following expenses qualify for the early childhood development tax credit, to the extent they are paid during the time period that a dependent is either three, four, or five years of age:

*a.* Expenses for services provided by a preschool, as defined in Iowa Code section 237A.1. The preschool may only provide services for periods of time not exceeding three hours per day.

*b.* Books that improve child development, including textbooks, music books, art books, teacher editions, and reading books.

*c.* Expenses paid for instructional materials required to be used in a child development or educational lesson activity. These materials include, but are not limited to, paper, notebooks, pencils, and art supplies. In addition, software and toys which are directly and primarily used for educational or learning purposes are considered instructional materials.

*d.* Expenses paid for lesson plans and curricula.

e. Expenses paid for child development and educational activities outside the home. These activities include, but are not limited to, drama, art, music, and museum activities, including the entrance fees for such activities.

**304.31(2) Expenses not eligible for the credit.** The following expenses do not qualify for the early childhood development tax credit:

- a. Any expenses, including expenses paid to a preschool, once a dependent reaches the age of six.
- b. Expenses relating to food, lodging, membership fees, or other nonacademic expenses relating to child development and educational activities outside the home.
- c. Expenses related to services, materials, or activities for the teaching of religious tenets, doctrines, or worship, in cases where the purpose of the teaching is to inculcate the religious tenets, doctrines, or worship.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.12C.

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**701—304.32(422) School tuition organization tax credit.** For tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2021, a school tuition organization tax credit is available which is equal to 65 percent of the amount of voluntary cash or noncash contributions made by a taxpayer to a school tuition organization. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, the tax credit is equal to 75 percent of the amount of voluntary cash or noncash contributions made by a taxpayer to a school tuition organization. There are numerous federal revenue regulations, rulings, court cases and other provisions relating to the determination of the value of a noncash contribution, and these are equally applicable to the determination of the amount of a school tuition organization tax credit.

**304.32(1) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

“*Certified enrollment*” means the enrollment at schools served by school tuition organizations as of October 1, or the first Monday in October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, of the appropriate year.

“*Contribution*” means a voluntary cash or noncash contribution to a school tuition organization that is not used for the direct benefit of any dependent of the taxpayer or any other student designated by the taxpayer.

“*Eligible student*” means a student residing in Iowa who is a member of a household whose total annual income during the calendar year prior to the school year in which the student receives a tuition grant from a school tuition organization does not exceed an amount equal to four times the most recently published federal poverty guidelines in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

“*Qualified school*” means a nonpublic elementary or secondary school in Iowa which is accredited under Iowa Code section 256.11, including a prekindergarten program for students who are five years of age by September 15 of the appropriate year, and adheres to the provisions of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Iowa Code chapter 216, and which is represented by only one school tuition organization.

“*School tuition organization*” means a charitable organization in Iowa that is exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that does all of the following:

1. Allocates at least 90 percent of its annual revenue in tuition grants for children to allow them to attend a qualified school of their parents’ choice.
2. Awards tuition grants only to children who reside in Iowa.
3. Provides tuition grants to students without limiting availability to students of only one school.
4. Provides tuition grants only to eligible students.
5. Prepares an annual financial statement certified by a public accounting firm.

“*Tuition grant*” means a grant to a student to cover all or part of the student’s tuition at a qualified school.

**304.32(2) Initial registration.** In order for contributions to a school tuition organization to qualify for the credit, the school tuition organization must initially register with the department. The following information must be provided with this initial registration:



- a. Verification from the Internal Revenue Service that Section 501(c)(3) status was granted and that the school tuition organization is exempt from federal income tax.
- b. A list of all qualified schools that the school tuition organization serves.
- c. The names and addresses of all the members of the board of directors of the school tuition organization.

Once the school tuition organization is registered with the department, it is not required to subsequently register unless there is a change in the qualified schools that the organization serves. The school tuition organization must notify the department in writing of any changes in the qualified schools it serves.

**304.32(3) Participation forms.** Each qualified school that is served by a school tuition organization must annually submit a participation form to the department by November 1. The following information must be provided with this participation form:

- a. The certified enrollment of the qualified school as of October 1, or the first Monday in October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.
- b. The name of the school tuition organization that represents the qualified school.

**304.32(4) Authorization to issue tax credit certificates.**

a. By December 1 of each year, the department will authorize school tuition organizations to issue tax credit certificates for the following calendar year. The total amount of tax credit certificates that may be authorized is:

- (1) \$2.5 million for the 2006 calendar year,
- (2) \$5 million for the 2007 calendar year,
- (3) \$7.5 million for the 2008 through 2011 calendar years,
- (4) \$8.75 million for the 2012 and 2013 calendar years,
- (5) \$12 million for the 2014 through 2018 calendar years,
- (6) \$13 million for the 2019 calendar year,
- (7) \$15 million for the 2020 and 2021 calendar years, and
- (8) \$20 million for the 2022 calendar year and subsequent calendar years.

b. The amount of authorized tax credit certificates for each school tuition organization is determined by dividing the total amount of tax credit available by the total certified enrollment of all qualified participating schools. This result, which is the per-student tax credit, is then multiplied by the certified enrollment of each school tuition organization to determine the tax credit authorized to each school tuition organization.

EXAMPLE: For determining the authorized tax credits for the 2022 calendar year, if the certified enrollment of all qualified schools in Iowa, as provided to the department by November 1, 2021, was 40,000, the per-student tax credit would be \$500 ( $\$20 \text{ million} \div 40,000$ ). If a school tuition organization located in Scott County represents four qualified schools with a certified enrollment of 1,400 students, the school tuition organization would be authorized to issue \$700,000 ( $\$500 \times 1,400$ ) of tax credit certificates for the 2022 calendar year. The department would notify this school tuition organization by December 1, 2021, of the authorization to issue \$700,000 of tax credit certificates for the 2022 calendar year. This authorization would allow the school tuition organization to solicit contributions totaling \$933,333 ( $\$700,000 \div 75\%$ ) during the 2022 calendar year which would be eligible for the tax credit.

**304.32(5) Issuance of tax credit certificates.**

a. The school tuition organization shall issue tax credit certificates to each taxpayer who made a cash or noncash contribution to the school tuition organization. The tax credit certificate, designed by the department, shall contain the name, address and tax identification number of the taxpayer; the amount and date that the contribution was made; the amount of the credit; the tax year that the credit may be applied; the school tuition organization to which the contribution was made; and the tax credit certificate number.

*b.* A tax credit certificate may be issued to a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust. The amount of credit claimed by an individual shall be based on the pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust.

**304.32(6) *Claiming the tax credit.*** The taxpayer must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for which the credit is claimed. The tax credit shall be claimed in the tax year during which the contribution is made. Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

*a.* The taxpayer shall not claim an itemized deduction for charitable contributions for Iowa income tax purposes for the amount of the contribution made to the school tuition organization.

*b.* Married taxpayers who file separate returns or file separately on a combined return must allocate the school tuition organization tax credit to each spouse in the proportion that each spouse's respective net income bears to the total combined net income. Nonresidents or part-year residents of Iowa, including those who are claiming a tax credit of a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust of which they are a member, must determine the school tuition organization tax credit in the ratio of their Iowa source net income to their total source net income. In addition, if nonresidents or part-year residents of Iowa are married and elect to file separate returns or to file separately on a combined return, the school tuition organization tax credit must be allocated between the spouses in the ratio of each spouse's Iowa source net income to the combined Iowa source net income.

**304.32(7) *Reporting requirements.*** Each school tuition organization that issues tax credit certificates must report to the department, postmarked by January 12 of each calendar year, the following information:

*a.* The names and addresses of all the members of the board of directors of the school tuition organization, along with the name of the chairperson of the board.

*b.* The total number and dollar value of contributions received by the school tuition organization for the previous calendar year.

*c.* The total number and dollar value of tax credit certificates issued by the school tuition organization for the previous calendar year.

*d.* A list of each taxpayer who received a tax credit certificate for the previous calendar year, including the amount of the contribution and the amount of tax credit issued to each taxpayer for the previous calendar year. This list should also include the tax identification number of the taxpayer and the tax credit certificate number for each certificate.

*e.* The total number of children utilizing tuition grants for the school year in progress as of January 12, along with the total dollar value of the tuition grants.

*f.* The name and address of each qualified school represented by the school tuition organization at which tuition grants are being utilized for the school year in progress.

*g.* The number of tuition grant students and the total dollar value of tuition grants being utilized for the school year in progress at each qualified school served by the school tuition organization.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11S.

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**701—304.33(422) E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a retail dealer of gasoline may claim an E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit. "E-85 gasoline" means ethanol blended gasoline formulated with a minimum percentage of between 70 percent and 85 percent of volume of ethanol, if the formulation meets the standards provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2. For purposes of this rule, tank wagon sales are considered retail sales. The credit is calculated on Form IA 135.

**304.33(1) *Claiming the credit.***

*a. Amount of the credit.* The credit is calculated by multiplying the total number of E-85 gallons sold by the retail dealer during the tax year by the following designated rates:

Calendar years 2006, 2007, and 2008	25 cents
Calendar years 2009 and 2010	20 cents
Calendar year 2011	10 cents
Calendar years 2012 through 2024	16 cents

*b. Claiming the credit with other credits.* A taxpayer may claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit even if the taxpayer also claims the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit provided in rule 701—304.20(422) for gallons sold prior to January 1, 2009, or the ethanol promotion tax credit provided in rule 701—304.39(422) for gallons sold on or after January 1, 2009, but prior to January 1, 2021, for the same tax year for the same ethanol gallons.

*c. Refundability.* Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

*d. Transferability.* The credit may not be transferred to any other person.

*e. Example.* A taxpayer operated one retail motor fuel site in 2008 and sold 200,000 gallons of gasoline, of which 160,000 gallons was ethanol blended gasoline. Of these 160,000 gallons, 1,000 gallons was E-85 gasoline. Taxpayer may claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit on the 1,000 gallons of E-85 gasoline sold during 2008. Taxpayer is also entitled to claim the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit of two and one-half cents multiplied by 40,000 gallons, since this constitutes the gallons in excess of 60 percent of the total gasoline gallons sold for the 2008 tax year.

**304.33(2) Fiscal year filers.** For taxpayers whose tax year is not on a calendar-year basis, the taxpayer may compute the tax credit on the gallons of E-85 gasoline sold during the year using the designated rates as shown above. Because the tax credit is repealed on January 1, 2025, a taxpayer whose tax year ends prior to December 31, 2024, may continue to claim the tax credit in the following tax year for any E-85 gallons sold through December 31, 2024. For a retail dealer whose tax year is not on a calendar-year basis and who did not claim the E-85 credit on the previous return, the dealer may claim the credit for the current tax year for the period beginning on January 1 of the previous tax year until the last day of the previous tax year.

See 701—subrule 501.30(2) for examples illustrating how this subrule is applied.

**304.33(3) Allocation of credit to owners of a business entity or to beneficiaries of an estate or trust.** If a taxpayer claiming the E-85 ethanol promotion tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11O as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2309.

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**701—304.34(422) Biodiesel blended fuel tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a retail dealer of biodiesel blended fuel may claim a biodiesel blended fuel tax credit. "Biodiesel blended fuel" means a blend of biodiesel with petroleum-based diesel fuel that meets the standards provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2. In determining the minimum percentage by volume of biodiesel, the department will take into account reasonable variances due to testing and other limitations. For purposes of this rule, tank wagon sales are considered retail sales. The credit is calculated on Form IA 8864.

**304.34(1) Calculating the credit.**

*a. Gallonage requirement.*

(1) Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, but prior to January 1, 2009. In order for a retail dealer to qualify for the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, but prior to January 1, 2009, of the total gallons of diesel fuel that the retail dealer sells

and dispenses during the tax year, 50 percent or more of those gallons must be biodiesel blended fuel formulated with a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel. The gallonage amounts for all motor fuel sites of a retail dealer are combined when calculating this gallonage requirement.

(2) Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, but prior to January 1, 2012. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, but prior to January 1, 2012, the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit is calculated separately for each retail motor fuel site for which 50 percent or more of the total gallons of diesel fuel sold at the motor fuel site was biodiesel blended fuel formulated with a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel.

(3) Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, the requirement that 50 percent of all diesel fuel gallons sold be biodiesel gallons to be eligible for the tax credit is eliminated. A retail dealer may qualify for the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit even if the number of gallons of biodiesel blended fuel sold is less than 50 percent of the total gallons of diesel fuel sold.

*b. Amount of credit.*

(1) Fuel sold on or after January 1, 2006, but prior to January 1, 2012. For biodiesel blended fuel sold on or after January 1, 2006, but prior to January 1, 2012, the tax credit equals three cents multiplied by the qualifying number of biodiesel blended fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer during the tax year. Qualifying biodiesel blended fuel must be formulated with a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel.

(2) Fuel sold on or after January 1, 2012, but prior to January 1, 2013. For biodiesel blended fuel sold on or after January 1, 2012, but prior to January 1, 2013, the tax credit equals the sum of two cents multiplied by the qualifying number of biodiesel blended fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer during the tax year that have a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel but less than 5 percent by volume of biodiesel plus four and one-half cents multiplied by the qualifying number of biodiesel blended fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer during the tax year that have a minimum percentage of 5 percent by volume of biodiesel. In addition, the gallonage requirements described in paragraph 304.34(1)“a” do not apply to fuel sold on or after January 1, 2012.

(3) Fuel sold on or after January 1, 2013, but prior to January 1, 2018. For biodiesel blended fuel sold on or after January 1, 2013, but prior to January 1, 2018, the tax credit equals four and one-half cents multiplied by the qualifying number of biodiesel blended fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer during the tax year that have a minimum percentage of 5 percent by volume of biodiesel. Diesel fuel sold that contains less than 5 percent by volume of biodiesel does not qualify for the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit.

(4) Fuel sold on or after January 1, 2018, but prior to January 1, 2025.

1. Amount of credit. For biodiesel blended fuel sold on or after January 1, 2018, but prior to January 1, 2025, the tax credit equals the sum of three and one-half cents multiplied by the qualifying number of biodiesel blended fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer during the tax year that have a minimum percentage of 5 percent by volume of biodiesel but less than 11 percent by volume of biodiesel plus five and one-half cents multiplied by the qualifying number of biodiesel blended fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer during the tax year that have a minimum percentage of 11 percent by volume of biodiesel. Diesel fuel sold that contains less than 5 percent by volume of biodiesel does not qualify for the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit.

2. Blending errors. Where a blending error occurs and an insufficient amount of biodiesel has inadvertently been blended with petroleum-based diesel fuel so that the mixture fails to contain 11 percent by volume of biodiesel, a 1 percent tolerance applies in determining the credit amount for the blended product as described in 304.34(1)“b”(4)“2”:

- If the amount of the biodiesel erroneously blended with petroleum-based diesel is at least 10 percent of the total blended product by volume, the entire blended product qualifies for the credit amount available for biodiesel blended fuel that has a minimum percentage of 11 percent by volume of biodiesel.
- If the amount of biodiesel blended with petroleum-based diesel is at least 5 percent but less than 10 percent of the total blended product by volume, the entire blended product qualifies for the credit

amount available for biodiesel blended fuel that has a minimum percentage of 5 percent by volume of biodiesel but less than 11 percent by volume of biodiesel.

- Numbered paragraph 304.34(1)“b”(4)“2” applies only if a retail dealer intends to sell and dispense biodiesel blended fuel that has a minimum percentage of 11 percent by volume of biodiesel. If a retail dealer does not intend to sell and dispense biodiesel blended fuel that has a minimum percentage of 11 percent by volume of biodiesel and the product sold and dispensed contains less than 11 percent biodiesel by volume, no error has occurred and the product does not qualify for the credit amount available for biodiesel blended fuel that has a minimum percentage of 11 percent by volume of biodiesel.

*c. Refundability.* Any credit in excess of the taxpayer’s tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

*d. Transferability.* The credit may not be transferred to any other person.

*e. Examples.*

EXAMPLE 1: A taxpayer operated four retail motor fuel sites during 2008 and sold a combined total at all four sites of 100,000 gallons of diesel fuel, of which 55,000 gallons was biodiesel blended fuel containing a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel. Because 50 percent or more of the diesel fuel sold was biodiesel blended fuel, the taxpayer may claim the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit totaling \$1,650, which is 55,000 gallons multiplied by three cents.

EXAMPLE 2: A taxpayer operated two retail motor fuel sites during 2008, and each site sold 40,000 gallons of diesel fuel. One site sold 25,000 gallons of biodiesel blended fuel containing a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel, and the other site sold 10,000 gallons of biodiesel blended fuel containing a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel. The taxpayer would not be eligible for the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit because only 35,000 gallons of the total 80,000 gallons, or 43.75 percent of the total diesel fuel gallons sold, was biodiesel blended fuel. The 50 percent requirement is based on the aggregate number of diesel fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer, and the fact that one retail motor fuel site met the 50 percent requirement does not allow the taxpayer to claim the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit for the 2008 tax year.

EXAMPLE 3: Same facts as in example 2, except the fuel sales occurred in 2009. The taxpayer can claim a biodiesel blended fuel tax credit totaling \$750, which is 25,000 gallons multiplied by three cents, since one of the retail motor fuel sites met the 50 percent biodiesel blended fuel requirement.

EXAMPLE 4: Same facts as in example 2, except the fuel sales occurred in 2016, and all biodiesel blended fuel sold contains a minimum percentage of 5 percent by volume of biodiesel. The taxpayer can claim a biodiesel blended fuel tax credit totaling \$1,575, which is 35,000 gallons multiplied by four and one-half cents, since the 50 percent biodiesel blended fuel requirement has been eliminated.

**304.34(2) Fiscal year filers.** Taxpayers whose tax year is not on a calendar-year basis and whose tax year ends before December 31, 2006, may compute the tax credit on the gallons of biodiesel blended fuel sold during the period from January 1, 2006, through the end of the tax year, provided that 50 percent of all diesel fuel sold during that period was biodiesel blended fuel. Because the tax credit is repealed on January 1, 2025, a taxpayer whose tax year ends prior to December 31, 2024, may continue to claim the tax credit in the following tax year for any biodiesel blended fuel sold through December 31, 2024.

See 701—subrule 501.31(2) for examples illustrating how this subrule is applied.

**304.34(3) Allocation of credit to owners of a business entity or to beneficiaries of an estate or trust.** If a taxpayer claiming the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual’s pro rata share of the individual’s earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11P as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2309.

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**701—304.35(422) Soy-based transformer fluid tax credit.** Effective for tax periods ending after June 30, 2006, and beginning before January 1, 2009, an electric utility may claim a soy-based transformer fluid tax credit. An electric utility, which is a public utility, city utility, or electric cooperative which furnishes electricity, may claim a credit equal to the costs incurred during the tax year for the purchase and replacement costs relating to the transition from using nonsoy-based transformer fluid to using soy-based transformer fluid.

**304.35(1) Eligibility requirements for the tax credit.** All of the following conditions must be met for the electric utility to qualify for the soy-based transformer fluid tax credit.

- a. The costs must be incurred after June 30, 2006, and before January 1, 2009.
- b. The costs must be incurred in the first 18 months of the transition from using nonsoy-based transformer fluid to using soy-based transformer fluid.
- c. The soy-based transformer fluid must be dielectric fluid that contains at least 98 percent soy-based products.
- d. The costs of the purchase and replacement must not exceed \$2 per gallon of soy-based transformer fluid used in the transition.
- e. The number of gallons used in the transition must not exceed 20,000 gallons per electric utility, and the total number of gallons eligible for the credit must not exceed 60,000 gallons in the aggregate.
- f. The electric utility shall not deduct for Iowa income tax purposes the costs incurred in the transition to using soy-based transformer fluid which are deductible for federal income tax purposes.

**304.35(2) Applying for the tax credit.** An electric utility must apply to the department for the soy-based transformer fluid tax credit. The application for the tax credit must be filed no later than 30 days after the close of the tax year for which the credit is claimed. The application must include the following information:

- a. A copy of the signed purchase agreement or other agreement to purchase soy-based transformer fluid.
- b. The number of gallons of soy-based transformer fluid purchased during the tax year, along with the cost per gallon of each purchase made during the tax year.
- c. The name, address, and tax identification number of the electric utility.
- d. The type of tax for which the credit will be claimed, and the first year in which the credit will be claimed.
- e. If the application is filed by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust requesting a credit for individual or corporation income tax, a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries of the entity. This list shall include the name, address, tax identification number and pro rata share of earnings from the entity for each of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries.

**304.35(3) Claiming the tax credit.** After the application is reviewed, the department will issue a tax credit certificate to the electric utility. The tax credit certificate will include the taxpayer's name, address and federal identification number, the tax type for which the credit will be claimed, the amount of the credit and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. Once the tax credit certificate is issued, the credit may be claimed only against the type of tax reflected on the certificate. If the department refuses to issue the tax credit certificate, the taxpayer shall be notified in writing; and the taxpayer will have 60 days from the date of denial to file a protest in accordance with rule 701—7.8(17A).

If the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust requesting a credit for individual or corporation income tax, the tax credit certificate will be issued to the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries based on the partner's, member's, shareholder's or beneficiary's pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11R.

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**701—304.36(16,422) Agricultural assets transfer tax credit and custom farming contract tax credit.**

**304.36(1)** *Agricultural assets transfer tax credit.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, but before January 1, 2013, an owner of agricultural assets that rents assets to qualified beginning farmers may claim an agricultural assets transfer tax credit for Iowa individual income tax equal to 5 percent of the rental income received by the owner for cash rental agreements and 15 percent of the rental income received by the owner for commodity share agreements. Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, an owner of agricultural assets that rents assets to qualified beginning farmers may claim an agricultural assets transfer tax credit for Iowa individual income tax equal to 7 percent of the rental income received by the owner for cash rental agreements and 17 percent of the rental income received by the owner for commodity share agreements.

Also effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, if the beginning farmer is a veteran, the credit is equal to 8 percent of the rental income received by the owner for cash rental agreements, and the credit is equal to 18 percent of the rental income received by the owner for commodity share agreements for the first year that the credit is allowed. However, the taxpayer may only claim 7 percent of the rental income for cash rental agreements and 17 percent of the rental income for commodity share agreements in subsequent years if the agreement is renewed or a new agreement is executed by the same parties. The administrative rules for the agricultural assets transfer tax credit for the Iowa finance authority may be found under 265—Chapter 44.

To qualify for the tax credit, an owner of agricultural assets must enter into a lease or rental agreement with a beginning farmer for a term of at least two years, but not more than five years. Both the owner of agricultural assets and the beginning farmer must meet certain qualifications set forth by the Iowa finance authority, and the beginning farmer must be eligible to receive financial assistance under Iowa Code section 16.75.

The Iowa finance authority will issue a tax credit certificate to the owner of agricultural assets which will include the name, address and tax identification number of the owner, the amount of the credit, and the tax period for which the credit may be applied. To claim the tax credit, the owner must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax period set forth on the certificate. The tax credit certificates will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2009, but before July 1, 2013, the amount of tax credit certificates issued by the Iowa agricultural development authority for the agricultural assets transfer tax credit program cannot exceed \$6 million. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2013, the amount of the tax credit certificates issued by the Iowa finance authority for the agricultural assets transfer tax credit program cannot exceed \$8 million and the amount of the credit issued to an individual taxpayer cannot exceed \$50,000. However, effective December 31, 2017, the amount of tax credits issued by the Iowa finance authority for the agricultural assets transfer tax credit shall revert back to \$6 million.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier. However, for any agricultural assets transfer tax credits originally issued for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, any credit in excess of the tax liability may be credited to the tax liability for the following ten years. The tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the owner redeems the credit. The credit is not transferable to any other person other than the taxpayer's estate or trust upon the death of the taxpayer.

If an owner of agricultural assets is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

The lease or rental agreement may be terminated by either the owner or the beginning farmer. If the Iowa finance authority determines that the owner is not at fault for the termination, the authority will not issue a tax credit certificate for subsequent years, but any prior tax credit certificates issued will be allowed. If the Iowa finance authority determines that the owner is at fault for the termination, any prior tax credit certificates will be disallowed. The amount of tax credits previously allowed will be recaptured, and the owner will be required to repay the entire amount of tax credits previously claimed on Iowa returns.

**304.36(2) Custom farming contract tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, a landowner that hires a beginning farmer to custom farm agricultural land in this state may claim a custom farming contract tax credit for Iowa individual income tax. The credit is equal to 7 percent of the value of the contract. If the beginning farmer is a veteran, the credit is equal to 8 percent of the value of the contract for the first year. However, the taxpayer may only claim 7 percent of the value of the contract in subsequent years if the agreement is renewed or a new agreement is executed by the same parties. The administrative rules for the custom farming contract tax credit for the Iowa finance authority may be found under 265—Chapter 44.

To qualify for the tax credit, the taxpayer must enter into a lease or rental agreement with a beginning farmer for a term of at least two years but not more than five years. Both the taxpayer and the beginning farmer must meet certain qualifications set forth by the Iowa finance authority, and the beginning farmer must be eligible to receive financial assistance under Iowa Code section 16.75.

The Iowa finance authority will issue a tax credit certificate to the taxpayer which will include the name, address and tax identification number of the owner, the amount of the credit, and the tax period for which the credit may be applied. To claim the tax credit, the owner must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax period set forth on the certificate. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2013, the amount of tax credit certificates issued by the Iowa finance authority for the custom farming contract tax credit program cannot exceed \$4 million, and the credit certificates will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of the credit issued to an individual taxpayer cannot exceed \$50,000. However, effective December 31, 2017, the Iowa finance authority will no longer issue custom farming contract tax credits.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or until used, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the owner redeems the credit. The credit is not transferable to any other person other than the taxpayer's estate or trust upon the death of the taxpayer.

If the party entering into the custom farming contract with the beginning farmer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

The custom farming contract may be terminated by either the taxpayer or the beginning farmer. If the Iowa finance authority determines that the taxpayer is not at fault for the termination, the authority will not issue a tax credit certificate for subsequent years, but any prior tax credit certificates issued will be allowed. If the Iowa finance authority determines that the taxpayer is at fault for the termination, any prior tax credit certificates will be disallowed. The amount of tax credits previously allowed will be recaptured, and the taxpayer will be required to repay the entire amount of tax credits previously claimed on Iowa returns.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11M; 2014 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328, sections 60 and 61, as amended by 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2454; and 2014 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328, sections 120 and 122.

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**701—304.37(15,422) Film qualified expenditure tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, a film qualified expenditure tax credit is available for individual income tax. The tax credit cannot exceed 25 percent of the taxpayer's qualified expenditures in a film, television, or video project registered with the film office of the Iowa department of economic development (IDED). The film office may negotiate the amount of the tax credit. The administrative rules for the film qualified expenditure tax credit for IDED may be found at 261—Chapter 36.

**304.37(1) Qualified expenditures.** A qualified expenditure is a payment to an Iowa resident or an Iowa-based business for the sale, rental or furnishing of tangible personal property or services directly related to the registered project. The qualified expenditures include, but are not limited to, the following:



1. Aircraft.
2. Vehicles.
3. Equipment.
4. Materials.
5. Supplies.
6. Accounting services.
7. Animals and animal care services.
8. Artistic and design services.
9. Graphics.
10. Construction.
11. Data and information services.
12. Delivery and pickup services.
13. Labor and personnel. For limitations on the amount of labor and personnel expenditures, see Iowa department of economic development 261—paragraph 36.7(2)“b.”
14. Lighting services.
15. Makeup and hairdressing services.
16. Film.
17. Music.
18. Photography.
19. Sound.
20. Video and related services.
21. Printing.
22. Research.
23. Site fees and rental.
24. Travel related to Iowa distant locations.
25. Trash removal and cleanup.
26. Wardrobe.

A detailed list of all qualified expenditures for each of these categories is available from the film office of IDED.

**304.37(2)** *Claiming the tax credit.* Upon completion of the registered project in Iowa, the taxpayer must submit, in a format approved by IDED prior to production, a listing of the qualified expenditures. Upon verification of the qualified expenditures, IDED will issue a tax credit certificate to the taxpayer. The certificate will list the taxpayer’s name, address, and tax identification number; the date of project completion; the amount of the credit; the tax period for which the credit may be applied; and the type of tax for which the credit will be applied.

If the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust requesting a credit for individual or corporation income tax, the tax credit certificate will be issued to the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries based on each partner’s, member’s, shareholder’s or beneficiary’s pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

To claim the tax credit, the taxpayer must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax period set forth on the certificate. Any tax credit in excess of the tax liability may be carried forward for five years or until the tax credit is used, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the taxpayer claimed the tax credit.

**304.37(3)** *Transfer of the film qualified expenditure tax credit.* The film qualified expenditure tax credit may be transferred no more than two times to any person or entity.

Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue, along with a statement which contains the transferee’s name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department of revenue will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust claiming the credit for individual or corporation income tax, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members,

shareholders or beneficiaries and information on how the film qualified expenditure tax credit should be divided among the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information as that on the original tax credit certificate and must have the same effective taxable year as the original tax credit certificate. The replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different tax type than the original tax credit certificate.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax year for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

**304.37(4) *Repeal of film qualified expenditure tax credit.*** The film qualified expenditure tax credit is repealed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012. However, the credit is still available for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2012, if the contract or agreement related to a film project was entered into on or before May 25, 2012.

This rule is intended to implement 2012 Iowa Acts, House File 2337, sections 38 to 40.  
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**701—304.38(15,422) Film investment tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, a film investment tax credit is available for individual income tax. The tax credit cannot exceed 25 percent of the taxpayer's investment in a film, television, or video project registered with the film office of the Iowa department of economic development (IDED). The film office may negotiate the amount of the tax credit. The administrative rules for the film investment tax credit for IDED may be found at 261—Chapter 36.

**304.38(1) *Claiming the tax credit.*** Upon completion of the project in Iowa and verification of the investment in the project, IDED will issue a tax credit certificate to the taxpayer. The certificate will list the taxpayer's name, address, and tax identification number; the date of project completion; the amount of the credit; the tax period for which the credit may be applied; and the type of tax for which the credit will be applied.

If the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust requesting a credit for individual or corporation income tax, the tax credit certificate will be issued to the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries based on each partner's, member's, shareholder's or beneficiary's pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

To claim the tax credit, the taxpayer must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax period set forth on the certificate. Any tax credit in excess of the tax liability may be carried forward for five years or until the tax credit is used, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the taxpayer claimed the tax credit. In addition, a taxpayer cannot claim the film investment tax credit for qualified expenditures for which the film expenditure tax credit set forth in rule 701—304.37(15,422) is claimed.

The total of all film investment tax credits for a particular project cannot exceed 25 percent of the qualified expenditures as set forth in subrule 304.37(1) for the particular project. If the amount of investment exceeds the qualified expenditures, the tax credit will be allocated proportionately. For example, if three investors each invested \$100,000 in a project but the qualified expenditures in Iowa only totaled \$270,000, each investor would receive a tax credit based on a \$90,000 investment amount.

**304.38(2) *Transfer of the film investment tax credit.*** The film investment tax credit may be transferred no more than two times to any person or entity.

Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue, along with a statement which contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department of revenue will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a

partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust claiming the credit for individual or corporation income tax, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries and information on how the film investment tax credit should be divided among the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information as that on the original tax credit certificate and must have the same effective taxable year as the original tax credit certificate. The replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different tax type than the original tax credit certificate.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax year for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

**304.38(3) *Repeal of film investment tax credit.*** The film investment tax credit is repealed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012. However, the credit is still available for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2012, if the contract or agreement related to a film project was entered into on or before May 25, 2012.

This rule is intended to implement 2012 Iowa Acts, House File 2337, sections 38 to 40. [ARC 8702B, IAB 4/21/10, effective 5/26/10; ARC 0398C, IAB 10/17/12, effective 11/21/12; ARC 1744C, IAB 11/26/14, effective 12/31/14; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

**701—304.39(422) Ethanol promotion tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, a retail dealer of gasoline may claim an ethanol promotion tax credit. For purposes of this rule, tank wagon sales are considered retail sales. The ethanol promotion tax credit is computed on Form IA 137.

**304.39(1) *Definitions.*** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

*“Biodiesel gallonage”* means the total number of gallons of biodiesel which the retail dealer sells from motor fuel pumps during a determination period. For example, 5,000 gallons of biodiesel blended fuel with a 2 percent by volume of biodiesel sold during a determination period results in a biodiesel gallonage of 100 (5,000 times 2%).

*“Biofuel distribution percentage”* means the sum of the retail dealer’s total ethanol gallonage plus the retail dealer’s total biodiesel gallonage expressed as a percentage of the retail dealer’s total gasoline gallonage.

*“Biofuel threshold percentage”* is dependent on the aggregate number of gallons of motor fuel sold by a retail dealer during a determination period, as set forth below:

Determination Period	More than 200,000 Gallons Sold by Retail Dealer	200,000 Gallons or Less Sold by Retail Dealer
2009	10%	6%
2010	11%	6%
2011	12%	10%
2012	13%	11%
2013	14%	12%
2014	15%	13%
2015	17%	14%
2016	19%	15%
2017	21%	17%
2018	23%	19%
2019	25%	21%
2020	25%	25%

“*Biofuel threshold percentage disparity*” means the positive percentage difference between the retail dealer’s biofuel threshold percentage and the retail dealer’s biofuel distribution percentage. For example, if a retail dealer that sells more than 200,000 gallons of motor fuel in 2009 has a biofuel distribution percentage of 8 percent, the biofuel threshold percentage disparity equals 2 percent (10% minus 2%).

“*Determination period*” means any 12-month period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31.

“*Ethanol gallonage*” means the total number of gallons of ethanol which the retail dealer sells from motor fuel pumps during a determination period. For example, 10,000 gallons of ethanol blended gasoline formulated with a 10 percent by volume of ethanol sold during a determination period results in an ethanol gallonage of 1,000 (10,000 gallons times 10%).

“*Gasoline gallonage*” means the total number of gallons of gasoline sold by the retail dealer during a determination period.

**304.39(2) Calculation of tax credit.**

a. The tax credit is calculated by multiplying the retail dealer’s total ethanol gallonage by the tax credit rate, which is adjusted based upon the retail dealer’s biofuel threshold percentage disparity. The tax credit rate is set forth below:

Biofuel Threshold Percentage Disparity	Tax Credit Rate per Gallon 2009-2010	Tax Credit Rate per Gallon 2011	Tax Credit Rate per Gallon 2012-2020
0%	6.5 cents	8 cents	8 cents
0.01% to 2.00%	4.5 cents	6 cents	6 cents
2.01% to 4.00%	2.5 cents	2.5 cents	4 cents
4.01% or more	0 cents	0 cents	0 cents

b. For use in calculating a retail dealer’s total ethanol gallonage, the department is required to establish a schedule regarding the average amount of ethanol contained in E-85 gasoline.

c. A taxpayer may claim the ethanol promotion tax credit even if the taxpayer also claims the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit provided in rule 701—304.33(422) or the E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit provided in rule 701—304.46(422) for the same tax year for the same ethanol gallons.

d. The tax credit must be calculated separately for each retail motor fuel site operated by the taxpayer for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2011. The biofuel threshold percentage disparity of the taxpayer is computed on a statewide basis based on the total ethanol gallonage sold in Iowa. The taxpayer must determine the ethanol gallonage sold at each retail motor fuel site and multiply this ethanol gallonage by the applicable tax credit rate based on the biofuel threshold percentage disparity to calculate the ethanol promotion tax credit.

e. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, the taxpayer may elect to compute the biofuel threshold percentage disparity and the tax credit on either a site-by-site basis or on a companywide basis. The election made on the first return beginning on or after January 1, 2011, for either the site-by-site method or the companywide method is binding on the taxpayer for subsequent tax years unless the taxpayer petitions the department for a change in the method. Any petition for a change in the method should be made within a reasonable period of time prior to the due date of the return for which the change is requested. For example, if a change is requested for the tax return beginning January 1, 2012, the petition should be made by January 31, 2013, which is 90 days prior to the due date of the return.

The mere fact that a change in the method will result in a larger tax credit for subsequent years is not, of itself, sufficient grounds for changing the method for computing the credit. An example of a case for which the department may grant a change in the method is if the taxpayer has a significant change in the type of fuel sold at the taxpayer’s retail sites in Iowa. For example, if a retail dealer opted to start selling E-85 gasoline at all the taxpayer’s retail sites in Iowa for a subsequent tax year, the department may grant a change in the method.

If a taxpayer chooses the site-by-site method to compute the biofuel threshold percentage disparity, the gallons sold at all sites in Iowa must be considered in determining if the biofuel threshold percentage

as defined in subrule 304.39(1) is based on more than 200,000 gallons or on 200,000 gallons or less. For example, if a taxpayer operates three motor fuel sites in Iowa and each site sells 80,000 gallons of motor fuel during 2011, the biofuel threshold percentage of 12 percent must be used for each retail site if the tax credit is computed on a site-by-site basis, even though each retail site sold less than 200,000 gallons of motor fuel.

*f.* Any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming a refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

**304.39(3) Fiscal year filers.** For taxpayers whose tax year is not on a calendar-year basis, the taxpayer may compute the ethanol promotion tax credit on the total ethanol gallonage sold during the year using the designated tax credit rates as shown in paragraph 304.39(2) "a." Because the tax credit is repealed on January 1, 2021, a taxpayer whose tax year ends prior to December 31, 2020, may continue to claim the tax credit in the following tax year for the total ethanol gallonage sold through December 31, 2020. A taxpayer whose tax year is not on a calendar-year basis and that did not claim the ethanol promotion tax credit on the previous return may claim the tax credit for the current tax year for the period beginning on January 1 of the previous tax year until the last day of the previous tax year.

**304.39(4) Allocation of tax credit to owners of a business entity.** If a taxpayer claiming the ethanol promotion tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by the individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust.

**304.39(5) Examples.** The following noninclusive examples illustrate how this rule applies:

**EXAMPLE 1.** A taxpayer that is a retail dealer of gasoline operates only one motor fuel site in Iowa. The number of gallons of gasoline sold at this site in 2009 equals 100,000 gallons. This consisted of 5,000 gallons of E-85 gasoline, 80,000 gallons of E-10 (10% ethanol blended gasoline) and 15,000 gallons not containing ethanol. The average ethanol content of E-85 gasoline is assumed to be 79%. The taxpayer also sold at this site during 2009 15,000 gallons of diesel fuel, of which 5,000 gallons was B-2 (2% biodiesel). The ethanol gallonage is 11,950 (5,000 E-85 gallons times 79% equals 3,950; 80,000 E-10 gallons times 10% equals 8,000; and thus 3,950 plus 8,000 equals 11,950). The biodiesel gallonage sold is 100, or 5,000 times 2%. The sum of 11,950 and 100, or 12,050, is divided by the total gasoline gallonage of 100,000 to arrive at a biofuel distribution percentage of 12.05%. Since this percentage exceeds the biofuel threshold percentage of 6% for a retail dealer selling 200,000 gallons or less, the biofuel threshold disparity percentage is 0%. This calculation results in an ethanol promotion tax credit of 6.5 cents times 11,950, or \$776.75.

In addition, the taxpayer is entitled to claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit equal to 20 cents multiplied by 5,000 gallons, or \$1,000.

**EXAMPLE 2.** A taxpayer that is a retail dealer of gasoline operates only one motor fuel site in Iowa. The number of gallons of gasoline sold at this site in 2010 equals 300,000 gallons which consisted of 10,000 gallons of E-85 gasoline, 230,000 gallons of E-10 (10% ethanol blended gasoline) and 60,000 gallons not containing ethanol. The average ethanol content of E-85 gasoline is assumed to be 79%. The taxpayer also sold 60,000 gallons of diesel fuel at this site during 2010, of which 25,000 gallons was B-2 (2% biodiesel). The ethanol gallonage is 30,900 (10,000 E-85 gallons times 79% equals 7,900; 230,000 E-10 gallons times 10% equals 23,000; and thus 7,900 plus 23,000 equals 30,900). The biodiesel gallonage sold is 500, or 25,000 times 2%. The sum of 30,900 and 500, or 31,400, is divided by the total gasoline gallonage of 300,000 to arrive at a biofuel distribution percentage of 10.47%. Since this is less than the biofuel threshold percentage of 11% for a retail dealer selling more than 200,000 gallons, the biofuel threshold disparity percentage is .53%. This calculation results in an ethanol promotion tax credit of 4.5 cents times 30,900, or \$1,390.50.

In addition, the taxpayer is entitled to claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit equal to 20 cents multiplied by 10,000 gallons, or \$2,000.

**EXAMPLE 3.** A taxpayer that is a retail dealer of gasoline operates three motor fuel sites in Iowa during 2009, and each site sold 80,000 gallons of gasoline. Sites A and B each sold 70,000 gallons of E-10 (10% ethanol blended gasoline) and 10,000 gallons not containing ethanol. Site C sold 60,000

gallons of E-10, 10,000 gallons of E-85, and 10,000 gallons not containing ethanol. The average ethanol content of E-85 gasoline is assumed to be 79%. The retail dealer did not sell any diesel fuel at any of the motor fuel sites. The ethanol gallonage is 27,900, as shown below:

Site A – 70,000 times 10% equals	7,000
Site B – 70,000 times 10% equals	7,000
Site C – 60,000 times 10% equals	6,000
Site C – 10,000 times 79% equals	7,900
Total	<u>27,900</u>

The ethanol gallonage of 27,900 is divided by the gasoline gallonage of 240,000 to arrive at a biofuel distribution percentage of 11.63%. Since this exceeds the biofuel threshold percentage of 10% for a retail dealer selling more than 200,000 gallons, the biofuel threshold disparity percentage is 0%. The credit is computed separately for each motor fuel site, and the ethanol promotion credit equals \$1,813.50, as shown below:

Site A – 7,000 times 6.5 cents equals	\$455.00
Site B – 7,000 times 6.5 cents equals	\$455.00
Site C – 13,900 times 6.5 cents equals	\$903.50
Total	<u>\$1,813.50</u>

Since the biofuel distribution percentage and the biofuel threshold percentage disparity are computed on a statewide basis for all gallons sold in Iowa, the 6.5 cent tax credit rate is applied to the total ethanol gallonage, even if Sites A and B did not meet the biofuel threshold percentage of 10% for 2009.

In addition, the taxpayer is entitled to claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit equal to 20 cents multiplied by 10,000 gallons, or \$2,000.

EXAMPLE 4. A taxpayer that is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, and operates one motor fuel site in Iowa. The taxpayer sold more than 200,000 gallons of gasoline during the 2010 calendar year and expects to sell more than 200,000 gallons of gasoline during the 2011 calendar year. The ethanol gallonage is 30,000 for the period from April 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, and the ethanol gallonage is 8,000 for the period from January 1, 2011, through March 31, 2011. The biofuel distribution percentage is 11.5% for the period from April 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, and the biofuel distribution percentage is 11.8% for the period from January 1, 2011, through March 31, 2011. This results in a biofuel threshold percentage disparity of 0% (11.0 minus 11.5) for the period from April 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, and a biofuel threshold percentage disparity of .2% (12.0 minus 11.8) for the period from January 1, 2011, through March 31, 2011. The taxpayer is entitled to an ethanol promotion tax credit of \$2,310 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, as shown below:

30,000 times 6.5 cents equals	\$1,950
8,000 times 4.5 cents equals	360
Total	<u>\$2,310</u>

EXAMPLE 5. A taxpayer that is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year ending April 30, 2009, and operates one motor fuel site in Iowa. The taxpayer expects to sell more than 200,000 gallons of gasoline during the 2009 calendar year. The ethanol gallonage is 50,000 gallons for the period from January 1, 2009, through April 30, 2009. The biofuel distribution percentage is 7.7% for the period from January 1, 2009, through April 30, 2009, which results in a biofuel threshold percentage disparity of 2.3% (10.0 minus 7.7). The taxpayer is entitled to claim an ethanol promotion tax credit of \$1,250 (50,000 gallons times 2.5 cents) on the taxpayer's Iowa income tax return for the period ending April 30, 2009.

In lieu of claiming the credit on the return for the period ending April 30, 2009, the taxpayer may claim the ethanol promotion tax credit on the tax return for the period ending April 30, 2010, including the ethanol gallonage for the period from January 1, 2009, through April 30, 2010. In this case, the

taxpayer will compute the biofuel distribution percentage for the period from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, to determine the proper tax credit rate to be applied to the ethanol gallonage for the period from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

EXAMPLE 6. Assume the same facts as Example 3, except that the gallons were sold in 2011. The taxpayer chose the companywide method to compute the biofuel threshold percentage disparity and the tax credit. The biofuel distribution percentage is 11.63%, and since the biofuel threshold percentage is 12% for retailers selling more than 200,000 gallons of motor fuel, the biofuel threshold percentage disparity is 0.37%. This results in an ethanol promotion tax credit on a companywide basis of 6 cents multiplied by the ethanol gallonage of 27,900 or \$1,674.

EXAMPLE 7. Assume the same facts as Example 3, except that the gallons were sold in 2011. The taxpayer chose the site-by-site method to compute the biofuel threshold percentage disparity and the tax credit. The biofuel threshold percentage is still 12% since the retailer sold more than 200,000 gallons of motor fuel at all sites in Iowa. The biofuel distribution percentage for Site A and Site B is 7,000 divided by 80,000, or 8.75%. The biofuel threshold percentage disparity for Site A and Site B is 3.25%, or 12% less than 8.75%. The biofuel distribution percentage for Site C is 13,900 divided by 80,000, or 17.38%. The biofuel threshold percentage disparity for Site C is 0% since the biofuel distribution percentage exceeds the biofuel threshold percentage. This results in an ethanol promotion tax credit on a site-by-site basis of \$1,462, as shown below:

Site A – 7,000 times 2.5 cents equals	\$175
Site B – 7,000 times 2.5 cents equals	\$175
Site C – 13,900 times 8 cents equals	\$1,112
Total	\$1,462

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11N as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 531.

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**701—304.40(422) Charitable conservation contribution tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, a charitable conservation contribution tax credit is available for individual income tax which is equal to 50 percent of the fair market value of a qualified real property interest located in Iowa that is conveyed as an unconditional charitable donation in perpetuity by a taxpayer to a qualified organization exclusively for conservation purposes.

**304.40(1) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

“*Conservation purpose*” means the same as defined in Section 170(h)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, with the exception that a conveyance of land for open space for the purpose of fulfilling density requirements to obtain subdivision or building permits is not considered a conveyance for a conservation purpose.

“*Qualified organization*” means the same as defined in Section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

“*Qualified real property interest*” means the same as defined in Section 170(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Conservation easements and bargain sales are examples of a qualified real property interest.

**304.40(2) Computation of the credit.** The credit equals 50 percent of the fair market value of the qualified real property interest. There are numerous federal revenue regulations, rulings, court cases and other provisions relating to the determination of the value of a qualified real property interest, and these are equally applicable in determining the amount of the charitable conservation contribution tax credit.

The maximum amount of the tax credit is \$100,000. The amount of the contribution for which the tax credit is claimed shall not be claimed as an itemized deduction for charitable contributions for Iowa income tax purposes.

**304.40(3) Claiming the tax credit.** The tax credit is claimed on Form IA 148, Tax Credits Schedule. The taxpayer must include a copy of federal Form 8283, Noncash Charitable Contributions, which reflects the calculation of the fair market value of the real property interest, with the Iowa return for the year in which the contribution is made. If a qualified appraisal of the property or other relevant information is required to be included with federal Form 8283 for federal tax purposes, the appraisal and other relevant information must also be included with the Iowa return.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following 20 years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If the taxpayer claiming the credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

**304.40(4) Examples.** The following noninclusive examples illustrate how this rule applies:

EXAMPLE 1: A taxpayer conveys a real property interest with a fair market value of \$150,000 to a qualified organization during 2008. The tax credit is equal to \$75,000, or 50 percent of the \$150,000 fair market value of the real property. The taxpayer cannot claim the \$150,000 as an itemized deduction for charitable contributions on the Iowa individual income tax return for 2008.

EXAMPLE 2: A taxpayer conveys a real property interest with a fair market value of \$500,000 to a qualified organization during 2009. The tax credit is limited to \$100,000, which equates to \$200,000 of the contribution being eligible for the tax credit. The remaining amount of \$300,000 (\$500,000 less \$200,000) can be claimed as an itemized deduction for charitable contributions on the Iowa individual income tax return for 2009.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11W.

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**701—304.41(15,422) Redevelopment tax credit.** The economic development authority is authorized by the general assembly and the governor to oversee the implementation and administration of the redevelopment tax credit program. Effective for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2009, a taxpayer whose project has been approved by the Iowa brownfield redevelopment advisory council and the economic development authority may claim a redevelopment tax credit once the taxpayer has been issued a tax credit certificate for the project by the economic development authority. The credit is based on the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a brownfield or grayfield site. The administrative rules for the economic development authority's administration of this program, including definitions of brownfield and grayfield sites, may be found in rules 261—65.11(15) and 261—65.12(15).

**304.41(1) Eligibility for the credit.** The economic development authority is responsible for developing a system for registration and authorization of projects receiving redevelopment tax credits. For more information, see Iowa Administrative Code 261—Chapter 65.

**304.41(2) Amount of the credit.**

*a. Maximum credit total.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, the maximum amount of tax credits allowed is \$1 million, and the amount of credit authorized for any one redevelopment project cannot exceed \$100,000. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, the maximum amount of tax credit allowed cannot exceed \$5 million, and the amount of credit authorized for any one redevelopment project cannot exceed \$500,000. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, the maximum amount of tax credits allowed cannot exceed \$10 million, and the amount of credit authorized for any one redevelopment project cannot exceed \$1 million. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and for each subsequent fiscal year, the maximum amount of tax credits issued by the authority shall be an amount determined by the economic development authority board but not in excess of the amount established pursuant to Iowa Code section 15.119.

*b. Maximum credit per project.* The maximum amount of a tax credit for a qualifying investment in any one qualifying redevelopment project shall not exceed 10 percent of the maximum amount of tax credits available in any one fiscal year pursuant to paragraph 304.41(2)“a.”



*c. Percentage computation.* The amount of the tax credit shall equal one of the following:

- (1) Twelve percent of the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a grayfield site.
- (2) Fifteen percent of the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a grayfield site if the qualifying redevelopment project meets the requirements of green development as defined in rule 261—65.2(15).
- (3) Twenty-four percent of the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a brownfield site.
- (4) Thirty percent of the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a brownfield site if the qualifying redevelopment project meets the requirements of green development as defined in rule 261—65.2(15).

**304.41(3) Claiming the credit.**

*a. Certificate issuance.* Upon completion of the project, the economic development authority will issue a tax credit certificate to the taxpayer. The tax credit certificate will include the taxpayer's name, address and federal identification number, the tax type for which the credit will be claimed, the amount of the credit, the tax year for which the credit may be claimed and the tax credit certificate number. In addition, the tax credit certificate will include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, as provided in subrule 304.41(4). To claim the tax credit, the taxpayer must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax period set forth on the certificate.

*b. Pro rata share.* If a taxpayer claiming the tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

*c. Carryforward.* Except as provided in paragraph 304.41(3) "d," any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the taxpayer redeems the credit.

*d. Refundability.* A tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's liability for the tax year is refundable if all of the conditions of economic development authority 261—paragraph 65.11(4) "b" are met.

**304.41(4) Transfer of the credit.** The redevelopment tax credit can be transferred to any person or entity. However, a certificate indicating that the credit is refundable is only transferrable to the extent permitted by economic development authority 261—paragraph 65.11(4) "b."

*a. Submission of transferred tax credit certificate to the department—information required.* Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue, along with a statement which contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, the amount of all consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit, and the names of recipients of any consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit. If a payment of money was any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit, the transferee shall list the amount of the payment of money in its statement to the department of revenue. If any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit included nonmonetary consideration, including but not limited to any promise, representation, performance, discharge of debt or nonmonetary rights or property, the transferee shall describe the nature of nonmonetary consideration and disclose any value the transferor and transferee assigned to the nonmonetary consideration. The transferee must indicate on its statement to the department of revenue if no consideration was provided in exchange for the tax credit. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust claiming the credit for individual or corporation income tax, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries and information on how the redevelopment tax credit should be divided among the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries.

*b. Issuance of replacement certificate by the department.* Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department of revenue will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee.

*c. Claiming the transferred tax credit.* The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information as that on the original tax credit certificate and must have the same effective taxable year as the original tax credit certificate. The replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different tax type than the original tax credit certificate. The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax year for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income tax, corporation income tax, or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income tax, corporation income tax, or franchise tax purposes.

**304.41(5) Basis reduction of the redevelopment property.** The increase in the basis of the redevelopment property that would otherwise result from the qualified redevelopment costs shall be reduced by the amount of the redevelopment tax credit. For example, if a qualifying investment in a grayfield site totaled \$100,000 for which a \$12,000 redevelopment tax credit was issued, the increase in the basis of the property would total \$88,000 for Iowa tax purposes (\$100,000 less \$12,000).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15.293A, 422.11V and 15.119.  
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**701—304.42(15) High quality jobs program.** Effective for tax periods beginning on or after July 1, 2009, a business which qualifies under the high quality jobs program is eligible to receive tax credits. The high quality jobs program replaces the high quality job creation program. An eligible business under the high quality jobs program must be approved by the Iowa department of economic development and meet the qualifications of Iowa Code section 15.329. The tax credits available under the high quality jobs program are based upon the number of jobs created or retained that pay a qualifying wage threshold and the amount of qualifying investment. The administrative rules for the high quality jobs program for the Iowa department of economic development may be found at 261—Chapter 68.

**304.42(1) Research activities credit.** An eligible business approved under the high quality jobs program is eligible for an additional research activities credit as described in 701—subrule 501.7(4) for awards issued by the Iowa department of economic development prior to July 1, 2010. The eligible business is eligible for the research activities credit as described in 701—subrule 501.7(6) for awards issued by the Iowa department of economic development on or after July 1, 2010.

Research activities allowable for the Iowa research activities credit include expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components manufactured or assembled in Iowa; such expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are not eligible for the federal credit for increasing research activities. For purposes of this subrule, innovative renewable energy generation components do not include components with more than 200 megawatts in installed effective nameplate generating capacity. The research activities credit related to renewable energy generation components under the high quality jobs program and the enterprise zone program shall not exceed \$2 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and \$1 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

These expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are applicable only to the additional research activities credit set forth in this subrule and in 701—subrule 501.7(5) for businesses in enterprise zones, and are not applicable to the research activities credit set forth in paragraphs 304.11(3)“a” and “b.”

**304.42(2) Investment tax credit.** An eligible business can claim an investment tax credit equal to a percentage of the new investment directly related to new jobs created or retained by the location or expansion of an eligible business. The percentage is equal to the amount provided in Iowa department of economic development 261—subrule 68.4(7).

The determination of the new investment eligible for the investment tax credit, the eligibility of a refundable investment tax credit for value-added agricultural product or biotechnology-related projects and the repayment of investment tax credits for the high quality jobs program is the same as set forth in subrule 304.29(2) for the high quality job creation program.

**304.42(3) *Repayment of benefits.*** If an eligible business fails to maintain the requirements of the high quality jobs program, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives taken on Iowa returns. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the tax credits may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure of the eligible business to maintain the requirements of the high quality jobs program because the repayment is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 15.

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**701—304.43(16,422) Disaster recovery housing project tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, but before January 1, 2015, a disaster recovery housing project tax credit is available for individual income tax. The credit is equal to 75 percent of the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a disaster recovery housing project, and is administered by the Iowa finance authority. Qualifying investments are costs incurred on or after May 12, 2009, and prior to July 1, 2010, related to a disaster recovery housing project. Eligible properties must have applied for and received an allocation of federal low-income housing tax credits under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code to be eligible for the tax credit. The tax credit is repealed effective January 1, 2015.

**304.43(1) *Issuance of tax credit certificates.*** Upon completion of the project and verification of the amount of investment made in the disaster recovery housing project, the Iowa finance authority will issue a tax credit certificate to the taxpayer. The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, address, tax identification number, amount of credit, and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. The tax credit certificates will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. The tax credit cannot be transferred to any person or entity.

**304.43(2) *Limitation of tax credits.*** The tax credit shall not exceed 75 percent of the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a disaster recovery housing project. The maximum amount of tax credits issued by the Iowa finance authority shall not exceed \$3 million in each of the five consecutive years beginning in the 2011 calendar year. A tax credit certificate shall be issued by the Iowa finance authority for each year that the credit can be claimed.

**304.43(3) *Claiming the tax credit.*** The amount of the tax credit earned by the taxpayer will be divided by five and an amount equal thereto will be claimed on the Iowa individual income tax return commencing with the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2011. A taxpayer is not entitled to a refund of the excess tax for any tax credit in excess of the tax liability, and also is not entitled to carry forward any excess credit to a subsequent tax year.

If the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

The increase in the basis of the property that would otherwise result from the disaster recovery housing investment shall be reduced by the amount of the tax credit allowed.

EXAMPLE: An individual whose tax year ends on December 31 incurs \$100,000 of costs related to an eligible disaster recovery housing project. The taxpayer receives a tax credit of \$75,000, and \$15,000 of credit can be claimed on each Iowa individual income tax return for the periods ending December 31, 2011, through December 31, 2015. If the tax liability for the individual for the period ending December 31, 2011, is \$10,000, the credit is limited to \$10,000, and the remaining \$5,000 credit cannot be used.

If the tax liability for the individual for the period ending December 31, 2012, is \$25,000, the credit is limited to \$15,000, and the remaining \$5,000 credit from 2011 cannot be used to reduce the tax for 2012.

**304.43(4) Potential recapture of tax credits.** If the taxpayer fails to comply with the eligibility requirements of the project or violates local zoning and construction ordinances, the Iowa finance authority can void the tax credit and the department of revenue shall seek recovery of the value of any tax credit claimed on an individual income tax return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 16.211, 16.212 and 422.11X as amended by 2014 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328.

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### **701—304.44(422) Deduction of credits.**

**304.44(1) Sequencing of credit deductions.** The credits against computed tax set forth in Iowa Code sections 422.5, 422.8, 422.10 through 422.12C, 422.12N, and 422.110 shall be claimed in the following sequence:

- a. Personal exemption credit.
- b. Tuition and textbook credit.
- c. Volunteer fire fighter, volunteer emergency medical services personnel and reserve peace officer tax credit.
- d. Nonresident and part-year resident credit.
- e. Out-of-state tax credit.
- f. Franchise tax credit.
- g. S corporation apportionment credit.
- h. Alternative minimum tax credit (for tax years beginning during 2023 only).
- i. Historic preservation tax credit (when the taxpayer has elected that the credit be nonrefundable under Iowa Code section 404A.2(4)).
- j. School tuition organization tax credit.
- k. Innovation fund investment tax credit.
- l. Endow Iowa tax credit.
- m. Redevelopment tax credit.
- n. From farm to food donation tax credit.
- o. Workforce housing tax credit.
- p. Hoover presidential library tax credit.
- q. Enterprise zone investment tax credit.
- r. High quality jobs investment tax credit.
- s. Wind energy production tax credit.
- t. Renewable energy tax credit.
- u. New jobs tax credit.
- v. Beginning farmer tax credit.
- w. Agricultural assets transfer tax credit.
- x. Custom farming contract tax credit.
- y. Geothermal heat pump tax credit.
- z. Solar energy system tax credit.
- aa. Charitable conservation contribution tax credit.
- ab. Alternative minimum tax credit (for tax years beginning before January 1, 2023).
- ac. Historic preservation tax credit (when the taxpayer has elected that the credit be refundable under Iowa Code section 404A.2(4)).
- ad. High quality jobs third-party developer tax credit.
- ae. Research activities credit.
- af. Child and dependent care tax credit or early childhood development tax credit.
- ag. Motor fuel tax credit.
- ah. Claim of right credit (if elected in accordance with rule 701—300.18(422)).

- ai.* Qualifying business investment tax credit (also known as angel investor tax credit).
- aj.* Adoption tax credit.
- ak.* E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit.
- al.* Biodiesel blended fuel tax credit.
- am.* E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit.
- an.* Earned income tax credit.
- ao.* Renewable chemical production tax credit.
- ap.* Estimated payments, payment with vouchers, composite tax credits, and withholding tax.

**304.44(2)** *Order of credits carried forward from a previous tax year.* A credit carried forward from a previous tax year shall be applied against computed tax before a credit earned under the same credit program in the current tax year. However, a credit carried forward from a previous tax year cannot be applied against computed tax before a credit earned under a different credit program in a later year that appears before it in the sequence in subrule 42.44(1). For example, a school tuition organization tax credit awarded in the current tax year must be applied against computed tax before a renewable energy tax credit carried forward from a previous tax year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.5, 422.8, 422.10, 422.11, 422.11A, 422.11B, 422.11D, 422.11E, 422.11F, 422.11H, 422.11I, 422.11J, 422.11L, 422.11M, 422.11N, 422.11O, 422.11P, 422.11Q, 422.11R, 422.11S, 422.11V, 422.11W, 422.11Y, 422.11Z, 422.12, 422.12B, 422.12C and 422.110 and 2014 Iowa Acts, House Files 2448 and 2468.

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**701—304.45(15) Aggregate tax credit limit for certain economic development programs.** Effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, awards made under certain economic development programs cannot exceed \$185 million during a fiscal year. Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2010, but beginning before July 1, 2012, awards made under these economic development programs cannot exceed \$120 million during a fiscal year. Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2012, awards made under these economic development programs cannot exceed \$170 million. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2010, but beginning before July 1, 2014, these programs include the assistive device tax credit program, the enterprise zone program, the housing enterprise zone program, the high quality jobs program, the redevelopment tax credit program, tax credits for investments in qualifying businesses and community-based seed capital funds, and the innovation fund tax credit program. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2014, these programs include the assistive device tax credit program, the workforce housing tax incentives program, the high quality jobs program, the redevelopment tax credit program, tax credits for investments in qualifying businesses and community-based seed capital funds, and the innovation fund tax credit program. The administrative rules for the aggregate tax credit limit for the economic development authority may be found at 261—Chapter 76.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15.119 as amended by 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2448.

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**701—304.46(422) E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit.** Effective for eligible gallons sold on or after July 1, 2011, a retail dealer of gasoline may claim an E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit. “E-15 plus gasoline” means ethanol blended gasoline formulated with a minimum percentage of between 15 percent and 69 percent of volume of ethanol, if the formulation meets the standards provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2. For purposes of this rule, tank wagon sales are considered retail sales. The credit is calculated on Form IA 138.

**304.46(1) Calculating the credit.**

*a. Amount of credit.* The tax credit is calculated by multiplying the total number of E-15 plus gallons sold by the retail dealer during the tax year by the following designated rates:

Gallons sold from July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013	3 cents
Gallons sold from January 1 through May 31 and from September 16 through December 31 for the 2014-2024 calendar years	3 cents
Gallons sold from June 1 through September 15 for the 2014-2024 calendar years	10 cents

*b. Claiming the credit with other credits.* A taxpayer may claim the E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit even if the taxpayer also claims the ethanol promotion tax credit provided in rule 701—304.39(422) for gallons sold on or after January 1, 2011, but prior to January 1, 2021, for the same tax year for the same ethanol gallons.

*c. Refundability.* Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

*d. Transferability.* The credit may not be transferred to any other person.

**304.46(2) Fiscal year filers.** For taxpayers whose tax year is not on a calendar-year basis, the taxpayer may compute the tax credit on the gallons of E-15 plus gasoline sold during the year using the designated rates as shown above. Because the tax credit is repealed on January 1, 2025, a taxpayer whose tax year ends prior to December 31, 2024, may continue to claim the tax credit in the following tax year for any E-15 plus gallons sold through December 31, 2024. For a retail dealer whose tax year is not on a calendar-year basis and who did not claim the E-15 plus credit on the previous return, the dealer may claim the credit for the current tax year for gallons sold for the period beginning on July 1 of the previous tax year until the last day of the previous tax year. However, for taxpayers whose fiscal year ends prior to December 31, 2011, the dealer must claim the credit for the current tax year for gallons sold for the period beginning on July 1 of the previous tax year until the last day of the previous tax year.

**EXAMPLE 1:** A taxpayer who is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year ending October 31, 2011. The taxpayer sold 2,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline for the period from July 1, 2011, through October 31, 2011, and sold 7,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline for the period from November 1, 2011, through October 31, 2012. The taxpayer is entitled to a total E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit of \$270 for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2012, which consists of a \$60 credit (2,000 gallons multiplied by 3 cents) for the period from July 1, 2011, through October 31, 2011, and a credit of \$210 (7,000 gallons multiplied by 3 cents) for the period from November 1, 2011, through October 31, 2012.

**EXAMPLE 2:** A taxpayer who is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year ending April 30, 2012. The taxpayer sold 4,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline between July 1, 2011, and April 30, 2012. The taxpayer sold 9,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline between May 1, 2012, and April 30, 2013. The taxpayer is entitled to claim an E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit of \$120 (4,000 gallons multiplied by 3 cents) for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2012. In lieu of claiming the credit on the return for the period ending April 30, 2012, the taxpayer can claim the E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit on the tax return for the period ending April 30, 2013, for all E-15 plus gasoline gallons sold for the period from July 1, 2011, through April 30, 2013.

**EXAMPLE 3:** A taxpayer who is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year ending February 28, 2025. The taxpayer sold 20,000 total gallons of E-15 plus gasoline for the entire period from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025. For the period from March 1 through May 31, 2024, the taxpayer sold 4,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline, which entitles the taxpayer to a credit of \$120 (4,000 gallons multiplied by 3 cents). For the period from June 1 through September 15, 2024, the taxpayer sold 6,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline, which entitles the taxpayer to a credit of \$600 (6,000 gallons multiplied by 10 cents). For the period from September 16 through December 31, 2024, the taxpayer sold 6,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline, which entitles the taxpayer to a credit of \$180 (6,000 gallons multiplied by 3 cents). For the period from January 1 through February 28, 2025, the taxpayer sold 4,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline, which occurred after expiration of the credit. The taxpayer is entitled to claim a total E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit of \$900 (\$120 plus \$600 plus \$180) on the taxpayer's Iowa income tax return for the period ending February 28, 2025.

**304.46(3)** *Allocation of credit to owners of a business entity or to beneficiaries of an estate or trust.* If a taxpayer claiming the E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11Y as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2309.

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**701—304.47(422) Geothermal heat pump tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2024, a geothermal heat pump tax credit is available for residential property located in Iowa as provided in Iowa Code section 422.12N and this rule. Information relating to Iowa geothermal tax credits available for tax years prior to January 1, 2019, can be found in prior versions of this rule. Prior versions of the Iowa Administrative Code are located here: [www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/agencies](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/agencies).

**304.47(1)** *Eligibility for the credit.* To be eligible for the credit described in this rule, all of the following requirements must be met:

a. The geothermal heat pump must be eligible for the federal residential energy efficient property tax credit provided in Section 25D(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

b. The taxpayer must claim the federal residential energy efficient property tax credit provided in Section 25D(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

c. The geothermal heat pump must be installed on residential property located in Iowa and placed in service on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2024. In determining whether this requirement is met, the term "placed in service" has the same meaning as used in Section 25D of the Internal Revenue Code.

d. The taxpayer must submit a timely and complete application to the department in accordance with subrule 304.47(4).

**304.47(2)** *Calculation of the credit.*

a. The credit is equal to 20 percent of the federal residential energy efficient property tax credit allowed for geothermal heat pumps provided in Section 25D(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code. Thus, the Iowa credit rate equals the following percentage of the qualified geothermal heat pump property expenditures:

(1) For property placed in service during calendar year 2019, 6 percent.

(2) For property placed in service during calendar year 2020 or 2021, 5.2 percent.

(3) For property placed in service during calendar year 2022 or 2023, 6 percent.

b. This credit expires on January 1, 2024.

**304.47(3)** *Tax credit award program limitations.* No more than \$1 million in geothermal heat pump tax credits will be issued per calendar year. If the annual tax credit allocation cap is not reached, the remaining amount below the cap shall be made available for the following tax year in addition to, and cumulated with, the cap for that year. The credit will not be available for installations on or after January 1, 2024, even if the previous year's cap was not met.

**304.47(4)** *How to apply for the credit—waitlist.*

a. *In general.* Timely and complete applications shall be reviewed and approved on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications for the tax credit shall be submitted through the tax credit submission system, which applicants may access through the department's website.

b. *Application deadline.* The application must be filed by May 1 of the year following the year of the installation of the geothermal heat pump.

c. *Contents of the application.* The application must contain the following information:

(1) Name, address, and federal identification number of the taxpayer.

- (2) Date of installation of the geothermal heat pump. This is the same as the date the installation was placed in service by the taxpayer.
- (3) Copies of invoices or other documents showing the cost of the geothermal heat pump.
- (4) Amount of federal income tax credit claimed for the geothermal heat pump.
- (5) Amount of Iowa tax credit requested.
- (6) Any other information requested by the department in order to verify eligibility for or amount of the Iowa tax credit requested.

*d. Waitlist.*

(1) If the department receives applications for tax credits in excess of the annual aggregate award limitation, the department shall establish a waitlist for the next year's allocation of tax credits. Valid and complete applications will be placed on the waitlist in the order they are received by the department. However, in the event the department denies an application or part of an application, and upon appeal by the taxpayer a previously denied tax credit amount is allowed, the date the appeal is closed will be used to determine the placement of the allowed tax credit amount on the waitlist. Waitlisted applications are reviewed and, if approved, funded in the order they are listed on the waitlist. Only valid applications filed by the taxpayer by May 1 of the year following the year the geothermal heat pump was installed shall be eligible for the waitlist.

(2) If the annual aggregate cap is reached for the final year in which the federal credit is available, no applications will be carried over to the next year. Therefore, any geothermal heat pump tax credit request related to an installation completed prior to January 1, 2024, that does not receive a tax credit award by the time the 2023 aggregate award limitation is met shall expire and shall not be carried over on the waitlist to any future year.

(3) Placement on a waitlist shall not constitute a promise binding the state that persons placed on the waitlist will actually receive the credit in a future year. The availability of a tax credit and approval of a tax credit application pursuant to this rule in a future year is contingent upon the availability of tax credits in that particular year.

**304.47(5) Claiming the tax credit.**

*a. Certificate issuance.* If the application is approved, the department will send a letter to the taxpayer including the amount of the tax credit and providing a tax credit certificate.

*b. Claiming the tax credit.* The geothermal heat pump tax credit will be claimed on Form IA 148, Tax Credits Schedule. The taxpayer must include with any Iowa tax return claiming the geothermal heat pump tax credit federal Form 5695, Residential Energy Credits.

*c. Nonrefundable.* Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is nonrefundable.

*d. Carryforward.* Any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the taxpayer's tax liability for the following ten years or until depleted, whichever is earlier.

*e. Nontransferable.* The tax credit may not be transferred to any other person.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.12N.

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**701—304.48(422) Solar energy system tax credit.** A solar energy system tax credit is available for both residential property and business property located in Iowa as provided in Iowa Code section 422.11L and this rule.

**304.48(1) Relationship between the Iowa and federal credits.**

*a.* The Iowa credit is a percentage of the applicable federal credit. Taxpayers who apply for the Iowa credit must also qualify for and claim the corresponding federal credit. Availability of the Iowa credit for a specific type of installation in a given year is dependent upon availability of the federal credit for that type of installation.

*b.* The Iowa credit conforms with the Internal Revenue Code as amended to and including January 1, 2016. The term "Internal Revenue Code" as used in this rule refers to the Internal Revenue Code as it existed on January 1, 2016. See Iowa Code section 422.11L(6); see also Public Law No. 114-113, Div. P, Title III, §§ 302, 303, 304, and Div. Q, Title I, § 187.



**304.48(2) Calculation of the credit—per installation award limitation.**

a. The credit is equal to the sum of the following federal tax credits for property located in Iowa:

(1) Fifty percent of the federal residential energy property credit provided in Section 25D(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. This federal credit equals an applicable percentage of qualified solar energy electric property expenditures described in Section 25D(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code for residential use. This credit is not available for Iowa purposes for any qualified solar energy electric property placed in service after December 31, 2021, in accordance with Public Law No. 114-113 Div. P, Title III, § 304.

(2) Fifty percent of the federal residential energy property credit provided in Section 25D(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. This federal credit equals an applicable percentage of the qualified solar water heating property expenditures described in Section 25D(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code for residential use. This credit is not available for Iowa purposes for any qualified solar water heating property placed in service after December 31, 2021, in accordance with Public Law No. 114-113 Div. P, Title III, § 304.

(3) Fifty percent of the federal energy credit provided in Section 48(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) of the Internal Revenue Code. This federal credit equals an applicable percentage of energy property equipment described in Section 48(a)(3)(A)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code that uses solar energy to generate electricity, to heat or cool (or provide hot water for use in) a structure, or to provide solar process heat (excepting property used to generate energy for the purpose of heating a swimming pool), for business use. This credit is not available for Iowa purposes for any qualified property the construction of which begins on or after January 1, 2022, in accordance with Public Law No. 114-113 Div. P, Title III, § 303.

(4) Fifty percent of the federal energy credit provided in Section 48(a)(2)(A)(i)(III) of the Internal Revenue Code. This federal credit equals an applicable percentage of energy property described in Section 48(a)(3)(A)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code that uses solar energy to illuminate the inside of a structure using fiber-optic distributed sunlight, for business use. This credit is not available for Iowa purposes for any qualified property placed in service after December 31, 2016, in accordance with Public Law No. 114-113 Div. Q, Title I, § 187.

Iowa Solar Energy System Tax Credit Rates for Installations On or After January 1, 2016,* Based on 50% of Applicable Federal Rate Under Sections 25D and 48 of the Internal Revenue Code in Effect on January 1, 2016			
Applicable Property	Calendar Year Construction Begins	Calendar Year Property Placed in Service	Iowa Tax Credit Rate
Qualified Residential Solar Electric Property Under Section 25D(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code	N/A	2016-2019	15%
	N/A	2020	13%
	N/A	2021	11%
	N/A	2022 or later	0%
Qualified Residential Solar Water Heating Property Under Section 25D(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code	N/A	2016-2019	15%
	N/A	2020	13%
	N/A	2021	11%
	N/A	2022 or later	0%
Qualified Business Energy Property (electric, heat/cool, solar process heat) Under Section 48(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) of the Internal Revenue Code	2016-2019	2016-2023	15%
		2024 or later	5%
	2020	2020-2023	13%
		2024 or later	5%
	2021	2021-2023	11%
		2024 or later	5%

	2022 or later	2022 or later	0%
Qualified Business Energy Property (fiber-optic solar illumination) Under Section 48(a)(2)(A)(i)(III) of the Internal Revenue Code	N/A	2016	15%
	N/A	2017 or later	0%
*For a description of Iowa tax credit rates for installations placed in service prior to January 1, 2016, consult the prior versions of this rule.			

*b.* A solar installation must be placed in service to be eligible for the tax credit. In determining whether this requirement is met, the term “placed in service” has the same meaning as used for purposes of Section 25D or 48 of the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable. The date a taxpayer begins construction of a solar installation for purposes of Section 48 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be the same date the taxpayer begins construction for Iowa purposes.

*c.* The amount of tax credit claimed by a taxpayer related to subparagraphs 304.48(2) “a”(1) and 304.48(2) “a”(2) cannot exceed \$5,000 per separate and distinct installation. The amount of tax credit claimed by a taxpayer related to subparagraphs 304.48(2) “a”(3) and 304.48(2) “a”(4) cannot exceed \$20,000 per separate and distinct installation. When a separate and distinct installation is used for both residential and business purposes, both award limitations apply and are calculated separately based on the proportion of the installation used for business purposes and for residential purposes. The taxpayer may use any reasonable method to establish the business and residential proportions, but the burden is on the taxpayer to prove the proper proportions. If the taxpayer does not provide adequate evidence to prove that the amounts of the business and residential proportions and the method for determining those proportions are reasonable, and if the department is unable to determine reasonable proportions from the information provided by the taxpayer, the entire installation shall be deemed used for residential purposes. The term “separate and distinct installation” is described in subrule 304.48(5).

EXAMPLE 1: Taxpayer A is a farmer who installs solar energy property during 2020 that provides power to two farm buildings and A’s residence. Taxpayer A submits one application for the Iowa solar energy system tax credit showing \$100,000 of total eligible expenditures. Taxpayer A provides evidence to the department that adequately explains A’s method of allocating the solar energy system’s total usage between business use and personal use, and shows that 40 percent of the solar energy property is used for residential purposes and 60 percent is used for farm business purposes. The department determines the amounts and the method for determining those proportions to be reasonable and therefore considers the taxpayer to have submitted a tax credit application requesting both a residential solar energy system tax credit and a business solar energy system tax credit. The residential tax credit request includes \$40,000 ( $\$100,000 \times 40\%$ ) of eligible expenditures, subject to the \$5,000 tax credit cap. Therefore, A is eligible for a residential tax credit of \$5,000 ( $\$40,000 \times 13\%$  Iowa credit rate = \$5,200, less \$200 in excess of cap). The business tax credit request includes \$60,000 ( $\$100,000 \times 60\%$ ) of eligible expenditures, subject to the \$20,000 tax credit cap. Therefore, A is eligible for a business tax credit of \$7,800 ( $\$60,000 \times 13\%$  Iowa credit rate). Taxpayer A receives a total Iowa tax credit of \$12,800 ( $\$5,000 + \$7,800$ ). Although A submitted one tax credit application in this situation, the resulting tax credit amount would have been the same if A had instead submitted two separate tax credit applications: one residential application with \$40,000 of eligible expenditures and one business application with \$60,000 of eligible expenditures.

EXAMPLE 2: Same facts as Example 1, except that taxpayer A does not submit adequate evidence to the department supporting a reasonable method of determining the proportion of the solar energy property used for residential and business purposes, and the department is unable to determine reasonable proportions from the information provided by A. The department deems the entire installation used for residential purposes, subject to the \$5,000 tax credit cap. Therefore, A receives a total Iowa tax credit of \$5,000 ( $\$100,000 \times 13\%$  Iowa credit rate = \$13,000, less \$8,000 in excess of cap).

*d.* Recomputation of federal credit.

(1) Because the Iowa credit is a percentage of the applicable federal credit, when the federal credit under Section 48 of the Internal Revenue Code is recomputed under 26 CFR §1.47-1, the Iowa credit

amount must also be recomputed and reduced by the same percentage that the federal credit was reduced. The federal credit recomputation is required on the federal Form 4255, Recapture of Investment Credit.

(2) In the year of the recomputation, if the amount of the Iowa credit previously claimed is less than the recomputed Iowa credit amount, the taxpayer must reduce any remaining available carryforward amount to reflect the Iowa credit carryforward remaining after the recomputation.

(3) If the amount of the Iowa credit previously claimed is more than the recomputed Iowa credit amount, the taxpayer must include the amount that was overclaimed in prior tax years as a negative credit amount on Form IA 148, Iowa Tax Credit Schedule, and any remaining unused credit carryforward amount expires immediately. The negative credit amount represents the overclaimed Iowa credit and will be netted against the taxpayer's other nonrefundable tax credits on Form IA 148, Iowa Tax Credit Schedule, if any. After applying the negative credit amount against other available nonrefundable credits, if the taxpayer's net total nonrefundable credits for the year is a negative amount, that negative amount must be entered on the appropriate line of the taxpayer's income tax return for reporting nonrefundable Iowa credits from Form IA 148, Iowa Tax Credit Schedule, and will increase the taxpayer's tax liability.

**304.48(3)** *Tax credit award program limitations.* The following program limitations apply:

*a. Aggregate tax credit award limit.* No more than \$5 million of tax credits per year will be issued for calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2015. The annual tax credit allocation cap also includes the solar energy system tax credits provided in rule 701—501.44(422) for corporation income tax and in rule 701—601.22(422) for franchise tax.

*b. Allocation for residential installations.* Beginning with tax year 2014, at least \$1 million of the annual tax credit allocation cap for each tax year is reserved for residential installations qualifying under Section 25D of the Internal Revenue Code. If the total amount of credits for residential installations for a tax year is less than \$1 million, the remaining amount below \$1 million will be allowed for nonresidential installations qualifying under Section 48 of the Internal Revenue Code.

*c. Rollover of unallocated credits.* Beginning with calendar year 2014, if the annual tax credit allocation cap is not reached, the remaining amount below the cap shall be made available for the following tax year in addition to, and cumulated with, the cap for that year.

**304.48(4)** *How to apply for the credit.* Timely and complete applications shall be reviewed and approved on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications for the tax credit shall be submitted through the tax credit submission system, which applicants may access through the department's website.

*a. Application deadline.* For installations completed on or after January 1, 2014, the application must be filed by May 1 following the year of installation of the solar energy system. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, the following extensions are applicable to installations completed in 2014 and 2015:

(1) Solar energy systems installed during the 2014 calendar year shall be eligible for approval under Iowa Code section 422.11L even if the application is filed after May 1, 2015. Valid and complete applications shall be accepted and approved on a first-come, first-served basis and shall first be eligible for approval for the tax year during which the application is received, but not before the tax year beginning January 1, 2016.

(2) Solar energy systems installed during the 2015 calendar year shall be eligible for approval under Iowa Code section 422.11L even if the application is filed after May 1, 2016. Valid and complete applications shall be accepted and approved on a first-come, first-served basis and shall first be eligible for approval for the tax year during which the application is received, but not before the tax year beginning January 1, 2017.

*b. Contents of the application.* The application must contain the following information:

- (1) Name, address, and federal identification number of the taxpayer.
- (2) Date of installation of the solar energy system. This is the same as the date the installation was placed in service by the taxpayer.
- (3) The kilowatt capacity of the solar energy system.
- (4) Copies of invoices or other documents showing the cost of the solar energy system.
- (5) Amount of federal income tax credit claimed for the solar energy system.
- (6) Amount of Iowa tax credit requested.

(7) All applicants must provide a completion sheet from a local utility company or similar documentation verifying that installation of the system has been completed. For nonresidential installations, the completion sheet must indicate the date the installation was placed in service. If a completion sheet from the local utility company or similar documentation is not available, a statement shall be provided that is similar to the one required to be attached to federal Form 3468 when claiming the federal energy credit and that specifies the date the system was placed in service.

(8) A copy of any signed agreement made regarding the solar energy system that verifies the applicant is a qualified applicant. This includes, but is not limited to, lease agreements. When an applicant is entitled to the Iowa solar energy system tax credit for a leased solar energy system, the other party to the lease will not be entitled to such a credit for the same leased solar energy system.

(9) For nonresidential installations, the date on which construction began.

(10) Any other information requested by the department in order to verify eligibility for or amount of the Iowa tax credit requested.

*c. Previously claimed expenditures disallowed.* An applicant may not include on an application any expenditure for which the taxpayer previously received, or was denied, a tax credit award or any expenditure that was part of an approved separate and distinct installation but was disallowed due to exceeding the maximum Iowa tax credit amount.

*d. Waitlist.* If the department receives applications for tax credits in excess of the annual aggregate award limitation, the department shall establish a waitlist for the next year's allocation of tax credits. Valid and complete applications will be placed on the waitlist in the order they are received by the department. However, in the event the department denies an application or part of an application, and upon appeal by the taxpayer a previously denied tax credit amount is allowed, the date the appeal is closed will be used to determine the placement of the allowed tax credit amount on the waitlist. Waitlisted applications are reviewed and, if approved, funded in the order they are listed on the waitlist. With the exception of the extension described in subparagraphs 304.48(4) "a"(1) and 304.48(4) "a"(2) above, only valid applications filed by the taxpayer by May 1 of the year following the year of the installation of the solar energy property shall be eligible for the waitlist. If the annual aggregate cap is reached for the final year in which the federal credit is available, no applications will be carried over to the next year. This tax credit limitation shall apply as follows:

(1) Residential property tax credit claims. The federal credits related to residential property under Sections 25D(a)(1) and 25D(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code expire and are unavailable for Iowa tax purposes for installations completed on or after January 1, 2022. Therefore, any residential tax credit request related to an installation completed prior to January 1, 2022, that does not receive a tax credit award by the time the 2021 aggregate award limitation is met shall expire and shall not be carried over on the waitlist to any future year.

(2) Business property tax credit claims. The federal credit related to business property under Section 48(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) of the Internal Revenue Code does not expire for Iowa tax purposes. It is available for installations that begin construction prior to January 1, 2022, in any future tax year the installation is placed in service. Therefore, any business tax credit request related to an installation that begins construction prior to January 1, 2022, but that does not receive a tax credit award by the time the annual aggregate award limitation is met will not expire and will be eligible to be carried over on the waitlist to future years, and receive a tax credit award in a future year, provided the authorization to approve and issue tax credits under Iowa Code section 422.11L(4) "a" is not repealed.

Placement on a waitlist shall not constitute a promise binding the state that persons placed on the waitlist will actually receive the credit in a future year. The availability of a tax credit and approval of a tax credit application pursuant to this rule in a future year is contingent upon the availability of tax credits in that particular year.

*e. Certificate issuance.* If the application is approved, the department will send a letter to the taxpayer including the amount of the tax credit and providing a tax credit certificate.

*f. Claiming the tax credit.* The solar energy system tax credit will be claimed on Form IA 148, Tax Credits Schedule. The taxpayer must include with any Iowa tax return claiming the solar energy system

tax credit federal Form 5695, Residential Energy Credits, if claiming the residential energy credit or federal Form 3468, Investment Credit, if claiming the business energy credit.

*g. Nonrefundable.* Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is nonrefundable.

*h. Carryforward.* Any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the taxpayer's tax liability for the following ten years or until depleted, whichever is earlier.

*i. Nontransferable.* The credit may not be transferred to any other person.

**304.48(5) Separate and distinct installation requirement.** Only one tax credit may be awarded and claimed for each separate and distinct solar installation. Each separate and distinct installation requires a separate application. For purposes of this subrule, unless the context otherwise requires, use of the term "installation" or "solar installation" refers to the physical equipment that generates electricity using solar energy in a manner that qualifies that equipment for a tax credit. In order for an installation that otherwise meets the requirements of Iowa Code section 422.11L and this rule to be considered a separate and distinct solar installation, both of the factors in paragraphs 304.48(5) "a" and "b" must be met. This determination is made by the department and requires a review of the current application received by the department and all prior applications received by the department from any taxpayer. When determining whether a solar installation is separate and distinct from other solar installations, the department will consider the totality of the facts and circumstances surrounding the solar installations. The taxpayer bears the burden of showing that an installation qualifies as separate and distinct. For a safe harbor rule relating to solar installations that begin construction prior to June 1, 2021, see paragraph 304.48(5) "c."

*a.* A repair or maintenance shall not constitute a solar installation. If the installed equipment repairs or otherwise maintains the working order of another solar installation or part of another solar installation, it will not be considered separate and distinct from that other solar installation, even if the installed equipment results in increased production capacity because of its superior quality, performance, or efficiency, or other similar reason. Evidence that part of the other solar installation was removed or replaced at or around the time the equipment was installed is a strong indication that the equipment is a repair or maintenance, but it is not required for such a determination.

EXAMPLE 3: Taxpayer B applies for and is awarded an Iowa solar tax credit for a solar installation that powers taxpayer B's workshop. Two years after that solar installation is placed in service, the solar inverter malfunctions. Taxpayer B purchases and installs a new solar inverter, which keeps the solar installation in working order. At the same time, B also replaces several functioning solar panels on the solar installation with new, higher quality panels that increase the solar installation's production capacity. Taxpayer B submits a second application for the costs of the solar inverter and the solar panels. These costs are considered a repair or maintenance and do not qualify as separate and distinct from the prior installation. Therefore, they do not qualify for the Iowa solar tax credit. This is the result even if the costs qualify for the federal tax credit and even though the solar panels improve the productivity of the solar installation.

*b.* The solar installation must be a replacement installation or an independent installation.

(1) Replacement installation. When previous solar installations have been completely decommissioned, whether from disposal by the applicant or casualty loss or theft, the new solar installation may be considered a replacement installation of the decommissioned solar installation. A solar installation that ceases operation but that has not been physically removed and discarded by a person is not decommissioned unless it cannot operate and is incapable of being repaired to working order. A solar installation that merely changes location or ownership has not been decommissioned and thus may not qualify as a replacement installation. Expenditures that are subject to an insurance reimbursement do not qualify for the solar energy system tax credit.

EXAMPLE 4: Taxpayer C applies for and is awarded an Iowa solar tax credit for a solar installation that powers taxpayer C's business. One year after that solar installation is placed in service, it is destroyed beyond repair by a severe storm. Taxpayer C's insurance policy does not cover damage to a solar installation. Taxpayer C purchases and places in service another solar installation that powers taxpayer C's business and timely applies for the Iowa solar energy system tax credit. Taxpayer C's subsequent installation may be eligible for the Iowa solar energy system installation credit as a replacement installation.

(2) Independent installation. An independent installation is one that has a sufficiently remote association with other solar installations that received the Iowa solar energy system tax credit such that it can be considered independent from those other solar installations. When determining whether a particular solar installation qualifies as an independent installation, the department will first consider the electrical generation purpose of the relevant solar installations, as described in numbered paragraph 304.48(5)“b”(2)“1” below. Only if the department finds that it cannot make a determination from that criteria alone will the department consider other criteria. A nonexhaustive list of other criteria that may be considered by the department is provided in numbered paragraph 304.48(5)“b”(2)“2” below.

1. Electrical generation purpose. The department will review the electrical generation purpose of each solar installation. As described below, this involves a review of the building(s) or structure(s) being powered by each solar installation. When two or more solar installations have the same electrical generation purpose, they are not independent installations. When two or more solar installations have different electrical generation purposes, this is an indication that they may be independent installations. With respect only to a multiple housing cooperative under Iowa Code chapter 499A or a horizontal property regime under Iowa Code chapter 499B, each apartment shall constitute a building or structure, and each cooperative or regime owner’s proportionate share of qualifying expenses incurred by the cooperative or regime shall constitute a solar installation paid by the cooperative or regime owner.

- Same building(s) or structure(s). If the applied-for solar installation will power buildings or structures that are also being powered by another solar installation, or that were being powered by another solar installation at some point during the 12-month period before the applied-for solar installation was placed in service, then the installations have the same electrical generation purpose. However, adequate proof from the taxpayer of a substantial increase in electricity demand is evidence tending to indicate that the solar installations do not have the same electrical generation purpose. A “substantial increase in electricity demand” exists when the sum of the average monthly electricity consumption of each building or structure powered by the applied-for solar installation for the 12-month period before the applied-for solar installation is placed in service is at least 50 percent greater than the sum of the average monthly electricity consumption of each building or structure powered by the other solar installation for the 12-month period before the other solar installation was placed in service. Average electricity consumption shall be measured in kilowatt hours. With respect to the other solar installation, if any applicable building or structure was not in service for a period of 12 months before the other solar installation was placed in service, the average monthly electricity consumption for that building or structure shall be the average electricity consumption for the first 12 months the building or structure was in service. With respect to the applied-for solar installation, the calculation of the average monthly electricity consumption for any building or structure that was not placed in service prior to the other solar installation shall be calculated using a denominator of 12 even if that building or structure was not in service for a period of 12 months before the applied-for solar installation was placed in service. The reason for the increased electricity consumption shall not be relevant in determining if a substantial increase in electricity demand exists.

EXAMPLE 5: Taxpayer D is awarded a solar energy system tax credit for a solar installation that provides power to D’s home. Three years later, D installs a second solar installation that also provides power to D’s home. Absent additional information from D that would show a substantial increase in electricity demand, the second solar installation has the same electrical generation purpose as the first installation because they both provide power to D’s home. Therefore, the second solar installation would not be considered an independent installation.

EXAMPLE 6: Taxpayer E owns an apartment building with ten apartment units. In 2021, taxpayer E installs solar energy business property with a cost of \$300,000 that will power the apartment building. Taxpayer E submits solar tax credit applications for ten different solar installations, one for each unit within the apartment building. Each application claims \$30,000 in qualifying costs and requests an Iowa solar credit of \$3,300 ( $\$30,000 \times 11\%$ ) for business property, for a sum total of \$33,000 in tax credits. Because the solar installations claimed on all ten applications provide power to the same apartment building, they all have the same electrical generation purpose. Therefore, only one of the solar installations could qualify for the tax credit as an independent installation, subject to the \$20,000

per-installation tax credit cap. The other nine installations would all fail to qualify as independent installations. The result is the same whether or not the apartment units have separate utility meters. See Example 10 for a different result if the building were organized as a multiple housing cooperative or horizontal property regime.

**EXAMPLE 7:** Taxpayer F, a machinist, is awarded a solar energy system tax credit for a solar installation that provides power to F's machine shop. Several years later, F installs a second solar installation that will provide power to F's machine shop but also to F's office building. Taxpayer F submits a complete and timely application for the solar energy system tax credit. Absent additional information from F that would show a substantial increase in electricity demand, the second solar installation has the same electrical generation purpose as the first solar installation because they both provide power to F's machine shop. Therefore, the second solar installation would not be considered an independent installation.

**EXAMPLE 8:** Assume the same facts as Example 7, except that taxpayer F provides additional information to the department regarding the electricity consumption of F's machine shop and office building. Taxpayer F provides utility bills which show that for the 12-month period before the first solar installation was placed in service, the average monthly electricity consumption for the machine shop was 1,000 kilowatt hours. For the 12-month period before the second solar installation was placed in service, the average monthly electricity consumption for the machine shop was 1,200 kilowatt hours. Additionally, the office building was constructed and placed in service three months before the second solar installation was placed in service. Taxpayer F provides utility bills which show that for the three months the office building was in service, the monthly electricity consumption for the office building was 1,400 kilowatt hours, 1,600 kilowatt hours, and 1,800 kilowatt hours, respectively. This means that the average monthly electricity consumption of the office building for purposes of the "substantial increase in energy demand" test is 400 kilowatt hours [i.e.,  $(1,400 + 1,600 + 1,800) \div 3 = 400$ ]. Therefore, for the 12-month period before the second solar installation was placed in service, the average monthly electricity consumption for the machine shop and office building was 1,600 kilowatt hours [i.e.,  $1,200 + 400 = 1,600$ ]. Because this 1,600 monthly kilowatt hour average applicable to the second solar installation exceeds by at least 50 percent the 1,000 monthly kilowatt hour average applicable to the first solar installation, taxpayer F has shown a substantial increase in electricity demand and the second solar installation may qualify as an independent installation.

- Different building(s) or structure(s). If the applied-for solar installation will not power any building or structure that is also being powered by another solar installation, or that was also being powered by another solar installation at some point during the 12-month period before the applied-for solar installation was placed in service, this is an indication that the solar installations may have a different electrical generation purpose.

**EXAMPLE 9:** Taxpayer G, a farmer, is awarded a solar energy system tax credit for a solar installation that provides power to G's equipment barn. Later, G installs a second solar installation that will only provide power to G's livestock building. Because the first solar installation only provides power to G's barn and the second solar installation only provides power to G's livestock building, this is an indication that each solar installation has a different electrical generation purpose. The second solar installation would be considered an independent installation, unless additional information shows the contrary to be true.

**EXAMPLE 10:** Taxpayer H, a multiple housing cooperative under Iowa Code chapter 499A, owns an apartment building with ten apartment units. In 2021, H installs solar energy property with a cost of \$300,000 that will power the apartment building. The owner of each apartment unit submits a solar tax credit application for a solar installation claiming a proportionate share of H's qualifying expenditures for the solar energy property, which in this case is \$30,000 per owner, and requesting an Iowa credit of \$3,300 ( $\$30,000 \times 11\%$ ), for a sum total of \$33,000 in tax credits. Since this building is organized as a multiple housing cooperative under Iowa Code chapter 499A, each apartment constitutes a building or structure and each owner's proportionate share of qualifying expenses incurred by the cooperative constitutes a solar installation paid by the owner. This is the first solar installation with respect to each of these apartments, so they are not being powered by another solar installation that received an Iowa

tax credit. Therefore, this is an indication that each solar installation has a different electrical generation purpose. Each of the ten solar installations would be considered an independent installation, unless additional information shows the contrary to be true. The result would be the same if the building were organized as a horizontal property regime under Iowa Code chapter 499B. However, see Example 7 regarding apartment buildings not organized as a multiple housing cooperative or horizontal property regime.

2. Other criteria.

- **Location.** The department will consider the physical location of each solar installation. When two or more solar installations are in close physical proximity, this is an indication that the installations may not be independent installations. The farther in physical proximity the installations are, the stronger the likelihood that they are independent installations. Locating an installation at the same address or on the same or adjacent parcel as another installation is a stronger indication that the two installations are not independent installations than if they were located at different addresses or on nonadjacent parcels. The expansion in physical size or production capacity of an existing solar installation is an indication that the installations are not independent installations. If two or more solar installations are physically attached or connected to the same building or structure, this is an indication that the installations are not independent installations.

EXAMPLE 11: Taxpayer Q submits a complete and timely solar energy system tax credit application for a solar installation located at an address that is adjacent to the address of a prior solar installation for which taxpayer Q received a solar energy system tax credit award. Based on the information provided by the taxpayer, the department is unable to determine the electrical generation purpose of the solar installations. Without additional information, the proximity of the two solar installations supports a determination by the department that the second solar installation is not an independent installation.

- **Billing.** The department will consider the manner in which a utility company issues bills associated with solar installations. Even when a solar installation does not actually provide electricity to any buildings or structures that are also being powered by another solar installation, if a utility company issues bills associated with a solar installation under a net metering agreement in a manner that allows credits from the net outflow of one solar installation to be applied against the utility costs of buildings or structures that are powered by another solar installation, the department will evaluate the solar installations subject to the net metering agreement as if they were powering the same buildings or structures for purposes of determining electrical generation purpose in numbered paragraph 304.48(5)“b”(2)“1” above.

- **Utility metering.** The department will consider whether each solar installation is connected to a separate utility meter and the business reason, if any, for using separate utility meters. For purposes of this subrule, “utility meter” means a device installed by a utility company used to monitor the amount of electricity consumed or produced by a consumer. When a metering agreement requires a person to install two unidirectional meters, the set will be considered a single utility meter for purposes of this subrule. The department will not consider a measuring device installed and used by a person for personal monitoring of electricity production or consumption to be a “utility meter” for purposes of this subrule. This should not be interpreted to require a person to connect the person’s solar installation to a utility provider’s grid in order to be eligible for the tax credit.

- **Payment for installation or service.** The department will consider how expenses incurred for construction or servicing of a solar installation are paid. When expenses incurred for two or more solar installations are paid by related parties, it may indicate that the installations are not independent installations. However, the department may request additional information to evaluate the relationship between the person who pays for such expenses and the person who claims the tax credit.

- **Contract terms.** The department will consider the terms of installation and service contracts related to the solar installation and may require a person to provide installation and service contracts related to any prior solar installation for which the department has received a tax credit application. When contract terms indicate that the solar installations have been installed as or are serviced as a single, functional unit or system, the department will consider that as evidence that the installations are not independent installations.



- Timing of installation or application. The department will consider when the applied-for solar installation was placed in service and when a person submits the tax credit application as compared to other solar installations.

c. Safe harbor for solar installations that begin construction prior to June 1, 2021. For any solar installation for which the taxpayer begins construction prior to June 1, 2021, the taxpayer may rely on the factors in the prior version of paragraph 304.48(7)“a” in determining whether the solar installation is a separate and distinct installation. Prior versions of the Iowa Administrative Code are located here: [www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/agencies](http://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/agencies).

**304.48(6)** *Unavailable to those eligible for renewable energy tax credit.* A taxpayer who is eligible to receive a renewable energy tax credit provided in rule 701—304.28(422,476C) is not eligible for the solar energy system tax credit.

**304.48(7)** *Allocation of tax credit to owners of a business entity or beneficiaries of an estate or trust.* If the taxpayer claiming the tax credit based on a percentage of the federal energy credit under Section 48 of the Internal Revenue Code is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust electing to have income taxed directly to the individual, the individual may claim the tax credit. The amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the individual’s earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust. The maximum amount of credit available to a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust shall be limited to \$15,000 for installations placed in service in tax years 2012 and 2013 and \$20,000 for installations placed in service in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

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**701—304.49(422) Volunteer fire fighter, volunteer emergency medical services personnel member, and reserve peace officer tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, a tax credit is available for individual income tax for volunteer fire fighters, volunteer emergency medical services (EMS) personnel members, and reserve peace officers.

**304.49(1)** *Definitions.* The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

“*Emergency medical services personnel member*” or “*EMS personnel member*” means an emergency medical care provider, as defined in Iowa Code section 147A.1, who is certified as a first responder in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 147A. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, “emergency medical services personnel member” or “EMS personnel member” also includes an individual who is a paid employee of an emergency medical services program and who is also a volunteer emergency medical services personnel member in a city, county, or area governed by an agreement pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 28E.

“*Reserve peace officer*” means a reserve peace officer as defined in Iowa Code section 80D.1A who has met the minimum state training standards established by the Iowa law enforcement academy in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 80D.

“*Volunteer fire fighter*” means a volunteer fire fighter, as defined in Iowa Code section 85.61, who has met the minimum training standards established by the fire service training bureau pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 100B. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, “volunteer fire fighter” means an individual who is an active member of an organized volunteer fire department in Iowa or is performing services as a volunteer fire fighter for a municipality, township, or benefited fire district at the request of the chief or other person in command and who has met the minimum training standards established by the fire service training bureau pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 100B. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, a volunteer fire fighter also includes an individual who is a paid employee of a fire department and who is also a volunteer fire fighter in a city, county, or area governed by an agreement pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 28E.

**304.49(2)** *Calculation of the credit.*

a. The credit is equal to \$250 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, if the volunteer fire fighter, volunteer EMS personnel member, or reserve peace officer was a volunteer for the entire year. The credit is equal to \$50 for tax year 2013 and \$100 for tax years 2014 through 2020.

b. If the individual was not a volunteer fire fighter, volunteer EMS personnel member, or reserve peace officer for the entire calendar year, the credit is prorated based on the number of months the individual was a volunteer. If the individual was a volunteer during any part of a month, the individual will be considered a volunteer for the entire month. The amount of credit will be rounded to the nearest dollar.

EXAMPLE: An individual became a volunteer fire fighter on April 15, 2021, and remained a volunteer for the rest of calendar year 2021. The individual is considered a volunteer for nine months of 2021. The tax credit for 2021 is equal to \$188 (\$250 multiplied by 9/12 equals \$187.50; rounding to the nearest dollar results in a \$188 credit).

c. If an individual holds more than one volunteer position as a volunteer fire fighter, a volunteer EMS personnel member, or a reserve peace officer during the same month, a credit can be claimed for only one volunteer position for that month. For example, if an individual was both a volunteer fire fighter and volunteer EMS personnel member for all of calendar year 2021, the tax credit will equal \$250.

**304.49(3) Verification of eligibility for the tax credit.** An individual is required to have a written statement from the fire chief or other appropriate supervisor verifying that the individual was a volunteer fire fighter or volunteer EMS personnel member for the months for which the tax credit is being claimed. An individual who is a reserve peace officer must have a written statement from the chief of police, sheriff, commissioner of public safety, or other appropriate supervisor verifying that the individual was a reserve peace officer for the months for which the tax credit is being claimed. The written statement does not have to be attached to a tax return claiming the credit. However, the department may request that the individual provide the written statement.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.12.

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**701—304.50(422) Taxpayers trust fund tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, a taxpayers trust fund tax credit is available for Iowa individual income tax. The credit is available for all individual income tax filers, including residents, nonresidents and part-year residents of Iowa, and individuals who file as part of a composite return as described in rule 701—404.1(422), as long as the Iowa return is filed within the extended due date to file an Iowa return. Therefore, a fiscal-year filer whose tax year does not begin on January 1 is eligible to claim the taxpayers trust fund tax credit as long as the return is filed within the extended due date of the Iowa return.

**304.50(1) Calculation of the amount of tax credit.** The credit is calculated by taking the amount in the Iowa taxpayers trust fund and dividing it by the number of individual income taxpayers who filed Iowa returns by October 31 of the year preceding the year in which the credit is allowed.

EXAMPLE: There is \$120 million in the Iowa taxpayers trust fund at the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. There were 2,200,000 individuals who filed Iowa income tax returns by October 31, 2013, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, but beginning before January 1, 2013. This results in an Iowa taxpayers trust fund tax credit of \$54 for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2013, but beginning before January 1, 2014 (\$120,000,000 divided by 2,200,000 equals \$54.55, which is rounded down to the nearest whole dollar). All taxpayers who file their Iowa individual income tax return by October 31, 2014, for the tax period beginning on or after January 1, 2013, but beginning before January 1, 2014, will be entitled to claim a \$54 Iowa taxpayers trust fund tax credit.

If the amount of Iowa taxpayers trust fund tax credits claimed on tax returns for a particular year is less than the amount authorized, the difference will be transferred to the Iowa taxpayers trust fund for the next year and will be available as an Iowa taxpayers trust fund tax credit for the next year. There must be a balance in the Iowa taxpayers trust fund of at least \$30 million in order for the Iowa taxpayers trust fund tax credit to be available.

EXAMPLE: There is \$120 million in the Iowa taxpayers trust fund at the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. The total amount of Iowa taxpayers trust fund tax credit claimed on Iowa tax returns for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, but beginning before January 1, 2014, which were filed on or before October 31, 2014, is \$90 million. The difference of \$30 million will be transferred to the Iowa taxpayers trust fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The legislature approves an additional \$60 million to be deposited in the Iowa taxpayers trust fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. This will result in \$90 million in the Iowa taxpayers trust fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. If 2,200,000 individuals file Iowa individual income tax returns for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, but beginning before January 1, 2014, by October 31, 2014, this will result in a \$40 Iowa taxpayers trust fund tax credit for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2014, but beginning before January 1, 2015 (\$90,000,000 divided by 2,200,000 equals \$40.90, which is rounded down to the nearest whole dollar).

**304.50(2)** *Claiming the credit on the tax return.* The Iowa taxpayers trust fund is claimed on the amount of Iowa tax computed after all other nonrefundable credits allowed in division II of Iowa Code chapter 422 (excluding the Iowa taxpayers trust fund tax credit) are deducted, after the amount of school district surtax described in rule 701—304.1(257,422) and emergency medical services income surtax described in rule 701—304.2(422D) is added, and after all refundable credits (excluding estimated payments and tax withheld) allowed in division II of Iowa Code chapter 422 are deducted. Any Iowa taxpayers trust fund tax credit in excess of the tax liability is not refundable and shall not be carried back to the tax year prior to the tax year in which the credit is claimed and cannot be carried forward to a tax year for any following year.

EXAMPLE: A taxpayer reported a tax liability of \$100 on the taxpayer's 2013 Iowa income tax return. The taxpayer claimed a \$40 personal exemption credit and a \$25 franchise tax credit. This resulted in tax due of \$35 before applying the school district surtax. Taxpayer was subject to a \$2 school district surtax which resulted in total tax due of \$37. Taxpayer was entitled to claim a \$54 Iowa taxpayers trust fund tax credit, but only \$37 of credit could be applied on the 2013 Iowa return. The remaining \$17 of credit cannot be refunded, cannot be applied to a prior year tax liability, and cannot be carried forward to be applied to a subsequent year tax liability.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.11E.  
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**701—304.51(422) From farm to food donation tax credit.** A taxpayer that donates a food commodity that the taxpayer produces may claim a tax credit for Iowa individual income tax. The credit is equal to 15 percent of the value of the commodities donated during the tax year for which the credit is claimed or \$5,000, whichever is less. The value of the commodities shall be determined in the same manner as a charitable contribution of food for federal tax purposes under Section 170(e)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**304.51(1)**To qualify for the tax credit, the taxpayer (1) must produce the donated food commodity; (2) must transfer title to the donated food commodity to an Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding organization recognized by the department; and (3) shall not receive remuneration for the transfer. The donated food commodity cannot be damaged or out-of-condition and declared to be unfit for human consumption by a federal, state, or local health official. A food commodity that meets the requirements for donated foods pursuant to the federal Emergency Food Assistance Program satisfies this requirement.

**304.51(2)**To be recognized by the department, a food bank or emergency feeding organization must either be a recognized affiliate of one of the eight partner food banks with the Iowa Food Bank Association or must register with the department. To register with the department, the organization must meet the definition of “emergency feeding organization,” “food bank,” or “food pantry” as defined by the department of human services in 441—66.1(234). A food bank or emergency feeding organization that seeks recognition by the department shall register with the department in the form and manner prescribed by the department. The department will maintain a list of recognized organizations on the department's website.

**304.51(3)** Food banks and emergency feeding organizations that receive eligible donations shall be required to issue receipts in a format prescribed by the department for all donations received and must annually submit to the department a receipt log of all the receipts issued during the calendar year. The receipt log must be submitted in the form of a spreadsheet with column specifications as provided by the department. Receipt logs showing the donations for the previous calendar year must be delivered electronically or mailed to the department postmarked by January 15 of each year. If a receipt for a taxpayer's claim is not provided by the organization, the taxpayer's claim will be denied.

**304.51(4)** To claim the credit for tax years beginning before January 1, 2022, a taxpayer shall submit to the department the original receipts that were issued by the food bank or emergency feeding organization. The receipt must include quantity information completed by the food bank or emergency feeding organization, taxpayer information, and a donation valuation consistent with Section 170(e)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code completed by the taxpayer. Claims must be postmarked on or before January 15 of the year following the tax year for which the claim is requested. Once the department verifies the amount of the tax credit, a letter will be sent to the taxpayer providing the amount of the tax credit and a tax credit certificate number.

**304.51(5)** To claim the credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, a taxpayer shall complete the required tax credit form provided by the department and shall submit the form with the taxpayer's income tax return for the tax year the taxpayer made the qualifying donations. The required tax credit form shall be available on the department's website.

**304.51(6)** Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is earlier. The tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the owner redeems the credit. The credit is not transferable to any other person.

**304.51(7)** If the producer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 190B, subchapter I, and section 422.11R. [ARC 1138C, IAB 10/30/13, effective 12/4/13; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22; ARC 6901C, IAB 2/22/23, effective 3/29/23]

**701—304.52(422) Adoption tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, an adoption tax credit is available for individual income tax equal to the amount of qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred by a taxpayer related to the adoption of a child. For an adoption finalized on or after January 1, 2014, but before January 1, 2017, the total adoption tax credit claimed for the adoption may not exceed \$2,500. For an adoption finalized on or after January 1, 2017, the total adoption tax credit claimed for the adoption may not exceed \$5,000.

**304.52(1) Adoption.** For purposes of the credit, an adoption occurs when a child is permanently placed in Iowa by any of the following:

- a. The department of human services;
- b. An adoption service provider as defined in Iowa Code section 600A.2; or
- c. An agency that meets the provisions of the interstate compact in Iowa Code section 232.158.

**304.52(2) Child.** A "child" is an individual who is under the age of 18 years. "Child" does not include any individual who is 18 years of age or older.

**304.52(3) Qualified adoption expenses.**

a. *Generally.* "Qualified adoption expenses" means unreimbursed expenses paid or incurred in connection with the adoption of a child. Qualified adoption expenses include all fees and costs related to the adoption of a child, such as:

- (1) Medical and hospital expenses of the biological mother that are incident to the child's birth;
- (2) Welfare agency fees and other reasonable and necessary adoption fees;
- (3) Court costs, attorney fees, and other legal fees;
- (4) Travel expenses, including amounts spent for meals and lodging while away from home; and

(5) All other fees and costs related to the adoption of a child.

*b. Limitations.* Expenses that are eligible for the federal adoption credit as provided in Section 23(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code will be considered qualified adoption expenses. Expenses paid or incurred in violation of state or federal law are not qualified adoption expenses. Expenses that have been reimbursed are not qualified adoption expenses.

**304.52(4) Claiming the credit.**

*a. Amount eligible for credit.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, but beginning before January 1, 2017, the first \$2,500 of qualified adoption expenses is eligible for the credit. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, the first \$5,000 of qualified adoption expenses is eligible for the credit. The maximum credit amount is determined at the time the adoption becomes final. If the qualified adoption expenses are less than the maximum credit amount, then the total amount of qualified expenses can be claimed as a credit. The amount of tax credit claimed cannot be used as an itemized deduction for adoption expenses provided in 701—subrule 303.5(3).

*b. Claiming the credit in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, but before January 1, 2019.*

(1) Claiming the credit in the year the adoption becomes final. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, but before January 1, 2019, to claim an adoption tax credit, a taxpayer must claim the credit for all qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred in the tax year the adoption becomes final, up to the maximum credit amount provided in paragraph 304.52(4)“a.”

EXAMPLE: Michael and Lori are married. Michael and Lori adopt a child who is permanently placed in Iowa. The adoption process begins and becomes final in 2015. Because the adoption becomes final on or after January 1, 2014, but prior to January 1, 2017, Michael and Lori qualify for a maximum credit amount of \$2,500. Michael and Lori incur and pay unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses of \$20,000 in 2015. Michael and Lori jointly file their Iowa individual income tax return in 2015. Michael and Lori may claim an Iowa adoption tax credit of \$2,500 in 2015.

(2) Claiming the credit in years other than the year the adoption becomes final. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, but before January 1, 2019, if a taxpayer cannot claim the maximum credit amount provided in paragraph 304.52(4)“a” for the year the adoption becomes final, the taxpayer may amend a prior year’s return to claim any remaining credit for expenses paid in that prior year, or the taxpayer may claim any remaining credit on a subsequent year’s return for expenses paid in that subsequent year. If a qualified adoption expense was incurred in one tax year and paid in another tax year, the taxpayer may only claim a credit for that expense in one year. The total adoption tax credit claimed for all years combined may not exceed the maximum credit amount per adoption provided in paragraph 304.52(4)“a.” An adjustment to a prior’s year return is subject to the limitations in rule 701—302.20(422).

EXAMPLE: Erin adopts a child as a single parent. The child is permanently placed in Iowa. The adoption process begins in 2016 and becomes final in 2017. Because the adoption becomes final on or after January 1, 2017, Erin qualifies for a maximum credit amount of \$5,000. Erin pays and incurs unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses of \$20,000 in 2016 and \$1,000 in 2017. In tax year 2017, Erin may claim an Iowa adoption tax credit equal to the \$1,000 in unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses paid and incurred in 2017. After claiming the credit for tax year 2017, Erin may amend the 2016 return to claim the remaining \$4,000 credit for unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses paid and incurred in 2016.

*c. Claiming the credit in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.*

(1) Claiming the credit in the year the adoption becomes final. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, to claim an adoption tax credit, a taxpayer must claim the credit in the tax year the adoption is finalized for all qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred prior to or in the tax year the adoption becomes final, up to the maximum credit amount of \$5,000. A taxpayer shall not amend a prior year return in an attempt to claim the credit for unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred prior to the tax year in which the adoption becomes final.

EXAMPLE: Y and Z are married. Y and Z adopt a child who is permanently placed in Iowa. The adoption process begins in 2016 and becomes final in 2019. Because the adoption becomes final on or

after January 1, 2017, Y and Z qualify for a maximum credit amount of \$5,000. Additionally, because the adoption becomes final on or after January 1, 2019, Y and Z may claim an Iowa adoption tax credit for unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred prior to or in the year the adoption becomes final. Y and Z incur and pay unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses of \$5,000 in 2016, \$10,000 in 2017, \$2,000 in 2018, and \$2,000 in 2019. Y and Z jointly file their Iowa individual income tax return in 2019. Y and Z may claim an Iowa adoption tax credit of \$5,000 on their 2019 Iowa income tax return. Y and Z are not allowed to amend a prior year return in an attempt to claim the credit for unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred prior to the tax year in which the adoption became final.

(2) Claiming the credit in years after the adoption becomes final. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, if a taxpayer cannot claim the maximum credit amount of \$5,000 for the year the adoption becomes final, the taxpayer may claim an adoption tax credit for any unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred after the tax year in which the adoption becomes final in the tax year in which unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses are paid or incurred.

EXAMPLE: W and X are married. W and X adopt a child who is permanently placed in Iowa. The adoption process begins in 2018 and becomes final in 2019. Because the adoption becomes final on or after January 1, 2017, W and X qualify for a maximum credit amount of \$5,000. W and X incur and pay unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses of \$1,000 in 2018, and \$1,000 in 2019. W and X jointly file their Iowa individual income tax return in 2019. W and X may claim the Iowa adoption tax credit in 2019 in the amount of \$2,000. In 2020, W and X incur and pay \$5,000 in unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses in connection to the adoption finalized in 2019. W and X may claim the remaining \$3,000 credit on their jointly filed Iowa individual income tax return for 2020 for unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses incurred and paid in 2020. W and X shall not amend their 2019 return to reflect the additional unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses from 2020.

*d. Claiming the credit by two adoptive parents.* The adoption tax credit may only be claimed by a person who adopted the child. When a married couple adopts a child together and the couple files jointly on the same return, the credit may only be claimed once between the couple. When any other two persons adopt a child together, including married persons filing separately on the same or different returns or any unmarried persons filing on separate returns, the credit must be divided between the adoptive parents. Two adoptive parents, other than persons who are married filing jointly, may agree to divide the credit in any way. The total adoption tax credit claimed for all years by both parents combined may not exceed the maximum credit amount per adoption provided in paragraph 304.52(4) "a."

EXAMPLE: Peyton and Kerry are unmarried individuals. Peyton and Kerry adopt a child together. The child is permanently placed in Iowa. The adoption process begins and ends in 2018. Because the adoption becomes final on or after January 1, 2017, Peyton and Kerry qualify for a maximum credit amount of \$5,000. However, Peyton and Kerry pay and incur unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses of only \$3,000 in 2018. Accordingly, Peyton and Kerry may claim an Iowa adoption tax credit of \$3,000 in 2018, which must be divided between them. Peyton and Kerry agree that Peyton will claim \$2,000 of the credit, and Kerry will claim \$1,000 of the credit.

*e. Adoption of a special needs child.* If a taxpayer adopts a special needs child, the credit under this rule cannot exceed the amount of qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the tax year. The amount of the federal adoption tax credit claimed for the adoption of a special needs child does not affect the amount of the credit under this rule.

EXAMPLE: Francis and Mandy are married. Francis and Mandy adopt a special needs child who is permanently placed in Iowa. The adoption process begins and ends in 2017. Francis and Mandy paid and incurred \$2,000 in unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses related to the adoption during 2017. For federal purposes, Francis and Mandy qualify for a maximum adoption tax credit of \$13,570 for the adoption of a special needs child. For Iowa purposes, Francis and Mandy qualify for a maximum adoption tax credit of \$2,000, which is equal to the amount of unreimbursed qualified adoption expenses they paid or incurred related to the adoption during the tax year.

*f. Adoption tax credit in excess of tax liability.* Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.12A as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2468; 2017 Iowa Acts, Senate File 433; and 2019 Iowa Acts, House File 779. [ARC 1665C, IAB 10/15/14, effective 11/19/14; ARC 3749C, IAB 4/11/18, effective 5/16/18; ARC 5308C, IAB 12/2/20, effective 1/6/21; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

**701—304.53(15) Workforce housing tax incentives program.** A business which qualifies under the workforce housing tax incentives program is eligible to receive tax incentives for individual income tax. The workforce housing tax incentives program replaced the eligible housing business enterprise zone program. An eligible business under the workforce housing tax incentives program must be approved by the economic development authority. The administrative rules for the workforce housing tax incentives program for the economic development authority may be found at 261—Chapter 48. The general assembly has mandated that the economic development authority and the department of revenue adopt rules to jointly administer Iowa Code sections 15.351 to 15.356. In general, the economic development authority is responsible for evaluating whether projects meet the requirements for a workforce housing tax incentives program while the department of revenue administers tax credit claims and transfers.

**304.53(1) Definitions.**

“Costs directly related” means the same as defined in rule 261—48.3(15).

“Qualifying new investment” means the same as defined in rule 261—48.3(15).

**304.53(2) Workforce housing tax incentives.** The economic development authority will allocate no more than \$20 million in tax incentives for this program for any fiscal year, \$5 million of which shall be reserved for allocation to qualified housing projects in small cities, as defined in Iowa Code section 15.352(10), that are registered on or after July 1, 2017. A housing business that has entered into an agreement with the economic development authority is eligible to receive the tax incentives described in the following paragraphs:

*a. Sales tax refund.* A housing business may claim a refund of the sales and use tax described in rule 701—278.1(15).

*b. Investment tax credit.*

(1) Computation of the credit. A housing business may claim a tax credit in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the qualifying new investment in a housing project not located in a small city, or 20 percent of the qualifying new investment in a housing project located in a small city.

(2) Allocation of the tax credit to the individual owners of the entity or beneficiaries of an estate or trust. An individual may claim a tax credit if the housing business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust electing to have income taxed directly to the individual. The amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the individual's earnings from the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust.

(3) Refundability. Any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's liability for the tax year is not refundable.

(4) Carryforward. Any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's liability may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until depleted, whichever is earlier.

**304.53(3) Claiming the tax credit—information required.** The taxpayer must receive a tax credit certificate from the economic development authority to claim the eligible housing business tax credit. The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's tax identification number, the date the project was completed, the amount of the eligible housing business tax credit and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. In addition, the tax credit certificate shall include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, as provided in subrule 304.53(5). The tax credit certificate must be included with the income tax return for the tax period in which the housing is ready for occupancy.

**304.53(4) Basis adjustment.** The increase in the basis of the property that would otherwise result from the qualifying new investment shall be reduced by the amount of the investment tax credit. For

example, if a new housing project had qualifying new investment of \$1 million which resulted in a \$100,000 investment tax credit for Iowa tax purposes, the basis of the property for Iowa income tax purposes would be \$900,000.

**304.53(5) Transfer of the credit.**

*a. Submission of transferred tax credit certificate to the department—information required.* Tax credit certificates issued under an agreement entered into pursuant to subrule 304.53(3) may be transferred to any person. Within 90 days of transfer, the transferee shall submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue along with a statement containing the transferee's name, tax identification number, and address, the denomination that each replacement tax credit certificate is to carry, and any other information required by the department of revenue. However, tax credit certificate amounts of less than the minimum amount established in rule by the economic development authority shall not be transferable.

*b. Issuance of replacement certificate by the department.* Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the transferee's statement, the department of revenue shall issue one or more replacement tax credit certificates to the transferee. Each replacement tax credit certificate must contain the information required for the original tax credit certificate and must have the same expiration date that appeared on the transferred tax credit certificate.

*c. Claiming the transferred tax credit.* A tax credit shall not be claimed by a transferee under this rule until a replacement tax credit certificate identifying the transferee as the proper holder has been issued. The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit transferred for any tax year the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income, or franchise tax purposes.

*d. Unlimited number of transferees and subsequent transfers.* There is no limitation on the number of transferees to whom the credit may be transferred. There is no limitation on the number of times that the credit may be retransferred by a transferee. The transferor may divide the credit into multiple credits of alternate denominations so long as the resulting credits are for amounts of no less than the minimum amount established in rule by the economic development authority.

*e. Carryforward limitations on transferees.* The transferee may use the amount of the transferred tax credit for any tax year that the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. The carryforward limitations described in subparagraph 304.53(2)“b”(4) shall apply.

**304.53(6) Repayment of benefits.** If the housing business fails to maintain the requirements of Iowa Code section 15.353, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives the taxpayer received. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the income tax credit may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure of the taxpayer to maintain the requirements of Iowa Code section 15.353. This repayment is required because it is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15.354 and 15.355.

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**701—304.54(404A,422) Historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit for projects registered on or after July 1, 2014, and before August 15, 2016.** For projects registered before August 15, 2016, the department of cultural affairs is authorized by the general assembly to



award tax credits for a percentage of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures on a qualified rehabilitation project as described in the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program, Iowa Code chapter 404A. The program is administered by the department of cultural affairs with the assistance of the department of revenue. The general assembly has mandated that the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue adopt rules to jointly administer Iowa Code chapter 404A. In general, the department of cultural affairs is responsible for evaluating whether projects comply with the prescribed standards for rehabilitation while the department of revenue is responsible for evaluating whether projects comply with the tax aspects of the program.

2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2453, amended the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program effective July 1, 2014. The department of revenue's provisions for projects with Part 2 applications approved and tax credits reserved prior to July 1, 2014, are found in rule 701—304.19(404A,422). The department of revenue's provisions for projects registered on or after July 1, 2014, and before August 15, 2016, are found in this rule. The department of cultural affairs' rules related to this program may be found at 223—Chapter 48.

2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2443, amended the program and transferred primary responsibility for its administration to the economic development authority effective August 15, 2016. Effective August 15, 2016, the program is administered by the economic development authority with the assistance of the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue. The department of revenue's provisions for projects registered on or after August 15, 2016, are found in rule 701—304.55(404A,422). The economic development authority's rules related to the program may be found at 261—Chapter 49. When adopted, the department of cultural affairs' rules related to the program will be found in 223—Chapter 48.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the department of cultural affairs shall not reserve tax credits under 2013 Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 112, section 1, for applicants that do not have an approved Part 2 application and a tax credit reservation on or before June 30, 2014. Projects with approved Part 2 applications and provisional tax credit reservations on or before June 30, 2014, shall be governed by 2013 Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 112, section 1; by 223—Chapter 48, Division I; and by rule 701—304.19(404A,422). Projects registered on or after July 1, 2014, but before August 15, 2016, shall be governed by 2014 Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2453; by 223—Chapter 48, Division II; and by this rule. Projects registered on or after August 15, 2016, shall be governed by 2016 Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2443; by 261—Chapter 49; and by rule 701—304.55(404A,422).

**304.54(1)** *Application, registration, and agreement for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.* Taxpayers that want to claim an income tax credit for completing a qualified rehabilitation project must submit an application for approval of the project. The application forms and instructions for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit are available on the department of cultural affairs' website. Once a project is registered, the taxpayer must enter into an agreement with the department of cultural affairs to be eligible for the credit.

**304.54(2)** *Computation of the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.* The amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit is a maximum of 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures verified by the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue following project completion, up to the amount specified in the agreement between the taxpayer and the department of cultural affairs.

**304.54(3)** *Qualified rehabilitation expenditures.* “Qualified rehabilitation expenditures” means the same as defined in rule 223—48.22(404A) of the historical division of the department of cultural affairs. In general, the department of cultural affairs evaluates whether expenditures comply with the prescribed standards for rehabilitation while the department of revenue evaluates whether expenditures comply with the tax requirements to be considered qualified rehabilitation expenditures, including whether the expenditures are in accordance with the requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 47 and its related regulations.

*a. Type of property and services eligible.* In accordance with Iowa Code section 404A.1(6), the types of property and services claimed for the state tax credit must be “qualified rehabilitation

expenditures” in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 47. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, expenditures incurred by an eligible taxpayer that is a nonprofit organization as defined in Iowa Code section 404A.1(4) shall be considered “qualified rehabilitation expenditures” if they are for “structural components,” as that term is defined in Treasury Regulation § 1.48-1(e)(2), and for amounts incurred for architectural and engineering fees, site survey fees, legal expenses, insurance premiums, development fees and other construction-related costs.

*b. Effect of financing sources on eligibility of expenditures.* Qualified rehabilitation expenditures do not include expenditures financed by federal, state, or local government grants or forgivable loans unless otherwise allowed under Section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code. For an eligible taxpayer that is a nonprofit organization as defined in Iowa Code section 404A.1(4) that is not eligible for the federal rehabilitation credit, or another person that is not eligible for the federal rehabilitation credit, expenditures financed with federal, state, or local government grants or forgivable loans are not qualified rehabilitation expenditures.

**304.54(4)** *Completion of the qualified rehabilitation project and claiming the tax credit on the Iowa return.* After the taxpayer completes a qualified rehabilitation project, the taxpayer will be issued a certificate of completion of the project from the department of cultural affairs if the project complies with the federal standards, as defined in rule 223—48.22(404A). After the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue verify the taxpayer’s eligibility for the tax credit, the department of cultural affairs shall issue a tax credit certificate.

*a. Claiming the credit.* For the taxpayer to claim the credit, the certificate must be included with the taxpayer’s income tax return for the tax year in which the rehabilitation project is completed or the income tax return for any tax year within the five years following the tax year of project completion. Taxpayers that elect to delay claiming the credit to a later tax year return as described in this paragraph are subject to the carryforward limitations described in paragraph 304.54(4) “d” below. The credit may be claimed on an amended return so long as the amended return is filed within the statute of limitations applicable to the tax year for which the amended tax return is being filed.

*b. Information required.* The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer’s name, the taxpayer’s address, the taxpayer’s tax identification number, the address or location of the rehabilitation project, the date the project was completed, the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit, and, if applicable, an indication of whether the credit is nonrefundable (see paragraph 304.54(4) “c” below). In addition, the tax credit certificate shall include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, as provided in subrule 304.54(5). In addition, if the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, estate or trust, and the tax credit is allocated to the owners or beneficiaries of the entity, a list of the owners or beneficiaries and the amount of credit allocated to each owner or beneficiary shall be provided with the certificate.

*c. Refundability.* A historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit in excess of the taxpayer’s tax liability is fully refundable with interest computed under Iowa Code section 422.25. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year. To receive a refundable credit, the taxpayer must elect to receive the credit as refundable at the Part 3 stage of the application process administered by the department of cultural affairs. Once the taxpayer elects to receive a nonrefundable credit, the taxpayer cannot elect to change the credit to a refundable credit or vice versa. See department of cultural affairs’ 223—Chapter 48. If the taxpayer is a transferee, the taxpayer may elect to receive the credit as refundable or nonrefundable when the taxpayer applies to the department of revenue for transfer of the tax credit as described in subrule 304.54(5).

*d. Carryforward.* If the taxpayer elects to receive a nonrefundable historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit as described in paragraph 304.54(4) “b,” the amount in excess of the taxpayer’s tax liability may be carried forward for five years following the tax year in which the project is completed, or until it is depleted, whichever is earlier. A tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer is first eligible to claim the credit. Regardless of whether the taxpayer elects to claim the tax credit on a tax return for a year that is later

than the year of project completion as described in paragraph 304.54(4)“a,” the taxpayer must utilize the entire credit within five years following the tax year of the project completion as described in this paragraph; any credit amount that is not utilized within the five-year carryforward period is forfeited. The five-year carryforward limitation does not apply if the taxpayer elects to receive a refundable credit, the excess of which may be credited to future tax years as an overpayment.

*e. Allocation of historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credits to the individual owners of the entity or beneficiaries of an estate or trust.* A partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder. The credit does not have to be allocated based on the pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation. For an individual claiming a tax credit of an estate or trust, the amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the individual’s earnings from the estate or trust.

**304.54(5)** *Transfer of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.* The historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity. The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit transferred against the taxes imposed in Iowa Code chapter 422, divisions II, III, and V, and in Iowa Code chapter 432, for any tax year the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Transferees must elect to receive either a refundable or nonrefundable tax credit. Once the transferee elects to receive a nonrefundable credit, the transferee cannot elect to change the credit to a refundable credit or vice versa. A tax credit certificate of less than \$1,000 shall not be transferable.

*a. Transfer process—information required.* Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue along with a statement that contains the transferee’s name, address and tax identification number, the amount of the tax credit being transferred, an election to receive either a refundable or nonrefundable tax credit, and the amount of all consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit and the names of recipients of any consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit. If a payment of money was any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit, the transferee shall list the amount of the payment of money in its statement to the department of revenue. If any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit included nonmonetary consideration, including but not limited to any promise, representation, performance, discharge of debt or nonmonetary rights or property, the tax credit transferee shall describe the nature of the nonmonetary consideration and disclose any value the transferor and transferee assigned to the nonmonetary consideration. The tax credit transferee must indicate on its statement to the department of revenue if no consideration was provided in exchange for the tax credit. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department of revenue will issue the replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members or shareholders and information on how the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit should be divided among the partners, members or shareholders. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members or shareholders. The certificate must have the same information required for the original tax certificate and must have the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate. The transferee may not claim a tax credit until a replacement certificate identifying the transferee as the proper holder has been issued.

*b. Consideration.* Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

*c. Unlimited number of transferees and subsequent transfers.* There is no limitation on the number of transferees to whom the credit may be transferred. There is no limitation on the number of times that the credit may be retransferred by a transferee. The transferor may divide the credit into multiple credits of alternate denominations so long as the resulting credits are for amounts of no less than \$1,000.

*d. Carryforward limitations on transferees.* The transferee may use the amount of the transferred tax credit for any tax year that the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. The carryforward limitations described in paragraph 304.54(4) “d” shall apply.

**304.54(6) Appeals.** Challenges to an action by the department of revenue related to tax credit transfers, the claiming of tax credits, tax credit revocation, or repayment or recovery of tax credits must be brought pursuant to 701—Chapter 7.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2443, and Iowa Code section 422.11D.

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**701—304.55(404A,422) Historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit for projects registered on or after August 15, 2016.** The economic development authority is authorized by the general assembly to award tax credits for a percentage of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures on a qualified rehabilitation project as described in the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program, Iowa Code chapter 404A. The program is administered by the economic development authority with the assistance of the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue. The general assembly has mandated that the economic development authority, the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue adopt rules as necessary to administer Iowa Code chapter 404A. In general, the department of revenue is responsible for administering tax credit transfers and processing and auditing tax credits claimed on returns. For the economic development authority’s rules on the credit program, see 261—Chapter 49. For the department of cultural affairs’ rules on the credit program, see 223—Chapter 48.

**304.55(1) Program transition.** 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2443, made several changes to the credit program, including transferring primary responsibility for the program’s administration from the department of cultural affairs to the economic development authority. Projects registered prior to August 15, 2016, remain under the purview of the department of cultural affairs, with assistance from the department of revenue. For department of revenue rules related to projects registered prior to August 15, 2016, see rules 701—304.54(404A,422) and 701—304.19(404A,422).

**304.55(2) Application, registration, and agreement for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.** For rules on the application, registration, and agreement process, see economic development authority rules, 261—Chapter 49.

**304.55(3) Computation of the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.** The amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit is a maximum of 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures verified by the economic development authority following project completion, up to the amount specified in the agreement between the taxpayer and the economic development authority. For more information on the credit computation, see economic development authority rules, 261—Chapter 49. The amount remains subject to audit by the department of revenue when the credit is claimed on the taxpayer’s tax return.

**304.55(4) Qualified rehabilitation expenditures.** “Qualified rehabilitation expenditures” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 404A.1(7) and rule 261—49.5(404A) of economic development authority rules. In the event of an audit, the department of revenue evaluates whether expenditures comply with the agreement between the economic development authority and the eligible taxpayer, as well as with applicable statutes and rules, including Internal Revenue Code Section 47 and its related regulations.

**304.55(5) Completion of the qualified rehabilitation project and claiming the tax credit.** After the economic development authority verifies the taxpayer’s eligibility for the tax credit, the economic development authority shall issue a tax credit certificate. For more information on credit certificate issuance, see economic development authority rules, 261—Chapter 49.

*a. Claiming the credit.* For the taxpayer to claim the credit, the certificate must be included with the taxpayer’s income tax return for the tax year in which the rehabilitation project is completed or the income tax return for any year within the five years following the year of project completion. Taxpayers

that elect to delay claiming the credit to a later year's return as described in this paragraph are subject to the carryforward limitations described in paragraph 304.55(5) "d" below. The credit may be claimed on an amended return so long as the amended return is filed within the statute of limitations applicable to the tax year for which the amended tax return is being filed.

*b. Information required.* The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's tax identification number, the address or location of the rehabilitation project, the date the project was completed, the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit, and, if applicable, an indication of whether the credit is nonrefundable (see paragraph 304.55(5) "c" below). In addition, the tax credit certificate shall include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, as provided in subrule 304.55(6). In addition, if the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, estate or trust, and the tax credit is allocated to the owners or beneficiaries of the entity, a list of the owners or beneficiaries and the amount of credit allocated to each owner or beneficiary shall be provided with the certificate.

*c. Refundability.* A historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is fully refundable with interest computed under Iowa Code section 422.25. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year. To receive a refundable credit, the taxpayer must elect to receive the credit as refundable at the Part 3 stage of the application process administered by the economic development authority. See the economic development authority's rule 261—49.15(404A). Once the taxpayer elects to receive a nonrefundable credit, the taxpayer cannot elect to change the credit to a refundable credit or vice versa. If the taxpayer is a transferee, the taxpayer may elect to receive the credit as refundable when the taxpayer applies to the department of revenue for transfer of the tax credit as described in subrule 304.55(6).

*d. Carryforward.* If the taxpayer elects to receive a nonrefundable historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit as described in paragraph 304.55(5) "b," the amount in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability may be carried forward for five years following the tax year in which the project is completed, or until it is depleted, whichever is earlier. A tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer is first eligible to claim the credit. Regardless of whether the taxpayer elects to claim the tax credit on a tax return for a year that is later than the year of project completion as described in paragraph 304.55(5) "a," the taxpayer must utilize the entire credit within five years following the tax year of the project completion as described in this paragraph; any credit amount that is not utilized within the five-year carryforward period is forfeited. The five-year carryforward limitation does not apply if the taxpayer elects to receive a refundable credit, the excess of which may be credited to future tax years as an overpayment.

*e. Allocation of historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credits to the individual owners of the entity or beneficiaries of an estate or trust.* A partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder. The credit does not have to be allocated based on the pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation. For an individual claiming a tax credit of an estate or trust, the amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the individual's earnings from the estate or trust.

**304.55(6) Transfer of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.** The historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity. The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit transferred against the taxes imposed in Iowa Code chapter 422, divisions II, III, and V, and in Iowa Code chapter 432, for any tax year that the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Transferees must elect to receive either a refundable or nonrefundable tax credit. Once the transferee elects to receive a nonrefundable credit, the transferee cannot elect to change the credit to a refundable credit or vice versa. A tax credit certificate of less than \$1,000 shall not be transferable.

*a. Transfer process—information required.* Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue along with

a statement that contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number, the amount of the tax credit being transferred, an election to receive either a refundable or nonrefundable tax credit, and the amount of all consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit and the names of recipients of any consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit. If a payment of money was any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit, the transferee shall list the amount of the payment of money in its statement to the department of revenue. If any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit included nonmonetary consideration, including but not limited to any promise, representation, performance, discharge of debt or nonmonetary rights or property, the tax credit transferee shall describe the nature of the nonmonetary consideration and disclose any value the transferor and transferee assigned to the nonmonetary consideration. The tax credit transferee must indicate on its statement to the department of revenue if no consideration was provided in exchange for the tax credit. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department of revenue will issue the replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members or shareholders and information on how the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit should be divided among the partners, members or shareholders. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members or shareholders. The certificate must have the same information required for the original tax credit certificate and must have the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate. The transferee may not claim a tax credit until a replacement certificate identifying the transferee as the proper holder has been issued.

*b. Consideration.* Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

*c. Unlimited number of transferees and subsequent transfers.* There is no limitation on the number of transferees to whom the credit may be transferred. There is no limitation on the number of times that the credit may be retransferred by a transferee. The transferor may divide the credit into multiple credits of alternate denominations so long as the resulting credits are for amounts of no less than \$1,000.

*d. Carryforward limitations on transferees.* The transferee may use the amount of the transferred tax credit for any tax year that the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. The carryforward limitations described in paragraph 304.55(4) "d" shall apply.

**304.55(7) Appeals.** Challenges to an action by the department of revenue related to tax credit transfers, the claiming of tax credits, tax credit revocation, or repayment or recovery of tax credits must be brought pursuant to 701—Chapter 7.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2443, and Iowa Code section 422.11D.

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**701—304.56(15,422) Renewable chemical production tax credit program.** An eligible business that has received a renewable chemical production tax credit certificate from the economic development authority may claim a tax credit against individual income tax. The credit is equal to the product of five cents multiplied by the number of pounds of renewable chemicals produced in Iowa from biomass feedstock by the eligible business during a given production year, subject to the limitations described in Iowa Code sections 15.315 through 15.322, 261—Chapter 81, and this rule. The economic development authority's rules on eligibility for the credit may be found in 261—Chapter 81.

**304.56(1) Application and agreement for the credit.** To be eligible for the tax credit, the eligible business must apply to and enter into an agreement with the economic development authority. The economic development authority's rules on the application and agreement process may be found in 261—Chapter 81.

**304.56(2) Computation of the amount of credit and certificate issuance.** Upon establishing that all requirements of the program and the agreement have been fulfilled and verifying the taxpayer's eligibility for the tax credit, the economic development authority calculates the credit. Then the

economic development authority issues the related tax credit certificate to the eligible business stating the amount of the renewable chemical production tax credit that the eligible business may claim. A tax credit certificate shall not be issued by the economic development authority prior to July 1, 2018. The economic development authority's rules on credit certificate issuance may be found in 261—Chapter 81.

**304.56(3) Claiming the tax credit.**

*a. Claiming the credit, generally.* To claim the credit, a taxpayer must include one or more tax credit certificates with the taxpayer's tax return for the tax year during which the eligible business was issued the tax credit certificate or certificates. If the taxpayer claiming the credit has already filed a return for the tax year for which the credit certificate was issued, the taxpayer may claim the credit on an amended return. The taxpayer must file the amended return within the statute of limitations applicable to such amended return. No tax credit may be claimed under this program by a taxpayer prior to September 1, 2018.

*b. Claiming the credit of a pass-through entity.* To claim the credit of an eligible business that is a pass-through entity, an individual taxpayer must claim the credit on the tax return for the tax year during which the eligible business received the tax credit certificate. Such tax year may be either the tax year of the eligible business or of the individual.

EXAMPLE: A partnership has a fiscal year of September 2017 through August 2018. The partnership receives a renewable chemical production tax credit certificate under this program in July 2018, which is during the partnership's 2017 tax year. A partner in the partnership files individual returns on a calendar year basis, which means that the credit was issued in the partner's 2018 tax year. That partner may file an amended 2017 tax return to claim the credit based on the partnership's tax year, or that partner may claim the credit on the partner's 2018 tax return based on the partner's own tax year.

*c. Information required.* The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, address, tax identification number, the amount of the credit, the name of the eligible business, and any other information required by the department of revenue.

*d. Allocation to the individual owners of the entity or beneficiaries of an estate or trust.* An individual may claim the credit of a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, cooperative organized under Iowa Code chapter 501 and filing as a partnership for tax purposes, estate, or trust electing to have income taxed directly to the individual. The amount claimed by the individual shall be based on the pro rata share of the individual's earnings from the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, cooperative, estate, or trust.

*e. Refundability.* Any credit in excess of the tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming a refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment shown on the taxpayer's final, completed return credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

*f. Transferability.* Tax credit certificates shall not be transferred to any other person.

*g. Rescission and recapture.* The tax credit certificate, unless rescinded by the economic development authority, shall be accepted by the department of revenue, subject to any conditions or restrictions placed upon the face of the tax credit certificate by the economic development authority and subject to the limitations of the program. Should the economic development authority reduce, terminate, or rescind any tax credits issued under the program, the eligible business may be subject to the repayment or recapture of any credits already claimed. The economic development authority's rules related to the program may be found in 261—Chapter 81. The repayment of tax credits or recapture by the department of revenue shall be accomplished in the same manner as provided in Iowa Code section 15.330(2).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.10B.  
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**701—304.57(15E,422) Hoover presidential library tax credit.**

**304.57(1) In general.**

*a.* A taxpayer who makes an unconditional charitable donation to the Hoover presidential foundation for the Hoover presidential library and museum renovation project fund may qualify for

a Hoover presidential library tax credit, subject to the availability of the credit and approval by the economic development authority.

b. The credit is equal to 25 percent of a donor's unconditional charitable donation that meets both of the following requirements:

(1) The donation is made on or after July 1, 2021.

(2) The donation is made during a donor's tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2021, but before January 1, 2024.

c. The amount of the donation for which the tax credit is claimed is not deductible in determining taxable income for Iowa tax purposes.

d. The administrative rules for the economic development authority's administration of this program are found in 261—Chapter 43 and describe the tax credit program cap limitations including reserved amounts, donor cap limitations, the application process and waitlist, and other requirements.

**304.57(2) Claiming the credit.**

a. *Issuance of tax credit certificates.* The economic development authority shall issue a tax credit certificate to each taxpayer who makes a qualifying donation and whose tax credit application has been approved. The tax credit certificate, designed by the department, will contain the name, address, and tax identification number of the taxpayer; the amount and date the contribution was made; the amount of the credit; the tax year to which the credit may be applied; the tax credit certificate number; and any other information required by the department. The tax credit certificate must be included with the tax return for the tax year during which the tax credit is claimed.

b. *Year of claim.* The tax credit shall be claimed for the tax year during which the donation is made. However, for a donor who has an application placed on the waitlist described in 261—subrule 43.5(3) and later has the waitlisted application approved for a reserved tax credit amount, the waitlisted donor shall claim the tax credit for the tax year during which the tax credit certificate is issued.

c. *Allocation of credit to owners of a business entity or to beneficiaries of an estate or trust.* If the taxpayer claiming the Hoover presidential library tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust electing to have income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the individual's earnings from the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust.

d. *Carryforward.* Any tax credit in excess of the donor's tax liability for the tax year is not refundable but may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until depleted, whichever occurs first. A tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year for which the donor claims the tax credit.

e. *Transferability.* The credit may not be transferred to any other person.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15E.364 and 422.11T as enacted by 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 588, sections 1 and 2.

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**701—305.1(422) Notice of discrepancies.**

**305.1(1) *Notice of adjustments.*** A department employee designated by the director to examine returns and make audits who discovers discrepancies in returns or learns that the income of the taxpayer may not have been listed, in whole or in part, or that no return was filed when one was due is authorized to notify the taxpayer of this discovery by ordinary mail. The notice shall not be termed an assessment, and it may inform the taxpayer what amount would be due if the information discovered is correct.

**305.1(2) *Right of taxpayer upon receipt of notice of adjustment.*** A taxpayer who has received notice of an adjustment in connection with a return may pay the additional amount stated to be due. If payment is made, and the taxpayer wishes to contest the matter, the taxpayer should then file a claim for refund. However, payment will not be required until assessment has been made (although interest will continue to accrue if payment is not made). If no payment is made, the taxpayer may discuss with the agent, auditor, clerk or employee who notified the taxpayer of the discrepancy, either in person or through correspondence, all matters of fact and law which the taxpayer considers relevant to the situation. Documents and records supporting the taxpayer's position may be required.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.25 and 422.30.  
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**701—305.2(422) Notice of assessment, supplemental assessments and refund adjustments.** If after following the procedure outlined in subrule 305.1(2) no agreement is reached, and the taxpayer does not pay the amount determined to be correct, a notice of assessment shall be sent to the taxpayer by mail. If the period in which the correct amount of tax can be determined is nearly at an end, either a notice of assessment without compliance with subrule 305.1(2) or a jeopardy assessment may be issued. All notices of assessment shall bear the signature of the director.

The department may, at any time within the period prescribed for assessment or refund adjustment, make a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment whenever it is ascertained that any assessment or refund adjustment is imperfect or incomplete in any respect.

If an assessment or refund adjustment is appealed (under rule 701—7.9(17A)) and is resolved whether by informal proceedings or by adjudication, the department and the taxpayer are precluded from making a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment concerning the same issue involved in the appeal for the same tax period unless there is a showing of mathematical or clerical error or a showing of fraud or misrepresentation. Nothing in this rule shall prevent the making of an assessment or refund adjustment for the purpose of taking into account the impact upon Iowa net income of federal audit adjustments.

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**701—305.3(422) Overpayments of tax.** The following are provisions for refunding or crediting to the taxpayer's deposits or payments for tax in excess of amounts legally due.

**305.3(1) *Claims for refund.*** A claim for refund is a formal request made by the taxpayer or the taxpayer's personal representative to the department of revenue for repayment of state income tax that was paid with the taxpayer's previously filed individual income tax return. In order for a claim for refund to be considered to be a valid document, the taxpayer or the taxpayer's personal representative must file the claim on an IA 1040X Amended Return Form or on an IA 1040 Income Tax Return Form for the appropriate tax year, with the notation "Amended for Refund" clearly shown on the face of the return form. The taxpayer or the taxpayer's personal representative must file the claim for refund with the department under separate cover so the claim is not filed with another tax return or with other documents or forms submitted to the department.

In addition, the claim for refund must be filed within one of the time periods specified in Iowa Code section 422.73(1) in order for the refund claim to be timely so that the claim may be considered on its merits by the department.

If the department determines that the taxpayer's claim is without merit and the claim for refund should be rejected, the department will notify the taxpayer or the taxpayer's personal representative by mail that the claim for refund has been rejected and of the reason for rejection. In addition, the rejection letter will advise the taxpayer that the taxpayer has 60 days from the date of the letter to file a protest of the department's rejection of the claim for refund. The taxpayer's appeal of the rejection of the claim for refund must be filed in accordance with rule 701—7.9(17A).

**305.3(2) *Offsetting refunds.*** A taxpayer shall not offset a refund or overpayment of tax for one year as a prior payment of tax of a subsequent year on the return of a subsequent year without authorization in writing by the department. The department, may, however, apply an overpayment, or a refund otherwise due the taxpayer, to any tax due or to become due from the taxpayer.

**305.3(3) *Setoffs of qualifying debts administered by the department of administrative services.*** Before any refund or rebate from a taxpayer's individual income tax return is considered for purposes of setoff, the refund or rebate must be applied first to any outstanding tax liability of that taxpayer with the department of revenue. After all outstanding tax liabilities are satisfied, any remaining balance of refund or rebate will be set off against any debt of the taxpayer, setoff of which is overseen by the department of administrative services pursuant to 2003 Iowa Acts, House File 534, section 86.

**305.3(4) and 305.3(5)** Reserved.

**305.3(6) *Overpayment credited to estimated tax.*** Any remaining balance of overpayment, at the election of the taxpayer, will be refunded to the taxpayer or credited as a first payment of the taxpayer's estimated tax for the following year. However, a taxpayer may elect to credit an overpayment from a return to the estimated tax for the following tax year only in cases when the return is filed in the same calendar year that the return is due. For example, a taxpayer's 1994 return is due on April 30, 1995. If the taxpayer files that return on or before December 31, 1995, the taxpayer can elect to credit an overpayment on that return to estimated tax for 1995, and this election will be honored by the department. See also rule 701—308.7(422).

If an overpayment of income tax is shown as a credit to estimated tax for the succeeding taxable year, the amount shall be considered as a payment of the income tax for the succeeding taxable year and no claim for credit or refund of the overpayment shall be allowed on the return where the overpayment arose.

When a taxpayer elects to have an overpayment credited to estimated tax for the succeeding year, interest may properly be assessed on a deficiency of income tax for the year in which the overpayment arose. If a taxpayer elects to have all or part of an overpayment shown on the return applied to the estimated income tax for the succeeding taxable year, the election is binding to the taxpayer.

An overpayment of tax may be used to offset any outstanding tax liability owed by the taxpayer, but once an elected amount is credited as a payment of estimated tax for the succeeding year, it loses its character as an overpayment for the year in which it arose and thereafter cannot offset any subsequently determined tax liability.

**305.3(7)** Reserved.

**305.3(8) *Refunds—statute of limitations for tax years ending on or after January 1, 1979.*** The statute of limitations with respect to which refunds or credit may be claimed are:

*a.* The later of

- (1) Three years after due date of payment upon which refund or credit is claimed; or
- (2) One year after which such payment was actually made.

*b.* Six months from the date of final disposition of any federal income tax matter with respect to the particular tax year. The taxpayer, however, must have notified the department of the matter within six months after the specified three-year period, contained in paragraph "a," subparagraph (1), above. The term "matter" includes, but is not limited to, the execution of waivers and commencement of audits. The refund is limited to those matters between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service which

affect Iowa taxable income. *Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987).

c. For federal audits finalized on or after July 1, 1991, the taxpayer must claim a refund or credit within six months of final disposition of any federal income tax matter with respect to the particular tax year regardless when the tax year ended. It is not necessary for the taxpayer to have previously notified the department within the period of limitations specified in subparagraph 305.3(8)“a”(1) above of a matter between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service in order to receive a refund or credit. The term “matter” includes, but is not limited to, the execution of waivers and commencement of audits. The refund or credit is limited to those matters between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service which affect Iowa taxable income. *Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 414 N.W. 2d 113 (Iowa 1987).

d. Three years after the date of the return for the year in which a net operating loss or capital loss occurs, which if carried back results in a reduction of tax in a prior period and an overpayment results.

**305.3(9) to 305.3(14)** Reserved.

**305.3(15)** *Refunds—statute of limitations for taxpayers who paid 90 percent of the tax by the due date and filed the original return in the six-month extended period.* If a taxpayer has paid 90 percent of the income tax required to be shown due by the original due date of the return and has filed the original income tax return sometime in the six-month extended period after the original due date, the taxpayer may file an amended return by October 31 of the third year following the year the original return was due and shall be within the statute of limitations for refund. This position is supported by the Iowa Supreme Court in *Conoco, Inc. v. Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance*, 477 N.W.2d 377 (Iowa 1991). See also 701—subrule 301.2(4) which pertains to the extended period for filing the Iowa income tax return when 90 percent of the tax is paid by the original due date of the Iowa income tax return.

EXAMPLE 1. Joe Barnes had paid at least 90 percent of the tax shown due on his 1999 Iowa income tax return by the April 30 original due date and filed his original 1999 Iowa return on May 15, 2000. Mr. Barnes determined that he had failed to claim several deductions on the original 1999 Iowa return, so he filed an amended 1999 return on October 31, 2003. The amended return was filed within the three-year statute of limitations for refund since it was filed within three years of the extended due date of the return, October 31, 2000. The six-month extended due date applied in this case because the original return was filed within the six-month extended period.

EXAMPLE 2. Fred Jones paid 90 percent of the tax shown due on his 1999 return by the April 30 original due date and filed the original return on or before the April 30, 2000, original due date for this return. Mr. Jones determined that when he filed the original 1999 Iowa return, he failed to claim the Iowa income tax withheld from a part-time job he held in 1999. Mr. Jones filed an amended 1999 Iowa return on May 15, 2003, to claim the Iowa tax withheld that he had failed to claim on the original return. This amended return was rejected by the department because it was not filed within three years of the due date of the return. Although Mr. Jones had paid 90 percent of the tax by the due date, the due date was not extended because the original return had been filed by the due date of April 30, 2000.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.17, 422.2 and 422.16 and section 422.73 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328.

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## **701—305.4(422) Optional designations of funds by taxpayer.**

### **305.4(1)** *Iowa fish and game protection fund.*

a. A taxpayer filing an individual income tax return may designate a checkoff of \$1 or more to be donated to the Iowa fish and game protection fund. If the overpayment shown on the return or the payment remitted with the return is insufficient to pay the amount designated to the Iowa fish and game protection fund, the amount credited to the fund will be reduced accordingly. The designation to the fund is irrevocable and cannot be made on an amended return.

EXAMPLE A: Overpayment as shown on the return is \$50. \$25 is designated to the fund. Due to an error on the return, only \$20 is an overpayment. The taxpayer would not receive any refund, and all \$20 of the overpayment would be credited to the fund.

EXAMPLE B: Overpayment as shown on the return is \$50. \$25 is designated to the fund. Due to an error on the return, no overpayment occurred, but instead the taxpayer owes \$20. No money would be credited to the fund.

EXAMPLE C: Amount shown due on the return is \$30. \$20 is designated to the fund. A \$50 payment was made with the return. Due to an error on the return, the taxpayer owes \$40. Only \$10 would be credited to the fund.

b. A designation to the Iowa fish and game protection fund may be allowed only after the taxpayer's obligations to the department of revenue, the child support recovery unit of the department of human services, the foster care recovery unit of the department of human services, the college student aid commission, the office of investigations of the department of human services, the district courts, and other state agencies are satisfied.

c. On or before January 31 of the year following each year in which returns with the Iowa fish and game protection fund checkoff are due, the department of revenue shall certify the amount designated to the Iowa fish and game protection fund and report this amount to the state treasurer.

**305.4(2) State fair foundation fund checkoff.**

a. A taxpayer filing an individual income tax return may designate a checkoff of \$1 or more to be donated to the foundation fund of the Iowa state fair foundation. If the overpayment shown on the return or the payment remitted with the return is insufficient to pay the amount designated to the foundation fund, the amount credited to the foundation fund will be reduced accordingly. The designation to the foundation fund is irrevocable and cannot be made on an amended return.

b. A designation to the Iowa state fair foundation fund may be allowed only after the taxpayer's obligations to the department of revenue, the child support recovery unit of the department of human services, the foster care recovery unit of the department of human services, the college student aid commission, the office of investigations of the department of human services, the district courts, other state agencies, and the Iowa fish and game protection fund checkoff are satisfied.

c. On or before January 31 of the year following each year in which returns with the Iowa state fair foundation fund checkoff are due, the department of revenue shall transfer the total amount designated to the Iowa state fair foundation fund.

**305.4(3) Child abuse prevention program fund checkoff.**

a. A taxpayer filing an individual income tax return may designate a checkoff of \$1 or more to be donated to the child abuse prevention program fund. If the overpayment shown on the return or the payment remitted with the return is insufficient to pay the amount designated by the taxpayer to the child abuse prevention program fund, the amount credited to the child abuse prevention program fund will be reduced accordingly. The designation to the child abuse prevention program fund is irrevocable and cannot be made on an amended return.

b. A designation to the child abuse prevention program fund may be allowed only after the taxpayer's obligations to the department of revenue, the child support recovery unit of the department of human services, the foster care recovery unit of the department of human services, the college student aid commission, the office of investigations of the department of human services, the district courts, other state agencies, the Iowa fish and game protection fund checkoff, and the state fair foundation fund checkoff are satisfied.

c. On or before January 31 of the year following each year in which returns with the child abuse prevention program fund checkoff are due, the department of revenue shall transfer the total amount designated to the child abuse prevention program fund.

**305.4(4) Joint veterans trust fund and volunteer fire fighter preparedness fund checkoff.**

a. A taxpayer filing an individual income tax return may designate a checkoff of \$1 or more to be donated jointly to the veterans trust fund and volunteer fire fighter preparedness fund. If the overpayment shown on the return or the payment remitted with the return is insufficient to pay the amount designated by the taxpayer to the veterans trust fund and volunteer fire fighter preparedness fund, the amount credited



to the veterans trust fund and volunteer fire fighter preparedness fund will be reduced accordingly. The designation to the veterans trust fund and volunteer fire fighter preparedness fund is irrevocable and cannot be made on an amended return.

*b.* A designation to the veterans trust fund and volunteer fire fighter preparedness fund checkoff may be allowed only after the taxpayer's obligations to the department of revenue, the child support recovery unit of the department of human services, the foster care recovery unit of the department of human services, the college student aid commission, the office of investigations of the department of human services, the district courts, other state agencies, the Iowa fish and game protection fund checkoff, the state fair foundation fund checkoff, and the child abuse prevention program fund checkoff are satisfied.

*c.* On or before January 31 of the year following each year in which returns with the veterans trust fund and volunteer fire fighter preparedness fund checkoff are due, the department of revenue shall transfer one-half of the total amount designated to the veterans trust fund and the remaining one-half to the volunteer fire fighter preparedness fund.

**305.4(5)** *Limitation of checkoffs on the individual income tax return.*

*a.* Only four checkoffs may be included on the individual income tax return for a given tax year. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, if the same four checkoffs have been listed on the individual income tax return for two consecutive years, the two checkoffs that, in the aggregate, have received the lowest contribution amounts are repealed effective December 31 after the end of the second tax year and will be removed from the individual income tax return. To determine contribution amounts, the department will consider the contributions made to each fund for the first tax year and contributions made to each fund up to and including March 15 after the end of the second tax year. The department will notify the Iowa Code editor of the checkoffs that are repealed under this paragraph by July 1 after the end of the second tax year.

EXAMPLE: Checkoffs A, B, C, and D are included on the individual income tax return for tax years 2021 and 2022. Taxpayers will begin filing their 2021 tax returns in January 2022. To determine which two checkoffs received the lowest contribution amounts, the department will review the contributions received in the period January 1, 2022, through March 15, 2023 (March 15 after the end of the second tax year).

*b.* If the general assembly, in the same legislative session, enacts more checkoffs than may be included on the individual income tax form, only the earliest enacted checkoffs will be listed on the form. The department will determine which enacted checkoffs will be included on the form pursuant to Iowa Code section 3.7. If it is indeterminable which checkoffs were first enacted under Iowa Code section 3.7, the director of revenue shall determine the checkoffs that will be included on the individual income tax form. The department will notify the Iowa Code editor of any checkoffs that must be repealed under this paragraph by September 1 of any applicable year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.12D, 422.12E, 422.12H, 422.12K and 422.12L; 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2459; 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 242; 2019 Iowa Acts, House File 779; and 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 619.

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**701—305.5(422) Abatement of tax.** Rescinded ARC 7192C, IAB 12/13/23, effective 1/17/24.

**701—305.6 and 305.7** Reserved.

**701—305.8(422) Livestock production credit refunds for corporate taxpayers and individual taxpayers.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, corporate and individual taxpayers who own certain livestock, who have livestock production operations in Iowa in the tax year, and who meet certain qualifications are eligible for a livestock production credit refund. The amount of a livestock production credit refund is determined by adding together for each head of livestock in the taxpayer's operation the product of 10 cents for each corn equivalent deemed to have been consumed

by that animal in the taxpayer's operation in the tax year. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998, only qualified taxpayers that have cow-calf livestock operations described in paragraph "o" of subrule 305.8(2) will be eligible for the livestock production refunds, notwithstanding the other types of livestock operations mentioned in this rule. Note that the livestock production credit refund is also available to taxpayers who meet the qualifications described in subrule 305.8(1) and operate certain types of poultry operations in this state and own the poultry in the operations. The amounts of the livestock production credit refunds for these taxpayers are determined on the basis of 10 cents for each corn equivalent deemed to have been consumed by the chickens or the turkeys in the taxpayers' poultry operations in the tax year. However, the amount of livestock production credit refund may not exceed \$3,000 per livestock or poultry operation for a tax year. In addition, the amount of livestock production credit refund per taxpayer for a tax year may not exceed \$3,000. Therefore, if a particular taxpayer is involved in a cow-calf beef operation, a sheep-ewe flock operation, and a farrow-to-finish hog operation, the maximum livestock production credit refund for this taxpayer may not exceed \$3,000.

General references in this rule to livestock, livestock production, and livestock production operations also apply to poultry, poultry production, and poultry production operations.

In the case of married taxpayers, each of the spouses may be eligible for a livestock production refund of up to \$3,000 if each of the spouses was involved in a livestock production operation independently from the other spouse and independently from other taxpayers in the tax year. If both spouses are involved in the same livestock operation, the maximum refund from that operation is \$3,000 which may be allocated between the individuals in the ratio of each spouse's ownership interest in the operation. If a livestock production operation is conducted by a partnership, limited liability company, subchapter S corporation, estate, or a trust, the livestock production credit refund from the entity is to be allocated to the owners of the entity in the same ratio as earnings are allocated to the owners. In situations where a livestock production operation is conducted partly within and partly without Iowa, only the livestock production activity in Iowa during the tax year will be considered for purposes of the livestock credit refund. The livestock production refund amounts for these taxpayers is to be allocated on the basis of sales of Iowa livestock which qualify taxpayers for the livestock production refund to total sales of livestock which qualify taxpayers for the refund. However, the refunds from any operations may not exceed \$3,000. The following subrules outline how the livestock production credit refund program is to be administered by the department of revenue:

**305.8(1) *Qualifications for the livestock production credit refunds.*** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1997, individual and corporate taxpayers will be eligible for the livestock production credit refund if the taxpayer's federal taxable income is \$99,600 or less. In the case of married taxpayers, their combined federal taxable income must be considered to determine if they are eligible for the credit.

For each tax year beginning after 1997, the federal taxable income specified previously in this subrule shall be multiplied by the cumulative index factor for that tax year to calculate the federal taxable income that will be used to determine whether a taxpayer is eligible for the livestock production refund that is authorized for that tax year. "Cumulative index factor" means the product of the annual index factor for the 1997 calendar year and all annual index factors for subsequent calendar years. The annual index factor equals the annual inflation factor for that calendar year as computed in Iowa Code section 422.4 for purposes of indexation of the tax rates for individual income tax.

**305.8(2) *Definitions related to the livestock production credit refunds.*** The following definitions explain livestock and poultry for purposes of this rule. The definitions also describe the various types of livestock operations of taxpayers which may qualify the taxpayers for the livestock production credit refunds and specify how the refunds are to be computed for the various types of livestock operations:

*a.* For the purposes of this rule, the term "livestock" means domestic bovine animals which will be referred to as bulls, heifers, cattle, calves, or cows in this rule, domestic ovine animals which will be referred to as sheep, lambs, rams, or ewes, or domestic swine which will be referred to as hogs or pigs. That is, for purposes of this rule, "livestock" includes only those farm animals which may qualify their owners for the livestock production credit refund. "Livestock" does not include horses, goats, donkeys, mules, oxen, furbearing mammals, other mammals, or other classes of animals, although some of these animals or species may be considered to be "livestock" in other contexts or situations.

b. For purposes of this rule the term “poultry” means only domestic chickens and domestic turkeys as only these types of birds may qualify their owners for the livestock production credit refunds. “Poultry” does not include ducks, geese, wild turkeys, emus, ostriches, or other fowl or birds, although some of these species may be considered to be poultry in other contexts or situations.

c. For purposes of this rule, the term “farrow-to-finish” hog operations comprises those hog production operations where the majority of the hogs sold from the operation are from animals farrowed and raised in the operation which are sold at a prime market weight of 200 pounds or more.

In order to compute the livestock production credit refund amounts for the “farrow-to-finish” hog production operations, the corn equivalent factor of 13 per animal sold, or \$1.30, is multiplied by the number of hogs sold at prime market weight in the tax year which were farrowed and raised in the operation. No corn equivalent credits are given for hogs sold at the prime market weight which have been in the operation less than three months on the date of sale. In the “farrow-to-finish” operations, hogs sold at a weight that is less than the prime market weight also are considered for purposes of computing the livestock production credit refund for the operation, but only at the corn equivalent factor of 2.6 or \$.26 per pig sold.

In “farrow-to-finish” hog operations, if any pigs are purchased at the feeder pig weight of less than 60 pounds and are sold at prime market weight (200 pounds or more), see paragraph “e” in this subrule for the corn equivalent factor which applies to these transactions.

d. For purposes of this rule, the term “farrow-to-feeder-pig” hog operations includes those operations where essentially all the pigs farrowed in the operation are sold at an average weight of less than 60 pounds per pig, or at “feeder pig” weight.

The potential livestock production credit refunds for these operations are computed by multiplying the corn equivalent factor of 2.6 or \$.26 times the number of pigs sold at the “feeder pig” weight from these operations in the tax year. However, the corn equivalent factor of 13 or \$1.30 per animal sold can be used for hogs sold at the prime market weight (200 pounds or more) from these operations for those animals where there is documentation that the hogs were born and raised in the operation or that the hogs were in the operation for a minimum of three months at the time the hogs were sold.

e. The term “finishing feeder pigs” hog operations comprises those operations where the majority of the hogs in this operation are purchased when these animals weighed less than 60 pounds or at the “feeder pig” weight and the animals are sold at the time the animals are at the prime market weight of 200 pounds or more per hog. The potential livestock production credit refunds for these operations are computed by multiplying the corn equivalent factor of 10.4 or \$1.04 times the number of animals sold in the year at the prime market weight. However, only those animals that were in the operation for a minimum of three months at the time the hogs were sold at prime market weight can be considered for purposes of the livestock production credit refund. Corn equivalent factor credits of 2.6 or \$.26 are given for animals which are purchased at the “feeder pig” weight of less than 60 pounds and were in the operation for a minimum of three months when the hogs were sold at a weight which is less than the prime market weight of 200 pounds or more per hog.

f. For purposes of this rule, the term “layer poultry operations” includes operations where the eggs produced by the chickens in the operation are sold for human consumption. The livestock production credit refunds for these operations are computed on the basis of the average number of chickens in the operation in the tax year multiplied by the corn equivalent factor of .88 or \$.088. The average number of chickens in the operation in the tax year is the aggregate of the number of chickens in the operation on the first day in the tax year that the operation was in production and the number of chickens in the operation on the last day of the tax year in which the operation was in production divided by 2.

However, in a situation where the operation was started or was shut down sometime during the tax year, the livestock refund amount otherwise computed must be reduced by 8.33 percent for each month in the tax year in which the operation was not in production. Thus, in the case where the computed livestock refund amount was \$2,000 and the operation was in production for only nine months of the tax year, the adjusted refund amount would be \$1,500 ( $\$2,000 \times .0833 \times (3) = \$500$ ). ( $\$2,000 - 500 = \$1,500$ )

*g.* For purposes of this rule, the term “turkey production operations” means operations involved in raising domestic turkeys for sale for human consumption and where the turkeys are sold at a prime market weight. The prime market weight for male or tom turkeys is between 30 and 35 pounds. The prime market weight for hen turkeys is between 22 and 25 pounds. The livestock production credit refund for this type of operation is computed by multiplying the number of turkeys sold in the tax year at the prime market weight times the corn equivalent factor of 1.5 or \$.15. However, only those turkeys that were in the operation for a minimum of three months on the date the turkeys were sold may be considered for purposes of computing the livestock production credit for the turkey operation.

*h.* For purposes of this rule, the term “broiler poultry operations” means poultry production operations whereby the chickens raised in the operations are sold for human consumption at a prime market weight or broiler weight between 3 pounds and 6 pounds depending on the breed or breeds of chickens. The livestock production credit refund for this type of operation is computed by multiplying the number of chickens sold in the tax year at broiler weight by the corn equivalent factor of .15 or \$.015. However, only chickens that are in the broiler operation for a minimum of six weeks before the chickens are sold at broiler weight may be considered for purposes of computing the livestock production credit for these operations.

*i.* Reserved.

*j.* For purposes of this rule, “stocker cattle operations” are beef cattle operations where essentially all cattle in the operations are purchased as calves, raised in the operation at least two months, and the cattle are sold in a range from 700 to 900 pounds per head which is deemed to be the “stocker weight.” Cattle in the operation that were sold at a weight of less than 700 pounds may not be counted for purposes of computing the livestock production credit refund for the operation. The livestock production credit refunds for these operations is computed on the basis of the number of cattle sold in the year at the stocker weight times the corn equivalent factor of 41.5 or \$4.15 per head. Cattle sold in the tax year must be reported on a first-in, first-out basis unless records of the taxpayer can support a different order of sale of the animals. If this operation includes calves that were raised on the farm where they were born, these calves qualify for the corn equivalent factor of 41.5 or \$4.15 per head if the calves were unsold at the end of the tax year and the calves were in the operation for a minimum of two months after the calves were weaned.

*k.* For purposes of this rule, “beef feedlot operations” include those beef cattle operations whereby the cattle are purchased as calves approximately 60 days from the time the calves were weaned or at a “stocker weight” and are sold at a feedlot weight of 900 pounds or more after a three-month period when the animals were on a high concentrate diet. Note that any animals which are purchased for the operation and are maintained in the herd for less than four months at the time of sale do not qualify the taxpayer for the livestock production credit refund of \$7.50 per head of cattle sold. The livestock production credit refund for these operations is computed by multiplying the number of cattle sold in the year at the feedlot weight times the corn equivalent amount of 75 or \$7.50 per animal. However, if any cattle in the operation are sold at the “stocker” weight of at least 700 pounds but less than 900 pounds, these animals may be counted for the livestock production credit refund at a corn equivalent amount of 41.5 or \$4.15 per head of cattle sold to the extent the cattle were in the operation for two months or more at the time of sale. If any cattle in the operation in the tax year were sold at a weight of less than 700 pounds, the sales of these cattle may not be counted for the livestock production credit refund. Cattle sold in the tax year must be reported on a first-in, first-out basis unless records of the taxpayer can support a different order of sale of the cattle.

*l.* For purposes of this rule, “dairy cattle operations” includes those cattle operations where the primary purpose of the operations is the production of milk and milk products for human consumption. The livestock production credit refund is computed by multiplying the aggregate of the number of milking cows in lactation on December 31 of the tax year and the number of cows bred to calve within 60 days of December 31 and the number of breeding bulls in inventory on December 31 times the corn equivalent number of 350 or \$35 per cow. However, cattle that were purchased in the period between July 1 and December 31 of the calendar year may not be considered for purposes of computation of the livestock production credit for the dairy operation. In the case of a “dairy cattle operation” which

started or ceased production in the tax year, the livestock production credit refund otherwise computed must be reduced by 8.33 percent for each month in the tax year in which the livestock operation was not in production. Heifers in the operation are not counted for purposes of the credit until the animals are bred to calve.

*m.* For purposes of this rule, “ewe flock sheep operations” are sheep operations whereby the majority of the sheep and lambs sold from the operation were born and raised in the operation. The livestock production credit refunds for these operations are computed by multiplying the number of ewes and rams in inventory on December 31 of the tax year times the corn equivalent factor of 20.5 or \$2.05 per ewe or ram. Any ewes or rams purchased within three months before December 31 of the tax year may not be considered for purposes of computing the livestock production credit for the operation. In addition, lambs sold in the tax year from the operation may be counted for the production credit refund at 4.1 corn equivalents or \$.41 for each lamb sold to the extent the lambs were in the operation for a minimum of three months prior to the date of sale.

*n.* For purposes of this rule, “sheep feedlot operations” are sheep production operations where lambs born and raised in the operation are sold after the lambs have been in the operation for a minimum of three months prior to the date of sale. The livestock production credit refunds are computed by multiplying the number of lambs sold in the tax year times the corn equivalent factor of 4.1 or \$.41.

*o.* For the purposes of this rule and for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998, “cow-calf operations” means those livestock cattle production operations that include bred cows, bred heifers, and breeding bulls. The livestock production credit refunds for cow-calf operations are determined only on the number of bred cows, bred heifers, and breeding bulls in inventory of the operations on December 31 of the tax year times the corn equivalent factor of 111.5 or \$11.15. However, only those bred cows, bred heifers, and breeding bulls in inventory on December 31 which were also in inventory on July 1 of the same calendar year may be counted for purposes of computing the livestock production refunds.

**305.8(3)** *Filing claims for the livestock production credit refunds.* Taxpayers who are eligible for the livestock production credit refunds must file refund requests on claim forms provided by the department that must be attached to their income tax returns for the tax year in which the livestock production occurred. The claim forms must be filed with the income tax returns within ten months after the end of the tax year of the return in order for the refund claims to be timely. Thus, in the case of a taxpayer filing a livestock production refund claim form with the 1996 Iowa income tax return for calendar year 1996, the claim forms must be filed by October 31, 1997, in order for the claims to be timely. Taxpayers may not request extensions for filing claims for the livestock production refunds.

The department will determine by February 28 of the year after the year in which the livestock production credit refund claims are to be filed if the total amount requested on the refund claims exceeds the amount appropriated for the refunds for that tax year. If a taxpayer’s refund claim is not payable on February 28 because the taxpayer is a fiscal year filer, that taxpayer’s claim will be considered to be a claim for the following tax year. However, in order for this claim to be considered to be a valid refund claim for the following tax year, the refund claim must have been filed within ten months after the end of the fiscal year of the taxpayer. However, in the case of livestock production credit refund claims for fiscal year periods beginning in 1996 which are not received soon enough to be considered for the refunds to be issued in February 1998, only claims for cow-calf livestock production operations will be considered with the livestock production refund claims for the 1997 tax year.

If a taxpayer files a fraudulent claim for a livestock production credit refund for a tax year, the taxpayer will be considered to have forfeited any right or interest to a livestock production refund for any subsequent tax year after the year of the fraudulent claim.

**305.8(4)** *Records needed to establish livestock production credit refunds.* The burden is on the taxpayer to maintain those records and documents which support the livestock production credit refund that was claimed by the taxpayer. Necessary records and documents must include, but are not limited to, the ones mentioned in this subrule. Some of the necessary records are inventory schedules showing the number of livestock or poultry in the livestock operation on certain dates in the tax year. Sales of livestock or poultry in the tax year must be supported by scale tickets, packing house invoices, sales receipts, sales barn invoices, and similar documents. Dairy herd improvement association records and

similar inventory forms can be used to establish the number of animals or the number of birds on hand in the operation on a certain day in the tax year. These documents are not to be submitted with the taxpayer's income tax return with the livestock production credit refund claim form. Instead, the documents are to be retained with other tax records for at least three years in case of possible audit by the department of revenue.

**305.8(5) *Repeal of the livestock production credit refund.*** The livestock production credit was repealed on November 1, 2008, for refund claims filed on or after that date. Any livestock production credit refunds requested on Iowa tax returns filed on or after November 1, 2008, will not be issued.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.120, 422.121, and 422.122 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 478, section 152.

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CHAPTER 306  
PENALTY AND INTEREST  
[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—306.1(422) Penalty.** See rule 701—10.6(421) for penalty for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1991. See rule 701—10.7(421) for statutory exemptions to penalty for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1991.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.27 and 422.25.  
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**701—306.2(422) Computation of interest on unpaid tax.** Interest shall accrue on tax due from the original due date of the return. Interest on refunds of any portion of the tax imposed by statute which has been erroneously refunded and which is recoverable by the department shall bear interest as provided by law from the date of payment of the refund, with each fraction of a month considered to be an entire month. See rule 701—10.2(421) for the statutory interest rate.

All payments shall be first applied to the penalty and then to the interest, and the balance, if any, to the amount of tax due.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.7 and 422.25.  
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**701—306.3(422) Computation of interest on refunds resulting from net operating losses.** If the amount of tax is reduced as a result of a net operating loss or net capital loss, interest shall accrue on the refund resulting from the loss carryback beginning on the date a claim for refund or amended return carrying back the net operating loss or net capital loss is filed with the department or on the first day of the second calendar month following the date of the actual payment, whichever is later.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.25.  
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**701—306.4(422) Computation of interest on overpayments.** If the amount of tax determined to be due by the department is less than the amount paid, the excess to be refunded will accrue interest from the first day of the second calendar month following the date of payment or the date the return was due to be filed or was filed, whichever is the later.

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CHAPTER 307  
WITHHOLDING

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**701—307.1(422) Who must withhold.**

**307.1(1) Requirement of withholding.**

*a. General rule.* Every employer maintaining an office or transacting business within this state and required under provisions of Sections 3401 to 3404 of the Internal Revenue Code to withhold and pay federal income tax on compensation paid for services performed in this state to an individual is required to deduct and withhold from such compensation for each payroll period (as defined in Section 3401(b) of the Internal Revenue Code) an amount computed in accordance with subrules 307.2(1) and 307.2(2). Iowa income tax is not required to be withheld on any compensation paid in this state of a character which is not subject to federal income tax withholding (whether or not such compensation is subject to withholding for federal taxes other than income tax, e.g., FICA taxes), except as provided in rule 701—307.4(422).

*b. Examples.* Paragraph “a” above may be illustrated by the following examples:

(1) *Temporary help.* A is a typist in the offices of B corporation, where she has worked regularly for two months. A is, however, supplied to B corporation by C, a temporary help agency located in Iowa. C renders a weekly bill to B corporation for A’s services, and C then pays A. B corporation is not A’s “employer” within Section 3401(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, and B corporation is therefore not required by the Internal Revenue Code to withhold a tax on A’s compensation. Since B corporation is not required to withhold a tax for federal purposes on A’s compensation, B is not required to do so for Iowa purposes. C, the temporary help agency, however, is required to withhold from A’s compensation for federal purposes and must also do so for Iowa purposes.

(2) *Domestic help.* A is employed as a cook by Mr. and Mrs. B. The B’s are required to withhold FICA (i.e., Social Security) tax from compensation paid to A, but are not required to withhold income tax from such compensation under the Internal Revenue Code, because under Section 3401(a)(3), A’s compensation does not constitute “wages”. Since the B’s are not required to withhold income tax for federal purposes, they are not required to do so for Iowa purposes.

(3) *Executives.* A is a corporate executive. On January 1, 1998, A entered into an agreement with B corporation under which he was to be employed by B in an executive capacity for a period of five years. Under the contract, A is entitled to a stated annual salary and to additional compensation of \$10,000 for each year. The additional compensation is to be credited to a bookkeeping reserve account and deferred, accumulated and paid in annual installments of \$5,000 on A’s retirement beginning January 1, 2003. In the event of A’s death prior to exhaustion of the account, the balance is to be paid to A’s personal representative. A is not required to render any service to B after December 31, 2002. During 2003, A is paid \$5,000 while a resident of Iowa. The \$5,000 is not excluded from “wages” under Section 3401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; therefore, B is required to withhold federal income tax, and, since it is compensation paid in this state, B must withhold Iowa income tax on A’s deferred compensation.

(4) *Agricultural labor.* Wages paid for agricultural labor are subject to withholding for state income tax purposes to the same extent that the wages are subject to withholding for federal income tax purposes.

*c. Exemption from withholding.* An employer may be relieved of the responsibility to withhold Iowa income tax on an employee who does not anticipate an Iowa income tax liability for the current tax year.

An employee who anticipates no Iowa income tax liability for the current tax year shall file with the employer a withholding allowance certificate claiming exemption from withholding. An employee who meets this criterion may claim an exemption from withholding at any time; however, this exemption from withholding must be renewed by February 15 of each tax year that the criterion is met. If the employee wishes to discontinue or is required to revoke the exemption from withholding, the employee must file a new withholding allowance certificate within ten days from the date the employee anticipates

a tax liability or on or before December 31 if a tax liability is anticipated for the next tax year. Subrule 307.3(3) contains more information.

*d. Withholding from lottery winnings.* Every person, including employees and agents of the Iowa lottery authority, making any payment of “winnings subject to withholding” shall deduct and withhold a tax in an amount equal to 5 percent of the winnings. The tax shall be deducted and withheld upon payment of the winnings to a payee by the person or payer making this payment. Any person or payee receiving a payment of winnings subject to withholding must furnish the payer with a statement as is required under Treasury Regulation §31.3402(q)-1, paragraph “e,” with the information required by that paragraph. Payers of winnings subject to withholding must file Form W-2G with the Internal Revenue Service, the department of revenue, and the payee of the lottery winnings by the dates specified in the Internal Revenue Code and in Iowa Code section 422.16. The W-2G form shall include the information described in Treasury Regulation §31.3402(q)-1, paragraph “f.”

“Winnings subject to withholding” means any payment where the proceeds from a wager exceed \$600. The rules for determining the amount of proceeds from a wager under Treasury Regulation Section 31.3402(q)-1, paragraph “c,” shall apply when determining whether the proceeds from Iowa lottery winnings are great enough so that withholding is required. This rule shall apply to winnings from tickets purchased from the Powerball and Hot Lotto games or any other similar games to the extent the tickets were purchased within the state of Iowa.

*e. Withholding from prizes from games of skill, games of chance, or raffles.* Every person making any payment of a “prize subject to withholding” must deduct and withhold a tax in an amount equal to 5 percent of the prize from a game of skill, a game of chance, or a raffle. Effective July 1, 2015, any person making any payment of a “prize subject to withholding” for bingo must withhold tax in the same manner as persons making payments of prizes subject to withholding for games of skill, games of chance, or raffles. The tax must be deducted and withheld upon payment of the winnings to a payee by the person making this payment. Any person or payee receiving a payment of winnings subject to withholding must furnish the payer with a statement as is required under Treasury Regulation Section 31.3402(q)-1, paragraph “e,” with the information required by that paragraph. Payers of prizes subject to withholding must file Form W-2G with the Internal Revenue Service, the department of revenue, and the payee of the prize by the dates specified in the Internal Revenue Code and in Iowa Code section 422.16. The W-2G form must include the information described in Treasury Regulation Section 31.3402(q)-1, paragraph “f.”

“Prizes subject to withholding” means any payment of a prize where the amount won exceeds \$600.

*f. Withholding from winnings from pari-mutuel wagers.* Every person making any payment of “winnings subject to withholding” must deduct and withhold a tax in an amount equal to 5 percent of the winnings from pari-mutuel wagers. The tax must be deducted and withheld upon payment of the winnings to a payee by the person making this payment. Any person or payee receiving a payment of winnings subject to withholding must furnish the payer with a statement as is required under Treasury Regulation Section 31.3402(q)-1, paragraph “e,” with the information required by that paragraph. Payers of winnings subject to withholding must file Form W-2G with the Internal Revenue Service, the department of revenue, and the payee of the winnings by the dates specified in the Internal Revenue Code and in Iowa Code section 422.16. The W-2G form must include the information described in Treasury Regulation Section 31.3402(q)-1, paragraph “f.”

“Winnings subject to withholding” are winnings in excess of \$1,000.

*g. Withholding from winnings from slot machines on riverboat gambling vessels and from winnings from slot machines at racetracks.* Withholding of state income tax is required if the winnings from slot machines on riverboat gambling vessels or from slot machines at racetracks exceed \$1,200.

**307.1(2)** *Withholding on pensions, annuities and other nonwage payments to Iowa residents.* State income tax is required to be withheld from payments of pensions, annuities, supplemental unemployment benefits and sick pay benefits and other nonwage income payments made to Iowa residents in those circumstances mentioned in the following paragraphs. This subrule covers those nonwage payments described in Sections 3402(o), 3402(p), 3402(s), 3405(a), 3405(b), and 3405(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. This includes, but is not limited to, payments from profit-sharing plans, stock bonus plans, deferred

compensation plans, individual retirement accounts, lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans, other retirement plans, and annuities, endowments and life insurance contracts issued by life insurance companies. These payments are subject to Iowa withholding tax if they are also subject to federal withholding tax. However, no state income tax withholding is required from nonwage payments to residents to the extent those payments are not subject to state income tax. In the case of some nonwage payments to residents, such as payments of pensions and annuities, no state income tax is required to be withheld if no federal income tax is being withheld from the payments of the pensions and annuities.

For purposes of this subrule, an individual receiving nonwage payments will be considered to be an Iowa resident and subject to this subrule if the individual's permanent residence is in Iowa. The fact that a nonwage payment is deposited in a recipient's account in a financial institution located outside Iowa does not mean that the recipient's permanent residence is established in the place where the financial institution is situated.

Payers of pension and annuity benefits and other nonwage payments have the option of either withholding Iowa income tax from these payments on the basis of tables and formulas included in the Iowa withholding tax guide of the department of revenue or withholding Iowa income tax from these payments at the rate of 5 percent.

*a. Withholding from pension and annuity payments to residents.* Withholding of state income tax is required from payments of pensions and annuities to Iowa residents to the extent that the recipients of the payments have not filed with the payers of the benefits election forms which specify that no federal income tax is to be withheld. Therefore, state income tax is to be withheld when federal income tax is being withheld from the pensions or annuities.

However, although Iowa income tax is ordinarily required to be withheld from pension and annuity payments made to Iowa residents if federal income tax is being withheld from the payments, no state income tax is required to be withheld if pension and annuity payments are not subject to Iowa income tax, as in the case of railroad retirement benefits which are exempt from Iowa income tax by a provision of federal law or retirement distributions subject to the retirement income exclusion described in rule 701—302.47(422).

*b. Withholding from payments to residents from profit-sharing plans, stock bonus plans, deferred compensation plans, individual retirement accounts and from annuities, endowments and life insurance contracts issued by life insurance companies.* Payments to Iowa residents from profit-sharing plans, stock bonus plans, deferred compensation plans, individual retirement accounts and payments from life insurance companies for contracts for annuities, endowments or life insurance benefits are subject to withholding of state income tax if federal income tax is withheld from the benefits. However, no state income tax is to be withheld from the income tax payments described above to the extent those income tax payments are exempt from Iowa income tax. Rule 701—302.47(422) provides more information about the retirement income exclusion.

In cases where the recipients elect withholding of state income tax from the income payments, the payers are to withhold from the payments at a rate of 5 percent on the taxable portion of the payment, if that can be determined by the payer or on the entire income payment if the payer does not know how much of the payment is taxable. Once a recipient makes an election for state income tax withholding, that election will remain in effect until a later election is made.

*c. Withholding from payments to residents for supplemental unemployment compensation benefits and sick pay benefits.* Income payments made for supplemental unemployment compensation benefits described in Section 3402(o)(2)(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and for sick pay benefits are subject to withholding of state income tax. In the case of supplemental unemployment compensation benefits, those benefits are treated as wages for purposes of state income tax withholding. Therefore, state income tax should be withheld from these payments when federal income tax is withheld. The amount of state income tax withholding should be determined by the withholding tables provided in the Iowa employers' "Withholding Tax Guide."

In the case of state income tax withholding for sick pay benefits paid by third-party payers in accordance with Section 3402(o)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, state income tax is to be withheld from the benefits by the payer only if state income tax withholding is requested by the payee of the

benefits. If withholding is requested by the payee, the withholding should be done at a 5 percent rate on the sick pay benefits. Once withholding is started, it should continue until such time as the payee requests that no state income tax be withheld. For sick pay benefits not paid by third-party payers, state income tax is required to be withheld since federal income tax is required to be withheld.

*d. Voluntary state income tax withholding from unemployment benefit payments.* Recipients of unemployment benefit payments described in Section 3402(p)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code may elect to have state income tax withheld from the benefit payments at a rate of 5 percent. An individual's election to have state income tax withheld from unemployment benefits is separate from any election to have federal income tax withheld from the benefits.

*e. Withholding on lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans.* For lump-sum distribution payments from qualified retirement plans made to Iowa residents, state income tax is required to be withheld under the conditions described in this paragraph. No state income tax is required to be withheld from a lump-sum distribution payment to an Iowa resident in a situation where the payment is not subject to Iowa income tax. Rule 701—302.47(422) provides more information about the retirement income exclusion. Iowa income tax is to be withheld from a lump-sum distribution made to an Iowa resident to the extent that federal income tax is being withheld from the distribution. The rate of withholding of state income tax from the lump-sum distribution is 5 percent from the total distribution or 5 percent from the taxable amount if that amount is known by the payer. Note that in the case of a lump-sum distribution, the Iowa income tax imposed on the taxable amount of the distribution is 25 percent of the federal income tax on the distribution.

*f. Withholding of state income tax from nonwage payments to residents on the basis of tax tables and tax formulas.* State income tax from the nonwage payments made to Iowa residents may be withheld on the basis of formulas and tables included in the Iowa withholding tax guide of the department of revenue. When state income tax is being withheld based upon the formulas or tables in the withholding guide, the amounts of the nonwage payments are treated as wage payments for purposes of the tables or the formulas.

The frequency of the nonwage payments determines which of the withholding tables to use or the number of pay periods in the calendar year to use in the formula. For example, if the nonwage payment is made on a monthly basis, the monthly wage bracket withholding table should be utilized for withholding or 12 should be utilized in the formula to indicate that there will be 12 nonwage payments in the year.

The payers of nonwage payments should withhold state income tax from the nonwage payments to Iowa residents when federal income tax is being withheld from the nonwage payments. The payers should withhold from the nonwage payments to Iowa residents from tables or the formulas in the Iowa withholding guide on the basis of the number of withholding exemptions claimed on Form IA W-4 which has been completed by the payees of the payments. However, if a payee of a nonwage payment has not completed an IA W-4 form (Iowa employee's withholding allowance certificate) by the time a nonwage payment is to be made by the payer of the nonwage payment, the payer is to withhold state income tax on the basis that the payee has claimed one withholding allowance or exemption.

In a situation when a payee of a nonwage payment completes Form IA W-4 and claims exemption from state income tax withholding when federal income tax is being withheld from the nonwage payment, the payer of the nonwage payment should withhold state income tax using one withholding allowance or exemption unless the payee has verified exemption from state income tax.

*g. Withholding on distributions from qualified retirement plans that are not directly rolled over.* Other than distributions to payees who qualify for the retirement income exclusion, state income tax is to be withheld at a rate of 5 percent from the gross amount or taxable amount if known by the payer of the distribution made to Iowa residents if the distributions are not transferred directly to an IRA, Section 403(a) annuity or another qualified retirement plan. The distributions that are subject to state income tax withholding are those distributions that are subject to 20 percent withholding for

federal income tax purposes. Rule 701—302.47(422) provides more information about the retirement income exclusion.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 96.3, 99B.8, 99D.16, 99F.18, 99G.31, 422.5, 422.7, and 422.16.

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### **701—307.2(422) Computation of amount withheld.**

#### **307.2(1) Amount withheld.**

*a. General rules.* Every employer required to deduct and withhold a tax on compensation paid in Iowa to an individual shall deduct and withhold for each payroll period an amount the total of which will approximate the employee's annual tax liability. "Payroll period" for Iowa withholding purposes shall have the same definition as in Section 3401 of the Internal Revenue Code and shall include "miscellaneous payroll period" as that term is defined and used in that section and the associated regulations.

*b. Methods of computations.* Employers required to withhold Iowa income tax on compensation paid in this state shall compute the amount of tax to be withheld for each payroll period pursuant to the methods and rules provided herein.

(1) Tables. An employer may elect to use the withholding tables provided in the Iowa employers' withholding tax guide and withholding tables, which are available from the department of revenue.

(2) Formulas. Formulas that are provided in the Iowa employers' withholding tax guide and tax tables are available for employers who have a computerized payroll system.

(3) Other methods. An employer may request and be granted the use of an alternate method for computing the amount of Iowa tax to be deducted and withheld for each payroll period so long as the alternate proposal approximates the employee's annual Iowa tax liability. When submitting an alternate formula, the withholding agent should explain the formula and show examples comparing the amount of withholding under the proposed formula with the department's tables or computer formula at various income levels and by using various numbers of personal exemptions. Any alternate formula must be approved by the department prior to its use.

*c. Supplemental wage payments.* A supplemental wage payment is the payment of a bonus, commission, overtime pay, or other special payment that is made in addition to the employee's regular wage payment in a payroll period. When such supplemental wages are paid, the amount of tax required to be withheld shall be determined by using the current withholding tables or formulas. If supplemental wages are paid at the same time as regular wages, the regular tables or formulas are used in determining the amount of tax to be withheld as if the total of the supplemental and regular wages were a single wage payment for the regular payroll period. If supplemental wages are paid at any other time, the regular tables or formulas are used in determining the amount of tax to be withheld as if the supplemental wage were a single wage payment for the regular payroll period. When a withholding agent makes a payment of supplemental wages to an employee and the employer withholds federal income tax on a flat-rate basis, pursuant to Treasury Regulation §31.3402(g)-1, state income tax shall be withheld from the supplemental wages at a rate of 6 percent without consideration for any withholding allowances or exemptions.

*d. Vacation pay.* Amounts of so-called "vacation allowances" shall be subject to withholding as though they were regular wage payments made for the period covered by the vacation. If the vacation allowance is paid in addition to the regular wage payment for such period, the allowance shall be treated as supplemental wage payments.

#### **307.2(2) Correction of underwithholding or overwithholding.**

*a. Underwithholding.* If an employer erroneously underwithholds an amount of Iowa income tax required to be deducted and withheld from compensation paid to an employee within a payroll period, the employer should correct the error within the same calendar year by deducting the difference between the amount withheld and the amount required to be withheld from any compensation still owed the

employee, even though such compensation may not be subject to withholding. If the error is discovered in a subsequent calendar year, no correction shall be made by the employer.

*b. Overwithholding.* If an employer erroneously overwithholds an amount of tax required to be deducted and withheld from compensation paid to an employee, repayment of such overwithheld amount shall be made in the same calendar year. Repayment may be made in either of two ways: (1) the amount of overwithholding may be repaid directly to the employee, in which case the employer must obtain written receipt showing the date and amount of the repayment, or (2) the employer may reimburse the employee by applying the overcollection against the tax required to be deducted and withheld on compensation to be paid in the same calendar year in which the overcollection occurred. If the error is discovered in a subsequent calendar year, no repayment shall be made.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.16.

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### **701—307.3(422) Forms, returns, and reports.**

**307.3(1) Definitions.** For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

“GovConnectIowa” means the e-services portal of the department of revenue.

“Income statement” means a statement that conforms to the requirements of Iowa Code section 422.16(7)“a.” An income statement includes, but is not limited to, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-2, IRS Form 1099, and IRS Form W-2G.

“Payee” means an employee or other person who had Iowa income tax withheld pursuant to Iowa Code section 422.16.

“Payer” means an employer or other person required to withhold and remit Iowa income tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 422.16.

**307.3(2) Withholding registration.**

*a.* Every payer required to deduct and withhold Iowa income tax must register with the department of revenue by filing an Iowa Business Tax Registration Form either on a paper form available online at [tax.iowa.gov](http://tax.iowa.gov) or through GovConnectIowa. The form shall indicate the payer’s federal employer identification number. If a payer has not received a federal employer identification number, the payer must notify the department of the payer’s federal employer identification number once the number has been assigned. If a payer fails to provide the payer’s federal employer identification number within 90 days of the registration filing, the department will consider the payer’s withholding registration invalid.

*b.* If a payer deducts and withholds Iowa income tax but does not file the Iowa Business Tax Registration Form, the department may register the payer using the best information available. If a payer uses a service provider to report and remit Iowa withholding tax on behalf of the payer, the department may use information obtained from the service provider to register the payer if an Iowa Business Tax Registration Form is not filed. This information would include, but is not limited to, the name, address, federal employer identification number, filing frequency, and withholding contact of the payer.

**307.3(3) Allowance certificate.**

*a. General rules.* On or before the date on which an individual commences employment with an employer, the individual shall furnish the employer with a signed Iowa employee’s withholding allowance certificate (IA W-4) indicating the number of withholding allowances which the individual claims, which in no event shall exceed the number to which the individual is entitled. The employer is required to request a withholding allowance certificate from each employee. If the employee fails to furnish a certificate, the employee shall be considered as claiming no withholding allowances. Subrule 307.3(5) contains information on Form IA W-4P, which is to be used by payers of pensions, annuities, deferred compensation, individual retirement accounts and other retirement incomes.

The employer must submit to the department of revenue a copy of a withholding allowance certificate received from an employee if:

- (1) The employee claimed more than a total of 22 withholding allowances, or
- (2) The employee is claiming an exemption from withholding and it is expected that the employee’s wages from that employer will normally exceed \$200 per week.

Employers required to submit withholding certificates should use the following address:



Iowa Department of Revenue  
Compliance Division  
Examination Section  
Hoover State Office Building  
P.O. Box 10456  
Des Moines, Iowa 50306

The department will notify the employer whether to honor the withholding certificate or to withhold as though the employee is claiming no withholding allowances.

*b. Form and content.* The "Iowa Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate" (IA W-4) must be used to determine the number of allowances that may be claimed by an employee for Iowa income tax withholding purposes. Generally, the greater number of allowances an employee is entitled to claim, the lower the amount of Iowa income tax to be withheld for the employee. The following withholding allowances may be claimed on the IA W-4 form:

(1) Personal allowances. An employee can claim one personal allowance or two if the individual is eligible to claim head of household status. The employee can claim an additional allowance if the employee is 65 years of age or older and another additional allowance if the employee is blind.

If the employee is married and the spouse either does not work or is not claiming an allowance on a separate W-4 form, the employee can claim an allowance for the spouse. The employee may also claim an additional allowance if the spouse is 65 years of age or older and still another allowance if the spouse is blind.

(2) Dependent allowances. The employee can claim an allowance for each dependent that the employee will be able to claim on the employee's Iowa return.

(3) Allowances for itemized deductions. The employee can claim allowances for itemized deductions to the extent the total amount of estimated itemized deductions for the tax year for the employee exceeds the applicable standard deduction amount by \$200. In instances where an employee is married and the employee's spouse is a wage-earner, the total allowances for itemized deductions for the employee and spouse should not exceed the aggregate amount itemized deduction allowances to which both taxpayers are entitled.

(4) Allowances for the child/dependent care credit. Employees who expect to be eligible for the child/dependent care credit for the tax year can claim withholding allowances for the credit. The allowances are determined from a chart included on the IA W-4 form on the basis of net income shown on the Iowa return for the employee. If the employee is married and has filed a joint federal return with a spouse who earns Iowa wages subject to withholding, the withholding allowances claimed by both spouses for the child/dependent care credit should not exceed the aggregate number of allowances to which both taxpayers are entitled. Taxpayers that expect to have a net income of \$45,000 or more for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2006, should not claim withholding allowances for the child and dependent care credit, since these taxpayers are not eligible for the credit.

(5) Allowances for adjustments to income. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, employees can claim allowances for adjustments to income which are set forth in Treasury Regulation §31.3402(m)-1, paragraph "b." This includes adjustments to income such as alimony, deductible IRA contributions, student loan interest and moving expenses which are allowed as deductions in computing income subject to Iowa income tax. In instances where an employee is married and the employee's spouse is a wage earner, the withholding allowances claimed by both spouses for adjustments to income for the employee and spouse should not exceed the aggregate number of allowances to which both taxpayers are entitled.

*c. Change in allowances which affect the current calendar year.*

(1) Decrease. If, on any day during the calendar year, the number of withholding allowances to which an employee is entitled is less than the number of withholding allowances claimed by the individual on a withholding certificate then in effect, the employee must furnish the employer with a new Iowa withholding allowance certificate relating to the number of withholding allowances which the employee then claims, which must in no event exceed the number to which the employee is entitled on such day.

(2) Increase. If, on any day during the calendar year, the number of withholding allowances to which an employee is entitled is more than the number of withholding allowances claimed by the employee on the withholding allowance certificate then in effect, the employee may furnish the employer with a new Iowa withholding allowance certificate on which the employee must in no event claim more than the number of withholding allowances to which the employee is entitled on such day.

*d. Change in allowances which affect the next calendar year.* If, on any day during the calendar year, the number of withholding allowances to which the employee will be, or may reasonably be expected to be, entitled to for the employee's taxable year which begins in, or with, the next calendar year is different from the number to which the employee is entitled on such day, the following rules shall apply:

(1) If such number is less than the number of withholding allowances claimed by an employee on an Iowa withholding allowance certificate in effect on such day, the employee must within a reasonable time furnish the employee's employer with a new withholding allowance certificate reflecting the decrease.

(2) If such number is greater than the number of withholding allowances claimed by the employee on an Iowa withholding allowance certificate in effect on such day, the employee may furnish the employee's employer with a new withholding allowance certificate reflecting the increase.

*e. Duration of allowance certificate.* An Iowa withholding allowance certificate which is in effect pursuant to these regulations shall continue in effect until another withholding allowance certificate takes effect. Employers should retain copies of the IA W-4 forms for at least four years.

**307.3(4) Reports and payments of income tax withheld.**

*a. Returns of income tax withheld from wages.*

(1) Quarterly returns. Every payer required to withhold tax on compensation paid for personal services in Iowa shall make a return for the first calendar quarter in which tax is withheld and for each subsequent calendar quarter, whether or not compensation is paid therein, until a final return is filed. The payer's Iowa Withholding Tax Quarterly Return is the form prescribed for making the return required under this paragraph. Monthly tax deposits or semimonthly tax deposits may be required in addition to quarterly returns. Subparagraphs 307.3(4) "a"(2) and 307.3(4) "a"(3) contain more information about monthly and semimonthly tax deposits. In some circumstances, only an annual return and payment of withheld taxes will be required. Paragraph 307.3(4) "c" contains more information on annual reporting.

Payments shall be based upon the tax required to be withheld and must be remitted in full.

A payer is not required to list the name(s) of the payee(s) when filing quarterly returns.

If a payer's payroll is not constant, and the payer finds that no income was paid during the current quarter, the payer shall enter the numeral "zero" on the return and submit the return as usual.

(2) Monthly deposits. Every payer required to file a quarterly withholding return shall also file a monthly deposit if the amount of tax withheld during any calendar month exceeds \$500 but is less than \$10,000. No monthly deposit is required for the third month in any calendar quarter. The information otherwise required to be reported on the monthly deposit for the third month in a calendar quarter shall be reported on the quarterly return filed for that quarter, and no monthly deposit need be filed for such month.

(3) Semimonthly deposits. Every payer who withholds more than \$5,000 in a semimonthly period must file a semimonthly tax deposit. A semimonthly period is defined as the period from the first day of a calendar month through the fifteenth day of a calendar month, or the period from the sixteenth day of a calendar month through the last day of a calendar month. When semimonthly deposits are required, a payer must still file a quarterly return.

(4) Final returns. A payer who in any return period permanently ceases doing business shall file the returns required by subparagraphs 307.3(4) "a"(1), 307.3(4) "a"(2), and 307.3(4) "a"(3) as final returns for such period. The payer shall cancel the withholding registration by submitting the Iowa Business Tax Cancellation Form or through GovConnectIowa.

*b. Time for filing returns.*

(1) Quarterly returns. Each return required by subparagraph 307.3(4) "a"(1) shall be filed on or before the last day of the first calendar month following the calendar quarter for which such return is made.

(2) Monthly tax deposits. Monthly deposits required by subparagraph 307.3(4) “a”(2) shall be filed on or before the fifteenth day of the second and third months of each calendar quarter for the first and second months of each calendar quarter, respectively.

(3) Semimonthly tax deposits. Semimonthly deposits required by subparagraph 307.3(4) “a”(3) for the semimonthly period from the first day of the month through the fifteenth day of the month shall be filed with payment of the tax on or before the twenty-fifth day of the same month. The semimonthly deposits required by subparagraph 307.3(4) “a”(3) for the semimonthly period from the sixteenth day of the month through the last day of the month shall be filed with payment of the tax on or before the tenth day of the month following the month in which the tax is withheld.

Quarterly returns, amended returns, monthly deposits and semimonthly deposits shall be made electronically in a format and by means specified by the department of revenue. Tax payments are considered to have been made on the date that the tax is transmitted and released to the department. For withholding that occurs on or after January 1, 2022, tax payments shall be made using GovConnectIowa.

(4) Determination of payment frequency. The department and the department of management have the authority to change payment thresholds by department rule. This paragraph sets forth the payment thresholds and frequencies for each payer based on the amount withheld.

The following criteria will be used to determine if a change in payment frequency is warranted.

<u>Payment Frequency</u>	<u>Threshold</u>
Semimonthly	Greater than \$120,000 in annual withholding (more than \$5,000 in a semimonthly period).
Monthly	Between \$6,000 and \$120,000 in annual withholding (more than \$500 in a monthly period).
Quarterly	Less than \$6,000 in annual withholding.
Annual	Less than 3 employees.

1. To request to pay on a less frequent basis than required, the request must be in writing and submitted to the department. A payer’s written request to be allowed to pay less frequently will be reviewed by the department, and a written determination will be issued to the payer who made the request. A change in payment frequency to pay on a less frequent basis will be granted in only two instances:

- Incorrect historical data is used in the conversion. A business may meet the criteria based on the original filing data, but, upon investigation, the filing history may prove that the business does not meet the dollar criteria because of adjustments, amended returns, or requests for refunds.
- Data available may have been distorted by the fact that the data reflected an unusual pattern in tax collection. The factors causing such a distortion must be documented and approved by the department.

If a payer is permitted to pay on a less frequent basis, the payer must begin to pay on the less frequent basis at the start of the next quarter unless the payer is permitted to pay annually, in which case the payer must submit future payments in accordance with paragraph 307.3(4) “c.”

2. A payer may also pay more frequently than required. No request is required to be made to pay on a more frequent basis.

3. The department and the department of management may perform a review of payment frequency thresholds every five years or as needed based on department discretion. Factors the departments will consider in determining if the payment frequency thresholds need to be changed

include but are not limited to tax rate changes, inflation, the need to maintain consistency with required multistate compacts, changes in law, and migration between filing brackets.

(5) Amended return. If the amount of Iowa income tax withheld and remitted to the department of revenue for the year is different than the withheld tax and withholding credits claimed, the payer must report the difference on an amended return and, if the return shows less tax withheld and remitted than shown due, the payer must submit payment to the department.

*c. Reporting annual withholding.*

(1) Any payer who does not have employee withholding but who is required to withhold state income tax from other distributions is exempted from the provisions of subparagraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 307.3(4) "a," if these distributions are made annually in one calendar quarter. These payers need only comply with the reporting requirements of the one calendar quarter in which the tax is withheld.

(2) Every payer employing not more than two individuals and who expects to employ either or both for the full calendar year may pay with the Iowa Withholding Tax Quarterly Return due for the first calendar quarter of the year the full amount of income taxes which would be required to be withheld from the wages for the full calendar year. The payer shall advise the department of revenue that annual reporting is contemplated and shall also state the number of persons employed. The payer shall compute the annual withholding from wages by determining the normal withholding for one pay period and multiply this amount by the total number of pay periods within the calendar year. The payer shall be entitled to recover from the employee(s) any part of such lump-sum payment that represents an advance to the employee(s). If a payer pays a lump sum with the first quarterly return, the payer shall be excused from filing further quarterly returns for the calendar year involved unless the payer hires other or additional employees.

*d. Furnishing income statements to payee.*

(1) General rule. Every payer required to deduct and withhold income tax of a payee must furnish to each payee with respect to the income paid in Iowa by such payer during the calendar year an income statement containing the following information: the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of the payer; the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of the payee; the total amount of taxable income paid in Iowa; the total amount deducted and withheld as tax under subrule 307.1(1); and the total amount of federal income tax withheld.

(2) Form of income statement. The information required to be furnished to a payee under the preceding paragraph shall be furnished on the appropriate IRS form including but not limited to IRS Form W-2 and IRS Form 1099. Any reproduction, modification, or substitution for an IRS form by the payer must be approved by the department. Payers should keep copies of income statements for four years from the end of the year for which the income statements apply.

(3) Time for furnishing an income statement. Each income statement required by paragraph 307.3(4) "d" to be furnished for a calendar year and each corrected income statement required for any prior year shall be furnished to the payee on or before January 31 of the year succeeding such calendar year, or if an employee's employment is terminated before the close of a calendar year without expectation that it will resume during the same calendar year, within 30 days from the day on which the last payment of compensation is made, if requested by such employee, but not later than January 31 of the following year. Paragraph 307.3(4) "e" contains provisions relating to the filing of copies of certain income statements with the department of revenue.

(4) Corrections. A payer must furnish a corrected income statement to a payee if, after the original statement has been furnished, an error is discovered in either the amount of income shown to have been paid in Iowa for the prior year or the amount of tax shown to have been deducted and withheld in the prior year. The corrected statement shall be marked "corrected."

(5) Undelivered income statements. Any payee's copy of the income statement which, after reasonable effort, cannot be delivered to a payee shall be transmitted to the department with a letter of explanation.

(6) Lost or destroyed. If the income statement is lost or destroyed, the payer shall furnish a substitute copy to the payee. The copy shall be clearly marked "Reissued."

(7) Penalty. A willful failure to meet the furnishing requirements set out in this paragraph will subject payers to the penalty under Iowa Code section 422.16(10) "a." Rule 701—307.5(422) contains more information about this penalty.

*e. Filing income statements with the department.*

(1) For tax year 2019 and all subsequent tax years, all payers are required to electronically file all W-2 forms, W-2G forms, and 1099 forms for payees from whom Iowa income tax was withheld with the department of revenue on or before February 15 following the tax year. Income statements for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, must be filed using GovConnectIowa.

(2) Corrections. A payer must file a corrected income statement with the department if, after the original statement has been filed, an error is discovered in either the amount of income shown to have been paid in Iowa for the prior year or the amount of tax shown to have been deducted and withheld in the prior year. The corrected statement shall be marked "corrected."

(3) Penalty. A willful failure to meet the filing requirements set out in Iowa Code section 422.16 and this paragraph will subject payers to the penalties under Iowa Code section 422.16(10). Rule 701—307.5(422) contains more information about this penalty.

(4) Other income statements. Any income statement not listed in this paragraph that cannot be submitted electronically must be filed with the department by mail on or before February 15 following the tax year.

(5) Extension. The director or the department employee designated by the director may allow a 30-day extension of time for filing income statements with the department in the case of illness, disability, or absence, or if good cause is shown. To apply for an extension, a payer shall use the form available on the department website.

*f. Withholding deemed to be held in trust.* Funds withheld from income for Iowa income tax purposes are deemed to be held in trust for payment to the department of revenue. The state and the department shall have a lien upon all the assets of the payer and all the property used in the conduct of the payer's business to secure the payment of the tax as withheld under the provisions of this rule. An owner, conditional vendor, or mortgagee of property subject to such lien may exempt the property from the lien granted to Iowa by requiring the payer to obtain a certificate from the department, certifying that such payer has posted with the department security for the payment of the amounts withheld under this rule.

*g. Payment of tax deducted and withheld.* The amount of tax shown to be due on each deposit or return required to be filed under subrule 307.3(4) shall be due on or before the date on which such deposit or return is required to be filed.

*h. Correction of underpayment or overpayment of taxes withheld.*

(1) Underpayment. If a return is filed for a return period under rule 701—307.3(422) and less than the correct amount of tax is reported on the return and paid to the department, the payer shall report and pay the additional amount due by filing an amended Iowa Withholding Tax Quarterly Return.

(2) Overpayment. If a payer remits more than the correct amount of tax for a return period, the payer may file an amended Iowa Withholding Tax Quarterly Return and request a refund of the withholding tax paid which was not due.

**307.3(5) Iowa W-4P—withholding certificate for pension or annuity payments.**

*a.* For payments made from pension plans, annuity plans, individual retirement accounts, or deferred compensation plans to residents of Iowa, payers of these retirement benefits are to use Form IA W-4P for withholding of state income tax from the benefits. Iowa income tax withholding is not required on payments of distributions from qualifying retirement plans if the payee is eligible for the retirement income exclusion described in rule 701—302.47(422). However, withholding at a rate of 5 percent is required if the payee is not eligible for the retirement income exclusion or if the distribution is from a plan that does not qualify for the retirement income exclusion.

*b.* Payers of retirement benefits taxable in Iowa that want to use withholding formulas or tables to withhold state income tax instead of at the 5 percent rate may design their own IA W-4P withholding certificate form without approval of the department.

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#### **701—307.4(422) Withholding on nonresidents.**

**307.4(1) General rules.** Payers of Iowa income to nonresidents are required to withhold Iowa income tax and to remit the tax to the department on all payments of Iowa income to nonresidents except as otherwise described in this rule. Withholding agents should use the following methods and rates in withholding for nonresidents:

*a. Wages or salaries.* Use the same withholding procedures, tables, formulas, and rates as are used for residents. See rule 701—307.2(422). Subrule 307.4(5) is an exception to the general rule. In addition, in accordance with the reciprocal tax agreement between Iowa and Illinois described in 701—subrule 300.13(1), Iowa withholding tax is not withheld on wages of Illinois residents who perform personal services in Iowa.

*b. Payments other than wages, salaries, and other compensation for personal services.* In lieu of using withholding tables or computer formulas to determine the amount of Iowa income tax to be withheld from payments made to nonresidents other than for salaries, wages, or other compensation for personal services, or income payments to nonresidents for agricultural commodities or products, Iowa income tax should be withheld at a rate of 5 percent of the amount of the payment. Subrule 307.4(6) describes the optional exemption from withholding of income payments made to nonresidents for the sale of agricultural commodities or products.

Nonresidents who prefer to make Iowa estimate payments instead of having Iowa income tax withheld from income payments from Iowa sources should refer to subrule 307.4(3) and rule 701—308.3(422).

**307.4(2) Income of nonresidents subject to withholding.** Listed below are various types of income paid to nonresidents which are subject to withholding. The list is for illustrative purposes only and is not deemed to be all-inclusive.

*a.* Personal service, including salaries, wages, commissions and fees for personal service wholly performed within this state and such portions of similar income of nonresident traveling salespersons or agents as may be derived from services rendered in this state.

*b.* Rents and royalties from real or personal property located within this state.

*c.* Interest or dividends derived from securities or investments within this state, when such interests or dividends constitute income of any business, trade, profession or occupation carried on within this state and subject to taxation.

*d.* Income derived from any business of a temporary nature carried on within this state by a nonresident, such as contracts for construction and similar contracts.

*e.* Income derived from sources within this state by attorneys, physicians, engineers, accountants, and similar sources as compensation for services rendered to clients in this state.

*f.* Compensation received by nonresident actors, singers, performers, entertainers, and wrestlers for performances in this state. See subrule 307.4(5) for an exception to this rule.

*g.* The Iowa gross income of a nonresident who is employed and receiving compensation for services shall include compensation for personal services which are rendered within this state. Compensation for personal services rendered by a nonresident wholly without the state is excluded from gross income of the nonresident even though the payment of such compensation may be made by a resident individual, partnership or corporation.

*h.* The gross income from commissions earned by a nonresident traveling salesperson, agent or other employee for services performed or sales made whose compensation depends directly on volume of business transacted by the nonresident, includes that proportion of the total compensation received

which the volume of business or sales by the employee within this state bears to the total volume of business or sales within and without the state.

*i.* Payments made to landlords by agents, including elevator operators, for grain or other commodities which have been received by the landlord as rent constitute taxable income of the landlord when sold by the landlord. Subrule 307.5(6) contains information about the exemption from withholding on incomes paid to nonresidents for the sale of agricultural commodities or products.

*j.* Wages paid to nonresidents of Iowa who earn the compensation from regularly assigned duties in Iowa and one or more other states for a railway company or for a motor carrier are not taxable to Iowa. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 11502, the nonresidents in this situation are subject only to the income tax laws of their states of residence. Thus, when an Iowa resident performs regularly assigned duties in two or more states for a railroad or a motor carrier, the only state income tax that should be withheld from the wages paid for these duties is Iowa income tax.

*k.* Wages paid to nonresidents of Iowa who earn compensation from regularly assigned duties in Iowa and one or more states for an airline company. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. Section 40116, airline employees who are nonresidents of Iowa are subject only to the income tax laws of their states of residence or the state in which they perform 50 percent or more of their duties.

*l.* Wages paid to nonresidents of Iowa who earn compensation from regularly assigned duties in Iowa for a merchant marine company. In accordance with 46 U.S.C. Section 11108, interstate waterway workers who are nonresidents of Iowa are subject only to the income tax laws of their states of residence.

**307.4(3) *Nonresident certificate of release.*** Where a nonresident payee makes the option to pay estimated Iowa income tax, a certificate of release from withholding will be issued by the Iowa department of revenue to the designated payers. The certificate of release will be forwarded to the specified withholding agent(s) and payer(s), and will state the amount of income covered by the estimated tax payment. Any income paid in excess of the amount so stated will be subject to withholding tax at the current rate. See 701—Chapter 308 for information on making estimate payments.

**307.4(4) *Recovering excess tax withheld.*** A nonresident payee may recover any excess Iowa income tax withheld from income of the payee by filing an Iowa income tax return after the close of the tax year and reporting income from Iowa sources in accordance with the income tax return instructions.

**307.4(5) *Exemption from withholding of nonresidents engaged in film production or television production in this state.*** Nonresidents engaged in film production or television production in this state are not subject to state withholding on wages earned from this activity if the nonresidents' employer has applied to the department for exemption from withholding of state income tax and the employer's application includes the following information about the nonresident employees:

- a.* The employees' names.
- b.* The employees' permanent mailing addresses.
- c.* The employees' social security numbers.
- d.* The estimated amounts the employees are to be paid for services provided by the employees in this state.

The employer's application for exemption from withholding for the nonresident employees will not be approved by the department if the employer fails to provide all the required information.

Only those nonresident employees described in the application for exemption from withholding will be covered when the application is approved by the department. If additional nonresident employees are hired after the initial application for exemption is filed, those employees should be described in an amendment to the application for exemption which must be filed with the department of revenue.

Applications for exemption from withholding for nonresident employees engaged in film production or television production should be directed to the Iowa Department of Revenue, Compliance Division, Examination Section, Hoover State Office Building, P.O. Box 10456, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

**307.4(6) *Exemption from withholding for the sale of agricultural commodities or products.*** Withholding agents are not required to withhold state income tax from income payments made to nonresidents or representatives of the nonresidents for the sales of agricultural commodities or products, if the withholding agents provide certain information to the department of revenue about the sales. The following paragraphs describe the agricultural commodities and products that are included

in the exemption from withholding, specify the information needed on the sales and clarify other issues related to the exemption from withholding. 701—subrule 308.3(4) describes an election for withholding agents to make estimate payments on behalf of nonresident taxpayers for net incomes of the nonresidents from agricultural commodities or products.

*a.* Agricultural commodities or products included in the exemption from withholding. Withholding agents are not required to withhold state income tax from income payments they make to nonresidents or representatives of the nonresidents for the sale of commodity credit certificates, grain (corn, soybeans, wheat, oats, etc.), livestock (cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, etc.), domestic fowl (chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, etc.), or any other agricultural commodities or products, if the withholding agents provide the department of revenue with the information specified in paragraph “*b*” of this subrule.

*b.* Information to be provided to the department by withholding agents claiming exemption from withholding on income payments made to nonresidents for the sales of agricultural items. The following information is to be provided on a listing to the department of revenue by withholding agents electing exemption from withholding of state income tax on income payments made in the calendar year to nonresidents or representatives of the nonresidents on the sales of agricultural commodities or products made in the year:

- (1) Name of the nonresident (last name, first name and middle initial).
- (2) Home address of the nonresident.
- (3) Social security number of the nonresident.
- (4) Aggregate payments made in the calendar year for the nonresident (includes payments made to a representative of the nonresident on behalf of the nonresident).
- (5) Two-digit Iowa county code number of the first one of the following that applies to the nonresident:
  1. County in which the nonresident owns real property or personal property.
  2. County in which the nonresident leases real property or personal property.
  3. County in which the nonresident has agricultural products stored or in which livestock is located.
  4. County where the nonresident has performed custom farming activities in the year.
  5. County where the nonresident has other business activities in Iowa other than merely sales activities.

If a nonresident does not own or lease property in Iowa or have other connection with Iowa as described in subparagraph 307.4(6) “*b*”(5), items “3,” “4,” and “5,” the nonresident is not subject to Iowa income tax on the income payments for agricultural commodities or products and the nonresident’s income payments should not be included on the listing.

In a situation where a withholding agent is unable to get all the information that is to be provided to the department on income payments on sales of agricultural items, the agent is relieved of the requirement to withhold if the agent can provide written evidence showing an attempt was made to acquire all the information.

The listing of aggregate income payments to nonresidents with an Iowa connection for sales of agricultural commodities and products in the calendar year should be sent to the department by the withholding agent on or before April 1 of the year following the year in which the income payments were made. In lieu of the listing, the withholding agent may compile the information on aggregate income payments to nonresidents on a magnetic tape, diskette or other electronic reporting, provided the submission meets departmental guidelines described in 701—paragraph 8.3(1) “*e.*”

The listing, magnetic tape or other electronic submission should be sent to the following address: Iowa Department of Revenue, Compliance Division, Examination Section, Hoover State Office Building, P.O. Box 10456, Des Moines, Iowa 50306; [idr@iowa.gov](mailto:idr@iowa.gov).

A withholding agent is not exempt from withholding of state income tax on income payments to nonresidents on sales of agricultural commodities or products if the withholding agent does not provide the department of revenue with information on income payments made during the year by April 1 of the subsequent year.



**307.4(7)** *Exemption from withholding of payments made to nonresidents for deferred compensation, pensions, and annuities.* Iowa income tax withholding is not required from payments of deferred compensation, pensions, and annuities made to nonresidents which are attributable to personal services of the nonresidents in Iowa since these payments are not subject to Iowa income tax. See rule 701—302.45(422) for the exclusion from Iowa income tax for these payments received by nonresidents.

**307.4(8)** *Exemption from withholding of a nonresident's distributive share of income from a pass-through entity.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, a partnership, S corporation, estate, or trust is not required to withhold state income tax on a nonresident member's distributive share of Iowa-source income from the pass-through entity. Instead, pass-through entities are subject to the composite return requirements in 701—Chapter 405.

**307.4(9)** *Exemption from withholding of payments made to an out-of-state business or out-of-state employee due to state-declared disaster.* On or after January 1, 2016, see 701—Chapter 276 for withholding requirements of an out-of-state business or out-of-state employee who enters Iowa to perform disaster and emergency-related work during a disaster response period as those terms are defined in Iowa Code section 29C.24.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.15, Iowa Code section 422.16 as amended by 2007 Iowa Acts, House File 923, section 16, and Iowa Code sections 422.17 and 422.73.

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#### **701—307.5(422) Penalty and interest.**

**307.5(1)** *Definitions.* For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

*"Income statement"* means a statement that conforms to the requirements of Iowa Code section 422.16(7) "a." An income statement includes, but is not limited to, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-2, IRS Form 1099, and IRS Form W-2G.

*"Payee"* means an employee or other person who had Iowa income tax withheld pursuant to Iowa Code section 422.16.

*"Payer"* means an employer or other person required to withhold and remit Iowa income tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 422.16.

**307.5(2)** *Penalties for willful failure to file or furnish an income statement or for willfully filing or furnishing a false or fraudulent income statement.*

a. Payers responsible for furnishing an income statement to a payee as described in paragraph 307.3(4) "d" and for filing an income statement with the department as described in paragraph 307.3(4) "e" shall be subject to a \$500 penalty for each instance of any of the following:

(1) Willful failure to furnish an income statement to a payee by January 31 of the year following the year in which income tax is withheld.

(2) Willful failure to file an income statement with the department by February 15 of the year following the year in which income tax is withheld.

(3) Willfully furnishing a false or fraudulent income statement to a payee.

(4) Willfully filing a false or fraudulent income statement with the department.

b. Penalties assessed under this subrule may not be waived.

c. Penalties assessed under this subrule are in addition to any other penalty allowed under law.

**307.5(3)** *Penalties for failure to file a return or failure to pay.*

a. Payers are subject to the penalties provided in Iowa Code section 421.27 for failure to file a quarterly return and failure to remit any withholding due. A penalty assessed under Iowa Code section 421.27 is in addition to any penalty assessed under law. Rule 701—10.6(421) contains a further explanation and examples applying the penalties under Iowa Code section 421.27. The penalties imposed under Iowa Code sections 421.27(1), 421.27(2), and 421.27(3) may be subject to waiver. Rule 701—10.7(421) contains details on penalty waivers.

b. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.27(4), if the department determines that the payer willfully failed to file or pay with the intent to evade tax or a filing requirement, the penalty shall be 75 percent of the unpaid tax. In this case, the penalty is not subject to waiver.

**307.5(4) Computation of interest on unpaid tax.** Interest shall accrue on tax due from the original due date of the return. Interest on refunds of any portion of the tax imposed by statute which has been erroneously refunded and which is recoverable by the department shall bear interest as provided by law from the date of payment of the refund, with each fraction of a month considered to be an entire month. Rule 701—10.2(421) contains more information about the statutory interest rate.

All payments shall be first applied to the penalty and then to the interest, and the balance, if any, to the amount of tax due.

**307.5(5) Computation of interest on overpayments.** If the amount of tax determined to be due by the department is less than the amount paid, the excess to be refunded will accrue interest from the first day of the second calendar month following the date of payment or the date the return was due to be filed or was filed, whichever is later.

**307.5(6) Examples.**

EXAMPLE 1: Employer has ten employees, all residing in Iowa. After the close of the tax year, Employer fails to furnish two of its employees with W-2s by January 31 of the following year. Additionally, Employer fails to file any W-2s with the department by February 15 of the following year and does not request an extension. If the department determines that Employer's failures to furnish two W-2s to its employees and file ten W-2s with the department were willful, the department shall assess a penalty in the amount of \$6,000 (12 instances x \$500).

EXAMPLE 2: The same facts as Example 1, but the department determines Employer underpaid its withholding obligations by \$2,000 for the tax year. Employer timely filed its required quarterly returns. In addition to the penalties assessed in Example 1, Employer shall be assessed a penalty of \$100 (5% x \$2,000) for failure to pay, plus interest calculated pursuant to subrule 307.5(5). If the department determines Employer willfully underpaid and filed a false return in order to avoid paying Iowa withholding, the department shall assess a penalty of \$1,500 (75% x \$2,000).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.27, 422.16, and 422.25.

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**701—307.6(422) Withholding tax credit to workforce development fund.** Upon payment in full of a certificate of participation or other obligation issued to fund a job training program under Iowa Code chapter 260E, the community college which provided the training is to notify the economic development authority of the amount paid by the employer or business to the community college during the previous 12 months. The economic development authority is to notify the department of revenue of this amount. The department is to credit 25 percent of this amount to the workforce development fund in each quarter for the next ten years from the withholding tax paid by the employer or business. If the withholding tax paid by the employer or business for a quarter is not sufficient to cover the sum to be credited to the workforce development fund, the sum to be credited is to be reduced accordingly. The aggregate amount from all employers to be transferred to the workforce development fund in a year is not to exceed \$4 million for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2001, but before July 1, 2014. The aggregate amount is not to exceed \$5,750,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and the aggregate amount is not to exceed \$6,000,000 for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2015.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.16A as amended by 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2460.

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**701—307.7(422) ACE training program credits from withholding.** The accelerated career education (ACE) program is a training program administered by the Iowa department of economic development to provide technical training in state community colleges for employees in highly skilled jobs in the state to the extent that the training is authorized in an agreement between an employer or group of employers and a community college for the training of certain employees of the employer or group of employers. If a community college and an employer or group of employers enter into a program agreement for ACE

training, a copy of the agreement is to be sent to the department of revenue. No costs incurred prior to the date of the signing between a community college and an employer or group of employers may be reimbursed or are eligible for program job credits, including job credits from withholding unless the costs are incurred on or after July 1, 2000.

**307.7(1)** The costs of the ACE training program may be paid from the following sources:

- a.* Program job credits which the employer receives on the basis of the number of program job positions agreed to by the employer for the training program;
- b.* Cash or in-kind contributions by the employer toward the costs of the program which must be at least 20 percent of the total cost of the program;
- c.* Tuition, student fees, or special charges fixed by the board of directors of the community college to defray costs of the program;
- d.* Guarantee by the employer of payments to be received under paragraphs “*a*” and “*b*” of this subrule.

This rule pertains only to the program job credits from withholding described in paragraph “*a*.”

**307.7(2)** ACE training programs financed by job credits from withholding. In situations when an employer or group of employers and a community college have entered into an agreement for training under the ACE program and the agreement provides that the training will be financed by credits from withholding, the amount of funding will be determined by the program job credits identified in the agreement. Eligibility for the program job credits is based on certification of program job positions and program job wages by the employer at the time established in the agreement with the community college. An amount of up to 10 percent of the gross program job wage as certified by the employer in the agreement shall be credited from the total amount of Iowa income tax withheld by the employer. For example, if there were 20 employees designated to be trained in the agreement and their gross wages were \$600,000, the gross program job wage would be \$600,000. Therefore, 10 percent of the gross program job wage in this case would be \$60,000, and this amount would be credited against Iowa income tax which would ordinarily be withheld from the wages of all employees of the employer and remitted to the department of revenue on a quarterly basis. The amount credited against the withholding tax liability of the employer would be paid to the community college training the employer’s employees under the ACE program. The employer may take the credits against withholding tax on returns filed with the department of revenue until such time as the program costs of the ACE program are considered to be satisfied.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 260G.4A and 422.16.

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**701—307.8(260E) New job tax credit from withholding.** The Iowa industrial new jobs training program is a program administered by the economic development authority for projects established by a community college for the creation of jobs by providing education and training of workers for new jobs for new or expanding industries. For employers that have entered into an agreement with a community college under Iowa Code chapter 260E, a credit equal to 1.5 percent of the wages paid by the employer to each employee covered by the agreement can be taken on the Iowa withholding tax return. If the amount of withholding by the employer is less than 1.5 percent of the wages paid to the employees covered by the agreement, the employer can take the remaining credit against Iowa tax withheld for other employees. An employee does not include a resident of Illinois who earns wages in Iowa since these employees are not subject to Iowa withholding tax in accordance with the Iowa-Illinois reciprocal tax agreement discussed in 701—subrule 300.13(1). The administrative rules for the Iowa industrial new jobs training program administered by the economic development authority may be found in 261—Chapter 5.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 260E.2 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2212, and section 260E.5.

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**701—307.9(15) Supplemental new jobs credit from withholding and alternative credit for housing assistance programs.**

**307.9(1) Supplemental new jobs credit from withholding.** For eligible businesses approved by the economic development authority under Iowa Code section 15A.7, a credit equal to an additional 1.5 percent of the wages paid to employees in new jobs for these eligible businesses can be taken on the Iowa withholding tax return. This supplemental new jobs credit is in addition to the credit described in rule 701—307.8(260E). The administrative rules for the supplemental new jobs credit from withholding may be found in 261—paragraph 59.6(3)“a.”

**307.9(2) Alternative credit for housing assistance programs.** As an alternative to the credit described in subrule 307.9(1) for eligible businesses in an enterprise zone, a business may provide a housing assistance program in the form of down payment assistance or rental assistance for employees in new jobs. A credit equal to 1.5 percent of the wages paid to employees participating in a housing assistance program may be claimed on the Iowa withholding tax return for wages paid prior to July 1, 2009. Effective July 1, 2009, the alternative credit for housing assistance programs was repealed. The administrative rules for the enterprise zone program administered by the Iowa department of economic development may be found in 261—Chapter 59.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15A.7 and 2014 Iowa Code sections 15E.196 and 15E.197.

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**701—307.10(403) Targeted jobs withholding tax credit.** For employers that enter into a withholding agreement with pilot project cities approved by the economic development authority and create or retain targeted jobs in a pilot project city, a credit equal to 3 percent of the gross wages paid to employees under the withholding agreement can be taken on the Iowa withholding tax return. The employer shall remit the amount of the credit to the pilot project city. The administrative rules for the targeted jobs withholding tax credit program administered by the economic development authority may be found in 261—Chapter 71.

If the amount of withholding by the employer is less than 3 percent of the wages paid to the employees covered under the withholding agreement, the employer can take the remaining credit against Iowa tax withheld for other employees or may carry the credit forward for up to ten years or until depleted, whichever is the earlier.

If an employer also has a new job credit from withholding provided in rule 701—307.8(260E) or the supplemental new jobs credit from withholding provided in subrule 307.9(1), these credits shall be collected and disbursed prior to the collection and disbursement of the targeted jobs withholding tax credit.

The following nonexclusive examples illustrate how this rule applies:

**EXAMPLE 1:** Company A does not have a withholding credit under Iowa Code chapter 260E or a supplemental new jobs credit under Iowa Code chapter 15E. Company A enters into a withholding agreement, and the withholding rate for employees covered under the agreement is 4 percent of the wages paid. Company A will be allowed a credit on the Iowa withholding return equal to 3 percent of the wages paid to each employee covered under the withholding agreement, since the targeted jobs withholding tax credit cannot exceed 3 percent.

**EXAMPLE 2:** Company B does not have a withholding credit under Iowa Code chapter 260E or a supplemental new jobs credit under Iowa Code chapter 15E. Company B enters into a withholding agreement, and the withholding rate for employees covered under the agreement is 2.5 percent of the wages paid. Company B will be allowed a credit on the Iowa withholding return equal to 3 percent of the wages paid to each employee covered under the withholding agreement. The extra withholding credit equal to 0.5 percent may be used to offset withholding tax for Company B’s employees not covered under the withholding agreement.

**EXAMPLE 3:** Company C has a withholding credit under Iowa Code chapter 260E of 1.5 percent of the wages paid to new employees and a supplemental new jobs credit under Iowa Code chapter 15E of 1.5 percent of the wages paid to new employees. Company C also enters into a withholding agreement for the same employees covered under the 260E agreement and supplemental new jobs credit agreement,

and the withholding rate for employees covered under these agreements is 5 percent of the wages paid. Company C will be allowed a credit on the Iowa withholding return equal to 5 percent of the wages paid to each employee covered under these agreements. Since the community college receives disbursement of the credit before the pilot project city, the community college will receive 3 percent of the wages paid to each employee covered under the agreements, and the pilot project city will receive the remaining 2 percent of the wages paid to each employee covered under the agreements.

EXAMPLE 4: Company D has a withholding credit under Iowa Code chapter 260E of 1.5 percent of the wages paid to new employees and a supplemental new jobs credit under Iowa Code chapter 15E of 1.5 percent of the wages paid to new employees. Company D also enters into a withholding agreement for the same employees covered under the 260E agreement and supplemental new jobs credit agreement, and the withholding rate for employees covered under the agreement is 2.5 percent of the wages paid. Company D will be allowed a credit on the Iowa withholding tax return equal to 6 percent of the wages paid to each employee covered under these agreements. The extra withholding credit equal to 3.5 percent may be used to offset withholding tax for Company D's employees not covered under these agreements.

**307.10(1) Notification by the employer.** Once a withholding agreement is entered into with a pilot project city, the employer shall notify the department of revenue that an agreement has been executed. With this notification, the employer must also provide its address, tax identification number and the number of new jobs created under the agreement. In addition, for each year that the withholding agreement is in place, the employer must notify the department of revenue by January 31 of the number of new jobs created as of December 31 of the preceding year.

**307.10(2) Notification by the pilot project city.** The pilot project city must notify the department of revenue on a quarterly basis of the amount of the targeted jobs withholding credit that each employer covered by a withholding agreement remitted to the city. This notification must occur within 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter. In addition, the pilot project city must notify the department of revenue immediately when a withholding agreement with an employer is terminated.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 403.19A as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 433.

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CHAPTER 308  
ESTIMATED INCOME TAX FOR INDIVIDUALS

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**701—308.1(422) Who must pay estimated income tax.**

**308.1(1) General rule.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990, estimated payments are required if the taxpayer's income tax liability attributable to incomes not subject to withholding is expected to be \$200 or more. The amount of estimated tax paid must be used as a credit on the taxpayer's individual income tax return.

**308.1(2) Joint estimate payments by married taxpayers.** A husband and wife may make a joint estimate tax payment on one form as if they were one taxpayer. If a joint estimate payment is made, but the husband and wife elect to file separate returns or separately on the combined return form, the estimate tax paid for the tax year by the husband and wife shall be allocated between the spouses on their returns in the proportion that each spouse's net income not subject to withholding tax relates to the combined net income of both spouses not subject to withholding tax.

**308.1(3) Separate estimate tax payments by married taxpayers.** A husband and wife may each make separate estimate payments. If separate estimate payments are made by married taxpayers, each spouse is to claim only the estimate payments made by that spouse.

**308.1(4) Examples of types of taxpayers who may be required to make estimate payments.** Listed below are examples of various types of taxpayers who may be required to make estimated tax payments. The list is for illustrative purposes and is not deemed to be all-inclusive.

1. *Self-employed.* An individual having taxable income from a trade or business where the individual has control of the work, the services rendered, and the fees and charges for services rendered or merchandise sold.

2. *Retiree.* An individual receiving pensions, annuities, and social security benefits or other incomes not subject to withholding after the taxpayer has withdrawn from active employment.

3. *Farmers and fishers.* Individuals deriving at least two-thirds of yearly income from farming or fishing activities.

4. *Nonresident.* Any individual who resides out of state and receives taxable income from an Iowa source which is not subject to withholding.

5. *Beneficiaries of estates and trusts.* Any resident or nonresident individual who is the recipient of income from an estate or trust from an Iowa source.

6. *Taxpayers with income in addition to wages.* An individual drawing salary or wages subject to withholding tax, having additional taxable income from an Iowa source which is not subject to withholding, such as interest, dividends, capital gains, rents, royalties, business income, or farm income.

7. *Agricultural worker.* Any worker receiving a wage or salary for agricultural labor which is excluded by law for withholding tax purposes.

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**701—308.2(422) Time for filing and payment of tax.**

**308.2(1) Time for filing.**

a. *General rule.* The date for filing the first estimate tax payment is on or before the last day of the fourth month of the tax year. The estimate tax form is to be sent to: Estimate Processing, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10466, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

b. *Special rule for farmers and fishers.* If the estimated gross income of a taxpayer from farming or fishing is at least two-thirds of the estimated gross income from all sources for the taxable year, one of the following three methods is available to the taxpayer for satisfying the requirement to make estimate tax payments.

(1) Make the first estimate payment on April 30 and make the other three payments by the dates specified under subrule 308.2(2).

(2) Make the entire estimate payment for the tax year by January 15 of the subsequent tax year and file the individual income tax return by April 30 of the subsequent tax year.

(3) File the individual income tax return and pay the tax in full on or before March 1 of the subsequent tax year.

*c. Amended estimate payments.*

(1) *General rule.* Whenever a taxpayer who is required to make estimate payments has reason to believe that the anticipated income tax liability on which the estimate payments are based has increased or decreased, any subsequent estimate payments should be amended or adjusted accordingly.

(2) *Example.* A married couple is making joint estimate tax payments on a calendar year basis, anticipating taxable income of \$8,500, with an estimated tax liability of \$300. The taxpayers paid the first quarter installment of \$75 by the due date of April 30 of the current year and the second installment of \$75 on June 30. On July 15, real estate owned jointly by the taxpayers is sold, creating additional taxable income for the year of \$7,500. The new tax liability for the tax year is \$900 less the estimate payments of \$150 already paid for the first and second quarters. There is a balance of \$750 to be paid in two equal installments of \$375 each by September 30 of the current year and by January 31 of the succeeding year.

**308.2(2) Payment of estimated tax.**

*a. General rule.* Estimated tax due for the tax year may be paid in full on the date on which the first payment is due or in four equal installments. The taxpayer may elect to pay any installment prior to the date when the installment is due.

*b. Calendar-year installments.* The first estimate tax payment is due by April 30. The other installments shall be paid on or before June 30 and September 30 of the current year, and on or before January 31 of the succeeding year.

*c. Fiscal-year installments.* The installment dates for a taxpayer filing estimate tax payments on a fiscal-year basis are:

Installment No. 1. The last day of the fourth month of the fiscal year.

Installment No. 2. The last day of the sixth month of the fiscal year.

Installment No. 3. The last day of the ninth month of the fiscal year.

Installment No. 4. The last day of the first month of the next fiscal year.

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**701—308.3(422) Estimated tax for nonresidents.**

**308.3(1) General rule.** Except as noted in subrule 308.3(2), payers of Iowa income to nonresidents of Iowa are required to withhold Iowa income tax and to remit the tax to the department. See rule 701—307.4(422) for withholding on payments to nonresidents.

**308.3(2) Estimate payments in lieu of withholding.** Nonresidents who prefer to pay estimated tax in lieu of having state income tax withheld by a state withholding agent must obtain a certificate of release from withholding. The nonresident estimated tax form must be accompanied by full payment and must include a list of the name(s) and address(es) of any tenant or farm manager, or cooperative elevator, or other Iowa agent or payer from which the taxpayer anticipates receiving income. The total gross income anticipated for the year must also be shown on the nonresident estimated tax form.

After the department's receipt of and approval of the completed nonresident estimate tax form with the full payment of the tax shown due on the form, the certificate of release from withholding will be forwarded to the withholding agent or payer designated on the form. Since the nonresident estimate form is filed for the purpose of obtaining a release from withholding, the form must be filed prior to the time of the transactions which would subject the taxpayer to the state withholding tax requirements. The nonresident estimate tax form and payment should be mailed to Estimate Processing, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10466, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

**308.3(3) Example.** Nonresident estimated tax payments may be illustrated with the following example:



A nonresident individual owns a farm in Iowa which is operated by a farm manager. For tax purposes the farm manager is considered to be the Iowa withholding agent when distributing proceeds from the farm to the nonresident. A crop is sold through the local farm cooperative elevator and a check is issued to the farm manager, who then sends the check to the nonresident. Before doing so, Iowa income taxes must be withheld from the gross proceeds and remitted to the Iowa department of revenue for deposit and credit to the income tax liability of the nonresident, unless the farm manager has possession of a certificate of release from withholding issued by the department of revenue. In the event that the farm cooperative elevator sends the check for payment of the crops directly to the nonresident, the cooperative becomes the withholding agent.

**308.3(4)** *Election by withholding agents to make estimated payments on behalf of nonresident taxpayers with net incomes from agricultural commodities or products.* Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, withholding agents such as farm management companies can elect to make estimate tax payments on behalf of nonresidents for net incomes that the nonresidents will have for the tax year from sales of agricultural commodities or products. If the withholding agent elects to make the estimate tax payments for the nonresident taxpayers, the estimate tax payments should be submitted to the department of revenue on or before the last day of the first month after the end of the tax year of the nonresidents. The estimate payments should be sent with Form IA 1040ES (45-002) and mailed to: Estimate Processing, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10466, Des Moines, Iowa 50306. Net income from agricultural commodities or products means net incomes from those agricultural commodities or products described in 701—paragraph 307.4(6)“a.” If the estimate tax payments made on behalf of the nonresident taxpayers by the withholding agents are not sufficient to pay the Iowa income taxes on the net incomes of the nonresidents from the agricultural commodities or products, the nonresidents may be subject to penalties for underpayment of estimated taxes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.16 and 422.17.  
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#### **701—308.4(422) Special estimated tax periods.**

**308.4(1)** *Short taxable year.* A taxpayer having a taxable year of less than 12 months must make estimated tax payments if anticipating an Iowa tax liability of \$50 or more for that short tax year if that tax year began prior to January 1, 1990. In the case of short tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990, taxpayers would be required to make estimated payments if their anticipated Iowa tax liabilities were \$200 or more from incomes not subject to withholding.

##### **308.4(2)** *Part-year resident.*

*a. General rule.* Part-year residents moving into or out of the state must determine their Iowa estimated tax on the ratio of income from Iowa sources not subject to withholding tax to incomes from all sources.

*b. Example.* An individual moving into the state on April 15, having taxable income from an Iowa source which is not subject to withholding and an expected tax liability of \$150, must make the first estimate payment of \$50 by June 30 and pay the remaining balance of \$100 in two equal installments of \$50 each by September 30 and by January 31 of the succeeding year if the tax year for which the estimate payments were made began prior to January 1, 1990. A similar procedure for making estimate payments would be followed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990, when no estimate payments would be required unless the anticipated state income tax liability for the balance of the tax year would be \$200 or more.

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#### **701—308.5(422) Reporting forms.**

**308.5(1)** *Resident forms.* Blank estimate tax forms are available from the department for resident taxpayers making state estimate payments.

**308.5(2)** *Nonresident forms.* A special nonresident estimate tax form with instructions is available from the department for any nonresident wishing to make estimate tax payments in lieu of having Iowa

income tax withheld by an Iowa withholding agent. The estimated payment should be submitted with the certificate or the release from withholding described in subrule 308.3(2).

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**701—308.6(422) Penalty—underpayment of estimated tax.** The civil penalty provided by the Internal Revenue Code for underpayment of federal estimated tax also applies to persons required to make payments of estimated tax under provisions of the Iowa Code. The Iowa penalty for underpayment of estimated tax is computed on Form IA 2210 for individual taxpayers other than farmers and fishers and Form IA 2210F for individuals who have two-thirds of their gross annual incomes from farming or fishing activities.

**308.6(1) Exceptions which may avoid the underpayment penalty.** The following are the two exceptions under which taxpayers may avoid the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax:

*a.* Current year payments equal or exceed prior year's liability. Taxpayers may avoid the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax if the estimated tax payments and other tax payments for the current tax year, such as withholding tax, are equal to or exceed the tax liability for the prior tax year. The prior tax year must cover a 12-month period and there must have been a tax liability on the return for the prior year. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the requirement that the return for the prior tax year must have had a tax liability is eliminated although the return must have covered a 12-month period.

*b.* Current year payments equal or exceed 80 percent, or 90 percent for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, of the tax on the taxpayer's annualized income. Taxpayers may also avoid the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax, if their tax payments for the tax year are equal to or exceed 80 percent of the tax on the taxpayer's annualized income for periods from the first of the tax year to the end of the month preceding the month in which an installment of estimated tax is due. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, taxpayers may avoid the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax if their tax payments for the tax year are equal to or exceed 90 percent of the tax on the taxpayer's annualized income.

**308.6(2) Waiver of penalty for underpayment of estimated tax.** The following are two situations under which the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax may be waived for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1986:

*a.* The underpayment was due to casualty, disaster, or other unusual circumstances and imposition of the penalty would be against equity and good conscience.

*b.* The underpayment was made by an individual who retired after having attained age 62, or who became disabled in the tax year for which the estimated payment was due or in the preceding tax year, and the underpayment was due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.16.

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**701—308.7(422) Estimated tax carryforwards and how the carryforward amounts are affected under different circumstances.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1994, taxpayers that timely file their Iowa returns and have overpayments shown on their returns may elect to have the overpayments credited to their estimated tax payments for the following tax year.

For purposes of this rule, filing a return for a calendar-year period on or before the last day of the year in which the return is due will constitute timely filing of that return for purposes of being eligible to have an overpayment from that return applied to the estimated tax payments for the next tax year. The 1994 Iowa return is due on May 1, 1995, because the regular due date of April 30 falls on Sunday. Therefore, if a taxpayer files the 1994 return on or before December 31, 1995, showing an overpayment on the return, the taxpayer can elect to have the overpayment credited to the taxpayer's estimated tax for the 1995 calendar year.

However, if a taxpayer files the 1994 return anytime after the end of the 1995 calendar year with an overpayment shown on the return, the overpayment will be refunded to the taxpayer notwithstanding that the taxpayer has shown that the overpayment is to be credited to estimated tax for 1995.

EXAMPLE 1. Mark Jones filed his 1994 return on October 31, 1995, showing an overpayment of \$400, and a credit to 1995 estimated tax for \$400. Because the 1994 return was filed on or before December 31, 1995, Mr. Jones' election to credit the \$400 overpayment to 1995 estimated tax was honored.

EXAMPLE 2. Fred Mack filed his 1994 and 1995 Iowa returns in March 1996. The 1994 return showed an overpayment of \$300 and credit to 1995 estimated tax of \$300. The 1995 return showed an overpayment of \$200 which was determined from estimated payments of \$800, including the \$300 credit from the 1994 return. The overpayment from the 1994 return was to be refunded because the taxpayer had filed that return after the deadline for crediting overpayments to estimated payments for 1994 returns. Because the \$300 credit to 1995 estimated tax was not allowed, there was tax due of \$100 on the 1995 return. The tax due for 1995 was satisfied with part of the refund from the 1994 return.

The following subrules show how the amounts of tax carryforwards from overpayments shown on state returns are affected by certain circumstances:

**308.7(1)** *Estimated tax carryforward and how amount of carryover credit is affected by error on return.* If a state return is filed timely with an overpayment shown on the return and the overpayment is to be credited to the taxpayer's estimated payments for the following year, the amount credited to estimated payments will be affected by an error on the return. Thus, if the error on the return is corrected and results in a smaller overpayment than was shown when the return was filed, the credit to estimated tax from the return will be reduced accordingly.

EXAMPLE. Mike Green filed his 1994 return on March 20, 1995, showing an overpayment of \$400 and a credit to 1995 estimated tax of \$400. During processing of the return, it was determined that the federal income tax refund received was subtracted from net income instead of being added to net income. Correction of this error resulted in an overpayment of \$200 instead of \$400. Thus, the amount credited to the taxpayer's estimated payments for 1995 was \$200 instead of the \$400 shown on the return form. The department notified Mr. Green of the error and advised him that only \$200 was being credited to the taxpayer's estimated tax for 1995 instead of the \$400 shown on the return.

**308.7(2)** *Estimated tax credit carryover; carryforward amount affected by amended return.* A taxpayer files an original return timely with an overpayment and with the overpayment credited to the following year's estimated tax payments. If the taxpayer files an amended return correcting an error on the original return and with a different amount credited to estimated tax than on the original return, the credit amount from the amended return will be credited to estimated tax, if the amended return is filed on or before the end of the year in which the return is due. Thus, if an amended 1994 return is filed by December 31, 1995, the amount shown as a credit to estimated tax from that amended return will be the amount credited to the taxpayer's 1995 estimated tax, instead of the amount credited from the original 1994 return.

EXAMPLE. Velma Fox filed her original 1994 return on April 15, 1995, with an overpayment of \$500 and all of that overpayment credited to her estimated tax for 1995. Later, in 1995, Ms. Fox determined that she had failed to claim a deduction on the return for depreciation on some business equipment she acquired in 1994. Therefore, she filed an amended 1994 Iowa return on October 31, 1995, showing an overpayment of \$700 and a credit to 1995 estimated tax of the same amount. Ms. Fox's amended return was filed on or before December 31, 1995, so the \$700 credit to Ms. Fox's 1995 estimated tax from the amended return was allowed.

Note that if the amended return had not been filed until sometime in January 1996, the credit from Ms. Fox's original return would have been applied to Ms. Fox's estimated payments for 1995. Since the amended return would have been filed too late for purposes of crediting the overpayment to the taxpayer's estimated tax for the next year, the department would issue Ms. Fox a refund of \$200 which is the portion of the overpayment from the amended return that had not been credited to estimated tax from the original return for 1994.

**308.7(3)** *Estimated tax carryforward and how amount of carryover credit is affected by state tax liability or other state liability of the taxpayer.* A taxpayer who files an Iowa return with an overpayment shown on the return and elects to have the overpayment credited to the taxpayer's estimated tax for the next tax year will not have the overpayment credited to estimated tax if the taxpayer has tax liabilities or other liabilities with the state that are subject to setoff. Other liabilities with the state that are subject to

setoff are those liabilities described in Iowa Code section 8A.504. These liabilities are for debts owed the state for public assistance overpayments, defaults on guaranteed student or parental college loans, district court debts, delinquent child support, and any other debts of the taxpayer with a board, commission, department, or other administrative office or unit of the state of Iowa.

EXAMPLE 1. Rose Peters filed her 1994 Iowa return in April 1995 showing an overpayment of \$400 and a credit to 1995 estimated tax of \$400. During processing of Rose's 1994 return it was determined that she had a liability of \$150 from her 1993 Iowa return. Thus, \$150 of the 1994 overpayment was offset against the tax liability from the 1993 return. The remaining portion of the 1994 overpayment of \$250 was credited to Ms. Peters' estimated tax for 1995.

EXAMPLE 2. Mike Moore filed his 1994 Iowa return in May 1995 with an overpayment of \$500, a credit to 1995 estimated tax of \$300 and a refund of \$200. Mr. Moore is a "self-employed individual" as that phrase is to be understood for the purposes of Iowa Code section 252B.5, subsection 8, as amended by 2003 Iowa Acts, House File 534, section 220. During processing it was determined that Mr. Moore had a liability for unpaid child support of \$1,000. After Mr. Moore was notified by the child support recovery unit of the department of human services that the overpayment from the 1994 return was going to be applied to the child support liability, the entire overpayment of \$500 was set off against Mr. Moore's liability for unpaid child support. Thus, since the \$300 credit to estimated tax was set off against the delinquent child support, there was no credit to estimated tax for 1995. Responsibility for offsetting this type of obligation remains, as of July 1, 2003, with the department of revenue and has not been transferred to the department of administrative services.

**308.7(4) *Accrual of interest on an assessment of additional tax.*** If the taxpayer has not elected to have an overpayment credited to an installment other than the first installment, interest shall accrue on an assessment of additional tax as follows: If the overpayment was credited to the first installment, interest on an assessment of additional tax shall accrue from the due date of the return. If the overpayment was credited to an installment due after the overpayment arose, interest shall accrue from the date the return was filed. Interest on that portion of an assessment greater than the overpayment shall accrue from the due date of the return.

If the taxpayer has elected to have an overpayment of estimated tax credited to an installment other than the first installment, interest shall accrue on any assessment of additional tax up to the amount of the overpayment from the date the return was filed with the department. Interest on any assessment of additional tax greater than the amount of the overpayment shall accrue from the due date of the return, *Avon Products, Inc. v. United States*, 588 F.2d 342 (2nd Cir. 1978), Revenue Ruling 84-58.

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CHAPTER 401  
PARTNERSHIPS

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**701—401.1(422) General rule.** An Iowa partnership, limited partnership, or limited liability company required to file a return under the provisions of Iowa Code subsection 422.15(2) shall be a partnership, limited partnership, or limited liability company required to file a partnership return for purposes of federal income tax. A partnership or limited liability company engaged in carrying on business in this state is an Iowa partnership or an Iowa limited liability company. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, a partnership, limited partnership or limited liability company doing business in Iowa or deriving income from real, tangible or intangible property located or having a situs in Iowa must file an Iowa partnership return. For specific criteria related to doing business in Iowa or deriving income from real, tangible or intangible property located or having a situs in Iowa, see rule 701—501.1(422). Iowa follows the Treasury check-the-box regulation, 301.7701-3, for determination of the tax status of partnerships or limited liability companies including single-member limited liability companies.

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**701—401.2(422) Partnership returns.** Every partnership deriving income (1) from property owned within this state or (2) from a business, trade, profession or occupation carried on within the state must make a return of income regardless of the amount of income or loss and regardless of the residence of the partners. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, every partnership doing business in Iowa or deriving income from real, tangible or intangible property located or having a situs in Iowa must make a return of income regardless of the amount of income or loss and regardless of the residence of the partners. The return shall be made on the proper form and signed by one of the partners. The return shall be made on the same period basis, calendar or fiscal, as the partnership accounts are kept, irrespective of the fact the partners are reporting their incomes on a different period basis. The return shall be filed with the department on or before the last day of the fourth month after the expiration of the tax year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.15 as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 452, and section 422.21.

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**701—401.3(422) Contents of partnership return.** The return of a resident partnership or of a partnership with one or more nonresident members, but whose income is derived entirely or partially from sources within this state, shall state specifically (1) the net income, and the capital gains or losses reported on the federal partnership return, (2) the names and addresses of the partners, and (3) their respective shares in said amounts.

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**701—401.4(422) Distribution and taxation of partnership income.** A partnership as such is not taxable but the members of a partnership (including limited partnerships organized under Iowa Code chapter 488) are taxable (except as otherwise provided in 701—subrule 302.16(5) respecting nonresident members) upon their distributable shares of the net income of the partnership whether distributed to the partners or not. If the result of the partnership operation is a net loss (i.e., excess of allowable deductions from gross income) the loss may be deducted by the partners (except as otherwise provided respecting nonresident members) in the same proportion that net income would have been taxable to the partners. If the partner reports income on the same taxable year basis as that of the partnership, the distributable share of the net income (or loss) of the partnership for the taxable year must be included in or deducted from gross income on the individual return for that year. If, however, the taxable year of the partner is different from that of the partnership, distributable shares must be

included in or the proportion of the loss deducted from gross income for the year in which the taxable year of the partnership ends.

Residents of Iowa must report in total their distributable share of partnership income or loss on their Iowa income tax return. Nonresidents must report, for income tax purposes, their share of distributable partnership income or loss as determined under 701—subrule 302.16(6).

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CHAPTER 402  
S CORPORATIONS

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CHAPTER 403  
APPORTIONMENT OF INCOME FOR RESIDENT  
SHAREHOLDERS OF S CORPORATIONS

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**701—403.1(422) Apportionment of income for resident shareholders of S corporations.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998, resident shareholders of all S corporations which carry on business within and without Iowa may, at their election, determine the S corporation income allocable to sources within Iowa by allocation and apportionment of the S corporation income. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, estates and trusts with a situs in Iowa which are shareholders in S corporations which carry on business within and without Iowa can take advantage of these apportionment provisions. The criteria to determine whether the S corporation is carrying on business within and without Iowa is set forth in 701—subrule 503.1(4).

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1997, a shareholder in an S corporation which carries on business within and without Iowa which has elected to apportion income and then elects not to apportion income shall not reelect to apportion income for three tax years immediately following the first tax year in which the shareholder elected not to apportion income, unless the director of revenue consents to the election.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.5, subsection 1, paragraph “j,” as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 452.

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**701—403.2** Reserved.

**701—403.3(422) Distributions.** Distributions from income not previously taxed by Iowa include the amount of all cash distributions and the fair market value of all property distributions made during the year, except as follows:

1. Distributions from income not subject to Iowa tax due to exclusion under Iowa Code section 422.7 (i.e., interest from federal securities or certain securities issued by Iowa). For purposes hereof, all distributions for a year shall be deemed to be made proportionally from income subject to Iowa tax and from income not subject to Iowa tax. Distributions from income apportioned outside of Iowa shall not be deemed to be made from income not subject to Iowa tax.

2. Distributions from income previously taxed by Iowa for a year in which the S corporation was a C corporation and which is taxed as a dividend or capital gain for federal income tax purposes.

3. Distributions from income previously taxed by Iowa for a year prior to the first tax year the resident shareholder elected to apportion income within and without Iowa.

4. Distributions treated as a return of capital for federal income tax purposes for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2004.

5. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, any distributions paid from income for which the taxpayer can prove that Iowa tax has been previously paid. Any distributions paid from income apportioned outside of Iowa for tax years in which the resident shareholder elected to apportion income within and without Iowa will be considered distributions for which Iowa tax has not been previously paid, and cannot be excluded for purposes of this rule.

For purposes of this rule, a distribution is taken into account on the date the corporation makes the distribution, regardless of when the distribution is treated as received by the shareholder. Distributions shall first be deemed made from current year income of the S corporation to the extent thereof. If distributions during a year exceed the current income of the S corporation, any excess distributions shall be considered made first from the immediately preceding year income of the S corporation, and then to each preceding year income of the S corporation in reverse chronological order, and then in accordance with the ordering rules set forth in Section 1368 of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder.

EXAMPLE: An S corporation earned income of \$20,000 in 2002, income of \$30,000 in 2003 and income of \$40,000 in 2004. The S corporation made no distributions during 2002 and 2003 and made distributions of \$75,000 during 2004. The distributions will come first from the \$40,000 income earned in 2004. The excess distributions of \$35,000 will come first from the \$30,000 income earned during 2003, and the remaining \$5,000 will come from the income earned during 2002.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.8, subsection 2.  
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**701—403.4(422) Computation of net S corporation income.** After making the adjustments in Iowa Code section 422.35, net S corporation income is computed by adding to or subtracting from the S corporation's ordinary income (loss) from a trade or business those items of income, losses, and expenses that flow directly to the shareholder whose separate treatment could affect the tax liability of the shareholder. In computing the amounts of income, losses, and expenses that flow directly to the shareholder, these items of income, losses, and expenses, except for interest exempt from federal income tax and itemized deductions for high-income individuals, must be reduced proportionately to the amount that the sum of all like amounts of income, losses, and expenses are reduced for federal income tax computations.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.8, subsection 2, as amended by 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1197.  
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**701—403.5(422) Computation of federal tax on S corporation income.** The amount of federal income tax related to the items of income, losses, and expenses from an S corporation is to be computed by dividing the sum of the items of income, losses, and expenses by federal adjusted gross income, and the result multiplied by the sum of the federal income tax and the federal alternative minimum tax. This resulting tax figure is to be reduced by the nonrefundable federal tax credits relating to the S corporation income which are a reduction in tax rather than a payment of tax. Credits that are deemed to be a payment of tax include, but are not limited to, backup withholding on interest, dividends and other types of income, and credit for motor vehicle fuel taxes.

For tax periods beginning prior to January 1, 2002, the distribution received from the S corporation is reduced by 50 percent of the federal tax paid by the shareholder on the S corporation income. For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2002, the distribution received from the S corporation is reduced by 100 percent of the federal tax paid by the shareholder on the S corporation income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.8, subsection 2, as amended by 2002 Iowa Acts, House File 2078.  
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**701—403.6(422) Income allocable to Iowa.** In order to determine the amount of income allocable to Iowa from an electing S corporation, apply the allocation and apportionment rules in 701—Chapter 503.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.8, subsection 2, as amended by 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1197.  
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**701—403.7(422) Credit for taxes paid to another state.** If a taxpayer elects to take advantage of the apportionment provisions for a resident shareholder of an S corporation, then the taxpayer may not take a credit against Iowa income tax for income taxes or taxes measured by income paid to another state or foreign country on the S corporation income. A taxpayer may claim a credit against Iowa income tax for income taxes or taxes measured by income paid to another state or foreign country on income other than S corporation income that may be earned in the tax year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.8.  
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**701—403.8 and 403.9** Reserved.

**701—403.10(422) Example for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2002.**

EXAMPLE. The following example is based on the following facts. The taxpayers are a husband and wife who have two dependent children. Their income consists of husband's wages of \$50,000; rental loss (\$5,000); wife's S corporation income of \$500,000; joint interest income of \$35,000. They have Iowa itemized deductions of \$20,000, and an out-of-state tax credit of \$1,150 on the S corporation income. The actual cash distribution from the S corporation was \$289,840, none of which has been previously taxed by Iowa. Federal income tax paid during the year totals \$191,214. The S corporation is a value-added corporation which carries on business within and without Iowa with 10 percent of its sales in Iowa.

*a. Computation of tax on a joint return basis.*

Wages	\$50,000
S corporation income	500,000
Interest	35,000
Rent	<u>(5,000)</u>
Total income	\$580,000
Less federal tax deduction	<u>(191,214)</u>
Subtotal	\$388,786
Less itemized deductions	<u>(20,000)</u>
Taxable income	\$368,786
Tax	\$31,696
Less personal credits husband & wife & two dependents	<u>(160)</u>
Subtotal	\$31,536
Less out-of-state tax credit	<u>(1,150)</u>
Iowa individual tax	\$30,386
<hr/> Computation of credit	
Total income	\$580,000
Less S corporation income	<u>(500,000)</u>
Subtotal	\$80,000
Add the greater of cash distributions not previously taxed, \$289,840 less 100% of federal taxes on S corporation income of \$164,840 = \$125,000, or income attributable to Iowa sources \$50,000	<u>125,000</u>
Income attributable to Iowa sources	\$205,000
Total income	\$580,000
Taxable percentage	35.3449%
Iowa individual tax before credit	\$31,696
Credit percentage	<u>64.6551%</u>
Subtotal	\$20,493
Less out-of-state tax credit	<u>(1,150)</u>
S corporation tax credit	\$19,343

Computation of 100 percent of federal income tax attributable to S corporation income:  $\$191,214 \times \$500,000 / \$580,000 = \$164,840$ .

Computation of percent of income attributable to Iowa sources:  $100 \times \$205,000 / \$580,000 = 35.3449\%$ .

Computation of percent of income attributable to non-Iowa sources:  $100 - 35.3449\% = 64.6551\%$ .

*b. Computation on a separate filing on a combined return basis.*

	Spouse	Taxpayer
Wages	\$50,000	-0-
S corporation income	-0-	\$500,000
Interest	17,500	17,500
Rent	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total income	\$62,500	\$517,500
Less federal tax deduction	<u>(20,613)</u>	<u>(170,601)</u>
Subtotal	\$41,887	\$346,899
Less itemized deductions	<u>(2,156)</u>	<u>(17,844)</u>
Taxable income	\$39,731	\$329,055
Tax	\$2,293	\$28,128
Less personal credits taxpayer & spouse & two dependents	<u>(120)</u>	<u>(40)</u>
Subtotal	\$2,173	\$28,088
Less out-of-state tax credit	<u>(-0-)</u>	<u>(1,150)</u>
Iowa individual tax	\$2,173	\$26,938
<b>Computation of credit</b>		
Total income	\$517,500	
Less S corporation income	<u>(500,000)</u>	
Subtotal	\$17,500	
Add the greater of cash distributions not previously taxed, \$289,840 less 100% of federal taxes on S corporation income of \$164,840 = \$125,000, or income attributable to Iowa sources \$50,000	<u>125,000</u>	
Income attributable to Iowa sources	\$142,500	
Total income	\$517,500	
Taxable percentage	27.5362%	
Iowa individual tax before credit	\$28,128	
Credit percentage	<u>72.4638%</u>	
Subtotal	\$20,383	
Less out-of-state tax credit	<u>(1,150)</u>	
S corporation tax credit	\$19,233	

Taxpayer's computation of 100 percent of federal income tax attributable to S corporation income:  $\$170,601 \times \$500,000 / \$517,500 = \$164,832$ .

Taxpayer's computation of percent of income attributable to Iowa sources:  $100 \times \$142,500 / \$517,500 = 27.5362\%$ .

Taxpayer's computation of percent of income attributable to non-Iowa sources:  $100 - 27.5362\% = 72.4638\%$ .

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.8, subsection 2, paragraph "b." [ARC 1102C, IAB 10/16/13, effective 11/20/13; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22]

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CHAPTER 404  
COMPOSITE RETURNS FOR TAX YEARS BEGINNING PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2022  
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**701—404.1(422) Composite returns.** For tax years of nonresident partners, members, shareholders, or beneficiaries which begin on or after January 1, 1987, a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or trust may be allowed or be required to file a composite return and pay the tax due on behalf of the nonresident partners, members, shareholders, or beneficiaries. For tax years of nonresident partners, members, shareholders, or beneficiaries which begin on or after January 1, 1999, a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or trust may elect or may be required to file a composite return and pay the tax due on behalf of the nonresident partners, members, shareholders, or beneficiaries. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, professional athletic teams may be allowed or be required to file a composite return and pay the tax due on behalf of nonresident team members. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, nonresident trusts or estates which are partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries in partnerships, limited liability companies, S corporations or estates or trusts may elect or may be required to file a composite return and pay the tax due on behalf of the nonresident trusts or estates.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.13 as amended by 2007 Iowa Acts, House File 923, section 15.

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**701—404.2(422) Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter:

“*Employee*” means a nonresident member of a professional athletic team as defined in subrule 701—302.46(1).

“*Partner*” includes a member of a limited liability company which is treated as a partnership for tax purposes.

“*Taxpayer*” means a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, professional athletic team, or trust which files a return and pays the tax on behalf of the nonresident partners, members, shareholders, employees, beneficiaries, estates or trusts.

“*Tax year*” means the tax year of the partners, shareholders, employees, beneficiaries, estates or trusts included in the composite return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.13.

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**701—404.3(422) Filing requirements.** A composite return may be allowed or required to be filed based upon the following:

1. The composite return must include all nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries unless the taxpayer can demonstrate which nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries are filing separate income tax returns because the partner, shareholder, employee or beneficiary has Iowa source income other than that which may be reported on a separate composite return, or has elected to file an Iowa individual income tax return. Nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries shall not be included in a composite return if the nonresident has less than the minimum statutory filing amount. For example, for 2006 the minimum income from Iowa sources before a nonresident is required to file an Iowa individual income tax return is \$1,000 of income attributed to Iowa sources as determined by applying the allocation and apportionment provisions of 701—Chapter 503 to the nonresident’s prorated share of the entity’s income. In addition, nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries shall not be included in a composite return if the nonresident does not have more income from Iowa sources than the amount of one standard deduction for a single taxpayer plus an amount of income necessary to create a tax liability at the effective tax rate on the composite return sufficient to offset one personal exemption. For example, for 2006 a standard deduction for a single individual is \$1,650 and at the maximum tax rate of 8.98 percent, \$445 of taxable income is required to offset the \$40 personal exemption. This equates to \$2,095 (\$445 plus \$1,650) of income attributable to Iowa sources that would be required to be included in a composite return. The

taxpayer must include a list of all nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries who are filing separate income tax returns. The list must also include the address and social security number or federal identification number of the nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries. Filing a composite return is an election which may not be withdrawn after the due date of the return (considering any extension of time to file), but the nonresidents may, as an individual or as a group, withdraw their election at any time prior to the due date (considering any extension of time to file).

2. Income of partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries whose state of residence is not known by the taxpayer must be included in the composite return.

3. Income of partners in publicly traded limited partnerships held in street names by brokers must be included in the composite return unless the taxpayer can demonstrate that the partner is an Iowa resident.

4. A taxpayer who elects to file a composite return shall continue to file composite returns unless the taxpayer notifies the department in writing that the taxpayer wishes to discontinue filing composite returns. The notice shall be filed with the Iowa Department of Revenue, Examination Section, Compliance Division, P.O. Box 10456, Des Moines, Iowa 50306, before the due date of the return for the tax year for which the change in filing is to be made.

A taxpayer who was required to file a composite return for the immediately preceding taxable year is required to file a composite return unless permission is given to discontinue filing a composite return.

5. Each nonresident partner, shareholder, employee, or beneficiary whose income is included in the composite return must have the same tax year, which must be the tax year of the majority of the nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries. Those nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries who are not included in the composite return must file separate individual income tax returns.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.13.

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**701—404.4** Reserved.

**701—404.5(422) Composite return required by director.** The director may in accordance with rule 701—48.3(422) require the filing of a composite return under the following conditions.

**404.5(1)** The director may require the filing of a composite return if the nonresident partners, shareholders, or beneficiaries do not file individual income tax returns and pay the tax due.

**404.5(2)** Where some of the nonresident partners, shareholders, or beneficiaries file individual income tax returns and pay the tax due, but other nonresident partners, shareholders, or beneficiaries do not file individual returns, the director may require a composite return which includes the Iowa taxable income of those nonresident partners, shareholders, or beneficiaries who did not file individual returns.

**404.5(3)** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, if it is determined that it is necessary for the efficient administration of Iowa individual income tax, the director may require the filing of a composite return for nonresidents other than nonresident partners, members, beneficiaries or shareholders in partnerships, limited liability companies, trusts or S corporations.

For example, the director may require a composite return in situations where nonresident real estate brokers or nonresident insurance agents who are independent contractors earn commission income from the sale of real estate in Iowa or from insurance policies sold to Iowa residents.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.13 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 478, section 132.

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**701—404.6(422) Determination of composite Iowa income.** Because a composite return is filed on behalf of the nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries, it must be based upon the tax year of the majority of its partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries. The composite return must be filed on Form IA 1040C, “Composite Iowa Individual Income Tax Return.” Attach schedules as necessary to explain the return. For the purposes of this rule, federal income means federal ordinary income (loss) from trade or business activities plus those items of income which flow through separately

less expense items which flow through separately to the partners, shareholders, or beneficiaries joining in the filing of a composite return.

1. Adjustments to federal income. For partnerships and trusts, make those adjustments to federal income set forth in Iowa Code section 422.7. For S corporations, make those adjustments to federal income set forth in Iowa Code section 422.35.

2. Apply the allocation and apportionment provisions of 701—Chapter 503 or rule 701—302.46(422) for allocation of compensation paid to nonresident employees of professional athletic teams.

3. Deduct one standard deduction equal to the amount allowed a single taxpayer, not to exceed the amount of income attributable to Iowa, for each nonresident partner, shareholder, employee, or beneficiary included in the composite return.

4. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, deduct an amount in lieu of a federal tax deduction based upon the following schedule.

0 — \$ 49,999	No deduction
\$ 50,000 — \$ 99,999	5% of net income attributable to Iowa
\$100,000 — \$199,999	10% of net income attributable to Iowa
\$200,000 and over	15% of net income attributable to Iowa

5. A net operating loss carryback or carryforward is allowed. See 701—subrule 302.18(3). In lieu of a net operating loss carryback, the taxpayer may elect to carry the loss forward.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.13.

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#### **701—404.7(422) Determination of composite Iowa tax.**

**404.7(1)** The tax will be computed in accordance with Iowa Code section 422.5, including the alternative minimum tax as though a resident.

**404.7(2)** Deduct from the computed tax one personal exemption credit of \$20 (\$40 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998) for each nonresident partner, shareholder, employee, or beneficiary included in the composite return.

EXAMPLE: For tax year 1991, X corporation is an S corporation, all of whose shareholders but one are nonresidents who have elected to join in the filing of a composite return. The three electing shareholders' share of income or loss is 87 percent of the corporation's total income. The S corporation's net income is \$800,000, and income items totaling \$6,000 and expenses of \$500,000 flow directly to the shareholders. The corporation has 25 percent of its sales with an Iowa destination. The corporation has tax preferences and adjustments of \$475,000. The composite tax liability would be computed as follows:

Net income attributable to electing shareholders \$800,000 × 87%	\$696,000
Add: electing shareholders' share of income items which flow separately to shareholders \$6,000 × 87%	5,220
Less: electing shareholders' share of expenses which flow separately to shareholders \$500,000 × 87%	<435,000>
Income attributable to electing shareholders	\$266,220
Times the Iowa business activity ratio	25%
Net income attributable to Iowa	\$ 66,555

Less: one standard deduction per shareholder 3 × \$1,280	< 3,840>
Federal tax deduction \$66,555 × 5%	<u>&lt; 3,328&gt;</u>
Iowa taxable income	\$ 59,387
Computed tax	\$ 4,515
Less: one personal exemption credit per shareholder 3 × \$20	<u>&lt; 60&gt;</u>
Iowa tax	<u>\$ 4,455</u>

The alternative minimum tax would be computed as follows:

Iowa taxable income	\$ 59,387
Add: tax preferences and adjustments attributable to electing shareholders times Iowa activity ratio \$475,000 × 87% × 25%	<u>103,313</u>
	\$162,700
Less: exemption	<u>35,000</u>
Minimum taxable income	\$127,700
times minimum tax rate 7.5%	<u>× .075</u>
Computed minimum tax	\$ 9,578
Less regular tax	<u>&lt; 4,455&gt;</u>
Minimum tax liability	<u>\$ 5,123</u>

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.13.  
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**701—404.8(422) Estimated tax.** Taxpayers filing composite returns are not required to make payments of estimated tax. However, if taxpayers desire to make estimated payments, the estimated payments should be made on Form IA 1040ES using the partnership's, S corporation's, or trust's identification number assigned by the department in lieu of the social security number.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.13.  
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**701—404.9(422) Time and place for filing.**

**404.9(1)** A composite return of income must be filed on or before the due date. The due date is the last day of the fourth month following the close of the tax year of the partners, shareholders, employees, beneficiaries, estates or trusts included in the composite return, or the last day of the period covered by an extension of time granted by the department. When the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or

holiday, the composite return is due the following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. Iowa Code section 421.9A contains additional information on due dates that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. If a return is placed in the mail, properly addressed, postage paid, and postmarked on or before the due date for filing, no penalty will attach should the return not be received until after that date. Mailed returns should be addressed to Composite Return Processing, Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10469, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

**404.9(2)** Extension of time for filing composite returns. If at least 90 percent of the tax required to be shown due has been paid by the due date and no return was filed by the due date, the director will consider that the taxpayer has requested an extension of time to file the return and will automatically grant an extension of up to six months to file the return. The taxpayer does not have to file an application for extension form with the department to get the automatic extension to file the return within the six-month period after the due date and not be subject to penalty. However, if the taxpayer wants to make a tax payment to ensure that at least 90 percent of the tax has been paid on or before the due date, the payment should be made with the Iowa Tax Voucher form. This form can be requested from the Taxpayer Services Section, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306, or by telephone at (515)281-3114.

To determine whether or not at least 90 percent of the tax was “paid” on or before the due date, the aggregate amount of tax credits applicable on the return, plus the tax payments made on or before the due date, are divided by the tax required to be shown due on the return. The tax required to be shown on the return is the sum of the income tax and minimum tax. The tax credits applicable are the credits set out in Iowa Code chapter 422, division II, and section 422.111.

If the aggregate of the tax credits and the tax payments are equal to or greater than 90 percent of the tax required to be shown due, the taxpayer will have met the “90 percent” test and no penalty will be assessed. However, the taxpayer will still be subject to statutory interest on any tax due when the return is filed.

Any tax elections, such as the election to carry forward a net operating loss occurring in the tax year, will be considered to be valid in instances when the return is filed within the six-month extended period after the due date. The fact that the taxpayer has paid less than 90 percent of the tax required to be shown due will not invalidate any tax elections made on the return, if the return is filed within the six-month extended period.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.13.

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#### **701—404.10(422) Repeal—transition rule.**

**404.10(1)** *In general.* Except as otherwise provided in subrule 404.10(2), this chapter has no application to any tax year of partners, members, shareholders, beneficiaries, or employees that begins on or after January 1, 2022. The department’s administrative rules on composite returns for any tax year of a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust that begins on or after January 1, 2022, are located in 701—Chapter 405.

**404.10(2)** *Special rule for fiscal year filers in tax year 2021.* For the tax year of a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust that begins in calendar year 2021 and ends in calendar year 2022, the entity may elect or be required to file a Form IA 1040C and pay tax under this chapter for income from that tax year that is reportable by nonresident partners, members, shareholders, or beneficiaries for their tax year beginning during calendar year 2022.

EXAMPLE: Partnership P is a fiscal year filer with a tax year that runs from July 1 to June 30. The majority of Partnership P’s partners are individuals who file on a calendar-year basis, thus P is required to file the Form IA 1040C on a calendar-year basis. Partnership P may elect or be required to file a Form IA 1040C to report the Iowa-source income earned by the eligible nonresident partners during Partnership P’s 2021 tax year that began on July 1, 2021, and ended on June 30, 2022.

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## CHAPTER 405

## COMPOSITE RETURNS FOR TAX YEARS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022

**701—405.1(422) Composite returns.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, a pass-through entity with one or more nonresident members for any period of time during the tax year shall file a composite return using the Iowa composite return (IA PTE-C) and pay Iowa income or franchise tax on behalf of all of its nonresident members, unless an exception in rule 701—405.5(422) applies. The IA 1040C, used to file composite returns under the former composite return law in tax years beginning before January 1, 2022, has been discontinued for tax years beginning on or after that date, except as provided in 701—subrule 404.10(2). Rules related to the former composite return law are located in 701—Chapter 404.

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**701—405.2(422) Definitions.** Unless otherwise indicated in this rule or required by the context, all words and phrases used in this chapter that are defined under Iowa Code section 422.16B shall have the same meaning as provided to them under that Iowa Code section. For the purposes of this chapter:

“*Composite return*” means the IA PTE-C Iowa composite return, which reports information about the Iowa-source income or other amounts credited or paid to each nonresident member of the pass-through entity, the amount of composite return tax due on behalf of each nonresident member of the pass-through entity, and such other information as the department may require.

“*Composite return tax*” means the Iowa income tax or franchise tax due by a pass-through entity on behalf of the pass-through entity’s nonresident members.

“*Department*” means the department of revenue.

“*GovConnectIowa*” means the e-services portal of the department.

“*Tax year*” means the tax year of the pass-through entity filing the composite return.

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**701—405.3(422) Filing and payment for pass-through entities.**

**405.3(1) Filing requirement.** A pass-through entity that is required to file an Iowa partnership return (IA 1065), Iowa income tax return for S corporations (IA 1120S), or Iowa fiduciary return (IA 1041) and that has one or more nonresident members for any period of time during the tax year is required to file a composite return unless it meets the conditions for an exception outlined in subrule 405.5(1).

*a.* A pass-through entity with nonresident members must file a composite return and pay composite return tax on behalf of all nonresident members, except for the nonresident members the pass-through entity can demonstrate are exempt from the composite return requirement pursuant to subrule 405.5(2) or that have elected out of the composite return requirement pursuant to rule 701—405.6(422).

*b.* A pass-through entity must report all of its nonresident members, including nonresident members who are exempt from or who elect out of the composite return requirement, even though the pass-through entity is not required to pay composite return tax on behalf of those nonresident members. If all nonresident members are exempt from or elect out of the composite return requirement, the pass-through entity shall file a composite return reporting required information about all of its nonresident members and showing no composite return tax due.

*c.* Any pass-through entity required to file its Iowa partnership return (IA 1065), Iowa income tax return for S corporations (IA 1120S), or Iowa fiduciary return (IA 1041) for a tax year in an electronic format under Iowa Code section 422.14, 422.15, or 422.36 shall also be required to file its composite return for that tax year in an electronic format. Rule 701—8.7(422) contains more information about mandatory electronic filing requirements.

*d.* The composite return may be filed electronically by way of the Internal Revenue Service Modernized e-File (MeF) program, also known as federal/state electronic filing; mailed to Income Tax Return Processing, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 9187, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9187; or

hand-delivered to the department's office in the Hoover State Office Building, First Floor, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

**405.3(2) *Due date of composite return—automatic extensions.*** The composite return is due and must be filed on or before the due date of the pass-through entity's Iowa partnership return (IA 1065), Iowa income tax return for S corporations (IA 1120S), or fiduciary return (IA 1041), whichever is applicable. If the pass-through entity qualifies for and receives an extension to file its Iowa income tax return, it will also automatically qualify for and receive the same period of extension to file its composite return. Any composite return filed after the due date, including extensions, may be subject to the penalty for failure to timely file a return pursuant to rules 701—10.6(421) and 701—10.9(421) and subject to other applicable penalties provided by law.

**405.3(3) *Due date of composite return tax.*** The composite return tax is due by the original due date of the pass-through entity's Iowa partnership return (IA 1065), Iowa income tax return for S corporations (IA 1120S), or fiduciary return (IA 1041), whichever is applicable. The filing extension described in subrule 405.3(2) does not extend the due date for paying the composite return tax. Any unpaid composite return tax is subject to interest computed from the original due date of the pass-through entity's applicable income tax return. The pass-through entity may also be subject to the penalty for failure to timely pay tax due pursuant to rule 701—10.6(421) and other applicable penalties provided by law.

**405.3(4) *Payment of estimated composite return tax not required.*** Pass-through entities are not required under Iowa law to make payments of estimated composite return tax. However, if a pass-through entity desires to make an estimated or other advance payment of composite return tax liability, the pass-through entity may do so electronically on GovConnectIowa or by sending a check with a voucher available on GovConnectIowa.

**405.3(5) *Amended composite returns—refund limitation.***

*a.* If the pass-through entity becomes aware that information was erroneously stated on the composite return, including but not limited to information about the nonresident members, Iowa-source income, or composite return tax due, the pass-through entity shall file an amended composite return, except as otherwise provided in this subrule.

*b.* If after filing an initial composite return for a tax year the pass-through entity is required to amend its Iowa income tax return in a manner that increases the amount of composite return tax due, or the pass-through entity discovers that nonresident members were erroneously excluded from the composite return, the pass-through entity shall file an amended composite return and pay the additional composite return tax that is due. Any additional composite return tax payment determined to be due after the filing of the initial composite return shall be made by the pass-through entity. An amended composite return and additional composite return tax payment is not required if the return changes are from a centralized partnership audit or an Iowa pass-through entity audit and included in a pass-through entity's election to pay on its owners' behalf pursuant to Iowa Code section 422.25A(5).

*c.* If after filing an initial composite return for a tax year the pass-through entity is required to amend its Iowa income tax return in a manner that only decreases the amount of Iowa-source income reportable to one or more nonresident owners, the pass-through entity is not required to file an amended composite return. A pass-through entity may not request a refund of composite return tax paid on behalf of a nonresident member after the initial composite tax return has been filed. When composite return tax is paid by a pass-through entity on behalf of a nonresident member, it is then treated as paid by the nonresident member and any refund of an overpayment may only be requested by the nonresident member on that nonresident member's own income, franchise, or composite return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.16B.  
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**701—405.4(422) Nonresident member determination.** The following rules shall apply in determining who is a nonresident member under Iowa Code section 422.16B(1) "a":

**405.4(1)** A partner, shareholder, or beneficiary of a pass-through entity shall be considered a nonresident member if any of the following were true for the entire period of time that person was a partner, shareholder, or beneficiary during that pass-through entity's tax year:

- a. The person is an individual and was a nonresident of Iowa.
- b. The person is a business entity and did not have a commercial domicile in Iowa as defined in Iowa Code section 422.32.
- c. The person is an estate or trust and did not have a situs in Iowa.

**405.4(2)** Any partner, shareholder, or beneficiary whose state of residence, commercial domicile, or situs, as applicable, is not known by the pass-through entity shall be considered a nonresident member.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.16B.  
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**701—405.5(422) Exceptions to the composite return requirement.**

**405.5(1)** *Filing and payment exceptions for pass-through entities.* Pass-through entities are not required to file a composite return or pay composite return tax if the entity meets any of the following conditions for the tax year:

- a. The pass-through entity is a publicly traded partnership that meets the requirements of Iowa Code section 422.16B(5) “a.”
- b. The pass-through entity is engaged in disaster or emergency-related work during a disaster response period and is not required to file a composite return as provided in Iowa Code section 29C.24.
- c. The pass-through entity is prohibited under federal or state law from making distributions to members. This exception applies only for years in which distributions are prohibited under federal or state law. Contractual restrictions on distributions, such as loan covenants or organization documents, do not qualify an entity for this exception.
- d. None of the pass-through entity’s nonresident members have a positive amount of Iowa-source income from the pass-through entity. This exception does not apply if any nonresident member has a positive amount of Iowa-source income from the pass-through entity, even if the nonresident member has elected out of the composite return pursuant to rule 701—405.6(422) and no composite return tax is due.

e. Only for tax years beginning during calendar year 2022, the pass-through entity meets one of the following requirements:

(1) The pass-through entity is a financial institution subject to the franchise tax under Iowa Code section 422.60 and files an Iowa franchise return for financial institutions (IA 1120F) required under Iowa Code section 422.62 and pays any franchise tax shown due on that return.

(2) The pass-through entity wholly owns one or more financial institutions subject to the franchise tax under Iowa Code section 422.60 that are treated as disregarded entities for federal and Iowa income tax purposes, substantially all (at least 90 percent) of the pass-through entity’s gross income for the tax year is also reportable income on those wholly owned financial institutions’ Iowa franchise return for financial institutions (IA 1120F) required under Iowa Code section 422.62, and those wholly owned financial institutions file their Iowa franchise return for financial institutions (IA 1120F) and pay any franchise tax shown due on that return.

This exception does not apply to any pass-through entity for any tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

**405.5(2)** *Payment exceptions for nonresident members.* A pass-through entity is not required to pay composite return tax on behalf of a particular nonresident member if that nonresident member meets any of the following conditions for the tax year:

- a. The nonresident member is a publicly traded partnership that meets the requirements of Iowa Code section 422.16B(5) “a.”
- b. The nonresident member is exempt from Iowa income tax under Iowa Code section 422.34(2), unless the Iowa-source income of the tax-exempt entity is unrelated business income.
- c. The nonresident member is an insurance company exempt from Iowa income tax under Iowa Code section 422.34(1) and instead subject to the insurance companies tax under Iowa Code section 432.1, 432.2, 432A.1, 518.18, or 518A.35.

d. The nonresident member and the pass-through entity complete and sign the Nonresident Member Composite Agreement form for the tax year as described in rule 701—405.6(422).

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**701—405.6(422) Election out of the composite return tax requirement.**

**405.6(1) *In general.*** A nonresident member may elect to be excluded from a pass-through entity's composite return unless prohibited from doing so by the department under subrule 405.6(2). Electing out of the composite return only relieves the pass-through entity of the requirement to pay composite return tax on behalf of that nonresident member. It does not relieve the pass-through entity of the requirement to report that nonresident member on a composite return. For a nonresident member to be excluded from the composite return tax payment, both the nonresident member and the pass-through entity must complete and sign the Nonresident Member Composite Agreement, available on the department's website. The Nonresident Member Composite Agreement must be completed and signed by all parties prior to the pass-through entity's composite return due date, including extensions. The Nonresident Member Composite Agreement is only valid for the tax year for which it is executed. The nonresident member and the pass-through entity must complete and sign a separate Nonresident Member Composite Agreement for each tax year in which the nonresident member seeks to be excluded from the composite return.

**405.6(2) *Circumstances in which a pass-through entity or nonresident member may not elect out of the composite return requirement.***

a. The ability to elect out of the composite return is conditionally granted by the department based on the nonresident member's promise to comply with the filing and payment requirements listed in subrule 405.6(3) and the pass-through entity's compliance with Iowa tax law.

b. If information available to the department indicates that the pass-through entity has not complied with Iowa tax law, including but not limited to properly reporting or sourcing its income or other tax items within and without Iowa, the department may revoke the pass-through entity's ability to enter into a Nonresident Member Composite Agreement with its nonresident members.

c. If information available to the department indicates that a nonresident member has not complied with the filing and payment requirements listed in subrule 405.6(3), the department may revoke the pass-through entity's ability to enter into a Nonresident Member Composite Agreement with that particular nonresident member.

d. The pass-through entity will be notified in writing of a revocation under paragraph 405.6(2) "b" or "c," and such revocation will take effect 30 days following the date on the revocation letter. The revocation will not affect any Nonresident Member Composite Agreement entered into prior to the effective date of the revocation. After such revocation, a pass-through entity will not be allowed to enter into a Nonresident Member Composite Agreement with the affected nonresident members without written permission from the department.

**405.6(3) *Filing and payment requirements for a nonresident member electing out of composite return requirement.*** To elect out of the composite return requirement, a nonresident member must agree to all of the following in the Nonresident Member Composite Agreement:

a. The nonresident member shall file an Iowa income or franchise tax return, unless such return is subject to a filing threshold and the nonresident member falls below that threshold and is not required to file.

b. The nonresident member shall timely pay all Iowa income or franchise tax related to the nonresident member's distributive share of Iowa-source income from the pass-through entity, including, if applicable, estimated tax payments and composite return tax payments.

c. The nonresident member shall acknowledge that the nonresident member is subject to personal jurisdiction in Iowa for the collection of Iowa income or franchise tax liability.

**405.6(4) *Retention of records.*** The signed Nonresident Member Composite Agreement is not required to be submitted with the composite return but shall be retained by the pass-through entity and submitted to the department upon request.

**405.6(5)** *Liability for unpaid tax, penalty, and interest for a nonresident member electing out of the composite return requirement.* A pass-through entity that enters into a Nonresident Member Composite Agreement with a nonresident member will remain jointly and severally liable for any unpaid composite return tax, penalty, and interest attributable to the electing nonresident member's distributive share of Iowa-source income from the pass-through entity. If the department determines that a nonresident member has failed to comply with the tax filing and payment requirements agreed to in subrule 405.6(3), it may collect the unpaid composite return tax, penalty, and interest directly from the pass-through entity.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.16B.  
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**701—405.7(422) Determination of composite return tax.**

**405.7(1)** Each nonresident member's distributive share of Iowa-source income from the pass-through entity shall be determined at the entity level in accordance with the Iowa statutes, administrative rules, and tax forms applicable to the pass-through entity's tax type, including provisions related to the allocation and apportionment of income.

**405.7(2)** A partner's Iowa-source income includes the amount of nonseparately stated income, separately stated income including guaranteed payments, and separately stated deductions, attributable to Iowa as properly reported on the partner's IA 1065 Schedule K-1. A shareholder's Iowa-source income includes the amount of nonseparately stated income, separately stated income, and separately stated deductions, attributable to Iowa as properly reported on the shareholder's IA 1120S Schedule K-1. A beneficiary's Iowa-source income includes the amount of distributable net income attributable to Iowa as properly reported on the beneficiary's IA 1041 Schedule K-1.

**405.7(3)** No net operating loss or other owner-level tax attribute modification, or reduction for Iowa tax credits, is allowed in the computation of each nonresident member's Iowa-source income for purposes of the composite return. To claim an owner-level tax attribute modification, or an Iowa tax credit, the nonresident member must file the nonresident member's own Iowa tax return.

**405.7(4)** If a nonresident member's Iowa-source income is a loss, that loss cannot be netted against the Iowa-source income of another nonresident member.

**405.7(5)** The composite return tax for each nonresident member is computed by multiplying the nonresident member's Iowa-source income, if positive, by the highest tax rate applicable to that nonresident member. C corporations, or tax-exempt entities with unrelated business income, will be taxed at the highest corporate tax rate in Iowa Code section 422.33. Financial institutions will be taxed at the franchise tax rate in Iowa Code section 422.63. Individuals, estates, trusts, partnerships, and S corporations (except those subject to the franchise tax) will be taxed at the highest individual tax rate in Iowa Code section 422.5A. The sum of the composite return tax for all nonresident members is the pass-through entity's total composite return tax liability.

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**701—405.8(422) Filing for nonresident members—composite tax credits.**

**405.8(1)** *In general.* Nonresident members included on a pass-through entity's composite return may still have an Iowa return filing requirement. The nonresident member shall receive a refundable composite tax credit for the composite return tax paid on the nonresident member's behalf by the pass-through entity. The nonresident member's composite tax credit shall be claimed for the same tax year that the nonresident member's Iowa-source income from the pass-through entity is required to be reported on the nonresident member's Iowa income or franchise return.

**405.8(2)** *Nonresident member—partnership.* A nonresident member that is a partnership is required to file the Iowa partnership return (IA 1065). The partnership is also subject to the composite return requirements if it has one or more nonresident members for any period of time during the tax year or if it desires to claim a composite tax credit it received from another pass-through entity. The partnership shall claim its composite tax credit on its composite return. Subrule 405.8(4) contains information related to financial institutions organized as pass-through entities.

**405.8(3) Nonresident member—S corporation.** A nonresident member that is an S corporation is required to file the Iowa income tax return for S corporations (IA 1120S). The S corporation is also subject to the composite return requirements if it has one or more nonresident members for any period of time during the tax year or if it desires to claim a composite tax credit it received from another pass-through entity. The S corporation shall claim its composite tax credit on its composite return. Subrule 405.8(4) contains information related to financial institutions organized as pass-through entities.

**405.8(4) Nonresident member—financial institution.**

*a.* A nonresident member that is a financial institution as defined in Iowa Code section 422.61 is required to file the Iowa franchise return for financial institutions (IA 1120F). The financial institution shall claim its composite tax credit on its Iowa franchise return for financial institutions (IA 1120F).

*b.* If the nonresident financial institution is organized as a pass-through entity, it is also required to file the Iowa partnership return (IA 1065) or the Iowa income tax return for S corporations (IA 1120S), as applicable, and is subject to the composite return requirements if it has one or more nonresident members for any period of time during the tax year. In such instances, the financial institution may claim its composite tax credit on its Iowa franchise return for financial institutions (IA 1120F) or its composite return.

**405.8(5) Nonresident members—C corporation or tax-exempt entity.** A nonresident member that is a C corporation, or a tax-exempt entity with unrelated business income, is required to file the Iowa corporation income tax return (IA 1120). The entity shall claim its composite tax credit on its Iowa corporation income tax return (IA 1120).

**405.8(6) Nonresident member—estate or trust.** A nonresident member that is an estate or trust is required to file the Iowa fiduciary return (IA 1041) unless the estate's or trust's taxable income is below the Iowa return filing threshold in Iowa Code section 422.14. The estate or trust is also subject to the composite return requirement if its taxable income is above the Iowa return filing threshold in Iowa Code section 422.14 and if it has one or more nonresident members for any period of time during the tax year. The estate or trust may claim its composite tax credit on its Iowa fiduciary return (IA 1041) or its composite return.

**405.8(7) Nonresident members—individuals.** A nonresident member that is an individual is required to file the Iowa individual income tax return (IA 1040) unless the individual's income is below the Iowa return filing threshold in Iowa Code section 422.13, or unless the individual's distributive share of pass-through entity income included on one or more composite returns is the individual's only Iowa-source income. The individual shall claim the composite tax credit on the individual's Iowa individual income tax return (IA 1040).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.16B.  
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### **701—405.9(422) Composite returns for nonresidents who are not members of a pass-through entity.**

**405.9(1)** The department may require that a composite return be filed under this chapter for nonresidents who are not members of a pass-through entity. The requirement may be set forth in this chapter for a category of persons or may be made directly in writing by the department to a specific person.

**405.9(2)** If a person who is not required to file a composite return under this chapter desires to do so for a group of nonresidents, the person shall request and receive permission from the department before filing the composite return. In order to be a valid request, the request must be in writing and must include sufficient information about the person making the request, the nonresidents to be included in the composite return, and the reason for filing on a composite return basis to enable the department to evaluate the request and make a determination. Once a valid request is received, the department may request additional information. Written requests shall be mailed to Policy Bureau, Research and Policy Division, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 14467, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-3467.

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CHAPTERS 406 to 499  
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TITLE VI  
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ADMINISTRATION

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**701—500.1(422) Definitions.**

**500.1(1)** When the word “department” appears herein, it refers to and is synonymous with the “Iowa Department of Revenue”; the word “director” is the “Director of Revenue” or the director’s authorized assistants and employees; the word “tax” is the “corporation income tax”; and the word “return” is the “corporation income tax return.”

The administration of the corporation income tax is a responsibility of the department. The department is charged with the administration of the corporation income tax, subject always to the rules, regulations and direction of the director.

**500.1(2)** The term “corporation” as used in divisions II and III of Iowa Code chapter 422 and in these rules includes not only corporations which have been created or organized under the laws of Iowa, but also those which are qualified to do, or are doing business in Iowa, in a corporate or organized capacity, by virtue of creation or organization under the laws of the United States or some state, territory or district or of a foreign country. The term “corporation” is not limited to the artificial entity usually known as a corporation, but includes also an association, a trust classed as an association because of its nature or its activities, a joint stock company, and certain kinds of partnerships. Any association or organization which is required to report as a corporation, for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, shall be considered to be a corporation for the purposes of Iowa income tax on corporations. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the term “corporation” includes publicly traded partnerships which are taxed as corporations under the Internal Revenue Code. For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 1994, the term corporation includes limited liability companies taxed as corporations under the Internal Revenue Code. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1997, the term “corporation” includes partnerships taxed as corporations under the Internal Revenue Code.

**500.1(3)** The term “association” is not used in the law in any narrow or technical sense. It includes any organization created for the transaction of designated affairs, or the attainment of some object, which like a corporation continues notwithstanding that its members or participants change, and the affairs of which, like corporate affairs, are conducted by a single individual, a committee, a board, or some other group, acting in a representative capacity. It is immaterial whether such organization is created by an agreement, a declaration of trust, a statute, or otherwise. It includes a voluntary association, a joint stock association or company, a business trust, a Massachusetts trust, a common law trust, a partnership association, and any other type of organization, by whatever name known, which is not, within the meaning of the law, a trust or an estate, or a partnership. An investment trust of the type commonly known as a management trust is an association, and a trust of the type commonly known as a fixed investment trust, is an association if there is power under the trust agreement to vary the investment of the certificate holders. If the conduct of the affairs of a corporation continues after the expiration of its charter, or the termination of its existence, it becomes an association.

**500.1(4)** The term “Internal Revenue Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 prior to the date of its redesignation as the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, whichever is applicable.

**500.1(5)** The terms “consolidation” and “corporate merger” have the following meaning in regard to corporate reorganizations. A “consolidation” is unification of two or more constituent corporations into a single newly existing corporation in which the new corporation takes over assets and assumes liabilities of constituent corporations which pass out of existence; a “corporate merger” is distinguished

by continuing existence of one of the constituent corporations into which other corporations are merged. *Handley v. Wyandotte Chemicals Corp.*, 352 N.W.2d 447, 450, 118 Mich. App. 423.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.32 as amended by 1997 Iowa Acts, House File 266.

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#### **701—500.2(422) Statutes of limitation.**

##### **500.2(1) Periods of audit.**

a. The department has three years after a return has been filed or three years after the return became due, including any extensions of time for filing, whichever time is the later, to determine whether any additional tax other than that shown on the return is due and owing. This three-year statute of limitations does not apply in the instances specified in paragraphs “b,” “c,” “d,” “e,” “f” and “g.”

b. If a taxpayer fails to include in the return such items of gross income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, as will under that Code extend the statute of limitations for federal tax purposes to six years, the correct amount of tax due may be determined by the department within six years from the time the return is filed, or within six years after the return became due, including any extensions of time for filing, whichever time is the later.

c. If a taxpayer files a false or fraudulent return with intent to evade tax, the correct amount of tax due may be determined by the department at any time after the return has been filed.

d. If a taxpayer fails to file a return, the periods of limitation so specified in Iowa Code section 422.25 do not begin to run until the return is filed with the department.

e. While the burden of proof of additional tax owing under the six-year period or the unlimited periods is upon the department, a prima facie case of omission of income, or of making a false or fraudulent return, shall be made upon a showing of a federal audit of the same income, a determination by federal authorities that the taxpayer omitted items of gross income or made a false or fraudulent return, and the payment by the taxpayer of the amount claimed by the federal government to be the correct tax or the admission by the taxpayer to the federal government of liability for that amount.

f. In addition to the periods of limitation set forth in paragraph “a,” “b,” “c,” “d,” or “e,” the department has six months after notification by the taxpayer of the final disposition of any matter between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service with respect to any particular tax year to make an examination and determination. Final disposition of any matter between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service triggers the extension of the statute of limitations for the department to make an examination and determination, and the extension runs until six months after the department receives notification and a copy of the federal document showing the final disposition or final federal adjustments from the taxpayer. *Van Dyke v. Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance*, 547 N.W.2d 1. This examination and determination is limited to those matters between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service which affect Iowa taxable income. *Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987). The notification shall be in writing in any form sufficient to inform the department of final disposition, and attached to the notification shall be a photo reproduction or carbon copy of the federal document which shows the final disposition and any schedules necessary to explain the federal adjustments. The notification and copy of the federal document shall be mailed, under separate cover, to the Examination Section, Compliance Division, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10456, Des Moines, Iowa 50306. Any notification and copy of the federal document which is included in, made a part of, or mailed with a current year Iowa corporation income tax return will not be considered as proper notification for the purposes of beginning the running of the six-month period.

When a taxpayer’s income or loss is included in a consolidated federal corporation income tax return, notification shall include a schedule of adjustments to the taxpayer’s income, a copy of the revenue agent’s tax computation, a schedule of revised foreign tax credit on a separate company basis if applicable, and a schedule of consolidating income statements after federal adjustments.

g. In lieu of the above periods of limitation for any prior year for which an overpayment of tax or an elimination or reduction of an underpayment of tax due for that prior year results from the carryback

to such prior year of a net operating loss or net capital loss, the period shall be the period of limitations for the taxable year of the net operating loss or net capital loss which results in such carryback.

*h.* The department may, at any time within the period prescribed for assessment or refund adjustment, make a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment whenever it is ascertained that any assessment or refund adjustment is imperfect or incomplete in any respect.

If an assessment or refund adjustment is appealed (protested under rule 701—7.9(17A)) and is resolved whether by informal proceedings or by adjudication, the department and the taxpayer are precluded from making a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment concerning the same issue involved in such appeal for the same tax period unless there is a showing of mathematical or clerical error or a showing of fraud or misrepresentation. Nothing in this rule shall prevent the making of an assessment or refund adjustment for the purpose of taking into account the impact upon Iowa net income of federal audit adjustments.

**500.2(2)** Reserved.

**500.2(3)** *Waiver of statute of limitations.* Waivers entered into on or after July 1, 1989. When the department and the taxpayer enter into an agreement to extend the period of limitation, interest continues to accrue on an assessed deficiency or overpayment during the period of the waiver. The taxpayer may claim a refund during the period of the waiver.

**500.2(4)** *Amended returns filed within 60 days of the expiration of the statute of limitations for assessment.* If a taxpayer files an amended return on or after April 1, 1995, within 60 days prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations for assessment, the department has 60 days from the date the amended return is received to issue an assessment for applicable tax, interest, or penalty.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.25, 422.30, and 422.35.

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#### **701—500.3(422) Retention of records.**

**500.3(1)** Every corporation subject to the tax imposed by Iowa Code section 422.33 (whether or not the corporation incurs liability for the tax) shall retain its books and records as required by Section 6001 of the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.6001-1(e) including the federal schedules required by 701—subrule 501.3(3). For taxpayers using an electronic data interchange process or technology also see 701—subrule 11.4(4).

**500.3(2)** In addition, records relating to the computation of the Iowa apportionment factor, allocable income, other deductions or additions to federal taxable income and Iowa tax credits shall be retained so long as the contents may be material in the administration of the Iowa Code under the statutes of limitation for audit specified in Iowa Code section 422.25.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.25 and 422.70.

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**701—500.4(422) Cancellation of authority to do business.** If a corporation required by Iowa Code section 422.40 to file any report or return (including returns of information at source) or to pay any tax or fee, fails to do so within 90 days after the time prescribed for making such returns or payment, the director may certify such fact to the secretary of state, who shall thereupon cancel the articles of incorporation or certificate of authority (as the case may be) of such corporation, and the rights to such corporation to carry on business in the state of Iowa as a corporation shall thereupon cease. The statute provides for a penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for any person or persons who continue to exercise or attempt to exercise any powers, privileges, or franchises granted under articles of incorporation or certificate of authority after cancellation of the same.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.40.

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**701—500.5(422) Authority for deductions.** Whether and to what extent deductions shall be allowed depends upon specific legislative acts, and only where there is a clear provision can any particular deduction be allowed. Therefore, a deduction will be allowed only if the taxpayer can establish to the

satisfaction of the department the validity and correctness of such deduction. 71 Am. Jur. 2d State and Local Taxation, Subsection 518 (1973).

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#### **701—500.6(422) Jeopardy assessments.**

**500.6(1)** A jeopardy assessment may be made where a return has been filed and the director believes for any reason that collection of the tax will be jeopardized by delay, or where a taxpayer fails to file a return, whether or not formally called upon to file a return. The department is authorized to estimate the income of the taxpayer upon the basis of available information, add penalty and interest, and demand immediate payment.

**500.6(2)** A jeopardy assessment is due and payable when the notice of the assessment is served upon the taxpayer. Proceedings to enforce the payment of the assessment by seizure or sale of any property of the taxpayer may be instituted immediately.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.30.

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**701—500.7(422) Information confidential.** Iowa Code sections 422.20 and 422.72 apply generally to the director, deputies, auditors, examiners, agents, present or former officers and employees of the department. Disclosure of information from a taxpayer's filed return or report or other confidential state information by department of revenue personnel to a third person is prohibited under the above sections. Other persons having acquired information disclosed in a taxpayer's filed return or report or other confidential state information will be bound by the same rules of secrecy under these sections as any member of the department and will be subject to the same penalties for violations as provided by law. See 701—subrule 5.8(3).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.20, 422.38, and 422.72.

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**701—500.8** Reserved.

**701—500.9(422) Delegation of authority to audit and examine.** Pursuant to statutory authority the director delegates to the authorized assistants and employees the power to examine returns and make audits; and to determine the correct amount of tax due, subject to review by or appeal to the director.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.71.

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**701—500.10(422) Corporate income tax rate adjustments.** By November 1, 2022, and by November 1 of each subsequent year, the department of management shall determine the net corporate income tax receipts for the preceding fiscal year and provide the amount determined to the department of revenue. If the net corporate income tax receipts for the preceding fiscal year exceed \$700 million, the department of revenue will adjust the corporate income tax rates to the rates that would have generated \$700 million in net corporate income tax receipts in the preceding fiscal year.

**500.10(1) Method for determination of the tax rates.** When the net corporate income tax receipts in the preceding fiscal year are sufficient to trigger a rate reduction, the department of revenue will adjust the corporate income tax rates according to the following method.

*a.* The department will use data from corporate tax returns for the most recent tax years for which the department has sufficient data available to calculate corporate income tax receipts for the applicable fiscal year as described in paragraphs 500.10(1)“*b*” and “*c*.”

*b.* The department will first estimate what the corporate tax revenue would be for the current tax year and the two preceding tax years corresponding to the fiscal year in question using the applicable corporate income tax rates.

*c.* The department will then apply lower marginal tax rates for those tax years to determine what marginal tax rates would have generated \$700 million in net corporate income tax receipts in the preceding fiscal year.

*d.* In reducing the marginal tax rates, the department will first reduce the highest marginal rate until it is equal to the next highest rate, then reduce the two highest rates by equal amounts, until there is a single rate of 5.5 percent.

*e.* The tax rates will be rounded down to the nearest one-tenth of 1 percent.

**500.10(2)** *Effective date of tax rates.* The tax rates determined by the calculation in subrule 51.10(1) will apply for tax years beginning on or after the next January 1 following the determination date. The department will publish the new corporate income tax rates in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin and on the department's website by the first December 31 following the determination date.

**500.10(3)** *Automatic repeal.* This rule is repealed effective January 1 of the first year in which the corporate income tax rate is reduced to a single rate of 5.5 percent.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

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CHAPTER 501  
FILING RETURNS, PAYMENT OF TAX,  
PENALTY AND INTEREST, AND TAX CREDITS

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**701—501.1(422) Who must file.** Every corporation, organized under the laws of Iowa or qualified to do business within this state or doing business within Iowa, regardless of net income, shall file a true and accurate return of its income or loss for the taxable period. The return shall be signed by the president or other duly authorized officer. If the corporation was inactive or not doing business within Iowa, although qualified to do so, during the taxable year, the return must contain a statement to that effect.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, every corporation organized under the laws of Iowa, doing business within Iowa, or deriving income from sources consisting of real or tangible property located or having a situs within Iowa, shall file a true and accurate return of its income or loss for the taxable period. The return shall be signed by the president or other duly authorized officer.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, every corporation organized under the laws of Iowa, doing business within Iowa, or deriving income from sources consisting of real, tangible, or intangible property located or having a situs within Iowa, shall file a true and accurate return of its income or loss for the taxable period. The return shall be signed by the president or other duly authorized officer. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1999, every corporation doing business within Iowa, or deriving income from sources consisting of real, tangible, or intangible property located or having a situs within Iowa, shall file a true and accurate return of its income or loss for the taxable period. The return shall be signed by the president or other duly authorized officer.

Political organizations described in Internal Revenue Code Section 527 which are domiciled in this state and are required to file federal Form 1120POL and pay federal corporation income tax are subject to Iowa corporation income tax to the same extent as they are subject to federal corporation income tax.

Homeowners associations described in Internal Revenue Code Section 528 which are domiciled in this state and are required to file federal Form 1120H and pay federal corporation income tax are subject to Iowa corporation income tax to the same extent as they are subject to federal corporation income tax.

**501.1(1) Definitions.**

*a. Doing business.* The term “doing business” is used in a comprehensive sense and includes all activities or any transactions for the purpose of financial or pecuniary gain or profit. Irrespective of the nature of its activities, every corporation organized for profit and carrying out any of the purposes of its organization shall be deemed to be “doing business.” In determining whether a corporation is doing business, it is immaterial whether its activities actually result in a profit or loss.

*b. Representative.* A person may be considered a representative even though that person may not be considered an employee for other purposes such as withholding of income tax from commissions.

*c. Tangible property having a situs within this state.* The term “tangible property having a situs within this state” means that tangible property owned or used by a foreign corporation is habitually present in Iowa or it maintains a fixed and regular route through Iowa sufficient so that Iowa could constitutionally under the 14th Amendment and Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution impose an apportioned ad valorem tax on the property. *Central R. Co. v. Pennsylvania*, 370 U.S. 607, 82 S.Ct. 1297, 8 L.Ed.2d (1962); *New York Central & H. Railroad Co. v. Miller*, 202 U.S. 584, 26 S.Ct. 714, 50 L.Ed. 1155 (1906); *American Refrigerator Transit Company v. State Tax Commission*, 395 P.2d 127 (Or. 1964); *Upper Missouri River Corporation v. Board of Review*, Woodbury County, 210 N.W.2d 828.

*d. Intangible property located or having a situs within Iowa.* Intangible property does not have a situs in the physical sense in any particular place. *Wheeling Steel Corporation v. Fox*, 298 U.S. 193, 80 L.Ed. 1143, 56 S.Ct. 773 (1936); *McNamara v. George Engine Company, Inc.*, 519 So.2d 217 (La. App. 1988). The term “intangible property located or having a situs within Iowa” means generally that the intangible property belongs to a corporation with its commercial domicile in Iowa or, regardless of where the corporation which owns the intangible property has its commercial domicile, the intangible property has become an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in Iowa. *Beidler*

*v. South Carolina Tax Commission*, 282 U.S. 1, 75 L.Ed. 131, 51 S.Ct. 54 (1930); *Geoffrey, Inc. v. South Carolina Tax Commission*, 437 S.E.2d 13 (S.C. 1993), cert. denied, 114 S.Ct. 550 (1993); *Kmart Properties, Inc. v. Taxation & Revenue Department of New Mexico*, 131 P. 3d 27 (N.M. Ct. App. 2001), rev'd on other issues, 131 P. 3d 22 (N.M. 2005); *Secretary, Department of Revenue v. Gap (Apparel), Inc.*, 886 So. 2d 459 (La.Ct.App. 2004); *A & F Trademark v. Tolson*, 605 S.E. 2d 187 (N.C.App. 2004), cert. denied 126 S.Ct. 353 (2005); *Lanco, Inc. v. Director, Division of Taxation*, 879 A.2d 1234 (N.J.Super.A.D. 2005), aff'd, 908 A.2d 176 (N.J. 2006) (per curiam), cert. denied 127 S.Ct. 2974 (June 18, 2007); *Geoffrey, Inc. v. Oklahoma Tax Commission*, 132 P. 3d 632 (Okla. Ct. Civ. App. 2005), cert. denied (Mar. 20, 2006), as corrected (Apr. 12, 2006); *FIA Card Services, Inc. v. Tax Comm'r*, 640 S.E.2d 226 (W. Va. 2006), cert. denied, 127 S.Ct. 2997 (June 18, 2007); *Capital One Bank v. Commissioner of Revenue*, 899 N.E.2d 76 (Mass. 2009); *Geoffrey, Inc. v. Commissioner of Revenue*, 899 N.E.2d 87 (Mass. 2009); *KFC Corporation v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 792 N.W. 2d 308 (Iowa 2010), cert. denied 132 S. Ct. 97 (October 3, 2011). The following is a noninclusive list of types of intangible property: copyrights, patents, processes, trademarks, trade names, franchises, contracts, bank deposits including certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, mortgage loans, consumer loans, business loans, shares of stocks, bonds, licenses, partnership interests including limited partnership interests, leaseholds, money, evidences of an interest in property, evidences of debts such as credit card debt, leases, an undivided interest in a loan, rights-of-way, and interests in trusts.

The term also includes every foreign corporation which has acquired a commercial domicile in Iowa and whose property has not acquired a constitutional tax situs outside of Iowa.

**501.1(2) Corporate activities not creating taxability.** Public Law 86-272, 15 U.S.C.A., Sections 381-385, in general prohibits any state from imposing an income tax on income derived within the state from interstate commerce if the only business activity within the state consists of the solicitation of orders of tangible personal property by or on behalf of a corporation by its employees or representatives. Such orders must be sent outside the state for approval or rejection and, if approved, must be filled by shipment or delivery from a point outside the state to be within the purview of Public Law 86-272. Public Law 86-272 does not extend to those corporations which sell services, real estate, or intangibles in more than one state or to domestic corporations. For example, Public Law 86-272 does not extend to brokers or manufacturers' representatives or other persons or entities selling products for another person or entity.

*a.* If the only activities in Iowa of a foreign corporation selling tangible personal property are those of the type described in the noninclusive listing below, the corporation is protected from the Iowa corporation income tax law by Public Law 86-272.

(1) The free distribution by salespersons of product samples, brochures, and catalogues which explain the use of or laud the product, or both.

(2) The lease or ownership of motor vehicles for use by salespersons in soliciting orders.

(3) Salespersons' negotiation of a price for a product, subject to approval or rejection outside the taxing state of such negotiated price and solicited order.

(4) Demonstration by salesperson, prior to the sale, of how the corporation's product works.

(5) The placement of advertising in newspapers, radio, and television.

(6) Delivery of goods to customers by foreign corporation in its own or leased vehicles from a point outside the taxing state. Delivery does not include nonimmune activities, such as picking up damaged goods.

(7) Collection of state or local-option sales taxes or state use taxes from customers.

(8) Audit of inventory levels by salespersons to determine if corporation's customer needs more inventory.

(9) Recruitment, training, evaluation, and management of salespersons pertaining to solicitation of orders.

(10) Salespersons' intervention/mediation in credit disputes between customers and non-Iowa located corporate departments.

(11) Use of hotel rooms and homes for sales-related meetings pertaining to solicitation of orders.

(12) Salespersons' assistance to wholesalers in obtaining suitable displays for products at retail stores.

- (13) Salespersons' furnishing of display racks to retailers.
- (14) Salespersons' advice to retailers on the art of displaying goods to the public.
- (15) Rental of hotel rooms for short-term display of products.
- (16) Mere forwarding of customer questions, concerns, or problems by salespersons to non-Iowa locations.

*b.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1996, a foreign corporation will not be considered doing business in this state or deriving income from sources within this state if its only activities within this state are one or more of the following activities:

- (1) Holding meetings of the board of directors or shareholders, or holiday parties, or employee appreciation dinners.
- (2) Maintaining bank accounts.
- (3) Borrowing money, with or without security.
- (4) Utilizing Iowa courts for litigation.
- (5) Owning and controlling a subsidiary corporation which is incorporated in or which is transacting business within this state where the holding or parent company has no physical presence in the state as that presence relates to the ownership or control of the subsidiary.
- (6) Recruiting personnel where hiring occurs outside the state.

*c.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1997, a foreign corporation will not be considered doing business in this state or deriving income from sources within this state if its only activities within this state, in addition to the activities listed in paragraph "b" above, are training its employees or educating its employees, or using facilities in this state for this purpose.

*d.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a foreign corporation will not be considered to be doing business in Iowa or deriving income from sources within Iowa if its only activities within Iowa, in addition to the activities listed in paragraphs "b" and "c" of this subrule, are utilizing a distribution facility in Iowa, owning or leasing property at a distribution facility in Iowa, or selling property shipped or distributed from a distribution facility in Iowa.

A distribution facility is an establishment at which shipments of tangible personal property are processed for delivery to customers. A distribution facility does not include an establishment at which retail sales of tangible personal property or returns of such property are undertaken with respect to retail customers more than 12 days in a year. However, an exception to the 12-day requirement is allowed for distribution facilities that process customer orders by mail, telephone, or electronic means, if the distribution facility also processes shipments of tangible personal property to customers, as long as no more than 10 percent of the goods are delivered or shipped to a purchaser in Iowa.

The following nonexclusive examples illustrate how this subrule applies:

EXAMPLE 1: A, a foreign corporation, stores its inventory of books at a facility in Iowa. The facility processes orders for these books solely by mail, telephone and the Internet on behalf of A, and customers are not allowed to purchase books at the facility's site in Iowa. The facility processes shipments of these books, and 5 percent of the books at this facility are delivered to purchasers located in Iowa. A does not conduct any other business activities in Iowa. A is not considered to be doing business in Iowa because less than 10 percent of the books at the facility are delivered to an Iowa customer.

EXAMPLE 2: B, a foreign corporation, stores its inventory of compact disks at a facility in Iowa. The facility processes orders for these compact disks solely by mail, telephone and the Internet on behalf of B, and customers are not allowed to purchase compact disks at the facility's site in Iowa. The facility processes shipments of these compact disks, and 15 percent of the compact disks at the facility are delivered to purchasers located in Iowa. B does not conduct any other business activities in Iowa. B is considered to be doing business in Iowa because more than 10 percent of the compact disks at the facility are delivered to an Iowa customer.

EXAMPLE 3: C, a foreign corporation, stores its inventory of doors and windows at a facility in Iowa. The facility processes orders for these windows and doors solely by mail, telephone and the Internet, and customers are not allowed to purchase these windows and doors at the facility's site in Iowa. The facility processes shipments of these windows and doors, and 7 percent of the windows and doors are delivered to purchasers located in Iowa. C will also install these windows and doors in Iowa upon customer request.

C is considered to be doing business in Iowa even though less than 10 percent of the windows and doors are delivered to Iowa customers because C is also conducting installation activities in Iowa which are not protected under Public Law 86-272.

EXAMPLE 4: D, a foreign corporation, stores its inventory of home decorating and craft kits at a facility in Iowa. The facility does not process any customer orders by mail, telephone or the Internet, and does not process any shipments of these kits directly to customers. D allows customers to come to the facility 14 days each year to directly purchase these kits, and customers must arrange for their own delivery of the kits. D is considered to be doing business in Iowa because sales to retail customers are conducted more than 12 days in a year, and the facility does not process customer orders or shipments to customers.

**501.1(3) Corporate activities creating taxability.** “Solicitation of orders” within Public Law 86-272 is limited to those activities which explicitly or implicitly propose a sale or which are entirely ancillary to requests for purchases. Activities that are entirely ancillary to requests for purchases are ones that serve no independent business function apart from their connection to the soliciting of orders. An activity that is not ancillary to requests for purchases is one that a corporation (taxpayer) has a reason to do anyway whether or not it chooses to allocate it to its sales force operating in Iowa (such as repair, installation, service-type activities, or collection on accounts). Activities that take place after a sale ordinarily will not be entirely ancillary to a request for purchases and, therefore, ordinarily will not be considered in “solicitation of orders.” *Wisconsin Department of Revenue v. William Wrigley, Jr. Company*, 505 U.S. 214, 120 L.Ed.2d 174, 112 S.Ct. 2447 (1992).

De minimis activities which are not “solicitation of orders” are protected under Public Law 86-272. Whether in-state nonsolicitation activities are sufficiently de minimis to avoid loss of tax immunity depends upon whether those activities establish only a trivial additional connection with the taxing state. Whether a corporation’s nonsolicitation in-state activities are de minimis should not be decided solely by the quantity of one type of such activity but, rather, all types of nonsolicitation activities of the taxpayer should be considered in their totality. *Wisconsin v. Wrigley*, 505 U.S. 214, 120 L.Ed.2d 174, 112 S.Ct. 2447 (1992). Frequency of the activity may be relevant, but an isolated activity is not invariably trivial. The mere fact that an activity involves small amounts of money or property does not invariably mean it is trivial.

If a foreign corporation has greater than a de minimis amount of Iowa nonsolicitation activity which includes activity of the types described in the noninclusive listing below, whether done by the salesperson, other employee, or other representative, it is not immunized from the Iowa corporation income tax by Public Law 86-272.

- a. Installation or assembly of the corporate product.
- b. Ownership or lease of real estate by corporation.
- c. Solicitation of orders for, or sale of, services or real estate.
- d. Sale of tangible personal property (as opposed to solicitation of orders) or performance of services within Iowa.
- e. Maintenance of a stock of inventory.
- f. Existence of an office or other business location.
- g. Managerial activities pertaining to nonsolicitation activities.
- h. Collections on regular or delinquent accounts.
- i. Technical assistance and training given after the sale to purchaser and user of corporate products.
- j. The repair or replacement of faulty or damaged goods.
- k. The pickup of damaged, obsolete, or returned merchandise from purchaser or user.
- l. Rectification of or assistance in rectifying any product complaints, shipping complaints, etc., if more is involved than relaying complaints to a non-Iowa location.
- m. Delivery of corporate merchandise inventory to corporation’s distributors or dealers on consignment.
- n. Maintenance of personal property which is not related to solicitation of orders.

- o. Participation in recruitment, training, monitoring, or approval of servicing distributors, dealers, or others where purchasers of corporation's products can have such products serviced or repaired.
- p. Inspection or verification of faulty or damaged goods.
- q. Inspection of the customer's installation of the corporate product.
- r. Research.
- s. Salespersons' use of part of their homes or other places as an office if the corporation pays for such use.
- t. The use of samples for replacement or sale; storage of such samples at home or in rented space.
- u. Removal of old or defective products.
- v. Verification of the destruction of damaged merchandise.
- w. Independent contractors, agents, brokers, representatives and other individuals or entities who act on behalf of or at the direction of the corporation (taxpayer) and who do non-de minimis amounts of nonsolicitation activities remove the corporation from the protection of Public Law 86-272. However, the maintenance of an office in Iowa or the making of sales in Iowa by independent contractors does not remove the corporation from the protection of Public Law 86-272. The term "independent contractors" means commission agents, brokers, or other independent contractors who are engaged in selling or soliciting orders for the sale of tangible personal property or perform other services for more than one principal and who hold themselves out as such in the regular course of their business activities. If a person is subject to the direct control of the foreign corporation that person may not qualify as an independent contractor.

**501.1(4)** *Taxation of corporations having only intangible property located or having a situs in Iowa.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, corporations whose only connection with Iowa is their ownership of intangible property located or having a situs in Iowa are subject to Iowa income tax and must file an Iowa income tax return. Intangible property is located or has a situs in Iowa if the corporation's commercial domicile is in Iowa and the intangible property has not become an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly within or without Iowa. Regardless whether the corporation's commercial domicile is in or out of Iowa, intangible property is located or has a situs in Iowa if the intangible property has become an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in Iowa. *Geoffrey, Inc. v. South Carolina Tax Commission*, 437 S.E.2d 13 (S.C. 1993), cert. denied, 114 S.Ct. 550 (1993); *Arizona Tractor Company v. Arizona State Tax Commission*, 115 Ariz. 602, 566 P.2d 1348 (Ariz. App. 1977); *KFC Corporation v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 792 N.W. 2d 308 (Iowa 2010), cert. denied 132 S.Ct. 97 (October 3, 2011). In the event that the intangible property interest is a general or limited partnership interest, the location or situs of that partnership interest is the place(s) where the partnership conducts business. *Arizona Tractor Company v. Arizona State Tax Commission*, supra.

The following nonexclusive examples illustrate how this subrule applies:

EXAMPLE 1: A, a corporation with a commercial domicile in State X, has a limited partnership interest in a partnership which does a regular business in Iowa. A has no physical presence in Iowa and has no other contact with Iowa. A's interest in the limited partnership is intangible personal property. A is required to file an Iowa income tax return because A's intangible personal property limited partnership interest has a business situs in Iowa. *Arizona Tractor Company v. Arizona State Tax Commission*, supra.

EXAMPLE 2: B, a corporation with a commercial domicile in State X, owns stock in a subsidiary corporation doing business regularly in Iowa. B has no physical presence in Iowa and has no other contact with Iowa. B controls the subsidiary and has a unitary relationship with it. B pledged the subsidiary stock to secure a line of credit from a bank and used the loaned funds in B's business. Under these circumstances, the subsidiary stock is not an integral part of the subsidiary's business and, therefore, the stock does not have a location or situs in Iowa. Accordingly, B is not required to file an Iowa income tax return as a result of any dividends received by B or capital gains received by B from the sale of the stock. *McNamara v. George Engine Company, Inc.*, 519 So.2d 217 (La. App. 1988).

EXAMPLE 3: C, a corporation with a commercial domicile in State X, owns trademarks and trade names which it, by license agreements, allows other corporations to use. Some of those other corporations do business in Iowa. The trademarks and trade names are used by these other corporations

at their Iowa stores in connection with their business activities at those stores. C has no physical presence in Iowa and has no other contact with Iowa. C is paid royalties of 1 percent of net sales of the licensed products or services. C is required to file an Iowa income tax return because C's intangible property interests in the trademarks and trade names have situs in Iowa. *Geoffrey, Inc. v. South Carolina Tax Commission*, 437 S.E.2d 13 (S.C. 1993), cert. denied, 114 S.Ct. 550 (1993).

EXAMPLE 4: D, a corporation with a commercial domicile in Iowa, is a holding company which does not sell any tangible personal property or sell any business service but which does own the stock of five subsidiaries, all of which do business outside of Iowa. D has no physical presence outside of Iowa and has no other contact outside of Iowa. D has a unitary relationship with each subsidiary. Under these circumstances, the stock is not an integral part of each subsidiary's business so the stock does not have a location or situs outside of Iowa. The location or situs of the stock is in Iowa because D's commercial domicile is in Iowa. Accordingly, all of the dividends from the stock paid to D and any capital gains incurred as a result of D's sale of the stock are wholly taxed by Iowa.

EXAMPLE 5: E, a corporation with a commercial domicile in Iowa, owns trademarks and trade names which it, by license agreements, allows other corporations, located outside of Iowa, to use. The trademarks and trade names are used by these other corporations at their non-Iowa stores in connection with their business activities at those stores. E has no physical presence outside of Iowa and has no other contact outside of Iowa. E has business activities in Iowa. The fees and royalties paid to E are part of E's unitary business income. Under these circumstances, E is entitled to apportion its net income within and without Iowa because E's intangible property interests in the trademarks and trade names have situs outside of Iowa and E has business activities in Iowa.

EXAMPLE 6: F, a corporation with a commercial domicile in State X, owns all of the stock of a subsidiary corporation doing business in Iowa. F has no physical presence in Iowa and no other contact with Iowa. F loans funds to the subsidiary which the subsidiary uses in its Iowa business. Under these circumstances, the interest-bearing asset is not an integral part of the subsidiary's business and, therefore, that intangible asset does not have a location or situs in Iowa. Accordingly, F is not required to file an Iowa income tax return. *Beidler v. South Carolina Tax Commission*, 282 U.S. 1, 75 L.Ed.131, 51 S.Ct. 54 (1930).

EXAMPLE 7: G, a corporation with a commercial domicile in State X, earns fees from the licensing of custom computer software. G has no physical presence in Iowa and no other contact with Iowa. G licenses the software to other corporations which do business in Iowa and which use the software in that business in Iowa. Under these circumstances, regardless whether the fees constitute royalties or something else, the license fees are earned from intangible personal property with a location or situs in Iowa. Accordingly, G is required to file an Iowa income tax return.

EXAMPLE 8: H, a corporation with a commercial domicile in State X, has no physical presence in Iowa. H has entered into a contract with an independent contractor to solicit sales of H's magazines in Iowa. The independent contractor does business in Iowa and receives payment for the magazines and deposits the funds in an Iowa bank for H's account. H earns interest on this account. Under these circumstances which are H's only contact with Iowa, H's interest-bearing account is an integral part of business activity in Iowa. Accordingly, H is required to file an Iowa income tax return and include the interest income in the numerator of the business activity formula.

EXAMPLE 9: J, a corporation with a commercial domicile in State X, earns income from mortgages that the corporation has purchased. J has no physical presence in Iowa and no other contact with Iowa. J earns interest income from the mortgages on property located in Iowa. Under these circumstances, the interest income is an integral part of business activity in Iowa. Accordingly, J is required to file an Iowa income tax return and include the interest income from the mortgages related to Iowa property in the numerator of the apportionment factor.

**501.1(5)** *Taxation of "S" corporations, domestic international sales corporations and real estate investment trusts.* Certain corporations and other types of entities, which are taxable as corporations for federal purposes, may by federal election and qualification have a portion or all of their income taxable to the shareholders or the beneficiaries. Generally, the state of Iowa follows the federal provisions (with adjustments provided by Iowa law) for determining the amount and to whom the income is taxable.

Examples of entities which may avail themselves of pass-through provisions for taxation of at least part of their net income are real estate investment trusts, small business corporations electing to file under Sections 1371-1378 of the Internal Revenue Code, domestic international sales corporations as authorized under Sections 991-997 of the Internal Revenue Code, and certain types of cooperatives and regulated investment companies. The entity's portion of the net income which is taxable as corporation net income for federal purposes is generally also taxable as Iowa corporation income (with adjustments as provided by Iowa law) and the shareholders or beneficiaries will report on their Iowa returns their share of the organization's income reportable for federal purposes as shareholder income (with adjustments provided by Iowa law). Nonresident shareholders or beneficiaries are required to report their distributive share of said income reasonably attributable to Iowa sources. Schedules shall be filed with the individual's return showing the computation of the income attributable to Iowa sources and the computation of the nonresident taxpayer's distributive share thereof. Entities with a nonresident beneficiary or shareholder shall include a schedule in the return computing the amount of income as determined under 701—Chapter 503. It will be the responsibility of the entity to make the apportionment of the income and supply the nonresident taxpayer with information regarding the nonresident taxpayer's Iowa taxable income.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, S corporations which are subject to tax on built-in gains under Section 1374 of the Internal Revenue Code or passive investment income under Section 1375 of the Internal Revenue Code are subject to Iowa corporation income tax on this income to the extent received from business carried on in this state or from sources in this state.

*a.* The starting point for computing the Iowa tax on built-in gains is the amount of built-in gains subject to federal tax after considering the federal income limitation. The starting point for computing the capital gains subject to Iowa tax is the amount of capital gains subject to federal tax. The starting point for computing the passive investment income subject to Iowa income tax is the amount of passive investment income subject to federal tax. To the extent that any of the above three types of income exist for federal income tax purposes, they are combined for Iowa income tax purposes.

*b.* No adjustment is made to the above amounts for either 50 percent of federal income tax or Iowa corporation income tax deducted in computing the federal net income of the S corporation for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2008, and for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014. The 50 percent of federal income tax and Iowa corporation income tax deducted in computing federal net income are adjustments to the Iowa net income which flows through to the shareholders for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2008, and for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, but before January 1, 2014, an adjustment is made to the above amounts for either 50 percent of federal income tax or Iowa corporation income tax deducted in computing the federal net income of the S corporation.

*c.* The allocation and apportionment rules of 701—Chapter 503 apply to nonresident shareholders if the S corporation is carrying on business within and without the state of Iowa.

*d.* Any net operating loss carryforward arising in a taxable year for which the corporation was a C corporation shall be allowed as a deduction against the net recognized built-in gain, capital gains, or passive investment income of the S corporation for the taxable year. For purposes of determining the amount of any such loss which may be carried to any of the 15 subsequent taxable years, after the year of the net operating loss, the amount of the net recognized built-in gain shall be treated as taxable income. For taxable years beginning after August 5, 1997, a net operating loss can be carried forward 20 taxable years.

*e.* Except for estimated and other advance tax payments and any credit carryforward under Iowa Code section 422.33 arising in a taxable year for which the corporation was a C corporation no credits shall be allowed against the built-in gains tax or the tax on capital gains or passive investment income.

For tax years beginning after 1996, Iowa recognizes the federal election to treat subsidiaries of a parent corporation that has elected S corporation status as "qualified subchapter S subsidiaries" (QSSSs). To the extent that, for federal income tax purposes, the incomes and expenses of the QSSSs are combined with the parent's income and expenses, they must be combined for Iowa tax purposes.

**501.1(6)** *Exempted corporations and organizations filing requirements.*

*a. Exempt status.* An organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code, unless the exemption is denied under Section 501, 502, 503 or 504 of the Internal Revenue Code, is exempt from Iowa corporation income tax except as set forth in paragraph “e” of this subrule. The department may, if a question arises regarding the exempt status of an organization, request a copy of the federal determination letter.

*b. Information returns.* Every corporation shall file returns of information as provided by Iowa Code sections 422.15 and 422.16 and any regulations regarding information returns.

*c. Annual return.* An organization or association which is exempt from Iowa corporation income tax because it is exempt from federal income tax is not required to file an annual income tax return unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income. The organization shall inform the director in writing of any revocation of or change of exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service within 30 days after the federal determination.

*d. Tax on unrelated business income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1988.* A tax is imposed on the unrelated business income of corporations, associations, and organizations exempt from the general business tax on corporations by Iowa Code section 422.34(2) to the extent this income is subject to tax under the Internal Revenue Code. The exempt organization is also subject to the alternative minimum tax imposed by Iowa Code section 422.33(4).

The exempt corporation, association, or organization must file Form IA 1120, Iowa Corporation Income Tax Return, to report its income and complete Form IA 4626 if subject to the alternative minimum tax. The exempt organization must make estimated tax payments if its expected income tax liability for the year is \$1,000 or more.

The tax return is due the last day of the fourth month following the last day of the tax year and may be extended for six months by filing Form IA 7004 prior to the due date. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1991, the tax return is due on the fifteenth day of the fifth month following close of the tax year and may be extended six months if 90 percent of the tax is paid prior to the due date.

The starting point for computing Iowa taxable income is federal taxable income as properly computed before deduction for net operating losses. Federal taxable income shall be adjusted as required in Iowa Code section 422.35.

If the activities which generate the unrelated business income are carried on partly within and partly without the state, then the taxpayer should determine the portion of unrelated business income attributable to Iowa by the apportionment and allocation provisions of Iowa Code section 422.33.

The provisions of 701—Chapters 500, 501, 502, 503, 504 and 505 apply to the unrelated business income of organizations exempt from the general business tax on corporations.

*e. Certain posts or organizations of past or present armed forces members may be tax-exempt corporations for tax years beginning after May 21, 2003.* An organization that would have qualified as an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code but for the fact that the requirement that 75 percent of the members need to be past or present armed forces members is not met because the membership includes ancestors or lineal descendants is considered to be an organization exempt from federal income tax.

This change is effective for tax years beginning after May 21, 2003.

*f. Out-of-state business performing work in Iowa due to state-declared disaster:* On or after January 1, 2016, see 701—Chapter 276 for filing requirements for an out-of-state business who enters Iowa to perform disaster and emergency-related work during a disaster response period as those terms are defined in Iowa Code section 29C.24.

**501.1(7) Income tax of corporations in liquidation.** When a corporation is in the process of liquidation, or in the hands of a receiver, the income tax returns must be made under oath or affirmation of the persons responsible for the conduct of the affairs of such corporations, and must be filed at the same time and in the same manner as required of other corporations.

**501.1(8) Income tax returns for corporations dissolved.** Corporations which have been dissolved during the income year must file income tax returns for the period prior to dissolution which has not already been covered by previous returns. Officers and directors are responsible for the filing of the returns and for the payment of taxes, if any, for the audit period provided by law.



Where a corporation dissolves and disposes of its assets without making provision for the payment of its accrued Iowa income tax, liability for the tax follows the assets so distributed and upon failure to secure the unpaid amount, suit to collect the tax may be instituted against the stockholders and other persons receiving the property, to the extent of the property received, except bona fide purchasers or others as provided by law.

**501.1(9) *Income tax returns for corporations storing goods in an Iowa warehouse.*** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, foreign corporations are not required to file income tax returns if their only activities in Iowa are the storage of goods for a period of 60 consecutive days or less in a warehouse for hire located in Iowa, provided that the foreign corporation transports or causes a carrier to transport such goods to that warehouse and that none of these goods are delivered or shipped to a purchaser in Iowa.

The following nonexclusive examples illustrate how this subrule applies:

EXAMPLE 1: A, a foreign corporation, stores goods in a warehouse for hire in Iowa for a period of 45 consecutive days. The goods are then delivered to a purchaser outside Iowa. If this is A's only activity in Iowa, A is not required to file an Iowa income tax return.

EXAMPLE 2: B, a foreign corporation, stores goods in a warehouse for hire in Iowa for a period of 75 consecutive days. The goods are then delivered to a purchaser outside Iowa. B is required to file an Iowa income tax return because the goods were stored in Iowa for more than 60 consecutive days.

EXAMPLE 3: C, a foreign corporation, stores goods in a warehouse for hire in Iowa for a period of 30 consecutive days. One percent of these goods are shipped to a purchaser in Iowa, and the other 99 percent are shipped to a purchaser outside Iowa. C is required to file an Iowa income tax return because a portion of the goods were shipped to a purchaser in Iowa.

EXAMPLE 4: D, a foreign corporation, has retail stores in Iowa. D also stores goods in a warehouse for hire in Iowa for a period of 30 consecutive days. The goods are then delivered to a purchaser outside Iowa. D is required to file an Iowa income tax return because its Iowa activities are not limited to the storage of goods in a warehouse for hire in Iowa.

EXAMPLE 5: E, a foreign corporation, has goods delivered by a common carrier, F, into a warehouse for hire in Iowa. The goods are stored in the warehouse for a period of 40 consecutive days, and are then delivered to a purchaser outside Iowa. If this is E's only activity in Iowa, E is not required to file an Iowa income tax return. However, F is required to file an Iowa income tax return because it derives income from transportation operations in Iowa.

**501.1(10) *Deferment of income for start-up companies.*** For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2002, but before January 1, 2008, a business that qualifies as a "start-up" business can defer taxable income for the first three years that the business is in operation. The deferment of income for start-up companies is repealed effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008.

*a. Definition of start-up business.* A start-up business for purposes of this subrule does not include any of the following:

- (1) An existing business locating in Iowa from another state.
- (2) An existing business locating in Iowa from another location in Iowa.
- (3) A newly created business which is the result of the merger of two or more businesses.
- (4) A newly created subsidiary or new business of a corporation.
- (5) A previously existing business which has been dissolved and reincorporated.
- (6) An existing business operating under a different name and located in a different location.
- (7) A newly created partnership owned by two or more of the same partners as an existing business and engaging in similar business activity as the existing business.
- (8) A business entity that reorganizes or experiences a change in either the legal or trade name of the business.

(9) A joint venture.

*b. Criteria for deferment of taxable income.* In order to qualify for the deferment of taxable income for a start-up business, each of the following criteria must be met:

- (1) The taxpayer is a business that is a wholly new start-up business beginning operations during the first tax year for which the deferment of taxable income is claimed.

- (2) The business has its commercial domicile, as defined by Iowa Code section 422.32, in Iowa.
- (3) The operations of the business are funded by at least 25 percent venture capital moneys. “Venture capital moneys” means an equity investment from an individual or a private seed and venture capital fund whose only business is investing in seed and venture capital opportunities. “Venture capital moneys” does not mean a loan or other nonequity financing from a person, financial institution or other entity.
- (4) The taxpayer does not have any delinquent taxes or other debt outstanding and owing to the state of Iowa.

*c. Request for deferment of income.* A taxpayer must submit a request to the department for the deferment of taxable income. The request must provide evidence that all of the criteria to qualify as a start-up business have been met. The request should be made as soon as possible after the close of the first tax year of the business. The request is to be filed with the Iowa Department of Revenue, Policy Section, Compliance Division, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0457. Upon determination that the criteria have been met, the department will notify the taxpayer that the deferment of taxable income is approved. If the request for deferment of taxable income is denied, the taxpayer may file a protest within 60 days of the date of the letter denying the request for deferment of taxable income. The department’s determination letter shall set forth the taxpayer’s rights to protest the department’s determination.

*d. Filing of tax returns.* If the request for deferment of taxable income is approved, taxable income for the first three years that the business is in operation is deferred. The taxpayer shall pay taxes on the deferred taxable income in five equal annual installments during the five tax years following the three years of deferment. Tax returns must be filed for each tax year in which the deferment is approved. If the taxpayer has a net loss during any tax year during the three-year deferment period, the loss may be applied to any deferred taxable income during that period. For purposes of assessing penalty and interest, the tax on any deferred income is not due and payable until the tax years in which the five equal annual installments are due and payable.

The following nonexclusive examples illustrate how this subrule applies:

**EXAMPLE 1:** A qualifying start-up business reports Iowa taxable income of \$1,000 in year one, \$5,000 in year two and \$10,000 in year three. The total tax deferred is \$60 in year 1, \$300 in year two and \$600 in year three, or \$960. The taxpayer shall pay \$192 (\$960 divided by 5) in deferred tax for each of the next five tax returns. No penalty or interest is due on the deferred annual tax of \$192 if the returns for years four through eight are filed by the due date and the tax is timely paid. After the return for year three is filed, the department will issue a schedule to the qualifying business indicating that \$192 of additional tax is due annually for years four through eight, and when the additional payments of \$192 are due.

**EXAMPLE 2:** A qualifying start-up business reports an Iowa taxable loss of \$10,000 in year one, a loss of \$2,000 in year two and taxable income of \$22,000 in year three. The losses for year one and year two can be netted against the income in year three, resulting in deferred taxable income of \$10,000. The tax of \$600 computed on income of \$10,000 will be paid in five equal installments of \$120 for the next five tax returns. No penalty or interest is due on the deferred annual tax of \$120 if the returns for years four through eight are filed by the due date and the tax is timely paid. After the return for year three is filed, the department will issue a schedule to the qualifying business indicating that \$120 of additional tax is due annually for years four through eight and when the additional payments of \$120 are due.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.21, 422.32, 422.33, 422.34, 422.34A, and 422.36 and Iowa Code section 422.24A as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2400, section 66.

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#### **701—501.2(422) Time and place for filing return.**

**501.2(1) Returns of corporations.** A return of income for all corporations must be filed on or before the due date. The due date for all corporations except for cooperative associations as defined in Section 6072(d) of the Internal Revenue Code is the last day of the fourth month following the close of the

taxpayer's taxable year, whether the return be made on the basis of the calendar year or the fiscal year; or the last day of the period covered by an extension of time granted by the director. When the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the return will be due the following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. Iowa Code section 421.9A contains additional information on due dates that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. If a return is placed in the mail, properly addressed and postage paid in ample time to reach the department on or before the due date for filing, no penalty will attach should the return not be received until after that date. Mailed returns should be addressed to Corporate Income Tax Processing, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

**501.2(2) *Returns of cooperatives.*** A return of income for cooperatives, defined in Section 6072(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, must be filed on or before the fifteenth day of the ninth month following the close of the taxpayer's taxable year.

**501.2(3) *Short period returns.*** Where under a provision of the Internal Revenue Code, a corporation is required to file a tax return for a period of less than 12 months, a short period Iowa return must be filed for the same period. The short period Iowa return is due 45 days after the federal due date, not considering any federal extension of time to file.

**501.2(4) *Extension of time for filing returns for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1991.*** See 701—subrule 301.2(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.21 and 422.24.  
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#### **701—501.3(422) Form for filing.**

**501.3(1) *Use and completeness of prescribed forms.*** Returns shall be made by corporations on forms supplied by the department. Taxpayers not supplied with the proper forms shall make application for same to the department in ample time to have their returns made, verified and filed on or before the due date. Each taxpayer shall carefully prepare the taxpayer's return so as to fully and clearly set forth the data required. For lack of a prescribed form, a statement made by a taxpayer disclosing the taxpayer's gross income and the deductions therefrom may be accepted as a tentative return, and if verified and filed within the prescribed time, will relieve the taxpayer from liability to penalties, provided that without unnecessary delay such a tentative return is replaced by a return made on the proper form. Each question shall be answered and each direction complied with in the same manner as if the forms and instructions were embodied in these rules.

Failure to receive the proper forms does not relieve the taxpayer from the obligation of making any return required by the statute.

Returns received which are not completed, but merely state "see schedule attached" are not considered to be a properly filed return and may be returned to the taxpayer for proper completion. This may result in the imposition of penalties and interest due to the return being filed after the due date.

**501.3(2) *Form for filing—domestic corporations.*** A domestic corporation, as defined by Iowa Code section 422.32(5), is required to file a complete Iowa return for each year of its existence regardless of whether the corporation has income, loss, or inactivity. For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1999, domestic corporations are required to file a complete Iowa return only if they are doing business in Iowa, or deriving income from sources within Iowa. For tax periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012, domestic corporations must also include a true and accurate copy of their federal corporation income tax return as filed with the Internal Revenue Service with the filing of their Iowa return. At a minimum this return includes the following federal schedules: income statement, balance sheet, reconciliation of income per books with income per return, analysis of unappropriated retained earnings per books, dividend income and special deductions, cost of goods sold, capital gains, tax computation and tax deposits, alternative minimum tax computation, and statements detailing other income and other deductions.

When a domestic corporation is included in the filing of a consolidated federal income tax return, the Iowa corporation income tax return shall include a schedule of the consolidating income statements as properly computed for federal income tax purposes showing the income and expenses of each member of the consolidated group, and a schedule of capital gains on a separate basis.

If a domestic corporation claims a foreign tax credit, research activities credit, alcohol fuel credit, employer social security credit, or work opportunity credit on its federal income tax return, a detailed computation of the credits claimed shall be included with the Iowa return upon filing. In those instances where the domestic corporation is involved in the filing of a consolidated federal income tax return, the credit computations shall be reported on a separate entity basis.

Similarly, where a domestic corporation is charged with a holding company tax or an alternative minimum tax, the details of the taxes levied shall be put forth in a schedule to be included with the Iowa return. Furthermore, these taxes shall be identified on a separate company basis where the domestic corporation files as a member of a consolidated group for federal purposes.

**501.3(3) Form for filing—foreign corporations.** Foreign corporations, as defined by Iowa Code section 422.32(6), must include a true and accurate copy of their federal corporation income tax return as filed with the Internal Revenue Service with the filing of their Iowa return. At a minimum this return includes the following federal schedules: income statement, balance sheet, reconciliation of income per books with income per return, analysis of unappropriated retained earnings per books, dividend income and special deductions, cost of goods sold, capital gains, tax computation and tax deposits, research activities credit computation, work opportunity credit computation, foreign tax credit computation, alcohol fuel credit computation, employer social security credit computation, alternative minimum tax computation, and statements detailing other income and other deductions.

When a foreign corporation whose income is included in a consolidated federal income tax return files an Iowa return, federal consolidating income statements as properly computed for federal income tax purposes showing the income and expenses of each member of the consolidated group shall be required together with the following additional schedules on a separate basis:

- a. Capital gains.
- b. Dividend income and special deductions.
- c. Research activities credit, alcohol fuel credit and employer social security credit computations.
- d. Work opportunity credit computation.
- e. Foreign tax credit computation.
- f. Holding company tax computation.
- g. Alternative minimum tax computation.
- h. Schedules detailing other income and other deductions.

**501.3(4) Amended returns.** If it becomes known to the taxpayer that the amount of income reported to be federal net income or Iowa taxable income was erroneously stated on the Iowa return, or changed by Internal Revenue Service audit, or otherwise, the taxpayer shall file an amended Iowa return along with supporting schedules, to include the amended federal return and a copy of the federal revenue agent's report if applicable. A copy of the federal revenue agent's report and notification of final federal adjustments provided by the taxpayer will be acceptable in lieu of an amended return. The assessment or refund of tax shall be dependent on the statute of limitations as set forth in 701—subrule 500.2(1) and rule 701—504.3(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.21 and section 422.36 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328.

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#### **701—501.4(422) Payment of tax.**

**501.4(1) Quarterly estimated payments.** Effective for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 1977, corporations are required to make quarterly payments of estimated income tax. Rules pertaining to the estimated tax are contained in 701—Chapter 505.

**501.4(2) Reserved.**

**501.4(3) Penalty and interest on unpaid tax.** See rule 701—10.6(421) for penalty for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1991. See rule 701—10.7(421) for statutory exemptions to penalty for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1991.

Interest shall accrue on tax due from the original due date of the return. Interest on refunds of any portion of the tax imposed by statute which has been erroneously refunded and which is recoverable by the department shall bear interest as provided by law from the date of payment of the refund, considering each fraction of a month as an entire month. See rule 701—10.2(421) for the statutory interest rate.

All payments shall be first applied to the penalty and then to the interest, and the balance, if any, to the amount of tax due.

**501.4(4) *Payment of tax by uncertified checks.*** The department will accept uncertified checks in payment of income taxes, provided the checks are collectible for their full amount without any deduction for exchange or other charges unless requirements for electronic transmission of remittances and related information specify otherwise. The date on which the department receives the check will be considered the date of payment, so far as the taxpayer is concerned, unless the check is dishonored. If one check is remitted to cover two or more corporations' taxes, the remittance must be accompanied by a letter of transmittal stating: (a) the name of the drawer of the check; (b) the amount of the check; (c) the amount of any cash, money order or other instrument included in the same remittance; (d) the name of each corporation whose tax is to be paid by the remittance; and (e) the amount of payment on account of each corporation.

**501.4(5) *Procedure with respect to dishonored checks.*** If any check is returned unpaid, all expenses incidental to the collection thereof will be charged to the taxpayer. If any taxpayer whose check has been returned by the depository bank uncollected should fail at once to make the check good, the director will proceed to collect the tax as though no check had been given. A taxpayer who tenders a certified check in payment for taxes is not relieved from his obligation until the check has been paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.21, 422.24, 422.25, 422.33 and 422.86. [Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

#### **701—501.5(422) Minimum tax.**

**501.5(1)** Reserved.

**501.5(2)** For tax years beginning after 1997, a small business corporation or a new corporation for its first year of existence, which through the operation of Internal Revenue Code Section 55(e) is exempt from the federal alternative minimum tax, is not subject to Iowa alternative minimum tax. A small business corporation may apply any alternative minimum tax credit carryforward to the extent of its regular corporation income tax liability.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the minimum tax is imposed only to the extent that it exceeds the taxpayer's regular tax liability computed under Iowa Code section 422.33(1). The minimum tax rate is 60 percent of the maximum corporate tax rate rounded to the nearest one-tenth of 1 percent or 7.2 percent. Minimum taxable income is computed as follows:

	State taxable income as adjusted by Iowa Code section 422.35
Plus:	Tax preference items, adjustments and losses added back
Less:	Allocable income including allocable preference items and adjustments under Section 56 of the Internal Revenue Code including adjusted current earnings related to allocable income including the allocable preference items
	Subtotal
Times:	Apportionment percentage
	Result
Plus:	Income allocable to Iowa including allocable preference items and adjustments under Section 56 of the Internal Revenue Code including adjusted current earnings related to allocable income including the allocable preference items
Less:	Iowa alternative tax net operating less deduction \$40,000 exemption amount
Equals:	Iowa alternative minimum taxable income

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the items of tax preference are the same items of tax preference under Section 57 except for Subsections (a)(1) and (a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code used to compute federal alternative minimum taxable income. The adjustments to state taxable income are those adjustments required by Section 56 except for Subsections (a)(4) and (d) of the Internal Revenue Code used to compute federal alternative minimum taxable income. In making the adjustment under Section 56(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, interest and dividends from federal securities net of amortization of any discount or premium shall be subtracted. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1988, in making the adjustment under Section 56(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, interest and dividends from state and other political subdivisions and from regulated investment companies exempt from federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code shall be subtracted net of amortization of any discount or premium. In making the adjustment for adjusted current earnings, subtract Foreign Sales Company (FSC) dividend income and Puerto Rican dividend income computed under Internal Revenue Code Section 936 to the extent they are included in the federal computation of adjusted current earnings. Losses to be added are those losses required to be added by Section 58 of the Internal Revenue Code in computing federal alternative minimum taxable income.

- a. Tax preference items are:
  1. Intangible drilling costs;
  2. Incentive stock options;
  3. Reserves for losses on bad debts of financial institutions;
  4. Appreciated property charitable deductions;
  5. Accelerated depreciation or amortization on certain property placed in service before January 1, 1987.
- b. Adjustments are:
  1. Depreciation;
  2. Mining exploration and development;
  3. Long-term contracts;
  4. Iowa alternative minimum net operating loss deduction;
  5. Book income or adjusted earnings and profits.
- c. Losses added back are:
  1. Farm losses;
  2. Passive activity losses.

Computation of Iowa alternative minimum tax net operating loss deduction.

Net operating losses computed under rule 701—502.2(422) carried forward from tax years which begin before January 1, 1987, are deductible without adjustment.

Net operating losses from tax years which begin after December 31, 1986, which are carried back or carried forward to the current tax year shall be reduced by the amount of tax preferences and adjustments taken into account in computing the net operating loss prior to applying rule 701—502.2(422). The deduction for a net operating loss from a tax year beginning after December 31, 1986, which is carried back or carried forward shall not exceed 90 percent of the alternative minimum taxable income computed without regard for the net operating loss deduction.

The exemption amount shall be reduced by 25 percent of the amount that the alternative minimum taxable income computed without regard to the \$40,000 exemption exceeds \$150,000. The exemption shall not be reduced below zero.

EXAMPLE: The following example shows the computation of the alternative minimum tax when there are net operating loss carryforwards and carrybacks including an alternative minimum tax net operating loss.

For tax year 1987, the following information is available:

Federal taxable income before NOL	\$182,000
Federal NOL carryforward	<97,000>
Federal income tax	19,750
Tax preferences and adjustments	48,000
Iowa income tax expensed on federal	2,570
Iowa NOL carryforward	147,000

For tax year 1988, the following information is available:

Federal taxable income before NOL	\$<154,000>
Federal income tax refund	15,460
Tax preferences and adjustments	78,000
Iowa income tax refund reported on federal	2,570

The alternative minimum tax for 1987 before the 1988 net operating loss carryback should be computed as follows:

Regular Iowa Tax	
Federal taxable income	\$182,000
less 50% federal tax	<9,875>
add Iowa income tax expensed	2,570
Iowa taxable income before NOL carryforward	<u>\$174,695</u>
less NOL carryforward	<147,000>
Iowa taxable income	\$ 27,695
Iowa income tax	\$ 1,716
Alternative Minimum Tax	
Iowa taxable income before NOL	\$174,695
add preferences and adjustments	48,000
Total	<u>\$222,695</u>
less NOL carryforward*	<u>&lt;147,000&gt;</u>
Iowa alternative taxable income	\$ 75,695
less exemption amount	<40,000>
Total	<u>\$ 35,695</u>
Times 7.2%	2,570
Less regular tax	<u>&lt;1,715&gt;</u>
Alternative minimum tax	\$ 855

\*Net operating loss carryforwards from tax years beginning before January 1, 1987, are deductible at 100 percent without reduction for items of tax preference or adjustments arising in the tax year.

The alternative minimum tax for 1987 after the 1988 net operating loss carryback should be computed as follows:

Regular Iowa Tax	
Federal taxable income	\$ 182,000
less 50% federal tax	<9,875>
add Iowa income tax expensed	<u>2,570</u>
Iowa taxable income before NOL carryforward	\$ 174,695
less NOL carryforward	<147,000>
	<u>\$ 27,695</u>
less NOL carryback from 1988 <sup>1</sup>	<148,840>
NOL carryforward	<u>\$ &lt;121,145&gt;</u>
Alternative Minimum Tax	
Iowa taxable income before NOL	\$ 174,695
add preferences and adjustments	<u>48,000</u>
Total	\$ 222,695
less NOL carryforward from pre-1987 tax year	<147,000>
Total	<u>\$ 75,695</u>
less alternative minimum tax NOL <sup>2</sup>	<68,126>
Total	<u>\$ 7,569</u>
less exemption	<40,000>
Alternative minimum taxable income after NOL	<u>\$ -0-</u>

<sup>1</sup>Computation of 1988 Iowa NOL

Federal NOL	\$<154,000>
add 50% of federal refund	7,730
less Iowa refund in federal income	<2,570>
Iowa NOL	<u>\$&lt;148,840&gt;</u>

<sup>2</sup>Computation of 1988 Alternative Minimum Tax NOL

Iowa NOL	\$<148,840>
add preferences and adjustments	<u>78,000</u>
Total	\$ <70,840>
NOL carryback limited to 90% of alternative minimum income before NOL and exemption*	<u>\$ &lt;68,126&gt;</u>
Alternative minimum tax NOL carryforward	\$ 2,705

\*For purposes of the alternative minimum tax, net operating loss carryforward or carryback from tax years beginning after December 31, 1986, must be reduced by items of tax preference and adjustments, and are limited to 90 percent of alternative minimum taxable income before deduction of the post-1986 NOL and the \$40,000 exemption amount ( $\$75,695 \times 90\% = \$68,126$ ).

**501.5(3)** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1986, estimated payments are required for minimum tax.

**501.5(4)** Alternative minimum tax credit for minimum tax paid in a prior tax year. Minimum tax paid by a taxpayer in prior tax years commencing with tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, can be claimed as a tax credit against the taxpayer's regular income tax liability in a subsequent tax year. Therefore, 1988 is the first tax year that the minimum tax credit is available for use, and the credit is based on the minimum tax paid by the taxpayer for 1987. The minimum tax credit may only be used against regular income tax for a tax year to the extent that the regular tax is greater than the minimum



tax for the tax year. If the minimum tax credit is not used up against the regular tax for a tax year, the remaining credit is carried to the following tax year to be applied against the regular income tax liability for that period.

*a. Computation of minimum tax credit on Schedule IA 8827.* The minimum tax credit is computed on Schedule IA 8827 from information on Schedule IA 4626 for prior tax years, from Form IA 1120 and Schedule IA 4626 for the current year and from Schedule IA 8827 for prior tax years.

*b. Examples of computation of the minimum tax credit and carryover of the credit.*

EXAMPLE 1. Taxpayer reported \$5,000 of minimum tax for 2007. For 2008, taxpayer reported regular tax of \$8,000 and the minimum tax liability is \$6,000. The minimum tax credit is \$2,000 for 2008 because, although the taxpayer had an \$8,000 regular tax liability, the credit is allowed only to the extent that the regular tax exceeds the minimum tax. Since only \$2,000 of the carryover credit from 2007 was used, there is a \$3,000 minimum tax carryover credit to 2009.

EXAMPLE 2. Taxpayer reported \$2,500 of minimum tax for 2007. For 2008, taxpayer reported regular tax of \$8,000 and the minimum tax liability is \$5,000. The minimum tax credit is \$2,500 for 2008 because, although the regular tax exceeded the minimum tax by \$3,000, the credit is allowed only to the extent of minimum tax paid for prior tax years. There is no minimum tax carryover credit to 2009.

*c. Computation of the minimum tax credit attributable to a member leaving an affiliated group filing a consolidated Iowa corporation income tax return.* The amount of minimum tax credit available for carryforward attributable to a member of a consolidated Iowa income tax return shall be computed as follows: The consolidated minimum tax credit available for carryforward from each tax year is multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the separate member's tax preferences and adjustments for the tax year and the denominator of which is the total tax preferences and adjustments of all members of the consolidated Iowa income tax return for the tax year.

*d. Computation of the amount of minimum tax credit which may be used by a new member of a consolidated Iowa corporation income tax return.* The amount of minimum tax credit carryforward which may be used by a new member of a consolidated Iowa income tax return is limited to the separate member's contribution to the amount by which the regular income tax set forth in Iowa Code section 422.33 exceeds the tentative minimum tax.

The separate member's contribution to the amount by which the regular income tax exceeds the tentative minimum tax shall be computed as follows:

$$\frac{\left[ \frac{A}{B} \times C + D \right] \times F}{E} = \text{Separate member's contribution to the amount by which regular income tax set forth in section 422.33 exceeds the tentative minimum tax.}$$

A = Separate corporation gross sales within Iowa after elimination of all intercompany transactions.

B = Consolidated gross sales within and without Iowa after elimination of all intercompany transactions.

C = Iowa consolidated income subject to apportionment.

D = Separate corporation income allocable to Iowa.

E = Iowa consolidated income subject to tax.

F = The amount by which the regular income tax set forth in Iowa Code section 422.33 exceeds the tentative minimum tax.

*e. Minimum tax credit after merger.* When two or more corporations merge or consolidate into one corporation, the minimum tax credit of the merged or consolidated corporations is available for use by the survivor of the merger or consolidation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—501.6(422) Motor fuel credit.** A corporation may elect to receive an income tax credit in lieu of the motor fuel tax refund provided by Iowa Code chapter 452A. A corporation which holds a motor fuel tax refund permit when it makes this election must cancel the permit within 30 days after the first day

of the tax year. However, if the refund permit is not canceled within this period, the permit becomes invalid at the time the election to receive an income tax credit is made. The election will continue for subsequent tax years unless a new motor fuel tax refund permit is obtained.

The amount of the income tax credit must be the amount of Iowa motor fuel tax paid on qualifying fuel purchases as determined by Iowa Code chapter 452A and Iowa Code section 422.110 less any state sales tax as determined by 701—subrule 220.2(2). The credit must be claimed on the tax return covering the tax year in which the motor fuel tax was paid. If the motor fuel credit results in an overpayment of income tax, the overpayment may be refunded or may be credited to income tax due in the subsequent tax year.

Shareholders of S corporations may claim an income tax credit on their individual income tax returns for their respective shares of the motor vehicle fuel taxes paid by the corporations. The credit for a shareholder is that person's pro rata share of the fuel tax paid by the corporation. A schedule must be attached to the individual's return showing the distribution of gallons and the amount of credit claimed by each shareholder.

The corporation must attach to its return a schedule showing the allocation to each shareholder of the motor fuel purchased by the corporation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—501.7(422) Research activities credit.** The taxes imposed on corporate income shall be reduced by a state tax credit for increasing research activities in this state. For corporate income tax, the requirements of the research activities credit are described in Iowa Code section 422.33. This rule explains terms not defined in the statute and procedures for claiming the credit.

**501.7(1) Definitions.**

*“Accountant”* means a person authorized under Iowa Code chapter 542 to engage in the practice of public accounting in Iowa as defined in Iowa Code section 542.3(23) or authorized to engage in such practice in another state under a similar law of another state.

*“Architect”* means a person licensed under Iowa Code chapter 544A or a similar law of another state.

*“Aviation and aerospace”* means the design, development or production of aircraft, rockets, missiles, spacecraft and other machinery and equipment that operate in aerospace.

*“Collection agency”* means a person primarily engaged in the business of collecting debt, including but not limited to consumer debt collection subject to the provisions of the federal Fair Debt Collections Practices Act in 15 U.S.C. §1692 et seq., the Iowa debt collection practices Act in Iowa Code sections 537.7101 through 537.7103, or other similar state law.

*“Finance or investment company”* means a person primarily engaged in finance or investment activities broadly consisting of the holding, depositing, or management of a customer's money or assets for investment purposes, or the provision of loans or other similar financing or credit to customers. “Finance or investment company” includes but is not limited to a person organized or licensed under Iowa Code chapter 524, 533, or 533D or other similar state or federal law, or an investment company as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80a-3.

*“Life sciences”* means the sciences concerned with the study of living organisms, including agriscience, biology, botany, zoology, microbiology, physiology, biochemistry, and related subjects.

*“Manufacturing”* means the same as defined in 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2417, section 183.

*“Publisher”* means a person whose primary business is the publishing of books, periodicals, newspapers, music, or other works for sale in any format.

*“Real estate company”* means a person licensed under Iowa Code chapter 543B or otherwise primarily engaged in acts constituting dealing in real estate as described in Iowa Code section 543B.6.

*“Retailer”* means a person that primarily engages in sales of personal property as defined in 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2417, section 158, or services directly to an ultimate consumer. A business that primarily makes sales for resale is not a retailer.

*“Software engineering”* means the detailed study of the design, development, operation, and maintenance of software.

“*Transportation company*” means a person whose primary business is the transportation of persons or property from one place to another.

“*Wholesaler*” means a person that primarily engages in buying large quantities of goods and reselling them in smaller quantities to retailers or other merchants who in turn sell those goods to the ultimate consumer.

**501.7(2) Requirement that the business claim and be allowed the federal credit.** To claim this credit, a taxpayer’s business must claim and be allowed a research credit for such qualified research expenses under Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code for the same taxable year as the taxpayer’s business is claiming the credit.

*a. Being “allowed” the federal credit.* For purposes of this subrule, a federal credit is “allowed” if the taxpayer meets all requirements to claim the credit under Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code and any applicable federal regulation and Internal Revenue Service guidance and such credit has not been disallowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

*b. Applicability of requirement to pass-throughs.* If the individual received the Iowa credit through a pass-through entity, the pass-through entity that conducted the research must have claimed and been allowed the federal credit in order for the individual to claim the Iowa credit.

*c. Impact of federal audit.* If the Internal Revenue Service audits or otherwise reviews the return and disallows the credit, the taxpayer shall file an amended Iowa return along with supporting schedules, including an amended federal return or a copy of the federal revenue agent’s report and notification of final federal adjustments, to add back the Iowa credit to the extent not previously disallowed by the department.

*d. Authority of the department.* Nothing in this subrule shall limit the department’s authority to review, examine, audit, or otherwise challenge an Iowa tax credit claim under Iowa Code section 422.33, regardless of inaction, a settlement, or a determination by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**501.7(3) Calculating the credit.** For information on how the credit is calculated, see Iowa Code section 422.33.

**501.7(4) Claiming the tax credit.**

*a. Forms.* The credit must be claimed on the forms provided on the department’s website and must include all information required by the forms.

*b. Allocation to the individual owners of an entity or beneficiaries of an estate or trust.* If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, estate or trust where the income from the business is taxed to the individual owners of the business, these individual owners may claim the research activities credit allowed to the business. The research credit is allocated to each of the individual owners of the business on the basis of the pro rata share of that individual’s earnings from the business.

*c. Refundability.* Any research credit in excess of the corporation’s tax liability for the taxable year may be refunded to the taxpayer or credited to the corporation’s tax liability for the following year.

*d. Transferability.* Tax credit certificates shall not be transferred to any other person.

*e. Enterprise zone claimants.* The enterprise zone program was repealed on July 1, 2014. Any supplemental research activities credit earned by businesses pursuant to Iowa Code section 15.335 and approved under the enterprise zone program prior to July 1, 2014, remains valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2014.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15.335 and 422.33 as amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2417.

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**701—501.8(422) New jobs credit.** A tax credit is available to a corporation which has entered into an agreement under Iowa Code chapter 260E and has increased employment by at least 10 percent.

**501.8(1) Definitions.**

a. The term “*new jobs*” means those jobs directly resulting from a project covered by an agreement authorized by Iowa Code chapter 260E (Iowa Industrial New Jobs Training Act) but does not include jobs of recalled workers or replacement jobs or other jobs that formerly existed in the industry in the state.

b. The term “*jobs directly related to new jobs*” means those jobs which directly support the new jobs but does not include in-state employees transferred to a position which would be considered to be a job directly related to new jobs unless the transferred employee’s vacant position is filled by a new employee.

EXAMPLE A. A taxpayer who has entered into a chapter 260E agreement to train new employees for a new product line transfers an in-state employee to be supervisor of the new product line but does not fill the transferred employee’s position. The new supervisor’s position would not be considered a job directly related to new jobs even though it directly supports the new jobs because the transferred employee’s old position was not refilled.

EXAMPLE B. A taxpayer who has entered into a chapter 260E agreement to train new employees for a new product line transfers an in-state employee to be supervisor of the new product line and fills the transferred employee’s position with a new employee. The new supervisor’s position would be considered a job directly related to new jobs because it directly supports the new jobs and the transferred employee’s old position was filled by a new employee.

The burden of proof that a job is directly related to new jobs is on the taxpayer.

c. The term “*taxable wages*” means those wages upon which an employer is required to contribute to the state unemployment fund as defined in Iowa Code section 96.1A(36) for the year in which the taxpayer elects to take the new jobs tax credit. For fiscal-year taxpayers, “taxable wages” shall not be greater than the maximum wage upon which an employer is required to contribute to the state unemployment fund for the calendar year in which the taxpayer’s fiscal year begins.

d. The term “*agreement*” means an agreement entered into under Iowa Code chapter 260E after July 1, 1985, an amendment to that agreement, or an amendment to an agreement entered into before July 1, 1985, if the amendment sets forth the base employment level as of the date of the amendment. The term “agreement” also includes a preliminary agreement entered into under Iowa Code chapter 260E provided the preliminary agreement contains all the elements of a contract and includes the necessary elements and commitment relating to training programs and new jobs.

e. The term “*base employment level*” means the number of full-time jobs an industry employs at a plant site which is covered by an agreement under chapter 260E on the date of the agreement.

f. The term “*project*” means a training arrangement which is the subject of an agreement entered into under Iowa Code chapter 260E.

g. The term “*industry*” means a business engaged in interstate or intrastate commerce for the purpose of manufacturing, processing, or assembling products, conducting research and development, or providing services in interstate commerce, but excludes retail, health or professional services. Industry does not include a business which closes or substantially reduces its operations in one area of the state and relocates substantially the same operation in another area of the state. Industry is a business engaged in the above listed activities rather than the generic definition encompassing all businesses in the state engaged in the same activities. For example, in the meat-packing business, an industry is considered to be a single corporate entity or operating division, rather than the entire meat-packing business in the state.

h. The term “*new employees*” means the same as new jobs or jobs directly related to new jobs.

i. The term “*full-time job*” means any of the following:

- (1) An employment position requiring an average work week of 35 or more hours;
- (2) An employment position for which compensation is paid on a salaried full-time basis without regard to hours worked; or
- (3) An aggregation of any number of part-time or job-sharing employment positions which equal one full-time employment position. For purposes of this subrule each part-time or job-sharing employment position shall be categorized with regard to the average number of hours worked each week as one-quarter, half, three-quarters, or full-time position, as set forth in the following table:

<u>Average Number of Weekly Hours</u>	<u>Category</u>
More than 0 but less than 15	¼
15 or more but less than 25	½
25 or more but less than 35	¾
35 or more	1 (full-time)

**501.8(2)** *How to compute the credit.* The credit is 6 percent of the taxable wages paid to employees in new jobs or jobs directly related to new jobs for the taxable year in which the taxpayer elects to take the credit.

EXAMPLE 1. A taxpayer enters into an agreement to increase employment by 20 new employees which is greater than 10 percent of the taxpayer's base employment level of 100 employees. In year one of the agreement the taxpayer hires 20 new employees but elects not to take the credit in that year. In year two of the agreement only 18 of the new employees hired in year one are still employed and the taxpayer elects to take the credit. The credit would be 6 percent of the taxable wages of the 18 remaining new employees. In year three of the agreement the taxpayer hires two additional new employees under the agreement to replace the two employees which left in year two and elects to take the credit. The credit would be 6 percent of the taxable wages paid to the two replacement employees. In year four of the agreement three of the employees for which a credit had been taken left employment and three additional employees were hired. No credit is available for these employees. A credit can only be taken one time for each new job or job directly related to a new job.

EXAMPLE 2. A taxpayer operating two plants in Iowa enters into a chapter 260E agreement to train new employees for a new product line at one of the taxpayer's plants. The base employment level on the date of the agreement at plant A is 300 and at plant B is 100. Under the agreement 20 new employees will be trained for plant B which is greater than a 10 percent increase of the base employment level for plant B. In the year in which the taxpayer elects to take the credit, the employment level at plant A is 290 and at plant B is 120. The credit would be 6 percent of the wages of 10 new employees at plant B as 10 new jobs were created by the industry in the state. A credit for the remaining 10 employees can be taken if the employment level at plant A increases back to 300 during the period of time that the credit can be taken.

**501.8(3)** *When the credit can be taken.* The taxpayer may elect to take the credit in any tax year which either begins or ends during the period beginning with the date of the agreement and ending with the date by which the project is to be completed under the agreement. However, the taxpayer may not take the credit until the base employment level has been exceeded by at least 10 percent.

EXAMPLE: A taxpayer enters into an agreement to increase employment from a base employment level of 200 employees to 225 employees. In year one of the agreement the taxpayer hires 20 new employees which is a 10 percent increase over the base employment level but elects not to take the credit. In year two of the agreement 2 of the new employees leave employment. The taxpayer elects to take the credit which would be 6 percent of the taxable wages of the 18 employees currently employed. In year three the taxpayer hires 7 new employees and elects to take the credit. The credit would be 6 percent of the taxable wages of the seven new employees.

A shareholder in an S corporation may claim the pro rata share of the Iowa new jobs credit on the shareholder's individual tax return. The S corporation shall provide each shareholder with a schedule showing the computation of the corporation's Iowa new jobs credit and the shareholder's pro rata share. The shareholder's pro rata share of the Iowa new jobs credit shall be in the same ratio as the shareholder's pro rata share in the earnings of the S corporation. All shareholders of an S corporation shall elect to take the Iowa new jobs credit the same year.

Any new jobs credit in excess of the corporation's tax liability less the credits authorized in Iowa Code sections 422.33, 422.91, and 422.110 may be carried forward for ten years or until it is used, whichever is the earliest.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—501.9** Reserved.

**701—501.10(15) New jobs and income program tax credits.** For tax years ending after May 1, 1994, for programs approved after May 1, 1994, but before July 1, 2005, an investment tax credit under Iowa Code section 15.333 and an additional research activities credit under Iowa Code section 15.335 are available to an eligible business. The new jobs and income program was repealed on July 1, 2005, and has been replaced with the high quality job creation program. See rule 701—501.28(15) for information on the investment tax credit and additional research activities credit under the high quality job creation program. Any investment tax credit and additional research activities credit earned by businesses approved under the new jobs and income program prior to July 1, 2005, remains valid, and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2005.

**501.10(1) Definitions:**

- a. “*Eligible business*” means a business meeting the conditions of Iowa Code section 15.329.
- b. “*Improvements to real property*” includes the cost of utility lines, drilling wells, construction of sewage lagoons, parking lots and permanent structures. The term does not include temporary structures.
- c. “*Machinery and equipment*” means machinery used in manufacturing establishments and computers except point-of-sale equipment as defined in Iowa Code section 427A.1. The term does not include computer software.
- d. “*New investment directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business under the program*” means the cost of machinery and equipment purchased for use in the operation of the eligible business which has been depreciated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the cost of improvements to real property.

For the cost of improvements to real property to be eligible for an investment tax credit, the improvements to real property must have received an exemption from property taxes under Iowa Code section 15.332. Replacement machinery and equipment and additional improvements to real property placed in service during the period of property tax exemption by an eligible business qualify for an investment tax credit.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, the requirement that the improvements to real property must have received an exemption from property taxes under Iowa Code section 15.332 has been eliminated.

**501.10(2) Investment tax credit.** An investment tax credit of up to 10 percent of the new investment which is directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business is available. The credit is available for machinery and equipment or improvements to real property placed in service after May 1, 1994. The credit is to be taken in the year the qualifying asset is placed in service. For business applications received on or after July 1, 1999, for purposes of the investment tax credit claimed under Iowa Code section 15.333, the cost of land and any buildings and structures located on the land will be considered to be a new investment which is directly related to new jobs for purposes of determining the amount of new investment upon which an investment tax credit may be taken.

For eligible businesses approved by the Iowa department of economic development on or after March 17, 2004, certain lease payments made by eligible businesses to a third-party developer will be considered to be new investment for purposes of computing the investment tax credit. The eligible business shall enter into a lease agreement with the third-party developer for a minimum of ten years. The investment tax credit is based on the annual base rent paid to a third-party developer by the eligible business for a period not to exceed ten years. The total costs of the annual base rent payments for the ten-year period cannot exceed the cost of the land and the third-party developer’s cost to build or renovate the building used by the eligible business. The annual base rent is defined as the total lease payment less taxes, insurance and operating and maintenance expenses.

If an eligible business fails to maintain the requirements of the new jobs and income program, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives taken on Iowa returns. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the tax credits may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure of the taxpayer to maintain the requirements of the new jobs and income program because this is a recovery of an incentive,

rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

If the eligible business, within five years of purchase, sells, disposes of, razes, or otherwise renders unusable all or a part of the land, buildings, or other existing structures for which tax credit was claimed under this subrule, the income tax liability of the eligible business for the year in which all or part of the property is sold, disposed of, razed, or otherwise rendered unusable shall be increased by one of the following amounts:

- a. One hundred percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within one full year after being placed in service.
- b. Eighty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within two full years after being placed in service.
- c. Sixty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within three full years after being placed in service.
- d. Forty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within four full years after being placed in service.
- e. Twenty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within five full years after being placed in service.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be carried forward seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to an individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

**501.10(3) Research activities credit.** An additional research activities credit of 6½ percent of the state's apportioned share of "qualifying expenditures" is available to an eligible business. The credit is available for qualifying expenditures incurred after May 1, 1994. The additional research activities credit is in addition to the credit set forth in Iowa Code section 422.33(5).

See rule 701—501.7(422) for the computation of the research activities credit.

See also subrule 501.7(3) for the computation of the research activities credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, and subrule 501.7(4) for the research activities credit for an eligible business for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be carried forward seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier. This is in contrast to the research activities credit in Iowa Code section 422.33(5) where any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be carried forward until used or refunded. For tax years ending on or after July 1, 1996, the additional research activities credit may at the option of the taxpayer be refunded.

If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to an individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

**501.10(4) Investment tax credit—value-added agricultural products.** For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2001, an eligible business whose project primarily involves the production of value-added agricultural products may elect to receive a refund for all or a portion of an unused investment credit. For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2001, but before July 1, 2003, an eligible business includes a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is not required to file an Iowa corporation tax return, and whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol. For tax years

beginning on or after July 1, 2003, an eligible business includes a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is not required to file an Iowa corporation income tax return.

Eligible businesses that elect to receive a refund shall apply to the economic development authority for tax credit certificates between May 1 and May 15 of each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The election to receive a refund of all or a portion of an unused investment tax credit is no longer available beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Only those businesses that have completed projects before the May 1 filing date may apply for a tax credit certificate. The economic development authority will not issue tax credit certificates for more than \$4 million during a fiscal year. If applications are received for more than \$4 million, the applicants shall receive certificates for a prorated amount.

The economic development authority will issue tax credit certificates within a reasonable period of time. Tax credit certificates are valid for the tax year following project completion. The tax credit certificate must be included with the tax return for the tax year during which the tax credit is claimed. The tax credit certificate shall not be transferred, except for a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is required to file an Iowa corporation income tax return and whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, or for a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is required to file an Iowa corporation income tax return for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2003.

For value-added agricultural projects for cooperatives that are not required to file an Iowa income tax return because they are exempt from federal income tax, the cooperative must submit a list of its members and the share of each member's interest in the cooperative. The economic development authority will issue a tax credit certificate to each member on the list.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, but before July 1, 2003, a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is required to file an Iowa corporation income tax return and whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol may elect to transfer all or a portion of its tax credit to its members. For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2003, a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code which is required to file an Iowa corporation income tax return may elect to transfer all or a portion of its tax credit to its members. The amount of tax credit transferred and claimed by a member shall be based upon the pro rata share of the member's earnings in the cooperative. The economic development authority will issue a tax credit certificate to each member of the cooperative to whom the credit was transferred provided that tax credit certificates which total no more than \$4 million are issued during a fiscal year.

The following nonexclusive examples illustrate how this subrule applies:

**EXAMPLE 1.** Corporation A completes a value-added agricultural project in October 2001 and has an investment tax credit of \$1 million. Corporation A is required to file an Iowa income tax return but expects no tax liability for the year ending December 31, 2001. Thus, Corporation A applies for a tax credit certificate for the entire unused credit of \$1 million in May 2002. The entire \$1 million is approved by the economic development authority, so the tax credit certificate is included with the tax return for the year ending December 31, 2002. Corporation A will request a refund of \$1 million on this tax return.

**EXAMPLE 2.** Corporation B completes a value-added agricultural project in October 2001 and has an investment tax credit of \$1 million. Corporation B is required to file an Iowa income tax return but expects no tax liability for the year ending December 31, 2001. Thus, Corporation B applies for a tax credit of \$1 million in May 2002. Due to the proration of available credits, Corporation B is awarded a tax credit certificate for \$400,000. The tax credit certificate is included with the tax return for the year ending December 31, 2002. Corporation B will request a refund of \$400,000 on this tax return. The remaining \$600,000 of unused credit can be carried forward for the following seven tax years or until the credit is depleted, whichever occurs first. If Corporation B expects no tax liability for the tax period ending December 31, 2002, Corporation B may apply for a tax credit certificate in May 2003 for this \$600,000 amount.

**EXAMPLE 3.** Corporation C completes a value-added agricultural project in March 2002 and has an investment tax credit of \$1 million. Corporation C is required to file an Iowa income tax return and expects a tax liability of \$200,000 for the tax period ending December 31, 2002. Thus, Corporation C



applies for a tax credit certificate for the unused credit of \$800,000 in May 2002. A tax credit certificate is awarded for the entire \$800,000. The tax credit certificate for \$800,000 shall be included with the tax return for the period ending December 31, 2003, since the certificate is not valid until the year following the project's completion. The tax return for the period ending December 31, 2002, reports a tax liability of \$150,000. The investment credit is limited to \$150,000 for the period ending December 31, 2002, and the remaining \$50,000 can be carried forward for the following seven tax years.

EXAMPLE 4. Corporation D is a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code that completes a project involving ethanol in August 2002. Corporation D has an investment tax credit of \$500,000. Corporation D is not required to file an Iowa income tax return because Corporation D is exempt from federal income tax. When filing for the tax credit certificate in May 2003 for the \$500,000 unused credit, Corporation D must attach a list of its members and the share of each member's interest in the cooperative. The economic development authority will issue tax credit certificates to each member on the list based on each member's interest in the cooperative. The members can include the tax credit certificate with their Iowa income tax returns for the year ending December 31, 2003, since the certificate is not valid until the year following project completion.

EXAMPLE 5. Corporation E is a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code that completes a project involving ethanol in August 2002. Corporation E has an investment tax credit of \$500,000. Corporation E is required to file an Iowa income tax return because Corporation E is not exempt from federal income tax. Corporation E expects a tax liability of \$100,000 on its Iowa income tax return for the year ending December 31, 2002. Corporation E applies for a tax credit certificate for the unused credit of \$400,000 and elects to transfer the \$400,000 unused credit to its members. When applying for the tax credit certificate in May 2003, Corporation E must provide a list of its members and the pro rata share of each member's earnings in the cooperative. The economic development authority will issue tax credit certificates to each member of the cooperative. The members can include the tax credit certificate with their Iowa income tax returns for the year ending December 31, 2003, since the certificate is not valid until the year following project completion.

EXAMPLE 6. Corporation F is a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code that completes a project involving ethanol in August 2002. Corporation F is a limited liability company that files a partnership return for federal income tax purposes. Corporation F is required to file an Iowa partnership return because Corporation F is not exempt from federal income tax. Corporation F has an investment tax credit of \$500,000 which must be claimed by the individual partners of the partnership based on their pro rata share of individual earnings of the partnership. Corporation F expects a tax liability of \$200,000 for the individual partners. Corporation F may apply for a tax credit certificate in May 2003 for the unused credit of \$300,000. Corporation F must list the names of each partner and the ownership interest of each partner in order to allocate the investment credit for each partner. The tax credit certificate may be claimed on the partner's Iowa income tax return for the period ending December 31, 2003.

**501.10(5) Corporate tax credit—certain sales taxes paid by developer.** For eligible businesses approved by the Iowa department of economic development on or after March 17, 2004, the eligible business may claim a corporate tax credit for certain sales taxes paid by a third-party developer.

*a. Sales taxes eligible for the credit.* The sales taxes paid by the third-party developer which are eligible for this credit include the following:

(1) Iowa sales and use tax for gas, electricity, water, or sewer utility services, goods, wares, or merchandise, or on services rendered to, furnished to or performed for a contractor or subcontractor and used in the fulfillment of a written contract relating to the construction or equipping of a facility within the economic development area.

(2) Iowa sales and use tax paid for racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment to be used in a warehouse or distribution center within the economic development area.

Any Iowa sales and use tax paid relating to intangible property, furniture and other furnishings is not eligible for the corporate tax credit.

*b. How to claim the credit.* The third-party developer must provide to the economic development authority the amount of Iowa sales and use tax paid as described in paragraph "a." Beginning on July 1,

2009, this information must be provided to the Iowa department of revenue. The amount of Iowa sales and use tax attributable to racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment must be identified separately.

The economic development authority will issue a tax credit certificate to the eligible business equal to the Iowa sales and use tax paid by the third-party developer for gas, electricity, water, or sewer utility services, goods, wares, or merchandise, or on services rendered to, furnished to or performed for a contractor or subcontractor and used in the fulfillment of a written contract relating to the construction or equipping of a facility. In addition, the economic development authority will also issue a separate tax credit certificate to the eligible business equal to the Iowa sales and use tax paid by the third-party developer for racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment to be used in a warehouse or distribution center. Beginning on July 1, 2009, the Iowa department of revenue shall issue these tax credit certificates.

The tax credit certificate shall contain the name, address, and tax identification number of the eligible business, along with the amount of the tax credit and the year in which the tax credit can be claimed. The tax credit certificate must be included with the taxpayer's income tax return for the tax year for which the tax credit is claimed. Any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following seven years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier.

For the tax credit certificate relating to Iowa sales and use tax paid by the third-party developer for racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment, the aggregate amount of tax credit certificates and tax refunds for Iowa sales and use tax paid for racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment to eligible businesses under the new jobs and income program, high quality job creation program, enterprise zone program, new capital investment program and high quality jobs program cannot exceed \$500,000 in a fiscal year. The requests for tax credit certificates or refunds will be processed in the order they are received on a first-come, first-served basis until the amount of credits authorized for issuance has been exhausted. If applications for tax credit certificates or refunds exceed the \$500,000 limitation for any fiscal year, the applications shall be considered in succeeding fiscal years.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15.331C, 15.333 as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2380, and 15.335.

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#### **701—501.11(422) Refunds and overpayments.**

**501.11(1) to 501.11(9)** Reserved.

**501.11(10)** *For refund claims received by the department after June 11, 1984.* If the amount of tax is reduced as a result of a net operating loss or net capital loss, interest shall accrue on the refund resulting from the loss carryback beginning on the date a claim for refund or amended return carrying back the net operating loss or net capital loss is filed with the department or the first day of the second calendar month following the actual payment date, whichever is later.

**501.11(11) to 501.11(13)** Reserved.

**501.11(14)** *Overpayment—interest accruing on overpayments resulting from returns due on or after April 30, 1981.* If the amount of tax determined to be due by the department is less than the amount paid, the excess to be refunded will accrue interest from the first day of the second calendar month following the date of payment or the date the return was due to be filed or was filed, whichever is the later.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.25.

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#### **701—501.12(422) Deduction of credits.**

**501.12(1)** *Sequencing of credit deductions.* The credits against computed tax set forth in Iowa Code sections 422.33 and 422.110 shall be claimed in the following sequence.

- a. Franchise tax credit.
- b. Alternative minimum tax credit (for tax years beginning during 2021 only).
- c. Qualifying business investment tax credit (also known as angel investor tax credit).
- d. Historic preservation tax credit (when the taxpayer has elected that the credit be nonrefundable under Iowa Code section 404A.2(4)).

- e. School tuition organization tax credit.
- f. Innovation fund investment tax credit.
- g. Endow Iowa tax credit.
- h. Redevelopment tax credit.
- i. From farm to food donation tax credit.
- j. Workforce housing tax credit.
- k. Hoover presidential library tax credit.
- l. Enterprise zone tax credit.
- m. High quality jobs investment tax credit.
- n. Wind energy production tax credit.
- o. Renewable energy tax credit.
- p. New jobs tax credit.
- q. Beginning farmer tax credit.
- r. Agricultural assets transfer tax credit.
- s. Custom farming contract tax credit.
- t. Solar energy system tax credit.
- u. Charitable conservation contribution tax credit.
- v. Alternative minimum tax credit (for tax years beginning before January 1, 2021, only).
- w. Historic preservation tax credit (when the taxpayer has elected that the credit be refundable under Iowa Code section 404A.2(4)).
- x. High quality jobs third-party developer tax credit.
- y. Research activities credit.
- z. Assistive device tax credit.
- aa. Motor fuel tax credit.
- ab. E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit.
- ac. Biodiesel blended fuel tax credit.
- ad. E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit.
- ae. Renewable chemical production tax credit.
- af. Estimated payments, payments with vouchers, and composite tax credits.

**501.12(2) Order of credits carried forward from a previous tax year.** A credit carried forward from a previous tax year shall be applied against computed tax before a credit earned under the same credit program in the current tax year. However, a credit carried forward from a previous tax year cannot be applied against computed tax before a credit awarded under a different credit program in a later year that appears before it in the sequence in subrule 501.12(1). For example, a school tuition organization tax credit awarded in the current tax year must be applied against computed tax before a renewable energy tax credit carried forward from a previous tax year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.33, 422.91 and 422.110.

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**701—501.13(422) Livestock production credits.** For rules relating to the livestock production income tax credit refunds see rule 701—305.8(422).

This rule is intended to implement 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1197, sections 19, 20, and 21.

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**701—501.14(15E) Enterprise zone tax credits.** For tax years ending after July 1, 1997, for programs approved after July 1, 1997, but before July 1, 2014, a business which qualifies under the enterprise zone program is eligible to receive tax credits. The enterprise zone program was repealed on July 1, 2014. Any tax credits earned by businesses approved under the enterprise zone program prior to July 1, 2014, remain valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2014. An eligible business under the enterprise zone program must be approved by the economic development authority and meet

the requirements of 2014 Iowa Code section 15E.193. The administrative rules for the enterprise zone program for the economic development authority may be found at 261—Chapter 59.

**501.14(1) *Supplemental new jobs credit from withholding.*** An eligible business approved under the enterprise zone program is allowed the supplemental new jobs credit from withholding as provided in 701—subrule 46.9(1).

**501.14(2) *Investment tax credit.*** An eligible business approved under the enterprise zone program is allowed an investment tax credit of up to 10 percent of the new investment which is directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of the eligible business.

The provisions under the new jobs and income program for the investment tax credit described in rule 701—501.10(15) are applicable to the enterprise zone program with the following exceptions:

*a.* The corporate tax credit for certain sales taxes paid by a developer described in subrule 52.10(5) does not apply for the enterprise zone program.

*b.* For projects approved on or after July 1, 2005, under the enterprise zone program, the investment tax credit will be amortized over a five-year period, as described in subrule 501.28(2).

*c.* For tax years ending on or after July 1, 2005, an eligible business approved under the enterprise zone program whose project primarily involves biotechnology-related processes may elect to receive a refund for all or a portion of an unused investment credit as described in subrule 501.10(4).

**501.14(3) *Research activities credit.*** An eligible business approved under the enterprise zone program is eligible for an additional research activities credit as described in subrules 501.7(5) and 501.7(6).

*a. Tax years ending on or after July 1, 2005, but before July 1, 2009.* For eligible businesses approved under the enterprise zone program, research activities allowable for the Iowa research activities credit include expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components manufactured or assembled in Iowa; such expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are not eligible for the federal credit for increasing research activities. For purposes of this subrule, innovative renewable energy generation components do not include components with more than 200 megawatts in installed effective nameplate capacity. The research activities credit related to renewable energy generation components under the enterprise zone program and the high quality job creation program described in subrule 501.28(1) shall not exceed \$1 million in the aggregate.

These expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are applicable only to the additional research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.7(5) for businesses in enterprise zones and the additional research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.28(1) for businesses approved under the high quality job creation program, and are not applicable to the research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.7(3).

*b. Tax years ending on or after July 1, 2009.* For eligible businesses approved under the enterprise zone program, research activities allowable for the Iowa research activities credit include expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components manufactured or assembled in Iowa; such expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are not eligible for the federal credit for increasing research activities.

(1) For purposes of this paragraph, innovative renewable energy generation components do not include components with more than 200 megawatts in installed effective nameplate capacity.

(2) The research activities credit related to renewable energy generation components under the enterprise zone program and the high quality jobs program described in subrule 501.28(1) shall not exceed \$2 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and \$1 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

(3) These expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are applicable only to the additional research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.7(5) for businesses in enterprise zones and the additional research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.40(1) for businesses approved under the high quality jobs program, and are not applicable to the research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.7(3).

**501.14(4) *Repayment of incentives.*** Effective July 1, 2003, eligible businesses in an enterprise zone may be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives received on Iowa returns if the eligible business experiences a layoff of employees in Iowa or closes any of its facilities in Iowa. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the tax credits may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure to maintain the requirements of the enterprise zone program because this is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

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**701—501.15(15E) Eligible housing business tax credit.** A corporation which qualifies as an eligible housing business may receive a tax credit of up to 10 percent of the new investment which is directly related to the building or rehabilitating of homes in an enterprise zone. The enterprise zone program was repealed on July 1, 2014, and the eligible housing business tax credit has been replaced with the workforce housing tax incentives program. See rule 701—501.46(15) for information on the tax incentives provided under the workforce housing tax incentives program. Any investment tax credit earned by businesses approved under the enterprise zone program prior to July 1, 2014, remains valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2014. The tax credit may be taken on the tax return for the tax year in which the home is ready for occupancy.

An eligible housing business is one which meets the criteria in 2014 Iowa Code section 15E.193B.

**501.15(1) *Computation of tax credit.*** New investment which is directly related to the building or rehabilitating of homes includes but is not limited to the following costs: land, surveying, architectural services, building permits, inspections, interest on a construction loan, building materials, roofing, plumbing materials, electrical materials, amounts paid to subcontractors for labor and materials provided, concrete, labor, landscaping, appliances normally provided with a new home, heating and cooling equipment, millwork, drywall and drywall materials, nails, bolts, screws, and floor coverings.

New investment does not include the machinery, equipment, hand or power tools necessary to build or rehabilitate homes.

A taxpayer may claim on the taxpayer's corporation income tax return the pro rata share of the Iowa eligible housing business tax credit from a partnership, limited liability company, estate, or trust. The portion of the credit claimed by the taxpayer shall be in the same ratio as the taxpayer's pro rata share of the earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, or estate or trust, except for projects beginning on or after July 1, 2005, which used low-income housing credits authorized under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code to assist in the financing of the housing development. For these projects, the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder.

Any Iowa eligible housing business tax credit in excess of the corporation's tax liability may be carried forward for seven years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier.

If the eligible housing business fails to maintain the requirements of Iowa Code section 15E.193B to be an eligible housing business, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a part of the tax incentives the business received. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the income tax credit may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure to maintain the requirements of Iowa Code section 15E.193B. This is because it is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules

of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

Prior to January 1, 2001, the tax credit cannot exceed 10 percent of \$120,000 for each home or individual unit in a multiple dwelling unit building. Effective January 1, 2001, the tax credit cannot exceed 10 percent of \$140,000 for each home or individual unit in a multiple dwelling unit building.

Effective for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the taxpayer must receive a tax credit certificate from the economic development authority to claim the eligible housing business tax credit. The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's tax identification number, the date the project was completed, the amount of the eligible housing business tax credit and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. In addition, the tax credit certificate shall include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, as provided in subrule 501.15(2). The tax credit certificate must be included with the income tax return for the tax period in which the home is ready for occupancy. The administrative rules for the eligible housing business tax credit for the economic development authority may be found under 261—Chapter 59.

**501.15(2) *Transfer of the eligible housing business tax credit.*** For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the eligible housing business tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity if low-income housing tax credits authorized under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code are used to assist in the financing of the housing development. In addition, the eligible housing business tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity for projects beginning on or after July 1, 2005, if the housing development is located in a brownfield site as defined in Iowa Code section 15.291, or if the housing development is located in a blighted area as defined in Iowa Code section 403.17. No more than \$3 million of tax credits for housing developments located in brownfield sites or blighted areas may be transferred in a calendar year, with no more than \$1.5 million being transferred for any one eligible housing business in a calendar year.

The excess of the \$3 million limitation of tax credits eligible for transfer in the 2013 and 2014 calendar years for housing developments located in brownfield sites or blighted areas cannot be claimed by a transferee prior to January 1, 2016. The eligible housing business must have notified the economic development authority in writing before July 1, 2014, of the business's intent to transfer any tax credits for housing developments located in brownfield sites or blighted areas. If a tax credit certificate is issued by the economic development authority for a housing development approved prior to July 1, 2014, that is located in a brownfield site or blighted area, the tax credit can still be claimed by the eligible business, but the tax credit cannot be transferred by the eligible business if the economic development authority was not notified prior to July 1, 2014.

**EXAMPLE 1:** A housing development located in a brownfield site was completed in December 2013 and was issued a tax credit certificate totaling \$250,000. The \$3 million calendar cap for transferred tax credits for brownfield sites and blighted areas has already been reached for the 2013 and 2014 tax years. The \$250,000 tax credit is going to be transferred to ABC Company, and the economic development authority was notified of the transfer prior to July 1, 2014. Once a replacement tax credit certificate has been issued, ABC Company cannot file an amended Iowa corporation income tax return for the 2013 tax year until January 1, 2016, to claim the \$250,000 tax credit.

**EXAMPLE 2:** A housing development located in a blighted area was completed in May 2014 and was issued a tax credit certificate totaling \$150,000. The \$3 million calendar cap for transferred tax credits for brownfield sites and blighted areas has already been reached for the 2014 tax year. The \$150,000 tax credit is going to be transferred to XYZ Company, and the economic development authority was notified of the transfer prior to July 1, 2014. Once a replacement tax credit certificate has been issued, XYZ Company cannot file an amended Iowa corporation income tax return for the 2014 tax year until January 1, 2016, to claim the \$150,000 tax credit.

Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate for transfers prior to July 1, 2006, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the economic development authority, along with a statement which contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred. For transfers on or after July 1, 2006, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee for transfers prior to July 1, 2006, the economic development authority will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. For transfers on or after July 1, 2006, the department of revenue will issue the replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members or shareholders and information on how the housing business tax credit should be divided among the partners, members or shareholders. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members or shareholders. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information that was on the original certificate and must have the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax period for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

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**701—501.16(422) Franchise tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998, a shareholder in a financial institution as defined in Section 581 of the Internal Revenue Code which has elected to have its income taxed directly to the shareholders may take a tax credit equal to the shareholder's pro rata share of the Iowa franchise tax paid by the financial institution.

The credit must be computed by recomputing the amount of tax computed under Iowa Code section 422.33 by reducing the shareholder's taxable income by the shareholder's pro rata share of the items of income and expenses of the financial institution and deducting from the recomputed tax the credits allowed by Iowa Code section 422.33. The recomputed tax must be subtracted from the amount of tax computed under Iowa Code section 422.33 reduced by the credits allowed in Iowa Code section 422.33.

The resulting amount, not to exceed the shareholder's pro rata share of the franchise tax paid by the financial institution, is the amount of tax credit allowed the shareholder.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33, as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 95.

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**701—501.17(422) Assistive device tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, a taxpayer who is a small business that purchases, rents, or modifies an assistive device or makes workplace modifications for an individual with a disability who is employed or will be employed by the taxpayer may qualify for an assistive device tax credit, subject to the availability of the credit. The assistive device credit is equal to 50 percent of the first \$5,000 paid during the tax year by the small business for the purchase, rental, or modification of an assistive device or for making workplace modifications. Any credit in excess of the tax liability may be refunded or applied to the taxpayer's tax liability for the following tax year. If the taxpayer elects to take the assistive device tax credit, the taxpayer is not to deduct for Iowa income tax purposes any amount of the cost of the assistive device or workplace modification that is deductible for federal income tax purposes. A small business will not be eligible for the assistive device credit if the device is provided for an owner of the small business unless the owner is a bona fide employee of the small business.

**501.17(1) Submitting applications for the credit.** A small business wanting to receive the assistive device tax credit must submit an application for the credit to the Iowa department of economic development and provide other information and documents requested by the Iowa department of

economic development. If the taxpayer meets the criteria for qualification for the credit, the Iowa department of economic development will issue the taxpayer a certificate of entitlement for the credit. However, the aggregate amount of assistive device tax credits that may be granted by the Iowa department of economic development to all small businesses during a fiscal year cannot exceed \$500,000. The certificate for entitlement of the assistive device credit is to include the taxpayer's name, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's tax identification number, the estimated amount of the tax credit, the date on which the taxpayer's application was approved and the date when it is anticipated that the assistive device project will be completed and a space on the application where the taxpayer is to enter the date that the assistive device project was completed. The certificate for entitlement will not be considered to be valid for purposes of claiming the assistive device credit on the taxpayer's Iowa income tax return until the taxpayer has completed the assistive device project and has entered the completion date on the certificate of entitlement form. The tax year of the small business in which the assistive device project is completed is the tax year for which the assistive device credit may be claimed. For example, in a case where taxpayer A received a certificate of entitlement for an assistive device credit on September 15, 2000, and completed the assistive device workplace modification project on January 15, 2001, taxpayer A could claim the assistive device credit on taxpayer A's 2001 Iowa return assuming that taxpayer A is filing returns on a calendar-year basis.

The department of revenue will not allow the assistive device credit on a taxpayer's return if the certificate of entitlement or a legible copy of the certificate is not included with the taxpayer's income tax return. If the taxpayer has been granted a certificate of entitlement and the taxpayer is an S corporation, where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business entity, the taxpayer must provide a copy of the certificate to each of the shareholders with a statement showing how the credit is to be allocated among the individual owners of the S corporation. An individual owner is to include a copy of the certificate of entitlement and the statement of allocation of the assistive device credit with the individual's state income tax return.

**501.17(2) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this subrule:

*"Assistive device"* means any item, piece of equipment, or product system which is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of an individual with a disability in the workplace or on the job. "Assistive device" does not mean any medical device, surgical device, or organ implanted or transplanted into or attached directly to an individual. "Assistive device" does not include any device for which a certificate of title is issued by the state department of transportation, but does include any item, piece of equipment, or product system otherwise meeting the definition of "assistive device" that is incorporated, attached, or included as a modification in or to such a device issued a certificate of title.

*"Business entity"* means partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust, where the income of the business is taxed to the individual owners of the business, whether the individual owner is a partner, member, shareholder, or beneficiary.

*"Disability"* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 15.102. Therefore, "disability" means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, a record of physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, or being regarded as an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual. "Disability" does not include any of the following:

1. Homosexuality or bisexuality;
2. Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders, or other sexual behavior disorders;
3. Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania;
4. Psychoactive substance abuse disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs;
5. Alcoholism.

*"Employee"* means an individual who is employed by the small business who meets the criteria in Treasury Regulation § 31.3401(c)-1(b), which is the definition of an employee for federal income tax withholding purposes. An individual who receives self-employment income from the small business is not to be considered to be an employee of the small business for purposes of this rule.



“*Small business*” means that the business either had gross receipts in the tax year before the current tax year of \$3 million or less or employed not more than 14 full-time employees during the tax year prior to the current tax year.

“*Workplace modifications*” means physical alterations to the office, factory, or other work environment where the disabled employee is working or is to work.

**501.17(3) Allocation of credit to owners of a business entity.** If the taxpayer that was entitled to an assistive device credit is a business entity, the business entity is to allocate the allowable credit to each of the individual owners of the entity on the basis of each owner’s pro rata share of the earnings of the entity to the total earnings of the entity. Therefore, if an S corporation has an assistive device credit for a tax year of \$2,500 and one shareholder of the S corporation receives 25 percent of the earnings of the corporation, that shareholder would receive an assistive device credit for the tax year of \$625 or 25 percent of the total assistive device credit of the S corporation.

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**701—501.18(404A,422) Historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit for projects with Part 2 applications approved and tax credits reserved prior to July 1, 2014.** A historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit, subject to the availability of the credit, may be claimed against a taxpayer’s Iowa corporate income tax liability for 25 percent of the qualified costs of rehabilitation of property to the extent the costs were incurred on or after July 1, 2000, for the approved rehabilitation projects of eligible property in Iowa.

The general assembly has mandated that the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue adopt rules to jointly administer Iowa Code chapter 404A. 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2453, amended the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program effective July 1, 2014. The department of revenue’s provisions for projects with tax credits reserved prior to July 1, 2014, are found in this rule. The department of revenue’s provisions for projects with agreements entered into on or after July 1, 2014, are found in rule 701—501.47(404A,422). The department of cultural affairs’ rules related to this program may be found at 223—Chapter 48. Division I of 223—Chapter 48 applies to projects with reservations approved prior to July 1, 2014. Division II of 223—Chapter 48 applies to projects with agreements entered into on or after July 1, 2014.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the department of cultural affairs shall not reserve tax credits under 2013 Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 112, section 1, for applicants that do not have an approved Part 2 application and a tax credit reservation on or before June 30, 2014. Projects with approved Part 2 applications and provisional tax credit reservations on or before June 30, 2014, shall be governed by 2013 Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 112, section 1; by 223—Chapter 48, Division I; and by rule 701—501.18(404A,422). Projects for which Part 2 applications were approved and agreements entered into after June 30, 2014, shall be governed by 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2453; by 223—Chapter 48, Division II; and by rule 701—501.47(404A,422).

**501.18(1) Eligible property for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.** The following types of property are eligible for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit:

- a. Property verified as listed on the National Register of Historic Places or eligible for such listing.
- b. Property designated as of historic significance to a district listed in the National Register of Historic Places or eligible for such designation.
- c. Property or district designated a local landmark by a city or county ordinance.
- d. Any barn constructed prior to 1937.

**501.18(2) Application and review process for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.**

- a. Taxpayers who want to claim an income tax credit for completing a historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district project must submit an application for approval of the project. The application forms for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit may be

requested from the State Tax Credit Program Manager, State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Cultural Affairs, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290. The telephone number for this office is (515)281-4137. Applications for the credit will be accepted by the state historic preservation office on or after July 1, 2000, until such time as all the available credits allocated for each fiscal year are encumbered.

*b.* Applicants for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit must include all information and documentation requested on the application forms for the credit in order for the applications to be processed.

**501.18(3)** *Computation of the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.* The amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit is 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation costs made to eligible property in a project. Qualified rehabilitation costs are those rehabilitation costs approved by the state historic preservation office for a project for a particular taxpayer to the extent those rehabilitation costs are actually expended by that taxpayer.

*a.* In the case of commercial property, qualified rehabilitation costs must equal at least \$50,000 or 50 percent of the assessed value of the property, excluding the value of the land, prior to rehabilitation, whichever is less. In the case of property other than commercial property, the qualified rehabilitation costs must equal at least \$25,000 or 25 percent of the assessed value, excluding the value of the land, prior to the rehabilitation, whichever amount is less.

*b.* In computing the tax credit, the only costs which may be included are the qualified rehabilitation costs incurred commencing from the date on which the first qualified rehabilitation cost is incurred and ending with the end of the taxable year in which the property is placed in service. The rehabilitation period may include dates that precede approval of a project, provided that any qualified rehabilitation costs incurred prior to the date of approval of the project must be qualified rehabilitation costs.

*c.* For purposes of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit, qualified rehabilitation costs include those costs properly included in the basis of the eligible property for income tax purposes. Costs treated as expenses and deducted in the year paid or incurred and amounts that are otherwise not added to the basis of the property for income tax purposes are not qualified rehabilitation costs. Amounts incurred for architectural and engineering fees, site survey fees, legal expenses, insurance premiums, development fees, and other construction-related costs are qualified rehabilitation costs to the extent they are added to the basis of the eligible property for tax purposes. Costs of sidewalks, parking lots, and landscaping do not constitute qualified rehabilitation costs. Any rehabilitation costs used in the computation of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit are not added to the basis of the property for Iowa income tax purposes if the rehabilitation costs were incurred in a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2000, but prior to January 1, 2001. Any rehabilitation costs incurred in a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2001, are added to the basis of the rehabilitated property for income tax purposes except those rehabilitation costs that are equal to the amount of the computed historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit for the tax year.

EXAMPLE: The basis of a commercial building in a historic district was \$500,000, excluding the value of the land, before the rehabilitation project. During a project to rehabilitate this building, \$600,000 in rehabilitation costs were expended to complete the project and \$500,000 of those rehabilitation costs were qualified rehabilitation costs which were eligible for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit of \$125,000. Therefore, the basis of the building for Iowa income tax purposes was \$975,000, since the qualified rehabilitation costs of \$125,000, which are equal to the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit for the tax year, are not added to the basis of the rehabilitated property. The basis of the building for federal income tax purposes was \$1,100,000. It should be noted that this example does not consider any possible reduced basis for the building for federal income tax purposes due to the rehabilitation investment credit provided in Section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**501.18(4)** *Completion of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district project and claiming the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit on the Iowa*

*return.* After the taxpayer completes an authorized rehabilitation project, the taxpayer must get a certificate of completion of the project from the state historic preservation office of the department of cultural affairs. After verifying the taxpayer's eligibility for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit, the state historic preservation office shall issue a historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit certificate, which shall be included with the taxpayer's income tax return for the tax year in which the rehabilitation project is completed or the year the credit was reserved, whichever is later. For example, if a project was completed in 2008 and the credit was reserved for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the credit can be claimed on the 2009 calendar year return that is due on April 30, 2010. The tax credit certificate is to include the taxpayer's name, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's tax identification number, the address or location of the rehabilitation project, the date the project was completed, the year the tax credit was reserved, and the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit. In addition, the tax credit certificate shall include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, and any consideration received in exchange for the tax credit, as provided in subrule 501.18(6). In addition, if the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, estate or trust, where the tax credit is allocated to the owners or beneficiaries of the entity, a list of the owners or beneficiaries and the amount of credit allocated to each owner or beneficiary should be provided with the certificate. The tax credit certificate should be included with the income tax return for the period in which the project was completed.

For tax years ending on or after July 1, 2007, any historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is fully refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

**501.18(5)** *Allocation of historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credits to individual owners of the entity for tax credits reserved for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2012.* For tax credits reserved for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2012, the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder. The credit does not have to be allocated based on the pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation.

**501.18(6)** *Transfer of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.* For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity. A tax credit certificate of less than \$1,000 shall not be transferable.

*a.* For transfers on or after July 1, 2006, the department of revenue will issue the replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. Within 90 days of the transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue along with a statement containing the transferee's name, tax identification number and address, the denomination that each replacement tax credit certificate is to carry, the amount of all consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit and the names of recipients of any consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit. If a payment of money was any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit, the transferee shall list the amount of the payment of money in its statement to the department of revenue. If any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit included nonmonetary consideration, including but not limited to any promise, representation, performance, discharge of debt or nonmonetary rights or property, the tax credit transferee shall describe the nature of nonmonetary consideration and disclose any value the transferor and transferee assigned to the nonmonetary consideration. The tax credit transferee must indicate on its statement to the department of revenue if no consideration was provided in exchange for the tax credit. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members or shareholders and information on how the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit should be divided among the partners, members or shareholders. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members or shareholders. The replacement tax credit certificate

must contain the same information that was on the original certificate and must have the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate.

*b.* The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax period for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

*c.* If the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit of the transferee exceeds the tax liability shown on the transferee's return, the tax credit shall be fully refundable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 436, and Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—501.19(422) Ethanol blended gasoline tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, an ethanol blended gasoline tax credit may be claimed against a taxpayer's corporation income tax liability for retail dealers of gasoline. The taxpayer must operate at least one retail motor fuel site at which more than 60 percent of the total gallons of gasoline sold and dispensed through one or more motor fuel pumps by the taxpayer in the tax year is ethanol blended gasoline. The tax credit shall be calculated separately for each retail motor fuel site operated by the taxpayer. The amount of the credit for each eligible retail motor fuel site is two and one-half cents multiplied by the total number of gallons of ethanol blended gasoline sold and dispensed through all motor fuel pumps located at that retail motor fuel site during the tax year in excess of 60 percent of all gasoline sold and dispensed through motor fuel pumps at that retail motor fuel site during the tax year.

For fiscal years ending in 2002, the tax credit is available for each eligible retail motor fuel site based on the total number of gallons of ethanol blended gasoline sold and dispensed through all motor fuel pumps located at the taxpayer's retail motor fuel site from January 1, 2002, until the end of the taxpayer's fiscal year. Assuming a tax period that began on July 1, 2001, and ended on June 30, 2002, the taxpayer would be eligible for the tax credit based on the gallons of ethanol blended gasoline sold from January 1, 2002, through June 30, 2002. For taxpayers having a fiscal year ending in 2002, a claim for refund to claim the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit must be filed before October 1, 2003, even though the statute of limitations for refund set forth in 701—subrule 504.3(5) has not yet expired.

EXAMPLE: A taxpayer sold 100,000 gallons of gasoline at the taxpayer's retail motor fuel site during the tax year, 70,000 gallons of which was ethanol blended gasoline. The taxpayer is eligible for the credit since more than 60 percent of the total gallons sold was ethanol blended gasoline. The number of gallons in excess of 60 percent of all gasoline sold is 70,000 less 60,000, or 10,000 gallons. Two and one-half cents multiplied by 10,000 equals a \$250 credit available.

The credit may be calculated on Form IA 6478. The credit must be calculated separately for each retail motor fuel site operated by the taxpayer. Therefore, if the taxpayer operates more than one retail motor fuel site, it is possible that one retail motor fuel site may be eligible for the credit while another retail motor fuel site may not. The credit can be taken only for those retail motor fuel sites for which more than 60 percent of gasoline sales involve ethanol blended gasoline.

Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

Starting with the 2006 calendar tax year, a taxpayer may claim the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit even if the taxpayer also claims the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit provided in rule 701—501.30(422) for the same tax year for the same ethanol gallons.

EXAMPLE: A taxpayer sold 200,000 gallons of gasoline at a retail motor fuel site in 2006, of which 160,000 gallons was ethanol blended gasoline. Of these 160,000 gallons, 1,000 gallons was E-85 gasoline. Taxpayer is entitled to claim the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit of two and one-half cents multiplied by 40,000 gallons, since this constitutes the gallons in excess of 60 percent of the total

gasoline gallons sold. Taxpayer may also claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit on the 1,000 gallons of E-85 gasoline sold.

**501.19(1) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

“*Ethanol blended gasoline*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 214A.1 as amended by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2754, section 3.

“*Gasoline*” means any liquid product prepared, advertised, offered for sale or sold for use as, or commonly and commercially used as, motor fuel for use in a spark-ignition, internal combustion engine, and which meets the specifications provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2.

“*Motor fuel pump*” means a pump, meter, or similar commercial weighing and measuring device used to measure and dispense motor fuel for sale on a retail basis.

“*Retail dealer*” means a person engaged in the business of storing and dispensing motor fuel from a motor fuel pump for sale on a retail basis, regardless of whether the motor fuel pump is located at a retail motor fuel site including a permanent or mobile location.

“*Retail motor fuel site*” means a geographic location in this state where a retail dealer sells and dispenses motor fuel on a retail basis. For example, tank wagons are considered retail motor fuel sites.

“*Sell*” means to sell on a retail basis.

**501.19(2) Allocation of credit to owners of a business entity.** If the taxpayer that was entitled to the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust, the business entity shall allocate the allowable credit to each of the individual owners of the entity on the basis of each owner’s pro rata share of the earnings of the entity to the total earnings of the entity. Therefore, if a partnership has an ethanol blended gasoline tax credit of \$3,000 and one partner of the partnership receives 25 percent of the earnings of the partnership, that partner would receive an ethanol blended gasoline tax credit for the tax year of \$750 or 25 percent of the total ethanol blended gasoline tax credit of the partnership.

**501.19(3) Repeal of ethanol blended gasoline tax credit.** The ethanol blended gasoline tax credit is repealed on January 1, 2009. However, the tax credit is available for taxpayers whose fiscal year ends after December 31, 2008, for those ethanol gallons sold beginning on the first day of the taxpayer’s fiscal year until December 31, 2008. The ethanol promotion tax credit described in rule 701—501.36(422) is available beginning January 1, 2009, for retail dealers of gasoline.

EXAMPLE: A taxpayer who is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year end of April 30, 2009. The taxpayer sold 150,000 gallons of gasoline from May 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, at the taxpayer’s retail motor fuel site, of which 110,000 gallons was ethanol blended gasoline. The number of gallons in excess of 60 percent of all gasoline sold is 110,000 less 90,000, or 20,000 gallons. The taxpayer may claim the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2009, in the amount of \$500, or 20,000 gallons times two and one-half cents.

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**701—501.20(15E) Eligible development business investment tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, a business which qualifies as an eligible development business may receive a tax credit of up to 10 percent of the new investment which is directly related to the construction, expansion or rehabilitation of building space to be used for manufacturing, processing, cold storage, distribution, or office facilities.

An eligible development business must be approved by the Iowa department of economic development prior to March 17, 2004, and meet the qualifications of Iowa Code section 15E.193C. Effective March 17, 2004, the eligible development business program is repealed.

New investment includes the purchase price of land and the cost of improvements made to real property. The tax credit may be claimed by an eligible development business in the tax year in which the construction, expansion or rehabilitation is completed.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

If the eligible development business fails to meet and maintain any one of the requirements to be an eligible business, the business shall be subject to repayment of all or a portion of the amount of tax incentives received. For example, if within five years of project completion the development business sells or leases any space to any retail business, the development business shall proportionally repay the value of the investment credit. The proportion of the investment credit that would be due for repayment by an eligible development business for selling or leasing space to a retail business would be determined by dividing the square footage of building space occupied by the retail business by the square footage of the total building space.

An eligible business, which is not a development business, which operates in an enterprise zone cannot claim an investment tax credit if the property is owned, or was previously owned, by an approved development business that has already received an investment tax credit. An eligible business, which is not a development business, can claim an investment tax credit only on additional, new improvements made to real property that was not included in the development business's approved application for the investment tax credit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15E.193C.  
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#### **701—501.21(15E,422) Venture capital credits.**

**501.21(1)** *Investment tax credit for an equity investment in a community-based seed capital fund or qualifying business.*

*a. Equity investments in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund before January 1, 2011.* See rule 123—2.1(15E) for the discussion of the investment tax credit for an equity investment in a community-based seed capital fund or an equity investment made on or after January 1, 2004, in a qualifying business, along with the issuance of tax credit certificates by the Iowa capital investment board, for equity investments made before January 1, 2011.

*b. Equity investments in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund on or after January 1, 2011, and before July 2, 2015.* For equity investments made on or after January 1, 2011, see 261—Chapter 115 for information regarding eligibility for qualifying businesses and community-based seed capital funds, applications for the investment tax credit for equity investments in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund, and the issuance of tax credit certificates by the economic development authority.

(1) Certificate issuance. The department of revenue will be notified by the economic development authority when the tax credit certificates are issued.

(2) Amount of the tax credit. The credit is equal to 20 percent of the taxpayer's equity investment in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund.

(3) Year in which the tax credit may be claimed. An investment shall be deemed to have been made on the same date as the date of acquisition of the equity interest as determined by the Internal Revenue Code. For investments made prior to January 1, 2014, a taxpayer shall not claim the tax credit prior to the third tax year following the tax year in which the investment is made. For investments made in qualifying businesses on or after January 1, 2014, the credit can be claimed in the year of the investment, but these investments cannot be redeemed prior to January 1, 2016. For example, if a corporation taxpayer whose tax year ends on December 31, 2012, makes an equity investment during the 2012 calendar year, the corporation taxpayer cannot claim the tax credit until the tax year ending December 31, 2015. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011, the amount of tax credits authorized cannot exceed \$2 million. The tax credit certificate must be included with the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate.

(4) Carried over tax credits. If a tax credit is carried over and issued for the tax year immediately following the year in which the investment was made because the \$2 million cap has been reached, the

tax credit may be claimed by the taxpayer for the third tax year following the tax year for which the credit is issued. For example, if a corporation taxpayer whose tax year ends on December 31, 2012, makes an equity investment in December 2012 and the \$2 million cap for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, had already been reached, the tax credit will be issued for the tax year ending December 31, 2013, and cannot be redeemed until the tax year ending December 31, 2016.

(5) Limitations. Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer claims the tax credit. The tax credit is not transferable to any other taxpayer.

(6) Pro rata tax credit claims for certain business entities. For equity investments made in a community-based seed capital fund and equity investments made on or after January 1, 2004, in a qualifying business, an individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

*c. Equity investments in a qualifying business on or after July 2, 2015.* For equity investments made on or after July 2, 2015, see 261—Chapter 115 for information regarding eligibility for qualifying businesses, applications for the investment tax credit for equity investments in a qualifying business, and the issuance of tax credit certificates by the economic development authority.

(1) Certificate issuance. The department of revenue will be notified by the economic development authority when the tax credit certificates are issued.

(2) Amount of the tax credit. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011, the amount of the tax credits authorized cannot exceed \$2 million. The credit is equal to 25 percent of the taxpayer's equity investment in a qualifying business. In any one calendar year, the amount of tax credits issued for any one qualifying business shall not exceed \$500,000. For purposes of this paragraph, a tax credit issued to a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust electing to have income taxed directly to the individual shall be deemed to be issued to the individual owners based upon a pro rata share of the individual's earnings from the entity.

(3) Year in which the credit may be claimed. A taxpayer shall not claim a tax credit prior to September 1, 2016. The tax credit certificate must be included with the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate. For the purposes of this paragraph, an investment shall be deemed to have been made on the same date as the date of acquisition of the equity interest as determined by the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) Pro rata tax credit claims for certain business entities. An individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust. Any credits claimed by an individual are subject to the limitations provided in 701—paragraph 304.22(1) "c."

(5) Carryforward period. For a tax credit claimed against the taxes imposed in Iowa Code chapter 422, division III, any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following three years or until depleted, whichever is earlier.

(6) Refunds, transfers, and carryback prohibited. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer claims the tax credit. The tax credit is not refundable and is not transferable to any other taxpayer.

**501.21(2)** *Investment tax credit for an equity investment in a venture capital fund.* See rule 123—3.1(15E) for the discussion of the investment tax credit for an equity investment in a venture capital fund, along with the issuance of tax credit certificates by the Iowa capital investment board. This credit is repealed for investments in venture capital funds made after July 1, 2010.

The department of revenue will be notified by the Iowa capital investment board when the tax credit certificates are issued. The tax credit certificate must be attached to the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

For equity investments made in a venture capital fund, an individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

**501.21(3)** *Contingent tax credit for investments in Iowa fund of funds.* See rule 123—4.1(15E) for the discussion of the contingent tax credit available for investments made in the Iowa fund of funds organized by the Iowa capital investment corporation. Tax credit certificates related to the contingent tax credits will be issued by the Iowa capital investment board.

The department of revenue will be notified by the Iowa capital investment board when these tax credit certificates are issued and, if applicable, when they are redeemed. If the tax credit certificate is redeemed, the certificate must be attached to the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate.

If the tax credit certificate is redeemed, any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If the tax credit certificate is redeemed, an individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

**501.21(4)** *Innovation fund investment tax credit.* See 261—Chapter 116 for information regarding eligibility for an innovation fund, applications for the investment tax credit for investments in an innovation fund, and the issuance of tax credit certificates by the economic development authority.

The department of revenue will be notified by the economic development authority when the tax credit certificates are issued. The credit is equal to 20 percent of the taxpayer's equity investment in the form of cash in an innovation fund for tax years beginning and investments made on or after January 1, 2011, and before January 1, 2013. For tax years beginning and investments made on or after January 1, 2013, the taxpayer may claim a tax credit equal to 25 percent of the taxpayer's equity investment in the form of cash in an innovation fund. An investment shall be deemed to have been made on the same date as the date of acquisition of the equity interest as determined by the Internal Revenue Code. A taxpayer shall claim the tax credit for the tax year in which the investment is made. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011, the amount of tax credits authorized cannot exceed \$8 million. No tax credit certificates will be issued prior to September 1, 2014. The tax credit certificate must be attached to the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the investment was made as stated on the tax credit certificate.

If a tax credit is carried over and issued for the tax year immediately following the year in which the investment was made because the \$8 million cap has been reached, the tax credit may be claimed by the taxpayer for the tax year following the tax year for which the credit is issued. For example, if a corporation taxpayer whose tax year ending on December 31, 2013, makes an equity investment in December 2013 and the \$8 million cap for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, had already been reached, the tax credit will be issued for the tax year ending December 31, 2014, and can be redeemed for the tax year ending December 31, 2014.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until depleted, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer claims the tax credit.

The innovation fund tax credit certificate may be transferred once to any person or entity.

Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department, along with a statement which contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited



liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust claiming the credit for individual or corporation income tax, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries and information on how the innovation fund tax credit should be divided among the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information as that on the original tax credit certificate and must have the same effective taxable year and the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate. The replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different tax type than the original tax credit certificate.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax year for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

For equity investments made in an innovation fund, an individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15E.42, 15E.52, 15E.66 and 422.33 and section 15E.43 as amended by 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 138.

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**701—501.22(15) New capital investment program tax credits.** Effective for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, a business which qualifies under the new capital investment program is eligible to receive tax credits. An eligible business under the new capital investment program must be approved by the Iowa department of economic development and meet the qualifications of 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 125, section 4. The new capital investment program was repealed on July 1, 2005, and has been replaced with the high quality job creation program. See rule 701—501.28(15) for information on the tax credits available under the high quality job creation program. Any tax credits earned by businesses approved under the new capital investment program prior to July 1, 2005, remain valid, and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2005.

**501.22(1) Research activities credit.** A business approved under the new capital investment program is eligible for an additional research activities credit as described in subrule 501.7(5). This credit for increasing research activities is in lieu of the research activities credit described in subrule 501.7(3).

**501.22(2) Investment tax credit.**

*a. General rule.* An eligible business can claim an investment tax credit equal to a percentage of the new investment directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business. The percentage is equal to the amount provided in paragraph "b." New investment directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business includes the following:

(1) The cost of machinery and equipment, as defined in Iowa Code section 427A.1(1), paragraphs "e" and "j," purchased for use in the operation of the eligible business. The purchase price shall be depreciated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(2) The purchase price of real property and any buildings and structures located on the real property.

(3) The cost of improvements made to real property which is used in the operation of the eligible business.

For eligible businesses approved by the Iowa department of economic development on or after March 17, 2004, certain lease payments made by eligible businesses to a third-party developer will be considered to be new investment for purposes of computing the investment tax credit. The eligible business shall enter into a lease agreement with the third-party developer for a minimum of five years. The investment tax credit is based on the annual base rent paid to a third-party developer by the eligible business for a period not to exceed ten years. The total costs of the annual base rent payments for the ten-year period

cannot exceed the cost of the land and the third-party developer's cost to build or renovate the building used by the eligible business. The annual base rent is defined as the total lease payment less taxes, insurance and operating and maintenance expenses.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax period may be carried forward seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, cooperative organized under Iowa Code chapter 501 and filing as a partnership for federal tax purposes, or estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to an individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount of the credit claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, cooperative organized under Iowa Code chapter 501 and filing as a partnership for federal tax purposes, or estate or trust.

*b. Tax credit percentage.* The amount of tax credit claimed shall be based on the number of high-quality jobs created as determined by the Iowa department of economic development:

(1) If no high-quality jobs are created but economic activity within Iowa is advanced, the eligible business may claim a tax credit of up to 1 percent of the new investment.

(2) If 1 to 5 high-quality jobs are created, the eligible business may claim a tax credit of up to 2 percent of the new investment.

(3) If 6 to 10 high-quality jobs are created, the eligible business may claim a tax credit of up to 3 percent of the new investment.

(4) If 11 to 15 high-quality jobs are created, the eligible business may claim a tax credit of up to 4 percent of the new investment.

(5) If 16 or more high-quality jobs are created, the eligible business may claim a tax credit of up to 5 percent of the new investment.

*c. Investment tax credit—value-added agricultural products or biotechnology-related processes.* An eligible business whose project primarily involves the production of value-added agricultural products or uses biotechnology-related processes may elect to receive a refund for all or a portion of an unused investment tax credit. An eligible business includes a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol.

Eligible businesses that elect to receive a refund shall apply to the Iowa department of economic development for tax credit certificates between May 1 and May 15 of each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The election to receive a refund of all or a portion of an unused investment tax credit is no longer available beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Only those businesses that have completed projects before the May 1 filing date may apply for a tax credit certificate. The Iowa department of economic development shall not issue tax credit certificates for more than \$4 million during a fiscal year to eligible businesses for this program and eligible businesses described in subrule 501.10(4). If applications are received for more than \$4 million, the applicants shall receive certificates for a prorated amount.

The economic development authority shall issue tax credit certificates within a reasonable period of time. Tax credit certificates are valid for the tax year following project completion. The tax credit certificate must be included with the tax return for the tax year during which the tax credit is claimed. The tax credit certificate shall not be transferred, except for a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol, as provided in subrule 501.10(4). For value-added agricultural projects involving ethanol, the cooperative must submit a list of its members and the share of each member's interest in the cooperative. The economic development authority shall issue a tax credit certificate to each member on the list.

*d. Repayment of benefits.* If an eligible business fails to maintain the requirements of the new capital investment program, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives taken on Iowa returns. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the tax credits may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure of the taxpayer to maintain the requirements of the new capital investment program. This is because it is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative

rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

An eligible business in the new capital investment program may also be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives received on Iowa returns if the eligible business experiences a layoff of employees in Iowa or closes any of its facilities in Iowa.

If, within five years of purchase, the eligible business sells, disposes of, razes, or otherwise renders unusable all or a part of the land, buildings, or other existing structures for which a tax credit was claimed under this subrule, the income tax liability of the eligible business shall be increased by one of the following amounts:

(1) One hundred percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within one full year after being placed in service.

(2) Eighty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within two full years after being placed in service.

(3) Sixty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within three full years after being placed in service.

(4) Forty percent of the tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within four full years after being placed in service.

(5) Twenty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within five full years after being placed in service.

**501.22(3) Corporate tax credit—certain sales taxes paid by developer.** For eligible businesses approved by the Iowa department of economic development on or after March 17, 2004, the eligible business may claim a corporate tax credit for certain sales taxes paid by a third-party developer.

*a. Sales taxes eligible for the credit.* The sales taxes paid by the third-party developer which are eligible for this credit include the following:

(1) Iowa sales and use tax for gas, electricity, water, or sewer utility services, goods, wares, or merchandise, or on services rendered to, furnished to or performed for a contractor or subcontractor and used in the fulfillment of a written contract relating to the construction or equipping of a facility within the economic development area.

(2) Iowa sales and use tax paid for racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment to be used in a warehouse or distribution center within the economic development area.

Any Iowa sales and use tax paid relating to intangible property, furniture and other furnishings is not eligible for the corporate tax credit.

*b. How to claim the credit.* The third-party developer must provide to the Iowa department of economic development the amount of Iowa sales and use tax paid as described in paragraph “a.” The amount of Iowa sales and use tax attributable to racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment must be identified separately.

The Iowa department of economic development will issue a tax credit certificate to the eligible business equal to the Iowa sales and use tax paid by the third-party developer for gas, electricity, water, or sewer utility services, goods, wares, or merchandise, or on services rendered to, furnished to or performed for a contractor or subcontractor and used in the fulfillment of a written contract relating to the construction or equipping of a facility. In addition, the Iowa department of economic development will also issue a separate tax credit certificate to the eligible business equal to the Iowa sales and use tax paid by the third-party developer for racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment to be used in a warehouse or distribution center.

The tax credit certificate shall contain the name, address, and tax identification number of the eligible business, along with the amount of the tax credit and the year in which the tax credit can be claimed. The tax credit certificate must be attached to the taxpayer’s income tax return for the tax year for which the tax credit is claimed. Any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer’s tax liability is refundable. In lieu of

claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following seven years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier.

For the tax credit certificate relating to Iowa sales and use tax paid by the third-party developer for racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment, the aggregate amount of tax credit certificates and tax refunds for Iowa sales and use tax paid for racks, shelving, and conveyor equipment to eligible businesses under the new jobs and income program, enterprise zone program and new capital investment program cannot exceed \$500,000 in a fiscal year. The requests for tax credit certificates or refunds will be processed in the order they are received on a first-come, first-served basis until the amount of credits authorized for issuance has been exhausted. If applications for tax credit certificates or refunds exceed the \$500,000 limitation for any fiscal year, the applications shall be considered in succeeding fiscal years.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15.331C, 15.333 as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2380, and 15.381 to 15.387.

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**701—501.23(15E,422) Endow Iowa tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, a taxpayer who makes an endowment gift to an endow Iowa qualified community foundation may qualify for an endow Iowa tax credit, subject to the availability of the credit. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, but before January 1, 2010, the credit is equal to 20 percent of a taxpayer's endowment gift to an endow Iowa qualified community foundation approved by the Iowa department of economic development. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, the credit is equal to 25 percent of a taxpayer's endowment gift to an endow Iowa qualified community foundation approved by the Iowa department of economic development. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a taxpayer cannot claim a deduction for charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the amount of the contribution for which the tax credit is claimed for Iowa tax purposes. The administrative rules for the endow Iowa tax credit for the Iowa department of economic development may be found under 261—Chapter 47.

The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits available is \$2 million in the aggregate for the 2003 and 2004 calendar years. The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits is \$2 million annually for the 2005-2007 calendar years, and \$200,000 of these tax credits on an annual basis is reserved for endowment gifts of \$30,000 or less. The maximum amount of tax credit granted to a single taxpayer shall not exceed \$100,000 for the 2003-2007 calendar years. The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits annually for the 2008 and 2009 calendar years is \$2 million plus a percentage of the tax imposed on the adjusted gross receipts from gambling games in accordance with Iowa Code section 99F.11(3). The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits annually for 2010 is \$2.7 million plus a percentage of the tax imposed on the adjusted gross receipts from gambling games in accordance with Iowa Code section 99F.11(3). The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits annually for 2011 is \$3.5 million plus a percentage of the tax imposed on the adjusted gross receipts from gambling games in accordance with Iowa Code section 99F.11(3). The maximum amount of tax credit granted to a single taxpayer shall not exceed 5 percent of the total endow Iowa tax credit amount authorized for 2008 and subsequent years. For calendar year 2012 and subsequent calendar years, the total amount of endow Iowa tax credits is \$6 million; the maximum amount of tax credit authorized to a single taxpayer is \$300,000 (\$6 million multiplied by 5 percent). The endow Iowa tax credit cannot be transferred to any other taxpayer.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If a taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount

claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15E.305 as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, House File 620, and Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—501.24(422) Soy-based cutting tool oil tax credit.** Effective for tax periods ending after June 30, 2005, and beginning before January 1, 2007, a manufacturer may claim a soy-based cutting tool oil tax credit. A manufacturer, as defined in Iowa Code section 428.20, may claim the credit equal to the costs incurred during the tax year for the purchase and replacement costs relating to the transition from using nonsoy-based cutting tool oil to using soy-based cutting tool oil.

All of the following conditions must be met to qualify for the tax credit.

1. The costs must be incurred after June 30, 2005, and before January 1, 2007.
2. The costs must be incurred in the first 12 months of the transition from using nonsoy-based cutting tool oil to using soy-based cutting tool oil.
3. The soy-based cutting tool oil must contain at least 51 percent soy-based products.
4. The costs of the purchase and replacement must not exceed \$2 per gallon of soy-based cutting tool oil used in the transition.
5. The number of gallons used in the transition cannot exceed 2,000 gallons.
6. The manufacturer shall not deduct for Iowa income tax purposes the costs incurred in the transition to using soy-based cutting tool oil which are deductible for federal tax purposes.

Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

If a taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to an individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33 as amended by 2005 Iowa Acts, Senate File 389.

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**701—501.25(151,422) Wage-benefits tax credit.** Effective for tax years ending on or after June 9, 2006, a wage-benefits tax credit equal to a percentage of the annual wages and benefits paid for a qualified new job created by the location or expansion of the business in Iowa is available for qualified businesses.

**501.25(1) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

*"Average county wage"* means the annualized average hourly wage calculated by the Iowa department of economic development using the most current four quarters of wage and employment information as provided in the Quarterly Covered Wage and Employment Data report provided by the department of workforce development. Agricultural/mining and governmental employment categories are deleted in compiling the wage information.

*"Benefits"* means all of the following:

1. Medical and dental insurance plans.
2. Pension and profit-sharing plans.
3. Child care services.
4. Life insurance coverage.
5. Vision insurance plan.
6. Disability coverage.

*"Department"* means the Iowa department of revenue.

*"Full-time"* means the equivalent of employment of one person:

1. For 8 hours per day for a 5-day, 40-hour workweek for 52 weeks per year, including paid holidays, vacations, and other paid leave, or

2. The number of hours or days per week, including paid holidays, vacations, and other paid leave, currently established by schedule, custom or otherwise, as constituting a week of full-time work for the kind of service an individual performs for an employing unit.

“*Grow Iowa values fund*” means the grow Iowa values fund created in Iowa Code Supplement section 15G.108.

“*Nonqualified new job*” means any one of the following:

1. A job previously filled by the same employee in Iowa.
2. A job that was relocated from another location in Iowa.
3. A job that is created as a result of a consolidation, merger, or restructuring of a business entity if the job does not represent a new job in Iowa.

“*Qualified new job*” or “*job creation*” means a job that meets all of the following criteria:

1. Is a new full-time job that has not existed in the business within the previous 12 months in Iowa.
2. Is filled by a new employee for at least 12 months.
3. Is filled by a resident of the state of Iowa.
4. Is not created as a result of a change in ownership.
5. Was created on or after June 9, 2005.

“*Retail business*” means a business which sells its product directly to a consumer.

“*Retained qualified new job*” or “*job retention*” means the continued employment, after the first 12 months of employment, of the same employee in a qualified new job for another 12 months.

“*Service business*” means a business which is not engaged in the sale of tangible personal property, and which provides services to a local consumer market and does not have a significant proportion of its sales coming from outside the state.

**501.25(2)** *Calculation of credit.* A business which is not a retail or service business may claim the wage-benefits tax credit which is determined as follows:

- a. If the annual wages and benefits for the qualified new job equal less than 130 percent of the average county wage, the credit is 0 percent of the annual wage and benefits paid.
- b. If the annual wages and benefits for the qualified new job equal at least 130 percent but less than 160 percent of the average county wage, the credit is 5 percent of the annual wage and benefits paid for each qualified new job.
- c. If the annual wages and benefits for the qualified new job equal at least 160 percent of the average county wage, the credit is 10 percent of the annual wage and benefits paid for each qualified new job.

If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the tax credit. The amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the individual’s earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

Any credit in excess of the taxpayer’s tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

**501.25(3)** *Application for the tax credit, tax credit certificate and amount of tax credit available.*

a. In order to claim the wage-benefits tax credit, the business must submit an application to the department along with information on the qualified new job or retained qualified new job. The application cannot be submitted until the end of the twelfth month after the qualified job was filled. For example, if the new job was created on June 9, 2005, the application cannot be submitted until June 9, 2006. The following information must be submitted in the application:

- (1) Name, address and federal identification number of the business.
- (2) A description of the activities of the business. If applicable, the proportion of the sales of the business which come from outside Iowa should be included.
- (3) The amount of wages and benefits paid to each employee for each new job for the previous 12 months.
- (4) A computation of the amount of credit being requested.
- (5) The address and state of residence of each new employee.
- (6) The date that the qualified new job was filled.

(7) An indication of whether the job is a qualified new job or a retained qualified new job for which an application was filed for a previous year.

(8) The type of tax for which the credit will be applied.

(9) If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust, a schedule of the partners, shareholders, members or beneficiaries. This schedule shall include the names, addresses and federal identification number of the partners, shareholders, members or beneficiaries, along with their percentage of the pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

*b.* Upon receipt of the application, the department has 45 days either to approve or disapprove the application. If the department does not act on the application within 45 days, the application is deemed to be approved. If the department disapproves the application, the business may appeal the decision to the Iowa economic development board within 30 days of the notice of disapproval.

*c.* If the application is approved, or if the Iowa economic development board approves the application that was previously denied by the department, a tax credit certificate will be issued by the department to the business, subject to the availability of the amount of credits that may be issued. The tax credit certificate will contain the name, address and tax identification number of the business (or individual, estate or trust, if applicable), the date of the qualified new job(s), the wage and benefits paid for each job(s) for the 12-month period, the amount of the credit, the tax period for which the credit may be applied, and the type of tax for which the credit will be applied.

*d.* The tax credit certificates that are issued in a fiscal year cannot exceed \$10 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and shall not exceed \$4 million for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011. The tax credit certificates are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, if tax credit certificates have already been issued for the \$10 million limit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, any applications for tax credit certificates received after the \$10 million limit has been reached will be denied. Similarly, if tax credit certificates have already been issued for the \$4 million limit for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011, any applications for tax credit certificates received after the \$4 million limit has been reached will be denied. If a business failed to receive all or a part of the tax credit due to the \$10 million or \$4 million limitation, the business may reapply for the tax credit for the retained new job for a subsequent tax period.

*e.* A business which qualifies for the tax credit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, is eligible to receive the tax credit certificate for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011, subject to the \$4 million limit for tax credits for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011, if the business retains the qualified new job during each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011. The business must reapply by June 30 of each fiscal year for the tax credit, and the percentage of the wages and benefits allowed for the credit set forth in subrule 501.25(2) for the first year is applicable for each subsequent period. Preference will be given in issuing tax credit certificates for those businesses that retain qualified new jobs, and preference will be given in the order in which applications were filed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. Therefore, those businesses which received the first \$4 million of tax credits for the year ending June 30, 2007, in which the qualified jobs were created will automatically receive a tax credit for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011, as long as the qualified jobs are retained and an application is completed.

*f.* For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011, if credits become available because the jobs were not retained by businesses which received the first \$4 million of credits for the year ending June 30, 2007, an application which was originally denied will be considered in the order in which the application was received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

EXAMPLE: Wage-benefits tax credits of \$4 million were issued for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, relating to applications filed between July 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007. For the next fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, the same businesses that received the \$4 million in wage-benefits tax credits filed applications totaling \$3 million for the retained jobs for which the application for the prior year was filed on or before March 31, 2007. The first \$3 million of the available \$4 million will be allowed to these same businesses. The remaining \$1 million that is still available for the year ending June 30, 2008, will

be allowed for those retained jobs for which applications for the prior year were filed starting on April 1, 2007, until the remaining \$1 million in tax credits is issued.

g. A business may apply in writing to the Iowa economic development board for a waiver of the average wage and benefit requirement. See 261—subrule 68.3(2) for more detail on the procedures to apply for a waiver of the wage and benefit requirement. If a waiver is granted, the business must provide the department with the waiver and it must be attached to the application.

h. A business may receive other federal, state, and local incentives and tax credits in addition to the wage-benefits tax credit. However, a business that receives a wage-benefits tax credit cannot receive tax incentives under the high quality job creation program set forth in Iowa Code chapter 15 as amended by 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 150, or moneys from the grow Iowa values fund.

**501.25(4) Examples.** The following noninclusive examples illustrate how this rule applies:

EXAMPLE 1: Business A operates a grocery store and hires five new employees, each of whom will earn wages and benefits in excess of 130 percent of the average county wage. Business A would not qualify for the wage-benefits tax credit because Business A is a retail business.

EXAMPLE 2: Business B operates an accounting firm and hires two new accountants, each of whom will earn wages and benefits in excess of 160 percent of the average county wage. The accounting firm provides services to clients wholly within Iowa. Business B would not qualify for the wage-benefits tax credit because it is a service business. The majority of its sales are generated from within the state of Iowa and thus Business B, because it is a service business, is not eligible for the credit.

EXAMPLE 3: Business C operates a software development business and hires two new programmers, each of whom will earn wages and benefits in excess of 160 percent of the average county wage. Over 50 percent of the customers of Business C are located outside Iowa. Business C would qualify for the wage-benefits tax credit because a majority of its sales are coming from outside the state, even though Business C is engaged in the performance of services.

EXAMPLE 4: Business D is a manufacturer that hires a new employee in Clayton County, Iowa, on July 8, 2005. The average county wage for Clayton County for the third quarter of 2005 is \$11.86 per hour. If the average county wage per hour for Clayton County is \$11.95 for the fourth quarter of 2005, \$12.05 for the first quarter of 2006, and \$12.14 for the second quarter of 2006, the annualized average county wage for this 12-month period is \$12.00 per hour. This wage equates to an average annual wage of \$24,960 ( $\$12.00 \times 40 \text{ hours} \times 52 \text{ weeks}$ ). In order to qualify for the 5 percent wage-benefits tax credit, the new employee must receive wages and benefits totaling \$32,448 (130 percent of \$24,960) for the 12-month period from July 8, 2005, through July 7, 2006. In order to qualify for the 10 percent wage-benefits tax credit, the new employee must receive wages and benefits totaling \$39,936 (160 percent of \$24,960) for the 12-month period from July 8, 2005, through July 7, 2006.

EXAMPLE 5: Business E is a manufacturer that hires three new employees in Grundy County, Iowa, on July 1, 2005. If the average county wage for the 12-month period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, is \$13.75 per hour in Grundy County, this wage equates to an average county wage of \$28,600. The wages and benefits for each of these three new employees is \$40,000 for the period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, which is 140 percent of the average county wage. Business E is entitled to a wage-benefits tax credit of \$2,000 for each employee ( $\$40,000 \times 5 \text{ percent}$ ), for a total wage-benefits tax credit of \$6,000. If Business E files on a calendar-year basis, the \$6,000 wage-benefits tax credit can be claimed on the tax return for the period ending December 31, 2006.

EXAMPLE 6: Business F is a manufacturer that hires ten new employees on July 1, 2005, and qualifies for the wage-benefits tax credit because the wages and benefits paid exceed 130 percent of the average county wage. Business F receives a wage-benefits tax credit in July 2006 for these ten employees, which can be used on the tax return for the period ending December 31, 2006. On August 31, 2006, two of the employees leave the business and are replaced by two new employees. Business F is entitled to a wage-benefits tax credit for only eight employees in July 2007 because only eight employees continued employment for the subsequent 12 months, which meets the definition of a retained qualified new job. Business F cannot request a wage-benefits tax credit for the two employees hired on August 31, 2006. Business F cannot request the wage-benefits tax credit because these two full-time jobs existed in the



business within the previous 12 months in Iowa, and these jobs do not meet the definition of a qualified new job or retained qualified new job.

EXAMPLE 7: Business G is a manufacturer that hires ten new employees on July 1, 2005, and qualifies for the wage-benefits tax credit because the wages and benefits paid exceed 130 percent of the average county wage. Business G receives a wage-benefits tax credit in July 2006 for these ten employees equal to 5 percent of the wages and benefits paid. On October 1, 2006, Business G hires an additional five employees, each of whom receives wages and benefits in excess of 130 percent of the average county wage. Business G can apply for the wage-benefits tax credit on October 1, 2007, for these five employees, since these employees have now been employed for 12 months. However, the credit may not be allowed if more than \$4 million of retained job applications is received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

EXAMPLE 8: Assume the same facts as Example 6, except that the \$10 million limit of tax credits has already been met for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and Business F hired five new employees on August 31, 2006. Business F can apply for the wage-benefits tax credit for the three employees on August 31, 2007, a number which is above the ten full-time jobs originally created, but Business F may not receive the tax credit if more than \$4 million of retained job applications is received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

EXAMPLE 9: Assume the same facts as Example 7, except that the ten employees hired on July 1, 2005, by Business G received wages and benefits equal to 155 percent of the average county wage, and the five employees hired on October 1, 2006, by Business G received wages equal to 161 percent of the average county wage. Business G can apply for the tax credit on October 1, 2007, equal to 10 percent of the wages and benefits paid for the employees hired on October 1, 2006. On July 1, 2007, Business G can reapply for the tax credit equal to 5 percent of the wages and benefits paid only for the ten employees originally hired on July 1, 2005, even if the wages and benefits for these ten employees exceed 160 percent of the average county wage for the period from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

**501.25(5) *Repeal of the wage-benefits tax credit.*** The wage-benefits tax credit is repealed effective July 1, 2008. However, the wage-benefits tax credit is still available through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, as provided in paragraphs 501.25(3) “d,” “e,” and “f.” A business is not entitled to a wage-benefits tax credit for a qualified new job created on or after July 1, 2008.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 15I as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, House File 2700, section 167, and Iowa Code section 422.33(18).

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**701—501.26(422,476B) Wind energy production tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2006, an owner of a qualified wind energy production facility that has been approved by the Iowa utilities board may claim a wind energy production tax credit for qualified electricity sold by the owner or used for on-site consumption against a taxpayer’s Iowa corporation income tax liability. The administrative rules for the certification of eligibility for the wind energy production tax credit for the Iowa utilities board may be found in rule 199—15.18(476B).

**501.26(1) *Application and review process for the wind energy production tax credit.*** An owner of a wind energy production facility must be approved by the Iowa utilities board in order to qualify for the wind energy production tax credit. The facility must be an electrical production facility that produces electricity from wind, is located in Iowa, and must be placed in service on or after July 1, 2005, but before July 1, 2012. For applications filed on or after March 1, 2008, a facility must consist of one or more wind turbines which have a combined nameplate generating capacity of at least 2 megawatts and no more than 30 megawatts. For applications filed on or after July 1, 2009, by a private college or university, community college, institution under the control of the state board of regents, public or accredited nonpublic elementary and secondary school, or public hospital as defined in Iowa Code section 249J.3, the facility must have a combined nameplate capacity of no less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a megawatt.

The maximum amount of nameplate generating capacity for all qualified wind energy production facilities cannot exceed 50 megawatts of nameplate generating capacity. An owner shall not own more than two qualified facilities. A facility that is not operational within 18 months after issuance of the approval from the Iowa utilities board will no longer be considered a qualified facility. However, a

facility that is not operational within 18 months due to the unavailability of necessary equipment shall be granted an additional 12 months to become operational.

An owner of the qualified facility must apply to the Iowa utilities board for the wind energy production tax credit. The application for the tax credit must be filed no later than 30 days after the close of the tax year for which the credit is applied. The information to be included in the application is set forth in 199—subrule 15.20(1).

**501.26(2) *Computation of the credit.*** The wind energy production credit equals one cent multiplied by the number of kilowatt-hours of qualified electricity sold or used for on-site consumption by the owner during the tax year. For the first tax year in which the credit is applied, the kilowatt-hours of qualified electricity sold may exceed 12 months.

**EXAMPLE:** A qualified facility was placed in service on April 1, 2006, and the taxpayer files on a calendar-year basis. The first year for which the credit can be claimed is the period ending December 31, 2007, since that is the first tax year that began on or after July 1, 2006. The credit for the 2007 tax year can include electricity sold between April 1, 2006, and December 31, 2007.

The credit is not allowed for any kilowatt-hours of electricity sold to a related person. The definition of “related person” uses the same criteria set forth in Section 45(e)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code relating to the federal renewable electricity production credit. Persons shall be treated as related to each other if such persons are treated as a single employer under Treasury Regulation §1.52-1. In the case of a corporation that is a member of an affiliated group of corporations filing a federal consolidated return, such corporation shall be treated as selling electricity to an unrelated person if such electricity is sold to the person by another member of the affiliated group.

The utilities board will notify the department of the number of kilowatt-hours of electricity sold by the qualified facility or generated and used on site by the qualified facility during the tax year. The department will calculate the credit and issue a tax credit certificate to the owner. The tax credit certificate will include the taxpayer’s name, address and federal identification number, the tax type for which the credit will be claimed, the amount of the credit and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. In addition, the tax credit certificate will include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit certificate, as provided in subrule 501.26(3). If the department refuses to issue the tax credit certificate, the taxpayer shall be notified in writing and the taxpayer will have 60 days from the date of denial to file a protest in accordance with rule 701—7.9(17A). The department will not issue a tax credit certificate if the facility is not operational within 18 months after approval was given by the utilities board, unless a 12-month extension is granted by the utilities board as provided in subrule 501.26(1).

If the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust requesting a credit for individual or corporation income tax, the tax credit certificate will be issued to the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries based on the partner’s, member’s, shareholder’s or beneficiary’s pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust, except when the taxpayer is eligible to receive renewable electricity production tax credits authorized under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code. In cases where the taxpayer is eligible to receive renewable electricity production tax credits under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code, the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder. In addition, if a taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust that is eligible to receive renewable electricity production tax credits under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code, the taxpayer may distribute the tax credit to an equity holder or beneficiary as a liquidating distribution or portion thereof, of an equity holder’s interest in the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, or the beneficiary’s interest in the estate or trust.

The credit can be allowed for a ten-year period beginning on the date the qualified facility was originally placed in service. For example, if a facility was placed in service on April 1, 2006, the credit can be claimed for kilowatt-hours of electricity sold between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2016.

To claim the tax credit, the taxpayer must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax year set forth on the certificate. Any tax credit in excess of the tax liability may be carried forward for seven years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier.

**501.26(3) *Transfer of the wind energy production tax credit certificate.*** The wind energy production tax credit certificate may be transferred to any person or entity.

Within 30 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department, along with a statement which contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust claiming the credit for individual or corporation income tax, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries and information on how the wind energy production tax credit should be divided among the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information as that on the original tax credit certificate and must have the same effective taxable year and the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate. The replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different tax type than the original tax credit certificate.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax year for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33 and chapter 476B as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, House File 672.

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**701—501.27(422,476C) Renewable energy tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2006, a purchaser or producer of renewable energy whose facility has been approved by the Iowa utilities board may claim a renewable energy tax credit for qualified renewable energy against a taxpayer's Iowa corporation income tax liability.

**501.27(1) *Eligible facility application process.***

*a. Eligible facility application process, generally.* A producer or purchaser of a renewable energy facility must be approved as an eligible renewable energy facility by the Iowa utilities board in order to qualify for the renewable energy tax credit. The eligible renewable energy facility can be a wind energy conversion facility, biogas recovery facility, biomass conversion facility, methane gas recovery facility, solar energy conversion facility or refuse conversion facility. The facility must be located in Iowa and placed in service on or after July 1, 2005, and before January 1, 2018. The administrative rules for the certification of eligibility for the renewable energy tax credit for the Iowa utilities board may be found in rule 199—15.19(476C).

*b. Limitations on maximum energy production and nameplate generating capacity.* The maximum amount of nameplate generating capacity of all wind energy conversion facilities cannot exceed 363 megawatts of nameplate generating capacity. For tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2015, the maximum amount of energy production capacity for biogas recovery facilities, biomass conversion facilities, methane gas recovery facilities, solar energy conversion facilities and refuse conversion facilities cannot exceed a combined output of 53 megawatts of nameplate generating capacity and 167 billion British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, the maximum amount of energy production for biogas recovery facilities, biomass conversion facilities, methane gas recovery facilities, solar energy conversion facilities and refuse conversion facilities cannot exceed a combined output of 63 megawatts of nameplate generating capacity and, annually, 167 billion British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose. A facility

that is not operational within 30 months after issuance of approval from the utilities board will no longer be considered a qualified facility. However, if the facility is a wind energy conversion property and is not operational within 18 months due to the unavailability of necessary equipment, the facility may apply for a 12-month extension of the 30-month limit. Extensions can be renewed for succeeding 12-month periods if the facility applies for the extension prior to expiration of the current extension period. A producer of renewable energy, which is the person who owns the renewable energy facility, cannot own more than two eligible renewable energy facilities. A person that has an equity interest equal to or greater than 51 percent in an eligible renewable energy facility cannot have an equity interest greater than 10 percent in any other renewable energy facility. However, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, an entity described in Iowa Code section 476C.1(6) “b”(4) or (5) may have an ownership interest in up to four solar energy conversion facilities described in Iowa Code section 476C.3(4) “b”(3).

**501.27(2) Tax credit certificate procedure.**

*a. Tax credit application process.* A producer or purchaser of a renewable energy facility must apply to the utilities board for the renewable energy tax credit. The application for the tax credit must be filed no later than 30 days after the close of the tax year for which the credit is applied. The information to be included in the application is set forth in 199—subrule 15.21(1). The utilities board will notify the department of the number of kilowatt-hours, standard cubic feet or British thermal units that were generated and purchased from an eligible facility or used for on-site consumption by the producer during the tax year for which the credit is applied.

*b. Tax credit calculation.* The department shall calculate the amount of the credit for which the applicant is eligible in accordance with subrules 501.27(3) and 501.27(4) and shall issue a tax credit certificate for that amount or shall notify the applicant in writing of its refusal to do so.

*c. Tax credit certificate issuance.* The tax credit certificate will include the taxpayer’s name, address and federal identification number; the tax type for which the credit will be claimed; the amount of the credit; and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. In addition, the tax credit certificate will include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit certificate, as provided in subrule 501.27(5). Once a tax credit certificate is issued pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476C, it shall not be terminated or rescinded.

*d. Taxpayers that are partnerships, limited liability companies, S corporations, or estates or trusts.* If the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust requesting a credit for individual or corporation income tax, the tax credit certificate will be issued to the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries based on the partner’s, member’s, shareholder’s or beneficiary’s pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust, except when the taxpayer is eligible to receive renewable electricity production tax credits authorized under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code. In cases where the taxpayer is eligible to receive renewable electricity production tax credits under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code, the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder. In addition, if a taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust that is eligible to receive renewable electricity production tax credits under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code, the taxpayer may distribute the tax credit to an equity holder or beneficiary as a liquidating distribution, or portion thereof, of an equity holder’s interest in the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation or of the beneficiary’s interest in the estate or trust.

*e. Carryforward.* To claim the tax credit, the taxpayer must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax period set forth on the certificate. Any tax credit in excess of the tax liability may be carried forward for seven years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier.

**501.27(3) Limitations.**

*a. Energy production.* Of the maximum amount of energy production capacity equivalent for biogas recovery facilities, biomass conversion facilities, methane gas recovery facilities, solar energy conversion facilities and refuse conversion facilities;

(1) No single facility may be allocated more than ten megawatts of nameplate generating capacity or energy production capacity equivalent.

(2) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, ten megawatts of nameplate generating capacity or energy production capacity equivalent shall be reserved for solar energy conversion facilities described in Iowa Code section 476C.3(4)“b”(3) that have a generating capacity of one and one-half megawatts or less.

(3) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, 55 billion British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose shall be reserved annually for an eligible facility that is a refuse conversion facility for processed, engineered fuel from a multicounty solid waste management planning area.

(4) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, the maximum annual amount of energy production capacity for a single refuse conversion facility is 55 billion British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose.

*b. Related persons.* The credit is not allowed for any kilowatt-hours, standard cubic feet or British thermal units that are purchased from an eligible facility by a related person. Persons shall be treated as related to each other if either person owns an 80 percent or more equity interest in the other person.

*c. Operation.* The facility must be operational within 30 months after approval was given by the utilities board, unless a 12-month extension is granted by the utilities board as provided in subrule 501.27(1).

*d. Prohibited for persons that have received a credit under Iowa Code chapter 476B.* A person that has received a wind energy production tax credit pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476B may not be issued a renewable energy tax credit certificate.

*e. Ten-year award limitation.* The credit is allowed for a ten-year period beginning on the date the purchaser first purchases renewable energy from a qualified facility or on the date the qualified facility first began producing renewable energy for on-site consumption. For example, if a renewable energy facility first began producing energy for on-site consumption on April 1, 2006, the credit can be claimed for kilowatt-hours, standard cubic feet or British thermal units generated and used for on-site consumption by the producer between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2016. Tax credit certificates cannot be issued for renewable energy purchased or produced for on-site consumption after December 31, 2027.

**501.27(4) Computation of the credit.** The renewable energy tax credit equals 1½ cents per kilowatt-hour of electricity, or \$1.44 per 1000 standard cubic feet of hydrogen fuel, or \$4.50 per 1 million British thermal units of methane gas or other biogas used to generate electricity, or \$4.50 per 1 million British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose generated by and purchased from an eligible renewable energy facility or used for on-site consumption by the producer during the tax year. For the first tax year in which the credit is applied, the kilowatt-hours, standard cubic feet or British thermal units generated by and purchased from the facility or used for on-site consumption by the producer may exceed 12 months if the facility was operational for fewer than 12 months in its initial year of operation.

EXAMPLE: A qualified wind energy production facility was placed in service on April 1, 2006, and the taxpayer files on a calendar-year basis. The first year for which the credit can be claimed is the year ending December 31, 2007, since that is the first tax year that began on or after July 1, 2006. The credit for the 2007 tax year can include electricity generated and purchased or used for on-site consumption by the producer between April 1, 2006, and December 31, 2007.

**501.27(5) Transfer of the renewable energy tax credit certificate.**

*a. One-transfer limitation.* The renewable energy tax credit certificate may be transferred once to any person or entity. A decision between a producer and purchaser of renewable energy regarding who may claim the tax credit is not considered a transfer.

*b. Transfer process—information required.* Within 30 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department, along with a statement which contains the transferee’s name, address and tax identification number; the amount of the tax credit being transferred; the value of any consideration provided by the transferee to the transferor; and any other information required by the department. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department will issue a replacement tax credit

certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust claiming the credit for individual or corporation income tax, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries and information on how the renewable energy tax credit should be divided among the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information as that on the original tax credit certificate and must have the same effective taxable year and the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate. The replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different tax type than the original tax credit certificate.

*c. Tax year.* The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax year for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit.

*d. Consideration.* Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

**501.27(6) *Small wind innovation zones.*** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, an owner of a small wind energy system operating within a small wind innovation zone which has been approved by the Iowa utilities board is eligible for the renewable energy tax credit. The administrative rules of the Iowa utilities board for the certification of eligibility for owners of small wind energy systems operating within a small wind innovation zone may be found in rule 199—15.22(476).

**501.27(7) *Appeals.*** If the department refuses to issue the tax credit certificate, the taxpayer shall be notified in writing and the taxpayer will have 60 days from the date of denial to file a protest in accordance with rule 701—7.9(17A).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33 and chapter 476C as amended by 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 124, and 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2468.

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**701—501.28(15) High quality job creation program.** Effective for tax periods ending on or after July 1, 2005, for programs approved on or after July 1, 2005, but before July 1, 2009, a business which qualifies under the high quality job creation program is eligible to receive tax credits. The high quality job creation program replaces the new jobs and income program and the new capital investment program. An eligible business under the high quality job creation program must be approved by the Iowa department of economic development and meet the qualifications of Iowa Code section 15.329. The administrative rules for the high quality job creation program for the Iowa department of economic development may be found at 261—Chapter 68.

The high quality job creation program was repealed on July 1, 2009, and has been replaced with the high quality jobs program. See rule 701—501.40(15) for information on the investment tax credit and additional research activities credit under the high quality jobs program. Any investment tax credit and additional research activities credit earned by businesses approved under the high quality job creation program prior to July 1, 2009, remains valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2009.

**501.28(1) *Research activities credit.*** An eligible business approved under the high quality job creation program is eligible for an additional research activities credit as subrule described in 501.7(4).

Research activities allowable for the Iowa research activities credit include expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components manufactured or assembled in Iowa; such expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are not eligible for the federal credit for increasing research activities. For purposes of this subrule, innovative renewable energy generation components do not include components with more than 200 megawatts in installed effective nameplate capacity. The research activities credit related to renewable energy generation components under the high quality job creation program and the enterprise zone program shall not exceed \$1 million in the aggregate.

These expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are applicable only to the additional research activities credit set forth in this subrule and are not applicable to the research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.7(3). The research activities credit is subject to the threshold amounts of qualifying investment set forth in Iowa department of economic development 261—subrule 68.4(7).

**501.28(2) Investment tax credit.**

*a. General rule.* An eligible business can claim an investment tax credit equal to a percentage of the new investment directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business. The percentage is equal to the amount provided in Iowa department of economic development 261—subrule 68.4(7). New investment directly related to new jobs created by the location or expansion of an eligible business includes the following:

(1) The cost of machinery and equipment, as defined in Iowa Code section 427A.1(1), paragraphs “e” and “j,” purchased for use in the operation of the eligible business. The purchase price shall be depreciated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(2) The purchase price of real property and any buildings and structures located on the real property.

(3) The cost of improvements made to real property which is used in the operation of the eligible business.

In addition, certain lease payments made by eligible businesses to a third-party developer will be considered to be new investment for purposes of computing the investment tax credit. The eligible business shall enter into a lease agreement with the third-party developer for a minimum of five years. The investment tax credit is based on the annual base rent paid to a third-party developer by the eligible business for a period not to exceed ten years. The total costs of the annual base rent payments for the ten-year period cannot exceed the cost of the land and the third-party developer’s cost to build or renovate the building used by the eligible business. The annual base rent is defined as the total lease payment less taxes, insurance and operating and maintenance expenses.

The investment tax credit can be claimed in the tax year in which the qualifying assets are placed in service. The investment tax credit will be amortized over a five-year period. Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax period may be carried forward seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

EXAMPLE: An eligible business which files tax returns on a calendar-year basis earned \$100,000 of investment tax credits for new investment made in 2006. The business can claim \$20,000 of investment tax credits for each of the years from 2006 through 2010. The \$20,000 of investment tax credit that can be claimed in 2006 can be carried forward to the 2007-2013 tax years if the entire credit cannot be claimed on the 2006 return. Similarly, the \$20,000 investment tax credit that can be claimed in 2007 can be carried forward to the 2008-2014 tax years if the entire credit cannot be claimed on the 2007 return.

If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, cooperative organized under Iowa Code chapter 501 and filing as a partnership for federal tax purposes, or estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to an individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount of the credit claimed by an individual must be based on the individual’s pro rata share of the individual’s earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, cooperative organized under Iowa Code chapter 501 and filing as a partnership for federal tax purposes, or estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to an individual.

EXAMPLE: An eligible business which files tax returns on a calendar-year basis was awarded \$500,000 in investment tax credits in December 2008. The credits were amortized over a five-year period, with \$100,000 of investment tax credits being available for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, through June 30, 2013. This equates to the investment tax credit being available for the 2008-2012 calendar year returns since the due date of these returns range from April 30, 2009, through April 30, 2013, which falls within the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, through June 30, 2013. The eligible business placed the qualifying assets in service during the 2010 calendar year. The eligible business can claim \$300,000 of investment tax credit for 2010, \$100,000 of investment tax credit for 2011 and \$100,000 of investment tax credit for 2012. Of the \$300,000 claimed for the 2010 tax year, \$100,000 can be carried forward until the 2015 tax year, \$100,000 can be carried forward to the 2016 tax year, and \$100,000 can be carried forward to the 2017 tax year. The seven-year carryforward period is

determined by the amortization schedule, not the initial year in which the investment tax credit can be claimed on an Iowa tax return.

*b. Investment tax credit—value-added agricultural products or biotechnology-related processes.* An eligible business whose project primarily involves the production of value-added agricultural products or uses biotechnology-related processes may elect to receive a refund for all or a portion of an unused investment tax credit. An eligible business includes a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol.

Eligible businesses that elect to receive a refund shall apply to the Iowa department of economic development for tax credit certificates between May 1 and May 15 of each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The election to receive a refund of all or a portion of an unused investment tax credit is no longer available beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Only those businesses that have completed projects before the May 1 filing date may apply for a tax credit certificate. The Iowa department of economic development shall not issue tax credit certificates for more than \$4 million during a fiscal year to eligible businesses for this program and the enterprise zone program described in subrule 501.14(2). If applications are received for more than \$4 million, the applicants shall receive certificates for a prorated amount.

The economic development authority shall issue tax credit certificates within a reasonable period of time. Tax credit certificates are valid for the tax year following project completion. The tax credit certificate must be included with the tax return for the tax year during which the tax credit is claimed. The tax credit certificate shall not be transferred, except for a cooperative described in Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code whose project primarily involves the production of ethanol, as provided in subrule 501.10(4). For value-added agricultural projects involving ethanol, the cooperative must submit a list of its members and the share of each member's interest in the cooperative. The economic development authority shall issue a tax credit certificate to each member on the list.

*c. Repayment of benefits.* If an eligible business fails to maintain the requirements of the high quality job creation program, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives taken on Iowa returns. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the tax credits may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure of the eligible business to maintain the requirements of the high quality job creation program because it is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

An eligible business in the high quality job creation program may also be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives received on Iowa returns if the eligible business experiences a layoff of employees in Iowa or closes any of its facilities in Iowa.

If, within five years of purchase, the eligible business sells, disposes of, razes, or otherwise renders unusable all or a part of the land, buildings, or other existing structures for which a tax credit was claimed under this subrule, the income tax liability of the eligible business shall be increased by one of the following amounts:

- (1) One hundred percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within one full year after being placed in service.
- (2) Eighty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within two full years after being placed in service.
- (3) Sixty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within three full years after being placed in service.
- (4) Forty percent of the tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within four full years after being placed in service.



(5) Twenty percent of the investment tax credit claimed if the property ceases to be eligible for the tax credit within five full years after being placed in service.

**501.28(3) Determination of tax credit amounts.** The amount of tax credit claimed under the high quality job creation program shall be based on the number of high quality jobs created and the amount of qualifying investment made as determined by the Iowa department of economic development.

*a.* If the high quality jobs have a starting wage, including benefits, equal to or greater than 130 percent of the average county wage but less than 160 percent of the average county wage, see Iowa department of economic development 261—paragraph 68.4(7) “*a*” for the amount of tax credits that may be claimed.

*b.* If the high quality jobs have a starting wage, including benefits, equal to or greater than 160 percent of the average county wage, see Iowa department of economic development 261—paragraph 68.4(7) “*b*” for the amount of tax credits that may be claimed.

*c.* An eligible business approved under the high quality job creation program is not eligible for the wage-benefits tax credit set forth in rule 701—501.25(15H).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement chapter 15.

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**701—501.29(15E,422) Economic development region revolving fund tax credit.** Effective for tax years ending on or after July 1, 2005, but beginning before January 1, 2010, a taxpayer who makes a contribution to an economic development region revolving fund may claim a tax credit, subject to the availability of the credit. The credit is equal to 20 percent of a taxpayer’s contribution to the economic development region revolving fund approved by the Iowa department of economic development. The administrative rules for the economic development region revolving fund tax credit for the Iowa department of economic development may be found at 261—Chapter 32. The tax credit is repealed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

The total amount of economic development region revolving fund tax credits available shall not exceed \$2 million per fiscal year. The tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the taxpayer redeems the credit. The economic development region revolving fund tax credit is not transferable to any other taxpayer.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If a taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual’s pro rata share of the individual’s earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15E.232 and 422.33 as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2380.

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**701—501.30(422) E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a retail dealer of gasoline may claim an E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit. “E-85 gasoline” means ethanol blended gasoline formulated with a minimum percentage of between 70 percent and 85 percent of volume of ethanol, if the formulation meets the standards provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2. For purposes of this rule, tank wagon sales are considered retail sales. The credit is calculated on Form IA 135.

**501.30(1) Claiming the credit.**

*a.* *Amount of credit.* The credit is calculated by multiplying the total number of E-85 gallons sold by the retail dealer during the tax year by the following designated rates:

Calendar years 2006, 2007, and 2008	25 cents
Calendar years 2009 and 2010	20 cents
Calendar year 2011	10 cents
Calendar years 2012 through 2024	16 cents

*b. Claiming the credit with other credits.* A taxpayer may claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit even if the taxpayer also claims the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit provided in rule 701—501.19(422) for gallons sold prior to January 1, 2009, or the ethanol promotion tax credit provided in rule 701—501.36(422) for gallons sold on or after January 1, 2009, but prior to January 1, 2021, for the same tax year for the same ethanol gallons.

*c. Refundability.* Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

*d. Transferability.* The credit may not be transferred to any other person.

*e. Example.* A taxpayer operated one retail motor fuel site in 2006 and sold 200,000 gallons of gasoline, of which 160,000 gallons was ethanol blended gasoline. Of these 160,000 gallons, 1,000 gallons was E-85 gasoline. Taxpayer may claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit on the 1,000 gallons of E-85 gasoline sold during 2006. Taxpayer is also entitled to claim the ethanol blended gasoline tax credit of two and one-half cents multiplied by 40,000 gallons, since this constitutes the gallons in excess of 60 percent of the total gasoline gallons sold for the 2006 tax year.

**501.30(2) Fiscal year filers.** For taxpayers whose tax year is not on a calendar-year basis, the taxpayer may compute the tax credit on the gallons of E-85 gasoline sold during the year using the designated rates as shown above. Because the tax credit is repealed on January 1, 2025, a taxpayer whose tax year ends prior to December 31, 2024, can continue to claim the tax credit in the following tax year for any E-85 gallons sold through December 31, 2024. For a retail dealer whose tax year is not on a calendar-year basis and who did not claim the E-85 credit on the previous return, the dealer may claim the credit for the current tax year for the period beginning on January 1 of the previous tax year until the last day of the previous tax year.

**EXAMPLE 1:** A taxpayer who is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year ending March 31, 2009. The taxpayer sold 2,000 gallons of E-85 gasoline for the period from April 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, and sold 500 gallons of E-85 gasoline for the period from January 1, 2009, through March 31, 2009. The taxpayer is entitled to a total E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit of \$600 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, which consists of a \$500 credit (2,000 gallons multiplied by 25 cents) for the period from April 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, and a credit of \$100 (500 gallons multiplied by 20 cents) for the period from January 1, 2009, through March 31, 2009.

**EXAMPLE 2:** A taxpayer who is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year ending April 30, 2006. The taxpayer sold 800 gallons of E-85 gasoline for the period from January 1, 2006, through April 30, 2006. The taxpayer is entitled to claim an E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit of \$200 (800 gallons multiplied by 25 cents) on the taxpayer's Iowa income tax return for the period ending April 30, 2006. In lieu of claiming the credit on the return for the period ending April 30, 2006, the taxpayer can claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit on the tax return for the period ending April 30, 2007, including all E-85 gallons sold for the period from January 1, 2006, through April 30, 2007.

**501.30(3) Allocation of credit to owners of a business entity or to beneficiaries of an estate or trust.** If a taxpayer claiming the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata

share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33 as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2309.

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**701—501.31(422) Biodiesel blended fuel tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a retail dealer of biodiesel blended fuel may claim a biodiesel blended fuel tax credit. “Biodiesel blended fuel” means a blend of biodiesel with petroleum-based diesel fuel that meets the standards provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2. In determining the minimum percentage by volume of biodiesel, the department will take into account reasonable variances due to testing and other limitations. For purposes of this rule, tank wagon sales are considered retail sales. The credit is calculated on Form IA 8864.

**501.31(1) Calculating the credit.**

*a. Gallonage requirement.*

(1) Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, but prior to January 1, 2009. In order for a retail dealer to qualify for the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, but prior to January 1, 2009, of the total gallons of diesel fuel that the retail dealer sells and dispenses during the tax year, 50 percent or more of those gallons must be biodiesel blended fuel formulated with a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel. The gallonage amounts for all motor fuel sites of a retail dealer are combined when calculating this gallonage requirement.

(2) Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, but prior to January 1, 2012. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, but prior to January 1, 2012, the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit is calculated separately for each retail motor fuel site for which 50 percent or more of the total gallons of diesel fuel sold at the motor fuel site was biodiesel blended fuel formulated with a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel.

(3) Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, the requirement that 50 percent of all diesel fuel gallons sold be biodiesel gallons to be eligible for the tax credit is eliminated. A retail dealer may qualify for the biodiesel fuel tax credit even if the gallons of biodiesel blended fuel sold is less than 50 percent of the total gallons of diesel fuel sold.

*b. Amount of credit.*

(1) Fuel sold on or after January 1, 2006, but prior to January 1, 2012. For biodiesel blended fuel sold on or after January 1, 2006, but prior to January 1, 2012, the tax credit equals three cents multiplied by the qualifying number of biodiesel blended fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer during the tax year. Qualifying biodiesel blended fuel must be formulated with a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel.

(2) Fuel sold on or after January 1, 2012, but prior to January 1, 2013. For biodiesel blended fuel sold on or after January 1, 2012, but prior to January 1, 2013, the tax credit equals the sum of two cents multiplied by the qualifying number of biodiesel blended fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer during the tax year that have a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel but less than 5 percent by volume of biodiesel plus four and one-half cents multiplied by the qualifying number of biodiesel blended fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer during the tax year that have a minimum percentage of 5 percent by volume of biodiesel. In addition, the gallonage requirements described in paragraph 501.31(1)“a” do not apply to fuel sold on or after January 1, 2012.

(3) Fuel sold on or after January 1, 2013, but prior to January 1, 2018. For biodiesel blended fuel sold on or after January 1, 2013, but prior to January 1, 2018, the tax credit equals four and one-half cents multiplied by the qualifying number of biodiesel blended fuel gallons that have a minimum percentage of 5 percent by volume of biodiesel. Diesel fuel sold that contains less than 5 percent by volume of biodiesel does not qualify for the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit.

(4) Fuel sold on or after January 1, 2018, but prior to January 1, 2025.

1. Amount of credit. For biodiesel blended fuel sold on or after January 1, 2018, but prior to January 1, 2025, the tax credit equals the sum of three and one-half cents multiplied by the qualifying number of biodiesel blended fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer during the tax year that have a minimum percentage of 5 percent by volume of biodiesel but less than 11 percent by volume of biodiesel plus five and one-half cents multiplied by the qualifying number of biodiesel blended fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer during the tax year that have a minimum percentage of 11 percent by volume of biodiesel.

2. Blending errors. Where a blending error occurs and an insufficient amount of biodiesel has inadvertently been blended with petroleum-based diesel fuel so that the mixture fails to contain 11 percent by volume of biodiesel, a 1 percent tolerance applies in determining the credit amount for the blended product as described in 501.31(1)“b”(4)“2”:

- If the amount of the biodiesel erroneously blended with petroleum-based diesel is at least 10 percent of the total blended product by volume, the entire blended product qualifies for the credit amount available for biodiesel blended fuel that has a minimum percentage of 11 percent by volume of biodiesel.

- If the amount of biodiesel blended with petroleum-based diesel is at least 5 percent but less than 10 percent of the total blended product by volume, the entire blended product qualifies for the credit amount available for biodiesel blended fuel that has a minimum percentage of 5 percent by volume of biodiesel but less than 11 percent by volume of biodiesel.

- Numbered paragraph 501.31(1)“b”(4)“2” applies only if a retail dealer intends to sell and dispense biodiesel blended fuel that has a minimum percentage of 11 percent by volume of biodiesel. If a retail dealer does not intend to sell and dispense biodiesel blended fuel that has a minimum percentage of 11 percent by volume of biodiesel and the product sold and dispensed contains less than 11 percent biodiesel by volume, no error has occurred and the product does not qualify for the credit amount available for biodiesel blended fuel that has a minimum percentage of 11 percent by volume of biodiesel.

*c. Refundability.* Any credit in excess of the taxpayer’s tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

*d. Transferability.* The credit may not be transferred to any other person.

*e. Examples.*

EXAMPLE 1: A taxpayer operated four retail motor fuel sites during 2006 and sold a combined total at all four sites of 100,000 gallons of diesel fuel, of which 55,000 gallons was biodiesel blended fuel containing a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel. Because 50 percent or more of the diesel fuel sold was biodiesel blended fuel, the taxpayer may claim the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit totaling \$1,650, which is 55,000 gallons multiplied by three cents.

EXAMPLE 2: A taxpayer operated two retail motor fuel sites during 2006, and each site sold 40,000 gallons of diesel fuel. One site sold 25,000 gallons of biodiesel blended fuel containing a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel, and the other site sold 10,000 gallons of biodiesel blended fuel containing a minimum percentage of 2 percent by volume of biodiesel. The taxpayer would not be eligible for the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit because only 35,000 gallons of the total 80,000 gallons, or 43.75 percent of the total diesel fuel gallons sold, was biodiesel blended fuel. The 50 percent requirement is based on the aggregate number of diesel fuel gallons sold by the taxpayer, and the fact that one retail motor fuel site met the 50 percent requirement does not allow the taxpayer to claim the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit for the 2006 tax year.

EXAMPLE 3: Same facts as in example 2, except the fuel sales occurred in 2009. The taxpayer can claim a biodiesel blended fuel tax credit totaling \$750, which is 25,000 gallons multiplied by three cents, since one of the retail motor fuel sites met the 50 percent biodiesel blended fuel requirement.

EXAMPLE 4: Same facts as in example 2, except the fuel sales occurred in 2016, and all biodiesel blended fuel sold contains a minimum percentage of 5 percent by volume of biodiesel. The taxpayer can claim a biodiesel blended fuel tax credit totaling \$1,575, which is 35,000 gallons multiplied by four and one-half cents, since the 50 percent biodiesel blended fuel requirement has been eliminated.

**501.31(2) Fiscal year filers.** For taxpayers whose tax year is not on a calendar-year basis and whose tax year ends before December 31, 2006, the taxpayer may compute the tax credit on the gallons of biodiesel blended fuel sold during the period from January 1, 2006, through the end of the tax year,

provided that 50 percent of all diesel fuel sold during that period was biodiesel blended fuel. Because the tax credit is repealed on January 1, 2025, a taxpayer whose tax year ends prior to December 31, 2024, may continue to claim the tax credit in the following tax year for any biodiesel blended fuel sold through December 31, 2024.

**EXAMPLE 1:** A taxpayer who operates one retail motor fuel site has a fiscal year ending April 30, 2006. The taxpayer sold 60,000 gallons of diesel fuel for the period from May 1, 2005, through April 30, 2006, of which 28,000 gallons was biodiesel blended fuel. However, for the period from January 1, 2006, through April 30, 2006, the taxpayer sold 20,000 gallons of diesel fuel, of which 12,000 gallons was biodiesel blended fuel. The taxpayer is entitled to claim the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit of \$360 (12,000 gallons multiplied by 3 cents) on the taxpayer's Iowa income tax return for the period ending April 30, 2006, since more than 50 percent of all diesel fuel sold during the period from January 1, 2006, through April 30, 2006, was biodiesel blended fuel.

**EXAMPLE 2:** A taxpayer who operates one retail motor fuel site has a fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. The taxpayer sold 80,000 gallons of diesel fuel for the period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, of which 42,000 gallons was biodiesel blended fuel. However, for the period from January 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006, the taxpayer sold 40,000 gallons of diesel fuel, of which 19,000 gallons was biodiesel blended fuel. The taxpayer is not entitled to claim the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit on the taxpayer's Iowa income tax return for the period ending June 30, 2006, since less than 50 percent of all diesel fuel sold during the period from January 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006, was biodiesel blended fuel, even though more than 50 percent of all diesel fuel sold during the period from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, was biodiesel blended fuel.

**EXAMPLE 3:** A taxpayer who operates one retail motor fuel site has a fiscal year ending February 28, 2025. The taxpayer sold 100,000 gallons of diesel fuel for the period from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, of which 60,000 gallons was biodiesel blended fuel containing a minimum percentage of 5 percent by volume of biodiesel. For the period from March 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, the taxpayer sold 85,000 gallons of diesel fuel, of which 50,000 gallons was biodiesel fuel. The taxpayer is entitled to claim the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit of \$2,250 (50,000 gallons multiplied by 4.5 cents) on the taxpayer's Iowa income tax return for the period ending February 12, 2025, since the credit is computed only on gallons sold through December 31, 2024.

**501.31(3)** *Allocation of credit to owners of a business entity or to beneficiaries of an estate or trust.* If a taxpayer claiming the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33 as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2309.

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**701—501.32(422) Soy-based transformer fluid tax credit.** Effective for tax periods ending after June 30, 2006, and beginning before January 1, 2009, an electric utility may claim a soy-based transformer fluid tax credit. An electric utility, which is a public utility, city utility, or electric cooperative which furnishes electricity, may claim a credit equal to the costs incurred during the tax year for the purchase and replacement costs relating to the transition from using nonsoy-based transformer fluid to using soy-based transformer fluid.

**501.32(1)** *Eligibility requirements for the tax credit.* All of the following conditions must be met for the electric utility to qualify for the soy-based transformer fluid tax credit.

- a. The costs must be incurred after June 30, 2006, and before January 1, 2009.
- b. The costs must be incurred in the first 18 months of the transition from using nonsoy-based transformer fluid to using soy-based transformer fluid.

c. The soy-based transformer fluid must be dielectric fluid that contains at least 98 percent soy-based products.

d. The costs of the purchase and replacement must not exceed \$2 per gallon of soy-based transformer fluid used in the transition.

e. The number of gallons used in the transition must not exceed 20,000 gallons per electric utility, and the total number of gallons eligible for the credit must not exceed 60,000 gallons in the aggregate.

f. The electric utility shall not deduct for Iowa income tax purposes the costs incurred in the transition to using soy-based transformer fluid which are deductible for federal income tax purposes.

**501.32(2) *Applying for the tax credit.*** An electric utility must apply to the department for the soy-based transformer fluid tax credit. The application for the tax credit must be filed no later than 30 days after the close of the tax year for which the credit is claimed. The application must include the following information:

a. A copy of the signed purchase agreement or other agreement to purchase soy-based transformer fluid.

b. The number of gallons of soy-based transformer fluid purchased during the tax year, along with the cost per gallon of each purchase made during the tax year.

c. The name, address, and tax identification number of the electric utility.

d. The type of tax for which the credit will be claimed, and the first year in which the credits will be claimed.

e. If the application is filed by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust requesting a credit for individual or corporation income tax, a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries of the entity. This list shall include the name, address, tax identification number and pro rata share of earnings from the entity for each of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries.

**501.32(3) *Claiming the tax credit.*** After the application is reviewed, the department will issue a tax credit certificate to the electric utility. The tax credit certificate will include the taxpayer's name, address and federal identification number, the tax type for which the credit will be claimed, the amount of the credit and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. Once the tax credit certificate is issued, the credit may be claimed only against the type of tax reflected on the certificate. If the department refuses to issue the tax credit certificate, the taxpayer shall be notified in writing; and the taxpayer will have 60 days from the date of denial to file a protest in accordance with rule 701—7.9(17A).

If the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust requesting a credit for individual or corporation income tax, the tax credit certificate will be issued to the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries based on the partner's, member's, shareholder's or beneficiary's pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 422.33 as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 572.

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### **701—501.33(16,422) Agricultural assets transfer tax credit and custom farming contract tax credit.**

**501.33(1) *Agricultural assets transfer tax credit.*** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, but before January 1, 2013, an owner of agricultural assets that rents assets to qualified beginning farmers may claim an agricultural assets transfer tax credit for Iowa corporation income tax equal to 5 percent of the rental income received by the owner for cash rental agreements and 15 percent of the rental income received by the owner for commodity share agreements. Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, an owner of agricultural assets that rents assets to qualified beginning farmers may claim an agricultural assets transfer tax credit for Iowa corporation income tax equal to 7 percent of the rental income received by the owner for cash rental agreements and 17 percent of the rental income received by the owner for commodity share agreements.

Also effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, if the beginning farmer is a veteran, the credit is equal to 8 percent of the rental income received by the owner for cash rental agreements, and the credit is equal to 18 percent of the rental income received by the owner for commodity share agreements for the first year that the credit is allowed. However, the taxpayer may only claim 7 percent of the rental income for cash rental agreements and 17 percent of the rental income for commodity share agreements in subsequent years if the agreement is renewed or a new agreement is executed by the same parties. The administrative rules for the agricultural assets transfer tax credit for the Iowa finance authority may be found under 265—Chapter 44.

To qualify for the tax credit, an owner of agricultural assets must enter into a lease or rental agreement with a beginning farmer for a term of at least two years but not more than five years. Both the owner of agricultural assets and the beginning farmer must meet certain qualifications set forth by the Iowa finance authority, and the beginning farmer must be eligible to receive financial assistance under Iowa Code section 16.75.

The Iowa finance authority will issue a tax credit certificate to the owner of agricultural assets which will include the name, address and tax identification number of the owner, the amount of the credit, and the tax period for which the credit may be applied. To claim the tax credit, the owner must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax period set forth on the certificate. The tax credit certificates will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2009, but before July 1, 2013, the amount of tax credit certificates issued by the Iowa agricultural development authority for the agricultural assets transfer tax credit program cannot exceed \$6 million. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2013, the amount of tax credit certificates issued by the Iowa finance authority for the agricultural assets transfer tax credit program cannot exceed \$8 million and the amount of the credit issued to an individual taxpayer cannot exceed \$50,000. However, effective December 31, 2017, the amount of tax credits issued by the Iowa finance authority for the agricultural assets transfer tax credit shall revert back to \$6 million.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier. However, for any agricultural assets transfer credits originally issued for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, any credit in excess of the tax liability may be credited to the tax liability for the following ten years. The tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the owner redeems the credit. The credit is not transferable to any other person other than the taxpayer's estate or trust upon the death of the taxpayer.

If an owner of agricultural assets is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

The lease or rental agreement may be terminated by either the owner or the beginning farmer. If the Iowa finance authority determines that the owner is not at fault for the termination, the authority will not issue a tax credit certificate for subsequent years, but any prior tax credit certificates issued will be allowed. If the Iowa finance authority determines that the owner is at fault for the termination, any prior tax credit certificates will be disallowed. The amount of tax credits previously allowed will be recaptured, and the owner will be required to repay the entire amount of tax credits previously claimed on Iowa returns.

**501.33(2) Custom farming contract tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, a landowner that hires a beginning farmer to custom farm agricultural land in this state may claim a custom farming contract tax credit for Iowa corporation income tax. The credit is equal to 7 percent of the value of the contract. If the beginning farmer is a veteran, the credit is equal to 8 percent of the value of the contract for the first year. However, the taxpayer may only claim 7 percent of the value of the contract in subsequent years if the agreement is renewed or a new agreement is executed by the same parties. The administrative rules for the custom farming contract tax credit for the Iowa finance authority may be found under 265—Chapter 44.

To qualify for the tax credit, the taxpayer must enter into a lease or rental agreement with a beginning farmer for a term of at least two years but not more than five years. Both the taxpayer and the beginning

farmer must meet certain qualifications set forth by the Iowa finance authority, and the beginning farmer must be eligible to receive financial assistance under Iowa Code section 16.75.

The Iowa finance authority will issue a tax credit certificate to the taxpayer which will include the name, address and tax identification number of the owner, the amount of the credit, and the tax period for which the credit may be applied. To claim the tax credit, the owner must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax period set forth on the certificate. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2013, the amount of tax credit certificates issued by the Iowa finance authority for the custom farming contract tax credit program cannot exceed \$4 million, and the credit certificates will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of the credit issued to an individual taxpayer cannot exceed \$50,000. However, effective December 31, 2017, the Iowa finance authority will no longer issue custom farming contract tax credits.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or until used, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the owner redeems the credit. The credit is not transferable to any other person other than the taxpayer's estate or trust upon the death of the taxpayer.

If the party entering into the custom farming contract with the beginning farmer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

The custom farming contract may be terminated by either the taxpayer or the beginning farmer. If the Iowa finance authority determines that the taxpayer is not at fault for the termination, the authority will not issue a tax credit certificate for subsequent years, but any prior tax credit certificates issued will be allowed. If the Iowa finance authority determines that the taxpayer is at fault for the termination, any prior tax credit certificates will be disallowed. The amount of tax credits previously allowed will be recaptured, and the taxpayer will be required to repay the entire amount of tax credits previously claimed on Iowa returns.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33; 2014 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328, sections 60 and 61, as amended by 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2454; and 2014 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328, sections 120 and 122.

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**701—501.34(15,422) Film qualified expenditure tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, a film qualified expenditure tax credit is available for corporation income tax. The tax credit cannot exceed 25 percent of the taxpayer's qualified expenditures in a film, television, or video project registered with the film office of the Iowa department of economic development (IDED). The film office may negotiate the amount of the tax credit. The administrative rules for the film qualified expenditure tax credit for IDED may be found at 261—Chapter 36.

**501.34(1) Qualified expenditures.** A qualified expenditure is a payment to an Iowa resident or an Iowa-based business for the sale, rental or furnishing of tangible personal property or services directly related to the registered project. The qualified expenditures include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Aircraft.
2. Vehicles.
3. Equipment.
4. Materials.
5. Supplies.
6. Accounting services.
7. Animals and animal care services.
8. Artistic and design services.
9. Graphics.
10. Construction.



11. Data and information services.
12. Delivery and pickup services.
13. Labor and personnel. For limitations on the amount of labor and personnel expenditures, see Iowa department of economic development 261—paragraph 36.7(2)“b.”
14. Lighting services.
15. Makeup and hairdressing services.
16. Film.
17. Music.
18. Photography.
19. Sound.
20. Video and related services.
21. Printing.
22. Research.
23. Site fees and rental.
24. Travel related to Iowa distant locations.
25. Trash removal and cleanup.
26. Wardrobe.

A detailed list of all qualified expenditures for each of these categories is available from the film office of IDED.

**501.34(2)** *Claiming the tax credit.* Upon completion of the registered project in Iowa, the taxpayer must submit, in a format approved by IDED prior to production, a listing of the qualified expenditures. Upon verification of the qualified expenditures, IDED will issue a tax credit certificate to the taxpayer. The certificate will list the taxpayer’s name, address, and tax identification number; the date of project completion; the amount of the credit; the tax period for which the credit may be applied; and the type of tax for which the credit will be applied.

If the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust requesting a credit for individual or corporation income tax, the tax credit certificate will be issued to the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries based on each partner’s, member’s, shareholder’s or beneficiary’s pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

To claim the tax credit, the taxpayer must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax period set forth on the certificate. Any tax credit in excess of the tax liability may be carried forward for five years or until the tax credit is used, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the taxpayer claimed the tax credit.

**501.34(3)** *Transfer of the film qualified expenditure tax credit.* The film qualified expenditure tax credit may be transferred no more than two times to any person or entity.

Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue, along with a statement which contains the transferee’s name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department of revenue will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust claiming the credit for individual or corporation income tax, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries and information on how the film qualified expenditure tax credit should be divided among the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information as that on the original tax credit certificate and must have the same effective taxable year as the original tax credit certificate. The replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different tax type than the original tax credit certificate.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax year for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax

purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

**501.34(4) *Repeal of film qualified expenditure tax credit.*** The film qualified expenditure tax credit is repealed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012. However, the credit is still available for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2012, if the contract or agreement related to a film project was entered into on or before May 25, 2012.

This rule is intended to implement 2012 Iowa Acts, House File 2337, sections 38 to 40, and Iowa Code section 422.33 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, House File 2337, section 34.

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**701—501.35(15,422) Film investment tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, a film investment tax credit is available for corporation income tax. The tax credit cannot exceed 25 percent of the taxpayer's investment in a film, television, or video project registered with the film office of the Iowa department of economic development (IDED). The film office may negotiate the amount of the tax credit. The administrative rules for the film investment tax credit for IDED may be found at 261—Chapter 36.

**501.35(1) *Claiming the tax credit.*** Upon completion of the project in Iowa and verification of the investment in the project, IDED will issue a tax credit certificate to the taxpayer. The certificate will list the taxpayer's name, address, and tax identification number; the date of project completion; the amount of the credit; the tax period for which the credit may be applied; and the type of tax for which the credit will be applied.

If the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust requesting a credit for individual or corporation income tax, the tax credit certificate will be issued to the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries based on each partner's, member's, shareholder's or beneficiary's pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

To claim the tax credit, the taxpayer must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax period set forth on the certificate. Any tax credit in excess of the tax liability may be carried forward for five years or until the tax credit is used, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the taxpayer claimed the tax credit. In addition, a taxpayer cannot claim the film investment tax credit for qualified expenditures for which the film expenditure tax credit set forth in rule 701—501.34(15,422) is claimed.

The total of all film investment tax credits for a particular project cannot exceed 25 percent of the qualified expenditures as set forth in subrule 501.34(1) for the particular project. If the amount of investment exceeds the qualified expenditures, the tax credit will be allocated proportionately. For example, if three investors each invested \$100,000 in a project but the qualified expenditures in Iowa only totaled \$270,000, each investor would receive a tax credit based on a \$90,000 investment amount.

**501.35(2) *Transfer of the film investment tax credit.*** The film investment tax credit may be transferred no more than two times to any person or entity.

Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue, along with a statement which contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department of revenue will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust claiming the credit for individual or corporation income tax, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries and information on how the film investment tax credit should be divided among the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information as that on the original tax credit certificate and must have the same effective taxable year as the original tax credit certificate. The replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different tax type than the original tax credit certificate.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax year for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

**501.35(3) Repeal of film investment tax credit.** The film investment tax credit is repealed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012. However, the credit is still available for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2012, if the contract or agreement related to a film project was entered into on or before May 25, 2012.

This rule is intended to implement 2012 Iowa Acts, House File 2337, sections 38 to 40, and Iowa Code section 422.33 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, House File 2337, section 34.

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**701—501.36(422) Ethanol promotion tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, a retail dealer of gasoline may claim an ethanol promotion tax credit. For purposes of this rule, tank wagon sales are considered retail sales. The ethanol promotion tax credit is computed on Form IA 137.

**501.36(1) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

*“Biodiesel gallonage”* means the total number of gallons of biodiesel which the retail dealer sells from motor fuel pumps during a determination period. For example, 5,000 gallons of biodiesel blended fuel with a 2 percent by volume of biodiesel sold during a determination period results in a biodiesel gallonage of 100 (5,000 times 2%).

*“Biofuel distribution percentage”* means the sum of the retail dealer’s total ethanol gallonage plus the retail dealer’s total biodiesel gallonage expressed as a percentage of the retail dealer’s total gasoline gallonage.

*“Biofuel threshold percentage”* is dependent on the aggregate number of gallons of motor fuel sold by a retail dealer during a determination period, as set forth below:

Determination Period	More than 200,000 Gallons Sold by Retail Dealer	200,000 Gallons or Less Sold by Retail Dealer
2009	10%	6%
2010	11%	6%
2011	12%	10%
2012	13%	11%
2013	14%	12%
2014	15%	13%
2015	17%	14%
2016	19%	15%
2017	21%	17%
2018	23%	19%
2019	25%	21%
2020	25%	25%

*“Biofuel threshold percentage disparity”* means the positive percentage difference between the retail dealer’s biofuel threshold percentage and the retail dealer’s biofuel distribution percentage. For example, if a retail dealer that sells more than 200,000 gallons of motor fuel in 2009 has a biofuel distribution percentage of 8 percent, the biofuel threshold percentage disparity equals 2 percent (10% minus 2%).

*“Determination period”* means any 12-month period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31.

*“Ethanol gallonage”* means the total number of gallons of ethanol which the retail dealer sells from motor fuel pumps during a determination period. For example, 10,000 gallons of ethanol blended

gasoline formulated with a 10 percent by volume of ethanol sold during a determination period results in an ethanol gallonage of 1,000 (10,000 gallons times 10%).

“*Gasoline gallonage*” means the total number of gallons of gasoline sold by the retail dealer during a determination period.

**501.36(2) Calculation of tax credit.**

a. The tax credit is calculated by multiplying the retail dealer’s total ethanol gallonage by the tax credit rate, which is adjusted based upon the retail dealer’s biofuel threshold percentage disparity. The tax credit rate is set forth below:

Biofuel Threshold Percentage Disparity	Tax Credit Rate per Gallon 2009-2010	Tax Credit Rate per Gallon 2011	Tax Credit Rate per Gallon 2012-2020
0%	6.5 cents	8 cents	8 cents
0.01% to 2.00%	4.5 cents	6 cents	6 cents
2.01% to 4.00%	2.5 cents	2.5 cents	4 cents
4.01% or more	0 cents	0 cents	0 cents

b. For use in calculating a retail dealer’s total ethanol gallonage, the department is required to establish a schedule regarding the average amount of ethanol contained in E-85 gasoline.

c. A taxpayer may claim the ethanol promotion tax credit even if the taxpayer also claims the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit provided in rule 701—501.30(422) or the E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit provided in rule 701—501.43(422) for the same tax year for the same ethanol gallons.

d. The tax credit must be calculated separately for each retail motor fuel site operated by the taxpayer for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2011. The biofuel threshold percentage disparity of the taxpayer is computed on a statewide basis based on the total ethanol gallonage sold in Iowa. The taxpayer must determine the ethanol gallonage sold at each retail motor fuel site and multiply this ethanol gallonage by the applicable tax credit rate based on the biofuel threshold percentage disparity to calculate the ethanol promotion tax credit.

e. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, the taxpayer may elect to compute the biofuel threshold percentage disparity and the tax credit on either a site-by-site basis or on a companywide basis. The election made on the first return beginning on or after January 1, 2011, for either the site-by-site method or the companywide method is binding on the taxpayer for subsequent tax years unless the taxpayer petitions the department for a change in the method. Any petition for a change in the method should be made within a reasonable period of time prior to the due date of the return for which the change is requested. For example, if a change is requested for the tax return beginning January 1, 2012, the petition should be made by January 31, 2013, which is 90 days prior to the due date of the return.

The mere fact that a change in the method will result in a larger tax credit for subsequent years is not, of itself, sufficient grounds for changing the method for computing the credit. An example of a case for which the department may grant a change in the method is if the taxpayer has a significant change in the type of fuel sold at the taxpayer’s retail sites in Iowa. For example, if a retail dealer opted to start selling E-85 gasoline at all the taxpayer’s retail sites in Iowa for a subsequent tax year, the department may grant a change in the method.

If a taxpayer chooses the site-by-site method to compute the biofuel threshold percentage disparity, the gallons sold at all sites in Iowa must be considered in determining if the biofuel threshold percentage as defined in subrule 501.36(1) is based on more than 200,000 gallons, or 200,000 gallons or less. For example, if a taxpayer operates three motor fuel sites in Iowa and each site sells 80,000 gallons of motor fuel during 2011, the biofuel threshold percentage of 12 percent must be used for each retail site if the tax credit is computed on a site-by-site basis, even though each retail site sold less than 200,000 gallons of motor fuel.

*f.* Any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming a refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

**501.36(3) Fiscal year filers.** or taxpayers whose tax year is not on a calendar year basis, the taxpayer may compute the ethanol promotion tax credit on the total ethanol gallonage sold during the year using the designated tax credit rates as shown in paragraph 501.36(2) "a." Because the tax credit is repealed on January 1, 2021, a taxpayer whose tax year ends prior to December 31, 2020, may continue to claim the tax credit in the following tax year for the total ethanol gallonage sold through December 31, 2020. For a taxpayer whose tax year is not on a calendar year basis and that did not claim the ethanol promotion tax credit on the previous return, the taxpayer may claim the tax credit for the current tax year for the period beginning on January 1 of the previous tax year until the last day of the previous tax year.

**501.36(4) Allocation of tax credit to owners of a business entity.** If a taxpayer claiming the ethanol promotion tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by the individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust.

**501.36(5) Examples.** The following noninclusive examples illustrate how this rule applies:

EXAMPLE 1. A taxpayer that is a retail dealer of gasoline operates only one motor fuel site in Iowa. The number of gallons of gasoline sold at this site in 2009 equals 100,000 gallons. This consisted of 5,000 gallons of E-85 gasoline, 80,000 gallons of E-10 (10% ethanol blended gasoline) and 15,000 gallons not containing ethanol. The average ethanol content of E-85 gasoline is assumed to be 79%. The taxpayer also sold at this site during 2009 15,000 gallons of diesel fuel, of which 5,000 gallons was B-2 (2% biodiesel). The ethanol gallonage is 11,950 (5,000 E-85 gallons times 79% equals 3,950; 80,000 E-10 gallons times 10% equals 8,000; and thus 3,950 plus 8,000 equals 11,950). The biodiesel gallonage sold is 100, or 5,000 times 2%. The sum of 11,950 and 100, or 12,050, is divided by the total gasoline gallonage of 100,000 to arrive at a biofuel distribution percentage of 12.05%. Since this exceeds the biofuel threshold percentage of 6% for a retail dealer selling 200,000 gallons or less, the biofuel threshold disparity percentage is 0%. This results in an ethanol promotion tax credit of 6.5 cents times 11,950, or \$776.75.

In addition, the taxpayer is entitled to claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit equal to 20 cents multiplied by 5,000 gallons, or \$1,000.

EXAMPLE 2. A taxpayer that is a retail dealer of gasoline operates only one motor fuel site in Iowa. The number of gallons of gasoline sold at this site in 2010 equals 300,000 gallons. This consisted of 10,000 gallons of E-85 gasoline, 230,000 gallons of E-10 (10% ethanol blended gasoline) and 60,000 gallons not containing ethanol. The average ethanol content of E-85 gasoline is assumed to be 79%. The taxpayer also sold at this site during 2010 60,000 gallons of diesel fuel, of which 25,000 gallons was B-2 (2% biodiesel). The ethanol gallonage is 30,900 (10,000 E-85 gallons times 79% equals 7,900; 230,000 E-10 gallons times 10% equals 23,000; and thus 7,900 plus 23,000 equals 30,900). The biodiesel gallonage sold is 500, or 25,000 times 2%. The sum of 30,900 and 500, or 31,400, is divided by the total gasoline gallonage of 300,000 to arrive at a biofuel distribution percentage of 10.47%. Since this is less than the biofuel threshold percentage of 11% for a retail dealer selling more than 200,000 gallons, the biofuel threshold disparity percentage is .53%. This results in an ethanol promotion tax credit of 4.5 cents times 30,900, or \$1,390.50.

In addition, the taxpayer is entitled to claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit equal to 20 cents multiplied by 10,000 gallons, or \$2,000.

EXAMPLE 3. A taxpayer that is a retail dealer of gasoline operates three motor fuel sites in Iowa during 2009, and each site sold 80,000 gallons of gasoline. Sites A and B each sold 70,000 gallons of E-10 (10% ethanol blended gasoline) and 10,000 gallons not containing ethanol. Site C sold 60,000 gallons of E-10, 10,000 gallons of E-85, and 10,000 gallons not containing ethanol. The average ethanol content of E-85 gasoline is assumed to be 79%. The retail dealer did not sell any diesel fuel at any of the motor fuel sites. The ethanol gallonage is 27,900, as shown below:

Site A – 70,000 times 10% equals	7,000
Site B – 70,000 times 10% equals	7,000
Site C – 60,000 times 10% equals	6,000
Site C – 10,000 times 79% equals	7,900
Total	<u>27,900</u>

The ethanol gallonage of 27,900 is divided by the gasoline gallonage of 240,000 to arrive at a biofuel distribution percentage of 11.63%. Since this exceeds the biofuel threshold percentage of 10% for a retail dealer selling more than 200,000 gallons, the biofuel threshold disparity percentage is 0%. The credit is computed separately for each motor fuel site, and the ethanol promotion credit equals \$1,813.50, as shown below:

Site A – 7,000 times 6.5 cents equals	\$455.00
Site B – 7,000 times 6.5 cents equals	\$455.00
Site C – 13,900 times 6.5 cents equals	\$903.50
Total	<u>\$1,813.50</u>

Since the biofuel distribution percentage and the biofuel threshold percentage disparity are computed on a statewide basis for all gallons sold in Iowa, the 6.5 cent tax credit rate is applied to the total ethanol gallonage, even if Sites A and B did not meet the biofuel threshold percentage of 10% for 2009.

In addition, the taxpayer is entitled to claim the E-85 gasoline promotion tax credit equal to 20 cents multiplied by 10,000 gallons, or \$2,000.

EXAMPLE 4. A taxpayer that is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, and operates one motor fuel site in Iowa. The taxpayer sold more than 200,000 gallons of gasoline during the 2010 calendar year and expects to sell more than 200,000 gallons of gasoline during the 2011 calendar year. The ethanol gallonage is 30,000 for the period from April 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, and the ethanol gallonage is 8,000 for the period from January 1, 2011, through March 31, 2011. The biofuel distribution percentage is 11.5% for the period from April 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, and the biofuel distribution percentage is 11.8% for the period from January 1, 2011, through March 31, 2011. This results in a biofuel threshold percentage disparity of 0% (11.0 minus 11.5) for the period from April 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, and a biofuel threshold percentage disparity of .2% (12.0 minus 11.8) for the period from January 1, 2011, through March 31, 2011. The taxpayer is entitled to an ethanol promotion tax credit of \$2,310 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, as shown below:

30,000 times 6.5 cents equals	\$1,950
8,000 times 4.5 cents equals	360
Total	<u>\$2,310</u>

EXAMPLE 5. A taxpayer that is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year ending April 30, 2009, and operates one motor fuel site in Iowa. The taxpayer expects to sell more than 200,000 gallons of gasoline during the 2009 calendar year. The ethanol gallonage is 50,000 gallons for the period from January 1, 2009, through April 30, 2009. The biofuel distribution percentage is 7.7% for the period from January 1, 2009, through April 30, 2009, which results in a biofuel threshold percentage disparity of 2.3% (10.0 minus 7.7). The taxpayer is entitled to claim an ethanol promotion tax credit of \$1,250 (50,000 gallons times 2.5 cents) on the taxpayer's Iowa income tax return for the period ending April 30, 2009.

In lieu of claiming the credit on the return for the period ending April 30, 2009, the taxpayer may claim the ethanol promotion tax credit on the tax return for the period ending April 30, 2010, including the ethanol gallonage for the period from January 1, 2009, through April 30, 2010. In this case, the taxpayer will compute the biofuel distribution percentage for the period from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, to determine the proper tax credit rate to be applied to the ethanol gallonage for the period from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

EXAMPLE 6. Assume the same facts as Example 3, except that the gallons were sold in 2011. The taxpayer chose the companywide method to compute the biofuel threshold percentage disparity and the tax credit. The biofuel distribution percentage is 11.63%, and since the biofuel threshold percentage is 12% for retailers selling more than 200,000 gallons of motor fuel, the biofuel threshold percentage disparity is 0.37%. This results in an ethanol promotion tax credit on a companywide basis of 6 cents multiplied by the ethanol gallonage of 27,900 or \$1,674.

EXAMPLE 7. Assume the same facts as Example 3, except that the gallons were sold in 2011. The taxpayer chose the site-by-site method to compute the biofuel threshold percentage disparity and the tax credit. The biofuel threshold percentage is still 12% since the retailer sold more than 200,000 gallons of motor fuel at all sites in Iowa. The biofuel distribution percentage for Site A and Site B is 7,000 divided by 80,000, or 8.75%. The biofuel threshold percentage disparity for Site A and Site B is 3.25%, or 12% less 8.75%. The biofuel distribution percentage for Site C is 13,900 divided by 80,000, or 17.38%. The biofuel threshold percentage disparity for Site C is 0% since the biofuel distribution percentage exceeds the biofuel threshold percentage. This results in an ethanol promotion tax credit on a site-by-site basis of \$1,462, as shown below:

Site A – 7,000 times 2.5 cents equals	\$175
Site B – 7,000 times 2.5 cents equals	\$175
Site C – 13,900 times 8 cents equals	\$1,112
Total	\$1,462

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33 as amended by 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 531.

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**701—501.37(422) Charitable conservation contribution tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, a charitable conservation contribution tax credit is available for corporation income tax which is equal to 50 percent of the fair market value of a qualified real property interest located in Iowa that is conveyed as an unconditional charitable donation in perpetuity by a taxpayer to a qualified organization exclusively for conservation purposes.

**501.37(1) Definitions.** The following definitions are applicable to this rule:

“*Conservation purpose*” means the same as defined in Section 170(h)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, with the exception that a conveyance of land for open space for the purpose of fulfilling density requirements to obtain subdivision or building permits is not considered a conveyance for a conservation purpose.

“*Qualified organization*” means the same as defined in Section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

“*Qualified real property interest*” means the same as defined in Section 170(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Conservation easements and bargain sales are examples of a qualified real property interest.

**501.37(2) Computation of the credit.** The credit equals 50 percent of the fair market value of the qualified real property interest. There are numerous federal revenue regulations, rulings, court cases and other provisions relating to the determination of the value of a qualified real property interest, and these are equally applicable in determining the amount of the charitable conservation contribution tax credit.

The maximum amount of the tax credit is \$100,000. The amount of the contribution for which the tax credit is claimed shall not be claimed as a deduction for charitable contributions for Iowa income tax purposes.

**501.37(3) Claiming the tax credit.** The tax credit is claimed on Form IA 148, Tax Credits Schedule. The taxpayer must include a copy of federal Form 8283, Noncash Charitable Contributions, which reflects the calculation of the fair market value of the real property interest, with the Iowa return for the year in which the contribution is made. If a qualified appraisal of the property or other relevant

information is required to be included with federal Form 8283 for federal tax purposes, the appraisal and other relevant information must also be included with the Iowa return.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following 20 years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If the taxpayer claiming the credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

**501.37(4) Examples.** The following noninclusive examples illustrate how this rule applies:

EXAMPLE 1: A taxpayer conveys a real property interest with a fair market value of \$150,000 to a qualified organization during 2008. The tax credit is equal to \$75,000, or 50 percent of the \$150,000 fair market value of the real property. The taxpayer cannot claim the \$150,000 as a deduction for charitable contributions on the Iowa corporation income tax return for 2008.

EXAMPLE 2: A taxpayer conveys a real property interest with a fair market value of \$500,000 to a qualified organization during 2009. The tax credit is limited to \$100,000, which equates to \$200,000 of the contribution being eligible for the tax credit. The remaining amount of \$300,000 (\$500,000 less \$200,000) can be claimed as a deduction for charitable contributions on the Iowa corporation income tax return for 2009.

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**701—501.38(422) School tuition organization tax credit.** For tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2021, a school tuition organization tax credit is available which is equal to 65 percent of the amount of the voluntary cash or noncash contribution made by a corporation taxpayer to a school tuition organization. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, the tax credit is equal to 75 percent of the amount of the voluntary cash or noncash contribution made by a corporation taxpayer to a school tuition organization. For S corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, estates and trusts where the income is taxed directly to the individual shareholders, partners, members or beneficiaries, an individual may claim the credit. The amount of credit claimed by an individual shall be based on the pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the S corporation, partnership, limited liability company, estate or trust. For information on the initial registration, participation forms and reporting requirements for school tuition organizations, see rule 701—304.32(422).

**501.38(1) Amount of tax credit authorized—additional limitation for corporations.**

a. Of the \$7.5 million of school tuition organization tax credits authorized for the 2009 through 2011 calendar years, no more than 25 percent, or \$1,875,000, can be authorized for corporation income tax taxpayers.

b. Of the \$8.75 million of school tuition organization tax credits authorized for 2012 and 2013, no more than 25 percent, or \$2,187,500, can be authorized for corporation income tax taxpayers.

c. Of the \$12 million of school tuition organization tax credits authorized for 2014 through 2018, no more than 25 percent, or \$3 million, can be authorized for corporation income tax taxpayers.

d. Of the \$13 million of school tuition organization tax credits authorized for 2019, no more than 25 percent, or \$3,250,000, can be authorized for corporation income tax taxpayers.

e. Effective July 1, 2020, the prohibition against authorizing more than 25 percent of the total authorized tax credits for corporation income tax purposes was repealed. On or after July 1, 2020, of the total school tuition organization tax credits authorized for a year, any amount can be authorized for corporation income taxpayers.

**501.38(2) Issuance of tax credit certificates.** The school tuition organization shall issue tax credit certificates to each taxpayer who made a cash or noncash contribution to the school tuition organization. The tax credit certificate shall contain the name, address and tax identification number of the taxpayer; the amount and date that the contribution was made; the amount of the credit; the tax year that the credit



may be applied; the school tuition organization to which the contribution was made; and the tax credit certificate number.

**501.38(3) Claiming the tax credit.** The taxpayer must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for which the credit is claimed. The tax credit shall be claimed in the tax year during which the contribution is made. Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier. The taxpayer shall not claim a deduction for charitable contributions for Iowa corporation income tax purposes for the amount of the contribution made to the school tuition organization.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—501.39(15,422) Redevelopment tax credit.** The economic development authority is authorized by the general assembly and the governor to oversee the implementation and administration of the redevelopment tax credit program. Effective for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2009, a taxpayer whose project has been approved by the Iowa brownfield redevelopment advisory council and the economic development authority may claim a redevelopment tax credit once the taxpayer has been issued a tax credit certificate for the project by the economic development authority. The credit is based on the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a brownfield or grayfield site. The administrative rules for the economic development authority's administration of this program, including definitions of brownfield and grayfield sites, may be found in rules 261—65.11(15) and 261—65.12(15).

**501.39(1) Eligibility for the credit.** The economic development authority is responsible for developing a system for registration and authorization of projects receiving redevelopment tax credits. For more information, see Iowa Administrative Code 261—Chapter 65.

**501.39(2) Amount of the credit.**

*a. Maximum credit total.* For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, the maximum amount of tax credits allowed is \$1 million, and the amount of credit authorized for any one redevelopment project cannot exceed \$100,000. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, the maximum amount of tax credits allowed cannot exceed \$5 million, and the amount of credit authorized for any one redevelopment project cannot exceed \$500,000. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, the maximum amount of tax credits allowed cannot exceed \$10 million, and the amount of credit authorized for any one redevelopment project cannot exceed \$1 million. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and for each subsequent fiscal year, the maximum amount of tax credits issued by the authority shall be an amount determined by the economic development authority board but not in excess of the amount established pursuant to Iowa Code section 15.119.

*b. Maximum credit per project.* The maximum amount of a tax credit for a qualifying investment in any one qualifying redevelopment project shall not exceed 10 percent of the maximum amount of tax credits available in any one fiscal year pursuant to paragraph 501.39(2)“a.”

*c. Percentage computation.* The amount of the tax credit shall equal one of the following:

- (1) Twelve percent of the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a grayfield site.
- (2) Fifteen percent of the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a grayfield site if the qualifying redevelopment project meets the requirements of green development as defined in rule 261—65.2(15).
- (3) Twenty-four percent of the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a brownfield site.
- (4) Thirty percent of the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a brownfield site if the qualifying redevelopment project meets the requirements of green development as defined in rule 261—65.2(15).

**501.39(3) Claiming the credit.**

*a. Certificate issuance.* Upon completion of the project, the economic development authority will issue a tax credit certificate to the taxpayer. The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, address and federal identification number, the tax type for which the credit will be claimed, the amount of the credit, the tax year for which the credit may be claimed and the tax credit certificate number. In addition, the tax credit certificate will include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, as provided in subrule 501.39(4). To claim

the tax credit, the taxpayer must include the tax credit certificate with the tax return for the tax period set forth on the certificate.

*b. Pro rata share.* If a taxpayer claiming the tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

*c. Carryforward.* Except as provided in paragraph 501.39(3) "d," any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the taxpayer redeems the credit.

*d. Refundability.* A tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's liability for the tax year is refundable if all of the conditions of economic development authority 261—paragraph 65.11(4) "b" are met.

**501.39(4) Transfer of the credit.** The redevelopment tax credit can be transferred to any person or entity. However, a certificate indicating that the credit is refundable is only transferrable to the extent permitted by economic development authority 261—paragraph 65.11(4) "b."

*a. Submission of transferred tax credit certificate to the department—information required.* Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue, along with a statement which contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, the amount of all consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit, and the names of recipients of any consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit. If a payment of money was any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit, the transferee shall list the amount of the payment of money in its statement to the department of revenue. If any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit included nonmonetary consideration, including but not limited to any promise, representation, performance, discharge of debt or nonmonetary rights or property, the transferee shall describe the nature of nonmonetary consideration and disclose any value the transferor and transferee assigned to the nonmonetary consideration. The transferee must indicate on its statement to the department of revenue if no consideration was provided in exchange for the tax credit. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust claiming the credit for individual or corporation income tax, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries and information on how the redevelopment tax credit should be divided among the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries.

*b. Issuance of replacement certificate by the department.* Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department of revenue will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee.

*c. Claiming the transferred tax credit.* The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information as that on the original tax credit certificate and must have the same effective taxable year as the original tax credit certificate. The replacement tax credit certificate may reflect a different tax type than the original tax credit certificate. The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax year for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income tax, corporation income tax, or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit certificate shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income tax, corporation income tax, or franchise tax purposes.

**501.39(5) Basis reduction of the redevelopment property.** The increase in the basis of the redevelopment property that would otherwise result from the qualified redevelopment costs shall be reduced by the amount of the redevelopment tax credit. For example, if a qualifying investment in a

grayfield site totaled \$100,000 for which a \$12,000 redevelopment tax credit was issued, the increase in the basis of the property would total \$88,000 for Iowa tax purposes (\$100,000 less \$12,000).

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**701—501.40(15) High quality jobs program.** Effective for tax periods beginning on or after July 1, 2009, a business which qualifies under the high quality jobs program is eligible to receive tax credits. The high quality jobs program replaces the high quality job creation program. An eligible business under the high quality jobs program must be approved by the Iowa department of economic development and meet the qualifications of Iowa Code section 15.329. The tax credits available under the high quality jobs program are based upon the number of jobs created or retained that pay a qualifying wage threshold and the amount of qualifying investment. The administrative rules for the high quality jobs program for the Iowa department of economic development may be found at 261—Chapter 68.

**501.40(1) Research activities credit.** An eligible business approved under the high quality jobs program is eligible for an additional research activities credit as described in subrule 501.7(4) for awards issued by the Iowa department of economic development prior to July 1, 2010. The eligible business is eligible for the research activities credit as described in subrule 501.7(6) for awards issued by the Iowa department of economic development on or after July 1, 2010.

Research activities allowable for the Iowa research activities credit include expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components manufactured or assembled in Iowa; such expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are not eligible for the federal credit for increasing research activities. For purposes of this subrule, innovative renewable energy generation components do not include components with more than 200 megawatts in installed effective nameplate capacity. The research activities credit related to renewable energy generation components under the high quality jobs program and the enterprise zone program shall not exceed \$2 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and \$1 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

These expenses related to the development and deployment of innovative renewable energy generation components are applicable only to the additional research activities credit set forth in this subrule and in subrule 501.7(5) for businesses in enterprise zones, and are not applicable to the research activities credit set forth in subrule 501.7(3).

**501.40(2) Investment tax credit.** An eligible business can claim an investment tax credit equal to a percentage of the new investment directly related to new jobs created or retained by the location or expansion of an eligible business. The percentage is equal to the amount provided in Iowa department of economic development 261—subrule 68.4(7).

The determination of the new investment eligible for the investment tax credit, the eligibility of a refundable investment tax credit for value-added agricultural product or biotechnology-related projects and the repayment of investment tax credits for the high quality jobs program is the same as set forth in subrule 501.28(2) for the high quality job creation program.

**501.40(3) Repayment of benefits.** If an eligible business fails to maintain the requirements of the high quality jobs program, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives taken on Iowa returns. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the tax credits may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure of the eligible business to maintain the requirements of the high quality jobs program because the repayment is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the

Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 15.

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**701—501.41(15) Aggregate tax credit limit for certain economic development programs.** Effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, awards made under certain economic development programs cannot exceed \$185 million during a fiscal year. Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2010, but beginning before July 1, 2012, awards made under these economic development programs cannot exceed \$120 million during a fiscal year. Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2012, awards made under these economic development programs cannot exceed \$170 million. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2010, but beginning before July 1, 2014, these programs include the assistive device tax credit program, the enterprise zone program, the housing enterprise zone program, the high quality jobs program, the redevelopment tax credit program, tax credits for investments in qualifying businesses and community-based seed capital funds, and the innovation fund tax credit program. For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2014, these programs include the assistive device tax credit program, the workforce housing tax incentives program, the high quality jobs program, the redevelopment tax credit program, tax credits for investments in qualifying businesses and community-based seed capital funds, and the innovation fund tax credit program. The administrative rules for the aggregate tax credit limit for the economic development authority may be found at 261—Chapter 76.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15.119 as amended by 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2448.

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**701—501.42(16,422) Disaster recovery housing project tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, but before January 1, 2015, a disaster recovery housing project tax credit is available for corporation income tax. The credit is equal to 75 percent of the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a disaster recovery housing project and is administered by the Iowa finance authority. Qualifying investments are costs incurred on or after May 12, 2009, and prior to July 1, 2010, related to a disaster recovery housing project. Eligible properties must have applied for and received an allocation of federal low-income housing tax credits under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code to be eligible for the tax credit. The administrative rules of the Iowa finance authority for the disaster recovery housing project tax credit may be found at 265—Chapter 34. The tax credit is repealed effective January 1, 2015.

**501.42(1) Issuance of tax credit certificates.** Upon completion of the project and verification of the amount of investment made in the disaster recovery housing project, the Iowa finance authority will issue a tax credit certificate to the taxpayer. The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, address, tax identification number, amount of credit, and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. The tax credit certificates will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. The tax credit cannot be transferred to any other person or entity.

**501.42(2) Limitation of tax credits.** The tax credit shall not exceed 75 percent of the taxpayer's qualifying investment in a disaster recovery housing project. The maximum amount of tax credits issued by the Iowa finance authority shall not exceed \$3 million in each of the five consecutive years beginning in the 2011 calendar year. A tax credit certificate shall be issued by the Iowa finance authority for each year that the credit can be claimed.

**501.42(3) Claiming the tax credit.** The amount of the tax credit earned by the taxpayer will be divided by five and an amount equal thereto will be claimed on the Iowa corporation income tax return commencing with the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2011. A taxpayer is not entitled to a refund of the excess tax for any tax credit in excess of the tax liability, and also is not entitled to carry forward any excess credit to a subsequent tax year.

If the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

The increase in the basis of the property that would otherwise result from the disaster recovery housing investment shall be reduced by the amount of the tax credit allowed.

EXAMPLE: A corporation whose tax year ends on December 31 incurs \$100,000 of costs related to an eligible disaster recovery housing project. The taxpayer receives a tax credit of \$75,000, and \$15,000 of credit can be claimed on each Iowa corporation income tax return for the periods ending December 31, 2011, through December 31, 2015. If the tax liability for the corporation for the period ending December 31, 2011, is \$10,000, the credit is limited to \$10,000, and the remaining \$5,000 credit cannot be used. If the tax liability for the corporation for the period ending December 31, 2012, is \$25,000, the credit is limited to \$15,000, and the remaining \$5,000 credit from 2011 cannot be used to reduce the tax for 2012.

**501.42(4) Potential recapture of tax credits.** If the taxpayer fails to comply with the eligibility requirements of the project or violates local zoning and construction ordinances, the Iowa finance authority can void the tax credit and the department of revenue shall seek recovery of the value of any tax credit claimed on a corporation income tax return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 16.211, 16.212 and 422.33 as amended by 2014 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328.

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**701—501.43(422) E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit.** Effective for eligible gallons sold on or after July 1, 2011, a retail dealer of gasoline may claim an E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit. "E-15 plus gasoline" means ethanol blended gasoline formulated with a minimum percentage of between 15 percent and 69 percent of volume of ethanol, if the formulation meets the standards provided in Iowa Code section 214A.2. For purposes of this rule, tank wagon sales are considered retail sales. The credit is calculated on Form IA 138.

**501.43(1) Calculating the credit.**

*a. Amount of credit.* The tax credit is calculated by multiplying the total number of E-15 plus gallons sold by the retail dealer during the tax year by the following designated rates:

Gallons sold from July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013	3 cents
Gallons sold from January 1 through May 31 and from September 16 through December 31 for the 2014-2024 calendar years	3 cents
Gallons sold from June 1 through September 15 for the 2014-2024 calendar years	10 cents

*b. Claiming the credit with other credits.* A taxpayer may claim the E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit even if the taxpayer also claims the ethanol promotion tax credit provided in rule 701—52.36(422) for gallons sold on or after January 1, 2011, but prior to January 1, 2021, for the same tax year for the same ethanol gallons.

*c. Refundability.* Any credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

*d. Transferability.* The credit may not be transferred to any other person.

**501.43(2) Fiscal year filers.** For taxpayers whose tax year is not on a calendar-year basis, the taxpayer may compute the tax credit on the gallons of E-15 plus gasoline sold during the year using the designated rates as shown above. Because the tax credit is repealed on January 1, 2025, a taxpayer whose tax year ends prior to December 31, 2024, may continue to claim the tax credit in the following tax year for any E-15 plus gallons sold through December 31, 2024. For a retail dealer whose tax year is not on a calendar-year basis and who did not claim the E-15 plus credit on the previous return, the dealer may claim the credit for the current tax year for gallons sold for the period beginning on July 1 of the

previous tax year until the last day of the previous tax year. However, for taxpayers whose fiscal year ends prior to December 31, 2011, the dealer must claim the credit for the current tax year for gallons sold for the period beginning on July 1 of the previous tax year until the last day of the previous tax year.

**EXAMPLE 1:** A taxpayer who is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year ending October 31, 2011. The taxpayer sold 2,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline for the period from July 1, 2011, through October 31, 2011, and sold 7,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline for the period from November 1, 2011, through October 31, 2012. The taxpayer is entitled to a total E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit of \$270 for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2012, which consists of a \$60 credit (2,000 gallons multiplied by 3 cents) for the period from July 1, 2011, through October 31, 2011, and a credit of \$210 (7,000 gallons multiplied by 3 cents) for the period from November 1, 2011, through October 31, 2012.

**EXAMPLE 2:** A taxpayer who is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year ending April 30, 2012. The taxpayer sold 4,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline between July 1, 2011, and April 30, 2012. The taxpayer sold 9,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline between May 1, 2012, and April 30, 2013. The taxpayer is entitled to claim an E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit of \$120 (4,000 gallons multiplied by 3 cents) for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2012. In lieu of claiming the credit on the return for the period ending April 30, 2012, the taxpayer can claim the E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit on the tax return for the period ending April 30, 2013, for all E-15 plus gasoline gallons sold for the period from July 1, 2011, through April 30, 2013.

**EXAMPLE 3:** A taxpayer who is a retail dealer of gasoline has a fiscal year ending February 28, 2025. The taxpayer sold 20,000 total gallons of E-15 plus gasoline for the entire period from March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025. For the period from March 1 through May 31, 2024, the taxpayer sold 4,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline, which entitles the taxpayer to a credit of \$120 (4,000 gallons multiplied by 3 cents). For the period from June 1 through September 15, 2024, the taxpayer sold 6,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline, which entitles the taxpayer to a credit of \$600 (6,000 gallons multiplied by 10 cents). For the period from September 16 through December 31, 2024, the taxpayer sold 6,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline, which entitles the taxpayer to a credit of \$180 (6,000 gallons multiplied by 3 cents). For the period from January 1 through February 28, 2025, the taxpayer sold 4,000 gallons of E-15 plus gasoline, which occurred after expiration of the credit. The taxpayer is entitled to claim a total E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit of \$900 (\$120 plus \$600 plus \$180) on the taxpayer's Iowa income tax return for the period ending February 28, 2025.

**501.43(3) Allocation of credit to owners of a business entity or to beneficiaries of an estate or trust.** If a taxpayer claiming the E-15 plus gasoline promotion tax credit is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.11Y and 422.33 as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2309.

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**701—501.44(422) Solar energy system tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, a solar energy system tax credit is available for business property described in Sections 48(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) and 48(a)(2)(A)(i)(III) of the Internal Revenue Code and located in Iowa. The credit is available according to the same requirements, conditions, and limitations as described in rule 701—304.48(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—501.45(422) From farm to food donation tax credit.** A taxpayer that donates a food commodity that the taxpayer produces may claim a tax credit against Iowa corporation income tax according to the same requirements, conditions, and limitations as described in rule 701—304.51(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 190B, subchapter I, and section 422.33.  
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**701—501.46(15) Workforce housing tax incentives program.** A business which qualifies under the workforce housing tax incentives program is eligible to receive tax incentives for corporation income tax. The workforce housing tax incentives program replaced the eligible housing enterprise zone program. An eligible business under the workforce housing tax incentives program must be approved by the economic development authority. The administrative rules for the workforce housing tax incentives program for the economic development authority may be found at 261—Chapter 48. The general assembly has mandated that the economic development authority and the department of revenue adopt rules to jointly administer Iowa Code sections 15.351 to 15.356. In general, the economic development authority is responsible for evaluating whether projects meet the requirements for a workforce housing tax incentives program while the department of revenue administers tax credit claims and transfers.

**501.46(1) Definitions.**

“*Costs directly related*” means the same as defined in rule 261—48.3(15).

“*Qualifying new investment*” means the same as defined in rule 261—48.3(15).

**501.46(2) Workforce housing tax incentives.** The economic development authority will allocate no more than \$20 million in tax incentives for this program for any fiscal year, \$5 million of which shall be reserved for allocation to qualified housing projects in small cities, as defined in Iowa Code section 15.352(10), that are registered on or after July 1, 2017. A housing business that has entered into an agreement with the economic development authority is eligible to receive the tax incentives described in the following paragraphs:

a. *Sales tax refund.* A housing business may claim a refund of the sales and use tax described in rule 701—278.1(15).

b. *Investment tax credit.*

(1) Computation of the credit. A housing business may claim a tax credit in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the qualifying new investment in a housing project not located in a small city, or 20 percent of the qualifying new investment in a housing project located in a small city.

(2) Allocation of the tax credit to the individual owners of the entity or beneficiaries of an estate or trust. An individual may claim a tax credit if the housing business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust electing to have income taxed directly to the individual. The amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the individual’s earnings from the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust.

(3) Refundability. Any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer’s liability for the tax year is not refundable.

(4) Carryforward. Any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer’s liability may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until depleted, whichever is earlier.

**501.46(3) Claiming the tax credit—information required.** The taxpayer must receive a tax credit certificate from the economic development authority to claim the eligible housing business tax credit. The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer’s name, the taxpayer’s address, the taxpayer’s tax identification number, the date the project was completed, the amount of the eligible housing business tax credit and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. In addition, the tax credit certificate shall include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, as provided in subrule 501.46(5). The tax credit certificate must be included with the income tax return for the tax period in which the housing is ready for occupancy.

**501.46(4) Basis adjustment.** The increase in the basis of the property that would otherwise result from the qualifying new investment shall be reduced by the amount of the investment tax credit. For example, if a new housing project had qualifying new investment of \$1 million which resulted in a \$100,000 investment tax credit for Iowa tax purposes, the basis of the property for Iowa income tax purposes would be \$900,000.

**501.46(5) Transfer of the credit.**

*a. Submission of transferred tax credit certificate to the department—information required.* Tax credit certificates issued under an agreement entered into pursuant to subrule 501.46(3) may be transferred to any person. Within 90 days of transfer, the transferee shall submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue along with a statement containing the transferee's name, tax identification number, and address, the denomination that each replacement tax credit certificate is to carry, and any other information required by the department of revenue. However, tax credit certificate amounts of less than the minimum amount established in rule by the economic development authority shall not be transferable.

*b. Issuance of replacement certificate by the department.* Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the transferee's statement, the department of revenue shall issue one or more replacement tax credit certificates to the transferee. Each replacement tax credit certificate must contain the information required for the original tax credit certificate and must have the same expiration date that appeared on the transferred tax credit certificate.

*c. Claiming the transferred tax credit.* A tax credit shall not be claimed by a transferee under this rule until a replacement tax credit certificate identifying the transferee as the proper holder has been issued. The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit transferred for any tax year the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income, or franchise tax purposes.

*d. Unlimited number of transferees and subsequent transfers.* There is no limitation on the number of transferees to whom the credit may be transferred. There is no limitation on the number of times that the credit may be retransferred by a transferee. The transferor may divide the credit into multiple credits of alternate denominations so long as the resulting credits are for amounts of no less than the minimum amount established in rule by the economic development authority.

*e. Carryforward limitations on transferees.* The transferee may use the amount of the transferred tax credit for any tax year that the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. The carryforward limitations described in subparagraph 501.46(2) "b"(4) shall apply.

**501.46(6) Repayment of benefits.** If the housing business fails to maintain the requirements of Iowa Code section 15.353, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a portion of the tax incentives the taxpayer received. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the income tax credit may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure of the taxpayer to maintain the requirements of Iowa Code section 15.353. This repayment is required because it is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15.354 and 15.355.

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**701—501.47(404A,422) Historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit for projects registered on or after July 1, 2014, and before August 15, 2016.** For projects registered before August 15, 2016, the department of cultural affairs is authorized by the general assembly to award tax credits for a percentage of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures on a qualified rehabilitation project as described in the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program, Iowa Code chapter 404A. The program is administered by the department of cultural affairs with the assistance of the department of revenue. The general assembly has mandated that the department of



cultural affairs and the department of revenue adopt rules to jointly administer Iowa Code chapter 404A. In general, the department of cultural affairs is responsible for evaluating whether projects comply with the prescribed standards for rehabilitation while the department of revenue is responsible for evaluating whether projects comply with the tax aspects of the program.

2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2453, amended the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program effective July 1, 2014. The department of revenue's provisions for projects with Part 2 applications approved and tax credits reserved prior to July 1, 2014, are found in rule 701—501.18(404A,422). The department of revenue's provisions for projects registered on or after July 1, 2014, and before August 15, 2016, are found in this rule. The department of cultural affairs' rules related to this program may be found at 223—Chapter 48.

2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2443, amended the program and transferred primary responsibility for its administration to the economic development authority effective August 15, 2016. Effective August 15, 2016, the program is administered by the economic development authority with the assistance of the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue. The department of revenue's provisions for projects registered on or after August 15, 2016, are found in rule 701—501.48(404A,422). The economic development authority's rules related to the program may be found at 261—Chapter 49. When adopted, the department of cultural affairs' rules related to the program will be found in 223—Chapter 48.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the department of cultural affairs shall not reserve tax credits under 2013 Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 112, section 1, for applicants that do not have an approved Part 2 application and a tax credit reservation on or before June 30, 2014. Projects with approved Part 2 applications and provisional tax credit reservations on or before June 30, 2014, shall be governed by 2013 Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter 112, section 1; by 223—Chapter 48, Division I; and by rule 701—501.18(404A,422). Projects registered on or after July 1, 2014, but before August 15, 2016, shall be governed by 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2453; by 223—Chapter 48, Division II; and by this rule. Projects registered on or after August 15, 2016, shall be governed by 2016 Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2443; by 261—Chapter 49; and by rule 701—501.48(404A,422).

**501.47(1)** *Application, registration, and agreement for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.* Taxpayers that want to claim a corporation income tax credit for completing a qualified rehabilitation project must submit an application for approval of the project. The application forms and instructions for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit are available on the department of cultural affairs' website. Once a project is registered, the taxpayer must enter into an agreement with the department of cultural affairs to be eligible for the credit.

**501.47(2)** *Computation of the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.* The amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit is a maximum of 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures verified by the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue following project completion, up to the amount specified in the agreement between the taxpayer and the department of cultural affairs.

**501.47(3)** *Qualified rehabilitation expenditures.* "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" means the same as defined in rule 223—48.22(404A) of the historical division of the department of cultural affairs. In general, the department of cultural affairs evaluates whether expenditures comply with the prescribed standards for rehabilitation while the department of revenue evaluates whether expenditures comply with the tax requirements to be considered qualified rehabilitation expenditures, including whether the expenditures are in accordance with the requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 47 and its related regulations.

*a. Type of property and services eligible.* In accordance with Iowa Code section 404A.1(6), the types of property and services claimed for the state tax credit must be "qualified rehabilitation expenditures" in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 47. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, expenditures incurred by an eligible taxpayer that is a nonprofit organization as defined in Iowa Code section 404A.1(4) shall be considered "qualified rehabilitation expenditures" if they are for "structural components," as that term is defined in Treasury Regulation § 1.48-1(e)(2), and for amounts

incurred for architectural and engineering fees, site survey fees, legal expenses, insurance premiums, development fees and other construction-related costs.

*b. Effect of financing sources on eligibility of expenditures.* Qualified rehabilitation expenditures do not include expenditures financed by federal, state, or local government grants or forgivable loans unless otherwise allowed under Section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code. For an eligible taxpayer that is a nonprofit organization as defined in Iowa Code section 404A.1(4) that is not eligible for the federal rehabilitation credit, or another person that is not eligible for the federal rehabilitation credit, expenditures financed with federal, state, or local government grants or forgivable loans are not qualified rehabilitation expenditures.

**501.47(4) Completion of the qualified rehabilitation project and claiming the tax credit on the Iowa return.** After the taxpayer completes a qualified rehabilitation project, the taxpayer will be issued a certificate of completion of the project from the department of cultural affairs if the project complies with the federal standards, as defined in rule 223—48.22(404A). After the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue verify the taxpayer's eligibility for the tax credit, the department of cultural affairs shall issue a tax credit certificate.

*a. Claiming the credit.* For the taxpayer to claim the credit, the certificate must be included with the taxpayer's corporation income tax return for the tax year in which the rehabilitation project is completed or the corporation income tax return for any tax year within the five years following the tax year of project completion. Taxpayers that elect to delay claiming the credit to a later tax year return as described in this paragraph are subject to the carryforward limitations described in paragraph 501.47(4) "d" below. The credit may be claimed on an amended return so long as the amended return is filed within the statute of limitations applicable to the tax year for which the amended return is being filed.

*b. Information required.* The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's tax identification number, the address or location of the rehabilitation project, the date the project was completed, the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit, and, if applicable, an indication of whether the credit is nonrefundable (see paragraph 501.47(4) "c" below). In addition, the tax credit certificate shall include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, as provided in subrule 501.47(5). In addition, if the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, estate or trust, and the tax credit is allocated to the owners or beneficiaries of the entity, a list of the owners or beneficiaries and the amount of credit allocated to each owner or beneficiary shall be provided with the certificate.

*c. Refundability.* A historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is fully refundable with interest computed under Iowa Code section 422.25. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year. To receive a refundable credit, the taxpayer must elect to receive the credit as refundable at the Part 3 stage of the application process administered by the department of cultural affairs. See department of cultural affairs' 223—Chapter 48. Once the taxpayer elects to receive a nonrefundable credit, the taxpayer cannot select to change the credit to a refundable credit or vice versa. If the taxpayer is a transferee, the taxpayer may elect to receive the credit as refundable or nonrefundable when the taxpayer applies to the department of revenue for transfer of the tax credit as described in subrule 501.47(5).

*d. Carryforward.* If the taxpayer elects to receive a nonrefundable historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit as described in paragraph 501.47(4) "b," the amount in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability may be carried forward for five years following the tax year in which the project is completed, or until it is depleted, whichever is earlier. A tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer is first eligible to claim the credit. Regardless of whether the taxpayer elects to claim the tax credit on a tax return for a year that is later than the year of project completion as described in paragraph 501.47(4) "a," the taxpayer must utilize the entire credit within five years of project completion as described in this paragraph; any credit amount that is not utilized within the five-year carryforward period is forfeited. The five-year carryforward

limitation does not apply if the taxpayer elects to receive a refundable credit, the excess of which may be credited to future tax years as an overpayment.

*e. Allocation of historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credits to the individual owners of the entity or beneficiaries of an estate or trust.* A partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder. The credit does not have to be allocated based on the pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation. For an individual claiming a tax credit of an estate or trust, the amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the individual's earnings from the estate or trust.

**501.47(5)** *Transfer of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.* The historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity. The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit transferred against the taxes imposed in Iowa Code chapter 422, divisions II, III, and V, and in Iowa Code chapter 432, for any tax year the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Transferees must elect to receive either a refundable or nonrefundable tax credit. Once the transferee elects to receive a nonrefundable credit, the transferee cannot elect to change the credit to a refundable credit or vice versa. A tax credit certificate of less than \$1,000 shall not be transferable.

*a. Transfer process—information required.* Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue along with a statement that contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number, the amount of the tax credit being transferred, an election to receive either a refundable or nonrefundable tax credit, and the amount of all consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit and the names of recipients of any consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit. If a payment of money was any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit, the transferee shall list the amount of the payment of money in its statement to the department of revenue. If any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit included nonmonetary consideration, including but not limited to any promise, representation, performance, discharge of debt or nonmonetary rights or property, the tax credit transferee shall describe the nature of the nonmonetary consideration and disclose any value the transferor and transferee assigned to the nonmonetary consideration. The tax credit transferee must indicate on its statement to the department of revenue if no consideration was provided in exchange for the tax credit. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department of revenue will issue the replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members or shareholders and information on how the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit should be divided among the partners, members or shareholders. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members or shareholders. The certificate must have the same information required for the original tax certificate and must have the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate. The transferee may not claim a tax credit until a replacement certificate identifying the transferee as the proper holder has been issued.

*b. Consideration.* Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

*c. Unlimited number of transferees and subsequent transfers.* There is no limitation on the number of transferees to whom the credit may be transferred. There is no limitation on the number of times that the credit may be retransferred by a transferee. The transferor may divide the credit into multiple credits of alternate denominations so long as the resulting credits are for amounts of no less than \$1,000.

*d. Carryforward limitations on transferees.* The transferee may use the amount of the transferred tax credit for any tax year the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. The carryforward limitations described in paragraph 501.47(4) "d" shall apply.

**501.47(6) Appeals.** Challenges to an action by the department of revenue related to tax credit transfers, claiming tax credits, tax credit revocation, or repayment or recovery of tax credits must be brought pursuant to 701—Chapter 7.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2443, and Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—501.48(404A,422) Historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit for projects registered on or after August 15, 2016.** The economic development authority is authorized by the general assembly to award tax credits for a percentage of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures on a qualified rehabilitation project as described in the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program, Iowa Code chapter 404A. The program is administered by the economic development authority with the assistance of the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue. The general assembly has mandated that the economic development authority, the department of cultural affairs and the department of revenue adopt rules as necessary to administer Iowa Code chapter 404A. In general, the department of revenue is responsible for administering tax credit transfers and processing and auditing tax returns that include tax credits claimed on returns. For the economic development authority's rules on the credit program, see 261—Chapter 49. For the department of cultural affairs' rules on the credit program, see 223—Chapter 48.

**501.48(1) Program transition.** 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2443, made several changes to the credit program, including transferring primary responsibility for the program's administration from the department of cultural affairs to the economic development authority. Projects registered prior to August 15, 2016, remain under the purview of the department of cultural affairs, with assistance from the department of revenue. For department of revenue rules related to projects registered prior to August 15, 2016, see rules 701—501.18(404A,422) and 701—501.47(404A,422).

**501.48(2) Application, registration, and agreement for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.** For rules on the application, registration, and agreement process, see economic development authority rules, 261—Chapter 49.

**501.48(3) Computation of the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.** The amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit is a maximum of 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures verified by the economic development authority following project completion, up to the amount specified in the agreement between the taxpayer and the economic development authority. For more information on the credit computation, see economic development authority rules, 261—Chapter 49. The amount remains subject to audit by the department of revenue when the credit is claimed on the taxpayer's tax return.

**501.48(4) Qualified rehabilitation expenditures.** "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 404A.1(7) and rule 261—49.5(404A) of economic development authority rules. In the event of an audit, the department of revenue evaluates whether expenditures comply with the agreement between the economic development authority and the eligible taxpayer, as well as with applicable statutes and rules, including Internal Revenue Code Section 47 and its related regulations.

**501.48(5) Completion of the qualified rehabilitation project and claiming the tax credit.** After the economic development authority verifies the taxpayer's eligibility for the tax credit, the economic development authority shall issue a tax credit certificate. For more information on credit certificate issuance, see economic development authority rules, 261—Chapter 49.

*a. Claiming the credit.* For the taxpayer to claim the credit, the certificate must be included with the taxpayer's corporation income tax return for the tax year in which the rehabilitation project is completed or the corporation income tax return for any year within the five years following the year of project completion. Taxpayers that elect to delay claiming the credit to a later year's return as described in this paragraph are subject to the carryforward limitations described in paragraph 501.48(5) "d"

below. The credit may be claimed on an amended return so long as the amended return is filed within the statute of limitations applicable to the tax year for which the amended tax return is being filed.

*b. Information required.* The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's tax identification number, the address or location of the rehabilitation project, the date the project was completed, the amount of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit, and, if applicable, an indication of whether the credit is nonrefundable (see paragraph 501.48(5) "c" below). In addition, the tax credit certificate shall include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, as provided in subrule 501.48(6). In addition, if the taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, estate or trust, and the tax credit is allocated to the owners or beneficiaries of the entity, a list of the owners or beneficiaries and the amount of credit allocated to each owner or beneficiary shall be provided with the certificate.

*c. Refundability.* A historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability is fully refundable with interest computed under Iowa Code section 422.25. In lieu of claiming the refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the tax liability for the following tax year. To receive a refundable credit, the taxpayer must elect to receive the credit as refundable at the Part 3 stage of the application process administered by the economic development authority. See the economic development authority's rule 261—49.15(404A). Once the taxpayer elects to receive a nonrefundable credit, the taxpayer cannot elect to change the credit to a refundable credit or vice versa. If the taxpayer is a transferee, the taxpayer may elect to receive the credit as refundable or nonrefundable when the taxpayer applies to the department of revenue for transfer of the tax credit as described in subrule 501.48(6).

*d. Carryforward.* If the taxpayer elects to receive a nonrefundable historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit as described in paragraph 501.48(5) "b," the amount in excess of the taxpayer's tax liability may be carried forward for five years following the tax year in which the project is completed, or until it is depleted, whichever is earlier. A tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer is first eligible to claim the credit. Regardless of whether the taxpayer elects to claim the tax credit on a tax return for a year that is later than the year of project completion as described in paragraph 501.48(5) "a," the taxpayer must utilize the entire credit within five years following the tax year of the project completion as described in this paragraph; any credit that is not utilized within the five-year carryforward period is forfeited. The five-year carryforward limitation does not apply if the taxpayer elects to receive a refundable credit, the excess of which may be credited to future tax years as an overpayment.

*e. Allocation of historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credits to the individual owners of the entity or beneficiaries of an estate or trust.* A partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder. The credit does not have to be allocated based on the pro rata share of earnings of the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation. For an individual claiming a tax credit of an estate or trust, the amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro rata share of the individual's earnings from the estate or trust.

**501.48(6) Transfer of the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.** The historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity. The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit transferred against the taxes imposed in Iowa Code chapter 422, divisions II, III, and V, and in Iowa Code chapter 432, for any tax year that the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Transferees must elect to receive either a refundable or nonrefundable tax credit. Once the transferee elects to receive a nonrefundable credit, the transferee cannot elect to change the credit to a refundable credit or vice versa. A tax credit certificate of less than \$1,000 shall not be transferable.

*a. Transfer process—information required.* Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue along with a statement that contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number, the amount of the tax credit being transferred, an election to receive either a refundable or nonrefundable tax credit, and

the amount of all consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit and the names of recipients of any consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit. If a payment of money was any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit, the transferee shall list the amount of the payment of money in its statement to the department of revenue. If any part of the consideration provided in exchange for the tax credit included nonmonetary consideration, including but not limited to any promise, representation, performance, discharge of debt or nonmonetary rights or property, the tax credit transferee shall describe the nature of the nonmonetary consideration and disclose any value the transferor and transferee assigned to the nonmonetary consideration. The tax credit transferee must indicate on its statement to the department of revenue if no consideration was provided in exchange for the tax credit. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee, the department of revenue will issue the replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members or shareholders and information on how the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit should be divided among the partners, members or shareholders. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members or shareholders. The certificate must have the same information required for the original tax certificate and must have the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate. The transferee may not claim a tax credit until a replacement certificate identifying the transferee as the proper holder has been issued.

*b. Consideration.* Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

*c. Unlimited number of transferees and subsequent transfers.* There is no limitation on the number of transferees to whom the tax credit may be transferred. There is no limitation on the number of times that the credit may be retransferred by a transferee. The transferor may divide the credit into multiple credits of alternate denominations so long as the resulting credits are for amounts of no less than \$1,000.

*d. Carryforward limitations on transferees.* The transferee may use the amount of the transferred tax credit for any tax year that the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. The carryforward limitations described in paragraph 501.48(4) “d” shall apply.

**501.48(7) Appeals.** Challenges to an action by the department of revenue related to tax credit transfers, the claiming of tax credits, tax credit revocation, or repayment or recovery of tax credits must be brought pursuant to 701—Chapter 7.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2443, and Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—501.49(15,422) Renewable chemical production tax credit program.** An eligible business that has received a renewable chemical production tax credit certificate from the economic development authority may claim a tax credit against corporation income tax. The credit is equal to the product of five cents multiplied by the number of pounds of renewable chemicals produced in Iowa from biomass feedstock by the eligible business during a given production year, subject to the limitations described in Iowa Code sections 15.315 through 15.322, 261—Chapter 81, and this rule. The economic development authority’s rules on eligibility for the credit may be found in 261—Chapter 81.

**501.49(1) Application and agreement for the credit.** To be eligible for the tax credit, the eligible business must apply to and enter into an agreement with the economic development authority. The economic development authority’s rules on the application and agreement process may be found in 261—Chapter 81.

**501.49(2) Computation of the amount of credit and certificate issuance.** Upon establishing that all requirements of the program and the agreement have been fulfilled and verifying the taxpayer’s eligibility for the tax credit, the economic development authority calculates the credit. Then the economic development authority issues the related tax credit certificate to the eligible business stating the amount of the renewable chemical production tax credit that the eligible business may claim. A tax

credit certificate shall not be issued by the economic development authority prior to July 1, 2018. The economic development authority's rules on credit certificate issuance may be found in 261—Chapter 81.

**501.49(3) Claiming the tax credit.**

*a. Claiming the credit, generally.* To claim the credit, a taxpayer must include one or more tax credit certificates with the taxpayer's tax return for the tax year during which the eligible business was issued the tax credit certificate or certificates. If the taxpayer claiming the credit has already filed a return for the tax year for which the credit certificate was issued, the taxpayer may claim the credit on an amended return. The taxpayer must file the amended return within the statute of limitations applicable to such amended return. No tax credit may be claimed under this program by a taxpayer prior to September 1, 2018.

*b. Claiming the credit of a pass-through entity.* To claim the credit of an eligible business that is a pass-through entity, an individual taxpayer must claim the credit on the tax return for the tax year during which the eligible business received the tax credit certificate. Such tax year may be either the tax year of the eligible business or of the individual.

EXAMPLE: A partnership has a fiscal year of September 2017 through August 2018. The partnership receives a renewable chemical production tax credit certificate under this program in July 2018, which is during the partnership's 2017 tax year. A partner in the partnership files individual returns on a calendar year basis, which means that the credit was issued in the partner's 2018 tax year. That partner may file an amended 2017 tax return to claim the credit based on the partnership's tax year, or that partner may claim the credit on the partner's 2018 tax return based on the partner's own tax year.

*c. Information required.* The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, address, and tax identification number, the amount of the credit, the name of the eligible business, and any other information required by the department of revenue.

*d. Allocation to the individual owners of the entity or beneficiaries of an estate or trust.* An individual may claim the credit of a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, cooperative organized under Iowa Code chapter 501 and filing as a partnership for tax purposes, estate, or trust electing to have income taxed directly to the individual. The amount claimed by the individual shall be based on the pro rata share of the individual's earnings from the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, cooperative, estate, or trust.

*e. Refundability.* Any credit in excess of the tax liability is refundable. In lieu of claiming a refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment shown on the taxpayer's final, completed return credited to the tax liability for the following tax year.

*f. Transferability.* Tax credit certificates shall not be transferred to any other person.

*g. Rescission and recapture.* The tax credit certificate, unless rescinded by the economic development authority, shall be accepted by the department of revenue, subject to any conditions or restrictions placed upon the face of the tax credit certificate by the economic development authority and subject to the limitations of the program. Should the economic development authority reduce, terminate, or rescind any tax credits issued under the program, the eligible business may be subject to the repayment or recapture of any credits already claimed. The economic development authority's rules related to the program may be found in 261—Chapter 81. The repayment of tax credits or recapture by the department of revenue shall be accomplished in the same manner as provided in Iowa Code section 15.330(2).

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**701—501.50(15E,422) Hoover presidential library tax credit.** A Hoover presidential library tax credit is available according to the same requirements, conditions, and limitations as described in rule 701—403.57(15E,422) and 261—Chapter 43.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15E.364 and 422.33(31) as enacted by 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 588, sections 1 and 3.

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CHAPTER 502  
DETERMINATION OF NET INCOME

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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**701—502.1(422) Computation of net income for corporations.** Net income for state purposes shall mean federal taxable income, before deduction for net operating losses, as properly computed under the Internal Revenue Code, and shall include the adjustments in 701—502.2(422) to 701—502.13(422) and 701—502.17(422) to 701—502.26(422). The remaining provisions of this rule and 701—502.14(422) to 701—502.16(422) shall also be applicable in determining net income.

In the case of a corporation which is a member of an affiliated group of corporations filing a consolidated income tax return for the taxable year for federal income tax purposes, but files a separate return for state purposes, taxable income as properly computed for federal purposes is determined as if the corporation had filed a separate return for federal income tax purposes for the taxable year and each preceding taxable year for which it was a member of an affiliated group. For purposes of this paragraph, the taxpayer's separate taxable income shall be determined as if the election provided by Section 243(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code had been in effect for all those years.

When a federal short period return is filed and the federal taxable income is required to be adjusted to an annual basis, the Iowa taxable income shall also be adjusted to an annual basis. The tax liability for a short period is computed by multiplying the taxable income for the short period by 12 and dividing the result by the number of months in the short period. The tax is determined on the resulting total as if it were the taxable income, and the tax computed is divided by 12 and multiplied by the number of months in the short period. This adjustment shall apply only to income attributable to business carried on within the state of Iowa.

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**701—502.2(422) Net operating loss carrybacks and carryovers.** In years beginning after December 31, 1954, net operating losses shall be allowed or allowable for Iowa corporation income tax purposes to the same extent they are allowed or allowable for federal corporation income tax purposes for the same period, provided the following adjustments are made:

**502.2(1) Additions to income.**

*a.* Refunds of federal income taxes due to net operating loss and credit carrybacks shall be reflected in the following manner:

(1) Accrual basis taxpayers shall accrue refunds of federal income taxes to the year in which the net operating loss or excess credit occurs. The federal refund shall still accrue for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009, even though the Iowa net operating loss carryback is not allowed.

(2) Cash basis taxpayers shall reflect refunds of federal income taxes in the return for the year in which the refunds are received. The federal refund due to any net operating loss carryback for federal income tax purposes for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, must still be reflected even though the Iowa net operating loss carryback is not allowed.

*b.* Iowa income tax deducted on the federal return for the loss year shall be reflected as an addition to income in the year of the loss.

*c.* Interest and dividends received in the year of the loss on federally tax-exempt securities shall be reflected as additions to income in the year of the loss.

**502.2(2) Reductions of income.**

*a.* Federal income tax paid or accrued during the year of the net operating loss shall be reflected to the extent allowed by law as an additional deduction in the year of the loss.

*b.* Iowa income tax refunds reported as income for federal return purposes in the loss year shall be reflected as reductions of income in the year of the loss.

*c.* Interest and dividends received from federal securities during the loss year shall be reflected in the year of the loss as a reduction of income.

**502.2(3)** If a corporation does business both within and without Iowa, it shall make adjustments reflecting the apportionment and allocation of its operating loss on the basis of business done within and without the state of Iowa after completing the provisions of subrules 502.2(1) and 502.2(2).

*a.* After making the adjustments to federal taxable income as provided in 502.2(1) and 502.2(2), the total net allocable income or loss shall be added to or deducted from, as the case may be, the net federal income or loss as adjusted for Iowa tax purposes. The resulting income or loss so determined shall be subject to apportionment as provided in rules 701—503.5(422), 701—503.6(422) and 701—503.7(422). The apportioned income or loss shall be added or deducted, as the case may be, to the amount of net allocable income or loss properly attributable to Iowa. This amount is the taxable income or net operating loss attributable to Iowa for that year.

*b.* The net operating loss attributable to Iowa, as determined in rule 701—502.2(422), shall be subject to a 3-year carryback and a 15-year carryover provision for tax years beginning prior to August 6, 1997. This loss shall be carried back or over to the applicable year as a reduction or part of a reduction of the net income attributable to Iowa for that year. However, an Iowa net operating loss shall not be carried back to a year in which the taxpayer was not doing business in Iowa. If the election under Section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is made, the Iowa net operating loss shall be carried forward 15 taxable years. A copy of the federal election made under Section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code must be attached to the Iowa corporation income tax return filed with the department.

*c.* For tax years beginning after August 5, 1997, but before January 1, 2009, a net operating loss attributable to Iowa, as determined in rule 701—502.2(422), incurred in a presidentially declared disaster area by a corporation engaged in a small business or in the trade or business of farming must be carried back 3 taxable years and carried forward 20 taxable years. All other net operating losses attributable to Iowa must be carried back 2 taxable years and carried forward 20 taxable years. This loss shall be carried back or over to the applicable year as a reduction or part of a reduction of the net income attributable to Iowa for that year. However, an Iowa net operating loss shall not be carried back to a year in which the taxpayer was not doing business in Iowa. If the election under Section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is made, the Iowa net operating loss shall be carried forward 20 taxable years. A copy of the federal election made under Section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code must be attached to the Iowa corporation income tax return filed with the department.

*d.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998, but before January 1, 2009, for a taxpayer who is engaged in the trade or business of farming as defined in Section 263A(e)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and has a loss from farming as defined in Section 172(b)(1)(F) of the Internal Revenue Code including modifications prescribed by rule by the director, the Iowa loss from the trade or business of farming is a net operating loss which may be carried back five taxable years prior to the taxable year of the loss. However, if a taxpayer has a net operating loss from the trade or business of farming for a taxable year beginning in 1998 or for a taxable year after 1998 and makes a valid election for federal income tax purposes to carry back the net operating loss two years, or three years if the loss was in a presidentially declared disaster area or related to a casualty or theft loss, the net operating loss must be carried back two years or three years for Iowa income tax purposes. A copy of the federal election made under Section 172(i)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the two-year or three-year carryback in lieu of the five-year carryback must be attached to the Iowa return or the Form IA 1139 Application for Refund Due to the Carryback of Corporate Farming Losses, to show why the carryback was two years or three years instead of five years. However, an Iowa net operating loss shall not be carried back to a year in which the taxpayer was not doing business in Iowa.

When the taxpayer carries on more than one trade or business within a corporate shell or files a consolidated Iowa corporation income tax return, the income or loss from each trade or business must be combined to determine the amount of net operating loss that exists and whether it is a net operating loss from the trade or business of farming.

EXAMPLE 1. The taxpayer carries on the trade or business of farming and also the trade or business of trucking for entities outside the corporate shell. For the tax year, the taxpayer had a net operating loss

from farming of \$25,000 and net income from trucking of \$10,000 for a net operating loss for the year of \$15,000 which is a net operating loss from the trade or business of farming which may be carried back 5 tax years and forward 20 tax years.

EXAMPLE 2. The taxpayer carries on the trade or business of farming and the trade or business of construction. For the tax year, the taxpayer had income from farming of \$12,000 and a net operating loss from construction of \$45,000 for a net operating loss for the year of \$33,000 which is a net operating loss from the trade or business of construction which may be carried back 2 tax years and forward 20 tax years.

EXAMPLE 3. The taxpayer carries on the trade or business of farming and the trade or business of construction. During the tax year, the taxpayer had a net operating loss of \$18,000 from farming and a net operating loss of \$9,000 from construction for a total net operating loss of \$27,000. Of this net operating loss, \$18,000 is from farming and may be carried back 5 years and forward 20 years and \$9,000 is from construction and may be carried back 2 years and forward 20 years.

*e.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, a net operating loss attributable to Iowa, as determined in rule 701—502.2(422), shall be carried forward 20 taxable years. The net operating loss cannot be carried back to a previous tax year. The federal refund due to any carryback of a federal net operating loss must still be included in income as provided in paragraph 502.2(1)“*a.*”

**502.2(4)** No part of a net operating loss for a year which the corporation was not subject to the imposition of Iowa corporation income tax shall be included in the Iowa net operating loss deduction applicable to any year prior to or subsequent to the year of the loss. To be deductible, a net operating loss must be sustained from that portion of the corporation’s trade or business carried on in Iowa.

**502.2(5)** No part of a net operating loss may be carried back or carried forward if the carryback or carryforward would be disallowed for federal income tax purposes under Sections 172(b)(1)(E) and 172(h) of the Internal Revenue Code. This provision is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989.

**502.2(6)** The carryover of Iowa net operating losses after reorganizations or mergers is limited to the same extent as the carryover of a net operating loss is limited under the provisions of Sections 381 through 386 of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder or any other section of the Internal Revenue Code or regulations thereunder. Where the taxpayer files as a part of a consolidated income tax return for federal income tax purposes, but a separate return for Iowa income tax purposes, the limitation on an Iowa net operating loss carryover must be determined as though a separate income tax return was filed for federal income tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 483.

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### **701—502.3(422) Capital loss carryback.**

**502.3(1)** Capital losses shall be allowed or allowable for Iowa corporation income tax purposes to the same extent they are allowed or allowable for federal corporation income tax purposes. Capital loss carrybacks shall be treated as an adjustment to federal taxable income to arrive at net allocable and apportionable income.

*a.* For accrual-basis taxpayers the federal income tax refund shall not be accrued to the loss year but rather treated as a reduction in federal income tax paid in the carryback year.

*b.* Cash-basis taxpayers shall include the federal income tax refund in Iowa taxable income in the year received.

*c.* Where the taxpayer files a separate Iowa corporation income tax return but files as part of a federal consolidated income tax return, the portion of the federal refund due to a capital loss carryback attributable to the taxpayer shall be calculated by computing the federal tax deduction in the carryback year as follows:

Separate Company Income - Separate Company Capital Loss Carryback	×	Consolidated Federal Tax	×	50%
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Sum of the Incomes of Profit Companies - Sum of Separate Company Capital Loss Carrybacks to Profit Companies		after Capital Loss Carryback		

**502.3(2)** When the carryback year has both allocable and apportionable capital gains, the capital loss carryback shall be applied pro rata on a percentage basis of the specific gain to the total gains.

EXAMPLE: Assume a taxpayer has a 1973 capital loss carryback available of \$2000. The loss would be applied in the following manner:

1970	1970	1970
<u>Total Capital Gain</u>	<u>Allocable Gain</u>	<u>Apportionable Gain</u>
\$16,000	\$4,000	\$12,000
Allocable gain	-\$4,000	
Total capital gain	-\$16,000	= ¼ or 25% of carryback to allocable gain
1970 allocable capital gain after application of loss carryback: \$4,000 less (\$2,000 × 25%) = \$3,500 net allocable capital gain.		

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.35 and 422.37.  
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**701—502.4(422) Net operating and capital loss carrybacks and carryovers.** If the taxpayer, for tax periods beginning prior to January 1, 2009, has both a net operating loss and a capital loss carryback to a prior tax year, the capital loss shall be carried back first and then the new operating loss offset against any remaining income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 483.  
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**701—502.5(422) Interest and dividends from federal securities.** See rule 701—302.2(422) for a discussion of the exempt status of interest and dividends from federal securities.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.  
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**701—502.6(422) Interest and dividends from foreign securities, and securities of state and their political subdivisions.** Interest and dividends from foreign securities and from securities of state and their political subdivisions are to be included in Iowa taxable income. Certain types of interest and dividends, because of specific exemption, are not includable in income for federal tax purposes. To the extent such income has been excluded for federal income tax purposes, unless the item of income is specifically exempted from state taxation by the laws or constitution of Iowa or of the United States, it must be added to Iowa taxable income. See rule 701—302.3(422) for a listing of obligations of the state of Iowa and its political subdivisions, the interest from which is exempt from Iowa corporation income tax. For the tax treatment of interest or dividends from regulated investment companies (mutual funds) that invest in obligations of the type discussed in rule 701—302.3(422), see rule 701—302.52(422).

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, add dividends received from regulated investment companies exempt from federal tax under Section 852(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code

and subtract the loss on the sale or exchange of a share of a regulated investment company held for six months or less to the extent the loss was disallowed under Section 852(b)(4)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, add, to the extent not already included, income from the sale of obligations of the state of Iowa and its political subdivisions. Gains or losses from the sale or other disposition of bonds issued by the state of Iowa or its political subdivisions shall be included in Iowa taxable income unless the law authorizing these obligations specifically exempts the income from the sale or other disposition from Iowa corporation income tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 715.

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**701—502.7(422) Safe harbor leases.** For tax years ending after January 1, 1981, deductions in determining federal taxable income for sale-leaseback agreements taken as a result of the application of Section 168(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be added in determining Iowa taxable income to the extent such deductions cannot be taken under provisions of Sections 162, 163 and 167 of the Internal Revenue Code. The lessor shall add depreciation and interest expense, and the lessee shall add rental expense. When the deduction for depreciation is not allowed under a previous provision of this rule, the lessee shall be allowed a deduction for depreciation on any property involved in a sale-leaseback agreement. This depreciation shall be computed in accordance with Section 168(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Income received as a result of a sale-leaseback agreement shall be deducted in determining Iowa taxable income. The lessee shall deduct interest income and the lessor shall deduct rent income. Each lessor and lessee corporation shall include a copy of federal Form 6793 in its Iowa corporation income tax return for the year in which a safe harbor lease is entered into.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.

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**701—502.8(422) Additions to federal taxable income.**

**502.8(1)** Reserved.

**502.8(2) Percentage depletion.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1986, add the amount that percentage depletion of an oil, gas, or geothermal well computed under Section 613 of the Internal Revenue Code is in excess of cost depletion computed under Section 611 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**502.8(3) Charitable contributions relating to the charitable conservation contribution tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, a taxpayer who claims a charitable conservation contribution tax credit in accordance with rule 701—501.37(422) cannot claim a deduction for charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the amount of the contribution for which the tax credit is claimed for Iowa tax purposes.

**502.8(4) Charitable contributions relating to school tuition organizations.** For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2009, a taxpayer who claims a school tuition organization tax credit in accordance with rule 701—501.38(422) cannot claim a deduction for charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the amount of the contribution to the school tuition organization for which the tax credit is claimed for Iowa tax purposes.

**502.8(5) Charitable contributions relating to the endow Iowa tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a taxpayer who claims an endow Iowa tax credit in accordance with rule 701—501.23(15E,422) cannot claim a deduction for charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the amount of the contribution for which the tax credit is claimed for Iowa tax purposes.

**502.8(6) Charitable contributions related to the from farm to food donation tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, a taxpayer who claims a from farm to food donation tax credit in accordance with rule 701—501.45(422,85GA,SF452) cannot claim a deduction for charitable

contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the amount of the contribution for which the tax credit is claimed for Iowa tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 and 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 452. [ARC 1303C, IAB 2/5/14, effective 3/12/14; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

**701—502.9(422) Gains and losses on property acquired before January 1, 1934.** Where property was acquired prior to January 1, 1934, the basis as of January 1, 1934, for determining capital or other gains or losses is the higher of cost, adjusted for depreciation allowed or allowable to January 1, 1934, or fair market value as of that date. *City National Bank of Clinton v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 251 Iowa 603, 102 N.W.2d 381 (1960).

If as a result of this provision a basis is to be used for purposes of Iowa corporation income tax which is different from the basis used for purposes of federal income tax, appropriate adjustment must be made and detailed schedules supplied in the computation of Iowa taxable income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.  
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**701—502.10(422) Work opportunity tax credit and alcohol and cellulosic biofuel fuels credit.** Where provided for in the Internal Revenue Code, as detailed below, a deduction shall be allowed for the amount of credit to the extent that the credit increased federal taxable income.

**502.10(1)** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1977, the amount of credit allowable for federal work opportunity tax credit as provided for in Section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be a deduction from Iowa taxable income to the extent the credit increased income.

**502.10(2)** For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1980, the amount of credit allowable for the federal alcohol and cellulosic biofuel fuels credit as provided for in Section 40 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be a deduction from Iowa taxable income to the extent the credit increased income.

This rule is intended to implement 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 422.35 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328.  
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**701—502.11(422) Additional deduction for wages paid or accrued for work done in Iowa by certain individuals.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984, a taxpayer which is considered to be a small business corporation, as defined by subrule 502.11(2), is allowed a deduction for 50 percent of the first 12 months of wages paid or accrued during the tax years for work done in Iowa for employees first hired on or after January 1, 1984.

A handicapped individual domiciled in this state at the time of hiring.

An individual domiciled in this state at the time of hiring who meets any of the following conditions:

1. Has been convicted of a felony in this or any other state or the District of Columbia.
2. Is on parole pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 906.
3. Is on probation pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 907 for an offense other than a simple misdemeanor.
4. Is in a work release program pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 904.

An individual, whether or not domiciled in this state at the time of the hiring, who is on parole or probation and to whom the interstate probation and parole compact under Iowa Code chapter 913 applies.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, a taxpayer which is considered to be a small business corporation, as defined by subrule 502.11(2) is allowed a deduction for 65 percent not to exceed \$20,000 of the first 12 months of wages paid or accrued during the tax year for work done in Iowa for employees first hired after January 1, 1989, who meet the above criteria.

**502.11(1)** The additional deduction shall not be allowed for wages paid to an individual who was hired to replace an individual whose employment was terminated within the 12-month period preceding the date of first employment. However, if the individual being replaced left employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer or if the individual was discharged for misconduct in connection with the individual's employment as determined by the Iowa division of job service of the department of employment services, the additional deduction shall be allowed.



The determination of whether an individual left employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer or if the individual was discharged for misconduct is a factual determination which must be made on a case-by-case basis.

**502.11(2)** The term “small business corporation” includes the operation of a farm but does not include the practice of a profession. The following conditions apply for the purpose of determining what constitutes a small business corporation.

*a.* A small business corporation shall not have had more than 20 full-time equivalent positions during each of the 26 consecutive weeks within the 52-week period immediately preceding the date on which the individual for whom an additional deduction for wages is taken was hired. Full-time equivalent position means any of the following:

1. An employment position requiring an average work week of 40 or more hours;
2. An employment position for which compensation is paid on a salaried full-time basis without regard to hours worked; or
3. An aggregation of any number of part-time positions which equal one full-time position. For purposes of this subrule each part-time position shall be categorized with regard to the average number of hours worked each week as a one-quarter, half, three-quarter, or full-time position, as set forth in the following table:

<u>Average Number of Weekly Hours</u>	<u>Category</u>
More than 0 but less than 15	¼
15 or more but less than 25	½
25 or more but less than 35	¾
35 or more	1 (full-time)

*b.* A small business corporation shall not have more than \$1 million in annual gross revenues or after July 1, 1984, \$3 million in annual gross revenues or as the average of the three preceding tax years. “Annual gross revenues” means total sales, before deducting returns and allowances but after deducting corrections and trade discounts, sales taxes and excise taxes based on sales, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

*c.* A small business corporation shall not be an affiliate or subsidiary of a business which is dominant in its field of operation. “Dominant in its field of operation” means having more than 20 full-time equivalent employees and more than \$1 million of annual gross revenues or after July 1, 1984, \$3 million of annual gross revenues or as the average of the three preceding tax years. “Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operations” means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation.

*d.* “Operation of a farm” means the cultivation of land for the production of agricultural crops, the raising of poultry, the production of eggs, the production of milk, the production of fruit or other horticultural crops, grazing or the production of livestock. Operation of a farm shall not include the production of timber, forest products, nursery products, or sod and operation of a farm shall not include a contract where a processor or distributor of farm products or supplies provides spraying, harvesting or other farm services.

*e.* “The practice of a profession” means a vocation requiring specialized knowledge and preparation including but not limited to the following: medicine and surgery, podiatry, osteopathy, osteopathic medicine and surgery, psychology, psychiatry, chiropractic, nursing, dentistry, dental hygiene, optometry, speech pathology, audiology, pharmacy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, mortuary science, law, architecture, engineering and surveying, and accounting.

**502.11(3) Definitions.**

*a.* The term “*handicapped person*” means any person who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment.

The term handicapped does not include any person who is an alcoholic or drug abuser whose current use of alcohol or drugs prevents the person from performing the duties of employment or whose employment, by reason of current use of alcohol or drugs, would constitute a direct threat to the property or the safety of others.

*b.* The term “*physical or mental impairment*” means any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory, including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive; digestive; genitourinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin and endocrine; or any mental or psychological disorder, such as intellectual disability, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities.

*c.* The term “*major life activities*” means functions such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

*d.* The term “*has a record of such impairment*” means has a history of, or has been misclassified as having, a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

*e.* The term “*is regarded as having such an impairment*” means:

1. Has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities but that is perceived as constituting such a limitation;

2. Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such impairment; or

3. Has none of the impairments defined as physical or mental impairments, but is perceived as having such an impairment.

*f.* The term “*successfully completing a probationary period*” includes those instances where the employee quits without good cause attributable to the employer during the probationary period or was discharged for misconduct during the probationary period.

*g.* The term “*probationary period*” means the period of probation for newly hired employees, if the employer has a written probationary policy. If the employer has no written probationary policy for newly hired employees, the probationary period shall be considered to be six months from the date of hire.

**502.11(4)** If a newly hired employee has been certified as either a vocational rehabilitation referral or an economically disadvantaged ex-convict for purposes of qualification for the work opportunity tax credit under Section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code, that employee shall be considered to have met the qualifications for the additional wage deduction.

A vocational rehabilitation referral is any individual certified by a state employment agency as having a physical or mental disability which, for the individual, constitutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment. In addition, the individual must have been referred to the employer after completion or while receiving rehabilitation services pursuant to either a state or federal approved vocational rehabilitation program.

For all other newly hired employees, the employer has the burden of proof to show that the employees meet the qualifications for the additional wage deduction.

**502.11(5)** The taxpayer shall include a schedule with the filing of its tax return showing the name, address, social security number, date of hiring and wages paid of each employee for which the taxpayer claims the additional deduction for wages.

**502.11(6)** If the employee for which an additional deduction for wages was allowed fails to successfully complete a probationary period and the taxpayer has already filed an Iowa corporation income tax return taking the additional deduction for wages, the taxpayer shall file an amended return adding back the additional deduction for wages. The amended return shall state the name and social security number of the employee who failed to successfully complete a probationary period.

**502.11(7)** For tax years ending after July 1, 1990, a taxpayer who did not qualify for the additional deduction for wages paid or accrued for work done in Iowa by certain individuals set forth above is allowed an additional deduction of 65 percent not to exceed \$20,000 of the first 12 months of wages paid or accrued for work done in Iowa for employees first hired on or after July 1, 1990, if the new employee is:

*a.* An individual domiciled in this state at the time of the hiring who meets any of the following conditions:

- (1) Has been convicted of a felony in this or any other state or the District of Columbia.
- (2) Is on parole pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 906.
- (3) Is on probation pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 907, for an offense other than a simple misdemeanor.
- (4) Is in a work release program pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 904, division IX.

*b.* An individual, whether or not domiciled in this state at the time of the hiring, who is on parole or probation and to whom the interstate probation and parole compact under Iowa Code section 907A.1 applies.

The additional deduction is not allowed for wages paid to an individual who was hired to replace an individual whose employment was terminated within the 12-month period preceding the date of first employment. However, if the individual being replaced left employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer or if the individual was discharged for misconduct in connection with the individual's employment as determined by the Iowa division of job service of the department of employment services, the additional deduction is allowed.

The determination of whether an individual left employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer or if the individual was discharged for misconduct is a factual determination which must be made on a case-by-case basis.

The taxpayer must include a schedule with the filing of its tax return showing the name, address, social security number, date of hiring, and wages paid of each employee for whom the taxpayer claims the additional deduction for wages.

If the employee for whom an additional deduction for wages was allowed fails to successfully complete a probationary period and the taxpayer has already filed an Iowa corporation income tax return taking the additional deduction for wages, the taxpayer must file an amended return adding back the additional deduction for wages. The amended return must state the name and social security number of the employee who failed to successfully complete a probationary period.

**502.11(8)** The additional deduction applies to any individual hired on or after July 1, 2001, whether or not domiciled in Iowa at the time of hiring, who is on parole or probation and to whom either the interstate probation and parole compact under Iowa Code section 907A.1 or the compact for adult offenders under Iowa Code chapter 907B applies. The amount of additional deduction for hiring this individual is equal to 65 percent of the wages paid, but the additional deduction is not to exceed \$20,000 for the first 12 months of wages paid for work done in Iowa. The conditions set out in the unnumbered paragraphs under paragraph 502.11(7)“*b*” also apply to the deduction for the hiring of certain individuals in this subrule.

This rule is intended to implement 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 422.35 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2247.

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**701—502.12(422) Federal income tax deduction.** “Federal income taxes” shall mean those income taxes paid or payable to the United States Government and shall not include taxes paid or payable or taxes deemed to have been paid to a foreign country. *Construction Products, Inc. v. Briggs, State Board of Tax Review*, Case No. 25, February 1, 1972. “Federal income taxes” includes the federal alternative minimum tax. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990, and before January 1, 1996, “federal income taxes” includes the federal environmental tax. Because the federal environmental tax is deducted in computing federal taxable income and Iowa Code subsection 422.35(4) only allows a deduction for 50 percent of the federal income tax paid or accrued, the federal environmental tax deducted in computing federal taxable income must be added to federal taxable income.

**502.12(1) Cash basis taxpayer.**

*a.* When a taxpayer is reporting on the cash basis, 50 percent of the amount of federal income taxes actually paid during the taxable period is allowable as a deduction, whether or not such taxes represent

the preceding year's tax or additional taxes for prior years. Fifty percent of a federal tax refund shall be reported as income in the year received.

*b.* A corporation reporting on the cash basis may deduct 50 percent of the federal income tax on the accrual basis if an election is made upon filing the first return. If the corporation claims an accrual deduction on the first return, it shall be considered as an election. Once the election is made, the corporation may change the basis of federal income tax deduction only with the permission of the director. If a change in accounting method is approved or required by the Internal Revenue Service, the director is deemed to have approved the change in the basis of the federal tax deduction.

*c.* The federal income tax deduction during the transitional period following a change in accounting method from cash to accrual is the accrual deduction in the year of change, plus any cash payment of federal income tax paid in the year of the change for the tax year prior to the change in accounting method, reduced by a refund of federal income tax paid for the tax year prior to the year of the change in accounting method received in the year of the change. For the year of change and years subsequent to the year of the change, the deduction shall be the accrual deduction plus any federal income tax paid for a tax year prior to the year of change as a result of an amended federal return or federal audit, reduced by any refund of federal income tax paid for a tax year prior to the year of the change in accounting method.

*d.* The federal income tax deduction during the transitional period following a change in accounting method from accrual to cash is the cash deduction in the year of change, plus any cash payment of federal estimated income tax paid in the year prior to the year of the change for the year of the change. Any refund of federal income tax from a tax year prior to the year of the change received in the year of the change or in a subsequent year is properly accrued to the prior tax year. Any payment of federal income tax due to an amended return or federal audit for a tax year prior to the year of the change made in the year of the change or a subsequent year is accrued to that prior tax year. (For information on amended returns, see 701—subrule 501.3(4).)

**502.12(2)** *Accrual basis taxpayer.*

*a.* The amount of federal income tax to be allowed as a deduction for an accrual basis taxpayer is limited to 50 percent of the actual federal income tax liability for that year.

*b.* Additional federal income taxes and refunds of federal income taxes (except for 502.12(2) “c”) shall be a part of the tax liability accrued for such prior years.

*c.* Refunds resulting from net operating loss carrybacks, investment credit carrybacks, unused excess profits tax credits, and similar items shall be included in income for Iowa corporation income tax purposes in the year in which such refunds are legally accrued.

**502.12(3)** Reserved.

**502.12(4)** *Consolidated federal income tax allocation.*

*a.* When a corporation joins with at least one other corporation in the filing of a consolidated federal income tax return, the allowable deduction shall be 50 percent of the consolidated federal income tax liability allocable to that corporation. The allocation of the consolidated federal income tax shall be determined as follows: The net consolidated federal income tax liability is multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the taxpayer's federal taxable income as computed on a separate basis, and the denominator of which is the total federal taxable incomes of each corporation included in the consolidated return. If the computation of the taxable income of a member results in an excess of deductions over gross income such member's taxable income shall be zero. *Sibley State Bank v. Bair, State Board of Tax Review*, Docket No. 182, May 26, 1978. *Internorth, Inc., and Northern Propane Gas Company v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review, Iowa Department of Revenue and Gerald D. Bair, Director of Revenue*, 333 N.W.2d 471 (Iowa 1983).

*b.* If a corporation joins with at least one other corporation in the filing of a consolidated federal income tax return, the federal income tax deduction allowed the Iowa taxpayer shall not exceed 50 percent of the consolidated federal income tax liability.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.

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**701—502.13(422) Iowa income taxes and Iowa tax refund.** Iowa corporation income taxes paid or accrued during the tax year as may be applicable under the method of filing are permissible deductions for federal corporation income tax purposes, but are not permissible deductions for purposes of determining Iowa net taxable income. To the extent taxes were deducted in the determination of federal taxable income, they shall be added to federal taxable income for Iowa corporation income tax purposes. Refunds of Iowa income tax to the extent that the refunds were included in the determination of federal taxable income shall be subtracted from federal taxable income, only to the extent that a deduction for Iowa income taxes was disallowed on a prior Iowa return. Iowa income tax refunds resulting from Iowa refundable tax credits are not allowed as a deduction for Iowa corporation income tax purposes.

EXAMPLE: Corporation A reports income on a cash basis and made Iowa estimated payments of \$2,000 during the 2003 tax year. The \$2,000 of estimated payments was claimed as a deduction for federal income tax purposes, but was not allowed as a deduction for Iowa tax purposes. The 2003 Iowa return reported a tax liability of \$1,600. Corporation A had \$2,000 of Iowa estimated payments and a \$500 ethanol blended gasoline tax credit, and received a \$900 Iowa tax refund in 2004. Of the \$900 refund reported as income on the federal return, Corporation A will be allowed a \$400 (\$2,000 - \$1,600) reduction on the Iowa return for 2004.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.  
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**701—502.14(422) Method of accounting, accounting period.** The return shall be computed on the same basis and for the same accounting period as the taxpayer's return for federal corporation income tax purposes. Permission to change accounting methods or accounting periods for corporation tax purposes is not required provided the taxpayer furnishes the department with a copy of the federal consent.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.  
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**701—502.15(422) Consolidated returns.**

**502.15(1) Definition.** The term “common parent” as used in these rules shall have the same general meaning as when used in the federal income tax regulation. However, where the common parent is not subject to the Iowa income tax because of the provisions of 701—subrule 501.1(1) or because of specific exemption under Iowa Code section 422.34, the common parent shall designate as the agent for the affiliated group, one of its subsidiaries subject to the Iowa income tax and shall notify the director of the same in writing. Where the common parent has designated one of its subsidiaries to act as agent for the affiliated group, reference in this rule to “common parent” shall mean the designated agent.

Unless otherwise distinctly expressed, the terms used in this rule shall have the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in the federal income tax regulations for consolidated returns except for determining whether an affiliated group had exercised its privilege of filing a consolidated return. All references to the “commissioner” or “district director” in the federal regulations shall be construed to mean the director for purposes of the Iowa rules.

*a.* An affiliated group of corporations which did not file a consolidated return for the immediately preceding taxable year may file a consolidated return in lieu of separate returns for the taxable year. Each corporation which is subject to the Iowa corporation income tax and has been a member during any part of the taxable year for which the consolidated return is to be filed must consent (as provided in paragraph 502.15(1)“*d*”) to the filing of the consolidated return.

*b.* If a group wishes to exercise its privilege of filing a consolidated return, the consolidated return must be filed not later than the date prescribed by Iowa Code section 422.21 (including extensions of time) for the filing of the common parent's return. The consolidated return may not be withdrawn after the last day for filing (including extensions of time) but the group may change the basis of its return at any time prior to the last day.

*c.* The consolidated return shall be made on Form IA-1120 for the group by the common parent corporation. The common parent corporation of the group must attach a copy of the federal Form 851 (Affiliations Schedule) to the consolidated return.

d. If a group wishes to exercise its privilege of filing a consolidated return, each subsidiary must consent to the filing of the consolidated return for the year. The subsidiaries must consent to the filing of an Iowa consolidated return by joining in the filing of an Iowa consolidated return on or before the due date (including any extensions of time). If both separate and consolidated returns are filed on or before the due date (including any extensions of time), the latest returns filed will be considered as the taxpayers' election in regards to the filing of separate or consolidated returns.

e. The common parent, for all purposes other than the making of the consent required by paragraph 502.15(1) "a," shall be the sole agent for each subsidiary in the group, duly authorized to act in its own name in all matters relating to the tax liability for the consolidated return year. No subsidiary shall have authority to act for or to represent itself in any matter. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply whether or not a consolidated return is made for any subsequent year and whether or not one or more subsidiaries have become or have ceased to be members of the group at any time. If a subsidiary has ceased to be a member of the group and if the subsidiary files written notice of the cessation with the director, then upon request of the subsidiary, the director will furnish it with a copy of any notice of deficiency in respect of the tax for a consolidated return year for which it was a member. The filing of the written notification and request by a corporation shall not have the effect of limiting the scope of the agency of the common parent.

f. Unless the director agrees to the contrary, an agreement entered into by the common parent extending the time within which a notice of deficiency may be issued, or a levy or a proceeding in court begun in respect of the tax for a consolidated return year shall be applicable to each corporation which was a member of the group during any part of the taxable year and to each corporation, the income of which was included in the consolidated return for the taxable year, notwithstanding that the liability of the corporation is subsequently computed on the basis of a separate return under these rules.

g. If the common parent corporation contemplates dissolution, or is about to be dissolved, or if for any other reason its existence is about to terminate, it shall forthwith notify the director of that fact and designate another member to act as its agent in its place to the same extent and subject to the same conditions and limitations as are applicable to the common parent. If this notice is not given by the common parent, the remaining members may, subject to the approval of the director, designate another member to act as agent, and notice of the designation shall be given to the director. Until a notice in writing designating a new agent has been approved by the director, any notice of deficiency or other communications mailed to the common parent shall be considered as having been properly mailed to the agent of the group. If the director has reasons to believe that the existence of the common parent has terminated, the director may, if deemed advisable, deal directly with any member in respect of its liability.

**502.15(2)** *When director may require consolidated return.* In accordance with the provisions of rule 701—502.15(422), the director may require a consolidated return for those members of an affiliated group of corporations which would be eligible to elect to consolidate their incomes under Iowa Code section 422.37 if the filing of separate returns for such corporations would improperly reflect the taxable incomes of said corporations or of said group.

**502.15(3)** *Discontinuance of filing consolidated returns.*

a. An affiliated group which filed (or was required to file) a consolidated return for the immediately preceding taxable year is required to file a consolidated return for the taxable year unless it is allowed to discontinue filing consolidated returns, or unless a federal consolidated return is not filed by the group.

b. In the event that a consolidated filing for Iowa tax purposes is discontinued for any reason, the common parent shall so notify the department by letter. The mere filing of separate returns does not, in itself, constitute sufficient notice.

c. The following constitute factors for determining when consolidated filing for Iowa tax purposes can be discontinued:

(1) If the filing of separate returns will more clearly disclose the taxable income of each member of the affiliated group. Corporations should note that such determination is vested in the director. Therefore, corporations should make application to the director within a reasonable time prior to the due date of the return (including extensions of time). Normally, this would be not later than 90 days prior to said due

date. The application should set forth in detail the taxable income on both a consolidated and separate basis together with the reasons why separate returns would more clearly disclose Iowa taxable income. The mere fact that the consolidated tax liability is greater or less than the combined separate liabilities is not, of itself, a ground for discontinuance of consolidated filing.

(2) If one or more of the members of the affiliated group cease to be subject to Iowa corporate income tax, consolidation may be discontinued in whole or in part.

(3) If one or more of the members of the affiliated group change in character so that they are no longer taxable under the Iowa corporate income tax law.

EXAMPLE: Common parent A is a manufacturer. Subsidiary B is a company engaged in small loans. A and B file consolidated Iowa returns. In a subsequent taxable year, B changes its business by surrendering its small loan company license and obtains a state bank charter. Even though A and B continue to file federal consolidated returns, B is now a corporation exempt from tax under Iowa Code section 422.34. Therefore A and B should discontinue filing Iowa consolidated returns.

(4) If the affiliated group is purchased by another corporation or affiliated group so that after the purchase the stockholders own less than 50 percent of the fair market value of all classes of outstanding stock of the new corporation or affiliated group then the old group must discontinue filing Iowa consolidated returns. The new group may exercise its privilege of filing a consolidated return.

*d.* If a group is allowed to discontinue filing consolidated returns for any taxable year, then each member of the affiliated group subject to Iowa tax must file a separate return for such year on or before the last day prescribed by law (including extensions of time) for the filing of the consolidated return for such year.

*e.* A group shall be considered as remaining in existence, for the purposes of the Code, in accordance with the rules prescribed in Treasury Regulation Section 1.1502-75(d).

*f.* If a consolidated return erroneously includes the income of one or more corporations which were not members of the group at any time during the consolidated return year, the tax liability of such corporations will be determined upon the basis of separate returns (or a consolidated return of another group, if paragraph 502.15(1)“c” or 502.15(3)“a” applies) and the consolidated return will be considered as including only the income of the corporations which were members of the group during that taxable year.

*g.* In any case in which amounts have been assessed and paid upon the basis of a consolidated return, and where the tax liability of one or more of the corporations included in the consolidated return is to be computed in the manner described in paragraph 502.15(3)“f,” the amounts so paid shall be allocated between the group composed of the corporations properly included in the consolidated return and each of the corporations, whose tax liability is to be computed on a separate basis (or on the basis of a consolidated return of another group) in such manner as the corporations which were included in the consolidated return, and where the tax liability of one or more of the corporations included absence of an agreement, the tax liability of the group shall be allocated under subrule 53.12(4).

*h.* The taxable year of members of the group, including rules for changing the parent’s taxable year, income to be included in the separate returns, and the time for making separate returns for periods not included in a consolidated return for the purposes of the Iowa Code, shall be in accordance with the rules prescribed in Treasury Regulation Section 1.1502-76(a)-(c).

**502.15(4) Determination of consolidated Iowa income.**

*a.* Unless otherwise provided by these rules or manifestly inconsistent with the provisions of the Iowa Code, the consolidated taxable income for a consolidated return year under the Iowa Code shall be determined in the same manner and under the same procedures, including intercompany adjustments and eliminations, as are required by the federal income tax regulations in the case of a federal consolidated return.

*b.* If the Iowa affiliated group differs in its members from the federal affiliated group, such nonqualifying member(s) shall not be considered includable corporations and all computations hereunder shall be made as if such member(s) were not members of the affiliated group. The consolidated federal income tax liability shall be allocated between includable corporations and nonincludable corporations by subrule 502.12(4).

c. The apportionment provisions of Iowa Code section 422.33 shall be taken into account by an affiliated group doing business within and without Iowa. All members of an affiliated group which join in the filing of an Iowa consolidated return shall determine the portion of the consolidated net income earned within and without Iowa by the same method. All intercompany transactions shall be eliminated in the determination of the apportionment factors.

The gross receipts of each corporation which joins in the filing of an Iowa consolidated corporation income tax return shall be included in the computation of the business activity ratio. The gross receipts of each corporation shall be included in the numerator of the business activity ratio to the extent that it has nexus in Iowa and its gross receipts are not eliminated by intercompany adjustments and are considered Iowa gross receipts by rules 701—503.2(422) to 701—503.8(422). The gross receipts of each corporation shall be included in the denominator of the business activity ratio to the extent its gross receipts are not eliminated by intercompany adjustments.

d. On or after January 1, 2016, see 701—Chapter 276 for requirements of an out-of-state business to be a part of an affiliated group filing an Iowa consolidated return that enters Iowa to perform disaster and emergency-related work during a disaster response period as those terms are defined in Iowa Code section 29C.24.

**502.15(5) Schedules.** Supporting schedules shall be filed with the consolidated return. The statement of gross income and deductions and other schedules required for each corporation shall be prepared and filed in columnar form so that the details of the items of gross income, deductions, and credits for each member may be readily ascertained. A column shall also be provided giving effect to any eliminations and adjustments. The items included in the column for eliminations and adjustments should be symbolized to identify contra items affected, and suitable explanations appended, if necessary. Similar schedules shall contain in columnar form a reconciliation of retained earnings for each corporation, together with a reconciliation of consolidated retained earnings. Consolidated balance sheets at the beginning and close of the taxable year of the group shall accompany the consolidated return prepared in a form similar to that required for other schedules. Transactions with a subsidiary which is not included as part of the Iowa consolidated return shall not be considered as intercompany transactions for elimination purposes in computing the consolidated Iowa taxable income for the return period.

**502.15(6) Liability for tax.**

a. Except as provided in paragraph 502.15(6)“b,” the common parent corporation and each subsidiary subject to the Iowa corporation income tax which was a member of the affiliated group during any part of the consolidated return year shall be severally liable for the tax for the year computed in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 422, on or before the due date (not including extensions of time) for the filing of the consolidated return for that year.

b. If a subsidiary has ceased to be a member of the group and if the cessation resulted from a bona fide sale or exchange of its stock for fair value and occurred prior to the date upon which any deficiency is assessed, the director may make an assessment and collection of the deficiency from the former subsidiary in an amount not exceeding the portion of the deficiency which the director may determine to be allocable to it. If the director makes assessment and collection of any part of a deficiency from the former subsidiary, then for purposes of any credit or refund of the amount collected from the former subsidiary the agency of the common parent under the provisions of paragraph 502.15(1)“e” shall not apply.

c. No agreement entered into by one or more members of the affiliated group with any other member of the group shall in any case have the effect of reducing the liability prescribed under this subrule.

**502.15(7) Computation of contribution.** Computation of a separate corporation’s contribution to consolidated income or net operating loss subject to Iowa tax for purposes of net operating loss carryover and carryback limitations shall be as follows:

$$\frac{A}{B} \times C \times \frac{D}{A} + E = \text{separate corporation contribution to consolidated income subject to Iowa tax.}$$



A = Separate corporation gross sales within and without Iowa after elimination of all intercompany transactions.

B = Consolidated gross sales within and without Iowa after elimination of all intercompany transactions.

C = Iowa consolidated net income subject to apportionment.

D = Separate corporation gross sales within Iowa after elimination of all intercompany transactions.

E = Separate corporation income allocable to Iowa.

**502.15(8) Limitations on net operating loss carryover and carryback.**

*a. Definitions.*

(1) The term “separate return year” means a year in which a corporation filed a separate return and also a year for which it joined (or was required to join) in the filing of an Iowa consolidated return by another affiliated group.

(2) The term “separate return limitation year” means any separate return year of a member of the group or of a predecessor of the member.

*b. Limitation on net operating loss carryover.* A net operating loss from a separate return limitation year of a member of the group may be carried over only to the extent that the member contributed to the Iowa consolidated taxable income as computed under subrule 502.15(7). A net operating loss carryover from a separate return limitation year cannot create or increase a consolidated net operating loss which is carried back for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2009.

A consolidated net operating loss may be carried over to a consolidated return year without limitation even though in the carryover year the affiliated group contains members which were not members of the group in the loss year.

If a member of the affiliated group in the loss year leaves the group through the sale of its stock or because it is now a corporation exempt from tax under Iowa Code section 422.34, its share, as determined by subrule 502.15(7), of the unabsorbed consolidated net operating loss at the end of the consolidated return year during which the member left the group or became exempt from tax may not be carried forward to a subsequent consolidated return.

*c. Limitation on net operating loss carryback for tax periods beginning prior to January 1, 2009.* A member’s share of an Iowa consolidated net operating loss as computed under subrule 502.15(7) must be carried back to a separate return year, unless the affiliated group elected to carry the net operating loss forward. However, if the member was not in existence in the carryback year but had been a member of the group for every tax year of its existence, its share of the Iowa consolidated loss may be carried back to a separate return year of the common parent.

If a consolidated net operating loss is carried back to a consolidated return year and all members of the affiliated group are the same in the carryback year as in the loss year, the consolidated net operating loss may be carried back without limitation. If there are members of the affiliated group in the loss year which were not members in the carryback year, then the formula in subrule 502.15(7) must be used to determine the portion of the consolidated net operating loss attributable to the members in existence in the carryback year and which may be carried back. Any member of the affiliated group which was a member of the loss-year affiliated group which has been a member of the group since its formation will be regarded as having been a member of the group in the carryback year even though it was not then in existence. A merger or liquidation of members within the affiliated group will be disregarded in determining whether there has been a change in the group between the loss year and the carryback year.

The amount of net operating loss that may be carried back from a separate return year to a consolidated return year is limited to the extent that the former member contributed to the Iowa consolidated taxable income as computed under subrule 502.15(7).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 483, and section 422.37.

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**701—502.16(422) Federal rulings and regulations.** In determining whether “taxable income,” “net operating loss deduction” or any other deductions are computed for federal tax purposes under, or have the same meaning as provided by, the Internal Revenue Code, the department will use applicable rulings and regulations that have been duly promulgated by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, unless the director has created rules and regulations or has exercised discretionary powers as prescribed by statute which call for an alternative method for determining “taxable income,” “net operating loss deduction,” or any other deductions, or unless the department finds that an applicable Internal Revenue ruling or regulation is unauthorized according to the Iowa Code.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.

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**701—502.17(422) Depreciation of speculative shell buildings.**

**502.17(1)** For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 1992, speculative shell buildings constructed or reconstructed after that date may be depreciated as 15-year property under the accelerated cost recovery system of the Internal Revenue Code. If the taxpayer has deducted depreciation on the speculative shell building on the taxpayer’s federal income tax return, that amount of depreciation must be added to the federal taxable income in order to deduct depreciation under this rule.

**502.17(2)** On sale or other disposition of the speculative shell building, the taxpayer must report on the taxpayer’s Iowa corporation income tax return the same gain or loss reported on the taxpayer’s federal corporation income tax return. If, while owned by the taxpayer, the building is converted from a speculative shell building to another use, the taxpayer must deduct the same amount of depreciation on the taxpayer’s Iowa tax return as is deducted on the taxpayer’s federal tax return.

**502.17(3)** For the purposes of this rule, the term “speculative shell building” means a building as defined in Iowa Code section 427.1, subsection (27) “c.”

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.

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**701—502.18(422) Deduction of multipurpose vehicle registration fee.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1992, and before January 1, 2005, corporations may claim a deduction for 60 percent of the amount of the registration fee paid for a multipurpose vehicle under Iowa Code section 321.124, subsection 3, paragraph “h.” In order to qualify for this deduction, no part of the multipurpose vehicle registration fee may have been deducted as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, the deduction for Iowa corporation income tax for multipurpose vehicle registration fees is the same as allowed under Section 164 of the Internal Revenue Code for federal tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.

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**701—502.19(422) Deduction of foreign dividends.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1992, corporations may claim a deduction based on percentage of ownership as set forth in Section 243 of the Internal Revenue Code for foreign dividends including Subpart F income as defined in Section 952 of the Internal Revenue Code. See *Kraft General Foods, Inc. v. Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance*, 505 U.S. 71, 120 L.Ed 59, 112 S.Ct. 2365 (1992).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.

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**701—502.20(422) Employer social security credit for tips.** Employers in the food and beverage industry are allowed a credit under Section 45B of the Internal Revenue Code for a portion of the social security taxes paid or incurred after 1993 on employee tips. The credit is equal to the employer’s FICA obligation attributable to tips received which exceed tips treated as wages for purposes of satisfying minimum wage standards of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The credit is allowed only for tips received by an employee in the course of employment from customers on the premises of a business for which the tipping of employees serving food or beverages is customary. To the extent that an employer takes

the credit for a portion of the social security taxes paid or incurred, the employer's deduction for the social security tax is reduced accordingly. For Iowa income tax purposes, the full deduction for the social security tax paid or incurred is allowed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1994. No social security tax credit is allowed on the Iowa corporation income tax return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 152.

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**701—502.21(422) Deductions related to the Iowa educational savings plan trust.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, certain qualifying organizations may establish Iowa education savings plan trust accounts as participants, as described in Iowa Code chapter 12D. Taxpayers may make contributions to such qualifying organizations so that the organization can deposit the contribution into the organization's Iowa education savings plan trust account. However, for Iowa income tax purposes, a taxpayer must add back any portion of the federal charitable contribution deduction allowed for a contribution to a qualifying organization, to the extent that the taxpayer designated that any part of such contribution be used for the direct benefit of a dependent of a shareholder or for the benefit of any other specific person chosen by the taxpayer.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, chapter 1107.

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**701—502.22(422) Additional first-year depreciation allowance.**

**502.22(1) *Assets acquired after September 10, 2001, but before May 6, 2003.*** For tax periods ending after September 10, 2001, but beginning before May 6, 2003, the additional first-year depreciation allowance ("bonus depreciation") of 30 percent authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as enacted by Public Law No. 107-147, Section 101, does not apply for Iowa corporation income tax. Taxpayers who claim the bonus depreciation on their federal income tax return must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on assets acquired after September 10, 2001, but before May 6, 2003, and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(k).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets.

The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets acquired after September 10, 2001, but before May 6, 2003, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

The following nonexclusive examples illustrate how this subrule applies:

**EXAMPLE 1:** Taxpayer acquired a \$100,000 qualifying asset on January 1, 2002, which has a five-year life for depreciation purposes. Using the bonus depreciation provision in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, taxpayer was entitled to a \$44,000 depreciation deduction on the federal return for 2002. For Iowa purposes, taxpayer must use the MACRS depreciation method which results in a \$20,000 depreciation deduction on the Iowa return for 2002. Therefore, a \$24,000 (\$44,000 – \$20,000) increase to net income relating to this depreciation adjustment must be made on the Iowa return for 2002.

**EXAMPLE 2:** Taxpayer acquired a \$1,000,000 qualifying asset on January 1, 2002, which has a ten-year life for depreciation purposes. This asset was sold on December 31, 2005, for \$500,000. Using the bonus depreciation provision, taxpayer claimed \$677,440 of depreciation deductions on the federal returns for 2002-2005. This results in a basis for this asset of \$322,560 (\$1,000,000 – \$677,440), and a gain of \$177,440 (\$500,000 – \$322,560) on the federal return for 2005 on the sale of the asset.

Using the MACRS depreciation method, taxpayer claimed \$539,200 of depreciation deductions on the Iowa returns for 2002-2005. This results in a basis for this asset of \$460,800 (\$1,000,000 – \$539,200), and a gain of \$39,200 (\$500,000 – \$460,800) on the Iowa return for 2005 on the sale of the asset.

Therefore, a decrease to net income of \$138,240 (\$177,440 – \$39,200) relating to this gain adjustment must be made on the Iowa return for 2005.

**502.22(2) *Assets acquired after May 5, 2003, but before January 1, 2005.*** For tax periods beginning after May 5, 2003, but beginning before January 1, 2005, the bonus depreciation of 50 percent authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law No. 108-27, Section 201, may be taken for Iowa corporation income tax. If the taxpayer elects to take the 50 percent bonus depreciation, the depreciation deduction allowed on the Iowa corporation income tax return is the same as the depreciation deduction allowed on the federal income tax return for assets acquired after May 5, 2003, but before January 1, 2005.

*a.* If the taxpayer elects to take the 50 percent bonus depreciation and had filed an Iowa return prior to February 24, 2005, which reflected the disallowance of 50 percent bonus depreciation, the taxpayer may choose between two options to reflect this change. Taxpayer may either file an amended return for the applicable tax year to reflect the 50 percent bonus depreciation provision, or taxpayer may reflect the change for 50 percent bonus depreciation on the next Iowa return filed subsequent to February 23, 2005. Taxpayer must choose only one of these two options. Regardless of the option chosen, taxpayer must complete and attach a revised Form IA 4562A to either the amended return or the return filed subsequent to February 23, 2005.

See 701—paragraph 302.60(2) “a” for examples illustrating how this subrule is applied.

*b.* If the taxpayer elects not to take the 50 percent bonus depreciation, taxpayer must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on assets acquired after May 5, 2003, but before January 1, 2005, and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(k). If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets. The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets acquired after May 5, 2003, but before January 1, 2005, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

**502.22(3) *Assets acquired after December 31, 2007, but before January 1, 2010.*** For tax periods beginning after December 31, 2007, but beginning before January 1, 2010, the bonus depreciation of 50 percent authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law No. 110-185, Section 103, and Public Law 111-5, Section 1201, does not apply for Iowa corporation income tax. Taxpayers who claim the bonus depreciation on their federal income tax return must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on assets acquired after December 31, 2007, but before January 1, 2010, and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(k).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets.

The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets acquired after December 31, 2007, but before January 1, 2010, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

The following nonexclusive examples illustrate how this subrule applies:

**EXAMPLE 1:** Taxpayer acquired a \$100,000 qualifying asset on January 10, 2008, which has a five-year life for depreciation purposes. Using the bonus depreciation provision in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, taxpayer was entitled to a \$44,000 depreciation deduction on the federal return for 2008. For Iowa purposes, taxpayer must use the MACRS depreciation method which results in a \$20,000 depreciation deduction on the Iowa return for 2008. Therefore, a \$24,000 (\$44,000 – \$20,000) increase to net income relating to this depreciation adjustment must be made on the Iowa return for 2008.

**EXAMPLE 2:** Taxpayer acquired a \$1,000,000 qualifying asset on January 10, 2008, which has a ten-year life for depreciation purposes. This asset was sold on December 31, 2011, for \$500,000. Using

the bonus depreciation provision, taxpayer claimed \$677,440 of depreciation deductions on the federal returns for 2008-2011. This results in a basis for this asset of \$322,560 (\$1,000,000 – \$677,440), and a gain of \$177,440 (\$500,000 – \$322,560) on the federal return for 2011 on the sale of the asset.

Using the MACRS depreciation method, taxpayer claimed \$539,200 of depreciation deductions on the Iowa returns for 2008-2011. This results in a basis for this asset of \$460,800 (\$1,000,000 – \$539,200), and a gain of \$39,200 (\$500,000 – \$460,800) on the Iowa return for 2011 on the sale of the asset. Therefore, a decrease to net income of \$138,240 (\$177,440 – \$39,200) relating to this gain adjustment must be made on the Iowa return for 2011.

**502.22(4) *Qualified disaster assistance property.*** For property placed in service after December 31, 2007, with respect to federal declared disasters occurring before January 1, 2010, the bonus depreciation of 50 percent authorized in Section 168(n) of the Internal Revenue Code for qualified disaster assistance property, as amended by Public Law 110-343, Section 710, does not apply for Iowa corporation income tax. Taxpayers who claim the bonus depreciation on their federal income tax return must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on qualified disaster assistance property and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(n).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of this property for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of such property.

The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying disaster assistance property can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

**502.22(5) *Assets acquired after December 31, 2009, but before January 1, 2014.*** For tax periods beginning after December 31, 2009, but beginning before January 1, 2014, the bonus depreciation authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law No. 111-240, Section 2022, Public Law No. 111-312, Section 401, and Public Law No. 112-240, Section 331, does not apply for Iowa corporation income tax. Taxpayers who claim the bonus depreciation on their federal income tax return must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on assets acquired after December 31, 2009, but before January 1, 2014, and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(k).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets.

The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets acquired after December 31, 2009, but before January 1, 2014, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

See subrule 502.22(3) for examples illustrating how this subrule is applied.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 106.

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## **701—502.23(422) Section 179 expensing.**

**502.23(1) *In general.*** Iowa taxpayers that elect to expense certain depreciable business assets in the year the assets were placed in service under section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code must also expense those same assets for Iowa income tax purposes in that year. However, for certain years, the Iowa limitations on this deduction are different from the federal limitations for the same year. This means that for some tax years, adjustments are required to determine the correct Iowa section 179 expensing deduction, as described in this rule.

**502.23(2) *Claiming the deduction.***

*a. Timing and requirement to follow federal election.* A taxpayer that takes a federal section 179 deduction must also take the deduction for the same asset in the same year for Iowa purposes, except as expressly provided by Iowa law or this rule. A taxpayer that takes a federal section 179 deduction is not permitted to opt out of taking the same deduction for Iowa purposes. A taxpayer that does not take a federal section 179 deduction on a specific qualifying asset is not permitted to take a section 179 deduction for Iowa purposes on that asset.

*b. Qualifying for the deduction.* Whether a specific business asset qualifies for a section 179 deduction is determined by the Internal Revenue Code (Title 26, U.S. Code) and applicable federal regulations for both federal and Iowa purposes.

*c. Amount of the Iowa deduction.* Generally, the Iowa deduction must equal the amount of the federal deduction taken for the same asset in the same year, subject to special Iowa limitations. The following chart provides a comparison of the Iowa and federal section 179 dollar limitations and reduction limitations. See rule 701—302.65(422) for the section 179 rules applicable to individuals and other noncorporate entities, and see rule 701—602.24(422) for the section 179 rules applicable to financial institutions subject to the franchise tax.

Section 179 Deduction Allowances Under Federal and Iowa Law				
Tax Year	Federal		Iowa	
	Dollar Limitation	Reduction Limitation	Dollar Limitation	Reduction Limitation
2003	\$ 100,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 400,000
2004	102,000	410,000	102,000	410,000
2005	105,000	420,000	105,000	420,000
2006	108,000	430,000	108,000	430,000
2007	125,000	500,000	125,000	500,000
2008	250,000	800,000	250,000	800,000
2009	250,000	800,000	133,000	530,000
2010	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2011	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2012	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2013	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2014	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2015	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2016	500,000	2,010,000	25,000	200,000
2017	510,000	2,030,000	25,000	200,000
2018	1,000,000	2,500,000	70,000	280,000
2019	1,020,000	2,550,000	100,000	400,000
2020 and later	Iowa limitations are the same as federal			

*d. Reduction.* Both the federal and the Iowa deductions for section 179 assets are reduced (phased out dollar for dollar) for taxpayers whose total section 179 assets placed in service during a given year cost more than the amount specified (reduction limitation) for that year. Like the deduction limitation, the Iowa and federal reduction limitations are different for certain years. See paragraph 502.23(2) “c” for applicable limitations.

EXAMPLE: Taxpayer, a corporation, purchases \$400,000 worth of qualifying section 179 assets and places all of them in service in 2018. Taxpayer claims a section 179 deduction of \$400,000 for the full cost of the assets on the 2018 federal return. For corporations, the Iowa section 179 deduction for 2018 is phased out dollar for dollar by the amount of section 179 assets placed in service in excess of \$280,000. This means that, for 2018, the Iowa deduction is fully phased out if the taxpayer placed in service section 179 assets that cost, in total, more than \$350,000. Since the cost of the qualifying assets in this example

exceeds the Iowa section 179 phase-out limit, the taxpayer cannot claim any section 179 deduction on the Iowa return. However, the taxpayer may depreciate the entire cost of the assets for Iowa purposes.

*e. Amounts in excess of the Iowa limits.*

(1) Recovering the excess. Due to the differences between the Iowa and federal limitations for certain years, taxpayers may have a federal section 179 deduction that exceeds the amount allowed for Iowa purposes. This excess amount is handled in different ways depending on the source of the deduction.

1. Assets placed in service by the taxpayer or entity reporting the deduction. The cost of any section 179 assets placed in service by the taxpayer in excess of the Iowa limitation for a given year may be recovered through regular depreciation under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to bonus depreciation under Section 168(k). The Iowa section 179 and depreciation deductions and any basis adjustments resulting from the difference in timing of the recovery between Iowa and federal law are calculated and tracked on forms made available on the department's website.

EXAMPLE: Taxpayer, a corporation, purchases a \$100,000 piece of equipment and places it in service in 2018. Taxpayer claims a section 179 deduction of \$100,000 for the full cost of the equipment on the 2018 federal return. Taxpayer is also required to claim a section 179 deduction of \$70,000 on the 2018 Iowa return (the full amount of the federal deduction up to the Iowa limit for corporations for 2018). The taxpayer can depreciate the remaining \$30,000 cost of the equipment for Iowa purposes.

2. Special election for assets placed in service by a pass-through entity when the section 179 deduction is claimed by an owner of that pass-through. See subrule 502.23(3) for information on a special election available to certain owners of pass-through entities related to any section 179 deductions passed through from a partnership or other entity that, in the aggregate, exceed the Iowa limitations.

(2) Special information for pass-throughs. In the case of pass-through entities, section 179 limitations apply at both the entity level and the owner level. Pass-through entities that are required to file an Iowa return and that actually place section 179 assets in service should follow 502.23(2) "e"(1)"1" to account for any assets for which the total federal section 179 deductions for a given year exceeded the Iowa limitation. Owners of pass-throughs receiving section 179 deductions from one or more pass-throughs that, in the aggregate, exceed the Iowa limitations should follow 502.23(2) "e"(1)"2."

EXAMPLE: A, Inc. (a corporation doing business exclusively in Iowa) owns 50 percent interests in each of three partnerships: C, D, and E. Partnership C, which also does business exclusively in Iowa, places \$200,000 worth of section 179 assets in service during tax year 2019 and claims a federal section 179 deduction for the full cost of the assets. Because C is required to file an Iowa partnership return, C is subject to the Iowa section 179 limitations for 2019 and must adjust its Iowa section 179 deduction as provided in 701—numbered paragraph 302.65(2) "e"(1)"1." C passes through 50 percent of its section 179 deduction (\$100,000 for federal purposes, \$50,000 for Iowa purposes) to A, Inc. A, Inc. also receives \$50,000 each in section 179 deductions from D and E, for a total of \$150,000 in section 179 deductions (for Iowa purposes) in 2019. A, Inc. is subject to the \$100,000 Iowa section 179 deduction limitation for 2019, but because A, Inc. received total section 179 deductions from one or more pass-throughs in excess of the 2019 Iowa limitation, A, Inc. is eligible for the special election referenced in 502.23(2) "e"(1)"2."

*f. Income limitation.* The Iowa section 179 deduction for any given year is limited to the taxpayer's income from active conduct in a trade or business in the same manner that the section 179 deduction is limited for federal purposes. If an allowable Iowa section 179 deduction exceeds the taxpayer's business income for a given year, any excess allowable Iowa section 179 deduction may be carried forward as described in paragraph 502.23(2) "g."

*g. Carryforward.* This paragraph applies only to amounts that do not exceed the Iowa section 179 deduction limitations for a given year but do exceed the taxpayer's business income for that year. As with the federal deduction, allowable Iowa section 179 deductions claimed in a given year that exceed a taxpayer's business income may be carried forward and claimed in future years. This carryforward, if any, is calculated using only amounts up to the Iowa limit. Any federal section 179 deduction the taxpayer claimed in excess of the Iowa limit is not an Iowa section 179 deduction and therefore is not eligible for the carryforward described in this paragraph. Such amounts must instead be recovered as

described in paragraph 502.23(2) “e,” or in subrule 502.23(3) for taxpayers receiving the deduction from one or more pass-through entities and making the special election as described in that subrule.

*h. Difference in basis.* Iowa adjustments for differences between the Iowa and federal section 179 deduction limitations may cause the taxpayer to have a different basis in the same asset for Iowa and federal purposes. Taxpayers are required to use forms made available on the department’s website to calculate and track these differences.

**502.23(3) Section 179 deduction received from a pass-through entity.** In some cases, an entity that receives income from one or more pass-through entities may receive a section 179 deduction in excess of the Iowa deduction limitation listed in paragraph 502.23(2) “c” for a given year. The entity may be eligible for a special election with regard to that excess section 179 deduction, as described in this subrule.

*a. Tax years beginning before January 1, 2018.* For tax years beginning before January 1, 2018, the amount of any section 179 deduction received by a corporation (both C and S corporations) or an entity subject to the corporate income tax in excess of the Iowa deduction limitation for that year is not eligible for the special election.

*b. Special election available for tax years 2018 and 2019.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, but before January 1, 2020, a corporation (both C and S corporations) or an entity subject to the corporate income tax that receives a section 179 deduction from one or more pass-through entities in excess of the Iowa deduction limitation for that tax year may elect to deduct the excess in future years, as described in this subrule. See rule 701—302.65(422) for rules applicable to individuals and other noncorporate entities, and see rule 701—602.24(422) for rules applicable to financial institutions subject to the franchise tax.

(1) This special election applies only to section 179 deductions passed through to the corporation or entity subject to the corporate income tax by one or more other entities.

(2) If the total Iowa section 179 deduction passed through to the corporation or entity subject to the corporate income tax exceeds the federal section 179 deduction limitation for that year, the corporation or other entity may only use the amount up to the federal limitation when calculating the deduction under this election. Any amount in excess of the federal limitation shall not be deducted for Iowa purposes.

*c. Section 179 assets of a corporation or entity subject to the corporate income tax.* A corporation or entity subject to the corporate income tax that makes this special election may not claim an Iowa section 179 deduction for any assets the corporation or entity placed in service during the same year but must instead depreciate such assets using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) without regard to bonus depreciation under Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. To the extent the corporation or entity claimed a federal section 179 deduction on those assets, the Iowa depreciation deductions and any basis adjustments resulting from the difference in timing of the recovery between Iowa law and federal law are calculated and tracked on forms made available on the department’s website.

EXAMPLE: A, Inc., a corporation doing business in Iowa, places in service \$20,000 worth of section 179 assets in tax year 2019 and claims the deduction for the full amount for federal purposes. A, Inc. is also a member of B, LLC, an entity that has elected to be taxed as a partnership for federal purposes and does not do any business in Iowa. B, LLC also places section 179 assets in service, properly claims a federal section 179 deduction, and passes a total of \$150,000 of that deduction through to A, Inc. For federal purposes, A, Inc. has a total of \$170,000 in section 179 deductions. Because A, Inc. has section 179 deductions from a pass-through that exceed the Iowa limitation for 2019, A, Inc. is eligible for the special election. A, Inc. makes the special election and claims the maximum Iowa section 179 deduction of \$100,000 on the amount passed through from B, LLC. Under the special election, A, Inc. will be allowed to deduct the remaining \$50,000 passed through from B, LLC over the next five years, as described in paragraph 502.23(3) “e.” However, because A, Inc. made the special election, A, Inc. will be required to depreciate the entire \$20,000 cost of the assets A, Inc. placed in service in 2019.

*d. Calculating the special election.* A corporation or other entity subject to the corporate income tax that elects to take advantage of the special election must first add together all section 179 deductions which the corporation or other entity received from all relevant pass-through entities. The corporation or other entity must claim an aggregate Iowa section 179 deduction equal to the Iowa limit for the tax



year. This amount must be subtracted from the total. Whatever remains is the amount the corporation or other entity will be permitted to deduct (special election deduction) in future years.

*e. Special election deduction.*

(1) Calculation. The remaining amount from paragraph 502.23(3) “d” must be separated into five equal shares.

(2) Claiming the special election deduction. The corporation or other entity may deduct one of the five shares in each of the next five years. The dollar limitations and reduction limitations on section 179 deductions do not apply to special deduction amounts allowed over the five-year period under this paragraph.

(3) Excess special deduction. The special election deduction for a given year is limited to the taxpayer’s business income for that year. Any excess may be carried forward to future years. Any amounts carried forward under this subparagraph shall be added to, and treated in the same manner as, regular Iowa section 179 deduction carryforwards as described in paragraph 502.23(2) “g.”

EXAMPLE: D, Inc., a corporation doing business in Iowa, is a partner in a partnership that does not do business in Iowa. In 2019, the partnership passes through a \$600,000 federal section 179 deduction and does not recalculate the deduction for Iowa purposes because the partnership has no obligation to file an Iowa return. D, Inc. claims an Iowa section 179 deduction of \$100,000 (the 2019 Iowa limitation) and elects the five-year carryforward for the rest, meaning the corporation will be allowed to take a \$100,000 Iowa deduction in each of the next five years.

In 2020, D, Inc. is eligible for the \$100,000 deduction carried forward under the election, but the corporation only has \$50,000 in business income. The deduction is limited to business income, so the corporation can only use \$50,000 of the deduction in this year. However, D, Inc. will be permitted to treat the excess \$50,000 as a section 179 carryforward and use it to offset business income in future years until the deduction is used up.

*f. Basis.* The individual’s or entity’s basis in the pass-through entity assets is adjusted by the full amount of the section 179 deduction passed through in the year that the section 179 deduction is received and is therefore the same for both Iowa and federal purposes.

*g. Later tax years.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, Iowa fully conforms to the federal section 179 deduction and special Iowa treatment for excess section 179 deductions received from pass-throughs is not available.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 2019 Iowa Acts, Senate File 220.

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**701—502.24(422) Exclusion of ordinary or capital gain income realized as a result of involuntary conversion of property due to eminent domain.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, a taxpayer may exclude the amount of ordinary or capital gain income realized as a result of the involuntary conversion of property due to eminent domain for Iowa corporation income tax. Eminent domain refers to the authority of government agencies or instrumentalities of government to requisition or condemn private property for any public improvement, public purpose or public use. The exclusion for Iowa purposes can only be claimed in the year in which the ordinary or capital gain income was reported on the federal income tax return.

In order for an involuntary conversion to qualify for this exclusion, the sale must occur due to the requisition or condemnation, or its threat or imminence, if it takes place in the presence of, or under the threat or imminence of, legal coercion relating to a requisition or condemnation. There are numerous federal revenue rulings, court cases and other provisions relating to the definitions of the terms “threat” and “imminence,” and these are equally applicable to the exclusion of ordinary or capital gains realized for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006.

**502.24(1) Reporting requirements.** In order to claim an exclusion of ordinary or capital gain income realized as a result of involuntary conversion of property due to eminent domain, the taxpayer must attach a statement to the Iowa corporation income tax return in the year in which the exclusion is claimed. The

statement should state the date and details of the involuntary conversion, including the amount of the gain being excluded and the reasons why the gain meets the qualifications of an involuntary conversion relating to eminent domain. In addition, if the gain results from the sale of replacement property as outlined in subrule 502.24(2), information must be provided in the statement on that portion of the gain that qualified for the involuntary conversion.

**502.24(2) *Claiming the exclusion when gain is not recognized for federal tax purposes.*** For federal tax purposes, an ordinary or capital gain is not recognized when the converted property is replaced with property that is similar to, or related in use to, the converted property. In those cases, the basis of the old property is simply transferred to the new property, and no gain is recognized. In addition, when property is involuntarily converted into money or other unlike property, any gain is not recognized when replacement property is purchased within a specified period for federal tax purposes.

For Iowa corporation tax purposes, no exclusion will be allowed for ordinary or capital gain income when there is no gain recognized for federal tax purposes. The exclusion will only be allowed in the year in which ordinary or capital gain income is realized due to the disposition of the replacement property for federal tax purposes, and the exclusion is limited to the amount of the ordinary or capital gain income relating to the involuntary conversion. The basis of the property for Iowa corporation income tax purposes will remain the same as the basis for federal tax purposes and will not be altered because of the exclusion allowed for Iowa corporation income tax.

EXAMPLE: In 2007, taxpayer sold some farmland as a result of an involuntary conversion relating to eminent domain and realized a gain of \$50,000. However, the taxpayer purchased similar farmland immediately after the sale, and no gain was recognized for federal tax purposes. Therefore, no exclusion is allowed on the 2007 Iowa corporation income tax return. In 2009, taxpayer sold the replacement farmland that was not subject to an involuntary conversion and realized a total gain of \$70,000, which was reported on the 2009 federal income tax return. The taxpayer can claim a deduction of \$50,000 on the 2009 Iowa corporation income tax return relating to the gain that resulted from the involuntary conversion.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.

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### **701—502.25(422) Exclusion of income from sale, rental or furnishing of tangible personal property or services directly related to production of film, television, or video projects.**

**502.25(1) *Projects registered on or after January 1, 2007, but before July 1, 2009.*** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, a taxpayer that is an Iowa-based business may exclude, to the extent included in federal taxable income, income received from the sale, rental or furnishing of tangible personal property or services directly related to the production of film, television, or video projects that are registered with the film office of the Iowa department of economic development.

Income which can be excluded on the Iowa return must meet the criteria of a qualified expenditure for purposes of the film qualified expenditure tax credit as set forth in rule 701—501.34(15,422). An Iowa-based business is a business whose commercial domicile as defined in Iowa Code section 422.32(3) is in Iowa.

However, if a taxpayer claims this income tax exclusion, the same taxpayer cannot also claim the film qualified expenditure tax credit as described in rule 701—501.34(15,422). In addition, any taxpayer who claims this income tax exclusion cannot have an equity interest in a business which received a film qualified expenditure tax credit. Finally, any taxpayer who claims this income tax exclusion cannot participate in the management of the business which received the film qualified expenditure tax credit.

EXAMPLE: A production company which registers with the film office for a project is a corporation which is domiciled in Iowa. If this same corporation receives income that is a qualified expenditure for purposes of the film qualified expenditure tax credit, the corporation cannot exclude this income on the Iowa corporation income tax return because the corporation has claimed the film qualified expenditure tax credit.

**502.25(2) *Projects registered on or after July 1, 2009.*** For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2009, a taxpayer that is an Iowa-based business may exclude no more than 25 percent of the income

received from the sale, rental or furnishing of tangible personal property or services directly related to the production of film, television, or video projects that are registered with the film office of the Iowa department of economic development in the year in which the qualified expenditure occurred. A reduction of 25 percent of the income is allowed to be excluded for the three subsequent tax years.

EXAMPLE: An Iowa taxpayer received \$10,000 in income in the 2010 tax year related to qualified film expenditures for a project registered on February 1, 2010. The \$10,000 was reported as income on taxpayer's 2010 federal tax return. Taxpayer may exclude \$2,500 of income on the Iowa corporation income tax return for each of the tax years 2010-2013.

**502.25(3) *Repeal of exclusion.*** The exclusion of income from the sale, rental or furnishing of tangible personal property or services directly related to production of film, television or video projects is repealed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012. However, the exclusion is still available if the contract or agreement related to a film project was entered into on or before May 25, 2012. Assuming the same facts as those in the example in subrule 502.25(2), the taxpayer may continue to exclude \$2,500 of income on the Iowa corporation income tax return for the 2012 and 2013 tax years since the contract or agreement was entered into on or before May 25, 2012.

This rule is intended to implement 2012 Iowa Acts, House File 2337, sections 38 to 40, and Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, House File 2337, section 35.

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**701—502.26(422) Exclusion of biodiesel production refund.** A taxpayer may exclude, to the extent included in federal taxable income, the amount of the biodiesel production refund described in rule 701—277.1(423).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.

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**701—502.27(422) Like-kind exchanges of personal property completed after December 31, 2017, but before tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020.**

**502.27(1) *In general.*** Public Law 115-97, Section 13303, repealed the deferral of gain or loss from exchanges of like-kind personal property for federal purposes under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code. This federal repeal applies to exchanges completed after December 31, 2017, unless the taxpayer began the exchange by transferring personal property or receiving replacement personal property on or before that date. Iowa did not conform to this federal repeal for Iowa corporation income tax purposes for tax periods beginning before January 1, 2019. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020, Iowa generally conforms to the federal treatment of gain or loss from exchanges of like-kind personal property, but eligible taxpayers may elect the treatment that applied under prior federal law for Iowa purposes. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, Iowa fully conforms to the federal treatment for these exchanges, and no special election is available. This rule governs exchanges of like-kind personal property completed after December 31, 2017, but before tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020. This rule does not apply to exchanges completed during any tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

**502.27(2) *Qualification.*** Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code in effect on December 21, 2017, and any applicable federal regulations govern whether transactions involving the disposition and acquisition of personal property qualify for Iowa corporate income tax purposes as a like-kind exchange of personal property subject to the deferral of gain or loss and also govern the date and tax period during which an exchange is considered completed. The treatment of such transactions as a like-kind exchange for Iowa corporate income tax purposes is either mandatory or permissive depending on the date the like-kind exchange is completed.

*a. Like-kind exchanges completed after December 31, 2017, but before tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019.* Transactions involving the disposition and acquisition of personal property that qualify under this subrule as a like-kind exchange completed after December 31, 2017, but before

tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, are required to be treated as a like-kind exchange for Iowa corporate income tax purposes.

*b. Like-kind exchanges completed during tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020.* For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, Iowa is conformed to the federal repeal of deferral of gain or loss from exchanges of like-kind personal property, so the federal and Iowa treatment of such transactions under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code will generally be the same. However, transactions involving the disposition and acquisition of personal property that qualify under this subrule as a like-kind exchange completed during tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020, may at the election of the taxpayer be treated as a like-kind exchange for Iowa corporate income tax purposes. The election is made by completing the necessary worksheets and forms and making the required adjustments on the Iowa return as described in subrule 502.27(3). No special attachment or statement is required. The election only applies to the transactions involved in the like-kind exchange, and the taxpayer may elect or not elect to treat other qualifying transactions as a like-kind exchange for Iowa purposes.

**502.27(3) Calculation and Iowa adjustments.** A taxpayer required to or electing to treat qualifying transactions as a like-kind exchange for Iowa tax purposes must make certain Iowa calculations and adjustments on forms and worksheets made available on the department's website. The IA 8824 Worksheet described in this subrule need not be included with the Iowa return but must be kept with the taxpayer's records. The taxpayer is responsible for providing documentation at the department's request to substantiate a like-kind exchange under this rule.

*a. Like-kind exchange calculation.* The taxpayer must complete Parts I and II of the IA 8824 Worksheet to compute the Iowa recognized gain, if any, the Iowa deferred gain or loss, and the Iowa basis of the like-kind personal property received in the like-kind exchange.

EXAMPLE 1: X, a corporation engaged in commercial farming and filing on a calendar-year basis, trades a tractor with a fair market value (FMV) of \$25,000 along with \$75,000 in cash to Y for a new tractor with an FMV of \$100,000. For purposes of this example it is assumed that the tractor trade occurs in 2019 and qualifies as a like-kind exchange and that X elects such treatment for Iowa corporate income tax purposes under paragraph 502.27(2) "b." At the time of the trade, the adjusted basis of X's old tractor is \$0 for federal tax purposes and is \$13,680 for Iowa tax purposes. X realizes a gain for Iowa purposes on the exchange of the old tractor in the amount of \$11,320 (\$100,000 FMV of new tractor - \$75,000 cash paid - \$13,680 Iowa adjusted basis of old tractor). Because X did not receive any cash or other property that was not like-kind, or assume any liabilities from Y, the entire amount of X's \$11,320 realized gain qualifies for deferral, so X recognizes \$0 of gain on the exchange for Iowa tax purposes. As a result, X's basis in the new tractor for Iowa tax purposes is \$88,680 (\$13,680 Iowa adjusted basis of old tractor + \$75,000 cash paid by X).

*b. Iowa nonconformity adjustment.*

(1) The taxpayer must complete Part III of the IA 8824 Worksheet to adjust for the difference between any recognized Iowa gain from the exchange as calculated on the IA 8824 Worksheet, Part II, and any gain or loss (including gain or loss recaptured as ordinary income) recognized on the taxpayer's federal return.

EXAMPLE 2: Assume the same facts as given in Example 1. Because the tractor trade occurred in 2019, it will not qualify as a like-kind exchange for federal tax purposes but will instead be treated as two separate transactions: a sale of the old tractor and a purchase of the new tractor. X recognizes a gain for federal tax purposes on the sale of the old tractor in the amount of \$25,000 (\$25,000 sales price of old tractor - \$0 federal adjusted basis of old tractor), the entire amount of which is recaptured as ordinary income because of prior depreciation. X reports the \$25,000 of income on the federal return. X is required to report the same \$25,000 as income on the Iowa return but is also allowed a \$25,000 subtraction on the same Iowa return because X's recognized gain for Iowa tax purposes is \$0 as calculated in Example 1. X's nonconformity adjustment of -\$25,000 must be reported on the Iowa return in the manner prescribed on the IA 8824 Worksheet.

(2) If the total recognized federal gain is reported using the installment sale method under Section 453 of the Internal Revenue Code, the total amount of any Iowa nonconformity adjustment related to

that federal gain must be claimed over the same installment period, and the proportion of the total Iowa nonconformity adjustment claimed for each tax year shall equal the same proportion that the federal gain reported for that tax year bears to the total amount of federal gain that will ultimately be reported for all tax years resulting from the disposition of the personal property. The taxpayer must complete an IA 8824 Worksheet for each tax year that an Iowa nonconformity adjustment is claimed.

*c. Cost recovery adjustments.*

(1) The taxpayer must complete the IA 4562A to account for any differences between the federal and Iowa cost recovery deductions related to the like-kind personal property involved in the like-kind exchange, including if the taxpayer's basis in the like-kind personal property received is different for federal and Iowa purposes, or if the taxpayer claimed additional first-year depreciation or a section 179 deduction for federal purposes on the like-kind property received in the exchange. See rule 701—502.22(422) for requirements related to the disallowance of additional first-year depreciation for Iowa corporate income tax purposes. See rule 701—502.23(422) for the section 179 limitations imposed under the Iowa corporate income tax.

(2) Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6 prescribes rules related to the calculation of depreciation for certain assets involved in a like-kind exchange, but a taxpayer may elect to not have those rules apply pursuant to Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6(i). A taxpayer may choose to make a similar election under Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6(i) for Iowa tax purposes with regard to a like-kind exchange under this rule if the personal property otherwise would have qualified for such federal election notwithstanding the fact that no like-kind exchange occurred for federal purposes or the fact that no election was actually made for federal tax purposes in accordance with Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6(j). The election is made by calculating depreciation for Iowa tax purposes on the personal property involved in the like-kind exchange using the method described in Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6(i) on the timely filed Iowa return, including extensions, for the same tax year that the like-kind exchange was completed. No special attachment or statement is required.

EXAMPLE 3: Assume the same facts as given in Examples 1 and 2. X elects additional first-year depreciation on the new tractor and claims a depreciation deduction on the federal return of \$100,000 (100 percent of X's federal basis). X is required to add back the total amount of the federal depreciation on the Iowa return because Iowa does not allow additional first-year depreciation. But X is permitted deductions for regular depreciation on the new tractor with an Iowa basis of \$88,680 (\$13,680 carryover basis from old tractor + \$75,000 excess basis from cash paid) under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to bonus depreciation under Section 168(k). See rule 701—502.23(422) for more information on the disallowance of additional first-year depreciation.

EXAMPLE 4: Assume the same facts as given in Examples 1 and 2. X elects to expense the entire cost of the new tractor under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code and claims a deduction on the federal return of \$100,000. X is also required to claim the section 179 deduction on the new tractor for Iowa tax purposes pursuant to subrule 502.23(2). However, the amount that represents the carryover basis from the old tractor (\$13,680) is not eligible for the deduction under Section 179(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, so the cost of the new tractor that is eligible for the section 179 deduction for Iowa purposes is only \$75,000 (excess basis from cash paid). This is the amount of section 179 deduction that X must claim on the Iowa return, subject to the applicable Iowa dollar limitation and reduction limitations in rule 701—502.23(422). Because X is the taxpayer who placed the new tractor in service, X is permitted deductions for regular depreciation on the carryover basis in the new tractor (\$13,680) under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to bonus depreciation under Section 168(k).

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**701—502.28(422) Broadband infrastructure grant exemption.**

**502.28(1) Broadband infrastructure grant exemption, generally.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, certain qualifying communications service providers may subtract, to the extent included in income, the amount of qualifying government grants used to install broadband infrastructure that facilitates broadband service in targeted service areas at or above download and

upload speeds identified by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to Section 706 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended. This rule explains terms not defined in Iowa Code section 422.35.

**502.28(2) Definitions.**

“Facilitate” shall have the same meaning as defined in Iowa Code section 8B.1.

“Grant” means a transfer for a governmental purpose of money or property to a transferee that is not a related party to or an agent of the transferor. The transfer must not impose any obligation or condition to directly or indirectly repay any amount to the transferor or a related party. Obligations or conditions intended solely to assure expenditure of the transferred moneys in accordance with the governmental purpose of the transfer do not prevent a transfer from being a grant.

1. “Federal grant” means any grant issued by the United States government, including any agency or instrumentality thereof.

2. “State grant” means any grant issued by any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a territory or possession of the United States, including any agency or instrumentality thereof.

3. “Local grant” means any grant issued by any city, county, township, school district, or any other unit of local government, including any agency or instrumentality thereof.

**502.28(3) Limitation on certain refund claims.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2020, refund claims resulting from this exemption must be filed prior to October 1, 2020. No refunds shall be issued for claims filed on or after that date.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.

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**701—502.29(422) Interest expense deduction adjustments.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the limit on the amount of business interest expense that a taxpayer may deduct in a taxable year under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 163(j) does not apply for Iowa purposes. This rule provides information on how taxpayers must calculate and report their business interest expense deduction for Iowa purposes, for tax year 2018 (subrule 502.29(2)), when Iowa did not conform to the limitation; tax year 2019 (subrule 502.29(3)), when Iowa did conform to the limitation; and tax years 2020 and later (subrule 502.29(4) et seq.), when Iowa again does not conform to this limitation. All references to the Code of Federal Regulations (Treas. Reg.) and certain other information in this rule are based on final Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations and guidance in effect on January 13, 2021.

**502.29(1) Definitions.** The following terms apply to the interpretation and application of this rule.

“Current-year business interest expense” means the same as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-1(b)(9).

“Excess business interest expense” means the same as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-1(b)(16).

“Iowa partnership” means any partnership required to file an Iowa return (IA 1065) for the relevant tax year.

“Iowa S corporation” means any S corporation required to file an Iowa return (IA 1120S) for the relevant tax year.

“Non-Iowa partnership” means any partnership that is not required to file an Iowa return (IA 1065) for the relevant tax year.

“Non-Iowa S corporation” means any S corporation that is not required to file an Iowa return (IA 1120S) for the relevant tax year.

**502.29(2) Tax year 2018.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, but before January 1, 2019 (tax year 2018), Iowa conforms with the IRC in effect on January 1, 2015, meaning the 30 percent limitation on the business interest expense deduction first imposed by IRC Section 163(j) under Public Law 115-97 (TCJA) does not apply for Iowa purposes.

a. *In general.* For tax year 2018, Iowa taxpayers are permitted to deduct current-year business interest expense without regard to the limitations imposed by IRC Section 163(j) under the TCJA. The taxpayer’s additional deduction is computed on the 2018 Nonconformity Adjustments Worksheet. Taxpayers who qualify for these higher Iowa deductions in 2018 may need to make further adjustments

in 2019 for amounts deducted under this subrule for Iowa purposes but disallowed and carried forward for federal purposes. See subrule 502.29(3) for more information about these 2019 adjustments.

*b. Special rules for partnerships and S corporations.*

(1) Iowa partnerships and S corporations. Partnerships and S corporations required to file Iowa returns in tax year 2018 are required to make adjustments for Iowa's nonconformity with IRC Section 163(j) at the entity level, meaning they can deduct the full interest expense on the entity's own Iowa return and the reduction to the partner's or shareholder's share of the entity's income will be included in the all source modifications line of the partners' or shareholders' Iowa Schedules K-1.

EXAMPLE 1: P, a partnership doing business in Iowa, has \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense in 2018. For federal purposes, \$20,000 of that amount is disallowed under IRC Section 163(j). The partnership deducts \$80,000 at the entity level in 2018, and the remaining disallowed \$20,000 is allocated to the partners to be deducted in future years. For Iowa purposes, the \$80,000 of business interest expense allowed for federal purposes is included in the partnership's non-separately stated ordinary business income (loss), and the partnership will make an adjustment on the entity's IA 1065 to deduct the \$20,000 of current-year business interest expense that was disallowed for federal purposes. The \$20,000 additional Iowa deduction will be reported to the partners as an all source modification on the partners' IA 1065 Schedules K-1, and partners will receive the benefit of this all source modification item when the partners report their Iowa partnership income on their own Iowa tax return for the year. The partners will not be permitted to make further Iowa adjustments on their own Iowa tax return for the excess business interest expense amounts passed through to them from the partnership for federal purposes.

(2) Owners of partnerships and S corporations with no entity-level 2018 Iowa filing requirement.

1. Non-Iowa partnerships. Iowa partners who received interest expense deductions from partnerships which were not required to file 2018 Iowa returns may claim the larger Iowa deduction for business interest expenses passed through from the partnership on the partner's own 2018 Iowa return by including in the partner's Iowa deduction the amount of disallowed business interest expense deduction shown on the 2018 federal Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), line 13, code K, received from the non-Iowa partnership.

EXAMPLE 2: ABC, Inc. is a corporation doing business in Iowa and a partner in P2, an out-of-state partnership with no business in Iowa and no Iowa filing obligation. In 2018, P2 has \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense and is subject to the IRC Section 163(j) limitation for federal purposes. At the entity level, P2 is permitted to deduct \$80,000 on its 2018 federal partnership return. The \$20,000 in excess business interest expense is then allocated to P2's partners. ABC, Inc. is allocated \$5,000 in excess business interest expense from P2. Because P2 is not required to file an Iowa return, and therefore ABC, Inc. did not receive a 2018 IA 1065 Schedule K-1 from P2, ABC, Inc. is permitted to deduct the \$5,000 allocated from P2 as current-year business interest expense on ABC, Inc.'s 2018 Iowa income tax return.

2. Non-Iowa S corporations. Iowa shareholders of S corporations that have no Iowa filing requirement are limited to the deduction actually passed through to them on the federal Schedule K-1 received from the S corporation for Iowa purposes in tax year 2018. These shareholders are not permitted to make adjustments for interest expense disallowed at the entity level for the non-Iowa S corporation. See Example 3 in 701—subrule 302.85(2) for an example of how Iowa shareholders of non-Iowa S corporations should report the business interest expense deduction allocated to them from the S corporation.

**502.29(3) Tax year 2019.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020 (tax year 2019), Iowa conforms to the IRC in effect on March 24, 2018.

*a. Applicable limitation.* For tax year 2019, Iowa conforms to the 30 percent limitation on the business interest expense deduction imposed by IRC Section 163(j). Because of Iowa's fixed conformity date, Iowa did not conform with the higher 50 percent limitation retroactively imposed by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, to the extent that increased limitation applied in tax year 2019 for federal purposes. For tax year 2019 only, taxpayers

are required to calculate their Iowa business interest expense deduction by applying the limitations of IRC Section 163(j) without regard to IRC Section 163(j)(10).

EXAMPLE 3: XYZ Corp. has an adjusted taxable income (ATI) of \$100,000 for tax year 2019 and \$80,000 in deductible business interest expense. For federal purposes, XYZ Corp.'s business interest expense deduction is limited to \$50,000 (50 percent of ATI) under the CARES Act. However, because Iowa only conforms to the 30 percent limitation imposed by the TCJA, and not the higher CARES Act limitation for 2019, XYZ Corp.'s Iowa business interest expense deduction for the year is limited to \$30,000. XYZ Corp. will report this difference by making a \$20,000 adjustment on IA 101, line 3 (XYZ Corp. may have additional adjustments on this line if the current-year federal deduction included amounts carried forward from 2018).

*b. Addition to income for tax year 2018 federal carryforward amounts deducted in tax year 2019.* To the extent a taxpayer's tax year 2019 federal business interest expense deduction includes amounts that were disallowed and carried forward to future years under IRC Section 163(j) in tax year 2018 for federal purposes, but allowed as a deduction in tax year 2018 for Iowa purposes under paragraph 502.29(2) "a" (in general), subparagraph 502.29(2) "b"(1) (Iowa partnerships and S corporations), or numbered paragraph 502.29(2) "b"(2) "1" (non-Iowa partnerships), these carried-forward amounts must be added back in computing Iowa income. These prior deductions and current adjustments are calculated and tracked on the IA 101 Nonconformity Adjustments form. Note that shareholders of non-Iowa S corporations should not be required to add back 2018 carryforward amounts deducted by the S corporation in 2019, because the shareholders were not permitted to deduct these excess amounts for Iowa purposes in 2018. See numbered paragraph 502.29(2) "b"(2) "2."

EXAMPLE 4: QRS, Inc. is a partner in P under the same facts described in Example 1 above. For tax year 2019, QRS, Inc. completes federal Form 8990 and is eligible to deduct \$1,000 of the excess business interest expense allocated to QRS, Inc. from P in 2018 on QRS, Inc.'s 2019 federal income tax return. This \$1,000 federal deduction for prior-year excess business interest expense allocated from P must be added back in computing QRS, Inc.'s 2019 Iowa income. The same add-back would be required if this scenario was applied to the facts in Example 2 above.

**502.29(4) Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, Iowa does not conform with the IRC Section 163(j) business interest expense deduction limitation.

*a. Current-year business interest expense.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, a taxpayer's current-year business interest expense is fully deductible to the extent permitted by IRC Section 163 for Iowa purposes without regard to any limitation under IRC Section 163(j). Even though Iowa does not conform to IRC Section 163(j), provisions of the IRC other than Section 163(j) may subject interest expense to disallowance, deferral, capitalization, or other limitations, and those other provisions of the IRC still generally apply for Iowa purposes. No additional Iowa adjustments are permitted for federal limitations such as those described in Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-3(b)(4), which are determined after the application of IRC Section 163(j) for federal purposes. See Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-3 for examples of other provisions of the IRC that may restrict interest expense deductions for federal and Iowa purposes, independent of the IRC Section 163(j) limitation.

*b. Carryforward.*

(1) Special one-time carryforward catch-up (tax year 2020 only). For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, but before January 1, 2021 (tax year 2020), taxpayers who filed a 2019 Iowa return are permitted to deduct all interest expense deduction amounts that were disallowed and carried forward under IRC Section 163(j) for Iowa purposes in tax year 2019. This deduction shall be calculated and reported on the taxpayer's 2020 Iowa income tax return using form IA 163A. Excess business interest expense amounts carried over from tax year 2018 at the federal level shall not be deducted for Iowa tax purposes in tax year 2020.

EXAMPLE 5: In 2019, QRS, Inc. had \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense. QRS, Inc.'s business interest expense deduction was limited to \$50,000 for federal purposes and limited to \$30,000 for Iowa purposes due to Iowa's nonconformity with the CARES Act for that year. See paragraph 502.29(3) "a." In 2020, QRS, Inc. is again subject to an IRC Section 163(j) limitation and is not permitted



to deduct any prior-year carryforward amounts for federal purposes. However, because Iowa does not conform to the IRC Section 163(j) limitation for 2020, QRS, Inc. may deduct all of the company's current-year business interest expense and all \$70,000 (\$100,000 - \$30,000) of QRS, Inc.'s disallowed Iowa interest expense carried over from 2019. QRS, Inc. must complete the IA 163 in order to calculate the company's current-year business interest expense deduction, and the IA 163A to determine the total amount of 2019 disallowed Iowa interest expense amounts, which may be deducted in full on QRS, Inc.'s 2020 Iowa return.

(2) Addition to income for prior-year federal carryforward amounts deducted in the current year. When current-year interest expense is limited at the federal level, the disallowed business interest expense is carried forward to be deducted in future years for federal purposes, when certain conditions are met. See Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-1(b)(10) for the definition of "disallowed business interest expense." Iowa law allows taxpayers to fully deduct current-year business interest expense, and no amounts are carried forward for Iowa purposes. Disallowed business interest expense carryforward amounts from prior years, including excess business interest expense allocated to a partner in a prior year, cannot be deducted for Iowa purposes except as described in subparagraph 502.29(4)"b"(1). All prior-year disallowed business interest expense carryforward amounts deductible under IRC Section 163(j) in the current year at the federal level, including excess business interest expense allocated to a partner in a prior year, must be added back in computing the taxpayer's Iowa income for the year.

EXAMPLE 6: In 2020, QRS, Inc. has \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense. For federal purposes, QRS, Inc. is subject to the IRC Section 163(j) limitation. QRS, Inc. deducts \$70,000 in business interest expense on QRS, Inc.'s 2020 federal return and carries the remaining \$30,000 forward to be deducted in future years. For Iowa purposes, QRS, Inc. deducts the full \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense in 2020.

In 2021, QRS, Inc. has \$50,000 in current-year business interest expense. For federal purposes, QRS, Inc. is permitted to deduct the full \$50,000 in interest expense generated in 2021, plus \$5,000 of the amount that was disallowed in 2020 for a total federal deduction of \$55,000 in 2021. QRS, Inc. must add the federal carryforward amount (\$5,000) back on the company's 2021 Iowa return, limiting QRS, Inc.'s 2021 Iowa deduction to the \$50,000 in current-year business interest expense.

*c. Consolidated groups.* Corporations that were included on a federal consolidated return but that either file separate returns for Iowa purposes or file an Iowa consolidated return that does not include all members of the federal consolidated group are required to recalculate their proper current-year business interest expense deduction as described in paragraph 502.29(4)"a," and the amount of any prior-year disallowed business interest expense carryforward which must be added back for Iowa purposes as described in paragraph 502.29(4)"b," for the separate entity or Iowa consolidated group by completing pro forma federal interest expense deduction forms for the separate entity or Iowa consolidated group. Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-4(d) and any other applicable federal regulations or guidance govern how Iowa consolidated groups should make this pro forma calculation. For more information about the election to file Iowa consolidated returns and group membership requirements, see rule 701—502.15(422).

(1) Departure from group. In the event that a member leaves the consolidated group, both the newly separated member and the remaining group shall be required to include any carryforward amounts allocated to them under Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-5(b)(3)(iii) in their respective Iowa incomes in the year or years the separate company or group actually deducts those amounts for federal purposes.

(2) Carryforwards from separate return limitation years (SRLY). A consolidated group is not permitted to deduct any disallowed business interest expense carryforward amount of a member arising in a SRLY for Iowa purposes and must add back such amounts on the Iowa return in the same year in which the consolidated group is permitted to deduct the SRLY carryforward amount for federal purposes. See 26 Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-5(d) for more information about the federal treatment of these carryforward amounts.

**502.29(5) Partners and partnerships.**

*a. Partnership-level adjustments.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, partnerships that file an Iowa income tax return for a tax year in which the partnership is subject to the IRC Section

163(j) limitation for federal purposes are permitted to deduct all current-year business interest expense at the partnership level in that tax year. See 701—paragraph 302.85(5) “a” for more information about the calculation and reporting of partnership-level adjustments.

*b. Partner-level adjustments.*

(1) Interest expense from Iowa partnerships. Iowa adjustments related to excess business interest expense of an Iowa partnership are made at the entity level as described in 701—paragraph 302.85(5) “a” and are reported to partners on an IA 1065 Schedule K-1. Partners are not permitted to make any Iowa adjustment at the partner level to their federal interest expense deduction for amounts of excess business interest expense allocated from an Iowa partnership on the partner’s federal Schedule K-1 related to that Iowa partnership. See Example 1 above.

(2) Interest expense from non-Iowa partnerships. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, partners may include as part of their Iowa business interest expense deduction the total amount of current-year excess business interest expense deduction passed through to them from all non-Iowa partnerships as shown on the federal Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), line 13, code K. See Example 2 above.

(3) Partnership basis. A partner’s basis is reduced (but not below zero) by the amount of excess business interest expense the partnership passes through to the partner each year. See Treas. Reg. Section 163(j)-6(h) for detailed information about how to make these basis adjustments. For federal purposes, immediately before disposition of the partnership interest, the partner’s basis is then increased by the amount of any passed-through business interest expense which has not yet been treated as paid or accrued by the partner as described in Treas. Reg. Section 163(j)-6(h)(3). No basis increase at the time of disposition is allowed for Iowa purposes for passed-through business interest expense amounts that were deducted for Iowa, but not for federal, purposes due to Iowa’s nonconformity with IRC Section 163(j).

**502.29(6) S corporation adjustments.** For federal purposes, IRC Section 163(j) limitations are applied at the S corporation level. Unlike partnerships, disallowed business interest expense amounts are carried forward and deducted in future years at the entity level rather than being passed through to shareholders. S corporations should calculate their entity-level business interest expense deduction for Iowa purposes under the provisions of this rule. See also Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-6(l) for more information about the application of IRC Section 163(j) to S corporations for federal purposes.

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**701—502.30(422) COVID-19 grant exclusion.**

**502.30(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

“Administering agency” means the economic development authority, the Iowa finance authority, or the department of agriculture and land stewardship.

“Grant recipient” means a person who applies for and is issued a qualifying COVID-19 grant by an administering agency.

“Issued” means the approval of the grant recipient’s application and amount for a qualifying COVID-19 grant by an administering agency, regardless of when the grant funds were paid by the administering agency.

**502.30(2) Qualifying COVID-19 grant programs.**

*a.* The department is responsible for determining whether a grant program provides “qualifying COVID-19 grants” as defined in Iowa Code section 422.7(62). In making this determination, and for purposes of the definition of “qualifying COVID-19 grant,” a grant program is “created to primarily provide COVID-19 related financial assistance to economically impacted individuals and businesses located in this state” if that grant program, at the time of its inception, was intended by the administering agency to provide a majority (more than 50 percent) of its financial assistance to or for the benefit of businesses that are doing business in Iowa or are deriving income from sources within Iowa, and that are economically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

*b.* The administering agency shall notify the director of the existence of any grant program it believes may be a qualifying COVID-19 grant program. Upon such notification, the department will

request from the administering agency the information necessary to determine whether that program is a qualifying COVID-19 grant as defined in Iowa Code section 422.7(62) and this rule. The administering agency shall provide the department with the requested information within the time frame prescribed by the department in its request. Failure to provide the requested information to the department shall prevent the department from determining that the grant program is a qualifying COVID-19 grant. Grant programs not specifically listed below in paragraph 502.30(2) “c” are not qualifying COVID-19 grants and are not eligible for the exclusion provided in this rule, even if that program may otherwise meet the definition of “qualifying COVID-19 grant” in Iowa Code section 422.7(62).

c. The following is an exhaustive list of programs that have been identified by the department as qualifying COVID-19 grants, including a general description of each program’s grant recipients, that may qualify for the exclusion from Iowa net income under subrule 502.30(3):

(1) Beef up Iowa program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipient is Iowa State University.

(2) Iowa beginning farmer debt relief fund administered by the Iowa finance authority. Grant recipients include Iowa beginning farmers.

(3) Iowa biofuels relief program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa biodiesel and ethanol producers.

(4) Iowa county fairs relief fund administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa county and district fairs.

(5) Iowa COVID-19 business disruption relief program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa bars, taverns, breweries, distilleries, wineries, and other similar drinking establishments.

(6) Iowa COVID-19 targeted small business sole operator fund administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa targeted small businesses.

(7) Iowa disposal assistance program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa pork and egg producers.

(8) Iowa hospital COVID-19 relief fund administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa hospitals.

(9) Iowa livestock producer relief fund administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa livestock producers.

(10) Iowa movie theatre relief grant program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa movie theaters.

(11) Iowa nonprofit recovery fund administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa nonprofit organizations.

(12) Iowa renewable fuel retail recovery program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa fuel retailers.

(13) Iowa restaurant and bar relief grant program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa bars, breweries, brewpubs, distilleries, wineries, and restaurants.

(14) Iowa small business relief grant program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa small businesses.

(15) Iowa small business utility disruption prevention program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa small businesses and small nonprofit organizations.

(16) Local produce and protein program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa schools, early childcare centers, specialty crop producers, and food hubs.

(17) Meat processing expansion and development program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa meat and poultry processing businesses and employees and Iowa livestock producers.

(18) Pack the pantry program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa food pantries.

(19) Pass the pork program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa food banks.

(20) Turkey to table program administered by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. Grant recipients include Iowa food banks.

(21) Iowa bowling center relief fund administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include Iowa for-profit bowling centers.

(22) Iowa charter bus relief program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include for-profit charter bus companies with a vehicle fleet registered in Iowa.

(23) Iowa sports entertainment relief program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include certain for-profit and nonprofit sports teams with a home venue located in Iowa.

(24) Iowa fitness center relief program administered by the economic development authority. Grant recipients include for-profit, nonprofit, and local government-owned fitness centers located in Iowa.

**502.30(3) Excluding qualifying COVID-19 grants from Iowa net income.**

*a. Generally.* A grant recipient may subtract a qualifying COVID-19 grant when calculating Iowa net income if all of the following apply:

(1) The grant was issued as part of a qualifying COVID-19 grant program identified in paragraph 502.30(2)“c.”

(2) The grant was issued on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before December 31, 2021.

(3) The grant funds were included in the grant recipient’s net income for a tax year ending on or after March 17, 2020, but beginning before January 1, 2024. The grant may only be subtracted to the extent it is included in the grant recipient’s net income for that qualifying tax year. A qualifying COVID-19 grant that is exempt from federal income tax, and thus not included in the grant recipient’s Iowa net income, does not qualify for an additional subtraction on the grant recipient’s Iowa return.

*b. Third-party payee of grant funds.* A third-party payee of qualifying COVID-19 grant funds is not eligible for this exemption from Iowa income. If the proceeds of a qualifying COVID-19 grant are paid to someone other than the grant recipient, only the grant recipient on whose behalf the grant proceeds were paid may qualify for this exemption from Iowa income.

*c. Repayment.* Grant funds that were repaid to the administering agency for any reason are not eligible for this exemption from Iowa income.

*d. Reporting requirements.* A grant recipient who received qualifying COVID-19 grant funds and who excludes those funds when calculating Iowa net income should retain documentation to support the claimed exclusion. A grant recipient must provide such documentation to the department if requested. The required documentation may include, but is not limited to, documentation to support that the grant recipient was issued and received the grant within the qualifying periods.

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CHAPTER 503  
ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT

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**701—503.1(422) Basis of corporate tax.** Iowa Code section 422.33 imposes a tax on all corporations incorporated under the laws of Iowa and upon every foreign corporation doing business in Iowa. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1999, Iowa Code section 422.33 imposes a tax on all corporations doing business in Iowa. For corporations or other entities subject to the tax (as corporations), the tax is levied and collected only on such income as may accrue or be recognized to the corporation from business done or carried on in the state plus net income from certain sources without the state which by law follows the commercial domicile of the corporation.

If a corporation carries on its trade or business entirely within the state of Iowa, no allocation or apportionment of its income may be made. The corporation will be presumed to be carrying on its business entirely within the state of Iowa if its sales or other activities are carried on only in Iowa, even though it received income from sources outside the state in the form of interest, dividends, royalties and other sources of income from intangibles. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, an Iowa-domiciled corporation may apportion its income if it has income from intangibles that have acquired a business situs outside Iowa even if it has no other activities outside the state. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1999, an Iowa-domiciled corporation may apportion its income if the trade or business is carried on partly within and partly without the state or if income is derived from sources partly within and partly without the state, or if income is derived from trade or business and sources, all of which are not entirely in the state. (See 701—subrules 501.1(1) and 501.1(4).)

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1986, the income from the operation of a farm may be allocated and apportioned within and without the state if the business activities of the corporation are carried on partly within and partly without the state. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, an Iowa-domiciled corporation may apportion its income if it has income from intangibles that have acquired a business situs outside Iowa even if it has no other activities outside the state. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1999, an Iowa-domiciled corporation may apportion its income if the trade or business is carried on partly within and partly without the state or if income is derived from sources partly within and partly without the state, or if income is derived from trade or business and sources, all of which are not entirely in the state. (See 701—subrules 501.1(1) and 501.1(4).)

See subrule 54.1(4) for the definition of carrying on a trade or business partly within and partly without the state.

**503.1(1) Definition—operation of a farm.** A taxpayer is engaged in the operation of a farm if the taxpayer cultivates, operates, or manages a farm for gain or profit, either as owner or tenant. For the purpose of Iowa Code section 422.33(1), a taxpayer who receives a rental (either in cash or in kind) which is based upon farm production is engaged in the operation of a farm. However, a taxpayer who receives a fixed rental (without reference to production) is engaged in the operation of a farm only if the taxpayer participates to a material extent in the operation or management of the farm. A taxpayer engaged in forestry or the growing of timber is not thereby engaged in the operation of a farm. A taxpayer cultivating or operating a farm for recreation or pleasure rather than a profit is not engaged in the operation of a farm. For the purpose of this subrule, the term “farm” is used in its ordinary, accepted sense and includes stock, dairy, poultry, fruit, and truck farms, and also plantations, ranches, ranges, and orchards. A taxpayer is engaged in the operation of a farm if the taxpayer is a member of a partnership engaged in the operation of a farm. The operation of a farm includes the sale of products produced on the farm. The purchase of livestock for feeding purposes and subsequent resale is part of the operation of a farm.

**503.1(2) Definition—property used in the operation of a farm.** Property used in the operation of a farm means land and buildings which are used in the operation of a farm. The land must be used for the production of crops, fruits, or other agricultural products or for the sustenance of livestock. For the purposes of this subrule, the term livestock includes cattle, hogs, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, goats, captive furbearing animals, chickens, turkeys, pigeons, and other poultry. It does not include fish, frogs,

reptiles, and the like. Land used for the sustenance of livestock includes land used for grazing such livestock.

Property used in the operation of a farm means property used in the unitary operations of a farm whether or not the acreage is contiguous.

**503.1(3) Definition—unitary operations of a farm.** Unitary operations of a farm means the operation of one or more tracts of land or the conducting of one or more types of farming operations where the operation of a farm within Iowa is integrated with, dependent upon or contributes to the operations of a farm outside the state.

**503.1(4) Definition—carrying on a trade or business partly within and partly without the state.** Carrying on a trade or business partly within and partly without the state means having business activities in at least one other state sufficient to meet the minimum constitutional standards for doing business in a state under the due process and commerce clauses of the United States Constitution. The determination of whether a corporation is carrying on a trade or business partly within and partly without the state must be made on a tax-year-by-tax-year basis. The activities of a past or future tax year have no bearing on the current year.

The following nonexclusive list of activities on a non-de minimis basis determined by aggregating all activities if physically carried on in a regular, systematic, and continuing basis by corporate officers or employees or representatives in at least one other state would constitute the minimum activities which would meet the constitutional standards for doing business in a state under the due process and commerce clauses of the United States Constitution:

The term “representative” means independent contractors, agents, brokers, and other individuals or entities who act on behalf of or at the direction of the corporation. A person may be considered a “representative” even though that person may not be considered an employee for other purposes such as withholding of income tax from commissions.

- a. The free distribution of product samples, brochures, and catalogues which explain the use of or laud the product, or both.
- b. Negotiation of a price for a product.
- c. Demonstration of how the corporation’s product works.
- d. Delivery of goods to customers by the corporation in its own or leased vehicles.
- e. Audit of inventory levels.
- f. Recruitment, training, evaluation, and management of employees, officers, or representatives.
- g. Intervention/mediation in credit disputes between customers and Iowa-located corporate departments.
- h. Use of hotel rooms and homes for business meetings.
- i. Assistance to wholesalers in obtaining suitable displays for products.
- j. Furnishing of display racks at no charge.
- k. Advice to sellers on the art of displaying goods to the public.
- l. Rental of hotel rooms for short-term display of products.
- m. Mere forwarding of customer questions, concerns, or problems.
- n. Installation or assembly of the corporate product.
- o. Ownership or lease of real estate by the corporation and used for a business purpose.
- p. Solicitation of orders for, or sale of, services or real estate.
- q. Solicitation of sales or sale of tangible personal property (as opposed to solicitation of orders).
- r. Maintenance of a stock of inventory.
- s. Existence of an office or other business location.
- t. Managerial activities.
- u. Collections on regular or delinquent accounts.
- v. Technical assistance and training given to purchaser and user of corporate products.
- w. The repair or replacement of faulty or damaged goods.
- x. The pickup of damaged, obsolete, or returned merchandise from purchaser or user.
- y. Rectification of or assistance in rectifying any product complaints or shipping complaints, for example.



- z. Delivery of corporate merchandise inventory to corporation's distributors or dealers on consignment.
  - aa. Maintenance of personal property.
  - ab. Participation in recruitment, training, monitoring, or approval of servicing distributors, dealers, or others where purchasers of corporation's products can have such products serviced or repaired.
  - ac. Inspection or verification of faulty or damaged goods.
  - ad. Inspection of the customer's installation of the corporate product.
  - ae. Research.
  - af. Employees' or officers' use of part of their homes or other places as an office if the corporation pays for such use.
  - ag. The use of samples for replacement or sale; storage of such samples at home or in rented space.
  - ah. Removal of old or defective products.
  - ai. Verification of the destruction of damaged merchandise.
  - aj. Repair or warranty work on company goods or products after sale.
  - ak. Any other activities carried on in advancement, promotion, or fulfillment of the business of the corporation.

Some of the above activities may not create a tax liability in another state because of the protections afforded by Public Law 86-272, 15 U.S.C.A. Sections 381-385, which prohibit the taxation of a corporation if its only activities in the state are the solicitation of orders which are approved and filled by shipment or delivery from outside the state. Irrespective of whether the corporation is taxable in another state, it may apportion its income if it carries on one or a combination of the above activities in a regular and continuing basis by corporate officers or employees in at least one other state.

The mere shipment of goods via common carrier or the United States Postal Service to non-Iowa destinations does not constitute doing business partly within and partly without the state. *Irvine Co. v. McColgan*, 26 Cal.2d 160, 157 P.2d 847 (1945); *W.J. Dickey & Sons, Inc. v. State Tax Commission*, 212 Md. 607, 131 A.2d 277 (1957); *State of Georgia v. Coca-Cola Bottling Co.*, 214 Ga. 316, 104 S.E.2d 574 (1958); *E.F. Johnson Company v. Commissioner of Taxation*, 224 N.W.2d 150 (Minnesota 1975); 1980 O.A.G. 588, and *Kuehn to Bair #85-5-53(L)*.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, a corporation domiciled in this state whose trade or business is carried on partly within and partly without the state or whose income is derived from sources partly within and partly without the state may allocate and apportion its income within and without the state. "Income from sources partly within and partly without the state" means income from real or tangible property located or having a situs within and without the state.

The term "tangible property having a situs without the state" means that a tangible property is habitually present in a state other than Iowa or it maintains a fixed and regular route through another state sufficient that the other state could constitutionally under the 14th Amendment and Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution impose an apportioned ad valorem tax on the property. *Central R. Co. v. Pennsylvania*, 370 U.S. 607, 82 S.Ct. 1297, 8 L.Ed.2d (1962); *New York Central & H. Railroad Co. v. Miller*, 202 U.S. 584, 26 S.Ct. 714, 50 L.Ed. 155 (1906); *American Refrigerator Transit Company v. State Tax Commission*, 395 P.2d 127 (Or. 1964); *Upper Missouri River Corporation v. Board of Review*, Woodbury County, 210 N.W.2d 828.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, a corporation whose trade or business is carried on partly within and partly without the state of Iowa or whose income is derived from sources partly within and partly without the state may allocate and apportion its income within and without the state. "Income from sources partly within and partly without the state" means income from real, tangible, or intangible property located or having situses within and without the state.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33(1) as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 151.

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### **701—503.2(422) Allocation or apportionment of investment income.**

**503.2(1) *Investment business income.*** The classification of investment income by the labels customarily given them, such as interest, dividends, rents, and royalties, is of no aid in determining whether that income is business or nonbusiness income. Interest, dividends, rents, royalties, and other investment income shall be apportioned as business income to the extent the income was earned as a part of a corporation's unitary business, a portion of which is conducted in Iowa. *Mobil Oil Corp. v. Commissioner of Taxes*, 455 U.S. 425 (1980); *ASARCO, Inc. v. Idaho State Tax Commission*, 458 U.S. 307, 73 L.Ed.2d 787, 102 S.Ct. 3103 (1982); *F. W. Woolworth Co. v. Taxation and Revenue Dept.*, 458 U.S. 354, 73 L.Ed.2d 819, 102 S.Ct. 3128 (1982); *Container Corporation of America v. Franchise Tax Board*, 463 U.S. 159, 77 L.Ed.2d 545, 103 S.Ct. 2933 (1983). Whether investment income is part of a corporation's unitary business income depends upon the facts and circumstances in the particular situation. The burden of proof is upon the taxpayer to show that the treatment of investment income on the return as filed is proper. There is a rebuttable presumption that an affiliated group of corporations in the same line of business have a unitary relationship, although that is not the only element used in determining unitariness.

**503.2(2) *Inclusion in the apportionment factor.***

*a. Income which must be included.* All investment business income described in subrule 503.2(3), including capital gains or losses, shall be included in the computation of the denominator of the business activity formula if the income is derived from intangible property that has become an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in or outside of Iowa. See 701—subrule 501.1(4).

*b. Income included by election.* All other investment business income, including capital gains or losses, described in subrule 503.2(3) may at the taxpayer's election be included in the computation of the denominator of the business activity formula provided, however, that a taxpayer cannot elect to exclude or include investment business income where the election would result in an understatement of net income reasonably attributable to Iowa. A taxpayer cannot elect to include some investment business income in and exclude other investment business income from the business activity formula. The election applies to all investment business income of the taxpayer subject to the election.

(1) *Written election.* If the taxpayer has investment income which is deemed to be business income under the provisions of this rule, a written election shall be made with the taxpayer's income tax return in the first year in which the taxpayer has such income. The election must state whether the taxpayer wishes to include or exclude investment income which is deemed to be business income under the provisions of this rule in the computation of the business activity formula. The election shall be signed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation. The election is binding on all future tax years unless the taxpayer is granted permission by the department to change the election. If the taxpayer fails to make a written election, the fact that investment business income was or was not included in the computation of the business activity formula shall be deemed to be the taxpayer's election for all future tax years.

(2) *Changing the election.* If a taxpayer wishes to change the taxpayer's election to include or exclude investment business income in the taxpayer's Iowa apportionment factor, the taxpayer must request the department's permission to change the election not less than 90 days prior to the due date of the return for the tax year in which the taxpayer wishes the change to take effect. Permission to make a change in this election shall only be granted if the department determines that the change will more accurately reflect the net income reasonably attributable to Iowa.

**503.2(3) *Apportionment method by category of investment income.*** The computation of the business activity formula associated with investment business income is as follows where the investment business income is required to be included in the business activity formula or where an election for inclusion has been made:

*a. Interest income from accounts receivable.* If an inclusion election is made, accounts receivable interest income is included in the numerator of the business activity formula if the taxpayer receives accounts receivable interest income from customers located in Iowa. Accounts receivable interest income which cannot be segregated by geographical source shall be included in the numerator of the business activity ratio applying the same ratio as gross receipts within Iowa bear to total gross receipts.

EXAMPLE: The taxpayer operates a multistate chain of gasoline service stations, selling for cash and on credit. Interest is charged on credit sales, but the interest income cannot be segregated by geographical

source. During the tax year, the taxpayer had gross receipts within Iowa of \$300,000, total gross receipts everywhere of \$1,000,000, and accounts receivable interest income everywhere of \$10,000. \$10,000 would be included in the denominator of the business activity formula, and 30 percent of \$10,000, or \$3,000, would be included in the numerator of the business activity formula.

*b. Interest income other than accounts receivable.* All other interest income determined to be business income, except nontaxable interest income, shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula to the extent that the interest-bearing asset is an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in Iowa. If the interest-bearing asset is not an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in or outside of Iowa and if an election of inclusion is made, the interest therefrom (except nontaxable interest income) shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in Iowa.

EXAMPLE: The taxpayer earns interest income from loans to affiliated corporations, commercial paper, bonds issued by multistate corporations, and federal income tax refunds. The interest income is business income. None of these interest-bearing assets are an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly within or without Iowa. Accordingly, the interest income produced by such assets is subject to an election of inclusion in or exclusion from the business activity formula.

*c. Dividend income.* All dividend income (net of special deductions) determined to be business income shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula to the extent that the dividend asset is an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in Iowa. If the dividend asset is not an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in or outside of Iowa and if an election of inclusion is made, the dividends shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in Iowa.

EXAMPLE: The taxpayer earns dividend income from dividends payable from a mutual fund. The dividend income is business income. The dividends are not an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly within or without Iowa. Assume that the taxpayer had also earned interest income which was business income and which was not an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly within or without Iowa and that the taxpayer had included that interest income in the business activity formula. Under these circumstances, the taxpayer must also include the dividend income in the business activity formula. If no inclusion of investment business income had been made in the business activity formula, the taxpayer would exclude the dividend income from the formula.

*d. Rental income.* If an inclusion election is made, all rental income determined to be business income shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula to the extent that property is utilized in Iowa or in its entirety if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in Iowa and the taxpayer is not taxable in the state in which the property is utilized. The extent of utilization of tangible personal property in a state is determined by multiplying the rent by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days of physical location of the property in the state during the rental period in the taxable year and the denominator of which is the number of days of physical location of the property everywhere during all rental periods in the taxable year. If the physical location of the property during the rental period is unknown or not ascertainable by the taxpayer, tangible personal property is utilized in the state in which the property was located at the time the rental payer obtained possession.

*e. Royalty income and licensing fees.* All royalty income and licensing fees from intangible personal property determined to be business income shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula to the extent that the royalty or licensing asset is an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in Iowa. If the royalty or licensing asset is not an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in or outside of Iowa and if an election of inclusion is made, the royalties or licensing fees shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in Iowa.

EXAMPLE: A, a corporation with a commercial domicile outside of Iowa, derives royalties from a trade name that is used by other corporations doing business in Iowa in their Iowa businesses. Since the royalty asset is an integral part of an Iowa business activity, A must include the royalties associated with Iowa business activity in the numerator of A's business activity formula.

EXAMPLE: The taxpayer, a corporation with a commercial domicile in Iowa, derives license fees from others who do business solely outside of Iowa. The license fees are business income. The license fees are an integral part of some business activity carried on regularly by the others outside of Iowa. The taxpayer must include the license fees in the business activity formula. If the taxpayer also had other license fees which were business income and which were not an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly within or without Iowa, these other license fees would be subject to an election of inclusion in or exclusion from the business activity formula.

If an inclusion election is made, all royalty income from tangible personal property or real property determined to be business income shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula if the situs of the tangible personal property or real property is within Iowa.

*f. Gains or losses.* Gain or loss from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of real or tangible or intangible personal property, if the property while owned by the taxpayer was operationally related to the taxpayer's trade or business carried on in Iowa, shall be apportioned by the business activity ratio applicable to the return for the year the gain or loss is included in taxable income and shall be included in the computation of the business activity ratio as follows:

(1) Gain or loss from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of real property shall be included in the numerator if the property is located in this state and if an election of inclusion has been made.

(2) Gain or loss from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of tangible personal property shall be included in the numerator if an election of inclusion has been made and if the property has a situs in this state at the time of sale, or the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in this state and the taxpayer is not taxable in the state in which the property had a situs.

(3) Gain or loss from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of intangible personal property shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula to the extent that the intangible personal property is an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in Iowa in the tax year that gain or loss is recognized. If the intangible personal property is not an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in or outside of Iowa in the tax year that gain or loss is recognized and if an election of inclusion has been made, the gain or loss shall be included in the numerator if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in this state.

EXAMPLE: The taxpayer carries on its trade or business within and without Iowa. The taxpayer has patents which it licenses others to use in activities within and without Iowa. The patents are an integral part of business activity occurring regularly within and without Iowa. The taxpayer receives royalty income for the use of the patents. The taxpayer sells the patents and realizes a capital gain. The capital gain from the sale of the patents cannot be segregated by geographical source. Assume that the taxpayer is on a calendar tax year. Assume that the sale occurred on July 1. From January 1 to July 1, 5 percent of the royalties were attributable to some business activity regularly occurring in Iowa. The taxpayer should include 5 percent of the capital gain in the numerator of the business activity formula.

(4) All gain or loss shall be included in the denominator of the business activity ratio if an election of inclusion has been made or if the gain or loss is required to be included in the business activity ratio.

Nonexclusive examples of gains or losses from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of real or tangible or intangible property, which may not be included in the computation of the business activity ratio, because to do so would result in an understatement of net income reasonably attributable to Iowa, are the gain recognized under an election pursuant to Section 338 of the Internal Revenue Code and the gain recognized under Section 631(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

*g. Other miscellaneous income.* All other miscellaneous income determined to be business income which is not subject to an election or which is the subject of a proper election of inclusion shall be included in the computation of the business activity formula to the extent such income items do not represent a recapture of expense. The miscellaneous income shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula if the income is from an Iowa source.

*h. Other investment income.* All other investment income shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula to the extent that the intangible personal property which produced that income is an integral part of some business activity occurring regularly in Iowa. If the intangible personal property is not part of some business activity occurring regularly in or outside of Iowa and if an election of

inclusion has been made, the other investment income shall be included in the numerator if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in this state.

*i.* Reserved.

*j.* *Activity ratio.* Income which is not subject to Iowa tax shall not be included in the computation of the business activity ratio.

**503.2(4) *Grossed-up foreign income.*** For purposes of administration of the Iowa corporation income tax law, gross-up (Section 78 of the Internal Revenue Code) shall be considered to be nonbusiness income, irrespective of the fact that the income creating the gross-up may be business income, and shall be allocated to the situs of the income payor.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.32(2) and 422.33(1).

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**701—503.3(422) Application of related expense to allocable interest, dividends, rents and royalties—tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1978.** Rule 701—503.2(422) deals with the separation of “net” income; therefore, determination and application of related expenses must be made, as hereinafter directed, before allocation and apportionment within and without Iowa. Related expenses shall mean those expenses directly related, including related federal income taxes. *Allphin v. Joseph E. Seagram & Sons*, 204 S.W. 2d 515 (Ky. 1956). For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2000, related expense includes both directly related expense and indirectly related interest expense. The portion of interest expense indirectly related to allocable interest, other than interest from securities of states and their political subdivisions, dividends, rents and royalties shall be determined by multiplying the net amount of interest expense, after deducting interest directly related to an item of income, by a ratio. The numerator of the ratio is the average value of investments which produce or are held for the production of allocable interest, other than interest from securities of states and their political subdivisions, dividends, rents and royalties. The denominator is the average value of all assets of the taxpayer, less securities of states and their political subdivisions. (*Hunt-Wesson, Inc. v. Franchise Tax Board of California*, No. 98-2043 (U.S. Sup. Ct., filed February 22, 2000)).

A “directly related expense” shall mean an expense which can be specifically attributed to an item of income. Interest expense shall be considered directly related to a specific property which generates, has generated, or could reasonably have been expected to generate gross income if the existence of all of the facts and circumstances described below is established. Such facts and circumstances are as follows: (1) the indebtedness on which the interest was paid was specifically incurred for the purpose of purchasing, maintaining, or improving the specific property; (2) the proceeds of the borrowing were actually applied to the specified purpose; (3) the creditor can look only to the specific property (or any lease or other interest therein) as security for the loan; (4) it may be reasonably assumed that the return on or from the property will be sufficient to fulfill the terms and conditions of the loan agreement with respect to the amount and timing of payment of principal and interest; and (5) there are restrictions in the loan agreement on the disposal or use of the property consistent with the assumptions described in (3) and (4) above.

A deduction for interest may not be considered definitely related solely to specific property, even though the above facts and circumstances are present in form, if any of such facts and circumstances are not present in substance. Any expense directly or indirectly attributable to allocable interest, dividends, rents and royalties shall be deducted from such income to arrive at net allocable income.

EXAMPLE (i): For purposes of this example, it is assumed that the taxpayer has nonbusiness rental income. The taxpayer invests in a 20-story office building. Under the terms of the lease agreements, the taxpayer provides heat, electricity, janitorial services and maintenance. The taxpayer also pays the property taxes. Construction of the building was funded through borrowings which meet the criteria of a direct expense under the provisions of this paragraph. The directly related expenses to the operation of the property are:

Interest expense	\$1,200,000
Property taxes	500,000
Depreciation	500,000
Electricity	300,000
Heat	200,000
Insurance	150,000
Janitorial services	100,000
Repairs	50,000
Total expense	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

The directly related expense of the allocable nonbusiness rental income is \$3,000,000.

EXAMPLE (ii): For purposes of this example, it is assumed that the taxpayer has nonbusiness income. The taxpayer is a multistate manufacturer of processed foods. It has a nonbusiness investment portfolio which is managed by an investment firm for a fee. The fee paid for the management of the portfolio is a directly related expense to the dividends and interest income received. The fee is attributed to the various types of income on the ratio that the various types of income bear to the total income produced.

EXAMPLE (iii): Same as example (ii), except that in addition to the investments described, the taxpayer also has investments in oil properties. The depletion expense is a directly related expense to the oil royalty income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—503.4(422) Net gains and losses from the sale of assets.** For purposes of administration of this rule, a capital gain or loss shall mean the sale price or value at the time of disposal of an asset less the adjusted basis, whether reportable as short-term or long-term capital gain or ordinary income for federal income tax purposes.

Nonbusiness gain or loss from the sale, exchange or other disposition of property if the property while owned by the taxpayer was not operationally related to the taxpayer's trade or business carried on in Iowa shall be allocated as follows:

**503.4(1)** Gains or losses from the sale, exchange or other disposition of real property located in this state are allocable to this state.

**503.4(2)** Gains and losses from the sale, exchange or other disposition of tangible personal property are allocable to this state if:

*a.* The property had a situs in this state at the time of sale; or

*b.* The taxpayer's commercial domicile is in this state and the taxpayer is not taxable in the state in which the property had a situs.

**503.4(3)** Gains or losses from the sale, exchange or other disposition of intangible personal property are allocable to this state if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in this state.

**503.4(4)** Gains or losses from the sale, exchange or other disposition of stock of another corporation, if the activities of the other corporation were not operationally related to the taxpayer's trade or business carried on in Iowa while the stock was owned by the taxpayer, are allocable to this state if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in this state.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 422.33(1).

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**701—503.5(422) Where income is derived from the manufacture or sale of tangible personal property.** The law specifically provides but one method for apportioning net income derived from the manufacture or sale of tangible personal property. The part of such income attributable to business within the state shall be that proportion which the gross sales made within the state bear to the total gross sales.

In determining the total net taxable income, the apportionable income attributable to this state, as determined by use of the apportionment fraction, shall be added to the nonapportionable income allocable to this state.

When a taxpayer is engaged in manufacturing and selling or purchasing and reselling goods or products “gross sales” includes all gross receipts from the sales of such goods or products (or other property of a kind which would properly be included in the inventory of the taxpayer if on hand at the close of the tax period) held by the taxpayer primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of its trade or business. “Gross receipts” for this purpose means gross sales, less returns and allowances. Federal and state excise taxes shall be included as part of such receipts if such taxes are passed on to the buyer or included as part of the selling price of the product.

**503.5(1)** Sales of tangible personal property are in this state if the property is delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state regardless of the f.o.b. point or other conditions of the sales.

**503.5(2)** Property shall be deemed to be delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state if the recipient is located in this state, even though the property is ordered from outside this state.

EXAMPLE: The taxpayer, with inventory in State A, sold \$100,000 of its products to a purchaser having branch stores in several states including this state. The order for the purchase was placed by the purchaser’s central purchasing department located in State B. Twenty-five thousand dollars of the purchase order was shipped directly to purchaser’s branch store in this state. The branch store in this state is the “purchaser within this state” with respect to \$25,000 of the taxpayer’s sales.

**503.5(3)** Property is delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state if the shipment terminates in this state, even though the property is subsequently transferred by the purchaser to another state.

EXAMPLE: The taxpayer makes a sale to a purchaser who maintains a central warehouse in this state at which all merchandise purchases are received. The purchaser reships the goods to its branch stores in other states for sale. All of the taxpayer’s products shipped to a purchaser’s warehouse in this state are property “delivered or shipped to a purchaser within this state”.

**503.5(4)** The term “purchaser within this state” shall include the ultimate recipient of the property if the taxpayer in this state, at the designation of the purchaser, delivers to or has the property shipped to the ultimate recipient within this state.

EXAMPLE: A taxpayer in this state sold merchandise to a purchaser in State A. The taxpayer directed the manufacturer or supplier of the merchandise in State B to ship the merchandise to the purchaser’s customer in this state pursuant to purchaser’s instructions. The sale by the taxpayer is in this state.

**503.5(5)** When property being shipped by a seller from the state of origin to a consignee in another state is diverted while en route to a purchaser in this state, the sales are in this state.

EXAMPLE: The taxpayer, a produce grower in State A, begins shipment of perishable produce to the purchaser’s place of business in State B. While en route the produce is diverted to the purchaser’s place of business in this state. The sale by the taxpayer is attributed to this state.

**503.5(6)** Deliveries for transportation outside the state. The taxpayer sells merchandise to a purchaser outside this state, and the purchaser picks up the produce or makes arrangements to have the product picked up at the taxpayer’s place of business in this state to be taken outside the state. The sale by the taxpayer is a sale outside this state.

**503.5(7)** Dock or pickup sales. The taxpayer sells merchandise to a purchaser within this state, and the purchaser picks up the product at the taxpayer’s place of business outside of this state. The sale by the taxpayer is a sale in this state. *Pabst Brewing Co. v. Wis. Dept. of Revenue*, 387 N.W.2d 121 (Wis. App. 1986); *Strickland v. Patcraft Mills, Inc.*, 302 S.E.2d 544 (Ga. 1983); *Olympia Brewing Company v. Commissioner of Revenue*, 326 N.W.2d 642 (Minn. 1982); *Department of Revenue v. Parker Banana Company*, 391 So. 2d 762 (Fla. App. 1980); *Department of Revenue v. U.S. Sugar Corporation*, 388 So. 2d 596 (Fla. App. 1980). This subrule is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—503.6(422) Apportionment of income derived from business other than the manufacture or sale of tangible personal property.** Income derived from business other than the manufacture or sale of tangible personal property shall be attributed to Iowa in the proportion which the Iowa gross receipts bear to the total gross receipts. Gross receipts are includable in the numerator of the apportionment factor in the proportion which the recipient of the service receives benefit of the service in this state.

**503.6(1)** Services other than those set forth in subrules 503.6(3) to 503.6(5) and rule 701—503.7(422). With respect to a specific contract or item of income, all gross receipts from the performance of services are includable in the numerator of the apportionment factor if the recipient of the service receives all of the benefit of the service in Iowa. If the recipient of the service receives some of the benefit of the service in Iowa with respect to a specific contract or item of income, the gross receipts are includable in the numerator of the apportionment factor in proportion to the extent the recipient receives benefit of the service in Iowa.

The following are noninclusive examples of the application of this subrule.

*a.* A real estate development firm from State A is developing a tract of land in Iowa. The real estate development firm from State A engages a surveying company from State B to survey the tract of land in Iowa. The survey work is completed and the plats are drawn in Iowa. The gross receipts from this survey work are attributable to Iowa and included in the numerator of the apportionment factor because the recipient of the service received all of the benefits of the service in Iowa.

*b.* A corporation headquartered in State Y is building an office complex in Iowa. The corporation from State Y contracts with an engineering firm from State X to oversee construction of the buildings on the site. The engineering firm performs some of their service in Iowa at the building site and also some of their service in State X. The gross receipts from the engineering service are attributable to Iowa and included in the numerator of the apportionment factor because the recipient of the service received all of the benefit of the service in Iowa.

*c.* A corporation from State A contracts with a computer software company from State D to develop and install a custom software application in a business office in Iowa of the company from State A. The software firm does consulting work on the project in State A and in Iowa. The software development is done in State D and in Iowa. The software package is delivered to the corporation from State A in Iowa. The gross receipts from the software development are attributable to Iowa and included in the numerator of the apportionment factor because the recipient of the service received all of the benefit of the service in Iowa.

*d.* A corporation located in Iowa performs direct mail activities for a customer located in State X. The direct mail activities include the preparation and mailing of materials to households located throughout the United States. The corporation located in Iowa performed some activities related to the direct mail contract in State X. One percent of the direct mailings went to addresses within Iowa. One percent of the gross receipts related to this direct mail contract are attributable to Iowa and included in the numerator of the apportionment factor because the recipient of the service received the 1 percent of the benefit of the service in Iowa.

*e.* A corporation located in State A performs direct mail activities for a customer located in State X. The corporation has nexus with Iowa due to other activities of the unitary business. The direct mail activities include the preparation and mailing of materials to households throughout the United States. The corporation located in State A printed and mailed the direct mail materials to households on a mailing list prepared by the direct mailing company in State A. Five percent of the direct mailings went to addresses within Iowa. Five percent of the gross receipts related to this direct mail contract are attributable to Iowa and included in the numerator of the apportionment factor.

*f.* A company which owns apartments in Iowa and State A contracts with a pest control corporation for pest control activities. One contract is entered into which covers 100 apartment units in Iowa and 400 apartment units in State A. Twenty percent (100/500) of the gross receipts from the pest control contract are attributable to Iowa and are included in the numerator of the apportionment factor as 20 percent of the apartment units are located in Iowa and in the absence of more accurate records, it is presumed that the number of apartment units is the best measure of the extent the recipient of the service received benefit of the service in Iowa.



If a taxpayer does not believe that the method of apportionment set forth in this subrule reasonably attributes income to business activities within Iowa, the taxpayer may request the use of an alternative method of apportionment. The request must be filed at least 60 days before the due date of the return, considering any extensions of time to file, in which the taxpayer wishes to use an alternative method of apportionment. The request should be filed with Taxpayer Services and Policy Division, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0457. The taxpayer must set forth in detail the extent of the taxpayer's business operations within and without the state, along with the reasons why the apportionment method set forth in this subrule is inappropriate. In addition, the taxpayer must set forth a proposed method of apportionment and the reasons why the proposed method of apportionment more reasonably attributes income to business activities in Iowa.

If the department agrees that the proposed method of apportionment more reasonably attributes income to business activities in Iowa, the taxpayer may continue to use the proposed method of apportionment until the taxpayer's factual situation changes or the department prospectively informs the taxpayer that the method of apportionment may no longer be used.

If the taxpayer's factual situation changes and under the new factual situation the taxpayer still believes that the method of apportionment set forth in this subrule still is not appropriate, then the taxpayer must submit a new request for the use of an alternative method of apportionment.

If the taxpayer disagrees with the determination of the department, the taxpayer may file a protest within 60 days of the date of the letter setting forth the department's determination and the reasons therefor in accordance with rule 701—7.9(422). The department's determination letter shall set forth the taxpayer's rights to protest the department's determination.

**503.6(2)** If the business activity consists of providing services, such as the operation of an advertising agency, or the performance of equipment service contracts, research and development contracts, "sales" includes the gross receipts from the performance of such services including fees, commission, and similar items.

In the case of cost plus fixed fee contracts, such as the operation of a government-owned plant for a fee, gross receipts include the entire reimbursed cost, plus the fee.

**503.6(3)** Business income of a financial organization, excepting a financial institution exempted from the corporation income tax under Iowa Code section 422.34(1) attributable to Iowa shall be:

*a.* In the case of taxable income of a taxpayer whose income-producing activities are confined solely to this state, the entire net income of such taxpayer.

*b.* In the case of taxable income of a taxpayer who conducts income-producing activities as a financial organization partially within and partially without this state, that portion of its net income as its gross business in this state is to its gross business everywhere during the period covered by its return, which portion shall be determined as the sum of:

(1) Fees, commission or other compensation for financial services rendered for a customer located in this state or an account maintained within this state;

(2) Gross profits from trading in stocks, bonds or other securities rendered for a customer located within this state;

(3) Interest income from a loan on real property located in this state. Interest and other receipts from assets in the nature of loans and installment obligations if the borrower is located within this state. Other fees and other miscellaneous earnings if connected with loans to borrowers within this state;

(4) Interest charged to customers within this state or to accounts maintained within this state for carrying debit balances of margin accounts, without deduction of any costs incurred in carrying such accounts;

(5) Interest, lease payments, or other receipts from financing leases, installment sales contracts, leases or other financing instruments received from customers within this state; and

(6) Any other gross income resulting from the operation as a financial organization within this state.

A "financial organization" means any finance company or investment company doing business in Iowa. A finance company includes any consumer finance company, sales finance company, or commercial finance company making loans to individuals and businesses. An investment company

includes a company primarily engaged in the business of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding or trading in securities.

**503.6(4)** Net business income of construction contractors shall be attributed to Iowa in the proportion which Iowa gross receipts bear to total gross receipts. Iowa gross receipts are those gross receipts from contracts performed in Iowa.

**503.6(5)** A corporation's distributive share of net income or loss from a joint venture, limited liability company, or partnership is subject to apportionment within and without the state. If the income of the partnership, limited liability company, or joint venture is received in connection with the taxpayer's regular trade or business operations, the partnership, limited liability company, or joint venture income shall be apportioned within and without Iowa on the basis of the taxpayer's business activity ratio. The corporation's distributive share of the gross receipts of the partnership, limited liability company, or joint venture shall be included in the computation of the business activity ratio in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

EXAMPLE 1: A, a corporation with a commercial domicile in State X, is engaged in business within and without Iowa whereby A sells tangible personal property. A also has an interest in a limited partnership whose business is conducted within and without Iowa. Five percent of the limited partnership's gross receipts are derived from the sale of tangible personal property to Iowa purchasers and 95 percent are derived from sales and deliveries to purchasers outside of Iowa. A will include 5 percent of its distributive share of the gross receipts of the partnership in the numerator along with A's destination Iowa sales in calculating its business activity ratio. A will include 100 percent of its distributive share of the gross receipts in the denominator along with A's total sales in calculating its business activity ratio.

EXAMPLE 2: B, a corporation with a commercial domicile in State X, has no physical presence in the state of Iowa. B's only contact with Iowa is B's interest in a limited partnership whose business is conducted within and without Iowa. Ten percent of the limited partnership's gross receipts are derived from the sale of tangible personal property to Iowa purchasers and 90 percent are derived from sales and deliveries to purchasers outside of Iowa. B will include 10 percent of its distributive share of the gross receipts of the partnership in the numerator in calculating its business activity ratio. B will include 100 percent of its distributive share of the gross receipts in the denominator along with B's total sales in calculating its business activity ratio.

**503.6(6)** Gross receipts from rent or royalties or other fees received for the use of real property are attributable to this state if the real property is located in this state.

Gross receipts from rent, royalties, license fees, or other fees received for the use of tangible personal property are attributable to this state to the extent that the property is utilized in this state. The extent of utilization of tangible personal property in this state is determined by multiplying the rents, royalties, license fees or other fees by a fraction, the numerator of which is number of days or other measure of physical location of the property in the state during the rental period in the taxable year and the denominator of which is the number of days or other measure of physical location of the property everywhere during all rental periods in the taxable year. If the physical location of property during the rental period is unknown or not ascertainable by the taxpayer, tangible personal property is utilized in the state in which the property was located at the time the rental payer obtained possession.

An example of another measure of physical location of property is where a lessee of transportation equipment is required to report to the lessor miles traveled by state.

*a.* A lessee takes possession of a rental car in this state. Six days later after driving 1,500 miles, the rental car is returned to the lessor in this state. Absent evidence to the contrary, the rental receipts are attributable to this state.

*b.* A lessee takes possession of a rental car in this state. Six days later after driving 1,500 miles, the rental car is returned to the lessor in an adjacent state. Absent evidence to the contrary, it is assumed that 50 percent of the rental receipts are attributable to this state.

*c.* A lessee takes possession of a rental semi-truck in another state. The lessee is required to maintain mileage records by state for purposes of special fuel tax. The lessee provides copies of these

records to the lessor. The lessor must use these records to determine the portion of the rental receipts that are attributable to this state.

**503.6(7)** Allocation and apportionment of out-of-state business due to state-declared disaster. On or after January 1, 2016, see 701—Chapter 276 for allocation and apportionment of income derived from an out-of-state business that enters Iowa to perform disaster and emergency-related work during a disaster response period as those terms are defined in Iowa Code section 29C.24.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 422.33(1).  
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**701—503.7(422) Apportionment of income of transportation, communications, and certain public utilities corporations.** Net income of these corporations, other than interest, dividends, rents and royalties, which is not specifically allocated by 701—503.2(422) and 701—503.6(422) shall be apportioned as follows:

**503.7(1)** Railroads shall determine their Iowa proportion of gross receipts or gross revenue from railroad operations by the following methodology:

a. Freight revenue. Freight revenue within and without Iowa shall be determined for each individual freight movement by taking the proportion of car and locomotive miles traveled in Iowa to total car and locomotive miles traveled within and without Iowa for the individual freight movement and applying such individual percentage to the gross receipts derived from the individual freight movement. Empty mileage that does not produce gross receipts shall not be used.

b. Passenger revenue. Passenger revenue within and without Iowa shall be determined by use of the same principles applicable to freight revenue.

c. Switching revenue. Unless the switching revenue is accounted for in the freight revenue or passenger revenue categories, it shall be determined in accordance with subrule 503.6(1).

d. Miscellaneous revenue. Nonexclusive examples of miscellaneous revenues include demurrage revenue, station services revenue, storage revenue, railway property rental, joint facility revenue, and amounts received from government authorities. These revenues shall be attributed to the state in which they were earned.

e. All of the above classes of revenues shall be aggregated and combined with other gross receipts or gross revenues from sources within Iowa to compose the numerator. The denominator shall be computed in accordance with 701—subrule 503.2(2).

**503.7(2)** Airline, truck and bus line companies, water transportation companies, freight car and equipment companies shall determine their Iowa proportion of gross receipts or gross revenues derived from transportation operations by taking the proportion of mileage traveled in Iowa to the total mileage traveled within and without the state.

**503.7(3)** Oil, gasoline, gas and other pipeline companies shall determine the proportion of transportation revenue derived from interstate business that is attributable to Iowa by the proportion of Iowa traffic units to total traffic units. The “traffic unit” of an oil pipeline is defined as the transportation of one barrel of oil for a distance of one mile; the “traffic unit” of a gasoline pipeline is defined to be the transportation of one barrel of gasoline for a distance of one mile; and a “traffic unit” of a gas pipeline is defined to be the transportation of 1,000 cubic feet or one dekatherm of natural or casinghead gas for a distance of one mile. The taxpayer may use either 1,000 cubic feet or one dekatherm as a “traffic unit” as long as the numerator and denominator are computed on the same basis. Any other pipeline company will use the definition of the “traffic unit” which would most nearly describe the substance transported.

**503.7(4)** Telecommunications companies shall determine the Iowa proportion of gross receipts or gross revenues from telecommunication operations by the following methodology:

a. Gross receipts or gross revenues from local service in this state are attributable to this state.

b. Gross receipts or gross revenues from toll services originating and terminating in this state are attributable to this state.

c. Gross receipts or gross revenues from interstate toll services originating in this state and charged to an Iowa service address are attributable to this state.

*d.* Gross receipts or gross revenues from interstate toll services terminating in this state and charged to an Iowa service address are attributable to this state.

*e.* Gross receipts or gross revenues from the sale of phone cards in this state are attributable to this state.

*f.* Gross receipts or gross revenues from the sale of telecommunication services to resellers of telecommunication services for telecommunication services used for local service in this state are attributable to this state.

*g.* Gross receipts or gross revenues from the sale of telecommunication services to resellers of telecommunication services for telecommunication services used for toll services originating and terminating in this state are attributable to this state.

*h.* Gross receipts or gross revenues from the sale of telecommunication services to resellers of telecommunication services for telecommunication services used for interstate toll services originating in this state are attributable to this state.

*i.* Gross receipts or gross revenues from Internet access originating in this state and charged to an Iowa service address are attributable to this state.

*j.* Gross receipts or gross revenues from cellular phone services originating in this state and charged to an Iowa service address are attributable to this state.

*k.* Gross receipts or gross revenues from personal communication services originating in this state and charged to an Iowa service address are attributable to this state.

*l.* Gross receipts or gross revenues from paging services originating in this state and charged to an Iowa service address are attributable to this state.

*m.* Services originating in this state and charged to an Iowa service address are attributable to this state.

*n.* Gross receipts from cable television, satellite television, and community antenna television services, including gross receipts from providing Internet access, charged to an Iowa service address are attributable to this state.

*o.* Any other gross receipts or gross revenues from fees, access charges, toll services or other charges for communication services charged to an Iowa service address are attributable to this state. See *Goldberg v. Sweet*, 488 U.S. 252, 102 L.Ed. 2d 607, 109 S.Ct. 582 (1989).

*p.* All of the above classes of revenues shall be aggregated and combined with other gross receipts or gross revenues from sources within Iowa to compose the numerator. The denominator shall be computed in accordance with 701—subrule 503.2(2).

*q.* “Telecommunications” is an electronic mode of transmitting data, information, and audio and video signals and includes but is not limited to both one-way and two-way signals using land-line phones, cellular phones, paging devices, satellites, and microwave systems. Telecommunications is a medium or mode of delivery, not the actual content of the information transmitted over the medium. Telecommunications does not include broadcast radio and television. See subrule 503.7(5).

*r.* The term “telecommunication companies” includes but is not limited to: telephone companies; resellers of telephone services; cellular phone companies; personal communication service providers; paging service providers; radio communication providers; Internet access providers; cable television, satellite television, community antenna television companies; and other companies of a similar type.

If a taxpayer feels that the allocation and apportionment method as prescribed by Iowa Code subsection 422.33(2) and in this subrule, in the taxpayer’s case, results in an injustice, the taxpayer may petition the department for permission to determine the taxable net income, both allocable and apportionable, to this state on some other basis. See rule 701—503.9(422).

**503.7(5)** Radio and television companies doing business within and without Iowa shall determine their Iowa proportion of gross receipts or gross revenues derived from broadcasting operations by taking the proportion of the Iowa population served by broadcasting to the total population served by broadcasting. The population served by broadcasting shall be determined by a recognized market survey such as Arbitron. As used in this rule the term “population served by broadcasting” includes all of the residents of the broadcasting area, whether or not these residents individually elect to receive the broadcasts.

EXAMPLE: A television company has its studio and transmitter in state A. The activities of the employees and corporate officers of the television company in Iowa include solicitation of advertising, covering special news events and covering athletic events. The broadcast signal also reaches state B but the television company does not conduct any activities in state B. The population served by broadcasting is as follows: 100,000 in Iowa, 100,000 in state A, and 50,000 in state B for a total population served by broadcasting of 250,000. The television company's apportionment factor would be computed as follows: The numerator would be the Iowa population served by broadcasting and the denominator would be the total population served by broadcasting ( $100,000 \div 250,000 = 40\%$ ).

Subrule 503.7(5) is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1988.

**503.7(6)** Corporations in the business of publishing, selling, licensing, or distributing newspapers, magazines, periodicals, trade journals, or other printed material, or which publish, sell, license or distribute in a filmed or microfilmed image, or in an electronic media, an electronic virtual storage system or broadcasts any of the above items which have been traditionally disseminated in a printed format shall determine the Iowa portion of gross receipts by the following methodology:

*a.* Gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property including printed materials, electronic storage media, fees for use of an electronic virtual storage system or fees to receive a broadcast delivered, shipped or broadcast to a purchaser or a subscriber in this state.

*b.* Gross receipts from advertising shall be attributed to Iowa as determined by the taxpayer's circulation factor during the tax period. The circulation factor shall be determined for each individual publication of the taxpayer containing advertising and shall be equal to the ratio that the taxpayer's Iowa circulation to purchasers and subscribers of its printed material, electronic storage media, electronic virtual storage system or broadcasts containing advertising bears to its total circulation to purchasers and subscribers everywhere.

The circulation factor for an individual publication shall be determined by reference to the rating statistics as reflected in such sources as the Audit Bureau of Circulations or other comparable sources, provided that the source selected is consistently used from year to year for such purpose. If none of the foregoing sources are available, or, if available, none is in a form or content sufficient for such purposes, then the circulation factor shall be determined from the taxpayer's books and records.

*c.* When specific items of advertisement can be shown, upon clear and convincing evidence, to have been distributed solely to a limited regional or local geographic area of which this state is a part, the taxpayer may petition, or the director may require, that all or a portion of such receipts be attributed to this state on the basis of a regional or local geographic area circulation factor and not upon the basis of the circulation factor provided by "b" above.

Such attribution shall be based on the ratio that the taxpayer's circulation to purchasers and subscribers located in this state bears to its total circulation to purchasers and subscribers located within such regional or local geographic area. This alternative attribution method shall be permitted only on the condition that such receipts are not double counted or otherwise included in the numerator of any other state.

**503.7(7)** Utility companies shall determine their Iowa gross receipts or gross revenues from transporting natural or casinghead gas for others that is attributable to Iowa by the proportion of Iowa traffic units to total traffic units. The "traffic unit" is defined to be the transportation of 1,000 cubic feet or one dekatherm of natural or casinghead gas for a distance of one mile. Where the transportation is less than one mile, the taxpayer must accumulate the fractions of one mile into one-mile increments for purposes of computing "traffic units." The taxpayer may use either 1,000 cubic feet or one dekatherm as a "traffic unit" as long as the numerator and denominator are computed on the same basis.

If a taxpayer feels that the allocation and apportionment method as prescribed by Iowa Code subsection 422.33(2) and in this subrule, in the taxpayer's case, results in an injustice, the taxpayer may petition the department for permission to determine the taxable net income, both allocable and apportionable, to this state on some other basis. See rule 701—503.9(422).

**503.7(8)** Utility companies shall determine their Iowa gross receipts or gross revenues from transporting electricity for others that is attributable to Iowa by the proportion of Iowa traffic units to total traffic units. The "traffic unit" is defined to be the transportation of 1,000 kilowatt-hours of

electricity for a distance of one mile. Where the transportation is less than one mile, the taxpayer must accumulate the fractions of one mile into one-mile increments for purposes of computing “traffic units.”

If a taxpayer feels that the allocation and apportionment method as prescribed by Iowa Code subsection 422.33(2) and in this subrule, in the taxpayer’s case, results in an injustice, the taxpayer may petition the department for permission to determine the taxable net income, both allocable and apportionable, to this state on some other basis. See rule 701—503.9(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—503.8(422) Apportionment of income derived from more than one business activity carried on within a single corporate structure.** Net income from corporations where more than one business activity is conducted within a single unitary corporate structure shall be apportioned by combining gross receipts or gross revenues of each business activity in the business activity ratio. Where necessary, formulas authorized by the department’s rules or statute shall be used to ascertain the gross receipts from such business activities.

EXAMPLE: The taxpayer is engaged in the business of both manufacture of tangible personal property and trucking. During the tax year, the taxpayer received \$1,000,000 in gross receipts, \$400,000 of which was from its manufacturing operations and \$600,000 of which was from its trucking operations. In its trucking operations, the taxpayer traveled 100,000 miles in Iowa and 400,000 everywhere, and in its manufacturing operations, \$300,000 of sales were attributable to this state. The numerator of the business activity ratio would be \$450,000, which includes \$300,000 from manufacturing operations and \$150,000 ( $100,000/400,000 \times 600,000 = 150,000$ ) from trucking operations. See subrule 503.7(2). The denominator of the business activity ratio would be \$1,000,000.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

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**701—503.9(422) Allocation and apportionment of income in special cases.** If a taxpayer feels that the allocation and apportionment method as prescribed by Iowa Code subsection 422.33(2), or 701—Chapter 503, in the taxpayer’s case results in an injustice, the taxpayer may petition the department for permission to determine the taxable net income, both allocable and apportionable, to the state on some other basis.

The taxpayer must first file the return as prescribed by Iowa Code subsection 422.33(2), and pay the tax shown due thereon. If a change to some other method is desired, a statement of objections and schedules detailing such alternative method shall be submitted to the department. The department shall require detail and proof within such time as the department may reasonably prescribe. In addition, the alternative method of allocation and apportionment will not be allowed where the taxpayer fails to produce, upon request of the department, any information the department deems necessary to analyze the request for an alternative method of allocation and apportionment. Such petition must be in writing and shall set forth in detail the facts upon which the petition is based. The burden of proof will be on the taxpayer as to the validity of the method and its results. The mere fact that an alternative method of apportionment or allocation produces a lesser amount of income attributable to Iowa is, per se, insufficient proof that the statutory method of allocation and apportionment is invalid. *Moorman Manufacturing Company v. Bair*, 437 U.S. 267, 57 L.Ed.2d 197(1978). In essence, a comparison of the statutory method of apportionment with another formulary apportionment method is insufficient to prove that the taxpayer would be entitled to the alternative formulary apportionment method. *Moorman Manufacturing Company v. Bair*, supra.

One of the possible alternative methods of allocation and apportionment is separate accounting provided the taxpayer’s activities in Iowa are not unitary with the taxpayer’s activities outside Iowa. Any corporation deriving income from business operations partly within and partly without Iowa must determine that net business income attributable to this state by the prescribed formula for apportioning net income, unless the taxpayer proved by clear and cogent evidence that the statutory formula apportions income to Iowa out of all reasonable proportion to the business transacted within Iowa. *Moorman Manufacturing Company v. Bair*, supra.

The burden of proof that the statutory method of apportionment attributes to Iowa income out of all reasonable proportion to the business transacted within Iowa is on the taxpayer. In order to utilize separate accounting, the taxpayer's books and records must be kept in a manner that accurately depicts the exact geographical source of profits. In any petition to utilize separate accounting, the taxpayer must submit schedules which accurately depict net income by division or product line and the amount of income earned within Iowa.

Separate accounting is not allowable for a unitary business where the separate accounting method fails to consider factors of profitability resulting from functional integration, centralization of management, and economics of scale. *Shell Oil Company v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987).

There are alternative methods of separate accounting utilizing different accounting principles. A mere showing that one separate accounting method produces a result substantially different than the statutory method of apportionment is not sufficient to justify the granting of the separate accounting method shown. The taxpayer must not only show that the separate accounting method advocated by the taxpayer in comparison with the statutory method of apportionment produces a result which, if the statutory method of apportionment were used, would be out of all reasonable proportion to the business transacted within Iowa. The taxpayer must also show that all other conceivable reasonable separate accounting methods would show, when compared with the statutory method of apportionment, that the statutory method of apportionment substantially produces a distorted result.

As used in this rule "statutory method of apportionment" means the Iowa single sales factor formula set forth in Iowa Code section 422.33, subsection 2, paragraph "b," and the apportionment methods set forth in 701—Chapter 503.

All requests to use an alternative method of allocation and apportionment submitted to the department will be considered by the compliance division if the request is the result of an audit or by the taxpayer services and policy division if the request is received prior to audit. If the department concludes that the statutory method of allocation and apportionment is, in fact, both inapplicable and inequitable, the department shall prescribe a special method. The special method of allocation and apportionment prescribed by the department may be that requested by the taxpayer or some other method of allocation and apportionment which the department deems to equitably attribute income to business activities carried on within Iowa.

If the taxpayer disagrees with the determination of the department, the taxpayer may file a protest within 60 days of the date of the letter setting forth the department's determination and the reasons therefor in accordance with rule 701—7.9(17A). The department's determination letter shall set forth the taxpayer's rights to protest the department's determination.

If no protest is filed within the 60-day period, then no hearing will be granted on the department's determination under this rule. However, this does not preclude the taxpayer from subsequently raising this question in the event that the taxpayer protests an assessment or denial of a timely refund claim, but this issue will only be dealt with for the years involved in the assessment or timely refund claim.

The use of an alternative method of allocation and apportionment would only be applicable to the years under consideration at the time the special method of allocation and apportionment is prescribed. The taxpayer's continued use of a prescribed method of allocation and apportionment will be subject to review and change within the statutory or legally extended period(s).

If there is a material change in the business operations or accounting procedures from those in existence at the time the taxpayer was permitted to determine the net income earned within Iowa by an alternative method of allocation and apportionment, the taxpayer shall apprise the department of such changes prior to filing its return for the current year. After reviewing the information submitted, along with any other information the department deems necessary, the department will notify the taxpayer if the alternative method of allocation and apportionment is deemed applicable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

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CHAPTER 504  
ASSESSMENTS, REFUNDS, APPEALS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—504.1(422) Notice of discrepancies.**

**504.1(1) *Notice of adjustment.*** An employee of the department, designated by the director to examine returns and make audits, who discovers discrepancies in returns or learns that the income of the taxpayer may not have been listed, in whole or in part, or that no return was filed when one was due, is authorized to notify the taxpayer of the discovery by ordinary mail. The notice shall not be termed an assessment, and it may inform the taxpayer of the amount due if the information discovered is correct.

**504.1(2) *Right of taxpayer upon receipt of notice of adjustment.*** A taxpayer who has received notice of an adjustment in connection with a return may pay the additional amount stated to be due. If payment is made, and the taxpayer wishes to contest the matter, the taxpayer should then file claim for refund. However, payment will not be required until assessment has been made (although interest will continue to accrue if payment is not made). If no payment is made, the taxpayer may discuss with the employee who notified the taxpayer of the discrepancy, either in person or through correspondence, all matters of fact and law which the taxpayer considers relevant to the situation. Documents and records supporting the taxpayer's position may be required.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.25.  
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**701—504.2(422) Notice of assessment.** If after following the procedure outlined in 504.1(2) no agreement is reached, and the taxpayer does not pay the amount determined to be correct, a notice of assessment shall be sent to the taxpayer by mail. If the period in which the correct amount of tax can be determined is nearly at an end, either a notice of assessment, without compliance with 504.1(1) and 504.1(2), or a jeopardy assessment may be issued. All notices of assessment shall contain the signature of the director.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.25 and 422.28.  
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**701—504.3(422) Refund of overpaid tax.** The following are provisions for refunding or crediting to the taxpayer deposits or payments for tax in excess of amounts legally due.

**504.3(1)** A claim for refund of corporation income tax may be made on a form obtainable from the department. Claims for refund should not be mailed in the same envelope or attached to the return. In the case of a claim filed by an agent of the taxpayer, a power of attorney must accompany the claim.

**504.3(2)** A corporate taxpayer shall not offset a refund or overpayment of tax for one year as a prior payment of tax of a subsequent year on the return of a subsequent year without authorization in writing by the department. The department may, however, apply an overpayment, or a refund otherwise due the taxpayer, to any tax due or to become due from the taxpayer.

**504.3(3)** When an overpayment of estimated tax is indicated on the face of the return, the overpayment will ordinarily be refunded to the taxpayer by the department without the filing of a formal claim for refund. If a refund of the indicated overpayment is not received within a reasonable period of time, a claim for refund may be filed by the taxpayer on an official form obtainable from the Taxpayer Services Section, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

If an overpayment of income tax is claimed as a credit against estimated tax for the succeeding taxable year, such amount shall be considered as a payment of the income tax for the succeeding taxable year and no claim for credit or refund shall be allowed.

When a taxpayer elects to have an overpayment credited to estimated tax for the succeeding year, interest may be properly assessed on a deficiency of income tax for the year in which the overpayment arose. If a taxpayer elects to have all or part of an overpayment shown on the return applied to the estimated income tax for the succeeding taxable year or refunded, the election is binding to the taxpayer.

An overpayment of tax may be used to offset any outstanding tax liability owed by the taxpayer, but once an elected amount is credited as a payment of estimated tax for the succeeding year, it loses its character as an overpayment for the year in which it arose and thereafter cannot offset any subsequently determined tax liability.

**504.3(4)** Reserved.

**504.3(5)** Refunds—statute of limitations for tax years ending after January 1, 1979. The statute of limitations with respect to which refunds or credits may be claimed are:

a. The later of

- (1) Three years after the due date of payment upon which refund or credit is claimed; or
- (2) One year after which such payment was actually made.

b. Six months from the date of final disposition of any federal income tax matter with respect to the particular tax year. The taxpayer, however, must have notified the department of the matter within six months after the specified three-year period. The term “matter” includes, but is not limited to the execution of waivers and commencement of audits. The refund is limited to those matters between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service which affect Iowa taxable income. *Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987).

c. For federal audits finalized on or after July 1, 1991, the taxpayer must claim a refund or credit within six months of final disposition of any federal income tax matter with respect to the particular tax year regardless when the tax year ended. It is not necessary for the taxpayer to have previously notified the department within the period of limitations specified in 504.3(5) “a”(1) of a matter between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service in order to receive a refund or credit. The term “matter” includes, but is not limited to, the execution of waivers and commencement of audits. The refund or credit is limited to those matters between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service which affect Iowa taxable income. *Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987).

d. Three years after the due date of the return for the year in which a net operating loss or capital loss occurs, which if carried back results in a reduction of tax in a prior period and an overpayment results.

**504.3(6)** Reserved.

**504.3(7)** Refunds—statute of limitations for taxpayers who paid 90 percent of the tax by the due date and filed the original return in the six-month extended period. If a taxpayer has paid 90 percent of the income tax required to be shown due by the original due date of the return and has filed the original income tax return sometime in the six-month extended period after the original due date, the taxpayer may file an amended return within three years of the extended due date of the return and shall be within the statute of limitations for refund. This position is supported by the Iowa Supreme Court in *Conoco, Inc. v. Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance*, 477 N.W.2d 377 (Iowa 1991). See also 701—subrule 301.2(4) which pertains to the extended period for filing the Iowa income tax return when 90 percent of the tax is paid by the original due date of the Iowa income tax return.

EXAMPLE 1. Corporation A had paid at least 90 percent of the tax shown due on its Iowa corporation income tax return for the year ending December 31, 1999, by the April 30 original due date and filed its original 1999 Iowa return on May 15, 2000. Corporation A determined that it was entitled to claim additional deductions on the original 1999 Iowa return, so Corporation A filed an amended 1999 return on October 31, 2003. The amended return was filed within the three-year statute of limitations for refund since it was filed within three years of the extended due date of the return, October 31, 2000. The six-month extended due date applied in this case because the original return was filed within the six-month extended period.

EXAMPLE 2. Corporation B paid 90 percent of the tax shown due on its return for the period ending June 30, 2000, by the October 31 original due date and filed the original return on or before the October 31, 2000, original due date for this return. Corporation B determined that when it filed the original Iowa return for the period ending June 30, 2000, Corporation B failed to claim an Iowa credit for increasing research activities. Corporation B filed an amended Iowa return on November 15, 2003, to claim the Iowa credit for increasing research activities. This amended return was rejected by the department because

it was not filed within three years of the due date of the return. Although Corporation B had paid 90 percent of the tax by the due date, the due date was not extended because the original return had been filed by the due date of October 31, 2000.

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CHAPTER 505  
ESTIMATED TAX FOR CORPORATIONS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]

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**701—505.1(422) Who must pay estimated tax.**

**505.1(1) General rule.** Every corporate taxpayer, including both domiciliary and nondomiciliary corporations, shall pay estimated tax if the amount of tax payable, less credits, can reasonably be expected to be more than \$1,000 for the calendar or fiscal year. The amount of estimated tax paid shall be used as a credit on the Iowa corporate income tax return.

**505.1(2) Definition.** For purposes of this division, “estimated tax” means the amount which the taxpayer estimates to be the tax due and payable under division III of Iowa Code chapter 422.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.85.

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**701—505.2(422) Time for filing and payment of tax.**

**505.2(1) Time for filing.**

*a. General rule.* The date for filing the first estimated tax payment is on or before the last day of the fourth month of the tax year. The estimated tax form is to be filed with Corporate Estimate Processing, P.O. Box 10466, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

*b. Amended estimates.* Generally, whenever a taxpayer who is required to make estimated tax payments has reason to believe that the taxpayer’s Iowa income tax may increase or decrease, an amended estimate shall be filed at such time to reflect the increase or decrease in estimated Iowa income tax. The amended estimate shall be made on or before the next installment date. The unpaid balance after amending the estimate should be paid in equal installments on the remaining payment dates.

**505.2(2) Payment of estimated tax.**

*a. General rule.* Estimates may be paid in full at the time of the first filing or in four equal installments. The taxpayer may also elect to pay any installment prior to the date prescribed.

*b. Calendar year.* The first installment for a corporation filing on a calendar-year basis is due by April 30. The other installments, if applicable, shall be paid on or before June 30, September 30, and December 31, of the current year.

*c. Fiscal year.* The installment dates for a corporation filing on a fiscal-year basis are:

Installment No. 1. The last day of the fourth month of the fiscal year.

Installment No. 2. The last day of the sixth month of the fiscal year.

Installment No. 3. The last day of the ninth month of the fiscal year.

Installment No. 4. The last day of the twelfth month of the fiscal year.

*d. Electronic transfer payments.* For installments due on or after April 1, 1990, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990, installments shall be made electronically in a format and by means specified by the department of revenue when total corporate tax liability for the tax year prior to the tax year just completed exceeds \$80,000. Estimated tax declaration forms are not required to be filed when electronic transmission of installments is done in the prescribed format by specified means. Installments transmitted electronically are considered to have been made on the date that the deposit or remittance is added to the bank account designated by the treasurer of the state of Iowa.

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**701—505.3(422) Special estimate periods.**

**505.3(1) Short taxable year.** A corporation having a taxable year of less than 12 months shall pay estimated tax if anticipating an Iowa tax liability of more than \$1,000 for that short taxable year.

*a. Short taxable year where a new corporation first commences doing business.* In filing the first estimated tax payment, the taxpayer shall state the tax period that the estimated tax payment covers.

(1) If the tax year is three months or less, no estimated tax payment need be made.

(2) If the tax year is greater than three months but not more than four months and the estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the fourth month, the estimated tax shall be paid based upon the taxable income for the first three months.

(3) If the tax year is greater than four months but not more than six months and the first estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the fourth month, the estimated tax shall be paid in two equal installments. The first installment shall be due the last day of the fourth month based on the first three months' taxable income annualized by multiplying the taxable income by the number of months in the tax year and dividing by three. The second installment shall be due the last day of the tax year.

If the first estimated tax payment is required to be made after the fourth month, the estimated tax payment shall be made on the last day of the tax year and the estimated tax shall be paid in one installment based upon the taxable income for the first four months if the tax year ends during the fifth month, or for the first five months if the tax year ends during the sixth month.

(4) If the tax year is greater than four months, but not more than nine months, and the first estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the fourth month, the estimated tax shall be paid in three equal installments. The first installment shall be due the last day of the fourth month based on the first three months' taxable income annualized by multiplying the taxable income by the number of months in the tax year and dividing by three. The second installment shall be due the last day of the sixth month of the tax year. The third installment shall be due the last day of the tax year.

If the first estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the sixth month of the tax year, the estimated tax shall be paid in two equal installments. The first installment shall be due on the last day of the sixth month based upon the first five months' taxable income annualized by multiplying the taxable income by the number of months in the tax year and dividing by five. The second installment shall be due on the last day of the tax year.

If the first estimated tax payment is required to be made after the last day of the sixth month of the tax year, the estimated tax payment shall be made on the last day of the tax year and the estimated tax shall be paid in one installment based on the taxable income for the first seven months if the tax year ends during the eighth month, or for the first eight months if the tax year ends during the ninth month.

(5) If the tax year is greater than four months, but not more than eleven months, and the first estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the fourth month, the estimated tax shall be paid in four equal installments. The first installment shall be due the last day of the fourth month based upon the first three months' income annualized by multiplying the taxable income by the number of months in the tax year and dividing by three. The second installment shall be due on the last day of the sixth month of the tax year. The third installment shall be due on the last day of the ninth month of the tax year. The fourth installment shall be due the last day of the tax year.

If the first estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the sixth month of the tax year, the estimated tax shall be paid in three equal installments. The first installment shall be due on the last day of the sixth month based upon the first five months' taxable income annualized by multiplying the taxable income by the number of months in the tax year and dividing by five. The second installment shall be due the last day of the ninth month of the tax year. The third installment shall be due on the last day of the tax year.

If the first estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the ninth month of the tax year, the estimated tax shall be paid in two equal installments. The first installment shall be due on the last day of the ninth month, based upon the first eight months' taxable income annualized by multiplying the taxable income by the number of months in the tax year and dividing by eight. The second installment shall be due the last day of the tax year.

If the first estimated tax payment is required to be made after the last day of the ninth month of the tax year, the estimated tax payment shall be made on the last day of the tax year and the estimated tax shall be paid in one installment based upon the taxable income for the first nine months if the tax year ends during the tenth month or for the first ten months if the tax year ends during the eleventh month.

(6) If during the tax year, the taxpayer determines that its tax year will be different than the tax year specified in its original payment of estimated tax, the remaining estimated tax payments, if any, shall be based upon the above schedule.

*b.* Short taxable year where the taxpayer is liquidated during the tax year or where under any provision of the Internal Revenue Code the taxpayer is required to file a return for a period of less than 12 months.

(1) If the tax year is 3 months or less, no estimated tax payment need be made.

(2) If the tax year is greater than 3 months, an estimated tax payment shall be made the same as if the taxpayer's tax year is a full 12 months except that the final installment shall be due the last day of the tax year.

(3) Special exception to penalty. If the taxpayer uses the exception under Iowa Code subsection 422.89(1) to avoid the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax, no penalty will accrue if the following conditions are met: (a) The total amount of all payments of estimated tax made on or before the last date prescribed for the payment of estimated tax equals the prior year's tax multiplied by the number of months in the short tax year and divided by 12, and (b) a return for the preceding tax year of a full 12 months showing a tax liability was filed by the taxpayer.

**505.3(2) *Doing business in Iowa less than a full year.***

*a. General rule.* A corporation which commences or ceases to do business in this state during any part of the year shall determine its Iowa estimated tax on that portion of income earned while doing business in this state.

*b. Example.* A corporation which first begins doing business in this state on April 15, under the provisions of Iowa Code section 422.33, and which expects a tax liability of \$1500, must make its first payment of estimated tax of \$500 by June 30, and pay the remaining balance of \$1000 in two equal installments of \$500 each by September 30 and December 31 of the tax year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.92.

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**701—505.4(422) Reporting forms.** Corporations which have paid estimated tax in the prior year will receive by mail a preaddressed reporting form unless requirements for electronic transmission of installments are met. Blank reporting forms are available from the department for those making an estimate for the first time, or when the preaddressed form is misplaced or lost.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.21.

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**701—505.5(422) Penalties.** Failure to file and underpayment of estimated tax.

**505.5(1) *Underpayment penalty.***

*a.* A penalty is imposed for underpayment of the estimated tax by the taxpayer. This underpayment penalty is imposed whether or not there was reasonable cause for the underpayment. The Iowa penalty for underpayment of estimated tax is computed on Form IA 2220.

*b.* The amount of the underpayment penalty is determined at the statutory rate upon the amount of underpayment of the estimated tax for the period from the date the amount is required to be paid until the last day of the fourth month following the close of the income year, or the date the underpayment is paid, whichever is earlier.

**EXAMPLE.** A calendar year corporation is required to make four equal estimated payments of \$2,500 in the current year to meet the exception to the underpayment of estimated tax penalty. The corporation does not make a first quarter estimated payment which was due on April 30, but makes an estimated payment of \$5,000 for the second quarter on June 30. The corporation is subject to the underpayment of estimated tax penalty for the period from April 30 to June 30, when the underpayment was paid.

**505.5(2) *Exception to imposition of the underpayment penalty.***

*a. In general.* The underpayment penalty will not be imposed for any underpayment if, on or before the date prescribed for payment, the total amount of all payments made of the estimated tax equals or exceeds the amount which would have been required to be paid on or before such date if the estimated tax were the least of the following amounts:

(1) The tax shown on the return for the preceding taxable year, provided that the preceding taxable year was a taxable year of 12 months and a return showing a tax liability was filed for such year;

(2) An amount equal to a tax determined on the basis of the tax rates for the taxable year but otherwise on the basis of the facts shown on the return for the preceding taxable year if the taxable year was a taxable year of 12 months or, if the preceding taxable year was a taxable year of less than 12 months, then by placing the income on an annual basis and the law applicable to the preceding year, in the case of a taxpayer required to file a return for the preceding taxable year; or

(3) For tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2012, an amount equal to 90 percent of the tax determined by placing on an annual basis the net income for the first 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, or 11 months of the taxable year, whichever is applicable. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, an amount equal to 100 percent of the tax determined by placing on an annual basis the net income for the first 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, or 11 months of the taxable year, whichever is applicable. The net income so determined shall be placed on an annual basis by multiplying it by 12, and dividing the resulting amount by the number of months in the taxable year for which the net income was so determined.

*b. Statement of exception.* If there has been an underpayment of the amount of the estimated tax, and the taxpayer believes that one or more of the exceptions to the penalty precludes the assertion of the underpayment penalty, the taxpayer should attach a statement showing the applicability of any exception upon which the taxpayer relies.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.88 and 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 422.89 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328.

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#### **701—505.6(422) Overpayment of estimated tax.**

**505.6(1)** *Refund of overpayment of estimated tax.* Any overpayment of estimated tax, at the taxpayer's election, of \$5 or more will be refunded with interest without a claim for refund being filed. If the overpayment is less than \$5, it will be refunded only if the taxpayer files a claim for refund within 12 months after the due date of the return.

**505.6(2)** *Interest on refunds of overpayments of estimated tax.* Interest begins to accrue on the first day of the second calendar month following the date of payment or the date the return was due to be filed, or was filed, whichever is the latest. The rate of interest shall be that set forth in rule 701—10.2(421).

**505.6(3)** *Credit to next year's tax.* In lieu of claiming a refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the next year's tax liability. The election may not be changed after the due date for filing the return considering any extension of time to file. If the taxpayer elects to have the overpayment credited to the next year's tax liability, the overpayment will be credited to the first installment if the overpayment arose on or before the due date of the return. If the overpayment arises after the due date of the return, the overpayment will be credited to the first installment due after the date of payment. The taxpayer may, by a written election included with the filing of the return, elect to have the overpayment credited to a different installment. Revenue Ruling 84-58.

This subrule is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984.

**505.6(4)** *Estimated tax carryforwards and how the carryforward amounts are affected under different circumstances.*

*a.* Estimated tax carryforward and how the amount of carryover credit is affected by error on return. If a state return is timely filed with an overpayment shown on the return and the overpayment is to be credited to the taxpayer's estimated payments for the following year, the amount credited to estimated payments will be affected by an error on the return. Thus, if the error on the return is corrected and results in a smaller overpayment than was shown when the return was filed, the credit to estimated tax from the return will be reduced accordingly.

EXAMPLE: Corporation X filed its 1994 return on April 20, 1995, showing an overpayment of \$400 and a credit to 1995 estimated tax of \$400. During processing of the return, it was determined that 50 percent of the federal income tax refund received was subtracted from net income instead of being added to net income. Correction of this error resulted in an overpayment of \$200 instead of \$400. Thus, the amount credited to the taxpayer's estimated payments for 1995 was \$200 instead of the \$400 shown on



the return form. The department notified Corporation X of the error and advised that only \$200 was being credited to the taxpayer's estimated tax for 1995 instead of the \$400 shown on the return.

*b.* Estimated tax credit carryover, the carryforward amount affected by amended return. A taxpayer timely files an original return with an overpayment and with the overpayment credited to the following year's estimated tax payments. If the taxpayer files an amended return correcting an error on the original return and with a different amount credited to estimated tax than on the original return, the credit amount from the amended return will be credited to estimated tax, if the amended return is filed before the last day of the following tax year. Thus, if an amended return for tax year ending September 30, 1995, is filed by September 30, 1996, the amount shown as a credit to estimated tax from that amended return will be the amount credited to the taxpayer's September 30, 1996, estimated tax instead of the amount credited from the original September 30, 1995, return.

EXAMPLE: Corporation X filed its original September 30, 1995, return on January 15, 1996, with an overpayment of \$500 and all of the overpayment credited to its estimated tax for the tax year ending September 30, 1996. Later, in 1996, X determined that it had failed to claim a deduction on the return for depreciation on some business equipment it acquired in tax year ended September 30, 1995. Therefore, X filed an amended Iowa return for tax year ending September 30, 1995, on July 15, 1996, showing an overpayment of \$700 and a credit to estimated tax of the same amount. X's amended return was filed on or before September 30, 1996, so the \$700 credit to X's estimated tax for tax year ending September 30, 1996, from the amended return was allowed.

Note that if the amended return had not been filed until sometime in October 1996, the credit from X's original return would have been applied to X's estimated payments for tax year ending September 30, 1996. Since the amended return would have been filed too late for purposes of crediting the overpayment to the taxpayer's estimated tax for the next year, the department would issue X a refund of \$200 which is the portion of the overpayment from the amended return that had not been credited to estimated tax from the original return for tax year ending September 30, 1995.

*c.* Estimated tax carryforward and how the amount of carryover credit is affected by state tax liability or other state liability of the taxpayer. A taxpayer who files an Iowa return with an overpayment shown on the return and elects to have the overpayment credited to the taxpayer's estimated tax for the next tax year will not have the overpayment credited to estimated tax, if the taxpayer has tax liabilities or other liabilities with the state that are subject to setoff. Other liabilities with the state that are subject to setoff are those liabilities described in Iowa Code section 8A.504. These liabilities are for district court debts, and any other debts of the taxpayer with a board, commission, department, or other administrative office or unit of the state of Iowa.

EXAMPLE: Corporation Z filed its 1994 Iowa return in April 1995 showing an overpayment of \$400 and a credit to 1995 estimated tax of \$400. During processing of Corporation Z's 1994 return it was determined that Corporation Z had a liability of \$150 from its 1993 Iowa return. Thus, \$150 of the 1994 overpayment was offset against the tax liability from the 1993 return. The remaining portion of the 1994 overpayment of \$250 was credited to Corporation Z's estimated tax for 1995.

**505.6(5)** *Accrual of interest on an assessment of additional tax.* If the taxpayer has not elected to have an overpayment credited to an installment other than the first installment, interest shall accrue on an assessment of additional tax as follows. If the overpayment was credited to the first installment, interest on an assessment of additional tax shall accrue from the due date of the return. If the overpayment was credited to an installment due after the overpayment arose, interest shall accrue from the date the return was filed. Interest on that portion of an assessment greater than the overpayment shall accrue from the due date of the return.

If the taxpayer has elected to have an overpayment of estimated tax credited to an installment other than the first, interest shall accrue on any assessment of additional tax up to the amount of the overpayment from the date the return was filed with the department. Interest on any assessment of additional tax greater than the amount of the overpayment shall accrue from the due date of the return, *Avon Products, Inc. v. United States*, 588 F.2d 342 (2nd Cir. 1978), Revenue Ruling 84-58.

This subrule is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.91.

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CHAPTERS 506 to 599  
Reserved



TITLE VII  
FRANCHISE TAX  
CHAPTER 600  
ADMINISTRATION

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—600.1(422) Definitions.**

**600.1(1)** When the word “*department*” appears herein, it refers to and is synonymous with the “Iowa Department of Revenue”; the word “*director*” is the “Director of Revenue” or the director’s authorized assistants and employees; the word “*tax*” is the “franchise tax on financial institutions”; and the word “*return*” is the “franchise tax return.”

The administration of the franchise tax is a responsibility of the department. The department is charged with the administration of the franchise tax, subject always to the rules, regulations and direction of the director.

**600.1(2)** Effective June 1, 1989, the term “financial institution” as used in division V of Iowa Code chapter 422 and in 701—Chapters 600 to 604 includes an Iowa chartered bank, a state bank chartered under the laws of any other state, a nationally chartered bank, a trust company, a federally chartered savings and loan association, a non-Iowa chartered savings bank, a financial institution chartered by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, a non-Iowa chartered savings and loan association, an association incorporated or authorized to do business under Iowa Code chapter 534 or a production credit association.

Effective July 1, 2012, the term “financial institution” as used in division V of Iowa Code chapter 422 and in 701—Chapters 600 to 604 includes an Iowa chartered bank, a state bank chartered under the laws of any other state, a nationally chartered bank, a trust company, a federally chartered savings and loan association, a non-Iowa chartered savings bank, a financial institution chartered by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, a non-Iowa chartered savings and loan association or a production credit association.

Unincorporated privately held financial institutions are exempt from the franchise tax filing requirements.

**600.1(3)** The term “*Internal Revenue Code*” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 prior to the date of its redesignation as the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, whichever is applicable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.61 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2202.

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**701—600.2(422) Statutes of limitation.**

**600.2(1) *Periods of audit.***

*a.* The department has three years after a return has been filed or three years after the return became due, including any extensions of time for filing, whichever time is the later, to determine whether any additional tax other than that shown on the return is due and owing. This three-year statute of limitation does not apply in the instances specified below in paragraphs “*b*,” “*c*,” “*d*,” “*e*,” “*f*,” and “*g*.”

*b.* If a taxpayer fails to include in the taxpayer’s return such items of gross income as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, as will under that Code extend the statute of limitations for federal tax purposes to six years, the correct amount of tax due may be determined by the department within six years from the time the return is filed, or within six years after the return became due, including any extension of time for filing, whichever time is the later.

*c.* If the taxpayer files a false or fraudulent return with intent to evade tax, the correct amount of tax due may be determined by the department at any time after the return has been filed.

*d.* If a taxpayer fails to file a return, the statutes of limitation so specified in Iowa Code section 422.25 do not begin to run until the return is filed with the department.

*e.* While the burden of proof of additional tax owing under the six-year period or the unlimited period is upon the department, a prima facie case of omission of income, or of making a false or fraudulent

return, shall be made upon a showing of a federal audit of the same income, a determination by federal authorities that the taxpayer omitted items of gross income or made a false or fraudulent return, and the payment by the taxpayer of the amount claimed by the federal government to be the correct tax or the admission by the taxpayer to the federal government of liability for that amount.

*f.* In addition to the periods of limitation set forth in paragraph “a,” “b,” “c,” “d,” or “e,” the department has six months after notification by the taxpayer of the final disposition of any matter between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service with respect to any particular tax year to make an examination and determination. Final disposition of any matter between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service triggers the extension of the statute of limitations for the department to make an examination and determination and the extension runs until six months after the department receives notification and a copy of the federal document showing the final disposition or final federal adjustments from the taxpayer, *Van Dyke v. Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance*, 547 N.W.2d 1. This examination and determination is limited to those matters between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service which affect Iowa taxable income. *Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987). The notification shall be in writing in any form sufficient to inform the department of final disposition, and attached thereto shall be a photo reproduction or carbon copy of the federal document which shows the final disposition and any schedules necessary to explain the federal adjustments. The notification and copy of the federal document shall be mailed, under separate cover, to the Examination Section, Compliance Division, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10456, Des Moines, Iowa 50306. Any notification and copy of the federal document which is included in, made a part of, or mailed with a current year Iowa franchise tax return will not be considered as proper notification for the purposes of beginning the running of the six-month period.

When a taxpayer’s income or loss is included in a consolidated federal corporation income tax return, notification shall include a schedule of adjustments to the taxpayer’s income, a copy of the revenue agent’s tax computation, a schedule of revised foreign tax credit on a separate company basis if applicable, and a schedule of consolidating income statements after federal adjustments.

*g.* In lieu of the above periods of limitation for any prior year for which an overpayment of tax or an elimination or reduction of any underpayment of tax due for that prior year results from the carryback to such prior year of a net operating loss or net capital loss, the period shall be the period of limitations for the taxable year of the net operating loss or net capital loss which results in such carryback.

*h.* The department may, at any time within the period prescribed for assessment or refund adjustment, make a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment whenever it is ascertained that any assessment or refund adjustment is imperfect or incomplete in any respect.

If an assessment or refund adjustment is appealed (protested under rule 701—7.9(17A)) and is resolved whether by informal proceedings or by adjudication, the department and the taxpayer are precluded from making a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment concerning the same issue involved in such appeal for the same tax period unless there is a showing of mathematical or clerical error or a showing of fraud or misrepresentation. Nothing in this rule shall prevent the making of an assessment or refund adjustment for the purpose of taking into account the impact upon Iowa net income of federal audit adjustments.

**600.2(2)** Reserved.

**600.2(3)** *Waiver of statute of limitations.* Waivers entered into on or after July 1, 1989. When the department and the taxpayer enter into an agreement to extend the period of limitation, interest continues to accrue on an assessed deficiency or overpayment during the period of the waiver. The taxpayer may claim a refund during the period of the waiver.

**600.2(4)** *Amended returns filed within 60 days of the expiration of the statute of limitations for assessment.* If a taxpayer files an amended return on or after April 1, 1995, within 60 days prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations for assessment, the department has 60 days from the date the amended return is received to issue an assessment for applicable tax, interest, or penalty.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.25 and 422.66.

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**701—600.3(422) Retention of records.**

**600.3(1)** Every financial institution subject to the tax imposed by Iowa Code section 422.60 (whether or not the financial institution incurs liability for the tax) shall retain its books and records as required by Section 6001 of the Internal Revenue Code and federal income tax regulation 1.6001-1(e) including the federal schedules required by 701—subrule 601.3(2). For taxpayers using an electronic data interchange process or technology also see 701—subrule 11.4(4).

**600.3(2)** In addition, records relating to computation of the Iowa apportionment factor, allocable income, other deductions or additions to federal taxable income, and Iowa tax credits shall be retained so long as the contents may be material in the administration of the Iowa Code under the statutes of limitation for audit specified in Iowa Code section 422.25.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.25 and 422.70.

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**701—600.4(422) Authority for deductions.** Whether and to what extent deductions shall be allowed depends upon specific legislative Acts, and only where there is a clear provision can any particular deduction be allowed. Therefore, a deduction will be allowed only if the taxpayer can establish the validity and correctness of such a deduction. *71 Am. Jur. 2d State and Local Taxation, subsection 518 (1973).*

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.35 and 422.61.

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**701—600.5(422) Jeopardy assessments.**

**600.5(1)** A jeopardy assessment may be made where a return has been filed and the director believes for any reason that collection of the tax will be jeopardized by delay, or where a taxpayer fails to file a return, whether or not formally called upon to file a return. The department is authorized to estimate the income of the taxpayer upon the basis of available information, add penalty and interest, and demand immediate payment.

**600.5(2)** A jeopardy assessment is due and payable when the notice of the assessment is served upon the taxpayer. Proceedings to enforce the payment of the assessment by seizure or sale of any property of the taxpayer may be instituted immediately.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.30 and 422.66.

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**701—600.6(422) Information deemed confidential.** Iowa Code section 422.72 applies generally to the director, deputies, auditors, examiners, agents, present or former officers and employees of the department. Disclosure of information from a taxpayer's filed return or report or other confidential state information by department of revenue personnel to a third person is prohibited under Iowa Code section 422.72. See 701—subrule 5.8(3).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.66 and 422.72.

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**701—600.7** Reserved.

**701—600.8(422) Delegation to audit and examine.** Pursuant to statutory authority the director delegates to the authorized assistants and employees the power to examine returns and make audits, and to determine the correct amount of tax due, subject to review by or appeal to the director.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.66 and 422.70.

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CHAPTER 601  
FILING RETURNS, PAYMENT OF TAX, PENALTY AND INTEREST,  
AND TAX CREDITS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—601.1(422) Who must file.** Every financial institution as defined in 701—subrule 600.1(2), regardless of net income, shall file a true and accurate return of its income or loss for the taxable period. The return shall be signed by the president or other duly authorized officer. If the financial institution was inactive or not doing business within Iowa, although qualified to do so, during the taxable year, the return must contain a statement to that effect.

**601.1(1) *Income tax of financial institutions in liquidation.*** When a financial institution is in the process of liquidation, or in the hands of a receiver, the franchise tax returns must be made under oath or affirmation of the persons responsible for the conduct of the affairs of such financial institutions, and must be filed at the same time and in the same manner as required of other financial institutions.

**601.1(2) *Franchise tax returns for financial institutions dissolved.*** Financial institutions which have been dissolved during the income year must file franchise tax returns for the period prior to dissolution which has not already been covered by previous returns. Officers and directors are responsible for the filing of the returns and for the payment of taxes, if any, for the audit period provided by law.

Where a financial institution dissolves and disposes of its assets without making provision for the payment of its accrued Iowa franchise tax, liability for the tax follows the assets so distributed and upon failure to secure the unpaid amount, suit to collect the tax may be instituted against the stockholders and other persons receiving the property, to the extent of the property received, except bona fide purchasers or others as provided by law.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.60 and 422.61.  
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**701—601.2(422) Time and place for filing return.**

**601.2(1) *Returns of financial institutions.*** A return of income for all financial institutions must be filed on or before the delinquency date. The delinquency date for all financial institutions is the day following the last day of the fourth month following the close of the taxpayer's taxable year, whether the return is made on the basis of the calendar year or the fiscal year; or the day following the last day of the period covered by an extension of time granted by the director. When the last day prior to the delinquency date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the return will be timely if it is filed on the following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. Iowa Code section 421.9A contains additional information on due dates that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. If a return is placed in the mail, properly addressed and postage paid in ample time to reach the department on or before the delinquency date for filing, no penalty will attach should the return not be received until after that date. Mailed returns should be addressed to Franchise Tax Processing, P.O. Box 10413, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

**601.2(2) *Short period returns.*** Where under a provision of the Internal Revenue Code, a financial institution is required to file a tax return for a period of less than 12 months, a short period Iowa franchise tax return must be filed for the same period. The delinquency date for the short period return is 45 days after the federal due date not considering any federal extension of time to file.

**601.2(3) *Extension of time for filing returns for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1991.*** See 701—subrule 301.2(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.24, 422.62, and 422.66.  
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**701—601.3(422) Form for filing.**

**601.3(1) *Use and completeness of prescribed forms.*** Returns shall be made by financial institutions on forms supplied by the department. Taxpayers not supplied with the proper forms shall make application for same to the department in ample time to have their returns made, verified and filed on or before the delinquency date. Taxpayers shall carefully prepare their returns so as to fully and clearly

set forth the data required. For lack of a prescribed form, a statement made by a taxpayer disclosing the taxpayer's gross income and the deductions therefrom may be accepted as a tentative return, and if verified and filed within the prescribed time, will relieve the taxpayer from liability to penalties, provided that without unnecessary delay such a tentative return is replaced by a return made on the proper form. Each question shall be answered and each direction complied with in the same manner as if the forms and instructions were embodied in these rules.

Failure to receive the proper forms does not relieve the taxpayer from the obligation of making any return required by the statute.

Returns received which are not completed, but merely state "see schedule attached" are not considered to be a properly filed return and may be returned to the taxpayer for proper completion. This may result in the imposition of penalties and interest due to the return being filed after the due date.

**601.3(2) Form for filing—financial institutions.** Financial institutions as defined by Iowa Code section 422.61(1) shall include a true and accurate copy of their federal corporation income tax return as filed with the Internal Revenue Service with the filing of their Iowa return. At a minimum this return includes the following federal schedules: income statement, balance sheet, reconciliation of income per books with income per return, analysis of unappropriated retained earnings per books, dividend income and special deductions, capital gains, tax computation and tax deposits, work opportunity credit computation, foreign tax credit computation, alternative minimum tax computation, and statements detailing other income and other deductions.

When a financial institution whose income is included in a consolidated federal income tax return files an Iowa return, federal consolidating income statements as properly computed for federal income tax purposes showing the income and expenses of each member of the consolidated group shall be required together with the following additional schedules on a separate basis:

- a. Capital gains.
- b. Dividend income and special deductions.
- c. Work opportunity credit computation.
- d. Foreign tax credit computation.
- e. Holding company tax computation.
- f. Alternative minimum tax computation.
- g. Schedules detailing other income and other deductions.

**601.3(3) Amended returns.** If it becomes known to the taxpayer that the amount of income reported to be federal net income or Iowa taxable income subject to franchise tax was erroneously stated on the Iowa return, or changed by Internal Revenue Service audit, or otherwise, the taxpayer shall file an amended Iowa return along with supporting schedules, to include the amended federal return and a copy of the federal revenue agent's report if applicable. A copy of the federal revenue agent's report and notification of final federal adjustments provided by the taxpayer will be acceptable in lieu of an amended return. The assessment or refund of tax shall be dependent on the statute of limitations as set forth in 701—subrule 600.2(1) and rule 701—603.3(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.62, 422.66 and 422.73.

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#### **701—601.4(422) Payment of tax.**

**601.4(1) Quarterly estimated payments.** Effective for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 1977, financial institutions are required to make quarterly payments of estimated franchise tax. Rules pertaining to the estimated tax are contained in 701—Chapter 604.

**601.4(2) Reserved.**

**601.4(3) Penalty and interest on unpaid tax.** See rule 701—10.6(421) for penalty for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1991. See rule 701—10.7(421) for statutory exemptions to penalty for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1991.

Interest shall accrue on tax due from the original due date of the return. Interest on refunds of any portion of the tax imposed by statute which has been erroneously refunded and which is recoverable by the department shall bear interest as provided by law from the date of payment of the refund, with each

fraction of a month considered to be an entire month. See rule 701—10.2(421) for the statutory interest rate.

All payments shall be first applied to the penalty and then to the interest, and the balance, if any, to the amount of tax due.

**601.4(4) *Payment of tax by uncertified checks.*** The department will accept uncertified checks in payment of franchise taxes, provided such checks are collectible for their full amount without any deduction for exchange or other charges. The date on which the department receives the check will be considered the date of payment, so far as the taxpayer is concerned, unless the check is dishonored. If one check is remitted to cover two or more financial institutions' taxes, the remittance must be accompanied by a letter of transmittal stating:

- a. The name of the drawer of the check;
- b. The amount of the check;
- c. The amount of any cash, money order or other instrument included in the same remittance;
- d. The name of each financial institution whose tax is to be paid by the remittance; and
- e. The amount of payment on account of each financial institution.

**601.4(5) *Procedure with respect to dishonored checks.*** If any check is returned unpaid, all expenses incidental to the collection thereof will be charged to the taxpayer. If any taxpayer whose check has been returned by the depository bank uncollected should fail at once to make the check good, the director will proceed to collect the tax as though no check had been given. A taxpayer who tenders a certified check in payment for taxes is not relieved from the taxpayer's obligation until the check has been paid.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 422.

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#### **701—601.5(422) Minimum tax.**

**601.5(1)** Reserved.

**601.5(2)** For tax years beginning after 1997, a small business corporation or a new corporation, that is a financial institution, for its first year of existence, that through the operation of Internal Revenue Code Section 55(e) is exempt from the federal alternative minimum tax, is not subject to Iowa alternative minimum tax. A small business corporation that is a financial institution may apply any alternative minimum tax credit carryforward to the extent of its regular Iowa franchise tax liability.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the minimum tax is imposed only to the extent that it exceeds the taxpayer's regular tax liability computed under Iowa Code section 422.63. The minimum tax rate is 60 percent of the maximum franchise tax rate rounded to the nearest one-tenth of 1 percent or 3 percent. Minimum taxable income is computed as follows:

	State taxable income as adjusted by Iowa Code sections 422.35 and 422.61(4)
Plus:	Tax preference items, adjustments and losses added back
Less:	Allocable income including allocable preference items
	Subtotal
Times:	Apportionment percentage
	Result
Plus:	Income allocable to Iowa including allocable preference items
Less:	Iowa alternative tax net operating loss deduction
	\$40,000 exemption amount
Equals:	Iowa alternative minimum taxable income

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the items of tax preference are the same items of tax preference under Section 57 except for Subsections (a)(1) and (a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code used to compute federal alternative minimum taxable income. The adjustments to state taxable income are those adjustments required by Section 56 except for Subsections (a)(4), (c)(1), (d), and (g) of the Internal Revenue Code used to compute federal alternative minimum taxable income computed without adjustments and the \$40,000 exemption. The state alternative tax net operating loss deduction shall be

substituted for the amounts in Section 56(g)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1988, in making the adjustment under Section 56(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, interest and dividends from state and other political subdivisions and from regulated investment companies exempt from federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code shall be subtracted net of amortization of any discount or premium. Losses to be added are those losses required to be added by Section 58 of the Internal Revenue Code in computing federal alternative minimum taxable income.

- a. Tax preference items are:
  1. Intangible drilling costs;
  2. Incentive stock options;
  3. Reserves for losses on bad debts of financial institutions;
  4. Appreciated property charitable deductions;
  5. Accelerated depreciation or amortization on certain property placed in service before January 1, 1987.
- b. Adjustments are:
  1. Depreciation;
  2. Mining exploration and development;
  3. Long-term contracts;
  4. Iowa alternative minimum net operating loss deduction;
  5. Book income or adjusted earnings and profits.
- c. Losses added back are:
  1. Farm losses;
  2. Passive activity losses.

Computation of Iowa alternative minimum tax net operating loss deduction.

Net operating losses computed under rule 701—602.2(422) carried forward from tax years beginning before January 1, 1987, are deductible without adjustment.

Net operating losses from tax years beginning after December 31, 1986, which are carried back or carried forward to the current tax year shall be reduced by the amount of tax preferences and adjustments taken into account in computing the net operating loss prior to applying allocation and apportionment. The deduction for a net operating loss from a tax year beginning after December 31, 1986, which is carried back or carried forward shall not exceed 90 percent of the alternative minimum taxable income computed without regard for the net operating loss deduction.

The exemption amount shall be reduced by 25 percent of the amount that the alternative minimum taxable income computed without regard to the \$40,000 exemption exceeds \$150,000. The exemption shall not be reduced below zero.

EXAMPLE: The following example shows the computation of the alternative minimum tax when there are net operating loss carryforwards and carrybacks including an alternative minimum tax net operating loss.

For tax year 1987, the following information is available:

Federal taxable income before NOL	\$ 35,000
Interest exempt from federal tax	5,000
Tax preferences and adjustments	53,400
Iowa income tax expensed on federal	878
Iowa NOL carryforward	<25,000>

For tax year 1988, the following information is available:

Federal taxable income before NOL	\$ <90,000>
Interest exempt from federal tax	4,000
Tax preferences and adjustments	20,000
Iowa franchise tax refund reported on federal	878

The alternative minimum tax for 1987 before the 1988 net operating loss carryback should be computed as follows:

Regular Iowa Tax	
Federal taxable income	\$ 35,000
Add interest exempt from federal tax	5,000
Add Iowa franchise tax expensed	878
Iowa taxable income before NOL carryforward	<u>\$ 40,878</u>
Less NOL carryforward	<u>&lt;25,000&gt;</u>
Iowa taxable income	\$ 15,878
Iowa income tax	\$ 794
Alternative Minimum Tax	
Iowa taxable income before NOL	\$ 40,878
Add preferences and adjustments	53,400
Total	<u>\$ 94,278</u>
Less NOL carryforward*	<u>&lt;25,000&gt;</u>
Iowa alternative taxable income	\$ 69,278
Less exemption amount	<u>&lt;40,000&gt;</u>
Total	\$ 29,278
Times 3%	878
Less regular tax	<u>794</u>
Alternative minimum tax	\$ 84

\*Net operating loss carryforwards from tax years beginning before January 1, 1987, are deductible at 100 percent without reduction for items of tax preference or adjustments arising in the tax year.

The alternative minimum tax for 1987 after the 1988 net operating loss carryback should be computed as follows:

Regular Iowa Tax	
Federal taxable income	\$ 35,000
Add interest exempt from federal tax	5,000
Add Iowa franchise tax expensed	878
Iowa taxable income before NOL carryforward	<u>\$ 40,878</u>
Less NOL carryforward	<u>&lt;25,000&gt;</u>
	\$ 15,878
Less NOL carryback from 1988 <sup>1</sup>	<u>&lt;86,878&gt;</u>
NOL carryforward	\$ <71,000>
Alternative Minimum Tax	
Iowa taxable income before NOL	\$ 40,878
Add preferences and adjustments	53,400
Total	<u>\$ 94,278</u>
Less NOL carryforward from pre-1987 tax year	<u>&lt;25,000&gt;</u>
Total	\$ 69,278
Less alternative minimum tax NOL <sup>2</sup>	<u>&lt;62,350&gt;</u>
Total	\$ 6,928
Less exemption	<u>&lt;40,000&gt;</u>
Alternative minimum taxable income after NOL	\$ -0-

<sup>1</sup>Computation of 1988 Iowa NOL

Federal NOL	\$ <90,000>
Add interest exempt from federal tax	4,000
Less Iowa refund in federal income	<u>&lt;878&gt;</u>
Iowa NOL	\$ <86,878>

<sup>2</sup>Computation of 1988 Alternative Minimum Tax NOL

Iowa NOL	\$ <86,878>
Add preferences and adjustments	<u>20,000</u>
Total	\$ <66,878>
NOL carryback limited to 90% of alternative minimum income before NOL and exemption*	<u>\$ &lt;62,350&gt;</u>
Alternative minimum tax NOL carryforward	\$ 4,528

\*For purposes of the alternative minimum tax, net operating loss carryforward or carryback from tax years beginning after December 31, 1986, must be reduced by items of tax preference and adjustments, and are limited to 90 percent of alternative minimum taxable income before deduction of the post-1986 NOL and the \$40,000 exemption amount ( $\$69,278 \times 90\% = \$62,350$ ).

**601.5(3)** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1986, estimated payments are required for minimum tax.

**601.5(4)** Alternative minimum tax credit for minimum tax paid in a prior tax year. Minimum tax paid in prior tax years commencing with tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, by a taxpayer can be claimed as a tax credit against the taxpayer's regular income tax liability in a subsequent tax year. Therefore, 1988 is the first tax year that the minimum tax credit is available for use, and the credit is based on the minimum tax paid by the taxpayer for 1987. The minimum tax credit may only be used against regular income tax for a tax year to the extent that the regular tax is greater than the tentative minimum tax for the tax year. If the minimum tax credit is not used up against the regular tax for a tax year, the remaining credit is carried to the following tax year to be applied against the regular income tax liability for that period.

*a. Computation of minimum tax credit on Schedule IA 8827F.* The minimum tax credit is computed on Schedule IA 8827F from information on Schedule IA 4626F for prior tax years, Form IA 1120F and Schedule IA 4626F for the current year and from Schedule IA 8827F for prior tax years.

*b. Examples of computation of the minimum tax credit and carryover of the credit.*

EXAMPLE 1. Taxpayer reported \$5,000 of minimum tax for 2011. For 2012, taxpayer reported regular tax of \$8,000, and the minimum tax liability is \$6,000. The minimum tax credit is \$2,000 for 2012 because, although the taxpayer had an \$8,000 regular tax liability, the credit is allowed only to the extent that the regular tax exceeds the minimum tax. Since only \$2,000 of the carryover credit from 2011 was used, there is a \$3,000 minimum tax carryover credit to 2013.

EXAMPLE 2. Taxpayer reported \$2,500 of minimum tax for 2011. For 2012, taxpayer reported regular tax of \$8,000, and the minimum tax liability is \$5,000. The minimum tax credit is \$2,500 for 2012 because, although the regular tax exceeded the minimum tax by \$3,000, the credit is allowed only to the extent of minimum tax paid for prior tax years. There is no minimum tax carryover credit to 2013.

*c. Minimum tax credit after merger.* When two or more financial institutions merge or consolidate into one financial organization, the minimum tax credit of the merged or consolidated operation is available for use by the survivor of the merger or consolidation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.60.

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**701—601.6(422) Refunds and overpayments.**

**601.6(1) to 601.6(8)** Reserved.

**601.6(9)** *For refund claims received by the department after June 11, 1984.* If the amount of tax is reduced as a result of a net operating loss or net capital loss, interest shall accrue on the refund resulting from the loss carryback beginning on the date a claim for refund or amended return carrying back the net operating loss or net capital loss is filed with the department or the first day of the second calendar month following the actual payment date, whichever is later.

**601.6(10)** Reserved.

**601.6(11)** *Interest commencing on or after January 1, 1982.* See rule 701—10.2(421) regarding the rate of interest charged by the department on delinquent taxes and the rate paid by the department on refunds commencing on or after January 1, 1982.

**601.6(12)** Reserved.

**601.6(13)** *Overpayment—interest accruing on overpayments resulting from returns due on or after April 30, 1981.* If the amount of tax determined to be due by the department is less than the amount paid, the excess to be refunded will accrue interest from the first day of the second calendar month following the date of payment or the date the return was due to be filed or was filed, whichever is the later.

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**701—601.7(422) Allocation of franchise tax revenues.** For fiscal years prior to July 1, 2004, each quarterly distribution shall be made up of the tax shown due on the franchise tax returns received during that quarter, net of all refunds of franchise tax established during that quarter. In determining the portion of franchise tax revenues to be distributed to cities and counties for fiscal years prior to July 1, 2004, each financial institution, as defined by Iowa Code section 422.61, is required to submit the appropriate allocation data with the filing of its Iowa franchise tax return. Each financial institution shall accumulate or maintain data to properly determine the business activity ratios as prescribed in subrules 601.7(1) and 601.7(2). The allocation shall be made on the basis of business activity for each office location. The word “office” shall mean a branch office, a drive-in bank depository or any other establishment whereby the business pertaining to the financial institution is carried on.

**601.7(1)** *Business activity determination for a production credit association.* A production credit association shall measure its business activity on the basis of loan volume. “Loan volume” shall mean total loans originated during the taxable period. The business activity for each office location shall be that percentage of loans originated by each office to total loans originated for all office locations during the taxable period.

**601.7(2)** *Business activity determination for a financial institution other than a production credit association.* A financial institution, other than a production credit association, shall measure its business activity on a basis of net deposits. The business activity of each office shall be that percentage of average “savings and demand deposits net of withdrawals” for each office location to the total average “savings and demand deposits net of withdrawals” for all office locations.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.61.

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**701—601.8(15E) Eligible housing business tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, a financial institution may claim on the franchise tax return the pro rata share of the Iowa eligible housing business tax credit from a partnership, limited liability company, estate or trust which has been approved as an eligible housing business by the economic development authority. The enterprise zone program was repealed on July 1, 2014, and the eligible housing business tax credit has been replaced with the workforce housing tax incentives program. See rule 701—601.22(15) for information on the tax incentives provided under the workforce housing tax incentives program. Any investment tax credit earned by businesses approved under the enterprise zone program prior to July 1, 2014, remains valid and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2014.

An eligible housing business may receive a tax credit of up to 10 percent of the new investment which is directly related to the building or rehabilitating of homes in an enterprise zone. The tax credit may be taken on the tax return for the tax year in which the home is ready for occupancy. The portion of the credit claimed by the taxpayer shall be in the same ratio as the taxpayer’s pro-rata share of the earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, estate or trust, except for projects beginning on or

after July 1, 2005, which used low-income housing tax credits authorized under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code to assist in the financing of the housing development. For these projects, the partnership, limited liability company or S corporation may designate the amount of the tax credit to be allocated to each partner, member or shareholder. Any eligible housing business tax credit in excess of the franchise tax liability must be carried forward for seven years or until it is used, whichever is the earlier.

Prior to January 1, 2001, the tax credit cannot exceed 10 percent of \$120,000 for each home or individual unit in a multiple dwelling unit building. Effective January 1, 2001, the tax credit cannot exceed 10 percent of \$140,000 for each home or individual unit in a multiple dwelling unit building.

**601.8(1) *Computation of credit.*** New investment which is directly related to the building or rehabilitating of homes includes but is not limited to the following costs: land, surveying, architectural services, building permits, inspections, interest on a construction loan, building materials, roofing, plumbing materials, electrical materials, amounts paid to subcontractors for labor and materials provided, concrete, labor, landscaping, appliances normally provided with a new home, heating and cooling equipment, millwork, drywall and drywall materials, nails, bolts, screws, and floor coverings.

New investment does not include the machinery, equipment, hand or power tools necessary to build or rehabilitate homes.

If the eligible housing business fails to maintain the requirements of 2014 Iowa Code section 15E.193B to be an eligible housing business, the taxpayer may be required to repay all or a part of the tax incentives the business received. Irrespective of the fact that the statute of limitations to assess the taxpayer for repayment of the income tax credit may have expired, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives forfeited by failure to maintain the requirements of 2014 Iowa Code section 15E.193B. This is because it is a recovery of an incentive, rather than an adjustment to the taxpayer's tax liability. Details on the calculation of the repayment can be found in 261—subrule 187.5(4) of the administrative rules of the economic development authority. If the business is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate or trust where the income of the taxpayer is taxed to the individual owner(s) of the business, the department may proceed to collect the tax incentives against the partners, members, shareholders or beneficiaries to whom the tax incentives were passed through. See Decision of the Administrative Law Judge in *Damien & Colette Trebilcock, et al.*, Docket No. 11DORF 042-044, June 11, 2012.

Effective for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the taxpayer must receive a tax credit certificate from the economic development authority to claim the eligible housing business tax credit. The tax credit certificate shall include the taxpayer's name, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's tax identification number, the date the project was completed, the amount of the eligible housing business tax credit, and the tax year for which the credit may be claimed. In addition, the tax credit certificate shall include a place for the name and tax identification number of a transferee and the amount of the tax credit being transferred, as provided in subrule 601.8(2). The tax credit certificate must be included with the income tax return for the tax period in which the home is ready for occupancy. The administrative rules for the eligible housing business tax credit for the economic development authority may be found under 261—Chapter 59.

**601.8(2) *Transfer of the eligible housing business tax credit.*** For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the eligible housing business tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity if low-income housing tax credits authorized under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code are used to assist in the financing of the housing development. In addition, the eligible housing business tax credit certificates may be transferred to any person or entity for projects beginning on or after July 1, 2005, if the housing development is located in a brownfield site as defined in Iowa Code section 15.291, or if the housing development is located in a blighted area as defined in Iowa Code section 403.17. No more than \$3 million of tax credits for housing developments located in brownfield sites or blighted areas may be transferred in a calendar year, with no more than \$1.5 million being transferred for any one eligible housing business in a calendar year.

The excess of the \$3 million limitation of tax credits eligible for transfer in the 2013 and 2014 calendar years for housing developments located in brownfield sites or blighted areas cannot be claimed by a transferee prior to January 1, 2016. The eligible housing business must have notified the economic



development authority in writing before July 1, 2014, of the business's intent to transfer any tax credits for housing developments located in brownfield sites or blighted areas. If a tax credit certificate is issued by the economic development authority for a housing development approved prior to July 1, 2014, that is located in a brownfield site or blighted area, the tax credit can still be claimed by the eligible business, but the tax credit cannot be transferred by the eligible business if the economic development authority was not notified prior to July 1, 2014.

EXAMPLE 1: A housing development located in a brownfield site was completed in December 2013 and was issued a tax credit certificate totaling \$250,000. The \$3 million calendar cap for transferred tax credits for brownfield sites and blighted areas has already been reached for the 2013 and 2014 tax years. The \$250,000 tax credit is going to be transferred to ABC Bank, and the economic development authority was notified of the transfer prior to July 1, 2014. Once a replacement tax credit certificate has been issued, ABC Bank cannot file an amended Iowa franchise tax return for the 2013 tax year until January 1, 2016, to claim the \$250,000 tax credit.

EXAMPLE 2: A housing development located in a blighted area was completed in May 2014 and was issued a tax credit certificate totaling \$150,000. The \$3 million calendar cap for transferred tax credits for brownfield sites and blighted areas has already been reached for the 2014 tax year. The \$150,000 tax credit is going to be transferred to XYZ Bank and the economic development authority was notified of the transfer prior to July 1, 2014. Once a replacement tax credit certificate has been issued, XYZ Bank cannot file an amended Iowa franchise tax return for the 2014 tax year until January 1, 2016, to claim the \$150,000 tax credit.

Within 90 days of transfer of the tax credit certificate for transfers prior to July 1, 2006, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the economic development authority, along with a statement which contains the transferee's name, address and tax identification number, and the amount of the tax credit being transferred. For transfers on or after July 1, 2006, the transferee must submit the transferred tax credit certificate to the department of revenue. Within 30 days of receiving the transferred tax credit certificate and the statement from the transferee for transfers prior to July 1, 2006, the economic development authority will issue a replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. For transfers on or after July 1, 2006, the department of revenue will issue the replacement tax credit certificate to the transferee. If the transferee is a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, the transferee shall provide a list of the partners, members or shareholders and information on how the housing business tax credit should be divided among the partners, members or shareholders. The transferee shall also provide the tax identification numbers and addresses of the partners, members or shareholders. The replacement tax credit certificate must contain the same information that was on the original certificate and must have the same expiration date as the original tax credit certificate.

The transferee may use the amount of the tax credit for any tax period for which the original transferor could have claimed the tax credit. Any consideration received for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be included in Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes. Any consideration paid for the transfer of the tax credit shall not be deducted from Iowa taxable income for individual income, corporation income or franchise tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement 2014 Iowa Code section 15E.193B.

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**701—601.9(15E) Eligible development business investment tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, a business which qualifies as an eligible development business may receive a tax credit of up to 10 percent of the new investment which is directly related to the construction, expansion or rehabilitation of building space to be used for manufacturing, processing, cold storage, distribution, or office facilities.

An eligible development business must be approved by the Iowa department of economic development prior to March 17, 2004, and meet the qualifications of Iowa Code section 15E.193C. Effective March 17, 2004, the eligible development business program is repealed.

New investment includes the purchase price of land and the cost of improvements made to real property. The tax credit may be claimed by an eligible development business in the tax year in which the construction, expansion or rehabilitation is completed.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If the business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

If the eligible development business fails to meet and maintain any one of the requirements to be an eligible business, the business shall be subject to repayment of all or a portion of the amount of tax incentives received. For example, if within five years of project completion the development business sells or leases any space to any retail business, the development business shall proportionally repay the value of the investment credit. The proportion of the investment credit that would be due for repayment by an eligible development business for selling or leasing space to a retail business would be determined by dividing the square footage of building space occupied by the retail business by the square footage of the total building space.

An eligible business, which is not a development business, which operates in an enterprise zone cannot claim an investment tax credit if the property is owned, or was previously owned, by an approved development business that has already received an investment tax credit. An eligible business, which is not a development business, can claim an investment tax credit only on additional, new improvements made to real property that was not included in the development business's approved application for the investment tax credit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15E.193C.

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**701—601.10(404A,422) Historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, a historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit, subject to the availability of the credit, may be claimed against a taxpayer's Iowa franchise tax liability for 25 percent of the qualified rehabilitation costs to the extent the costs were incurred for the rehabilitation of eligible property in Iowa. For information related to projects with Part 2 applications approved and tax credits reserved prior to July 1, 2014, see rule 701—501.18(404A,422). For information related to projects registered on or after July 1, 2014, and before August 15, 2016, see rule 701—501.47(404A,422). For information related to projects registered on or after August 15, 2016, see rule 701—501.48(404A,422). For projects registered before August 15, 2016, see also the administrative rules for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit for the historical division of the department of cultural affairs under 223—Chapter 48. For projects registered on or after August 15, 2016, see also the administrative rules for the historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit for the economic development authority under 261—Chapter 49.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2016 Iowa Acts, House File 2443, and Iowa Code section 422.60.

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**701—601.11(15E,422) Venture capital credits.**

**601.11(1)** *Investment tax credit for an equity investment in a community-based seed capital fund or qualifying business.*

*a. Equity investments in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund before January 1, 2011.* See rule 123—2.1(15E) for the discussion of the investment tax credit for an equity investment in a community-based seed capital fund or an equity investment made on or after January 1, 2004, in a qualifying business, along with the issuance of tax credit certificates by the Iowa capital investment board, for equity investments made before January 1, 2011.

*b. Equity investments in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund on or after January 1, 2011, and before July 2, 2015.* For equity investments made on or after January 1, 2011, see 261—Chapter 115 for information regarding eligibility for qualifying businesses and community-based seed capital funds, applications for the investment tax credit for equity investments in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund, and the issuance of tax credit certificates by the economic development authority.

(1) Certificate issuance. The department of revenue will be notified by the economic development authority when the tax credit certificates are issued.

(2) Amount of the tax credit. The credit is equal to 20 percent of the taxpayer's equity investment in a qualifying business or community-based seed capital fund.

(3) Year in which the tax credit may be claimed. An investment shall be deemed to have been made on the same date as the date of acquisition of the equity interest as determined by the Internal Revenue Code. For investments made prior to January 1, 2014, a taxpayer shall not claim the tax credit prior to the third tax year following the tax year in which the investment is made. For investments made in qualifying businesses on or after January 1, 2014, the credit can be claimed in the year of the investment, but these investments cannot be redeemed prior to January 1, 2016. For example, if a franchise taxpayer whose tax year ends on December 31, 2012, makes an equity investment during the 2012 calendar year, the franchise taxpayer cannot claim the tax credit until the tax year ending December 31, 2015. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011, the amount of tax credits authorized cannot exceed \$2 million. The tax credit certificate must be included with the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate.

(4) Carried over tax credits. If a tax credit is carried over and issued for the tax year immediately following the year in which the investment was made because the \$2 million cap has been reached, the tax credit may be claimed by the taxpayer for the third tax year following the tax year for which the credit is issued. For example, if a franchise taxpayer whose tax year ends on December 31, 2012, makes an equity investment in December 2012 and the \$2 million cap for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, had already been reached, the tax credit will be issued for the tax year ending December 31, 2013, and cannot be redeemed until the tax year ending December 31, 2016.

(5) Limitations. Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer claims the tax credit. The tax credit is not transferable to any other taxpayer.

(6) Pro rata tax credit claims for certain business entities. For equity investments made in a community-based seed capital fund and equity investments made on or after January 1, 2004, in a qualifying business, an individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

*c. Equity investments in a qualifying business on or after July 2, 2015.* For equity investments made on or after July 2, 2015, see 261—Chapter 115 for information regarding eligibility for qualifying businesses, applications for the investment tax credit for equity investments in a qualifying business, and the issuance of tax credit certificates by the economic development authority.

(1) Certificate issuance. The department of revenue will be notified by the economic development authority when the tax credit certificates are issued.

(2) Amount of the tax credit. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011, the amount of the tax credits authorized cannot exceed \$2 million. The credit is equal to 25 percent of the taxpayer's equity investment in a qualifying business. In any one calendar year, the amount of tax credits issued for any one qualifying business shall not exceed \$500,000.

(3) Year in which the credit may be claimed. A taxpayer shall not claim a tax credit prior to September 1, 2016. The tax credit certificate must be included with the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate. For the purposes of this

paragraph, an investment shall be deemed to have been made on the same date as the date of acquisition of the equity interest as determined by the Internal Revenue Code.

(4) Pro rata tax credit claims for certain business entities. An individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust. Any credits claimed by an individual are subject to the limitations provided in 701—paragraph 304.22(1) "c."

(5) Carryforward period. For a tax credit claimed against the taxes imposed in Iowa Code chapter 422, division V, any tax credit in excess of the taxpayer's liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following three years or until depleted, whichever is earlier.

(6) Refunds, transfers, and carryback prohibited. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer claims the tax credit. The tax credit is not refundable and is not transferable to any other taxpayer.

**601.11(2)** *Investment tax credit for an equity investment in a venture capital fund.* See rule 123—3.1(15E) for the discussion of the investment tax credit for an equity investment in a venture capital fund, along with the issuance of tax credit certificates by the Iowa capital investment board. This credit is repealed for investments in venture capital funds made after July 1, 2010.

The department of revenue will be notified by the Iowa capital investment board when the tax credit certificates are issued. The tax credit certificate must be attached to the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

For equity investments made in a venture capital fund, an individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

**601.11(3)** *Contingent tax credit for investments in Iowa fund of funds.* See rule 123—4.1(15E) for the discussion of the contingent tax credit available for investments made in the Iowa fund of funds organized by the Iowa capital investment corporation. Tax credit certificates related to the contingent tax credits will be issued by the Iowa capital investment board.

The department of revenue will be notified by the Iowa capital investment board when these tax credit certificates are issued and, if applicable, when they are redeemed. If the tax credit certificate is redeemed, the certificate must be attached to the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate.

If the tax credit certificate is redeemed, any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following seven years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If the tax credit certificate is redeemed, an individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

**601.11(4)** *Innovation fund investment tax credit.* See 261—Chapter 116 for information regarding eligibility for an innovation fund, applications for the investment tax credit for investments in an innovation fund, and the issuance of tax credit certificates by the economic development authority.

The department of revenue will be notified by the economic development authority when the tax credit certificates are issued. The credit is equal to 20 percent of the taxpayer's equity investment in an innovation fund. An investment shall be deemed to have been made on the same date as the date of acquisition of the equity interest as determined by the Internal Revenue Code. A taxpayer shall not claim the tax credit prior to the third tax year following the tax year in which the investment is made. For example, if a franchise taxpayer whose tax year ends on December 31, 2012, makes an equity investment

during the 2012 calendar year, the franchise taxpayer cannot claim the tax credit until the tax year ending December 31, 2015. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2011, the amount of tax credits authorized cannot exceed \$8 million. The tax credit certificate must be attached to the taxpayer's return for the tax year in which the credit may be redeemed as stated on the tax credit certificate.

If a tax credit is carried over and issued for the tax year immediately following the year in which the investment was made because the \$8 million cap has been reached, the tax credit may be claimed by the taxpayer for the third tax year following the tax year for which the credit is issued. For example, if a franchise taxpayer whose tax year ends on December 31, 2012, makes an equity investment in December 2012 and the \$8 million cap for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, had already been reached, the tax credit will be issued for the tax year ending December 31, 2013, and cannot be redeemed until the tax year ending December 31, 2016.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until depleted, whichever is the earlier. The tax credit cannot be carried back to a tax year prior to the tax year in which the taxpayer claims the tax credit. The tax credit is not transferable to any other taxpayer.

For equity investments made in an innovation fund, an individual may claim the credit if the investment was made by a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or an estate or trust electing to have the income directly taxed to the individual. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15E.42, 15E.66 and 422.60 and section 15E.43 as amended by 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 138.

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**701—601.12(15) New capital investment program tax credits.** Effective for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2003, a business which qualifies under the new capital investment program is eligible to receive tax credits. An eligible business under the new capital investment program must be approved by the Iowa department of economic development and meet the qualifications of 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 125, section 4. The new capital investment program was repealed on July 1, 2005, and has been replaced with the high quality job creation program. See rules 701—501.28(15) and 701—601.17(15) for information on the tax credits available under the high quality job creation program. Any tax credits earned by businesses approved under the new capital investment program prior to July 1, 2005, remain valid, and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2005.

This rule is intended to implement 2003 Iowa Acts, House File 677, sections 1 to 7, and Iowa Code section 15.333 as amended by 2003 Iowa Acts, House File 677, section 8.

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**701—601.13(15E,422) Endow Iowa tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, a taxpayer who makes an endowment gift to an endow Iowa qualified community foundation may qualify for an endow Iowa tax credit, subject to the availability of the credit. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, but before January 1, 2010, the credit is equal to 20 percent of a taxpayer's endowment gift to an endow Iowa qualified community foundation approved by the Iowa department of economic development. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, the credit is equal to 25 percent of a taxpayer's endowment gift to an endow Iowa qualified community foundation approved by the Iowa department of economic development. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a taxpayer cannot claim a deduction for charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the amount of the contribution for which the tax credit is claimed for Iowa tax purposes. The administrative rules for the endow Iowa tax credit for the Iowa department of economic development may be found under 261—Chapter 47.

The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits available is \$2 million in the aggregate for the 2003 and 2004 calendar years. The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits is \$2 million annually for the 2005-2007

calendar years, and \$200,000 of these tax credits on an annual basis is reserved for endowment gifts of \$30,000 or less. The maximum amount of tax credit granted to a single taxpayer shall not exceed \$100,000 for the 2003-2007 calendar years. The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits annually for the 2008 and 2009 calendar years is \$2 million plus a percentage of the tax imposed on the adjusted gross receipts from gambling games in accordance with Iowa Code section 99F.11(3). The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits annually for 2010 is \$2.7 million plus a percentage of the tax imposed on the adjusted gross receipts from gambling games in accordance with Iowa Code section 99F.11(3). The total amount of endow Iowa tax credits annually for 2011 is \$3.5 million plus a percentage of the tax imposed on the adjusted gross receipts from gambling games in accordance with Iowa Code section 99F.11(3). The maximum amount of tax credit granted to a single taxpayer shall not exceed 5 percent of the total endow Iowa tax credit amount authorized for 2008 and subsequent years. For calendar year 2012 and subsequent calendar years, the total amount of endow Iowa tax credits is \$6 million; the maximum amount of tax credit authorized to a single taxpayer is \$300,000 (\$6 million multiplied by 5 percent). The endow Iowa tax credit cannot be transferred to any other taxpayer.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following five years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

If a taxpayer is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or an estate or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual, an individual may claim the credit. The amount claimed by an individual must be based on the individual's pro rata share of the individual's earnings of the partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, or estate or trust.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15E.305 as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, House File 620, and section 422.60.

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**701—601.14(15I,422) Wage-benefits tax credit.** Effective for tax years ending on or after June 9, 2006, a wage-benefits tax credit, subject to the availability of the credit, equal to a percentage of the annual wages and benefits paid for a qualified new job created by the location or expansion of the business in Iowa is available for eligible financial institutions. For information on the eligibility for the wage-benefits tax credit, how to file applications for the wage-benefits tax credit, how the wage-benefits tax credit is computed, the repeal of the wage-benefits credit effective July 1, 2008, and other details about the credit, see rule 701—501.25(15I,422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 15I as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, House File 2700, section 167, and Iowa Code Supplement section 422.60(10) as amended by 2008 Iowa Acts, House File 2700, section 164.

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**701—601.15(422,476B) Wind energy production tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2006, owners of qualified wind energy production facilities approved by the Iowa utilities board may claim a wind energy production tax credit for qualified electricity sold by the owner against a taxpayer's Iowa franchise tax liability. For information on the application and review process for the wind energy production tax credit, how the wind energy production tax credit is computed, how the wind energy production tax credit can be transferred and other details about the credit, see rule 701—501.26(422,476B). See also the administrative rules for the wind energy production tax credit for the Iowa utilities board in rules 199—15.18(476B) and 199—15.20(476B).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.60 and chapter 476B.

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**701—601.16(422,476C) Renewable energy tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2006, a purchaser or producer of renewable energy whose facility has been approved by the Iowa utilities board may claim a renewable energy tax credit for qualified renewable energy against a taxpayer's Iowa franchise tax liability. For information on the application and review process for the renewable energy tax credit, how the renewable energy tax credit is computed, how the renewable energy

tax credit can be transferred and other details about the credit, see rule 701—501.27(422,476C). See also the administrative rules for the renewable energy tax credit for the Iowa utilities board in rules 199—15.19(476C) and 199—15.21(476C).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.60 and chapter 476C.  
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**701—601.17(15) High quality job creation program.** Effective for tax periods ending on or after July 1, 2005, for programs approved on or after July 1, 2005, but before July 1, 2009, a business which qualifies under the high quality job creation program is eligible to receive tax credits. The high quality job creation program replaces the new jobs and income program and the new capital investment program. An eligible business under the high quality job creation program must be approved by the Iowa department of economic development and meet the qualifications of Iowa Code section 15.329.

The high quality job creation program was repealed on July 1, 2009, and has been replaced with the high quality jobs program. See rule 701—501.40(15) for information on the investment tax credit under the high quality jobs program. Any investment tax credit earned by businesses approved under the high quality job creation program prior to July 1, 2009, remains valid, and can be claimed on tax returns filed after July 1, 2009. The administrative rules for the high quality jobs program for the Iowa department of economic development may be found at 261—Chapter 68.

For information on what credits can be taken under this program, how the investment tax credit is computed and other details about this program, see rule 701—501.28(15). However, the research credit described in subrule 501.28(1) is not available for franchise tax filers.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement chapter 15.  
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**701—601.18(15E,422) Economic development region revolving fund tax credit.** Effective for tax years ending on or after July 1, 2005, but beginning before January 1, 2010, a taxpayer who makes a contribution to an economic development region revolving fund may claim a tax credit, subject to the availability of the credit. The credit is equal to 20 percent of a taxpayer's contribution to the economic development region revolving fund approved by the Iowa department of economic development. The administrative rules for the economic development region revolving fund tax credit for the Iowa department of economic development may be found at 261—Chapter 32. The tax credit is repealed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

The total amount of economic development region revolving fund tax credits available shall not exceed \$2 million per fiscal year. The tax credit shall not be carried back to a tax year prior to the year in which the taxpayer redeems the credit. The economic development region revolving fund tax credit is not transferable to any other taxpayer.

Any credit in excess of the tax liability for the tax year may be credited to the tax liability for the following ten years or until used, whichever is the earlier.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15E.232 and 422.60 as amended by 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2380.  
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**701—601.19(15,422) Film qualified expenditure tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, but beginning before January 1, 2012, a film qualified expenditure tax credit is available for franchise tax. The tax credit is equal to 25 percent of the taxpayer's qualified expenditures in a film, television, or video project registered with the film office of the Iowa economic development authority (the authority). For information on the qualified expenditures eligible for the credit, how the film qualified expenditure tax credit is claimed, how the film qualified expenditure tax credit can be transferred and other details about the credit, see rule 701—501.34(15,422). See also the authority's administrative rules for the film qualified expenditure tax credit at 261—Chapter 36.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.60 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, House File 2337, section 36.  
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**701—601.20(15,422) Film investment tax credit.** Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, but beginning before January 1, 2012, a film investment tax credit is available for franchise tax. The tax credit is equal to 25 percent of the taxpayer's qualified expenditures in a film, television, or video project registered with the film office of the Iowa economic development authority (the authority). For information on how the film investment tax credit is claimed, how the film investment tax credit can be transferred and other details about the credit, see rule 701—501.35(15,422). See also the authority's administrative rules for the film investment tax credit at 261—Chapter 36.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.60 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, House File 2337, section 36.

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**701—601.21(15) High quality jobs program.** Effective for tax periods beginning on or after July 1, 2009, a business which qualifies under the high quality jobs program is eligible to receive tax credits. The high quality jobs program replaces the high quality job creation program. An eligible business under the high quality jobs program must be approved by the Iowa department of economic development and meet the qualifications of Iowa Code section 15.329. The tax credits available under the high quality jobs program are based upon the number of jobs created or retained that pay a qualifying wage threshold and the amount of qualifying investment. The administrative rules for the high quality jobs program for the Iowa department of economic development may be found at 261—Chapter 68.

For information on the credits that may be taken under this program, how the investment tax credit is computed and other details about the program, see rule 701—501.40(15). NOTE: The research credit described in 701—subrule 501.40(1) is not available for franchise tax filers.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 15.

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**701—601.22(422) Solar energy system tax credit.** Effective for installations placed in service during tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, a solar energy system tax credit is available for business property described in Sections 48(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) and 48(a)(2)(A)(i)(III) of the Internal Revenue Code and located in Iowa. The credit is available to financial institutions according to the same requirements, conditions, and limitations as described in rule 701—304.48(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.60(12) "a."

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**701—601.23(15) Workforce housing tax incentives program.** A business which qualifies under the workforce housing tax incentives program is eligible to receive tax incentives for franchise tax. For information on how the workforce housing tax incentives can be claimed, how the investment tax credit can be transferred and other details about the workforce housing tax incentives, see rule 701—501.46(15). The administrative rules for the workforce housing tax incentives program for the economic development authority may be found at 261—Chapter 48.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15.354 and 15.355.

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**701—601.24(422) Deduction of credits.**

**601.24(1) Sequencing of credit deductions.** The credits against computed tax set forth in Iowa Code section 422.60 shall be claimed in the following sequence.

- a. Alternative minimum tax credit (for tax years beginning during 2021 only).
- b. Qualifying business investment tax credit (also known as angel investor tax credit).
- c. Historic preservation tax credit (when the taxpayer has elected that the credit be nonrefundable under Iowa Code section 404A.2(4)).
- d. Innovation fund investment tax credit.
- e. Endow Iowa tax credit.



- f. Redevelopment tax credit.
- g. Workforce housing tax credit.
- h. Hoover presidential library tax credit.
- i. Enterprise zone tax credit.
- j. High quality jobs investment tax credit.
- k. Wind energy production tax credit.
- l. Renewable energy tax credit.
- m. Solar energy system tax credit.
- n. Alternative minimum tax credit (for tax years beginning before January 1, 2021, only).
- o. Historic preservation tax credit (when the taxpayer has elected that the credit be refundable under Iowa Code section 404A.2(4)).
- p. High quality jobs third-party developer tax credit.
- q. Estimated payments, payments with vouchers, and composite tax credits.

**601.24(2) Order of credits carried forward from a previous tax year.** A credit carried forward from a previous tax year shall be applied against computed tax before a credit earned under the same credit program in the current tax year. However, a credit carried forward from a previous tax year cannot be applied against computed tax before a credit awarded under a different credit program in a later year that appears before it in the sequence in subrule 601.24(1). For example, an innovation fund investment tax credit awarded in the current tax year must be applied against computed tax before a renewable energy tax credit carried forward from a previous tax year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.60 and 422.91.  
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**701—601.25(15E,422) Hoover presidential library tax credit.** A Hoover presidential library tax credit is available according to the same requirements, conditions, and limitations as described in rule 701—304.57(15E,422) and 261—Chapter 43.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 15E.364 and 422.60(14) as enacted by 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 588, sections 1 and 4.

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CHAPTER 602  
DETERMINATION OF NET INCOME

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**701—602.1(422) Computation of net income for financial institutions.** “Net income” for state purposes shall mean federal taxable income, before deduction for net operating losses, as properly computed under the Internal Revenue Code, and shall include the adjustments in rules 701—602.2(422) to 701—602.13(422). The remaining provisions of this rule and rules 701—602.14(422) to 701—602.24(422) shall also be applicable in determining net income.

In the case of a financial institution which is a member of an affiliated group of corporations filing a consolidated income tax return for the taxable year for federal income tax purposes, but files a separate return for state purposes, taxable income as properly computed for federal purposes is determined as if the financial institution had filed a separate return for federal income tax purposes for the taxable year and each preceding taxable year for which it was a member of an affiliated group. For purposes of this paragraph, the taxpayer’s separate taxable income shall be determined as if the election provided by Section 243(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code had been in effect for all those years.

When a federal short period return is filed and the federal taxable income is required to be adjusted to an annual basis, the Iowa taxable income shall also be adjusted to an annual basis. The tax liability for a short period is computed by multiplying the taxable income for the short period by 12 and dividing the result by the number of months in the short period. The tax is determined on the resulting total as if it were the taxable income, and the tax computed is divided by 12 and multiplied by the number of months in the short period. This adjustment shall apply only to income attributable to business carried on within the state of Iowa.

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**701—602.2(422) Net operating loss carrybacks and carryovers.** Net operating losses shall be allowed or allowable for Iowa franchise tax purposes to the same extent they are allowed or allowable for federal corporation income tax purposes, provided the following adjustments are made:

**602.2(1) Additions to income.**

- a. Refunds of federal income taxes due to net operating loss, capital loss and investment credit or other credit carrybacks shall not be added for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1980.
- b. Iowa franchise tax deducted on the federal return for the loss year shall be reflected as an addition to income in the year of the loss.
- c. Interest and dividends received in the year of the loss on federally tax-exempt securities shall be reflected as additions to income in the year of the loss.

**602.2(2) Reductions of income.** Iowa franchise tax refunds reported as income for federal income tax purposes in the loss year shall be reflected as reductions of income in the year of the loss.

**602.2(3)** If a financial institution does business both within and without Iowa, it shall make adjustments reflecting the apportionment and allocation of its operating loss on the basis of business done within and without the state of Iowa after completing the provisions of subrules 602.2(1) and 602.2(2).

a. After making the adjustments to federal taxable income as provided in subrules 602.2(1) and 602.2(2), the total net allocable income or loss shall be added to or deducted from, as the case may be, the net federal income or loss as adjusted for Iowa tax purposes. The resulting income or loss so determined shall be subject to apportionment as provided in rules 701—602.25(422) to 701—602.29(422). The apportioned income or loss shall be added or deducted, as the case may be, to the amount of net allocable income or loss properly attributable to Iowa. This amount is the taxable income or net operating loss attributable to Iowa for that year.

b. The net operating loss attributable to Iowa, as determined in rule 701—602.2(422), shall be subject to a 3-year carryback and a 15-year carryover provision for tax years beginning before August 6, 1997. This loss shall be carried back or over to the applicable year as a reduction or part of a reduction

of the net income attributable to Iowa for that year. However, an Iowa net operating loss shall not be carried back to a year in which the taxpayer was not doing business in Iowa. If the election under Section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is made, the Iowa net operating loss shall be carried forward 15 taxable years. A copy of the federal election made under Section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code must be attached to the Iowa corporation income tax return filed with the department.

c. For tax years beginning after August 5, 1997, but before January 1, 2009, a net operating loss attributable to Iowa, as determined in rule 701—602.2(422), incurred in a presidentially declared disaster area by a corporation engaged in a small business or in the trade or business of farming must be carried back 3 taxable years and carried forward 20 taxable years. All other net operating losses attributable to Iowa must be carried back 2 taxable years and carried forward 20 taxable years. This loss shall be carried back or over to the applicable year as a reduction or part of a reduction of the net income attributable to Iowa for that year. However, an Iowa net operating loss shall not be carried back to a year in which the taxpayer was not doing business in Iowa. If the election under Section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is made, the Iowa net operating loss shall be carried forward 20 taxable years. A copy of the federal election made under Section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code must be attached to the Iowa franchise tax return filed with the department.

d. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, a net operating loss attributable to Iowa, as determined in rule 701—602.2(422), shall be carried forward 20 taxable years. The net operating loss cannot be carried back to a previous tax year.

**602.2(4)** No part of a net loss for a year for which the financial institution was not subject to the imposition of Iowa franchise tax shall be included in the Iowa net operating loss deduction applicable to any year prior to or subsequent to the year of the loss.

**602.2(5)** No part of a net operating loss may be carried back or carried forward if the carryback or carryforward would be disallowed for federal income tax purposes under Sections 172(b)(1)(E) and 172(h) of the Internal Revenue Code. This provision is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989.

**602.2(6)** The carryover of Iowa net operating losses after reorganizations or mergers is limited to the same extent as the carryover of a net operating loss is limited under the provisions of Sections 381 through 386 of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder or any other section of the Internal Revenue Code or regulations thereunder. Where the taxpayer files as a member of a consolidated income tax return for federal income tax purposes, but is required to file a separate franchise tax return, the limitation on an Iowa net operating loss carryover must be determined as though a separate income tax return was filed for federal income tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 483, and sections 422.61 and 422.63.

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**701—602.3(422) Capital loss carryback.** Capital losses shall be allowed or allowable for Iowa franchise tax purposes to the same extent they are allowed or allowable for federal corporation income tax purposes. Capital loss carrybacks shall be treated as an adjustment to federal taxable income to arrive at net income. For capital losses occurring in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1980, refunds of federal corporation income taxes shall not be an adjustment in computing income subject to the franchise tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.35 and 422.61.

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**701—602.4(422) Net operating and capital loss carrybacks and carryovers.** If the taxpayer, for tax periods beginning before January 1, 2009, has both a net operating loss and a capital loss carryback to a prior tax year, the capital loss shall be carried back first and then the net operating loss offset against any remaining income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 483, and section 422.61.

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**701—602.5(422) Interest and dividends from federal securities.** For franchise tax purposes, dividends received from corporations owned or sponsored by the federal government, or interest derived from obligations of the United States and its possessions, agencies and instrumentalities become a part of the taxable income. Examples of these types of obligations are bonds issued by the governments of Puerto Rico, Washington D.C., Guam and the Virgin Islands. Notwithstanding the above, only interest received after July 1, 1991, from bonds purchased after January 1, 1991, issued by the governments of Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands is subject to tax.

Gains or losses from the sale or other disposition of any bonds shall be taxable for state franchise tax purposes.

Interest received on federal tax refunds is taxable for Iowa franchise tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.61.

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**701—602.6(422) Interest and dividends from foreign securities and securities of states and other political subdivisions.** Interest and dividends from foreign securities and securities of states and their political subdivisions including Iowa shall be included in taxable income for periods beginning on or after January 1, 1980. For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1987, subtract interest expense allocable to interest exempt from federal income tax which was disallowed as a deduction under Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b) or 291(e)(1)(B).

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, add dividends received from regulated investment companies exempt from federal income tax under Section 852(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code and subtract the loss on the sale or exchange of a share of a regulated investment company held for six months or less to the extent the loss was disallowed under Section 852(b)(4)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, add, to the extent not already included, income from the sale of obligations of the state of Iowa and its political subdivisions and interest and dividend income from these obligations. Gains or losses from the sale or other disposition of bonds issued by the state of Iowa or its political subdivisions, along with interest and dividend income from these bonds, shall be included in Iowa taxable income unless the law authorizing these obligations specifically exempts the income from the sale and interest and dividend income from Iowa franchise tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.35 and 422.61 as amended by 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 715.

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**701—602.7(422) Safe harbor leases.** For tax years ending after January 1, 1981, deductions in determining federal taxable income for sale-leaseback agreements taken as a result of the application of Section 168(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be added in determining Iowa taxable income to the extent such deductions cannot be taken under provisions of Sections 162, 163 and 167 of the Internal Revenue Code. The lessor shall add depreciation and interest expense, and the lessee shall add rental expense. When the deduction for depreciation is not allowed under a previous provision of this rule, the lessee shall be allowed a deduction for depreciation on any property involved in a sale-leaseback agreement. The depreciation shall be computed in accordance with Section 168(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Income received as a result of sale-leaseback agreement shall be deducted in determining Iowa taxable income. The lessee shall deduct interest income and the lessor shall deduct rent income. Each lessor and lessee corporation shall include a copy of federal Form 6793 in its Iowa franchise tax return for the year in which a safe harbor lease is entered into.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.35 and 422.61.

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**701—602.8(422) Additional deduction for wages paid or accrued for work done in Iowa by certain individuals.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984, a taxpayer which is considered to be a small business corporation, as defined by subrule 602.8(2), is allowed a deduction for 50 percent of the

first 12 months of wages paid or accrued during the tax years for work done in Iowa for employees first hired on or after January 1, 1984.

A handicapped individual domiciled in this state at the time of hiring.

An individual domiciled in this state at the time of hiring who meets any of the following conditions:

1. Has been convicted of a felony in this or any other state or the District of Columbia.
2. Is on parole pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 906.
3. Is on probation pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 907 for an offense other than a simple misdemeanor.
4. Is in a work release program pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 904, division IX.

An individual, whether or not domiciled in this state at the time of the hiring, who is on parole or probation and to whom the interstate probation and parole compact under Iowa Code section 907A.1 applies.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, a taxpayer which is considered to be a small business corporation, as defined by 701—subrule 502.11(2), is allowed a deduction for 65 percent not to exceed \$20,000 of the 12 months of wages paid or accrued during the tax year for work done in Iowa for employees first hired after January 1, 1989, who meet the above criteria.

**602.8(1)** The additional deduction shall not be allowed for wages paid to an individual who was hired to replace an individual whose employment was terminated within the 12-month period preceding the date of first employment. However, if the individual being replaced left employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer or if the individual was discharged for misconduct in connection with the individual's employment as determined by the division of job service of the department of employment services, the additional deduction shall be allowed.

The determination of whether an individual left employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer or if the individual was discharged for misconduct is a factual determination which must be made on a case-by-case basis.

**602.8(2)** The term “small business corporation” includes the operation of a farm but does not include the practice of a profession. The following conditions apply for the purpose of determining what constitutes a small business corporation.

*a.* A small business corporation shall not have had more than 20 full-time equivalent positions during each of the 26 consecutive weeks within the 52-week period immediately preceding the date on which the individual for whom an additional deduction for wages is taken was hired. “Full-time equivalent position” means any of the following:

1. An employment position requiring an average work week of 40 or more hours;
2. An employment position for which compensation is paid on a salaried full-time basis without regard to hours worked; or
3. An aggregation of any number of part-time positions which equal one full-time position. For purposes of this subrule each part-time position shall be categorized with regard to the average number of hours worked each week as a one-quarter, half, three-quarter, or full-time position, as set forth in the following table:

<u>Average Number of Weekly Hours</u>	<u>Category</u>
More than 0 but less than 15	¼
15 or more but less than 25	½
25 or more but less than 35	¾
35 or more	1 (full-time)

*b.* A small business corporation shall not have more than \$1 million in annual gross revenues or after July 1, 1984, \$3 million in annual gross revenues or as the average of the three preceding tax years. “Annual gross revenues” means total interest received from loans and investments, service charges, management fees, fiduciary fees, commissions, and gross proceeds from the sale of securities held as investments as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.



c. A small business corporation shall not be an affiliate or subsidiary of a business which is dominant in its field of operation. "Dominant in its field of operation" means having more than 20 full-time equivalent employees and more than \$1 million of annual gross revenues, or after July 1, 1984, \$3 million of annual gross revenues or as the average of the three preceding tax years. "Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operations" means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation.

d. "Operation of a farm" means the cultivation of land for the production of agricultural crops, the raising of poultry, the production of eggs, the production of milk, the production of fruit or other horticultural crops, grazing or the production of livestock. Operation of a farm shall not include the production of timber, forest products, nursery products, or sod and operation of a farm shall not include a contract where a processor or distributor of farm products or supplies provides spraying, harvesting or other farm services.

e. "The practice of a profession" means a vocation requiring specialized knowledge and preparation including but not limited to the following: medicine and surgery, podiatry, osteopathy, osteopathic medicine and surgery, psychology, psychiatry, chiropractic, nursing, dentistry, dental hygiene, optometry, speech pathology, audiology, pharmacy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, mortuary science, law, architecture, engineering and surveying, and accounting.

**602.8(3) Definitions.**

a. The term "*handicapped person*" means any person who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment.

The term "*handicapped*" does not include any person who is an alcoholic or drug abuser whose current use of alcohol or drugs prevents the person from performing the duties of employment or whose employment, by reason of current use of alcohol or drugs, would constitute a direct threat to the property or the safety of others.

b. The term "*physical or mental impairment*" means any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory, including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive; digestive; genitourinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin and endocrine; or any mental or psychological disorder, such as intellectual disability, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities.

c. The term "*major life activities*" means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

d. The term "*has a record of such impairment*" means has a history of, or has been misclassified as having, a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

e. The term "*is regarded as having such an impairment*" means:

1. Has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities but that is perceived as constituting such a limitation;

2. Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such impairment; or

3. Has none of the impairments defined as physical or mental impairments, but is perceived as having such an impairment.

f. The term "*successfully completing a probationary period*" includes those instances where the employee quits without good cause attributable to the employer during the probationary period or was discharged for misconduct during the probationary period.

g. The term "*probationary period*" means the period of probation for newly hired employees, if the employer has a written probationary policy. If the employer has no written probationary policy for newly hired employees, the probationary period shall be considered to be six months from the date of hire.

**602.8(4)** If a newly hired employee has been certified as either a vocational rehabilitation referral or an economically disadvantaged ex-convict for purposes of qualification for the targeted jobs tax credit

under Section 59 of the Internal Revenue Code, that employee shall be considered to have met the qualifications for the additional wage deduction.

A “vocational rehabilitation referral” is any individual certified by a state employment agency as having a physical or mental disability which, for the individual, constitutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment. In addition, the individual must have been referred to the employer after completion or while receiving rehabilitation services pursuant to either a state- or federal-approved vocational rehabilitation program.

For all other newly hired employees, the employer has the burden of proof to show that the employees meet the qualifications for the additional wage deduction.

**602.8(5)** The taxpayer shall include a schedule with the filing of the taxpayer’s tax return showing the name, address, social security number, date of hiring and wages paid of each employee for whom the taxpayer claims the additional deduction for wages.

**602.8(6)** If the employee for whom an additional deduction for wages was allowed fails to successfully complete a probationary period and the taxpayer has already filed an Iowa corporation income tax return taking the additional deduction for wages, the taxpayer shall file an amended return adding back the additional deduction for wages. The amended return shall state the name and social security number of the employee who failed to successfully complete a probationary period.

**602.8(7)** For tax years ending after July 1, 1990, a taxpayer who did not qualify for the additional deduction for wages paid or accrued for work done in Iowa by certain individuals set forth above is allowed an additional deduction of 65 percent not to exceed \$20,000 of the first 12 months of wages paid or accrued for work done in Iowa for employees first hired on or after July 1, 1990, if the new employee is:

*a.* An individual domiciled in this state at the time of the hiring who meets any of the following conditions:

- (1) Has been convicted of a felony in this or any other state or the District of Columbia.
- (2) Is on parole pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 906.
- (3) Is on probation pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 907, for an offense other than a simple misdemeanor.
- (4) Is in a work release program pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 904, division IX.

*b.* An individual, whether or not domiciled in this state at the time of the hiring, who is on parole or probation and to whom the interstate probation and parole compact under Iowa Code section 907A.1 applies.

The additional deduction is not allowed for wages paid to an individual who was hired to replace an individual whose employment was terminated within the 12-month period preceding the date of first employment. However, if the individual being replaced left employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer or if the individual was discharged for misconduct in connection with the individual’s employment as determined by the Iowa division of job service of the department of employment services, the additional deduction is allowed.

The taxpayer must include a schedule with the filing of the taxpayer’s tax return showing the name, address, social security number, date of hiring, and wages paid of each employee for whom the taxpayer claims the additional deduction for wages.

The determination of whether an individual left employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer or if the individual was discharged for misconduct is a factual determination which must be made on a case-by-case basis.

If the employee for which an additional deduction for wages was allowed fails to successfully complete a probationary period and the taxpayer has already filed an Iowa franchise tax return taking the additional deduction for wages, the taxpayer must file an amended return adding back the additional

deduction for wages. The amended return must state the name and social security number of the employee who failed to successfully complete a probationary period.

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**701—602.9(422) Work opportunity tax credit.** Where a financial institution claims the federal work opportunity tax credit as provided in Section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code, the amount of credit allowable shall be a deduction from Iowa taxable income to the extent the credit increased federal taxable income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.35 and 422.61.  
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**701—602.10(422) Like-kind exchanges of personal property completed after December 31, 2017, but before tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020.**

**602.10(1) In general.** Public Law 115-97, Section 13303, repealed the deferral of gain or loss from exchanges of like-kind personal property for federal purposes under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code. This federal repeal applies to exchanges completed after December 31, 2017, unless the taxpayer began the exchange by transferring personal property or receiving replacement personal property on or before that date. Iowa did not conform to this federal repeal for Iowa franchise tax purposes for tax periods beginning before January 1, 2019. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020, Iowa generally conforms to the federal treatment of gain or loss from exchanges of like-kind personal property, but eligible taxpayers may elect the treatment that applied under prior federal law for Iowa purposes. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, Iowa fully conforms to the federal treatment for these exchanges, and no special election is available. This rule governs exchanges of like-kind personal property completed after December 31, 2017, but before tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020. This rule does not apply to exchanges completed during any tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

**602.10(2) Qualification.** Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code in effect on December 21, 2017, and any applicable federal regulations govern whether transactions involving the disposition and acquisition of personal property qualify for Iowa franchise tax purposes as a like-kind exchange of personal property subject to the deferral of gain or loss and also govern the date and tax period during which an exchange is considered completed. The treatment of such transactions as a like-kind exchange for Iowa franchise tax purposes is either mandatory or permissive depending on the date the like-kind exchange is completed.

*a. Like-kind exchanges completed after December 31, 2017, but before tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019.* Transactions involving the disposition and acquisition of personal property that qualify under this subrule as a like-kind exchange completed after December 31, 2017, but before tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, are required to be treated as a like-kind exchange for Iowa franchise tax purposes.

*b. Like-kind exchanges completed during tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020.* For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, Iowa is conformed to the federal repeal of deferral of gain or loss from exchanges of like-kind personal property, so the federal and Iowa treatment of such transactions under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code will generally be the same. However, transactions involving the disposition and acquisition of personal property that qualify under this subrule as a like-kind exchange completed during tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020, may at the election of the taxpayer be treated as a like-kind exchange for Iowa franchise tax purposes. The election is made by completing the necessary worksheets and forms and making the required adjustments on the Iowa return as described in subrule 602.10(3). No special attachment or statement is required. The election only applies to the transactions involved in the like-kind exchange, and the taxpayer may elect or not elect to treat other qualifying transactions as a like-kind exchange for Iowa purposes.

**602.10(3) Calculation and Iowa adjustments.** A taxpayer required to or electing to treat qualifying transactions as a like-kind exchange for Iowa tax purposes must make certain Iowa calculations and adjustments on forms and worksheets made available on the department's website. The IA 8824 Worksheet described in this subrule need not be included with the Iowa return but must be kept with the taxpayer's records. The taxpayer is responsible for providing documentation at the department's request to substantiate a like-kind exchange under this rule.

*a. Like-kind exchange calculation.* The taxpayer must complete Parts I and II of the IA 8824 Worksheet to compute the Iowa recognized gain, if any, the Iowa deferred gain or loss, and the Iowa basis of the like-kind personal property received in the like-kind exchange.

EXAMPLE 1: X, a financial institution filing on a calendar-year basis, trades a computer system with a fair market value (FMV) of \$25,000 along with \$75,000 in cash to Y for a new computer system with an FMV of \$100,000. For purposes of this example it is assumed that the computer system trade occurs in 2019 and qualifies as a like-kind exchange and that X elects such treatment under paragraph 602.10(2) "b." At the time of the trade, the adjusted basis of X's old computer system is \$0 for federal tax purposes and is \$13,680 for Iowa tax purposes. X realizes a gain for Iowa purposes on the exchange of the old computer system in the amount of \$11,320 (\$100,000 FMV of new computer system - \$75,000 cash paid - \$13,680 Iowa adjusted basis of old computer system). Because X did not receive any cash or other property that was not like-kind, or assume any liabilities from Y, the entire amount of X's \$11,320 realized gain qualifies for deferral, so X recognizes \$0 of gain on the exchange for Iowa tax purposes. As a result, X's basis in the new computer system for Iowa tax purposes is \$88,680 (\$13,680 Iowa adjusted basis of old computer system + \$75,000 cash paid by X).

*b. Iowa nonconformity adjustment.*

(1) The taxpayer must complete Part III of the IA 8824 Worksheet to adjust for the difference between any recognized Iowa gain from the exchange as calculated on the IA 8824 Worksheet, Part II, and any gain or loss (including gain or loss recaptured as ordinary income) recognized on the taxpayer's federal return.

EXAMPLE 2: Assume the same facts as given in Example 1. Because the computer trade occurred in 2019, it will not qualify as a like-kind exchange for federal tax purposes but will instead be treated as two separate transactions: a sale of the old computer system and a purchase of the new computer system. X recognizes a gain for federal tax purposes on the sale of the old computer system in the amount of \$25,000 (\$25,000 sales price of old computer system - \$0 federal adjusted basis of old computer system), the entire amount of which is recaptured as ordinary income because of prior depreciation. X reports the \$25,000 of income on the federal return. X is required to report the same \$25,000 as income on the Iowa return but is also allowed a \$25,000 subtraction on the same Iowa return because X's recognized gain for Iowa tax purposes is \$0 as calculated in Example 1. X's nonconformity adjustment of -\$25,000 must be reported on the Iowa return in the manner prescribed on the IA 8824 Worksheet.

(2) If the total recognized federal gain is reported using the installment sale method under Section 453 of the Internal Revenue Code, the total amount of any Iowa nonconformity adjustment related to that federal gain must be claimed over the same installment period, and the proportion of the total Iowa nonconformity adjustment claimed for each tax year shall equal the same proportion that the federal gain reported for that tax year bears to the total amount of federal gain that will ultimately be reported for all tax years resulting from the disposition of the personal property. The taxpayer must complete an IA 8824 Worksheet for each tax year that an Iowa nonconformity adjustment is claimed.

*c. Cost recovery adjustments.*

(1) The taxpayer must complete the IA 4562A to account for any differences between the federal and Iowa cost recovery deductions related to the like-kind personal property involved in the like-kind exchange, including if the taxpayer's basis in the like-kind personal property received is different for federal and Iowa purposes, or if the taxpayer claimed additional first-year depreciation or a section 179 deduction for federal purposes on the like-kind property received in the exchange. See rule 701—602.23(422) for requirements related to the disallowance of additional first-year depreciation for Iowa franchise tax purposes. See rule 701—602.24(422) for the section 179 limitations imposed under the Iowa franchise tax.

(2) Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6 prescribes rules related to the calculation of depreciation for certain assets involved in a like-kind exchange, but a taxpayer may elect to not have those rules apply pursuant to Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6(i). A taxpayer may choose to make a similar election under Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6(i) for Iowa tax purposes with regard to a like-kind exchange under this rule if the personal property otherwise would have qualified for such federal election notwithstanding the fact that no like-kind exchange occurred for federal purposes or the fact that no election was actually made for federal tax purposes in accordance with Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6(j). The election is made by calculating depreciation for Iowa tax purposes on the personal property involved in the like-kind exchange using the method described in Treasury Regulation §1.168(i)-6(i) on the timely filed Iowa return, including extensions, for the same tax year that the like-kind exchange was completed. No special attachment or statement is required.

EXAMPLE 3: Assume the same facts as given in Examples 1 and 2. X elects additional first-year depreciation on the new computer system and claims a depreciation deduction on the federal return of \$100,000 (100 percent of X's federal basis). X is required to add back the total amount of the federal depreciation on the Iowa return because Iowa does not allow additional first-year depreciation. But X is permitted deductions for regular depreciation on the new computer system with an Iowa basis of \$88,680 (\$13,680 carryover basis from old computer system + \$75,000 excess basis from cash paid) under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to bonus depreciation under Section 168(k). See rule 701—602.23(422) for more information on the disallowance of additional first-year depreciation.

EXAMPLE 4: Assume the same facts as given in Examples 1 and 2. X elects to expense the entire cost of the new computer system under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code and claims a deduction on the federal return of \$100,000. X is also required to claim the section 179 deduction on the new computer system for Iowa tax purposes pursuant to subrule 602.24(2). However, the amount that represents the carryover basis from the old computer system (\$13,680) is not eligible for the deduction under Section 179(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, so the cost of the new computer system that is eligible for the section 179 deduction for Iowa purposes is only \$75,000 (excess basis from cash paid). This is the amount of section 179 deduction that X must claim on the Iowa return, subject to the applicable Iowa dollar limitation and reduction limitations in rule 701—602.24(422). Because X is the taxpayer who placed the new computer system in service, X is permitted deductions for regular depreciation on the carryover basis in the new computer system (\$13,680) under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to bonus depreciation under Section 168(k).

This rule is intended to implement 2019 Iowa Acts, chapter 152 [House File 779], section 11.  
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**701—602.11(422) Gains and losses on property acquired before January 1, 1934.** Where property was acquired prior to January 1, 1934, the basis as of January 1, 1934, for determining capital or other gains or losses is the higher of cost, adjusted for depreciation allowed or allowable to January 1, 1934, or fair market value as of that date. *City National Bank of Clinton v. Iowa State Tax Commission*, 251 Iowa 603, 102 N.W.2d 381 (1960).

If as a result of this provision a basis is to be used for purposes of Iowa franchise tax which is different from the basis used for purposes of federal income tax, an appropriate adjustment must be made and detailed schedules supplied in the computation of Iowa income subject to franchise tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.35 and 422.61.  
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**701—602.12(422) Federal income tax deduction.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1980, a deduction for 50 percent of federal income taxes paid or accrued is not allowed. Cash-basis taxpayers are not allowed a deduction for 50 percent of federal income taxes paid during a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 1980, which represent the preceding year's tax or additional taxes for prior years. Fifty percent of a federal income tax refund received during a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 1980, shall not be reported as income. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990, because the federal environmental tax is deducted in computing federal taxable income and Iowa Code section

422.61(3) “a” does not allow the deduction of federal income taxes, the federal environmental tax must be added to federal taxable income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.35 and 422.61.  
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**701—602.13(422) Iowa franchise taxes.** Iowa franchise taxes paid or accrued during the tax year as may be applicable under the method of filing are permissible deductions for federal corporation income tax purposes, but not for purposes of determining Iowa net income. To the extent taxes were deducted in the determination of federal taxable income, they shall be added to federal taxable income for Iowa franchise tax purposes. Refunds of Iowa franchise tax to the extent that the returns are included in the determination of federal taxable income shall all be subtracted from federal taxable income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.61.  
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**701—602.14(422) Method of accounting, accounting period.** The return shall be computed on the same basis and for the same accounting period as the taxpayer’s return for federal corporation income tax purposes. Permission to change accounting methods or accounting periods for franchise tax purposes is not required provided the taxpayer furnishes the department with a copy of the federal consent.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.35 and 422.61.  
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**701—602.15(422) Consolidated returns.** There is no provision in the Iowa franchise tax law to allow financial institutions to file consolidated Iowa franchise tax returns with another financial institution or another corporation as defined in Iowa Code section 422.32. In the absence of any statutory authority for allowing consolidated Iowa franchise tax returns, separate Iowa franchise tax returns must be filed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.14 and 422.68(1).  
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**701—602.16(422) Federal rulings and regulations.** In determining whether “taxable income,” “net operating loss deduction” or any other deductions are computed for federal tax purposes under, or have the same meaning as provided by, the Internal Revenue Code, the department will use applicable rulings and regulations that have been duly promulgated by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, unless the director has created rules and regulations or has exercised discretionary powers as prescribed by statute which call for an alternative method for determining “taxable income,” “net operating loss deduction,” or any other deductions, or unless the department finds that an applicable Internal Revenue ruling or regulation is unauthorized according to the Iowa Code.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.35 and 422.61.  
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**701—602.17(15E,422) Charitable contributions relating to the endow Iowa tax credit.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a taxpayer who claims an endow Iowa tax credit in accordance with rule 701—601.13(15E,422) cannot claim a deduction for charitable contributions under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for the amount of the contribution for which the tax credit is claimed for Iowa tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 15E.305.  
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**701—602.18(422) Depreciation of speculative shell buildings.**

**602.18(1)** For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 1992, speculative shell buildings constructed or reconstructed after that date may be depreciated as 15-year property under the accelerated cost of recovery system of the Internal Revenue Code. If the taxpayer has deducted depreciation on the speculative shell building on the taxpayer’s federal income tax return, that amount of depreciation must be added to federal taxable income in order to deduct depreciation under this rule.

**602.18(2)** On sale or other disposition of the speculative shell building, the taxpayer must report on the taxpayer's Iowa corporation income tax return the same gain or loss reported on the taxpayer's federal corporation income tax return. If, while owned by the taxpayer, the building is converted from a speculative shell building to another use, the taxpayer must deduct the same amount of depreciation on the taxpayer's Iowa tax return as is deducted on the taxpayer's federal tax return.

**602.18(3)** For the purposes of this rule, the term "speculative shell building" means a building as defined in Iowa Code section 427.1, subsection (27)"c."

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.35 and 422.63.  
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**701—602.19(422) Deduction of multipurpose vehicle registration fee.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1992, and before January 1, 2005, corporations may claim a deduction for 60 percent of the amount of the registration fee paid for a multipurpose vehicle under Iowa Code section 321.124, subsection 3, paragraph "h." In order to qualify for this deduction, no part of the multipurpose vehicle registration fee may have been deducted as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, the deduction for Iowa franchise tax for multipurpose vehicle registration fees is the same as allowed under Section 164 of the Internal Revenue Code for federal tax purposes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.  
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**701—602.20(422) Disallowance of expenses to carry an investment subsidiary for tax years which begin on or after January 1, 1995.** A financial institution which has an investment in an investment subsidiary on or after July 1, 1995, must allocate a portion of its total expenses used in computing its federal taxable income on a separate return basis to its investment subsidiary. The expenses which are allocable to the investment in an investment subsidiary are computed by multiplying the financial institution's total expenses used in computing its federal taxable income on a separate return basis by the ratio of the average adjusted basis in its investment subsidiary to the average adjusted basis for all assets of the financial institution. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, and before December 31, 1995, a financial institution which has an investment in an investment subsidiary on July 1, 1995, must allocate a portion of its total expenses for the entire tax year to its investment in an investment subsidiary even though it did not have an investment in an investment subsidiary for the entire tax year.

A calculation of the average for the tax year of the adjusted bases of a financial institution's investment in investment subsidiaries, and total assets, held each day of the tax year is the most accurate method for determining under Iowa Code subsection 422.61(3) the portion of a financial institution's total expenses that is allocable to the financial institution's investment in investment subsidiaries. However, the department will generally allow the average adjusted bases of an investment in investment subsidiaries for the tax year to be calculated using the average of the adjusted bases of the investment in investment subsidiaries held by the financial institution at the end of each month within the tax year. The department generally will allow the average bases of all assets of the financial institution for the tax year to be calculated using the average bases of all assets held by the financial institution at the end of each quarter of the tax year. A financial institution may compute for any tax year, without prior permission of the director, the average adjusted bases of investment in investment subsidiaries or total assets on a more frequent basis than set forth above. However, a financial institution may not compute these averages for any tax year on a less frequent basis than quarterly without obtaining prior approval of the director. This permission will be granted only in extraordinary circumstances. In addition, a financial institution may not compute these averages for any tax year on a less frequent basis than it used for the preceding tax year unless the financial institution obtains prior approval of the director. A financial institution that has elected to use an estimate of the adjusted tax bases of its total assets for each of the first three quarters of the taxable year under Internal Revenue Service's Revenue Ruling 90-44 for federal income tax purposes may use this estimate for Iowa franchise purposes.

**602.20(1)** For the purposes of this rule, the term "affiliate" means a corporation, trust, estate, association, or similar organization:

*a.* Of which a financial institution, directly or indirectly, owns or controls either a majority of the voting shares or more than 50 percent of the number of shares voted for the election of its directors, trustees, or other individuals exercising similar functions at the preceding election, or controls in any manner the election of a majority of its directors, trustees, or other individuals exercising similar functions; or

*b.* Of which control is held, directly or indirectly, through share ownership or in any other manner, by the shareholders of a financial institution who own or control either a majority of the shares of such financial institution or more than 50 percent of the number of shares voted for election of directors of such financial institution at the preceding election, or by trustees for the benefit of the shareholders of such financial institution; or

*c.* Of which a majority of its directors, trustees, or other individuals exercising similar functions are directors of any financial institution; or

*d.* Which owns or controls, directly or indirectly, either a majority of the voting shares of a financial institution or more than 50 percent of the number of shares voted for the election of directors of a financial institution at the preceding election, or controls in any manner the election of a majority of the directors of a financial institution, or for the benefit of those shareholders or members all or substantially all of the outstanding voting shares of a financial institution is held by trustees; or

*e.* Which is a bank holding company, as defined by the laws of the United States, of which a financial institution is a subsidiary, and any other subsidiary as defined by the laws of the United States, of a bank holding company.

**602.20(2)** For the purposes of this rule, the term “average adjusted basis” means the financial institution’s average adjusted basis as computed pursuant to Section 1016 of the Internal Revenue Code on a separate company basis.

**602.20(3)** For purposes of this rule, the term “investment subsidiary” means an affiliate that is owned, capitalized or utilized by a financial institution with one of its purposes being to make, hold, or manage, for and on behalf of the financial institution, investments in securities which the financial institution would be permitted by applicable law to make for its own account.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.61 as amended by 1995 Iowa Acts, chapter 193.

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**701—602.21(422) S corporation and limited liability company financial institutions.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1997, a financial institution as defined in Section 581 of the Internal Revenue Code which has in effect an election under Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code must compute an amount of income as if the financial institution were subject to federal corporation income tax. For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2004, a financial institution organized as a limited liability company under Iowa Code chapter 524 that is taxed as a partnership for federal income tax purposes must compute an amount of income as if the financial institution were subject to federal corporation income tax. The income is to be computed in the same manner as a financial institution that is subject to or liable for federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code in effect for the applicable tax would compute its federal taxable income.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.61 as amended by 2004 Iowa Acts, House File 2484.

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**701—602.22(422) Deduction for contributions made to the endowment fund of the Iowa educational savings plan trust.** To the extent that the contribution was not deductible for federal income tax purposes, any gift, grant, or donation to the endowment fund of the Iowa educational savings plan trust may be deducted for Iowa franchise tax purposes. The contribution must be made on or after



July 1, 1998, but before April 15, 2004. Effective April 15, 2004, the deduction for contributions made to the endowment fund is repealed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.35 as amended by 1998 Iowa Acts, House File 2119, and 422.61.

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**701—602.23(422) Additional first-year depreciation allowance.**

**602.23(1)** *Assets acquired after September 10, 2001, but before May 6, 2003.* For tax periods ending after September 10, 2001, but beginning before May 6, 2003, the additional first-year depreciation allowance (“bonus depreciation”) of 30 percent authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as enacted by Public Law No. 107-147, Section 101, does not apply for Iowa franchise tax. Taxpayers who claim the bonus depreciation on their federal income tax return must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on assets acquired after September 10, 2001, but before May 6, 2003, and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(k).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets.

The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets acquired after September 10, 2001, but before May 6, 2003, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

See 701—subrule 53.22(1) for examples illustrating how this subrule is applied.

**602.23(2)** *Assets acquired after May 5, 2003, but before January 1, 2005.* For tax periods beginning after May 5, 2003, but beginning before January 1, 2005, the bonus depreciation of 50 percent authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law No. 108-27, Section 201, may be taken for Iowa franchise tax. If the taxpayer elects to take the 50 percent bonus depreciation, the depreciation deduction allowed on the Iowa franchise tax return is the same as the depreciation deduction allowed on the federal income tax return for assets acquired after May 5, 2003, but before January 1, 2005.

*a.* If the taxpayer elects to take the 50 percent bonus depreciation and had filed an Iowa return prior to February 24, 2005, which reflected the disallowance of 50 percent bonus depreciation, the taxpayer may choose between two options to reflect this change. Taxpayer may either file an amended return for the applicable tax year to reflect the 50 percent bonus depreciation provision, or taxpayer may reflect the change for 50 percent bonus depreciation on the next Iowa return filed subsequent to February 23, 2005. Taxpayer must choose only one of these two options. Regardless of the option chosen, taxpayer must complete and attach a revised Form IA 4562A to either the amended return or the return filed subsequent to February 23, 2005.

See 701—paragraph 302.60(2) “*a*,” for examples illustrating how this subrule is applied.

*b.* If the taxpayer elects not to take the 50 percent bonus depreciation, taxpayer must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on assets acquired after May 5, 2003, but before January 1, 2005, and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(k). If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets. The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets acquired after May 5, 2003, but before January 1, 2005, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

**602.23(3)** *Assets acquired after December 31, 2007, but before January 1, 2010.* For tax periods beginning after December 31, 2007, but beginning before January 1, 2010, the bonus depreciation of 50 percent authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law 110-185,

Section 103, and Public Law 111-5, Section 1201, does not apply for Iowa franchise tax. Taxpayers who claim the bonus depreciation on their federal income tax return must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on assets acquired after December 31, 2007, but before January 1, 2010, and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(k).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets.

The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets acquired after December 31, 2007, but before January 1, 2010, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

See rule 701—502.22(422) for examples illustrating how this rule is applied.

**602.23(4) *Qualified disaster assistance property.*** For property placed in service after December 31, 2007, with respect to federal declared disasters occurring before January 1, 2010, the bonus depreciation of 50 percent authorized in Section 168(n) of the Internal Revenue Code for qualified disaster assistance property, as amended by Public Law 110-343, Section 710, does not apply for Iowa franchise tax. Taxpayers who claim the bonus depreciation on their federal income tax return must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on qualified disaster assistance property and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(n).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of this property for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of such property.

The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying disaster assistance property can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

**602.23(5) *Assets acquired after December 31, 2009, but before January 1, 2014.*** For tax periods beginning after December 31, 2009, but beginning before January 1, 2014, the bonus depreciation authorized in Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law No. 111-240, Section 2022, Public Law No. 111-312, Section 401, and Public Law No. 112-240, Section 331, does not apply for Iowa franchise tax. Taxpayers who claim the bonus depreciation on their federal income tax return must add the total amount of depreciation claimed on assets acquired after December 31, 2009, but before January 1, 2014, and subtract the amount of depreciation taken on such property using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) depreciation method applicable under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code without regard to Section 168(k).

If any such property was sold or disposed of during the tax year, the applicable depreciation catch-up adjustment must be made to adjust the basis of the property for Iowa tax purposes. The gain or loss reported on the sale or disposition of these assets for federal tax purposes must be adjusted for Iowa tax purposes to account for the adjusted basis of assets.

The adjustment for both depreciation and the gain or loss on the sale of qualifying assets acquired after December 31, 2009, but before January 1, 2014, can be calculated on Form IA 4562A.

See 701—subrule 502.22(3) for examples illustrating how this subrule is applied.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 106, and section 422.61.

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#### **701—602.24(422) Section 179 expensing.**

**602.24(1) *In general.*** Iowa taxpayers that elect to expense certain depreciable business assets in the year the assets were placed in service under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code must also

expense those same assets for Iowa income tax purposes in that year. However, for certain years, the Iowa limitations on this deduction are different from the federal limitations for the same year. This means that for some tax years, adjustments are required to determine the correct Iowa section 179 expensing deduction, as described in this rule.

**602.24(2) Claiming the deduction.**

*a. Timing and requirement to follow federal election.* A taxpayer that takes a federal section 179 deduction must also take the deduction for the same asset in the same year for Iowa purposes, except as expressly provided by Iowa law or this rule. A taxpayer that takes a federal section 179 deduction is not permitted to opt out of taking the same deduction for Iowa purposes. A taxpayer that does not take a federal section 179 deduction on a specific qualifying asset is not permitted to take a section 179 deduction for Iowa purposes on that asset.

*b. Qualifying for the deduction.* Whether a specific business asset qualifies for a section 179 deduction is determined by the Internal Revenue Code (Title 26, U.S. Code) and applicable federal regulations for both federal and Iowa purposes.

*c. Amount of the Iowa deduction.* Generally, the Iowa deduction must equal the amount of the federal deduction taken for the same asset in the same year, subject to special Iowa limitations. The following chart provides a comparison of the Iowa and federal section 179 dollar limitations and reduction limitations. See rule 701—302.65(422) for the section 179 rules applicable to individuals and other noncorporate entities, and see rule 701—502.23(422) for the section 179 rules applicable to corporations (both C and S corporations) and other entities subject to the corporate income tax.

Section 179 Deduction Allowances Under Federal and Iowa Law				
Tax Year	Federal		Iowa	
	Dollar Limitation	Reduction Limitation	Dollar Limitation	Reduction Limitation
2003	\$ 100,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 400,000
2004	102,000	410,000	102,000	410,000
2005	105,000	420,000	105,000	420,000
2006	108,000	430,000	108,000	430,000
2007	125,000	500,000	125,000	500,000
2008	250,000	800,000	250,000	800,000
2009	250,000	800,000	133,000	530,000
2010	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2011	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2012	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2013	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2014	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2015	500,000	2,000,000	500,000	2,000,000
2016	500,000	2,010,000	25,000	200,000
2017	510,000	2,030,000	25,000	200,000
2018	1,000,000	2,500,000	70,000	280,000
2019	1,020,000	2,550,000	100,000	400,000
2020 and later	Iowa limitations are the same as federal			

*d. Reduction.* Both the federal and the Iowa deductions for section 179 assets are reduced (phased out dollar for dollar) for taxpayers whose total section 179 assets placed in service during a given year cost more than the amount specified (reduction limitation) for that year. Like the deduction limitation, the Iowa and federal reduction limitations are different for certain years. See paragraph 602.24(2) “c” for applicable limitations.

EXAMPLE: Taxpayer, a financial institution doing business in Iowa, purchases \$400,000 worth of qualifying section 179 assets and places all of them in service in 2018. Taxpayer claims a section 179

deduction of \$400,000 for the full cost of the assets on the 2018 federal return. For financial institutions, the Iowa section 179 deduction for 2018 is phased out dollar for dollar by the amount of section 179 assets placed in service in excess of \$280,000. This means that for 2018, the Iowa deduction is fully phased out if the taxpayer placed in service section 179 assets that cost, in total, more than \$350,000. Since the cost of the qualifying assets in this example exceeds the Iowa section 179 phase-out limit, the taxpayer cannot claim any section 179 deduction on the Iowa return. However, the taxpayer may depreciate the entire cost of the assets for Iowa purposes.

*e. Amounts in excess of the Iowa limits.*

(1) Recovering the excess. Due to the differences between the Iowa and federal limitations for certain years, taxpayers may have a federal section 179 deduction that exceeds the amount allowed for Iowa purposes. This excess amount is handled in different ways depending on the source of the deduction.

1. Assets placed in service by the taxpayer or entity reporting the deduction. The cost of any section 179 assets placed in service by the taxpayer in excess of the Iowa limitation for a given year may be recovered through regular depreciation under Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to bonus depreciation under Section 168(k). The Iowa section 179 and depreciation deductions and any basis adjustments resulting from the difference in timing of the recovery between Iowa and federal law are calculated and tracked on forms made available on the department's website.

EXAMPLE: Taxpayer, a financial institution doing business in Iowa, purchases a \$100,000 piece of equipment and places it in service in 2018. Taxpayer claims a section 179 deduction of \$100,000 for the full cost of the equipment on the 2018 federal return. Taxpayer is also required to claim a section 179 deduction of \$70,000 on the 2018 Iowa return (the full amount of the federal deduction up to the Iowa limit for financial institutions for 2018). The taxpayer can depreciate the remaining \$30,000 cost of the equipment for Iowa purposes.

2. Special election for assets placed in service by a pass-through entity when the section 179 deduction is claimed by an owner of that pass-through. See subrule 59.24(3) for information on a special election available to certain owners of pass-through entities related to any section 179 deductions passed through from a partnership or other entity that, in the aggregate, exceed the Iowa limitations.

(2) Special information for pass-throughs. In the case of pass-through entities, section 179 limitations apply at both the entity level and the owner level. Pass-through entities that are required to file an Iowa return and that actually place section 179 assets in service should follow 602.24(2) "e"(1)"1" to account for any assets for which the total federal section 179 deductions for a given year exceeded the Iowa limitation. Owners of pass-throughs receiving section 179 deductions from one or more pass-throughs that, in the aggregate, exceed the Iowa limitations should follow 602.24(2) "e"(1)"2."

EXAMPLE: Bank A (a financial institution doing business exclusively in Iowa) owns 50 percent interests in each of three partnerships: C, D, and E. Partnership C, which also does business exclusively in Iowa, places \$200,000 worth of section 179 assets in service during tax year 2019 and claims a federal section 179 deduction for the full cost of the assets. Because C is required to file an Iowa partnership return, C is subject to the Iowa section 179 limitations for 2019 and must adjust its Iowa section 179 deduction as provided in 701—numbered paragraph 302.65(2) "e"(1)"1." C passes through 50 percent of its section 179 deduction (\$100,000 for federal purposes, \$50,000 for Iowa purposes) to Bank A. Bank A also receives \$50,000 each in section 179 deductions from D and E, for a total of \$150,000 in section 179 deductions (for Iowa purposes) in 2019. Bank A is subject to the \$100,000 Iowa section 179 deduction limitation for 2019, but because Bank A received total section 179 deductions from one or more pass-throughs in excess of the 2019 Iowa limitation, Bank A is eligible for the special election referenced in 602.24(2) "e"(1)"2."

*f. Income limitation.* The Iowa section 179 deduction for any given year is limited to the taxpayer's income from active conduct in a trade or business in the same manner that the section 179 deduction is limited for federal purposes. If an allowable Iowa section 179 deduction exceeds the taxpayer's business income for a given year, any excess allowable Iowa section 179 deduction may be carried forward as described in paragraph 602.24(2) "g."

*g. Carryforward.* This paragraph applies only to amounts that do not exceed the Iowa section 179 deduction limitations for a given year but do exceed the taxpayer's business income for that year. As with the federal deduction, allowable Iowa section 179 deductions claimed in a given year that exceed a taxpayer's business income may be carried forward and claimed in future years. This carryforward, if any, is calculated using only amounts up to the Iowa limit. Any federal section 179 deduction the taxpayer claimed in excess of the Iowa limit is not an Iowa section 179 deduction and therefore is not eligible for the carryforward described in this paragraph. Such amounts must instead be recovered as described in paragraph 602.24(2) "e," or in subrule 602.24(3) for taxpayers receiving the deduction from one or more pass-through entities and making the special election as described in that subrule.

*h. Difference in basis.* Iowa adjustments for differences between the Iowa and federal section 179 deduction limitations may cause the taxpayer to have a different basis in the same asset for Iowa and federal purposes. Taxpayers are required to use forms made available on the department's website to calculate and track these differences.

**602.24(3) Section 179 deduction received from a pass-through entity.** In some cases, a financial institution that receives income from one or more pass-through entities may receive a section 179 deduction in excess of the Iowa deduction limitation listed in paragraph 602.24(2) "c" for a given year. The financial institution may be eligible for a special election with regard to that excess section 179 deduction, as described in this subrule.

*a. Tax years beginning before January 1, 2018.* For tax years beginning before January 1, 2018, the amount of any section 179 deduction received by a financial institution subject to the franchise tax in excess of the Iowa deduction limitation for that year is not eligible for the special election.

*b. Special election available for tax years 2018 and 2019.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, but before January 1, 2020, a financial institution subject to the franchise tax that receives a section 179 deduction from one or more pass-through entities in excess of the Iowa deduction limitation for that tax year may elect to deduct the excess in future years, as described in this subrule. See rule 701—302.65(422) for rules applicable to individuals and other noncorporate entities, and see rule 701—502.23(422) for rules applicable to corporations (both C and S corporations) and other entities subject to the corporate income tax.

(1) This special election applies only to section 179 deductions passed through to the financial institution by one or more other entities.

(2) If the total Iowa section 179 deduction passed through to the financial institution exceeds the federal section 179 deduction limitation for that year, the financial institution may only use the amount up to the federal limitation when calculating the deduction under this election. Any amount in excess of the federal limitation shall not be deducted for Iowa purposes.

*c. Section 179 assets of a financial institution.* A financial institution that makes this special election may not claim an Iowa section 179 deduction for any assets the financial institution placed in service during the same year but must instead depreciate such assets using the modified accelerated cost recovery system (MACRS) without regard to bonus depreciation under Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. To the extent the financial institution claimed a federal section 179 deduction on those assets, the Iowa depreciation deductions and any basis adjustments resulting from the difference in timing of the recovery between Iowa law and federal law are calculated and tracked on forms made available on the department's website.

**EXAMPLE:** Bank A, a financial institution doing business in Iowa, places in service \$20,000 worth of section 179 assets in tax year 2019 and claims the deduction for the full amount for federal purposes. Bank A is also a member of B, LLC, an entity that has elected to be taxed as a partnership for federal purposes and does not do any business in Iowa. B, LLC also places section 179 assets in service, properly claims a federal section 179 deduction, and passes a total of \$150,000 of that deduction through to Bank A. For federal purposes, Bank A has a total of \$170,000 in section 179 deductions. Because Bank A has section 179 deductions from a pass-through that exceed the Iowa limitation for 2019, Bank A is eligible for the special election. Bank A makes the special election and claims the maximum Iowa section 179 deduction of \$100,000 on the amount passed through from B, LLC. Under the special election, Bank A will be allowed to deduct the remaining \$50,000 passed through from B, LLC over the next five years,

as described in paragraph 602.24(3) “e.” However, because Bank A made the special election, Bank A will be required to depreciate the entire \$20,000 cost of the assets Bank A placed in service in 2019.

*d. Calculating the special election.* A financial institution that elects to take advantage of the special election must first add together all section 179 deductions which the financial institution received from all relevant pass-through entities. The financial institution must claim an aggregate Iowa section 179 deduction equal to the Iowa limit for the tax year. This amount must be subtracted from the total. Whatever remains is the amount the financial institution will be permitted to deduct (special election deduction) in future years.

*e. Special election deduction.*

(1) Calculation. This remaining amount from paragraph 602.24(3) “d” must be separated into five equal shares.

(2) Claiming the special election deduction. The financial institution may deduct one of the five shares in each of the next five years. The dollar limitations and reduction limitations on section 179 deductions do not apply to special deduction amounts allowed over the five-year period under this paragraph.

(3) Excess special deduction. The special election deduction for a given year is limited to the taxpayer’s business income for that year. Any excess may be carried forward to future years. Any amounts carried forward under this subparagraph shall be added to, and treated in the same manner as, regular Iowa section 179 deduction carryforwards as described in paragraph 602.24(2) “g.”

EXAMPLE: Bank D, a financial institution doing business in Iowa, is a partner in a partnership that does not do business in Iowa. In 2019, the partnership passes through a \$600,000 federal section 179 deduction and does not recalculate the deduction for Iowa purposes because the partnership has no obligation to file an Iowa return. Bank D claims an Iowa section 179 deduction of \$100,000 (the 2019 Iowa limitation) and elects the five-year carryforward for the rest, meaning the bank will be allowed to take a \$100,000 Iowa special election deduction in each of the next five years.

In 2020, Bank D is eligible for the \$100,000 deduction carried forward under the election, but the bank only has \$50,000 in business income. The deduction is limited to business income, so the bank can only use \$50,000 of the deduction in 2020. However, Bank D will be permitted to treat the excess \$50,000 as a section 179 carryforward and use it to offset business income in future years until the deduction is used up.

*f. Basis.* The financial institution’s basis in the pass-through entity assets is adjusted by the full amount of the section 179 deduction passed through in the year that the section 179 deduction is received and is therefore the same for both Iowa and federal purposes.

*g. Later tax years.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, Iowa fully conforms to the federal section 179 deduction and special Iowa treatment for excess section 179 deductions received from pass-throughs is not available.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35 as amended by 2019 Iowa Acts, Senate File 220.

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#### ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT

**701—602.25(422) Basis of franchise tax.** Iowa Code section 422.60 imposes a franchise tax on financial institutions (as defined in 701—subrule 600.1(2)) for the privilege of doing business within the state. The tax is measured by net income. For financial institutions subject to the tax, the tax is levied and collected only on income which may accrue or be recognized to the financial institutions from business done or carried on in the state plus net income from certain sources without the state which by rule follows the commercial domicile of the financial institution.

If a financial institution carries on business entirely within the state of Iowa, no allocation or apportionment of its income may be made. The financial institution will be presumed to be carrying on its business entirely within the state of Iowa if its activities are carried on only within Iowa, even

though it receives income from sources outside the state in the form of interest, dividends, royalties, and other sources of income from intangibles.

**602.25(1) Definition—doing business.** The term “doing business” is used in a comprehensive sense and includes all activities or any transactions for the purpose of financial or pecuniary gain or profit. Irrespective of the nature of its activities, every financial institution organized for profit and carrying out any of the purposes of its organization shall be deemed to be “doing business.” In determining whether a financial institution is doing business, it is immaterial whether its activities actually result in a profit or loss.

**602.25(2) Definition—carrying on business partly within and partly without the state.** “Carrying on business partly within and partly without the state” means having business activities in at least one other state sufficient to meet the minimum constitutional standards for doing business in a state under the due process and commerce clauses of the United States Constitution. The determination of whether a financial institution is carrying on business partly within and partly without the state must be made on a tax-year-by-tax-year basis. The activities of past or future years have no bearing on the current year.

The following nonexclusive activities if done on a regular and continuing basis by financial institution officers or employees in at least one other state would constitute the minimum activities which would meet the constitutional standards for doing business in a state under the due process and commerce clauses of the United States Constitution:

- a. Solicitation of loans by traveling loan officers.
- b. Collection of overdue accounts.
- c. Any other activities carried on in advancement, promotion, or fulfillment of the business of the financial institution.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.60 and 422.63.

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#### **701—602.26(422) Allocation and apportionment.**

**602.26(1)** The classification of income by the labels customarily given, such as interest, dividends, rents, and royalties, is of no aid in determining whether that income is business or nonbusiness income. Interest, dividends, rents and royalties shall be apportioned as business income to the extent the income was earned as a part of a financial institution’s unitary business, a portion of which is conducted in Iowa. *Mobil Oil Corp. v. Commissioner of Taxes*, 455 U.S. 425 (1980); *ASARCO, Inc. v. Idaho State Tax Commission*, 458 U.S. 307, 73 L.Ed.2d 787, 102 S.Ct. 3103 (1982); *F. W. Woolworth Co. v. Taxation and Revenue Dept.*, 458 U.S. 354, 73 L.Ed.2d 819, 102 S.Ct. 3128 (1982); *Container Corporation of America v. Franchise Tax Board*, 463 U.S. 159, 77 L.Ed.2d 545, 103 S.Ct. 2933 (1983). Whether income is part of a financial institution’s unitary business income depends upon the facts and circumstances in the particular situation. The burden of proof is upon the taxpayer to show that the treatment of income on the return as filed is proper. There is a rebuttable presumption that an affiliated group of financial institutions in the same line of business have a unitary relationship, although that is not the only element used in determining unitariness.

**602.26(2)** Application of related expense to nonbusiness income. Subrule 602.26(1) deals with the separation of “net” income, therefore, determination and application of related expenses must be made, as hereinafter directed, before allocation and apportionment within and without Iowa. Related expenses shall mean those expenses directly related.

A directly related expense shall mean an expense which can be specifically attributed to an item of income. Interest expense shall be considered directly related to a specific property which generates, has generated, or could reasonably have been expected to generate gross income if the existence of all of the facts and circumstances described below is established. Such facts and circumstances are as follows:

- a. The indebtedness on which the interest was paid was specifically incurred for the purpose of purchasing, maintaining, or improving the specific property;
- b. The proceeds of the borrowing were actually applied to the specified purpose;
- c. The creditor can look only to the specific property (or any lease or other interest therein) as security for the loan;

*d.* It may be reasonably assumed that the return on or from the property will be sufficient to fulfill the terms and conditions of the loan agreement with respect to the amount and timing of payment of principal and interest; and

*e.* There are restrictions in the loan agreement on the disposal or use of the property consistent with the assumptions described in “*c*” and “*d*” above.

A deduction for interest may not be considered definitely related solely to specific property, even though the above facts and circumstances are present in form, if any of the facts and circumstances are not present in substance. Any expense directly attributable to allocable interest, dividends, rents and royalties shall be deducted from income to arrive at net allocable income.

EXAMPLE: For purposes of this example, it is assumed that the taxpayer has nonbusiness rental income. The taxpayer invests in a 20-story office building. Under the terms of the lease agreements, the taxpayer provides heat, electricity, janitorial services, and maintenance. The taxpayer also pays the property taxes. Construction of the building was funded through borrowings which meet the criteria of a direct expense under the provisions of this paragraph. The directly related expenses to the operation of the property are:

Interest expense	\$1,200,000
Property taxes	500,000
Depreciation	500,000
Electricity	300,000
Heat	200,000
Insurance	150,000
Janitorial services	100,000
Repairs	50,000
Total expenses	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

The directly related expense of the allocable rental income is \$3,000,000.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.63.

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**701—602.27(422) Net gains and losses from the sale of assets.** For purposes of administration of this rule, a capital gain or loss shall mean the sale price or value at the time of disposal of an asset less the adjusted basis, whether reportable as short-term or long-term capital gain or ordinary income for federal income tax purposes.

**602.27(1)** Gain or loss from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of real or tangible or intangible personal property, if the property while owned by the taxpayer was used in the taxpayer’s trade or business, shall be apportioned by the business activity ratio applicable to the year the gain or loss is reported on the federal income tax return and may at the taxpayer’s election be included in the computation of the business activity ratio as follows:

*a.* Gain from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of real property shall be included in the numerator if the property is located in this state.

*b.* Gain from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of tangible personal property shall be included in the numerator if:

(1) The property has a situs in this state at the time of sale; or

(2) The taxpayer’s commercial domicile is in this state and the taxpayer is not taxable in the state in which the property had a situs.

*c.* Gains from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of intangible personal property shall be included in the numerator if the taxpayer’s commercial domicile is in this state.

*d.* All gains shall be included in the denominator of the activity ratio.



A taxpayer cannot elect to exclude or include gains or loss from the sale of assets where the election would result in an understatement of income reasonably attributable to Iowa. Noninclusive examples of gains or loss from the sale, exchange or other disposition of real or tangible or intangible property which may not be included in the computation of the business activity ratio because to do so would result in an understatement of net income reasonably attributable to Iowa are the gain recognized under an election pursuant to Section 338 of the Internal Revenue Code or gain recognized under Section 631(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**602.27(2)** Gain or loss from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of property not used in the taxpayer's trade or business shall be allocated as follows:

*a.* Gains or losses from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of real property located in this state are allocable to this state.

*b.* Gains or losses from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of tangible personal property are allocable to this state if:

(1) The property has a situs in this state at the time of sale; or

(2) The taxpayer's commercial domicile is in this state and the taxpayer is not taxable in the state in which the property had a situs.

*c.* Gains or losses from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of intangible personal property are allocable to this state if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in this state.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.63.

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**701—602.28(422) Apportionment factor.** In determining the total net taxable income, the apportionable income attributable to this state, as determined by use of the apportionment fraction, shall be added to the nonapportionable income allocable to this state.

**602.28(1)** Receipts derived from transactions and activities in the regular course of trade or business which produce business income are included in the denominator of the apportionment factor. Income which is not subject to the Iowa franchise tax shall not be included in the computation of the apportionment factor.

**602.28(2)** The numerator of the apportionment factor is that portion of the total receipts included in the denominator of the taxpayer attributable to this state during the income year determined as follows:

*a.* Receipts from the lease, rental, or other use of real property shall be included in the numerator if the real property is located in Iowa.

*b.* Receipts from the sale of tangible personal property shall be included in the numerator if the property is delivered or shipped to a purchaser in this state regardless of the f.o.b. point or other conditions of the sales.

*c.* Receipts from the use of tangible personal property shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula to the extent that property is utilized in Iowa. The extent of utilization of tangible personal property in a state is determined by multiplying the rent by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days of physical location of the property in the state during the rental period in the taxable year and the denominator of which is the number of days of physical location of the property everywhere during all rental periods in the taxable year. If the physical location of the property during the rental period is unknown or not ascertainable by the taxpayer, tangible personal property is utilized in the state in which the property was located at the time the rental payer obtained possession.

*d.* All royalty income from intangible personal property determined to be business income shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula if the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in Iowa. All royalty income from tangible personal property or real property determined to be business income shall be included in the numerator of the business activity formula if the situs of the tangible personal property or real property is within Iowa.

*e.* Interest and other receipts from assets in the nature of loans (including federal funds sold and banker's acceptances) and installment obligations shall be attributed to the state where the borrower is located.

*f.* Interest income from a participating bank's portion of participation loan shall be attributed to the state where the borrower is located.

*g.* Interest income from loans solicited by traveling loan officers shall be attributed to the state where the borrower is located.

*h.* Interest or service charges from bank, travel, and entertainment credit card receivables and credit card holders' fees shall be attributed to the state in which the credit card holder resides in the case of an individual or, if a corporation, to the state of the corporation's commercial domicile.

*i.* Merchant discount income derived from bank and financial corporation credit card holder transactions with a merchant shall be attributed to the state in which the merchant is located. It shall be presumed that the location of the merchant is the address on the invoice submitted by the merchant to the taxpayer.

*j.* Receipts for the performance of fiduciary services are attributable to the state where the services are principally performed.

*k.* Receipts from investments of a bank in securities, the income from which constitutes business income, shall be attributed to its commercial domicile except that:

(1) Receipts from securities used to maintain reserves against deposits to meet federal and state reserve deposit requirements shall be attributed to each state based upon the ratio that total deposits in the state bear to total deposits everywhere.

(2) Receipts from securities owned by a bank but held by a state treasurer or other public official or pledged to secure public or trust funds deposited in the bank shall be attributed to the banking office at which the secured deposit is maintained.

*l.* Receipts (fees or charges) from the issuance of traveler's checks and money orders shall be attributed to the state where the taxpayer's office is located that issued the traveler's checks. If the traveler's checks are issued by an independent representative or agent of the taxpayer, the fees or charges shall be attributed to the state where the independent representative or agent issued the traveler's checks.

*m.* Fees, commissions, or other compensation for financial services rendered for a customer located in this state or an account maintained within this state.

*n.* Any other gross receipts resulting from the operation as a financial organization within the state to the extent the items do not represent a recapture of an expense.

*o.* Receipts from management services if the recipient of the management services is located in this state.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.63.

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**701—602.29(422) Allocation and apportionment of income in special cases.** If a taxpayer feels that the allocation and apportionment method as prescribed by rule 701—602.28(422) in the taxpayer's case results in an injustice, the taxpayer may petition the department for permission to determine the taxable net income, both allocable and apportionable, to the state on some other basis.

The taxpayer must first file the return as prescribed by rule 701—602.28(422) and pay the tax shown due thereon. If a change to some other method is desired, a statement of objections and schedules detailing the alternative method shall be submitted to the department. The department shall require detail and proof within the time as the department may reasonably prescribe. In addition, the alternative method of allocation and apportionment will not be allowed where the taxpayer fails to produce, upon request of the department, any information the department deems necessary to analyze the request for an alternative method of allocation and apportionment. The petition must be in writing and shall set forth in detail the facts upon which the petition is based. The burden of proof will be on the taxpayer as to the validity of the method and its results. The mere fact that an alternative method of apportionment or allocation produces a lesser amount of income attributable to Iowa is, per se, insufficient proof that the statutory method of allocation and apportionment is invalid. *Moorman Manufacturing Company v. Bair*, 437 U.S. 267, 57 L.Ed.2d 197 (1978). In essence, a comparison of the statutory method of apportionment with another formulary apportionment method is insufficient to prove that the taxpayer would be entitled to the alternative formulary apportionment method. *Moorman Manufacturing Company v. Bair*, supra.

One of the possible alternative methods of allocation and apportionment is separate accounting provided the taxpayer's activities in Iowa are not unitary with the taxpayer's activities outside Iowa. Any corporation deriving income from business operations partly within and partly without Iowa must determine that net business income attributable to this state by the prescribed formula for apportioning net income, unless the taxpayer proved by clear and cogent evidence that the statutory formula apportions income to Iowa out of all reasonable proportion to the business transacted within Iowa. *Moorman Manufacturing Company v. Bair*, supra.

Separate accounting is not allowable for a unitary business where the separate accounting method fails to consider factors of profitability resulting from functional integration, centralization of management, and economics of scale. *Shell Oil Company v. Iowa Department of Revenue*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987).

The burden of proof that the statutory method of apportionment attributes to Iowa income out of all reasonable proportion to the business transacted within Iowa is on the taxpayer. In order to utilize separate accounting, the taxpayer's books and records must be kept in a manner that accurately depicts the exact geographical source of profits. In any petition to utilize separate accounting, the taxpayer must submit schedules which accurately depict net income by division or product line and the amount of income earned within Iowa.

There are alternative methods of separate accounting utilizing different accounting principles. A mere showing that one separate accounting method produces a result substantially different than the statutory method of apportionment is not sufficient to justify the granting of the separate accounting method shown. The taxpayer must not only show that the separate accounting method advocated by the taxpayer in comparison with the statutory method of apportionment produces a result which, if the statutory method of apportionment were used, would be out of all reasonable proportion to the business transacted within Iowa. The taxpayer must also show that all other conceivable reasonable separate accounting methods would show, when compared with the statutory method of apportionment, that the statutory method of apportionment substantially produces a distorted result.

As used in this rule, "statutory method of apportionment" means the apportionment factor set forth in rule 701—602.28(422).

All requests to use an alternative method of allocation and apportionment submitted to the department will be considered by the compliance division if the request is the result of an audit or by the taxpayer services and policy division if the request is received prior to audit. If the department concludes that the statutory method of allocation and apportionment is, in fact, both inapplicable and inequitable, the department shall prescribe a special method. The special method of allocation and apportionment prescribed by the department may be that requested by the taxpayer or some other method of allocation and apportionment which the department deems to equitably attribute income to business activities carried on within Iowa.

If the taxpayer disagrees with the determination of the department, the taxpayer may file a protest within 60 days of the date of the letter setting forth the department's determination and the reasons therefor in accordance with rule 701—7.9(17A). The department's determination letter shall set forth the taxpayer's rights to protest the department's determination.

If no protest is filed within the 60-day period, then no hearing will be granted on the department's determination under this rule. However, this does not preclude the taxpayer from subsequently raising this question in the event that the taxpayer protests an assessment or denial of a timely refund claim, but this issue will only be dealt with for the years involved in the assessment or timely refund claim.

The use of an alternative method of allocation and apportionment would only be applicable to the years under consideration at the time the special method of allocation and apportionment is prescribed. The taxpayer's continued use of a prescribed method of allocation and apportionment will be subject to review and change within the statutory, or legally extended period(s).

If there is a material change in the business operations or accounting procedures from those in existence at the time the taxpayer was permitted to determine the net income earned within Iowa by an alternative method of allocation and apportionment, the taxpayer shall apprise the department of such changes prior to filing the taxpayer's return for the current year. After reviewing the information

submitted, along with any other information the department deems necessary, the department will notify the taxpayer if the alternative method of allocation and apportionment is deemed applicable.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.63.

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#### **701—602.30(422) Broadband infrastructure grant exemption.**

**602.30(1) *Broadband infrastructure grant exemption, generally.*** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, certain qualifying communications service providers may subtract, to the extent included in income, the amount of qualifying government grants used to install broadband infrastructure that facilitates broadband service in targeted service areas at or above download and upload speeds identified by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to Section 706 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended. This rule explains terms not defined in Iowa Code section 422.35.

##### **602.30(2) *Definitions.***

“*Facilitate*” shall have the same meaning as defined in Iowa Code section 8B.1.

“*Grant*” means a transfer for a governmental purpose of money or property to a transferee that is not a related party to or an agent of the transferor. The transfer must not impose any obligation or condition to directly or indirectly repay any amount to the transferor or a related party. Obligations or conditions intended solely to assure expenditure of the transferred moneys in accordance with the governmental purpose of the transfer do not prevent a transfer from being a grant.

1. “Federal grant” means any grant issued by the United States government, including any agency or instrumentality thereof.

2. “State grant” means any grant issued by any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a territory or possession of the United States, including any agency or instrumentality thereof.

3. “Local grant” means any grant issued by any city, county, township, school district, or any other unit of local government, including any agency or instrumentality thereof.

**602.30(3) *Limitation on certain refund claims.*** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2020, refund claims resulting from this exemption must be filed prior to October 1, 2020. No refunds shall be issued for claims filed on or after that date.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.

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**701—602.31(422) Interest expense deduction adjustments.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the limit on the amount of business interest expense that a taxpayer may deduct in a taxable year under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 163(j) does not apply for Iowa purposes. This rule provides information on how taxpayers must calculate and report their business interest expense deduction for Iowa purposes, for tax year 2018 (subrule 602.31(2)), when Iowa did not conform to the limitation; tax year 2019 (subrule 602.31(3)), when Iowa did conform to the limitation; and tax years 2020 and later (subrule 602.31(4) et seq.), when Iowa again does not conform to this limitation. All references to the Code of Federal Regulations (Treas. Reg.) and certain other information in this rule are based on final Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations and guidance in effect on January 13, 2021.

**602.31(1) *Definitions.*** The following terms apply to the interpretation and application of this rule.

“*Current-year business interest expense*” means the same as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-1(b)(9).

“*Excess business interest expense*” means the same as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-1(b)(16).

“*Iowa partnership*” means any partnership required to file an Iowa return (IA 1065) for the relevant tax year.

“*Iowa S corporation*” means any S corporation required to file an Iowa return (IA 1120S) for the relevant tax year.

“*Non-Iowa partnership*” means any partnership that is not required to file an Iowa return (IA 1065) for the relevant tax year.

“*Non-Iowa S corporation*” means any S corporation that is not required to file an Iowa return (IA 1120S) for the relevant tax year.

**602.31(2) Tax year 2018.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, but before January 1, 2019 (tax year 2018), Iowa conforms with the IRC in effect on January 1, 2015, meaning the 30 percent limitation on the business interest expense deduction first imposed by IRC Section 163(j) under Public Law 115-97 (TCJA) does not apply for Iowa purposes.

*a. In general.* For tax year 2018, Iowa taxpayers are permitted to deduct current-year business interest expense without regard to the limitations imposed by IRC Section 163(j) under the TCJA. The taxpayer’s additional deduction is computed on the 2018 Nonconformity Adjustments Worksheet. Taxpayers who qualify for these higher Iowa deductions in 2018 may need to make further adjustments in 2019 for amounts deducted under this subrule for Iowa purposes but disallowed and carried forward for federal purposes. See subrule 602.31(3) for more information about these 2019 adjustments.

*b. Special rules for partnerships and S corporations.*

(1) Iowa partnerships and S corporations. Partnerships and S corporations required to file Iowa returns in tax year 2018 are required to make adjustments for Iowa’s nonconformity with IRC Section 163(j) at the entity level, meaning they can deduct the full interest expense on the entity’s own Iowa return and the reduction to the partner’s or shareholder’s share of the entity’s income will be included in the all source modifications line of the partners’ or shareholders’ Iowa Schedules K-1.

EXAMPLE 1: P, a partnership doing business in Iowa, has \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense in 2018. For federal purposes, \$20,000 of that amount is disallowed under IRC Section 163(j). The partnership deducts \$80,000 at the entity level in 2018, and the remaining disallowed \$20,000 is allocated to the partners to be deducted in future years. For Iowa purposes, the \$80,000 of business interest expense allowed for federal purposes is included in the partnership’s non-separately stated ordinary business income (loss), and the partnership will make an adjustment on the entity’s IA 1065 to deduct the \$20,000 of current-year business interest expense that was disallowed for federal purposes. The \$20,000 additional Iowa deduction will be reported to the partners as an all source modification on the partners’ IA 1065 Schedules K-1, and partners will receive the benefit of this all source modification item when the partners report their Iowa partnership income on their own Iowa tax return for the year. The partners will not be permitted to make further Iowa adjustments on their own Iowa tax return for the excess business interest expense amounts passed through to them from the partnership for federal purposes.

(2) Owners of partnerships and S corporations with no entity-level 2018 Iowa filing requirement.

1. Non-Iowa partnerships. Iowa partners who received interest expense deductions from partnerships which were not required to file 2018 Iowa returns may claim the larger Iowa deduction for business interest expense passed through from the partnership on the partner’s own 2018 Iowa return by including in the partner’s Iowa deduction the amount of disallowed business interest expense deduction shown on the 2018 federal Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), line 13, code K, received from the non-Iowa partnership.

EXAMPLE 2: ABC, Inc. is a corporation doing business in Iowa and a partner in P2, an out-of-state partnership with no business in Iowa and no Iowa filing obligation. In 2018, P2 has \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense and is subject to the IRC Section 163(j) limitation for federal purposes. At the entity level, P2 is permitted to deduct \$80,000 on its 2018 federal partnership return. The \$20,000 in excess business interest expense is then allocated to P2’s partners. ABC, Inc. is allocated \$5,000 in excess business interest expense from P2. Because P2 is not required to file an Iowa return, and therefore ABC, Inc. did not receive a 2018 IA 1065 Schedule K-1 from P2, ABC, Inc. is permitted to deduct the \$5,000 allocated from P2 as current-year business interest expense on ABC, Inc.’s 2018 Iowa income tax return.

2. Non-Iowa S corporations. Iowa shareholders of S corporations that have no Iowa filing requirement are limited to the deduction actually passed through to them on the federal Schedule K-1 received from the S corporation for Iowa purposes in tax year 2018. These shareholders are not permitted to make adjustments for interest expense disallowed at the entity level for the non-Iowa S corporation. See Example 3 in 701—subrule 302.85(2) for an example of how Iowa shareholders of

non-Iowa S corporations should report the business interest expense deduction allocated to them from the S corporation.

**602.31(3) Tax year 2019.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020 (tax year 2019), Iowa conforms to the IRC in effect on March 24, 2018.

*a. Applicable limitation.* For tax year 2019, Iowa conforms to the 30 percent limitation on the business interest expense deduction imposed by IRC Section 163(j). Because of Iowa's fixed conformity date, Iowa did not conform with the higher 50 percent limitation retroactively imposed by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, to the extent that increased limitation applied in tax year 2019 for federal purposes. For tax year 2019 only, taxpayers are required to calculate their Iowa business interest expense deduction by applying the limitations of IRC Section 163(j) without regard to IRC Section 163(j)(10).

EXAMPLE 3: X Bank has an adjusted taxable income (ATI) of \$100,000 for tax year 2019, and \$80,000 in deductible business interest expense. For federal purposes, X Bank's business interest expense deduction is limited to \$50,000 (50 percent of ATI) under the CARES Act. However, because Iowa only conforms to the 30 percent limitation imposed by the TCJA, and not the higher CARES Act limitation for 2019, X Bank's Iowa business interest expense deduction for the year is limited to \$30,000. X Bank will report this difference by making a \$20,000 adjustment on IA 101, line 3 (X Bank may have additional adjustments on this line if the current-year federal deduction included amounts carried forward from 2018).

*b. Addition to income for tax year 2018 federal carryforward amounts deducted in tax year 2019.* To the extent a taxpayer's tax year 2019 federal business interest expense deduction includes amounts that were disallowed and carried forward to future years under IRC Section 163(j) in tax year 2018 for federal purposes, but allowed as a deduction in tax year 2018 for Iowa purposes under paragraph 602.31(2)"a" (in general), subparagraph 602.31(2)"b"(1) (Iowa partnerships and S corporations), or numbered paragraph 602.31(2)"b"(2)"1" (non-Iowa partnerships), these carried-forward amounts must be added back in computing Iowa income. These prior deductions and current adjustments are calculated and tracked on the IA 101 Nonconformity Adjustments form. Note that shareholders of non-Iowa S corporations should not be required to add back 2018 carryforward amounts deducted by the S corporation in 2019, because the shareholders were not permitted to deduct these excess amounts for Iowa purposes in 2018. See numbered paragraph 602.31(2)"b"(2)"2."

EXAMPLE 4: QRS, Inc. is a partner in P under the same facts described in Example 1 above. For tax year 2019, QRS, Inc. completes federal Form 8990 and is eligible to deduct \$1,000 of the excess business interest expense allocated to QRS, Inc. from P in 2018 on QRS, Inc.'s 2019 federal income tax return. This \$1,000 federal deduction for prior-year excess business interest expense allocated from P must be added back in computing QRS, Inc.'s 2019 Iowa income. The same add-back would be required if this scenario was applied to the facts in Example 2 above.

**602.31(4) Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, Iowa does not conform with the IRC Section 163(j) business interest expense deduction limitation.

*a. Current-year business interest expense.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, a taxpayer's current-year business interest expense is fully deductible to the extent permitted by IRC Section 163 for Iowa purposes without regard to any limitation under IRC Section 163(j). Even though Iowa does not conform to IRC Section 163(j), provisions of the IRC other than Section 163(j) may subject interest expense to disallowance, deferral, capitalization, or other limitations, and those other provisions of the IRC still generally apply for Iowa purposes. No additional Iowa adjustments are permitted for federal limitations such as those described in Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-3(b)(4), which are determined after the application of IRC Section 163(j) for federal purposes. See Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-3 for examples of other provisions of the IRC that may restrict interest expense deductions for federal and Iowa purposes, independent of the Section 163(j) limitation.

*b. Carryforward.*

(1) Special one-time carryforward catch-up (tax year 2020 only). For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, but before January 1, 2021 (tax year 2020), taxpayers who filed a 2019 Iowa

return are permitted to deduct all interest expense deduction amounts that were disallowed and carried forward under IRC Section 163(j) for Iowa purposes in tax year 2019. This deduction shall be calculated and reported on the taxpayer's 2020 Iowa income tax return using form IA 163A. Excess business interest expense amounts carried over from tax year 2018 at the federal level shall not be deducted for Iowa tax purposes in tax year 2020.

EXAMPLE 5: In 2019, X Bank had \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense. X Bank's business interest expense deduction was limited to \$50,000 for federal purposes and limited to \$30,000 for Iowa purposes due to Iowa's nonconformity with the CARES Act for that year. See paragraph 59.31(3) "a." In 2020, X Bank is again subject to an IRC Section 163(j) limitation and is not permitted to deduct any prior-year carryforward amounts for federal purposes. However, because Iowa does not conform to the IRC Section 163(j) limitation for 2020, X Bank may deduct all of the company's current-year business interest expense and all \$70,000 (\$100,000 - \$30,000) of X Bank's disallowed Iowa interest expense carried over from 2019. X Bank must complete the IA 163 in order to calculate the company's current-year business interest expense deduction, and the IA 163A to determine the total amount of 2019 disallowed Iowa interest expense amounts, which may be deducted in full on X Bank's 2020 Iowa return.

(2) Addition to income for prior-year federal carryforward amounts deducted in the current year. When current-year interest expense is limited at the federal level, the disallowed business interest expense is carried forward to be deducted in future years for federal purposes when certain conditions are met. See Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-1(b)(10) for the definition of "disallowed business interest expense." Iowa law allows taxpayers to fully deduct current-year business interest expense, and no amounts are carried forward for Iowa purposes. Disallowed business interest expense carryforward amounts from prior years, including excess business interest expense allocated to a partner in a prior year, cannot be deducted for Iowa purposes except as described in subparagraph 602.31(4) "b"(1). All prior year disallowed business interest expense carryforward amounts deductible under IRC Section 163(j) in the current year at the federal level, including excess business interest expense allocated to a partner in a prior year, must be added back in computing the taxpayer's Iowa income for the year.

EXAMPLE 6: In 2020, X Bank has \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense. For federal purposes, X Bank is subject to the IRC Section 163(j) limitation. X Bank deducts \$70,000 in business interest expense on X Bank's 2020 federal return and carries the remaining \$30,000 forward to be deducted in future years. For Iowa purposes, X Bank deducts the full \$100,000 in current-year business interest expense in 2020.

In 2021, X Bank has \$50,000 in current-year business interest expense. For federal purposes, X Bank is permitted to deduct the full \$50,000 in interest expense generated in 2021, plus \$5,000 of the amount that was disallowed in 2020 for a total federal deduction of \$55,000 in 2021. X Bank must add the federal carryforward amount (\$5,000) back on the company's 2021 Iowa return, limiting X Bank's 2021 Iowa deduction to the \$50,000 in current-year business interest expense.

**602.31(5) Partners and partnerships.**

a. *Partnership-level adjustments.* For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, partnerships that file an Iowa income tax return for a tax year in which the partnership is subject to the IRC Section 163(j) limitation for federal purposes are permitted to deduct all current-year business interest expense at the partnership level in that tax year. See 701—paragraph 302.85(5) "a" for more information about the calculation and reporting of partnership-level adjustments.

b. *Partner-level adjustments.*

(1) Interest expense from Iowa partnerships. Iowa adjustments related to excess business interest expense of an Iowa partnership are made at the entity level as described in 701—paragraph 302.85(5) "a" and are reported to partners on an IA 1065 Schedule K-1. Partners are not permitted to make any Iowa adjustment at the partner level to their federal interest expense deduction for amounts of excess business interest expense allocated from an Iowa partnership on the partner's federal Schedule K-1 related to that Iowa partnership. See Example 1 above.

(2) Interest expense from non-Iowa partnerships. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, partners may include as part of their Iowa business interest expense deduction the total amount

of current-year excess business interest expense deduction passed through to them from all non-Iowa partnerships as shown on the federal Schedule K-1 (Form 1065), line 13, code K. See Example 2 above.

(3) Partnership basis. A partner's basis is reduced (but not below zero) by the amount of excess business interest expense the partnership passes through to the partner each year. See Treas. Reg. Section 163(j)-6(h) for detailed information about how to make these basis adjustments. For federal purposes, immediately before disposition of the partnership interest, the partner's basis is then increased by the amount of any passed-through business interest expense which has not yet been treated as paid or accrued by the partner as described in Treas. Reg. Section 163(j)-6(h)(3). No basis increase at the time of disposition is allowed for Iowa purposes for passed-through business interest expense amounts that were deducted for Iowa, but not for federal, purposes due to Iowa's nonconformity with IRC Section 163(j).

**602.31(6) S corporation adjustments.** For federal purposes, IRC Section 163(j) limitations are applied at the S corporation level. Unlike partnerships, disallowed business interest expense amounts are carried forward and deducted in future years at the entity level rather than being passed through to shareholders. S corporations should calculate their entity-level business interest expense deduction for Iowa purposes under the provisions of rule 701—502.29(422). See also Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-6(l) for more information about the application of IRC Section 163(j) to S corporations for federal purposes.

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#### **701—602.32(422) COVID-19 grant exclusion.**

**602.32(1) Definitions.** For purposes of this rule:

“*Administering agency*” means the economic development authority, the Iowa finance authority, or the department of agriculture and land stewardship.

“*Grant recipient*” means a person who applies for and is issued a qualifying COVID-19 grant by an administering agency.

“*Issued*” means the approval of the grant recipient's application and amount for a qualifying COVID-19 grant by an administering agency, regardless of when the grant funds were paid by the administering agency.

**602.32(2) Qualifying COVID-19 grant programs.**

*a.* The department is responsible for determining whether a grant program provides “qualifying COVID-19 grants” as defined in Iowa Code section 422.7(62) as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 619, section 5. In making this determination, and for purposes of the definition of “qualifying COVID-19 grant,” a grant program is “created to primarily provide COVID-19 related financial assistance to economically impacted individuals and businesses located in this state” if that grant program, at the time of its inception, was intended by the administering agency to provide a majority (more than 50 percent) of its financial assistance to or for the benefit of businesses that are doing business in Iowa or are deriving income from sources within Iowa, and that are economically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

*b.* The administering agency shall notify the director of the existence of any grant program it believes may be a qualifying COVID-19 grant program. Upon such notification, the department will request from the administering agency the information necessary to determine whether that program is a qualifying COVID-19 grant as defined in Iowa Code section 422.7(62) as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 619, section 5, and this rule. The administering agency shall provide the department with the requested information within the time frame prescribed by the department in its request. Failure to provide the requested information to the department shall prevent the department from determining that the grant program is a qualifying COVID-19 grant. Grant programs not specifically listed below in paragraph 602.32(2) “*c*” are not qualifying COVID-19 grants and are not eligible for the exclusion provided in this rule, even if that program may otherwise meet the definition of “qualifying COVID-19 grant” in Iowa Code section 422.7(62) as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 619, section 5.



c. For an exhaustive list of programs that have been identified by the department as qualifying COVID-19 grants, including a general description of each program's grant recipients, that may qualify for the exclusion from Iowa net income under subrule 602.32(3), see 701—paragraph 502.30(2)“c.”

**602.32(3) Excluding qualifying COVID-19 grants from Iowa net income.**

a. *Generally.* A grant recipient may subtract a qualifying COVID-19 grant when calculating Iowa net income if all of the following apply:

(1) The grant was issued as part of a qualifying COVID-19 grant program identified in 701—paragraph 502.30(2)“c.”

(2) The grant was issued on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before December 31, 2021.

(3) The grant funds were included in the grant recipient's net income for a tax year ending on or after March 17, 2020, but beginning before January 1, 2024. The grant may only be subtracted to the extent it is included in the grant recipient's net income for that qualifying tax year. A qualifying COVID-19 grant that is exempt from federal income tax, and thus not included in the grant recipient's Iowa net income, does not qualify for an additional subtraction on the grant recipient's Iowa return.

b. *Third-party payee of grant funds.* A third-party payee of qualifying COVID-19 grant funds is not eligible for this exemption from Iowa income. If the proceeds of a qualifying COVID-19 grant are paid to someone other than the grant recipient, only the grant recipient on whose behalf the grant proceeds were paid may qualify for this exemption from Iowa income.

c. *Repayment.* Grant funds that were repaid to the administering agency for any reason are not eligible for this exemption from Iowa income.

d. *Reporting requirements.* A grant recipient who received qualifying COVID-19 grant funds and who excludes those funds when calculating Iowa net income should retain documentation to support the claimed exclusion. A grant recipient must provide such documentation to the department if requested. The required documentation may include, but is not limited to, documentation to support that the grant recipient was issued and received the grant within the qualifying periods.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.7(62) as amended by 2021 Iowa Acts, Senate File 619, section 5.

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CHAPTER 603  
ASSESSMENTS, REFUNDS, APPEALS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
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**701—603.1(422) Notice of discrepancies.**

**603.1(1)** *Notice of adjustment.* An employee of the department, designated by the director to examine returns and make audits, who discovers discrepancies in returns or learns that the income of the taxpayer may not have been listed, in whole or in part, or that no return was filed when one was due, is authorized to notify the taxpayer of the discovery by ordinary mail. The notice shall not be termed an assessment, and it may inform the taxpayer of the amount due if the information discovered is correct.

**603.1(2)** *Right of taxpayer upon receipt of notice of adjustment.* A taxpayer who has received notice of an adjustment in connection with a return may pay the additional amount stated to be due. If payment is made, and the taxpayer wishes to contest the matter, the taxpayer should then file claim for refund. However, payment will not be required until assessment has been made (although interest will continue to accrue if payment is not made). If no payment is made, the taxpayer may discuss with the employee who notified the taxpayer of the discrepancy, either in person or through correspondence, all matters of fact and law which the taxpayer considers relevant to the situation. Documents and records supporting the taxpayer's position may be required.

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**701—603.2(422) Notice of assessment.** If after following the procedure outlined in subrule 603.1(2) no agreement is reached, and the taxpayer does not pay the amount determined to be correct, a notice of assessment shall be sent to the taxpayer by mail. If the period in which the correct amount of tax can be determined is nearly at an end, either a notice of assessment, without compliance with subrules 603.1(1) and 603.1(2), or a jeopardy assessment may be issued. All notices of assessment shall bear the signature of the director.

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**701—603.3(422) Refund of overpaid tax.** The following are provisions for refunding or crediting to the taxpayer deposits or payments for tax in excess of amounts legally due.

**603.3(1)** A claim for refund of franchise tax may be made on a form obtainable from the department. Claims for refund should not be mailed in the same envelope or attached to the return. In the case of a claim filed by an agent of the taxpayer, a power of attorney must accompany the claim.

**603.3(2)** A franchise taxpayer shall not offset a refund or overpayment of tax for one year as a prior payment of tax of a subsequent year on the return of a subsequent year without authorization in writing by the department. The department may, however, apply an overpayment, or a refund otherwise due the taxpayer, to any tax due or to become due from the taxpayer.

**603.3(3)** When an overpayment of estimated tax is indicated on the face of the return, the overpayment will ordinarily be refunded to the taxpayer by the department without the filing of a formal claim for refund. If a refund of the indicated overpayment is not received within a reasonable period of time, a claim for refund may be filed by the taxpayer on an official form obtainable from the Taxpayer Services Section, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

If an overpayment of income tax is claimed as a credit against estimated tax for the succeeding taxable year, such amount shall be considered as a payment of the income tax for the succeeding taxable year and no claim for credit or refund shall be allowed.

When a taxpayer elects to have an overpayment credited to estimated tax for the succeeding year, interest may be properly assessed on a deficiency of income tax for the year in which the overpayment arose. If a taxpayer elects to have all or part of an overpayment shown on the return applied to the estimated income tax for the succeeding taxable year or refunded, the election is binding to the taxpayer.

An overpayment of tax may be used to offset any outstanding tax liability owed by the taxpayer, but once an elected amount is credited as a payment of estimated tax for the succeeding year, it loses its character as an overpayment for the year in which it arose and thereafter cannot offset any subsequently determined tax liability.

**603.3(4)** Reserved.

**603.3(5)** Refunds—statute of limitations for tax years ending after January 1, 1979. The statute of limitations with respect to which refunds or credits may be claimed is:

*a.* The later of:

- (1) Three years after the due date of payment upon which refund or credit is claimed; or
- (2) One year after which such payment was actually made.

*b.* Six months from the date of final disposition of any federal income tax matter with respect to the particular tax year. The taxpayer, however, must have notified the department of the matter within six months after the specified three-year period. The term “matter” includes, but is not limited to, the execution of waivers and commencement of audits. The refund is limited to those matters between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service which affect Iowa taxable income. *Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987).

*c.* For federal audits finalized on or after July 1, 1991, the taxpayer must claim a refund or credit within six months of final disposition of any federal income tax matter with respect to the particular tax year regardless when the tax year ended. It is not necessary for the taxpayer to have previously notified the department within the period of limitations specified in 603.3(5) “a”(1) of a matter between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service in order to receive a refund or credit. The term “matter” includes, but is not limited to, the execution of waivers and commencement of audits. The refund or credit is limited to those matters between the taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service which affect Iowa taxable income. *Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987).

*d.* Three years after the due date of the return for the year in which a net operating loss or capital loss occurs, which if carried back results in a reduction of tax in a prior period and an overpayment results.

**603.3(6)** Reserved.

**603.3(7)** Refunds—statute of limitations for taxpayers who paid 90 percent of the tax by the due date and filed the original return in the six-month extended period. If a taxpayer has paid 90 percent of the income tax required to be shown due by the original due date of the return and has filed the original income tax return sometime in the six-month extended period after the original due date, the taxpayer may file an amended return within three years of the extended due date of the return and shall be within the statute of limitations for refund. This position is supported by the Iowa Supreme Court in *Conoco, Inc. v. Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance*, 477 N.W.2d 377 (Iowa 1991). See also 701—subrule 301.2(4) which pertains to the extended period for filing the Iowa income tax return when 90 percent of the tax is paid by the original due date of the Iowa income tax return.

See 701—subrule 504.3(7) for examples illustrating how this rule is applied.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.66 and section 422.73 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328.

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CHAPTER 604  
ESTIMATED TAX FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

[Prior to 12/17/86, Revenue Department[730]]  
[Prior to 11/2/22, see Revenue Department[701] Ch 61]

**701—604.1(422) Who must pay estimated tax.**

**604.1(1) General rule.** Every corporate taxpayer subject to the franchise tax on financial institutions shall pay estimated tax if the amount of tax payable, less credits, can reasonably be expected to be more than \$1000 for the calendar or fiscal year. The amount of estimated tax paid shall be used as a credit on the Iowa franchise tax return.

**604.1(2) Definition.** For purposes of this division, “estimated tax” means the amount which the taxpayer estimates to be the tax due and payable under division V of Iowa Code chapter 422.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.85 as amended by 1989 Iowa Acts, Senate File 154.

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**701—604.2(422) Time for filing and payment of tax.**

**604.2(1) Time for filing.**

*a. General rule.* The date for filing the first estimated tax payment is on or before the last day of the fourth month of the tax year. The estimated tax form is to be filed with the Franchise Estimate Processing, P.O. Box 10413, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

*b. Amended estimates.* Generally, whenever a taxpayer who is required to make estimated tax payments has reason to believe that its Iowa franchise tax may increase or decrease, an amended estimate shall be filed at such time to reflect the increase or decrease in estimated Iowa franchise tax. The amended estimate shall be made on or before the next installment date. The unpaid balance after amending the estimate should be paid in equal installments on the remaining payment dates.

**604.2(2) Payment of estimated tax.**

*a. General rule.* Estimates may be paid in full at the time of the first filing or in four equal installments. The taxpayer may also elect to pay any installment prior to the date prescribed.

*b. Calendar year.* The first installment for a corporation filing on a calendar year basis is due by April 30. The other installments, if applicable, shall be paid on or before June 30, September 30, and December 31 of the current year.

*c. Fiscal year.* The installment dates for a financial institution filing on a fiscal year basis are:

Installment No. 1. The last day of the fourth month of the fiscal year.

Installment No. 2. The last day of the sixth month of the fiscal year.

Installment No. 3. The last day of the ninth month of the fiscal year.

Installment No. 4. The last day of the twelfth month of the fiscal year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.85 as amended by 1989 Iowa Acts, Senate File 154, and 422.86.

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**701—604.3(422) Special estimate periods.**

**604.3(1) Short taxable year.** A financial institution having a taxable year of less than 12 months shall pay estimated tax if anticipating an Iowa tax liability of more than \$1,000 for that short taxable year.

*a. Short taxable year where a new financial institution first commences doing business.* In filing the first estimated tax payment, the taxpayer shall state the tax period that the estimated tax payment covers.

(1) If the tax year is three months or less, no estimated tax payment need be made.

(2) If the tax year is greater than three months, but not more than four months, and estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the fourth month, the estimated tax shall be paid based upon the taxable income for the first three months.

(3) If the tax year is greater than four months, but not more than six months, and the first estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the fourth month, the estimated tax shall be paid

in two equal installments. The first installment shall be due the last day of the fourth month based on the first three months' taxable income annualized by multiplying the taxable income by the number of months in the tax year and dividing by three. The second installment shall be due the last day of the tax year.

If the first estimated tax payment is required to be made after the fourth month, the estimated tax payment shall be made on the last day of the tax year and the estimated tax shall be paid in one installment based upon the taxable income for the first four months if the tax year ends during the fifth month or for the first five months if the tax year ends during the sixth month.

(4) If the tax year is greater than four months, but not more than nine months, and the first estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the fourth month, the estimated tax shall be paid in three equal installments. The first installment shall be due the last day of the fourth month based on the first three months' taxable income annualized by multiplying the taxable income by the number of months in the tax year and dividing by three. The second installment shall be due the last day of the sixth month of the tax year. The third installment shall be due the last day of the tax year.

If the first estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the sixth month of the tax year, the estimated tax shall be paid in two equal installments. The first installment shall be due on the last day of the sixth month based upon the first five months' taxable income annualized by multiplying the taxable income by the number of months in the tax year and dividing by five. The second installment shall be due on the last day of the tax year.

If the first estimated tax payment is required to be made after the last day of the sixth month of the tax year, the estimated tax payment shall be made on the last day of the tax year and the estimated tax shall be paid in one installment based on the taxable income for the first seven months if the tax year ends during the eighth month or for the first eight months if the tax year ends during the ninth month.

(5) If the tax year is greater than four months, but not more than eleven months, and the first estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the fourth month, the estimated tax shall be paid in four equal installments. The first installment shall be due the last day of the fourth month based upon the first three months' income annualized by multiplying the taxable income by the number of months in the tax year and dividing by three. The second installment shall be due on the last day of the sixth month of the tax year. The third installment shall be due on the last day of the ninth month of the tax year. The fourth installment shall be due the last day of the tax year.

If the first estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the sixth month of the tax year, the estimated tax shall be paid in three equal installments. The first installment shall be due on the last day of the sixth month based upon the first five months' taxable income annualized by multiplying the taxable income by the number of months in the tax year and dividing by five. The second installment shall be due the last day of the ninth month of the tax year. The third installment shall be due on the last day of the tax year.

If the first estimated tax payment is required to be made on the last day of the ninth month of the tax year, the estimated tax shall be paid in two equal installments. The first installment shall be due on the last day of the ninth month, based upon the first eight months' taxable income annualized by multiplying the taxable income by the number of months in the tax year and dividing by eight. The second installment shall be due the last day of the tax year.

If the first estimated tax payment is required to be made after the last day of the ninth month of the tax year, the estimated tax payment shall be made on the last day of the tax year and the estimated tax shall be paid in one installment based upon the taxable income for the first nine months if the tax year ends during the tenth month or for the first ten months if the tax year ends during the eleventh month.

(6) If during the tax year, the taxpayer determines that its tax year will be different than the tax year specified in its original payment of estimated tax, the remaining estimated tax payments, if any, shall be based upon the above schedule.

*b.* Short taxable year where the taxpayer is liquidated during the tax year or where under any provision of the Internal Revenue Code the taxpayer is required to file a return for a period of less than 12 months.

(1) If the tax year is three months or less, no estimated tax payment need be made.



(2) If the tax year is greater than three months, an estimated tax payment shall be made the same as if the taxpayer's tax year is a full 12 months except that the final installment shall be due the last day of the tax year.

(3) Special exception to penalty. If the taxpayer uses the exception under Iowa Code subsection 422.89(1) to avoid the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax, no penalty will accrue if the following conditions are met: (a) The total amount of all payments of estimated tax made on or before the last date prescribed for the payment of estimated tax equals the prior year's tax multiplied by the number of months in the short tax year and divided by 12, and (b) a return for the preceding tax year of a full 12 months showing a tax liability was filed by the taxpayer.

**604.3(2) *Doing business for less than a full year.***

*a. General rule.* A financial institution which commences or ceases to do business during any part of the year shall determine its Iowa estimated tax on that portion of income earned while doing business during the year.

*b. Example.* A bank which first begins doing business in this state on April 15 and which expects a tax liability of \$1,500 must make its first payment of estimated tax of \$500 by June 30 and pay the remaining balance of \$1,000 in two equal installments of \$500 each by September 30 and December 31 of the tax year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.92.

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**701—604.4(422) Reporting forms.** Financial institutions which have paid estimated tax in the prior year will receive by mail a preaddressed reporting form. Blank reporting forms are available from the department for those making an estimate for the first time, or when the preaddressed form is misplaced or lost.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.21.

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**701—604.5(422) Penalties.** Failure to file and underpayment of estimated tax.

**604.5(1) *Underpayment penalty.***

*a.* A penalty is imposed for underpayment of the estimated tax by the taxpayer. This underpayment penalty is imposed whether or not there was reasonable cause for the underpayment. The Iowa penalty for underpayment of estimated tax is computed on Form IA 2220.

*b.* The amount of the underpayment penalty is determined at the statutory rate upon the amount of underpayment of the estimated tax for the period from the date the amount is required to be paid until the last day of the fourth month following the close of the income year, or the date the underpayment is paid, whichever is earlier.

EXAMPLE. A calendar year financial institution is required to make four equal estimated payments of \$2,500 in the current year to meet the exception to the underpayment of estimated tax penalty. The financial institution does not make a first quarter estimated payment which was due on April 30, but makes an estimated payment of \$5,000 for the second quarter on June 30. The financial institution is subject to the underpayment of estimated tax penalty for the period from April 30 to June 30, when the underpayment was paid.

**604.5(2) *Exception to imposition of the underpayment penalty.***

*a. In general.* The underpayment penalty will not be imposed for any underpayment if, on or before the date prescribed for payment, the total amount of all payments made of the estimated tax equals or exceeds the amount which would have been required to be paid on or before such date if the estimated tax were the least of the following amounts:

(1) The tax shown on the return for the preceding taxable year, provided that the preceding taxable year was a taxable year of 12 months and a return showing a tax liability was filed for such year;

(2) An amount equal to a tax determined on the basis of the tax rates for the taxable year but otherwise on the basis of the facts shown on the return for the preceding taxable year if the taxable year was a taxable year of 12 months or, if the preceding taxable year was a taxable year of less than 12

months, then by placing the income on an annual basis and the law applicable to the preceding year, in the case of a taxpayer required to file a return for the preceding taxable year; or

(3) For tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2012, an amount equal to 90 percent of the tax determined by placing on an annual basis the net income for the first 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, or 11 months of the taxable year, whichever is applicable. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, an amount equal to 100 percent of the tax determined by placing on an annual basis the net income for the first 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, or 11 months of the taxable year, whichever is applicable. The net income so determined shall be placed on an annual basis by multiplying it by 12, and dividing the resulting amount by the number of months in the taxable year for which the net income was so determined.

*b. Statement of exception.* If there has been an underpayment of the amount of the estimated tax, and the taxpayer believes that one or more of the exceptions to the penalty preclude the assertion of the underpayment penalty, the taxpayer should attach a statement showing the applicability of any exception upon which the taxpayer relies.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.88 and 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 422.89 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2328.

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### **701—604.6(422) Overpayment of estimated tax.**

**604.6(1)** *Refund of overpayment of estimated tax.* Any overpayment of estimated tax, at the taxpayer's election, of \$5 or more will be refunded with interest without a claim for refund being filed. If the overpayment is less than \$5, it will be refunded only if the taxpayer files a claim for refund within 12 months after the due date of the return.

**604.6(2)** *Interest on refunds of overpayments of estimated tax.* Interest begins to accrue on the first day of the second calendar month following the date of payment or the date the return was due to be filed, or was filed, whichever is the latest. The rate of interest shall be that set forth in rule 701—10.2(421).

**604.6(3)** *Credit to next year's tax.* In lieu of claiming a refund, the taxpayer may elect to have the overpayment credited to the next year's tax liability. The election may not be changed after the due date for filing the return considering any extension of time to file. If the taxpayer elects to have the overpayment credited to the next year's tax liability, the overpayment will be credited to the first installment if the overpayment arose on or before the due date of the return. If the overpayment arises after the due date of the return, the overpayment will be credited to the first installment due after the date of payment. The taxpayer may by a written election included with the filing of the return elect to have the overpayment credited to a different installment. Revenue Ruling 84-58.

This subrule is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984.

**604.6(4)** *Estimated tax carryforwards and how the carryforward amounts are affected under different circumstances.*

*a.* Estimated tax carryforward and how the amount of carryover credit is affected by error on return. If a state return is timely filed with an overpayment shown on the return and the overpayment is to be credited to the taxpayer's estimated payments for the following year, the amount credited to estimated payments will be affected by an error on the return. Thus, if the error on the return is corrected and results in a smaller overpayment than was shown when the return was filed, the credit to estimated tax from the return will be reduced accordingly.

EXAMPLE: Financial Institution X filed its 1994 return on April 20, 1995, showing an overpayment of \$400 and a credit to 1995 estimated tax of \$400. During processing of the return, it was determined that interest from municipal bonds was subtracted from net income instead of being added to net income. Correction of this error resulted in an overpayment of \$200 instead of \$400. Thus, the amount credited to the taxpayer's estimated payments for 1995 was \$200 instead of the \$400 shown on the return form. The department notified Financial Institution X of the error and advised that only \$200 was being credited to the taxpayer's estimated tax for 1995 instead of the \$400 shown on the return.

*b.* Estimated tax credit carryover, the carryforward amount affected by amended return. A taxpayer timely files an original return with an overpayment and with the overpayment credited to the following year's estimated tax payments. If the taxpayer files an amended return correcting an error

on the original return and with a different amount credited to estimated tax than on the original return, the credit amount from the amended return will be credited to estimated tax, if the amended return is filed before the last day of the following tax year. Thus, if an amended return for tax year ending September 30, 1995, is filed by September 30, 1996, the amount shown as a credit to estimated tax from that amended return will be the amount credited to the taxpayer's September 30, 1996, estimated tax, instead of the amount credited from the original September 30, 1995, return.

EXAMPLE: Financial Institution Y filed its original September 30, 1995, return on January 15, 1996, with an overpayment of \$500 and all of the overpayment credited to its estimated tax for the tax year ending September 30, 1996. Later, in 1996, Y determined that it had failed to claim a deduction on the return for depreciation on some business equipment it acquired in tax year ending September 30, 1995. Therefore, Y filed an amended Iowa return for tax year ending on September 30, 1995, on July 15, 1996, showing an overpayment of \$700 and a credit to estimated tax of the same amount. Y's amended return was filed on or before September 30, 1996, so the \$700 credit to Y's estimated tax for tax year ending September 30, 1996, from the amended return was allowed.

Note that if the amended return had not been filed until sometime in October 1996, the credit from Y's original return would have been applied to Y's estimated payments for tax year ending September 30, 1996. Since the amended return would have been filed too late for purposes of crediting the overpayment to the taxpayer's estimated tax for the next year, the department would issue Y a refund of \$200 which is the portion of the overpayment from the amended return that had not been credited to estimated tax from the original return for tax year ending September 30, 1995.

c. Estimated tax carryforward and how the amount of carryover credit is affected by state tax liability or other state liability of the taxpayer. A taxpayer who files an Iowa return with an overpayment shown on the return and elects to have the overpayment credited to the taxpayer's estimated tax for the next tax year will not have the overpayment credited to estimated tax, if the taxpayer has tax liabilities or other liabilities with the state that are subject to setoff. Other liabilities with the state that are subject to setoff are those liabilities described in Iowa Code section 8A.504. These liabilities are for district court debts, and any other debts of the taxpayer with a board, commission, department, or other administrative office or unit of the state of Iowa.

EXAMPLE: Financial Institution Z filed its 1994 Iowa return in April 1995 showing an overpayment of \$400 and a credit to 1995 estimated tax of \$400. During processing of Financial Institution Z's 1994 return it was determined that Financial Institution Z had a liability of \$150 from its 1993 Iowa return. Thus, \$150 of the 1994 overpayment was offset against the tax liability from the 1993 return. The remaining portion of the 1994 overpayment of \$250 was credited to Financial Institution Z's estimated tax for 1995.

**604.6(5) *Accrual of interest on an assessment of additional tax.*** If the taxpayer has not elected to have an overpayment credited to an installment other than the first installment, interest shall accrue on an assessment of additional tax as follows. If the overpayment was credited to the first installment, interest on an assessment of additional tax shall accrue from the due date of the return. If the overpayment was credited to an installment due after the overpayment arose, interest shall accrue from the date the return was filed. Interest on that portion of an assessment greater than the overpayment shall accrue from the due date of the return.

If the taxpayer has elected to have an overpayment of estimated tax credited to an installment other than the first, interest shall accrue on any assessment of additional tax up to the amount of the overpayment from the date the return was filed with the department. Interest on any assessment of additional tax greater than the amount of the overpayment shall accrue from the due date of the return. *Avon Products, Inc. v. United States*, 588 F.2d 342 (2nd Cir. 1978), Revenue Ruling 84-58.

This subrule is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1984.

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TITLE VIII  
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**701—700.1(422) Administration.**

**700.1(1) Definitions.** The following definitions cover 701—Chapter 700 and are in addition to the definitions contained in Iowa Code section 422.4.

“*Administrator*” means the administrator of the compliance division of the department of revenue or the personal representative of an intestate estate.

“*Compliance division*” is the organizational unit of the department created by the director to administer the inheritance and fiduciary income tax laws.

“*Department*” means the department of revenue.

“*Director*” means the director of revenue.

“*Gross income*” includes any and all income prior to any deductions as set forth on the Iowa fiduciary return of income.

“*Personal representative*” means the executor, administrator or trustee of a decedent’s estate.

“*Tax*” means the income tax imposed on estates and trusts under Iowa Code section 422.6.

“*Taxable income*” is the income of the fiduciary and also includes distributions to beneficiaries as set forth on the Iowa fiduciary return of income.

“*Taxpayer*” means the executor, administrator or other personal representative of a decedent’s estate required to file a return for the estate and the decedent under Iowa Code sections 422.14 and 422.23. “Taxpayer” also means the trustee of a trust subject to tax under 26 U.S.C. Section 641 and required to file a return under 26 U.S.C. Section 6012(b), as well as the trustee of the bankruptcy estate of an individual under Chapter 7 or 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code.

**700.1(2) Delegation of authority.** The director delegates to the administrator of the compliance division, subject always to the supervision and review of the director, the authority to administer the fiduciary income tax. This authority specifically includes, but is not limited to: determining the correct fiduciary income tax liability; making tax liability assessments; issuing refunds; releasing tax liens; filing tax liability claims in probated estates and releasing the claims upon payment of the tax; and issuing the certificate of acquittance authorized by Iowa Code section 422.27. The administrator of the compliance division may delegate the examination and audit of tax returns to the supervisors, agents and employees and representatives of the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.2, 421.4, 422.6, 422.23, 422.25, 422.26, 422.27 and 422.73.

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**701—700.2(422) Confidentiality.**

**700.2(1) Confidential information.** The state and federal returns and accompanying schedules, and the taxpayer’s books, records, documents and accounts of any person, firm or corporation are held confidential, except the information which is deemed a public record by state and federal law. See 26 U.S.C. Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code pertaining to the confidentiality and disclosure of federal tax returns and federal tax return information. See rules 701—6.3(17A) and 701—300.6(422) regarding the confidentiality of a decedent’s individual income tax returns.

**700.2(2) Information not confidential.** Copies of wills, probate inventories, trust instruments, deeds and other documents which are filed for public record are not confidential. The fact alone that a return has or has not been filed with the department is not confidential information. 1976 Op. Att’y. Gen. 679.

**700.2(3) Documents to be filed.**

*a. Estates of Iowa decedents.* A copy of the inheritance tax return and probate inventory required by Iowa Code section 633.361 and 701—subrule 900.2(2) (relating to inheritance tax) and a copy of the

decedent's will in testate estates shall be filed with the first fiduciary return of income, unless previously filed with the department for inheritance tax purposes.

*b. Nonresident decedents—ancillary administration.* If ancillary administration has been opened for the estate of a nonresident decedent, a copy of the inheritance tax return and probate inventory and a copy of the decedent's will in testate estates shall be filed with the department, subject to the same conditions and requirements in estates of resident decedents. If ancillary administration has not been opened for a nonresident decedent with Iowa taxable income, a copy of the inventory filed in the primary estate, or the portion of the inventory listing the property generating the Iowa income and the decedent's will in testate estates, must be filed with the department with the first fiduciary return of income.

*c. Inter vivos trusts.* Inter vivos trusts with a situs in Iowa and inter vivos trusts with a situs outside Iowa with Iowa taxable income shall submit to the department with the first fiduciary return the following: (1) a copy of the trust instrument; (2) a list of the trust assets (those generating Iowa taxable income in case of trusts with a situs outside Iowa); and (3) an estimate of the fair market value of each asset. If the trust instrument is amended or additional assets are added to the trust corpus (additional assets which generate Iowa taxable income in case of trusts with a situs outside Iowa), a copy of the amended items must be submitted to the department with the first fiduciary return of income following the change.

*d. Testamentary trusts.* If the estate was not reported for inheritance tax purposes, a copy of the decedent's will and a list of assets in the trust corpus in testamentary trusts with a situs both within and without Iowa must be submitted to the department with the first fiduciary return of income.

*e. Safe deposit box.* Effective July 1, 1998, there is no longer a requirement for safe deposit boxes to be inventoried and reported to the department prior to the delivery of the assets to the personal representative, transferee, joint owner or beneficiary.

**700.2(4) Required records.** The taxpayer shall keep records and accounts necessary to substantiate reportable income and deductions. Upon request, the taxpayer shall furnish the department documents, such as copies of tax returns, court orders, trust instruments, annual reports, canceled checks and like information, as may be reasonably necessary to enable the department to determine the correct tax liability. *Tiffany v. County Board of Review*, 188 N.W.2d 343, 349 (Iowa 1971). For taxpayers using an electronic data interchange process or technology also see 701—subrule 11.4(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.25, 422.27, 422.28, 422.73 and 1997 Iowa Acts, chapter 60, sections 1 and 2.

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### **701—700.3(422) Situs of trusts.**

**700.3(1) Testamentary trusts.** The situs of a testamentary trust for tax purposes is the state of the decedent's residence at the time of death until the jurisdiction of the court in which the trust proceedings are pending is terminated. In the event of termination and the trust remains open, the situs of the trust is governed by the same rules as pertain to the situs of inter vivos trusts.

**700.3(2) Inter vivos trusts.** If an inter vivos trust is created by order of court or makes an accounting to the court, its situs is the state where the court having jurisdiction is located until the jurisdiction is terminated. The situs of an inter vivos trust which is subject to the grantor trust rules under 26 U.S.C. Sections 671 to 679 is the state of the grantor's residence, or the state of residence of the person other than the grantor deemed the owner, to the extent the income of the trust is governed by the grantor trust rules.

If an inter vivos trust (other than a trust subject to the grantor trust rules in 26 U.S.C. Sections 671 to 679) is not required to make an accounting to and is not subject to the control of a court, its situs depends on the relevant facts of each case. The relevant facts include, but are not limited to: the residence of the trustees or a majority of them; the location of the principal office where the trust is administered; and the location of the evidence of the intangible assets of the trust (such as stocks, bonds, bank accounts, etc.). The residence of the grantor of a trust, not subject to the grantor trust rules under 26 U.S.C. Sections 671 to 679, is not a controlling factor as to the situs of the trust, unless the person is also a trustee. A statement in the trust instrument that the law of a certain jurisdiction shall govern the administration of



the trust is not a controlling factor in determining situs. The residence of the beneficiaries of a trust is also not relevant in determining situs.

**700.3(3) Part-year trust.** A trust that has its situs part of the year within Iowa and part of the same year outside of Iowa is to report its income on Iowa Form IA-1041. Essentially, to report the income, the trust will be treated similarly to a nonresident or part-year resident for Iowa income tax purposes. To complete the return, the trust should complete page one of Form IA-1041, the income and deductions portions of the form. The income and deductions reported in these two portions of the form should include all the trust's income reported during the tax year. After the previous computation has been completed, then Schedule C of Form IA-1041 is completed to determine a nonresident/part-year resident credit similar to the calculation set forth in rule 701—304.5(422) for individual income tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.6, 422.8, and 422.14.

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### **701—700.4(422) Fiduciary returns and payment of the tax.**

**700.4(1) Form of return.** The form of the fiduciary return shall be prescribed by the director. It shall conform as nearly as possible to the federal fiduciary return.

**700.4(2) Required federal returns and schedules.** Nonresident estates with Iowa taxable income and trusts with situs outside Iowa with Iowa taxable income must submit a copy of the federal fiduciary return with the Iowa return. Estates of Iowa decedents and trusts with a situs in Iowa must submit copies of the federal schedules that substantiate gross income, deductions and ordinary and throwback distributions to beneficiaries with the Iowa return.

**700.4(3) Same form for nonresident estates and foreign situs trusts.** Nonresident estates and foreign situs trusts shall use the same form for reporting Iowa taxable income as prescribed for resident estates and trusts with a situs in Iowa.

**700.4(4) Accounting period—tax year.** The initial fiduciary return may reflect either a calendar or fiscal year accounting period, without the department's prior approval. If a fiscal year is elected, it may end on the last day of any month, except December, but in no case shall the fiscal year adopted be for a period longer than the last day of the month preceding the decedent's death or the month the trust was created. The accounting period for the purpose of the tax imposed by Iowa Code section 422.6 must be the same accounting period that is adopted for federal income tax purposes. This limitation is equally applicable to estates of resident and nonresident decedents and trusts with a situs within and without Iowa. If the taxpayer has not adopted a taxable year prior to the time the return is due to be filed and the tax paid, the taxable year is a calendar year until authorization is granted to change to a fiscal year. See 26 U.S.C. Sections 441 to 443, federal regulations Sections 1.441 - 1(g)(3) and 1.442.2.

The permissible taxable years are illustrated by the following examples:

EXAMPLE 1. Decedent died July 4, 1990. The taxable year for the estate commences the day after the decedent's death (July 5, 1990) and will end December 31, 1990, if a calendar year is adopted as the taxable year. If a fiscal year is adopted, it can end on July 31, 1990, or the last day of any future month (except December 31, 1990), but no later than June 30, 1991, subject to the condition that it is selected prior to the time the return and payment are originally due.

EXAMPLE 2. Grantor creates an irrevocable trust on July 27, 1989. On July 1, 1990, the trustee filed the initial fiduciary return of income, adopting at that time a taxable year ending November 30, 1989. Since the return was due March 17, 1990 (March 15 was a Saturday) for federal income tax purposes and March 31, 1990, for Iowa income tax purposes, it is delinquent and a fiscal year accounting period is disallowed and the trust taxable year is the calendar year.

**700.4(5) Short year returns.** If an estate or trust is in existence only a portion of the taxable year, a return must be filed for the partial year in accordance with subrule 700.4(6).

**700.4(6) Minimum filing requirements.**

*a. General rule.* A fiduciary return of income must be filed if the gross income of the estate or trust for the taxable year is \$600 or more, regardless of any tax liability.

*b. Exception to the general rule.* A final fiduciary return of income must be filed for the taxable year in which an estate or trust is closed, regardless of the amount of gross income, if an income tax certificate of acquittance is requested. The final fiduciary return of income constitutes an application for an income tax certificate of acquittance pursuant to Iowa Code sections 422.27, 633.477 and 633.479. For a certificate of acquittance to be received, the appropriate box on the final fiduciary return must be checked to request the certificate.

**700.4(7) Amended returns.** An amended return must be filed if there is a change in income or deductions that results in a tax or additional tax due, or in a change in income, deductions or credits distributable to a beneficiary. An amended return may be filed in lieu of a claim for refund when a change in reportable income or deductions results in a tax overpayment. See 701—subrules 305.3(8) and 305.3(15) for the period of time for making a claim for a refund of excess tax paid.

**700.4(8) Return due date.** The fiduciary return must be filed with the department and the tax due paid in full on or before the last day of the fourth month following the end of the taxable year. Payment of 90 percent of the tax due with the filing of a return will grant a taxpayer a six-month automatic extension of time to pay the remaining tax due. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the due date is the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday as defined in Iowa Code section 421.9A. Returns not timely filed with 90 percent of the tax timely paid are subject to penalty as provided in rule 701—700.6(422).

**700.4(9) Duties of the taxpayer.**

*a. Income of the estate or trust.* A taxpayer must timely file a fiduciary return if the minimum filing requirements specified in subrule 700.4(6) are met and must pay 90 percent of the tax due. Receipt of the return with 90 percent of the tax due paid will result in an automatic six-month extension of time to pay the remaining tax due. The department is not required to file a claim for taxes in the estate proceedings and have the claim allowed before the tax is paid. *In re Estate of Oelwein*, 217 Iowa 1137, 1141, 251 N.W. 694 (1933); *Findley v. Taylor*, 97 Iowa 420, 66 N.W. 744 (1896). The personal representative of an estate must pay the tax on income from property in the personal representative's possession, prior to applying the income to estate obligations. See Iowa Code section 633.352.

*b. Decedent's final individual income tax return.* The executor, administrator, or other personal representative of the decedent's estate must file an individual income tax return for the decedent for the year of the decedent's death if the gross income attributable to the decedent for the part of the taxable year ending with death equals or exceeds the minimum filing requirements. See 701—subrules 301.1(1) to 301.1(3) and 301.1(5) for the minimum filing requirements for individual income tax. If the surviving spouse of a decedent has not remarried during the balance of the taxable year and has the same taxable year as the decedent, the personal representative of the decedent's estate may file a joint return with the surviving spouse for the taxable year of death. In the event of such an election, the joint return must include the surviving spouse's income for the entire taxable year and the decedent's income for the portion of the taxable year ending with death. Income attributable to property owned by the decedent and the decedent's rights to income received after the day of the decedent's death are income of the decedent's estate or the persons succeeding to the property or rights to income. See Iowa Code sections 633.350 to 633.353 for the circumstances under which the estate is charged with the income from the decedent's property or the decedent's rights to income. Income from property held by the decedent and others in joint tenancy received after the decedent's death is charged to the surviving joint tenants, not to the decedent's estate.

The final return for a decedent may be filed at any time after the decedent's death, but in no event later than the last day of the fourth month following the end of the decedent's normal taxable year. The final income tax return of the decedent, if the minimum filing requirements are met, must be filed prior to the time an income tax certificate of acquittance is requested, even though this may require the early filing of the return. Therefore, filing a joint return with the surviving spouse is precluded if the decedent's final return is required to be filed prior to the end of the normal taxable year.

*c. Decedent's prior year returns.* The personal representative of the decedent's estate is not limited to filing the decedent's final return and paying the tax due. In addition, the personal representative has the duty to file a return, if none was filed, and to pay any additional income tax owed by the decedent

that may become due by reason of an audit of the decedent's income or prior year returns. The personal representative's duty to pay the tax, or additional tax, is limited to the probate property subject to the jurisdiction of the court. The probate property must be applied to the payment of the decedent's tax liability according to the order for paying debts and charges specified in Iowa Code section 633.425.

*d. Composite return requirement.* The personal representative of a decedent's estate and the trustee of a trust are subject to the composite return filing and tax payment obligations under Iowa Code section 422.16B and 701—Chapter 405 if the estate or trust has nonresident beneficiaries.

*e. Beneficiary's share of income, deductions and credits.* After the final distribution of income for the taxable year, but prior to the date for filing a beneficiary's individual income tax return, the personal representative of an estate and the trustee of a trust shall furnish each beneficiary receiving a distribution from an estate or trust a written statement specifying the amount and types of income subject to Iowa tax and the kinds and amounts of the deductions and credits against the tax. A copy of the federal schedule K-1, Form 1041, adapted to reflect Iowa taxable income, may be substituted in lieu of the statement.

*f. Liability of a personal representative and trustee.* A personal representative of a decedent's estate and the trustee of a trust shall be personally liable for the amount of Iowa composite tax required to be paid under Iowa Code section 422.16B and 701—Chapter 405 if the composite tax liability attributable to a nonresident beneficiary is not paid and, in addition, is personally liable for any penalty and interest due if the tax is not paid to the department within the time prescribed by law.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.6, 422.8, 422.16, 422.21, 422.23, 422.25, 422.27, 633.352 and 633.425.

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#### **701—700.5(422) Extension of time to file.**

##### **700.5(1) Automatic extension of time to file.**

*a.* If the taxpayer has paid at least 90 percent of the tax required to be shown due by the due date and has not filed a return by the due date, the director will consider that the taxpayer has requested an extension of time to file the return and will automatically grant an extension of up to six months to file the return. The taxpayer does not have to file an application for extension form with the department to get the automatic extension to file the return within the six-month period after the due date and not be subject to penalty. However, if the taxpayer wants to make a tax payment to ensure that at least 90 percent of the tax has been paid on or before the due date, the payment should be made with the Iowa fiduciary income tax payment voucher form. This form can be found on the department's website at [tax.iowa.gov](http://tax.iowa.gov); requested by mail from the Taxpayer Services Section, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306; or requested by telephone at (515)281-3114.

*b.* To determine whether or not at least 90 percent of the tax was paid on or before the due date, the aggregate amount of tax credits applicable on the return plus the tax payments made on or before the due date are divided by the tax required to be shown due on the return. The tax required to be shown on the return is the sum of the income tax, lump-sum tax, minimum tax, and the trust portion of the ESBT tax. The tax credits applicable are the credits set out in Iowa Code chapter 422, subchapter II, and Iowa Code section 422.111. The tax payments to be considered for purposes of determining whether 90 percent of the tax was paid are the withholding tax payments, estimate payments, composite tax payments, and payments made with the Iowa fiduciary income tax voucher form to ensure that 90 percent of the tax was paid timely.

*c.* If the aggregate of the tax credits and the tax payments is equal to or greater than 90 percent of the tax required to be shown due, the taxpayer will have met the "90 percent" test and no penalty will be assessed. However, the taxpayer will still be subject to statutory interest on any tax due when the return is filed.

*d.* Any tax elections will be considered to be valid in instances when the return is filed within the six-month extended period after the due date. The fact that the taxpayer has paid less than 90 percent of

the tax required to be shown due will not invalidate any tax elections made on the return, if the return is filed within the six-month extended period.

**700.5(2)** *Extension of time to file due to illness, death, absence, or other legitimate reason.* The taxpayer is required to file the taxpayer's fiduciary income tax return on or before the due date of the return with payment in full of the amount required to be shown due with the return. However, in any instance where the taxpayer is unable to file the return by the due date because of illness or death in the taxpayer's immediate family, unavoidable absence of the taxpayer, or other legitimate reason, the director may grant a six-month extension of time to file the return.

**700.5(3)** *Extension of time for the decedent's final tax return.* 701—subrule 301.2(4), which provides for extensions of time to file individual income tax returns, will apply to the decedent's final tax return.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.21.  
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**701—700.6(422) Penalties.** See rule 701—10.6(421) for the calculation of penalty for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 1991.

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**701—700.7(422) Interest or refunds on net operating loss carrybacks.**

**700.7(1)** *Interest on unpaid tax.* Tax not paid within the time prescribed by law, including the period during an extension of time, draws interest at the rate described in rule 701—10.2(421). Payments made are first credited to penalty and interest due and then to the tax liability. See *Ashland Oil Co. v. Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance*, 452 N.W.2d 162 (Iowa 1990).

**700.7(2)** *Interest on refunds and tax paid prior to due date.* For the purpose of determining the time interest begins to accrue, all income tax withheld, estimated tax paid and other tax paid prior to the due date shall be deemed to be paid on the last day the return is required to be filed disregarding any extensions of time to file the return and pay the tax.

**700.7(3)** *Interest on a net operating loss carryback—the second calendar month period—on or after April 30, 1981.* For net operating losses occurring in any of the taxable years ending on or after April 30, 1981, interest accrues on excess tax paid in a prior year, if the loss is carried back to such year, only after the close of the taxable year in which the loss occurs or on the first day of the second calendar month following the date the tax to be refunded was paid, whichever time is later.

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**701—700.8(422) Reportable income and deductions.**

**700.8(1)** *Application of the Internal Revenue Code.* Iowa Code section 422.4(16) provides that taxable income of estates and trusts for Iowa income tax purposes is the same as taxable income for federal income tax purposes, subject to certain adjustments specified in Iowa Code sections 422.7 and 422.9. Therefore, the Internal Revenue Code is also Iowa law insofar as it relates to what constitutes gross income, allowable deductions and distributions, subject to the adjustments specified above. See *First National Bank of Ottumwa v. Bair*, 252 N.W.2d 723 (Iowa 1977).

For purposes of a distribution deduction under this chapter, an estate or trust shall receive a distribution deduction only for income taxable to Iowa. For example, municipal interest will be included in the distribution deduction because it is taxable to Iowa. U.S. government interest would not be included because it is not taxable to Iowa.

For tax years ending after August 5, 1997, if the trust is a qualified preneed funeral trust as set forth in Section 685 of the Internal Revenue Code and the trustee has elected the special tax treatment under Section 685 of the Internal Revenue Code, neither the trust nor the beneficiary is subject to Iowa income tax on income accruing to the trust.

**700.8(2)** *Authority of federal court cases, regulations and rulings.* The director has the responsibility to enforce and interpret the law relating to the taxes the department is obligated to administer, including those portions of the Internal Revenue Code which are Iowa law under Iowa Code section 422.4(16). Federal regulations may be interpreted by Iowa courts for state tax purposes. *In re Estate of Loudon*,

249 Iowa 1393, 1396, 92 N.W.2d 409 (1958). However, the construction of statutes by a court of the jurisdiction where the statute originated properly commands consideration and is highly persuasive. *Eddy v. Short*, 190 Iowa 1376, 1383, 179 N.W. 818 (1920), *In re Estate of Millard*, 251 Iowa 1282, 1292, 105 N.W.2d 95 (1960). Therefore, while federal court cases, regulations and rulings interpreting the Internal Revenue Code will be accorded every consideration, the department has the right to make its own interpretation of the Internal Revenue Code as to what constitutes taxable income for Iowa tax purposes, consistent with Iowa statutes and court decisions. Also see rule 701—303.2(422).

**700.8(3) Reportable income in general—Iowa estates and trusts.** Estates of Iowa resident decedents and trusts with a situs in Iowa must report all income received from sources within and without Iowa, regardless of whether the income is from real, personal, tangible or intangible property. See 89.8(11) “b” for the credit allowable against the Iowa tax for income tax paid to another state or country on income reported to Iowa for taxation.

**700.8(4) Reportable income in general—foreign situs estates and trusts.** Estates and trusts with a situs outside Iowa must report all income received from sources within and without Iowa, regardless of whether the income is from real, personal, tangible or intangible property. Foreign situs estates and trusts must also report that portion of the income which is from Iowa sources. Examples of Iowa source income include, but are not limited to: income from real and tangible personal property with a situs in Iowa, such as a farm and from a business located in Iowa; the capital gain portion of an installment sale contract of Iowa situs property; and wages, salaries and other compensation for services performed in Iowa, but received after the death of the decedent. Iowa source income would not include income from intangible personal property, such as annuities, interest on bank deposits, and dividends, unless the income was derived from a business, trade, profession or occupation carried on in Iowa. See paragraph 89.8(11) “d” for the credit allowed a foreign situs estate and trust for income earned outside Iowa.

**700.8(5) Income from property subject to the jurisdiction of the probate court.**

*a. Probate property subject to possession by the personal representative.* Income received on probate property after the decedent’s death is chargeable to the estate or to the person succeeding to the decedent’s property depending on whether the personal representative has the right to, or has taken possession of, the probate property producing the income. (Rev. Ruling 57-133, 1-CB 200 (1957).) If the personal representative has taken possession of or has the right to possession of a specific item of probate property, the income from this property is estate income, even though the personal representative is bound by law to distribute the income during the course of administration to a beneficiary. *Colthurst v. Colthurst*, 265 N.W.2d 590 (Iowa 1978); *In re Estate of Herring*, 265 N.W.2d 740 (Iowa 1978). The personal representative is charged with the income from this property for each taxable year until the property is distributed or otherwise disposed of. Iowa Code section 633.351 (probate code) specifies the personal representative shall take possession of the decedent’s personal property, except exempt property, and also the decedent’s real estate, except the homestead, if any one of the following conditions are met: if there is no distributee present and competent to take possession; if the real estate is subject to a lease; or if the distributee is present and competent and gives consent to possession. *Colthurst v. Colthurst*, 265 N.W.2d 590 (Iowa 1978); *In re Estate of Peterson*, 263 N.W.2d 555 (Iowa Ct. of Appeals 1977). In addition, Iowa Code section 633.386 (probate code) gives the personal representative authority to lease real estate (and therefore to take possession) in order to pay the debts and charges of the estate.

*b. Income charged to the heir or beneficiary.* Under Iowa law title to probate property, both real and personal, passes instantaneously on death to the heir or beneficiary. *In re Estate of Bliven*, 236 N.W.2d 366, 370 (Iowa 1975). If property is not subject to the personal representative’s right of possession under Iowa Code section 633.351 (probate code) and the personal representative has not exercised the right to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge real and personal property to pay debts and charges under Iowa Code section 633.386 (probate code), the income from this probate property is not estate income. It is income to the person succeeding to the property.

**700.8(6) Income from nonprobate property.** Income from property not subject to the jurisdiction of the probate court is charged to the beneficiary or other person succeeding to the property. Examples of income from nonprobate property include, but are not limited to: property held in joint tenancy, annuity payments, pension and retirement plans not payable to the estate, and income from certain trusts created

by the grantor-decedent. See *Wood, Admr., v. Logue*, 167 Iowa 436, 441, 149 N.W. 613 (1914) for joint tenancy property not being subject to the jurisdiction of the probate court; also *Lang v. Commissioner*, 289 U.S. 109, 77 L.Ed. 1066, 53 S.Ct. 535 (1933).

**700.8(7) Gross income of an estate.**

*a. In general.* 26 U.S.C. Section 641(b) provides that the taxable income of an estate or trust shall be computed in the same manner as the taxable income of an individual, except as modified in Subchapter J of the Internal Revenue Code. The gross income of an individual and, therefore, the gross income of an estate or trust, is not given a definitive meaning in 26 U.S.C. Section 641. Paragraphs 700.8(7) “d” to “q” describe the most common kinds of income of an estate or trust. However, those paragraphs are not intended to identify all types of taxable income.

*b. Definition of the period of administration.* The income charged to the decedent’s estate is reportable by the personal representative for each taxable year during the period of the administration of the decedent’s estate, if the minimum filing requirements are met. The period of administration for Iowa income tax purposes is determined by applying federal tax law to Iowa estates because Iowa taxable income is the same as federal taxable income, subject to the adjustments provided in Iowa Code sections 422.7 and 422.9. *Old Virginia Brick Co., Inc. v. Commissioner*, 367 F.2d 276 (4th CA 1966); *First National Bank of Ottumwa v. Bair*, 252 N.W.2d 723 (Iowa 1977). It is the period actually required by the personal representative to perform the ordinary duties of administration, such as the collection of assets and the payment of debts, taxes, legacies and bequests, whether the period required is longer or shorter than the period specified under the probate code. See federal regulations 1.641(b)-3(a). An estate will be considered terminated for income tax purposes when all of the assets have been distributed, except for a reasonable amount set aside in good faith for the payment of unascertained or contingent liabilities and expenses. The delay in closing the estate cannot be capricious. *Frederich v. Commissioner*, 147 F.2d 796 (5th CA 1944). If the period of administration is terminated for income tax purposes, the heir or beneficiary is charged with the income.

*c. The estate’s first return—special considerations.* Death terminates the decedent’s taxable year. Income received the day of the decedent’s death is to be reported on the decedent’s final individual return. See 26 U.S.C. 443(a)(2); federal regulation Section 1.443-1(a)(1).

The taxable year of a decedent’s estate begins the day after the decedent’s death. Income received after the decedent’s death is either chargeable to the decedent’s estate or to the person succeeding to the property producing the income. See 700.8(5) “a” and 700.8(5) “b.” Income the decedent had a right to receive prior to death, but did not receive before death, is not the decedent’s income, but is income in respect of a decedent and is chargeable either to the decedent’s estate when received or to the person succeeding to the right to income. See 26 U.S.C. Section 691(a) and applicable federal regulations on what constitutes income in respect of a decedent. Trade or business expenses, interest, taxes and expenses for the production of income owing by the decedent at death, but unpaid, and the allowance for depletion on income not received at death, are not deductible on the decedent’s final return. These are deductible by the estate or the person succeeding to the property when paid. Medical expenses incurred by the decedent, but unpaid at death, are not deductible by the estate. These are deductible on the decedent’s individual return for the year the expenses were incurred, if paid within one year after the decedent’s death and if the medical expense is not claimed as a deduction for federal estate tax purposes under 26 U.S.C. Section 2053. See 26 U.S.C. Section 213(d) and federal regulations thereunder relating to deductible medical expense of a decedent. Funeral expense is not a deductible item for income tax purposes, although it is a deductible expense for federal estate tax and Iowa inheritance tax purposes. See 701—paragraphs 900.6(1) “g” and 900.6(3) “b.” Unused ordinary and capital losses remaining after the decedent’s income tax liability for the year of death has been determined are not carried forward to the decedent’s estate. The unused losses terminate with death, except to the extent they may be used by the decedent’s surviving spouse. See Rev. Ruling 74-175, 1 CB 52 (1974). The estate of a decedent is a different taxpayer than the decedent.

*d. Dividends.* All income classified as dividends under 26 U.S.C. Section 61 and federal regulation section 1.61-9, received or constructively received, during the taxable year constitutes gross income to the estate or trust. However, some income labeled as dividends is for tax purposes classified as interest.

For example, income from cooperative banks, credit unions, domestic building and loan associations, domestic savings and loan associations, federal savings and loan associations and mutual savings banks are considered interest and not dividends.

*e. Interest.* All interest received or constructively received during the taxable year, with the exception of interest, but not capital gain, from federal securities and from certain bonds issued by the state of Iowa and its political subdivisions listed in rule 701—302.3(422) is income to the estate or trust. Interest from securities issued by a state and its political subdivisions or from foreign securities is included in gross income for Iowa tax purposes, even though the interest may be exempt from federal income tax, except for those bonds listed in rule 701—302.3(422).

*f. Partnerships and other estates and trusts.* If a partnership in which the decedent had an interest is not terminated at death, the deceased partner's share of the partnership income is considered to be all received at the end of the partnership taxable year. As a result, none of the partnership income is chargeable to the deceased partner, unless the day of the partner's death coincides with the day the partnership year ends. It is chargeable to the deceased partner's estate or the person succeeding to the partner's interest, notwithstanding the fact the deceased partner may have withdrawn most or all of the deceased partner's share of the partnership income prior to death. Federal regulation section 1.706-1(C)(3)(ii); Rev. Ruling 68-215, 18 I.R.B. 14 (1968).

In general, if an estate or trust and its beneficiaries have different taxable years, the beneficiary is required to report the income from the estate or trust as if it were all paid on the last day of the taxable year of the estate or trust. Federal regulation section 1.662(C)-1. *Hay v. U.S.*, 263 F. Supp. 813 (D.C. Tex. 1967). However, if the beneficiary dies during the taxable year of an estate or trust, the taxable income of the beneficiary's estate includes only the portion of the income of the other estate or trust which was required to be distributed to the beneficiary, but was not in fact distributed to the beneficiary before death. The income that was in fact distributed by the other estate or trust prior to the beneficiary's death is properly included in the beneficiary's final income tax return. See federal regulation 1.662(C)-2.

*g. Rents and royalties.* Income received after death for the use or occupancy of the decedent's real and personal property is the income of the decedent's estate or the income of the person succeeding to the property. See 700.8(5) "a" and 700.8(5) "b." If the rental income was accrued, but unpaid at death, the accrued rent is income in respect of a decedent and is to be included as income, either by the estate or the person succeeding to the right to the income, in the taxable year when payment is received. Rent is not limited to payments in cash. It includes, but is not limited to, crop share rental payments when the decedent was a nonparticipating landlord. *Alvin R. Huldeen Estate v. Department of Revenue*, Sac County District Court, Probate No. 14,661 (1975). Income from the sale of grain and livestock in the estate of a participating landlord which was on hand at death is classified as income from a farm or business and not rental income.

Income from royalties would include, but is not limited to, payment for rights in books, plays, copyrights, trademarks, formulas, patents and from the exploitation of natural resources.

*h. Farm and business income—in general.* The death of the decedent does not alter the rules under which business and farm income is computed for income tax purposes. However, the decedent's estate as a new taxpayer may adopt a taxable year which is different from the decedent's taxable year. Also, the decedent's estate may adopt a different accounting method. The rules for determining a gain or loss from the sale or exchange of assets in the decedent's estate are the same as those for an individual. However, see 700.8(7) "i" and 700.8(7) "j" for the basis for gain or loss from the sale or exchange of property acquired from a decedent and 700.8(7) "l" for depreciation rules for property acquired from a decedent.

*i. Basis for gain or loss—the stepped-up basis.* Property acquired from a decedent receives a new basis for determining gain or loss when the property is sold or exchanged. This rule does not apply to property which is classified as income in respect of a decedent and certain other property designated in 26 U.S.C. Section 1014(b) and (c) and the federal regulations thereunder. The basis of property acquired from a decedent is either: (1) its fair market value at the time of death or the alternative value when it has been elected for federal estate tax purposes under 26 U.S.C. Section 2032, or (2) its special use value when the property has been valued for federal estate tax purposes under 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A. The decedent's basis in the property is not relevant.

If an estate files a federal estate tax return, then the basis is governed by the federal estate tax value determination. However, if an estate does not file a federal estate tax return, then Iowa inheritance tax valuation governs the basis for the property that is acquired.

EXAMPLE 1. Decedent A died July 1, 1995, owning a 160-acre Iowa farm which the decedent purchased in 1955 for \$200 per acre, or \$32,000. At the time of A's death, the farm had a fair market value of \$2,000 per acre, or \$320,000. In 1965, A and surviving spouse B purchased a residence for \$35,000 in joint tenancy. Surviving spouse B, a school teacher, contributed one half of the purchase price of the residence; therefore, one-half of the residence is excluded from A's gross estate. At the time of A's death, the residence had a fair market value of \$100,000. Surviving spouse B received the entire estate and did not elect the alternative or special use valuation.

B's basis for gain or loss in the farm and residence is computed as follows:

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Fair Market Value at Death</u>	<u>New Basis for Gain or Loss</u>	
160-acre farm	\$320,000		\$320,000
Residence	100,000	½ new basis	50,000
		½ old basis	<u>17,500</u>
			\$ 67,500

Since the entire farm was acquired from A, its basis is 100 percent of the fair market value at death. Only one-half of the residence was acquired from A; therefore, only one half of the residence receives a new basis on A's death.

*j. No new basis—income in respect of a decedent.* Property or rights to income, classified as income in respect of a decedent under 26 U.S.C. Section 691, do not receive a new basis upon the decedent's death. It is a special exception to the stepped-up basis rule. See 26 U.S.C. Section 1014(c) and federal regulation section 1.1014-1(c).

Examples of income in respect of a decedent include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Wages, salary or other compensation for personal services earned which are unpaid at death.
2. Interest accrued on obligations, such as bank accounts, certificates of deposit, bonds and promissory notes.
3. Accrued interest and unpaid capital gain on real and personal property installment contracts.
4. Federal income tax refunds, if claimed as a deduction on an Iowa income tax return.
5. Accounts receivable, if the decedent was on a cash accounting basis.
6. Crop share rent if the decedent was a nonparticipating landlord on a cash basis. This also includes growing crops, which are to be valued at the time of the decedent's death or alternate valuation date.

The basis for gain or loss for property classified as income in respect of a decedent is the decedent's basis in the property at the time of death.

*k. Gain or loss—holding period.* For the purpose of determining whether the sale or exchange of property is a long- or short-term gain or loss, the holding period of property acquired from a decedent begins the day after the decedent's death, regardless of how long the property was held by the decedent. See 26 U.S.C. Section 1.1223, federal regulation Section 1.1223-1(j). However, if the property acquired from a decedent is sold or otherwise disposed of within one year of the decedent's death, it will be considered to have been held over one year. In general, this is a sufficiently long holding period to qualify the sale or exchange as a long-term gain or loss transaction. However, a one-year holding period does not qualify horses and cattle held for draft, breeding or dairy purposes for long-term gain or loss treatment. A 24-month holding period is required by 26 U.S.C. Section 1231(b)(3) for the transaction to be considered long-term.

Therefore, if this kind of livestock is acquired from a decedent (which is usually the case) and is sold or exchanged within 24 months after the decedent's death, the sale is considered a short-term transaction. See Rev. Ruling 75-361, 2 C.B. 344 (1975). However, even if the sale or exchange results in a short-term



gain or loss transaction, the property has a stepped-up basis, because it is acquired from a decedent. See 700.8(7) "i."

*l. Depreciation—property acquired from a decedent.* Property acquired from a decedent which is subject to the allowance for depreciation, receives the same value for depreciation purposes as its basis for gain or loss in a sale or exchange, regardless of its basis or remaining useful life in the hands of the decedent. See 26 U.S.C. Sections 167(g) and 1011; federal regulation Section 1.167(g)-1. For the purpose of determining the life of an asset subject to the allowance for depreciation, the property is treated as if it were acquired the day after the decedent's death. See federal regulation Section 1.167(a)-10. The decedent's estate or other person acquiring depreciable property from the decedent may adopt a depreciation method different from that used by the decedent for the depreciable asset. See federal regulation section 1.167(a)-7.

*m. Section 641(c) gain for sales or exchanges before August 6, 1997.* The gain that is excluded from federal taxable income under 26 U.S.C. Section 641(c) for sales or exchanges before August 6, 1997, constitutes Iowa gross income to the estate or trust. This gain for sales or exchanges before August 6, 1997, is excluded from taxable income for federal purposes because it is subject to a special federal tax under 26 U.S.C. Section 644(a). This special federal tax was repealed for sales or exchanges occurring on or after August 6, 1997. The effect is to tax the gain for sales or exchanges before August 6, 1997, which receives separate treatment for federal income tax purposes, in the same manner as this gain was taxed prior to the enactment of the federal Tax Reform Act of 1976.

*n. Nonrecognition of gain—installment sale contracts before October 20, 1980.* No gain or loss is realized by the estate of a decedent-seller dying before October 20, 1980, when the purchaser in an installment sale contract inherits the seller's rights under the contract of sale. The merger of the asset with the liability is considered to be a nontaxable transfer. Therefore, any unreported gain from the installment sale contract is not subject to income tax when there is a merger of the asset with the liability. See Senate Finance Committee Report to P.L. 96-471.

*o. Recognition of gain—installment sale contracts after October 19, 1980.* Effective for estates of decedents dying after October 19, 1980, Section 3 of Public Law 96-471 (Installment Sales Revision Act of 1980) provides for the recognition of the remaining gain on installment sales contracts when the debtor inherits the obligation and thereby causes a merger of the asset with the liability. The rule after October 19, 1980, is if, as a result of the death of the holder of an installment sale obligation (usually the seller), the installment sale obligation is transferred to the debtor (usually the purchaser); or, if the installment sale obligation is canceled either as a result of the holder's death or by the personal representative of the holder's estate, the remaining gain from the installment sale contract not previously reported is recognized by the holder's estate, as if the remaining balance due had been immediately paid in full. The merger of the asset with the debt is treated as a taxable transfer by the estate of the holder (seller) of the obligation and is income in respect of a decedent realized by the holder's estate.

If the obligation was held by a person other than the seller, such as a trust, the cancellation of the obligation will be treated by that person as a taxable transfer immediately after the seller's death. In the absence of some act of canceling the obligation, such as by distribution or notation which results in cancellation under Iowa Code chapter 554 (Uniform Commercial Code), the disposition is considered to occur no later than the time the period of administration of the estate is ended. See Senate Committee Report to P.L. 96-471.

For gain recognition purposes, if the seller and the debtor were related parties, the value of the installment contract is considered to be not less than full face value, regardless of its value for Iowa inheritance tax or federal estate tax purposes. A related party includes, but is not limited to, the spouse, child (including an adopted child), grandchild, or parent of the seller; an estate in which the seller is a beneficiary; a partnership in which the seller is a partner; a corporation in which the seller owns 50 percent or more of the stock; and a trust where the seller is a beneficiary or is treated as the owner.

If the debtor inherits the obligation to pay or another share of the estate, the personal representative of the holder's estate must set off the contract of sale to the debtor when satisfying the debtor's share of the estate if the debtor's share of estate equals or exceeds the face value of the contract. In this case, the entire contract is canceled and all of the unreported gain is income in respect of a decedent to the

estate. If the debtor's share of the estate is less than the face value of the contract of sale, the contract of sale is canceled only to the extent of the debtor's share of the estate and only a like percentage of the unreported gain is considered income in respect of a decedent received immediately by the estate. See Iowa Code section 633.471 for the right of retainer and setoff. *In re Estate of Ferris*, 234 Iowa 960, 14 N.W.2d 889 (1944).

*p. Nonresident aliens—sales of Iowa real estate.* Nonresident aliens and estates and trusts with a situs outside the United States must include the gain from the sale or exchange of Iowa real estate as taxable income, even though the real estate was not effectively connected with a trade or business carried on in the United States. See Public Law 96-499. Any gain paid or distributed to a nonresident alien or an estate or trust with a situs outside the United States is subject to Iowa income composite tax, unless the gain has been previously accumulated and any tax due paid. Paragraph 700.4(9) "d" and 701—Chapter 405 contain more information on the requirement to pay Iowa composite tax on distributions to nonresident beneficiaries and individuals.

*q. Miscellaneous income.* Miscellaneous income is an inclusive term. It includes those items of income that are subject to Iowa income tax under Iowa Code section 422.6 which are not classified as dividends, interest, rent and royalties, income from partnerships and other fiduciaries, business or farm income and gain or loss from the sale or exchange of assets. Examples of miscellaneous income include, but are not limited to: wages and salaries earned by the decedent which are unpaid at death; federal income tax refunds, if the refund was deducted from an Iowa income tax return; and distributions to the estate from an employee's pension or retirement plan, if subject to Iowa income tax.

*r. Grantor trusts.* If the income of a trust is subject to the grantor trust rules under 26 U.S.C. Sections 671 to 679, the grantor of the trust or other person specified in the trust instrument, and not the trust, is considered the owner of the income. This income is properly reportable on the Iowa individual income tax return of the grantor or other individual treated as the owner. The fiduciary income tax return of a grantor trust is an informational return only. Items of income, deductions and credits of a grantor trust should be reported on a separate statement attached to the fiduciary return of income. See federal regulation Section 1.671-4. The taxable year of a grantor trust must be the same as the taxable year of the grantor, or of the other individual considered the owner of the income for tax purposes. *William Scheft*, 59 T.C. 428. Examples of grantor trusts are, but not limited to: trusts where the grantor or a nonadverse party has the power to revoke the trust or to return the corpus to the grantor; trusts where the grantor or a nonadverse party has the power to distribute income to or for the benefit of the grantor or the grantor's spouse; and trusts where the grantor has retained a reversionary interest in the trust, within specified time limits. See federal regulation Section 1.671-1.

*s. "Equity trusts"—assignment of future wages and salaries.* The assignment of future wages, salaries or other compensation for future services by a grantor to a trust (commonly called "equity" or "family estate" trust) does not shift the tax burden on this income from the grantor to the trust. The trust is subject to the grantor trust rules under 26 U.S.C. Sections 671 to 679. The income of the trust is to be reported by the grantor on an Iowa individual income tax return. *Lucas v. Earl*, 281 U.S. 111, 74 L.Ed. 731, 50 S.Ct. 241 (1930); *Vnuk v. Commissioner*, 621 F.2d 1318 (8th CA 1980); Revenue Ruling 75-257, 2 C.B. 251 (1975); *In re August Erling, Jr., et al.*, Director of Revenue decision, Docket No. 77-237-2C-A (1979).

*t. Adjustments to federal taxable income.* Iowa Code section 422.4(16) provides that the Iowa taxable income of estates and trusts is federal taxable income, without the deduction for the personal exemption, subject to the specific adjustments set forth in Iowa Code section 422.7 and the modifications relating to federal and state income tax specified in Iowa Code section 422.9. The modifications have these results:

- (1) Federal income tax on the income of Iowa situs estates and trusts is deductible for Iowa income tax purposes in the year paid or accrued depending on the method of accounting.
- (2) Federal income tax owed by Iowa resident decedents at the time of death is a deduction against estate income in the year paid.
- (3) The federal income tax deduction allowable for estates and trusts with a situs outside Iowa is the same as the deduction allowed for an estate or trust with a situs in Iowa.

(4) Federal income tax owed by a nonresident decedent at the time of death may be deducted the same as a deduction allowed for an Iowa resident decedent. See 701—paragraph 303.3(4)“b” for the federal income tax deduction for nonresident individuals.

(5) Iowa income tax paid by the estate is not a deduction in computing Iowa taxable income.

(6) The federal exemption allowed to estates and trusts under 26 U.S.C. Section 642(b), that is, \$600 for an estate, \$300 for simple trust and \$100 for a complex trust, is not deductible for Iowa income tax purposes.

(7) Interest and dividends from federal securities, but not capital gain or loss, is exempt from Iowa income tax and, therefore, is not part of the Iowa taxable income of estates and trusts.

(8) Interest and dividends from securities of a state and its political subdivisions and from foreign securities are included in Iowa taxable income in the year received, regardless of whether such interest and dividends are exempt from federal income tax. However, see 701—302.3(422) and 700.8(7)“e” for the exemption for certain bonds issued by the state of Iowa and its political subdivisions which are not included in Iowa taxable income.

(9) See 700.8(7)“m” for the includability of the gain for sales or exchanges before August 6, 1997, excluded by 26 U.S.C. Section 641(c), in the Iowa taxable income of a trust.

(10) See 701—paragraph 900.5(12)“b” for the inheritance tax exemption for the portion of an employee’s pension or retirement plan subject to Iowa income tax.

**700.8(8) Deductions from gross income.**

*a. In general.* The deductions allowable in computing taxable income of estates and trusts are generally those relating to a trade or business and the expenses attributable to investment income. The important distinction between the deductions allowable in computing federal adjusted gross income and itemized deductions for individual income tax has only limited application in determining the taxable income of estates and trusts. Many deductions in computing the taxable income of an individual have no application to the deductions allowable in computing the taxable income of an estate or trust, due to the nature of estates and trusts and the sources of their income. For example, medical expense and moving expense deductions are applicable only to individuals, but taxes and interest expense can be incurred by both individuals and estates and trusts. Also the deduction for distribution to beneficiaries has no application to individual income tax.

*b. Interest expense.* Interest paid on obligations secured by property subject to the personal representative or trustee’s right of possession is a deduction from gross income in the year paid. Interest on debts or charges which the personal representative or trustee is obligated to pay is also a deduction against gross income in the year paid. Interest on obligations secured by property, not subject to the personal representative’s right of possession, is not deductible from the gross income of the estate, but is a deduction for the person succeeding to the encumbered property. No distinction is made between business and nonbusiness interest. See Iowa Code section 633.278 (probate code) for circumstances when the personal representative of the decedent’s estate is required to pay the debt and interest on encumbered property, even though the property is not subject to the personal representative’s right of possession. *J.S. Dean*, 35 T.C. 1083 (1961); Revenue Ruling 57-481, 2 C.B. 48 (1957).

*c. Taxes.* The taxes deductible against the gross income of an estate or trust are limited to the taxes deductible for individual income tax purposes under 26 U.S.C. Section 164, subject to the adjustments specified in Iowa Code section 422.9 relating to federal and state income taxes. Real estate and personal property taxes, including the taxes due, but unpaid at death, are only deductible by the estate on the decedent’s property which is subject to the personal representative’s right of possession. Federal income tax on the income of an estate or trust and federal income tax owing by an Iowa decedent at the time of death, including the federal income tax owing on the decedent’s final return for the year of death, are deductible by the estate or trust in the year paid. For tax years on or after January 1, 1982, the federal income tax deduction attributable to Iowa by nonresidents of Iowa shall be the same deduction as is available for resident taxpayers. See 701—subrule 303.3(4) and Iowa Code section 422.5(1)“j.” Examples of taxes not deductible include, but are not limited to: federal estate tax (except federal estate tax paid on income in respect of a decedent); Iowa income and inheritance tax; federal gift taxes; and special assessments increasing the value of property. See 26 U.S.C. Section 275.

*d. Depreciation and depletion—allocation.* If the personal representative of a decedent's estate has the right to the possession of property eligible for the depreciation allowance, the depreciation is a deduction from the estate's gross income when the income for the taxable year is accumulated by the estate. If all or part of the income for the year is distributed to the beneficiaries, the deduction for depreciation is apportioned between the estate and the beneficiaries on the basis of the income allocated to each. In the case of an estate, the deduction for depreciation follows the income.

The same depreciation rules apply to simple and complex trusts, with the exception that if the trustee has the right to maintain a reserve for depreciation, and in fact does so, the deduction for depreciation is allocated to the trust to the extent of the reserve maintained, regardless of whether the income is accumulated or distributed. See 26 U.S.C. Section 167, federal regulation 1.167 H-1(b); Revenue Ruling 74-530, 2 C.B. 188 (1974).

The rules governing the allowance for depreciation are also the rules to be applied to the allowance for depletion under 26 U.S.C. Section 611.

*e. The charitable deduction.* The charitable deduction allowed estates and trusts under 26 U.S.C. Section 642(c) is not subject to the percentage of income limitation applicable to individual taxpayers under 26 U.S.C. Section 170(b). The allowable deduction is governed by the terms of the will or trust instrument, which can provide for unlimited payments for charitable purposes. However, an unused charitable contribution carryover of the decedent remaining after the decedent's individual income tax liability for the year of death is determined is not available to the estate. The unused carryover terminates at death, except to the extent it may be used by the surviving spouse. See federal regulation Section 1.170A-10(d)(4)(iii). The deduction is limited to payments of gross income or amounts permanently set aside for charitable uses. A simple pecuniary bequest to charity in the decedent's will does not qualify for the charitable deduction from the estate's income. It is a payment from the corpus of the estate. *Frank Trust of 1931*, 145 F.2d 411 (3rd CA 1949). However, the pecuniary bequest to charity is exempt from the Iowa inheritance tax under Iowa Code section 450.4 if it meets the exemption requirements.

*f. Other deductions.* The category of other deductions includes those deductions allowable in computing taxable income not receiving special itemized treatment on the Iowa fiduciary return of income. The most common kind of other deductions is the expense of administration of an estate or trust paid during the taxable year. Expenses of administration include, but are not limited to: a reasonable fee and the necessary expenses of the attorney employed by the personal representative of an estate or the trustee of a trust; a reasonable fee and the necessary expenses of the personal representative of an estate or the trustee of a trust; accounting fees; court costs; and interest paid on federal estate tax during an extension of time to pay. However, administration expenses are subject to the no double deduction rule. See 26 U.S.C. Section 642(g) and 700.8(8) "g." Salaries or fees paid during the taxable year for the management of a farm or business are expenses directly attributable to the production of a specific kind of income and are more properly deductible on the farm schedule F or the business schedule C.

*g. The no double deduction rule.* Expenses of administration, certain debts of the decedent like medical expenses incurred prior to death and losses during the period of administration are proper deductions in computing both the taxable income of an estate or trust (or on the decedent's individual return in case of medical expenses) and the taxable estate for federal estate tax purposes under 26 U.S.C. Sections 2053 and 2054. The no double deduction rule only applies to trusts when the trust assets are included for federal estate tax purposes. 26 U.S.C. Section 642(g) prohibits the double deduction of those items which qualify as deductions for both taxes. To prevent the double deduction, it is a prerequisite for the allowance of the deduction for income tax purposes that a statement be filed with the fiduciary return of income waiving the right to claim the item or portion of the item as a deduction on the federal estate tax return. The waiver once filed with the fiduciary return of income is irrevocable. However, unless the waiver has been filed, the decision to claim the deduction or portion of the deduction on the federal estate tax return can be changed anytime prior to the time the item or portion of the item is finally allowed for federal estate tax purposes.

The waiver requirement has no application to estates and trusts not required to file a federal estate tax return.

The no double deduction rule has no application to deductions in respect of a decedent, such as deductions relating to trade or business expenses, interest, taxes, expenses for the production of income and the allowance for depletion, which are deductible both for income tax purposes and federal estate tax purposes. See 26 U.S.C. Section 691(b) and 26 CFR Section 1.691(b)-1 for what constitutes deductions in respect of a decedent.

The no double deduction rule does not apply to the deduction of an item for Iowa inheritance tax purposes. Items are deductible or not in computing the taxable shares for Iowa inheritance tax purposes by reference alone to Iowa Code chapter 450.

Assuming an item is otherwise deductible for income and inheritance tax purposes, the no double deduction rule has the following applications for Iowa income and inheritance tax:

1. Estates and trusts not required to file a federal estate tax return can claim the item as a deduction on both the Iowa inheritance tax return and the Iowa fiduciary income tax return.

2. Estates and trusts required to file a federal estate tax return can claim the item as a deduction on the Iowa inheritance tax return. In addition, the same item or portion of the item is a deduction on the Iowa fiduciary income tax return if the item or portion of the item is not claimed as a deduction on the federal estate tax return. If it is claimed as a deduction on the federal estate tax return, it is not deductible on the Iowa fiduciary income tax return.

3. For tax years ending on or after July 1, 2015, estates or trusts required to file a federal estate tax return can claim administrative expenses as a deduction on the Iowa fiduciary income tax return, regardless of whether the item or a portion of the item was claimed on the federal estate tax return.

This paragraph applies both to estates and trusts with a situs within and without Iowa.

- h. The net operating loss deduction.* Subject to the modifications specified in federal regulation Section 1.642(d)-1, an estate or trust is allowed a deduction for net operating loss which is computed in the same manner as the net operating loss deduction allowable to individual taxpayers. The modification especially applicable to estates and trusts is: The charitable deduction allowable under 26 U.S.C. Section 642(C) is disregarded. See federal regulation Section 1.642(d)-1.

The rule that nonbusiness deductions are only taken into account to the extent of nonbusiness income applies equally to estates and trusts and individual taxpayers. Attorney fees and the fees of the trustee or personal representative, without a showing that these administrative expenses were incurred in carrying on the decedent's or grantor's trade or business, are a nonbusiness deduction. *Refling v. Commissioner*, 47 F.2d 895 (8th CA 1930). Therefore, any excess fees over income are not available for a carryback to a prior taxable year or a carryforward to a future taxable year. *Mary C. Westphal*, 37 T.C. 340 (1961). However, see 700.8(9) "a" for the special rule on excess deductions in the year the estate or trust terminates. Net operating losses are available to the estate or trust and can be carried back for distribution to a beneficiary, with the exception that any unused loss must be distributed to the beneficiaries in the year the estate or trust terminates.

Estates and trusts with a situs outside Iowa are allowed a deduction only for a net operating loss attributable to a trade or business activity carried on in the state of Iowa. In the event the trade or business activity giving rise to the loss is carried on both in Iowa and another state, the net operating loss deduction for Iowa income tax purposes must be prorated on the ratio of the Iowa gross receipts from the trade or business to the total gross receipts from the trade or business. See 701—subrule 302.18(2) for the computation of the net operating loss deduction of a nonresident decedent.

- i. Capital loss deduction.* The capital loss deduction of an estate or trust is computed in the same manner as the capital loss deduction for individual taxpayers. However, it is a deduction only for the estate or trust and is not distributable to a beneficiary, except in the year the estate or trust terminates. *Grey v. Commissioner*, 118 F.2d 153, 141 ALR 1113 (7th CA 1941); *Jones v. Whittington*, 194 F.2d 812 (10th CA 1952). Capital losses do not enter into the computation of the deduction for income required to be distributed currently to beneficiaries. During the period of administration of the estate or trust, capital losses can be used only to offset capital gain for simple trusts required to distribute income currently. However, beneficiaries may derive immediate benefit from capital losses when capital gain is required or permitted to be distributed to beneficiaries prior to closure of the estate or trust, since the losses can be used to offset gain before distribution.

*j. The distribution deduction.* Estates and trusts are allowed to deduct the amounts of income required to be distributed currently and also other amounts properly paid, credited or required to be distributed to the extent of the distributable net income for the year. For income tax purposes, an estate of a decedent is treated as a complex trust, because normally the personal representative of an estate has the discretion whether or not to distribute current income. Therefore, most distributions of income from a decedent's estate fall under the category of "other amounts properly paid, credited or required to be distributed." However, see *Colthurst v. Colthurst*, 265 N.W.2d 590 (Iowa 1978) for circumstances when the personal representative of an estate is required to distribute current income during the period of administration to a life tenant (the surviving spouse in this case).

The distribution deduction allowed is limited to the distributable net income of the estate or trust for the taxable year. If amounts in excess of distributable net income are distributed to a beneficiary of a decedent's estate, the excess does not constitute taxable income to the beneficiary. Distributions made to a beneficiary of a complex trust in excess of the distributable net income for the taxable year may or may not be includable in the beneficiary's taxable income depending on whether the excess distribution is governed by the throwback distribution rules under 26 U.S.C. Sections 665 through 668.

Estates and trusts with tax years beginning on or after August 5, 1997, may elect to treat distributions made within 65 days of the end of the tax year as having been made in the tax year of the estate or trust. If amounts in excess of distributable net income are distributed to a beneficiary of a decedent's estate, the excess does not constitute taxable income to the beneficiary. Distributions made to a beneficiary of a complex trust in excess of the distributable net income for the taxable year may or may not be includable in the beneficiary's taxable income depending on whether the excess distribution is governed by the throwback distribution rules under 26 U.S.C. Sections 665 through 668. Effective for distributions made by domestic trusts in tax years beginning after August 5, 1997, there is a repeal of the throwback rules found in 26 U.S.C. Sections 665 through 668. However, the repeal of the throwback rules does not apply to trusts created before March 1, 1984, foreign trusts, or domestic trusts that were once treated as foreign trusts, except as provided by federal regulations.

Income distributed to a beneficiary of an estate or trust retains the same character in the hands of the beneficiary as it had in the estate or trust, with the exception of unused capital loss distributed on closure to a corporation, in which case the loss is treated as a short-term loss, regardless of its character in the estate or trust. See federal regulation Section 1.642(h)-1(g). In addition, unless the will or trust instrument specifically provides otherwise, a distribution to beneficiaries is considered to be a proportionate distribution of the different kinds of income composing the distributable net income of the estate or trust. See 26 U.S.C. Section 662.2(b) and federal regulation Section 1.662(b)-1. The same character and proportionate distribution rule is illustrated by the following:

EXAMPLE:

Decedent A, a resident of Iowa, died February 15, 1997. Under the terms of the will, all the decedent's property was devised in equal shares to beneficiary B, a resident of Phoenix, Arizona, and beneficiary C, a resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The estate adopted a calendar year as its taxable year. For calendar year 1997, the estate had distributable net income of \$50,000, which is composed of:

Interest income	\$10,000
Dividend income	5,000
Net Iowa farm income	<u>35,000</u>
Total	\$50,000

On December 20, 1997, the estate distributed \$12,500 to beneficiary B, and \$12,500 to beneficiary C. Beneficiaries B and C have received a distribution for 1997 as follows:

<u>Beneficiary B</u>		<u>Beneficiary C</u>	
Interest income	\$2,500	Interest income	\$2,500
Dividends	1,250	Dividends	1,250
Farm income	<u>8,750</u>	Farm income	<u>8,750</u>
Total	\$12,500	Total	\$12,500

The estate is entitled to a deduction of \$25,000 against gross income in 1997 for the distribution to beneficiaries B and C and owes Iowa income tax on the \$25,000 income retained in the estate. Since the interest income of the estate is 20 percent of the distributable net income, 20 percent of the distribution to beneficiaries B and C is considered interest income. Likewise, 10 percent of the estate's distributable net income is dividends and 70 percent farm income. The distribution to B and C consists of a corresponding percentage of dividends and farm income. Beneficiary C, a resident of Iowa, must report the entire distribution of \$12,500 on a 1997 Iowa individual income tax return. Beneficiary B, a resident of Arizona, is only required to report the farm income portion of the distribution (\$8,750) on a 1997 nonresident individual income tax return, because dividends and interest are income from intangible personal property and were not derived from a business, trade, profession or occupation carried on within Iowa by the nonresident. See 701—subrule 302.16(5).

*k. The dividend exclusion.* Estates and trusts are eligible for the dividend exclusion allowed individual taxpayers under 26 U.S.C. Section 116 (the Iowa exclusion is \$100 for 1981). The exclusion is allocated to the estate or trust if the dividend income for the taxable year is accumulated. The dividend exclusion is allocated to the beneficiaries when all of the distributable net income for the taxable year is distributed. The distribution must not be diminished by the exclusion. The dividend exclusion is then available to the beneficiaries after the dividends distributed are added to any other dividends received by the beneficiaries during the taxable year. If there is only a partial distribution of the distributable net income of the estate or trust for the taxable year, the dividend exclusion must be prorated between the beneficiaries and the estate or trust on the basis of the percentage of the distributable net income accumulated by the estate or trust and the percentage distributed to the beneficiaries. A partial distribution of the dividends and exclusion is to be reported and used by the beneficiaries for income tax purposes in the same manner as the full distribution of dividends. See federal regulation Sections 1.116-1(a) and 1.661(c)-1.

*l. The capital gains deduction.* 26 U.S.C. Section 1202(b) provides that an estate or trust is allowed a deduction for net capital gain received during the taxable year. Except for the requirement of allocation between the beneficiaries and the estate or trust, the deduction is computed in the same manner as the net capital gain deduction allowed individuals. See federal regulation Section 1.1202-1 (b). If the net capital gain is allocated to corpus, the estate or trust is entitled to the deduction. If the will or trust instrument requires capital gain to be distributed to the beneficiaries or if the trustee or personal representative of a decedent's estate is authorized to allocate capital gain to income and distributes the capital gain, then the net capital gain deduction is allocated to the beneficiaries and is not a deduction to the estate or trust. The gain distributed must not be diminished by the deduction. It must first be combined with any other capital gains and losses of the beneficiary prior to determining whether the net capital gain deduction is applicable for the beneficiary's taxable year.

If the net capital gain for the taxable year is partially allocated to corpus and partially distributed, then the net capital gain deduction is available to the beneficiaries only on the gain distributed and to the estate or trust only on the gain accumulated. A partial distribution of capital gain is treated for purposes of a beneficiary's income tax liability in the same manner as a full distribution of capital gain.

*m. The Iowa throwback rule.* Iowa Code section 422.6 allows a trust beneficiary receiving an accumulation distribution subject to the throwback rules under 26 U.S.C. Sections 665 through 668 a credit against the beneficiary's income tax liability for the Iowa income tax paid by the trust on the accumulated income distributed. The Iowa income tax paid by the trust on the accumulated income distributed is deemed distributed to the trust beneficiary, without interest, and is a credit for the year of distribution against the portion of the Iowa income tax liability of the beneficiary which is attributable to

the accumulated distribution. The accumulated distribution must be adjusted by the beneficiary to reflect income subject to Iowa income tax. No refund is allowed the trust for the Iowa income tax deemed distributed to the beneficiary. The beneficiary is not allowed a refund if the tax distributed is in excess of the income tax liability attributable to the distribution. Effective for distributions made by domestic trusts in tax years beginning after August 5, 1997, there is a repeal of the throwback rules found in 26 U.S.C. Sections 665 through 668. However, the repeal of the throwback rules does not apply to trusts created before March 1, 1984, foreign trusts, or domestic trusts that were once treated as foreign trusts, except as provided by federal regulations.

*n. Federal estate tax paid on income in respect of a decedent.* For Iowa income tax purposes, Iowa Code section 422.7 makes no provision for adjusting the deduction for federal estate tax paid when the income in respect of a decedent includes interest from federal securities. Therefore, the federal estate tax paid on interest from federal securities, which is classified as income in respect of a decedent under 26 U.S.C. Section 691(a), is a deduction for Iowa income tax purposes in the taxable year the interest is received. However, interest and dividends from securities of a state or political subdivision, which are exempt from federal income tax, do not constitute the kind of income in respect of a decedent on which the deduction is computed. Since the deduction under 26 U.S.C. Section 691(c) does not apply to income exempt from federal income tax, there is no deduction on the Iowa return for the federal estate tax paid on the exempt interest, even though under Iowa Code section 422.7 this interest is subject to Iowa income tax.

The deduction allowable in any taxable year is limited to a percentage of the total federal estate tax deduction which is determined by the ratio of income in respect of a decedent received for the year to the total amount of the net income in respect of a decedent on which federal estate tax was paid. See 26 U.S.C. Section 691(c) and federal regulation Section 1.691(c)-1 for the computation of the deduction.

**700.8(9)** *The final return—special considerations.*

*a. General rule.* In the year of closure all income received by the estate or trust is considered “other amounts properly paid or credited or required to be distributed” and must be distributed to the beneficiaries according to the terms of the governing instrument. Rev. Ruling 58-423, 2 C.B. 151 (1958). Dividends and capital gains received during the year of closure must be distributed without being diminished by the net capital gain deduction or by the dividend exclusion. See federal regulation Section 1.643(a)-3(d). 26 U.S.C. Section 642(h) provides for an exception to the general rule that net operating and capital losses are only available to the taxpayer incurring the loss. Therefore, in the year of closure, any capital loss and net operating loss carryover that remains unused by the estate or trust is passed through the estate or trust and is allowed as a deduction to the beneficiaries succeeding to the property and may be applied by carrying back the losses, but such losses cannot be carried forward. See federal regulation Section 1.642(h)-1.

If the estate or trust in the year of termination has incurred deductions in excess of gross income which do not qualify for treatment as a net operating or capital loss, such as administration expenses, the excess deductions are passed through the estate or trust and are available to the beneficiaries succeeding to the property. They are available only for the year the estate or trust terminates and only as an itemized deduction in the case of an individual beneficiary. See Revenue Ruling 58-191 1 C.B. 149 (1958). Excess deductions also include any unused net operating loss carryover, if the year the estate or trust terminates is the last carryforward year for the net operating loss. See federal regulation Section 1-642(h)-2(b).

*b. Exception to the general rule.* If in the year of termination an Iowa ancillary estate makes the required distribution of its income to the primary estate which is not being terminated, instead of to the beneficiaries of the estate, it is proper in the year of closure to treat the income as if it were accumulated by the Iowa ancillary estate. Permitting Iowa income tax to be paid on the income in this special case, in effect, allows the distribution to the primary estate to be made on a tax-paid basis. This exception to the general rule relieves the primary estate from the obligation of filing a second fiduciary return, which it would be required to do except for this special rule.

**700.8(10)** *Computation of the tax due.*

*a. In general.* The tax due on the taxable income of an estate or trust is computed by using the same tax rate schedule used for computing the individual income tax liability. The provisions of the



Iowa Code relating to the maximum net income of an individual before a tax liability is incurred have no application to the tax liability of an estate or trust. The taxable income of a short taxable year is not required to be annualized for the purpose of computing the tax liability. The tax due cannot be paid in installments. It must be paid in full within the time prescribed by law.

*b. Alternative minimum tax.* Special rules for estates and trusts. The sum of the items of tax preference determined under 26 U.S.C. Section 57 shall be apportioned between the estate or trust and the beneficiaries on the basis of the income of the estate or trust allocable to each under the provisions of federal income tax regulation Section 1.58-3. The minimum taxable income exemption of \$17,500 allowable to an estate or trust shall be reduced to an amount which bears the same ratio to \$17,500 that the sum of the items of tax preference apportioned to the estate or trust bears to the full sum of the items of tax preference before apportionment. See federal income tax regulation Section 1.58-1(d). See rule 701—301.6(422) for the computation of the Iowa alternative minimum tax.

**700.8(11) Credits against the tax.**

*a. The personal exemption credit.* The estate of a decedent and a trust, whether simple or complex, are allowed the same credit against the tax as the credit allowed an individual taxpayer, that is currently \$40. The personal exemption credit is not prorated for short taxable years. The federal exemption allowed estates and trusts under 26 U.S.C. Section 642(b), in lieu of the personal exemption for individuals, has no application to Iowa income tax.

*b. Credit for tax paid to another state or foreign country.* Iowa Code section 422.8 grants Iowa situs trusts and estates of Iowa resident decedents, which have income derived from sources in another state or foreign country, a credit against the Iowa tax for the income tax paid to the state or foreign country where the income was derived. The credit is computed in the same manner as a full-year resident under rules 701—304.6(422) and 701—304.7(422). Foreign situs trusts and estates of foreign decedents are not allowed a credit against the Iowa tax for the income tax paid another state or foreign country on Iowa source income. Rule 701—304.6(422) as applied to an Iowa situs trust or estate is illustrated by the following example:

Decedent A died a resident of Webster City, Iowa, on February 15. Decedent A at the time of death owned income-producing property both in Iowa and the state of Missouri. For the short taxable year ending December 31, A's estate had the following income and expenses:

Interest	\$ 5,000.00
Dividends	7,500.00
Iowa farm income	20,000.00
Missouri farm income	<u>10,000.00</u>
Iowa gross income	\$ 42,500.00
Less allowable deductions	<u>8,000.00</u>
Iowa taxable income	\$ 34,500.00
Iowa computed tax	\$2,587.87
Less personal credit	<u>40.00</u>
Tax subject to credit for foreign taxes paid	\$2,547.87
Tentative credit for tax paid to Missouri	\$ 413.00
Maximum credit	\$ 604.20
Lesser of tentative credit or maximum credit	<u>413.00</u>
Iowa tax due	\$2,134.87

A's estate paid \$413.00 income tax to the state of Missouri on the \$10,000 Missouri farm income. This is A's tentative credit.

The maximum credit on the foreign source income is \$604.20 computed as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Foreign income included in gross income } \$10,000}{\text{Total Iowa gross income } \$42,500} \times \$2,547.87^* = \$604.20$$

\*\$2,547.87 is the Iowa computed tax less the \$40.00 personal credit.

The allowable out-of-state tax credit is \$413.00, because the \$413.00 of income tax paid to Missouri (tentative credit) is less than the maximum credit of \$604.20. If the Missouri tax paid had been greater than the maximum credit, the allowable credit would have been the maximum credit.

*c. Motor vehicle fuel tax credit.* An estate or trust incurring Iowa motor vehicle fuel tax expense attributable to nonhighway uses may, in lieu of obtaining an Iowa motor vehicle fuel refund, claim as a credit against its Iowa income tax liability, the Iowa motor vehicle fuel taxes paid during the taxable year.

A copy of the Iowa motor vehicle fuel tax credit Form IA 4136 must be submitted with the fiduciary return of income to substantiate the claim for credit. Any credit in excess of the income tax due shall be refunded to the estate or trust, subject to the right of offset against other state taxes owing.

*d. Nonresident/part-year resident credit.* The nonresident/part-year resident credit is available for part-year trusts described in subrule 700.3(3) and trusts whose situs is outside Iowa. See rule 701—304.5(422) for the computation of the nonresident/part-year resident credit allowed for individuals who are either part-year residents of Iowa or nonresidents of Iowa.

*e. Other tax credits.* All other tax credits set forth in Iowa Code chapter 422, division II, are also available for any estate or trust that meets the criteria for claiming these tax credits. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, estates and trusts with a situs in Iowa which are shareholders in S corporations which carry on business within and without Iowa can take advantage of the apportionment provisions for S corporation income set forth in 701—Chapter 403. The criteria to determine whether the S corporation is carrying on business within and without Iowa is set forth in 701—subrule 503.1(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.3 to 422.12, 422.14, 422.23, and 633.471 and chapter 452A.

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**701—700.9(422) Audits, assessments and refunds.** Rules 701—305.1(422) to 701—305.3(422) governing the audit of individual income tax returns, the assessment for tax or additional tax due, and the refund of excessive tax paid shall also govern the audit of the fiduciary income tax return and the assessment and refund of fiduciary income tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.16, 422.25, 422.30, 422.70 and 422.73. [Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

**701—700.10(422) The income tax certificate of acquittance.**

**700.10(1) In general.** Iowa Code section 422.27 requires the income tax obligation of an estate or trust to be paid prior to approval of the final report by the court. Iowa Code section 422.27 refers only to the report of the executor, administrator or trustee. In addition, the statute makes reference only to a trustee's final report that is approved by a court. A trust that does not report to and is not subject to the supervision of a court is not required to obtain a certificate of acquittance. However, the statute's reference to a trustee who must report to the court would also include, but is not limited to, a referee in partition and the trustee of the estate of an individual bankrupt under Chapter 7 or 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code. What constitutes a trust is a matter of the trust law of the state of situs.

**700.10(2) The application for certificate of acquittance.** The final fiduciary return of income serves as an application for an income tax certificate of acquittance. For a certificate of acquittance to be received, the appropriate box on the final fiduciary return must be checked to request the certificate.

**700.10(3) Requirements for a certificate of acquittance.** The issuance of an income tax certificate of acquittance is dependent upon full payment of the income tax liability of the estate or trust for the period of administration. This includes the obligation to pay composite return tax on distributions of

nonresident beneficiaries' Iowa-source income from the estate or trust. In the case of an estate, the income tax liability of the decedent both for prior years and the year of death must be paid to the extent of the probate property subject to the jurisdiction of the court. The probate property must be applied to the payment of the decedent's income tax liability according to the order of payment of an estate's debts and charges specified in Iowa Code section 633.425. If the probate property of the estate is insufficient to pay the decedent's income tax obligation in full, the department, in lieu of a certificate of acquittance, shall issue a certificate stating that the probate property is insufficient to pay the decedent's income tax liability and that the department does not object to the closure of the estate. In the event the decedent's income tax obligation is not paid in full, the closure of the decedent's estate does not release any other person who is liable to pay the decedent's income tax obligation.

**700.10(4)** *The extent of the certificate.* An income tax certificate of acquittance is a statement of the department certifying that all income taxes due from the estate or trust have been paid in full to the extent of the income and deductions reported to the department. The certificate fulfills the statutory requirements of Iowa Code section 422.27 and the Iowa income tax portion of the requirements of Iowa Code sections 633.477 and 633.479. Providing all other closure requirements are met, the certificate permits the closure of the estate or trust by the court. However, the certificate of acquittance is not a release of liability for any income tax or additional tax that may become due, such as the result of an audit by the Internal Revenue Service or because of additional income not reported. See 701—subrule 300.2(1) for the limitations on the period of time to conduct income tax audits.

**700.10(5)** *No income tax certificate of acquittance required—exception to general rule.* If all of the property included in the estate is held in joint tenancy with rights of survivorship by a husband and wife as the only joint tenants, then in this case the provisions of Iowa Code section 422.27, subsection 1, do not apply and an income tax certificate of acquittance from the department is not required.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.27, 633.425, 633.477 and 633.479.

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**701—700.11(422) Appeals to the director.** The denial of a request for an income tax certificate of acquittance may be appealed. An appeal to the director must be in writing and must be made within 60 days of the denial. 701—Chapter 7 shall govern appeals to the director.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A and sections 421.60 and 422.28.

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CHAPTER 800  
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CHAPTERS 801 to 899  
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TITLE X  
INHERITANCE TAX  
CHAPTER 900  
INHERITANCE TAX

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**701—900.1(450) Administration.**

**900.1(1) Definitions.** The following definitions cover Chapter 900.

“*Administrator*” means the administrator of the compliance division of the department of revenue.

“*Child*” means a biological or adopted issue entitled to inherit pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 633.

“*Compliance division*” is the administrative unit of the department created by the director to administer the inheritance and fiduciary income tax laws of the state.

“*Department*” means the department of revenue.

“*Devise*,” when used as a verb, means to dispose of property, both real and personal, by a will.

“*Director*” means the director of revenue.

“*Estate*” means the real and personal property, tangible and intangible, of the decedent or a trust, that over time may change in form due to sale, reinvestment, or otherwise, and augmented by accretions or additions thereto and substitutions therefor, or diminished by any decreases and distributions therefrom. For the definitions of “gross estate” and “net estate” under this chapter, see those terms as referenced in this subrule.

“*Executor*” means any person appointed by the court to administer the estate of a testate decedent.

“*Fiduciary*” includes personal representative, executor, administrator, and trustee. This term includes both temporary and permanent fiduciaries appointed by the court to settle the decedent’s probate estate and also the trustee of an inter vivos trust where the trust assets are part of the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes.

“*Gross estate*” as used for inheritance tax purposes as defined in Iowa Code section 450.2 includes all those items, or interests in property, passing by any method of transfer specified in Iowa Code section 450.3 without reduction for liabilities specified in Iowa Code section 450.12. The gross estate for tax purposes may not be the same as the estate for probate purposes. For example, property owned as joint tenants with right of survivorship, property transferred with a retained life use, gifts in excess of the annual gift tax exclusion set forth in Internal Revenue Code Section 2503(b) and within three years of death, transfers to take effect in possession or enjoyment at death, trust property, “pay on death” accounts, annuities, and certain retirement plans, are not part of the decedent’s probate estate, but are includable in the decedent’s gross estate for inheritance tax purposes. *In re Louden’s Estate*, 249 Iowa 1393, 92 N.W.2d 409 (1958); *In re Sayres’ Estate*, 245 Iowa 132, 60 N.W.2d 120 (1953); *In re Toy’s Estate*, 220 Iowa 825, 263 N.W. 501 (1935); *In re Mann’s Estate*, 219 Iowa 597, 258 N.W. 904 (1935); *Matter of Bliven’s Estate*, 236 N.W.2d 366 (Iowa 1975); *In re English’s Estate*, 206 N.W.2d 305 (Iowa 1973).

Effective for estates of a decedent dying on or after July 1, 2003, property and any interest in or income from any of the estates and property, which pass from the decedent owner in any manner, are subject to tax if the passing interest is in one of the following: (1) real estate and tangible personal property located in Iowa regardless of whether the decedent was a resident of Iowa at death; and (2) intangible personal property owned by a decedent domiciled in Iowa.

“*Gross share*” means the total amount of property of an heir, beneficiary, surviving joint tenant, or transferee, without reduction of those items properly deductible in computing the net shares. The total of all gross shares is equal to the gross estate.

“*Heir*” includes any person, except the surviving spouse, who is entitled to property of the decedent under the statutes of intestate succession.

“*Internal Revenue Code*” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as defined in Iowa Code section 422.3(5) and is to include the revisions to the Internal Revenue Code made in 1986 and all subsequent revisions.

“*Intestate estate*” means an estate in which the decedent did not have a will. Administration of such estates is governed by Iowa Code sections 633.227 through 633.230. Rules of inheritance for such estates are found in Iowa Code sections 633.211 through 633.226.

“*Issue*,” for the purpose of intestate succession, means all lawful lineal descendants of a person, whether biological or adopted. For details regarding intestate succession, see Iowa Code sections 633.210 through 633.226. For details regarding partial intestate succession, see Iowa Code section 633.272.

“*Net estate*” means the gross estate less those items specified in Iowa Code section 450.12 as deductions in determining the net shares of property of each heir, beneficiary, surviving joint tenant, or transferee. *In re Estate of Waddington*, 201 N.W.2d 77 (Iowa 1972). The total of all net shares of an estate must equal the total of the net estate.

“*Net share*” means the gross share less the liabilities, if any, which are properly deductible from the gross share of an heir, beneficiary, surviving joint tenant, or transferee. The law of abatement of shares may be applicable for purposes of determining the net share subject to tax. See Iowa Code section 633.436; *In re Estate of Noe*, 195 N.W.2d 361 (Iowa 1972); *Colthurst v. Colthurst*, 265 N.W.2d 590 (Iowa 1978); *In re Estate of Duhme*, 267 N.W.2d 688 (Iowa 1978). However, see Iowa Code section 633.278 for property subject to a mortgage.

“*Personal representative*” shall have the same meaning as the term is defined in Iowa Code section 633.3(29) and shall also include trustees. For information regarding claims of a personal representative, see Iowa Code section 633.431.

“*Probate*” means the administration of an estate in which the decedent either had or did not have a will. Jurisdiction over the administration of such estates, among other matters, is by the district court sitting in probate. For further details on the subject matter and personal jurisdiction of the district court sitting in probate, see Iowa Code sections 633.10 through 633.21. For matters regarding the procedure in probate, see Iowa Code sections 633.33 through 633.53.

“*Responsible party*” is the person liable for the payment of tax under this chapter. See 701—900.2(450).

“*Simultaneous deaths*” occur when the death of two or more persons occurs at the same time or there is not sufficient evidence that the persons have died otherwise than simultaneously. For distribution of property in this situation, see Iowa Code sections 633.523 through 633.528.

“*Stepchild*” means the child of a person who was married to the decedent at the time of the decedent’s death, or the child of a person to whom the decedent was married, which person died during the marriage of the decedent.

“*Surviving spouse*” means the legally recognized surviving wife or husband of the decedent.

“*Tax*” means the inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code chapter 450.

“*Taxpayer*” means a person liable for the payment of the inheritance tax under Iowa Code section 450.5 and includes the executor or personal representative of an estate, the trustee or other fiduciary of property subject to inheritance tax, and includes each heir, beneficiary, surviving joint tenant, transferee, or other person becoming beneficially entitled to any property or interest therein by any method of transfer specified in Iowa Code section 450.3, as subject to inheritance tax with respect to any inheritance tax due on the respective shares of the property.

“*Trustee*” means the person or persons appointed as trustee by the instrument creating the trust or the person or persons appointed by the court to administer the trust.

“*Trusts*” means real or personal property that is legally held by a person or entity for the benefit of another. This includes, but may not be limited to, express trusts, trusts imposed by court order, trusts administered by the court, and testamentary trusts. Such trusts are subject to Iowa Code chapter 450, even in situations when the estate consists solely of trust property.

“*Unknown heirs*” means heirs to an estate in which the identities of the heirs or the place of residency of the heirs cannot be ascertained with reasonable certainty.

“*Will*” includes codicil; it also includes a testamentary instrument that merely appoints an executor, and a testamentary instrument that merely revokes or revives another will. For information regarding mutual and contractual wills, see Iowa Code section 633.270.

**900.1(2) *Delegation of authority.*** The director delegates to the administrator, subject always to the supervision and review by the director, the authority to administer the Iowa inheritance tax. This delegated authority specifically includes, but is not limited to, the determination of the correct inheritance tax liability; making assessments against the taxpayer for additional inheritance tax due; authorizing refunds of excessive inheritance tax paid; issuing receipts for inheritance tax paid; executing releases of the inheritance tax lien; granting extension of time to file the inheritance tax return and pay the tax due; granting deferments to pay the inheritance tax on a property interest to take effect in possession or enjoyment at a future date; requesting or waiving the appraisal of property subject to the inheritance tax and the imposition of penalties for failure to timely file or pay the inheritance tax. The administrator may delegate the examination and audit of inheritance tax returns to the supervisors, examiners, agents, and any other employees or representatives of the department.

**900.1(3) *Information deemed confidential.*** Federal tax returns, federal return information, inheritance tax returns, and the books, records, documents, and accounts of any person, firm, or corporation, including stock transfer books, requested to be submitted to the department for the enforcement of the inheritance tax law, shall be deemed and held confidential by the department, subject to public disclosure only as provided by law. See 26 U.S.C. Section 6103 pertaining to confidentiality and disclosure of federal tax returns and federal return information.

**900.1(4) *Information not confidential.*** Copies of wills, the filing of an inheritance tax lien, release of a real estate lien, probate inventories, trust instruments, deeds and other documents which have been filed for public record are not deemed confidential by the department.

**900.1(5) *Forms.*** The final inheritance tax return, inheritance tax receipts, and forms for the audit, assessment, and refund of the inheritance tax shall be in such form as may be prescribed or approved by the director—see 701—8.3(17A).

**900.1(6) *Safe deposit boxes and joint accounts.*** Effective July 1, 1998, there is no longer a requirement for safe deposit boxes to be inventoried and reported to the department prior to the delivery of the assets to the personal representative, transferee, joint owner, or beneficiary. Additionally, effective July 1, 2005, there is no longer a requirement that all persons, banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations notify the department of the balance in a joint account on the date of a deceased joint owner's death and the name and address of the surviving joint owner prior to permitting the withdrawal of funds from the joint account by a surviving joint owner.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 22 and Iowa Code sections 450.1 and 450.2 as amended by 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 95, sections 1 and 2, and sections 421.2, 450.67, 450.68, 450.94, 450.97 and 450B.7.

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## **701—900.2(450) Inheritance tax returns and payment of tax.**

**900.2(1) *Filing of an inheritance tax return.*** Estates meeting certain requirements must file an inheritance tax return, and it is the duty of certain persons associated with the estate to file the inheritance tax return as follows:

*a. Mandatory filing.* The inheritance tax return provided for in subrule 900.2(2) must be filed if the gross share of any heir, beneficiary, transferee, or surviving joint tenant exceeds the exemptions allowable in Iowa Code sections 450.4 and 450.9. In addition, if Iowa real estate is includable in the gross estate, the return must be filed, even if no tax is due, prior to the issuance of a no tax due certificate.

Effective July 1, 2001, an estate is required to file an Iowa inheritance tax return if the entire estate of the decedent exceeds the sum of \$25,000 after deducting the liabilities of the estate.

*b. Who must file.* If the decedent's estate is probated as provided in Iowa Code chapter 633 or administered as provided in Iowa Code section 450.22, the personal representative of the estate is charged with the duty of filing the return with the department. If the personal representative of the estate fails to file the return or if the estate is not probated, it shall be the duty of those heirs, beneficiaries, transferees, surviving joint tenants, and trustees who receive shares in excess of the allowable exemptions or shares

which are taxable in whole or in part, without the deduction of liabilities, and those individuals in receipt of the decedent's property are either jointly or severally to file the return with the department.

*c. Who is not required to file a return for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 2004.*

(1) Effective for estates with decedents dying on or after July 1, 2004, if an estate has no Iowa inheritance tax due and there is no obligation for the estate to file a federal estate tax return, even though real estate is involved, an Iowa inheritance tax return need not be filed if at least one of the following situations is applicable:

1. All estate assets are held solely in joint tenancy with right of survivorship between husband and wife alone; or

2. All estate assets are held solely in joint tenancy with right of survivorship, and not as tenants in common, solely between the decedent and individuals listed in Iowa Code section 450.9 who are statutorily exempt from Iowa inheritance tax on shares received from a decedent based on the individuals' relationship to the decedent. This numbered paragraph does not apply to a jointly held interest in an asset that passes to both an individual listed in Iowa Code section 450.9 and any other individual not listed in Iowa Code section 450.9, including that individual's spouse. See subparagraph 900.2(1)"c"(2) for a list of individuals who are statutorily exempt from Iowa inheritance tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.9; or

3. All assets are passing by beneficiary designation pursuant to a trust and are intended to pass the decedent's property at death or through a nonprobate transfer solely to individuals listed in Iowa Code section 450.9 who are statutorily exempt from Iowa inheritance tax on shares received from a decedent based on their relationship to the decedent. This numbered paragraph does not apply to a jointly held interest in an asset that passes to both an individual listed in Iowa Code section 450.9 and any other individual not listed in Iowa Code section 450.9, including that individual's spouse. See subparagraph 900.2(1)"c"(2) for a list of individuals who are statutorily exempt from Iowa inheritance tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.9; or

4. All estate assets are passed by will or intestate succession as set forth in Iowa Code chapter 633, division IV, and beginning with section 633.210, solely to individuals who are statutorily exempt from Iowa inheritance tax as set forth below in subparagraph 900.2(1)"c"(2); or

5. For estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 2007, if the total aggregate value of all the tangible personal property in the estate is \$5,000 or less and in-kind distributions are made. Any in-kind distribution of personal property is exempt from inheritance tax when the total aggregate value of the tangible personal property in the estate is \$5,000 or less. If the total aggregate amount of tangible personal property is greater than \$5,000, then the exemption for in-kind distributions of tangible personal property does not apply. See Iowa Code section 450.4(7); see also Iowa Code section 633.276 for a description of tangible personal property that qualifies.

EXAMPLE 1: The total aggregate value of the tangible personal property in the estate is \$3,000. The executor makes an in-kind distribution of a diamond ring worth \$1,000 to a neighbor. The diamond ring is not subject to inheritance tax.

EXAMPLE 2: The total aggregate value of the tangible personal property in the estate is \$15,000. The executor makes an in-kind distribution of a diamond ring worth \$1,000 to a neighbor. The diamond ring is subject to inheritance tax because the total aggregate value of tangible personal property is greater than \$5,000.

(2) Individuals listed in Iowa Code section 450.9 who are statutorily exempt from Iowa inheritance tax.

1. For estates of decedents dying prior to July 1, 2016, the entire amount of property, interest in property, and income passing solely to the surviving spouse, and parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and other lineal ascendants, children including legally adopted children and biological children entitled to inherit under the laws of this state, stepchildren, and grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other lineal descendants are exempt from Iowa inheritance tax.

2. For estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 2016, the entire amount of property, interest in property, and income passing solely to the surviving spouse, lineal ascendants, lineal descendants, and

stepchildren and their lineal descendants are exempt from Iowa inheritance tax. “Lineal descendants” includes descendants by adoption.

*d. General rules.* An Iowa inheritance tax return must be filed if estate assets pass to both an individual listed in Iowa Code section 450.9 and that individual’s spouse.

(1) If an inheritance tax return is not required because the estate meets the criteria in paragraph 900.2(1) “c,” the final report (beginning with Iowa Code section 633.469) need not contain an inheritance tax receipt (clearance) issued by the department, but must properly certify that one of the criteria set forth in paragraph 900.2(1) “c” has been met as set forth in Iowa Code section 450.58(2).

(2) If any interest in real estate passes on account of the decedent’s death and no Iowa inheritance tax return is required to be filed and the real estate does not pass through probate administration, then one of the persons succeeding to the interest in the real property must file an affidavit in the county in which the real property is located setting forth the legal description of the real property and the fact that an Iowa inheritance tax return is not required to be filed with the department. A copy of this affidavit must be retained by the beneficiary that holds the real estate.

(3) If a return is filed with the department and the return is not required to be filed, the department will retain the return as required by statutes governing retention of returns. However, the department will not process the filed return if the statute does not require that the return be filed. The department will not issue a clearance in an estate in which a return is not required to be filed.

**900.2(2) Form and content—inheritance tax return.**

*a.* Reserved.

*b. Estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1983.* For estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1983, the preliminary inheritance tax return is abolished and a single inheritance tax return shall be filed. The return shall provide for schedules listing the assets includable in the gross estate, a listing of the liabilities deductible in computing the net estate, and a computation of the tax due, if any, on each share of the net estate. The return shall conform as nearly as possible to the federal estate tax return, Form 706. For information regarding Iowa returns, see subrule 900.1(5). If the estate has filed a federal estate tax return, a copy must be submitted with the Iowa return. If the federal estate return includes the schedules of assets and liabilities, the taxpayer may omit the Iowa schedules of assets from the return. However, any Iowa schedules indicating liabilities must be filed with the Iowa return due to proration of liabilities. When Iowa schedules are filed with the return, only those schedules which apply to the particular assets and liabilities of the estate are required. A return merely listing the assets and their values when the gross estate is in excess of \$25,000 (\$10,000 for estates of decedents dying before July 1, 2001) is not sufficient in nontaxable estates. In this case, the return must be amended to list the schedule of liabilities and the computation of the shares of the net estate before an inheritance tax clearance will be issued.

*c. Special rule when the surviving spouse succeeds to property in the estate.* Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 1988, the following rules apply when the surviving spouse succeeds to property in the estate:

(1) If all of the property includable in the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes is held in joint tenancy with right of survivorship by husband and wife alone, an inheritance tax return is not required to be filed and a certificate from the department stating no inheritance tax is due is not required to release the inheritance tax lien under Iowa Code section 450.7(2).

(2) If any of the property includable in the gross estate passes to the surviving spouse by means other than by joint tenancy with right of survivorship or if any property passes by joint tenancy with right of survivorship when the surviving spouse is not the only surviving joint tenant, an inheritance tax return is required to be filed.

*d. Estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1999.*

(1) In addition to the special rule for surviving spouses set forth in paragraph 86.2(2) “c,” effective for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1999, an estate that consists solely of property includable in the gross estate that is held in joint tenancy with right of survivorship and that is exclusively owned by the decedent and any person declared exempt from Iowa inheritance tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.9, or a combination solely consisting of such persons, is not required to file an Iowa inheritance

tax return, unless such an estate has an obligation to file a federal estate tax return. For property of the estate passing by means other than by joint tenancy with right of survivorship or any property passing by joint tenancy with right of survivorship when the title to the property is held by persons other than those persons declared exempt from Iowa inheritance tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.9, an inheritance tax return is required to be filed.

1. For estates of decedents dying prior to July 1, 2016, the entire amount of property, interest in property, and income passing solely to the surviving spouse, and parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and other lineal ascendants, children including legally adopted children and biological children entitled to inherit under the laws of this state, stepchildren, and grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other lineal descendants are exempt from Iowa inheritance tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.9.

2. For estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 2016, the entire amount of property, interest in property, and income passing solely to the surviving spouse, lineal ascendants, lineal descendants, and stepchildren and their lineal descendants are exempt from Iowa inheritance tax pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.9. "Lineal descendants" includes descendants by adoption.

(2) The exemption granted to stepchildren and their lineal descendants is limited to the stepchildren of the decedent and the lineal descendants of the stepchildren of the decedent exclusively. The exemption is not extended to include any lineal ascendants of the step relationship, such as stepparent or stepgrandparent, nor does it include step relations of the decedent's lineal ascendants or descendants, such as the stepchildren of the decedent's children. For a definition of "stepchild" for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 2003, please see the definition found in 701—900.1(450).

(3) The rate of Iowa inheritance tax imposed on a share is based upon the relationship of the beneficiary to the decedent or the type of entity that is the beneficiary. For estates of decedents dying before July 1, 2001, a net estate that is less than \$10,000 does not have an Iowa inheritance tax obligation. For estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 2001, the net estate that is less than \$25,000 does not have an Iowa inheritance tax obligation. The following is the most current Iowa inheritance tax rate schedule for net estates over \$25,000:

SCHEDULE B				
Brother, sister (including half-brother, half-sister), son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. There is no exemption.				
If the share is:				
Not over \$12,500, the tax is 5% of the share.				
	If over	But not over	Tax is	Of excess over
	\$ 12,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 625 + 6%	\$ 12,500
	25,000	75,000	1,375 + 7%	25,000
	75,000	100,000	4,875 + 8%	75,000
	100,000	150,000	6,875 + 9%	100,000
	150,000	and up	11,375 + 10%	150,000
SCHEDULE C				
Uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, foster child, cousin, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, child's stepchild, and all other individual persons. There is no exemption.				
If the share is:				
Not over \$50,000, tax is 10% of the share.				
	If over	But not over	Tax is	Of excess over



\$ 50,000 100,000	\$100,000 and up	\$ 5,000 + 12% 11,000 + 15%	\$ 50,000 100,000
SCHEDULE D			
<p>A firm, corporation or society organized for profit, including an organization failing to qualify as a charitable, educational or religious organization:</p> <p>Effective July 1, 2001, any fraternal and social organization which does not qualify for exemption under IRC Section 170(c) or 2055:</p> <p>15% of the amount.</p>			
SCHEDULE E			
<p>Any society, institution or association incorporated or organized under the laws of any other state, territory, province or country than this state, for charitable, educational or religious purposes, or to a cemetery association, including a humane society not organized under the laws of this state, or to a resident trustee for use without this state:</p> <p>10% of the amount.</p>			
SCHEDULE F			
<p>An unknown heir, as distinguished from an heir who is not presently ascertainable, due to contingent events:</p> <p>5% of the amount.</p>			
SCHEDULE G			
<p>A charitable, religious, educational, or veterans organization as defined in IRC Section 170(c) or 2055.</p> <p>All other shares to income tax exempt organizations that are not defined in IRC Section 170(c) must provide their IRS letter of determination. Organizations may also be required to provide evidence that the bequest has restricted the funds to a conforming activity.</p> <p>Public libraries, public art galleries, hospitals, humane societies, municipal corporations, bequests for care of cemetery or burial lots of the decedent or the decedent's family, and bequests for religious services the total of which does not exceed \$500.</p> <p>Entirely exempt: No tax.</p>			

**900.2(3) Liability for the tax.** The personal representative of an estate is personally liable for the total tax due from any person receiving property subject to the tax, to the extent the person's share of the property is subject to the jurisdiction of the probate court and the personal representative. The trustee of trust property subject to tax is personally liable for the total tax due from a beneficiary to the extent of the person's share of the trust property. Each heir, beneficiary, transferee, joint tenant, and any other person being beneficially entitled to any property subject to tax is personally liable for the tax due on all property received subject to the tax. The person is not liable for the tax due on another person's share of property subject to tax, unless the person is also a personal representative, trustee, or other fiduciary

liable for the tax by reason of having jurisdiction over the property, the succession to which is taxable. *Eddy v. Short*, 190 Iowa 1376, 179 N.W. 818 (1920); *Waterman v. Burbank*, 196 Iowa 793, 195 N.W. 191 (1923).

**900.2(4) Supplemental return—deferred interest.** When the tax has been deferred on a property interest to take effect in possession or enjoyment after the termination of a prior property interest, it shall be the duty of the owner of the future interest to file a supplemental inheritance tax return with the department, reporting the future interest for taxation. At the top of the front page of the return, the word “SUPPLEMENTAL” shall be printed.

**900.2(5) Amended return.** If additional assets or errors in valuation of assets or deductible liabilities are discovered after the filing of the inheritance tax return increasing the amount of tax due, an amended inheritance tax return must be filed with the department, reporting the additional assets. The appropriate penalty and interest will be charged on the additional tax due pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.27 and department rules in 701—Chapter 10. To file an amended inheritance tax return, Form IA 706 shall be completed and at the top of the front page of the return the word “AMENDED” shall be printed. If additional liabilities are discovered or incurred after the filing of the inheritance tax return which result in an overpayment of tax, an amended inheritance tax return must be filed in the manner indicated above. For amended returns resulting from federal audit adjustments—see subrule 900.3(6) and rules 900.9(450), and 900.12(450). For permitted and amended returns not permitted for change of values—see subrule 900.9(4).

**900.2(6) Due date for filing—return on present property interests.** Unless an extension of time has been granted, the final inheritance tax return, or the inheritance tax return in case of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1983, must be filed and any tax due paid, for all property in present possession or enjoyment:

*a.* On or before the last day of the ninth month after death for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1984, subject to the due date falling on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, which would then make the return due on the following business day. The following table for return due dates illustrates this subrule:

Deaths Occurring During:	Return Due Date:
July 1996	April 30, 1997
August 1996	June 2, 1997 (May 31 is a Saturday and June 1 is a Sunday)
September 1996	June 30, 1997
October 1996	July 31, 1997
November 1996	September 2, 1997 (August 31 is a Sunday, September 1 is Labor Day)
December 1996	September 30, 1997
January 1997	October 31, 1997
February 1997	December 1, 1997 (November 30 is a Sunday)
March 1997	December 31, 1997
April 1997	February 2, 1998 (January 31 is a Saturday and February 1 is a Sunday)
May 1997	March 2, 1998 (February 28 is a Saturday and March 1 is a Sunday)
June 1997	March 31, 1998

*b.* Within nine months after death for estates of decedents dying during the period beginning July 1, 1981, and ending June 30, 1984.

**900.2(7) Election to file—before termination of prior estate.** The tax due on a future property interest may be paid, at the taxpayer's election, on the present value of the future interest as follows:

*a. On or before the last day of the ninth month after the decedent's death (or within one year after the death of the decedent for estates of decedents dying prior to July 1, 1981).* Compute the tax by applying the life estate, annuity, or present value tables to the value of the property at the date of the decedent's death. If age or time is a determining factor in computing the present value of the future interest, it is the age or time at the date of the decedent's death that must be used.

*b. After the last day of the ninth month following the decedent's death (one year after death for estates of decedents dying prior to July 1, 1981) but prior to the termination of the prior estate.* Compute the tax by applying the life estate, annuity, or present value tables to the value of the property at the date the tax is paid. If age or time is a determining factor in computing the present value of the future interest, it is the age or time at the date the tax is paid that must be used. *In re Estate of Wickham*, 241 Iowa 198, 40 N.W.2d 469 (1950); *In re Estate of Millard*, 251 Iowa 1282, 105 N.W.2d 95 (1960). *In re Estate of Dwight E. Clapp*, Clay County District Court, Probate No. 7251 (1980).

**900.2(8) Mandatory due date—return on a future property interest.**

*a. Reserved.*

*b. Mandatory due date—return on a future property interest for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1981.* Unless the tax due on a future property interest has been paid under the provisions of paragraphs 900.2(7) "a" and "b," the tax due must be paid on or before the last day of the ninth month following the termination of the prior estate. The statute does not provide for an extension of the mandatory due date for payment of the tax.

**900.2(9) Extension of time—return and payment.** For estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1984, the department may grant an extension of time to file an inheritance tax return on an annual basis. To be eligible for an extension, an application for an extension of time must be filed with the department on a form prescribed or approved by the director. The application for extension must be filed with the department prior to the time the tax is due and an estimated payment of 90 percent of the tax due must accompany the application—see Iowa Code section 421.27 and rule 701—10.6(421). An extension of time to pay the tax due may be granted in the case of hardship. However, for extensions to be granted, the request must include evidence of the hardship—see 701—Chapter 10. An extension of time to file cannot be extended for a period of time longer than ten years after the last day of the month in which the death of the decedent occurs.

**900.2(10) Discount.** There is no discount allowed for early payment of the tax due.

**900.2(11) Penalties.** See rule 701—10.6(421) for the calculation of penalty for deaths occurring on or after January 1, 1991.

**900.2(12) Interest on tax due.** All tax which has not been paid on or before the last day of the ninth month following the death of the individual whose death is the event imposing the inheritance tax draws interest at the rate prescribed by Iowa Code section 421.7, to be computed on a monthly basis with each fraction of a month counted as a full month. See rule 701—10.2(421) for the interest rate to use for a specific calendar year. Interest applies equally to tax that is delinquent and tax that is due under an extension of time to pay.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.14, 450.4, 450.5, 450.6, 450.9, 450.22, 450.44, 450.46, 450.47, 450.51, 450.52, 450.53, 450.63, and 450.94 and 2004 Iowa Acts, chapter 1073, and 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 14.

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### **701—900.3(450) Audits, assessments and refunds.**

**900.3(1) Audits.** Upon filing of the inheritance tax return, the department must audit and examine it and determine the correct tax due. A copy of the federal estate tax return must be filed with the inheritance tax return in those estates where federal law requires the filing of a federal estate tax return. The department may request the submission of wills, trust instruments, contracts of sale, deeds, appraisals, and such other information as may reasonably be necessary to establish the correct tax due.

See Iowa Code sections 450.66 and 450.67 and *Tiffany v. County Board of Review*, 188 N.W.2d 343, 349 (Iowa 1971). For taxpayers using an electronic data interchange process or technology also see 701—subrule 11.4(4). The person or persons liable for the payment of the tax imposed by Iowa Code chapter 450 shall keep the records relating to the gross and net estate required for federal estate tax purposes under 26 U.S.C. Section 6001 of the Internal Revenue Code and federal regulation Section 20.6001-1.

**900.3(2) Assessments for additional tax.** The taxpayer must file an inheritance tax return on forms prescribed by the director on or before the last day of the ninth month after the death of the decedent. When an inheritance tax return is filed, the department shall examine it and determine the correct amount of tax. If the amount paid is less than the correct amount due, the department must notify the taxpayer of the total amount due together with any penalty and interest which shall be a sum certain if paid on or before the last day of the month in which the notice is postmarked or on or before the last day of the following month if the notice is postmarked after the twentieth day of a month and before the last day of the following month. For estates with decedents dying on or after July 1, 1999, the date of the notice and not the postmark date is controlling. If the inheritance tax return is not filed within the time prescribed by law, taking into consideration any extensions of time, or the return as filed is not correct, the department may make an assessment for the tax and any penalty and interest due based on the inventories, wills, trust instruments, and other information necessary to ascertain the correct tax. For interest and penalty rate information, see 701—Chapter 10.

**900.3(3) Refunds.** If the examination and audit of the inheritance tax return discloses an overpayment of tax, the department will refund the excess to the taxpayer. See 701—Chapter 10 for the statutory interest rate commencing on or after January 1, 1982. For estates of decedents dying prior to January 1, 1988, interest shall be computed for a period beginning 60 days from the date of the payment to be refunded. For estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 1988, interest must be computed for a period beginning the first day of the second calendar month following the date of payment, or the date upon which the return which sets out the refunded payment was actually filed, or the date that return was due to be filed, whichever date is the latest. For the purposes of computing the period, each fraction of a month counts as an entire month. If the taxpayer, after the tax has been paid, discovers additional liabilities which, when offset by any additional assets results in an overpayment of the tax, the excess payment will be refunded to the taxpayer upon filing with the department an amended inheritance tax return claiming a refund. No refund for excessive tax paid shall be made by the department unless an amended return is filed with the department within three years (five years for estates of decedents dying prior to July 1, 1984) after the tax payment upon which the claim is made became due, or one year after the tax was paid, whichever time is the later—see Iowa Code section 450.94(3).

**900.3(4) Supplemental assessments and refund adjustments.** The department may, at any time within the period prescribed for assessment or refund adjustment, make a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment whenever it is ascertained that any assessment or refund adjustment is imperfect or incomplete in any respect.

If an assessment or refund adjustment is appealed (protested under rule 701—7.9(17A)) and is resolved whether by informal proceedings or by adjudication, the department and the taxpayer are precluded from making a supplemental assessment or refund adjustment concerning the same issue involved in such appeal for the same tax period unless there is a showing of mathematical or clerical error or a showing of fraud or misrepresentation.

**900.3(5) Assessments—period of limitations.** Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1984, assessments for additional tax due must be made within the following periods of time:

*a.* Within three years after the return is filed for property reported to the department on the return. The three-year period of limitation does not begin until the return is filed. The time of the decedent's death is not relevant. For purposes of determining the period of limitations, the assessment period shall terminate on the same day of the month three years later which corresponds to the day and month the return was filed. If there is no numerically corresponding day three years after the return is filed, or if the expiration date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the assessment period expires the preceding

day in case there is no corresponding day, or the next day following which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

b. The period of time for making an assessment for additional tax is unlimited if a return is not filed with the department.

c. If a return is filed with the department, but property which is subject to taxation is omitted from the return, the three-year period for making an assessment for additional tax on the omitted property does not begin until the omitted property is reported to the department on an amended return. The omission of property from the return only extends the period of limitations for making an assessment for additional tax against the beneficiary, surviving joint tenant, or transferee whose share is increased by the omitted property. Other shares of the estate are not affected by the extended assessment period due to the omitted property. The inheritance tax is a separate succession tax on each share of the estate, not on the estate as a whole. *In re Estate of Stone*, 132 Iowa 136, 109 N.W. 455 (1906).

**900.3(6) Period of limitations—federal audits.**

a. *Statute of limitations and federal audits in general.* In the case of a federal audit, the department, notwithstanding the normal three-year audit period specified in Iowa Code paragraphs 450.94(5) “a” and “b,” shall have an additional six-month period for examination of the inheritance tax return to determine the correct tax due and for making an assessment for additional tax that may be due.

The additional six-month period begins on the date the taxpayer performs two affirmative acts: (1) notifies the department, and the department receives such a notification, in writing, that all controversies with the Internal Revenue Service concerning the federal estate, federal gift, and federal generation skipping transfer taxes (for deaths occurring after December 31, 2004) have been concluded and (2) submits to the department a copy of the federal audit, closing statement, court decision, or any other relevant federal document concerning the concluded controversy. The additional six-month examination period does not begin until both of the acts are performed. See Iowa Code sections 622.105 and 622.106 for the mailing date as constituting the filing date and Iowa Code section 4.1(34) and *Emmetsburg Ready Mix Co. v. Norris*, 362 N.W.2d 498 (Iowa 1985) when the due date falls on a legal holiday.

b. *Statute of limitations regarding federal audits involving real estate.*

(1) In general. Effective for estates with decedents dying on or after July 1, 1999, in addition to the period of limitation for examination and determination, the department shall make an examination to adjust the value of real property for Iowa inheritance tax purposes to the value accepted by the Internal Revenue Service for federal estate tax purposes. The department shall have an additional six months to make an examination and adjustment for the value of the real property.

(2) Beginning of the additional six-month period. The additional six-month period for assessment and adjustment begins on the date the taxpayer performs two affirmative acts: (a) notifies the department, in writing, that all controversies with the Internal Revenue Service concerning the federal estate, federal gift, and federal generation skipping transfer taxes (for deaths occurring after December 31, 2004) have been concluded and (b) submits to the department a copy of the federal audit, closing statement, court decision, or any other relevant federal document. Such documents must indicate the final federal determination and final audit adjustments of all real property.

(3) Adjustment required. The department must make an adjustment to the value of real property for inheritance tax purposes to the value accepted for federal estate tax purposes regardless of whether any of the following have occurred: an inheritance tax clearance has been issued; an appraisal has been obtained on the real property indicating a contrary value; there has been an acceptance of another value for real property by the department; an agreement has been entered into by the department and the personal representative for the estate and persons having an interest in the real property regarding the value of the real property.

(4) Refunds. Despite the time period for refunds set forth in Iowa Code section 450.94(3), the personal representative for the estate has six months from the day of final disposition of any real property valuation matter between the personal representative for the estate and the Internal Revenue Service to claim a refund from the department of an overpayment of tax due to the change in the valuation of real property by the Internal Revenue Service.

*c. Effect of additional time periods.* The additional six-month audit period set forth in “a” and “b” under this subrule does not limit or shorten the normal three-year examination period. As a result, a six-month additional examination period has no application if the additional six-month examination period would expire during the normal three-year audit period. If additional tax is found to be due, see paragraph 900.12(5) “b” for the inheritance tax lien filing requirements for securing the additional tax after an inheritance tax clearance has been issued. The six-month additional examination period means the department shall have at least six months to examine the return after the notification. The department will have more time if the normal three-year examination period expires after the six-month additional period for examination. After the expiration of the normal three-year examination period, and absent an agreement to the contrary, the six-month extension of the statute of limitations for assessing Iowa inheritance tax based on federal audit adjustments for real property is limited to federal audit adjustments that directly affect Iowa inheritance tax and involve Iowa inheritance tax laws that incorporate Internal Revenue Code provisions. See Iowa Code section 450.94(5), 701—900.9(450) and 701—900.12(450), and *Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. v. Iowa Board of Tax Review*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.25, 422.30, 450.37, 450.53, 450.65, 450.71, and 450.94.

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**701—900.5(450) Gross estate.**

**900.5(1) Iowa real and tangible personal property.**

*a.* Real estate and tangible personal property with a situs in the state of Iowa and in which the decedent had an interest at the time of death is includable in the gross estate regardless of whether the decedent was a resident of Iowa. It is immaterial whether the property, or interest, is owned singly, jointly, or in common.

*b.* Certain other real and tangible personal property with a situs in the state of Iowa in which the decedent did not have an interest at death may also be part of the gross estate for tax purposes. Examples of such property transfers include, but are not limited to, transfers of real estate in which the grantor retained a life estate, life interest, interest or the power of revocation, property or interest in property in trust, and gifts made within three years of death in excess of the federal gift tax exclusion. These constitute transfers of property in which the decedent may not have an interest at death, but are includable in the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes. *In re Dieleman’s Estate v. Dept. of Revenue*, 222 N.W.2d 459 (Iowa 1974); *In re English’s Estate*, 206 N.W.2d 305 (Iowa 1973); and *Lincoln’s Estate v. Briggs*, 199 N.W.2d 337 (Iowa 1972).

*c.* A nonresident decedent’s interest in a corporation, limited liability company, or partnership that owns real or tangible personal property with an Iowa situs that is titled in the name of that business entity is not subject to inheritance tax. An interest in a business entity is intangible personal property which follows the residence of the decedent for the purposes of inheritance tax.

*d.* Tangible personal property as defined in Iowa Code section 633.276 with an Iowa situs which is distributed in kind from the estate is not subject to inheritance tax if the aggregate value of all tangible personal property in the estate does not exceed \$5,000. See 900.2(1) “c”(1)“5.”

**900.5(2) Foreign real estate and tangible personal property.** Real estate and tangible personal property with a situs outside the state of Iowa are not subject to the Iowa inheritance tax and, therefore, are not includable in the decedent’s gross estate for tax purposes. *Frick v. Pennsylvania*, 268 U.S. 473, 45 S. Ct. 603, 69 L.Ed. 1058 (1925); *In re Marx Estate*, 226 Iowa 1260, 286 N.W.2d 422 (1939).

**900.5(3) Intangible personal property—decedent domiciled in Iowa.** Intangible personal property, or interest therein, owned by a decedent domiciled in Iowa is includable in the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes regardless of the physical location of the evidence of the property or whether the account or obligation is with a non-Iowa financial institution. *Curry v. McCanless*, 307 U.S. 357, 59 S. Ct. 900, 83 L.Ed 1339 (1939); *Lincoln’s Estate v. Briggs*, 199 N.W.2d 337 (Iowa 1972).

**900.5(4) Reserved.**

**900.5(5) Classification of property.** The property law of the state of situs determines whether property is classified as real, personal, tangible or intangible and also whether decedent had an interest in the property. *Dieleman's Estate v. Dept. of Revenue*, 222 N.W.2d 459 (Iowa 1974); *Williamson v. Youngs*, 200 Iowa 672, 203 N.W. 28 (1925).

**900.5(6) Insurance—in general.** Whether the proceeds or value of insurance is includable in the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes depends on the particular facts in each situation. Designated beneficiary and type of insurance (life, accident, health, credit life, etc.) are some of the factors that are considered in determining whether the value or proceeds are subject to tax. *In re Estate of Brown*, 205 N.W.2d 925 (Iowa 1973).

*a. Insurance proceeds subject to tax.* The proceeds of insurance on the decedent's life owned by the decedent and payable to the decedent's estate or personal representative is includable in the gross estate. Insurance owned by the decedent on the life of another is includable in the gross estate to the extent of the cash surrender value of the policy. The proceeds of all insurance to which the decedent had an interest, at or prior to death, but are payable for reasons other than death, are includable in the gross estate. *Bair v. Randall*, 258 N.W.2d 333 (Iowa 1977).

*b. Insurance proceeds not taxable.* Insurance on the decedent's life payable to a named beneficiary, including a testamentary trust, other than the insured, the estate, or the insured's personal representative, is not subject to Iowa inheritance tax. *In re Estate of Brown*, 205 N.W.2d 925 (Iowa 1973).

*c. Insurance proceeds includable—depending on circumstances.* Credit life insurance and burial insurance are offsets against the obligation. If the obligation is deducted in full or in part in computing the taxable shares of heirs or beneficiaries, the proceeds of the credit life and burial insurance are includable in the gross estate to the extent of the obligation. Insurance on the decedent's life and owned by the decedent, pledged as security for a debt is an offset against the debt if the insurance is the primary source relied upon by the creditor for the repayment of the obligation and is includable in the gross estate on the same conditions as credit life insurance. See *Estate of Carl M. Laartz* Probate No. 9641, District Court of Cass County, March 17, 1973; *Estate of Roy P. Petersen*, Probate No. 14025, District Court of Cerro Gordo County, May 16, 1974.

Insurance on the decedent's life, payable to a corporation or association in which the decedent had an ownership interest, while not subject to tax as insurance, may increase the value of the decedent's interest. *In re Reed's Estate*, 243 N.Y. 199, 153 N.E.47, 47 A.L.R. 522 (1926).

**900.5(7) Gifts in contemplation of death—for estates of decedents dying prior to July 1, 1984, only.** A transfer of property, or interests in property by a decedent, except in the case of a bona fide sale for fair consideration within three years of the grantor's death, made in contemplation of death, is includable in the decedent's gross estate. Any such transfer made within the three-year period prior to the grantor's death is presumed to be in contemplation of death, unless it is shown to the contrary. Whether a transfer is made in contemplation of death depends on the intention of the grantor in making the transfer and will depend on the facts and circumstances of each individual transfer.

*a. Factors to be considered include, but are not limited to:*

- (1) The age and health of the grantor at the time of the transfer,
- (2) Whether the grantor was motivated by living or death motives,
- (3) Whether or not the gift was a material part of the decedent's property,
- (4) Whether the gift was an isolated event or one of a series of gifts during the decedent's lifetime.

*b. Factors which tend to establish that the motive for the gift was prompted by the thought of death include, but are not limited to:*

- (1) Made with the purpose of avoiding death taxes,
- (2) Made as a substitute for a testamentary disposition of the property,
- (3) Of such an amount that the remaining property of the grantor would not normally be sufficient to provide for the remaining years of the grantor and those of the grantor's household,
- (4) Made with the knowledge that the grantor is suffering from a serious illness that is normally associated with a shortened life expectancy.

*c. Factors which tend to establish that the gift was inspired by living motives include, but are not limited to:*

- (1) Made on an occasion and in an appropriate amount that is usually associated with such gift giving occasions as Christmas, birthdays, marriage, or graduation,
- (2) Made because of the financial need of the donee and in an amount that is appropriate to the need,
- (3) Made as a remembrance or reward for past services or favors in an amount appropriate to the occasion,
- (4) Made to be relieved of the burden of management of the property given, retaining sufficient property and income for adequate support and maintenance.

For a gift to be determined to have been made in contemplation of death it is not necessary that the grantor be conscious of imminent or immediate death. However, the term means more than the general expectation of death which all entertain. It is a gift when the grantor is influenced to do so by such expectation of death, arising from bodily or mental condition, as prompts persons to dispose of their property to those whom they deem the proper object of their bounty. It is sufficient if the thought of death is the impelling cause for the gift. *U.S. v. Wells*, 283 U. S. 102, 51 S. Ct. 446, 75 L.Ed. 867 (1931); *In re Mann's Estate*, 219 Iowa 597, 258 N.W. 904 (1935).

*d. Gifts made within three years prior to death—for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1984.* All gifts made by the donor within three years prior to death, which are in excess of the annual calendar year federal gift tax exclusion provided for in 26 U.S.C. Section 2503, subsections b and e, are included in the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes. The motive, intention or state of mind of the donor is not relevant. Date of valuation for a gift in which there was a full transfer of ownership is valued at the date in which the gift is completed. However, for a gift of an interest in property that is less than a full transfer of ownership, which includes, but is not limited to, a life estate or conditional gift, the date of valuation is the date of the death of the decedent, unless alternative valuation is chosen. Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 2003, valuation of property transferred by the grantor or donor is based on the net market value at the date of transfer. The fact alone that the transfer is a gift, in whole or in part, and exceeds the annual calendar year exclusion for federal gift tax purposes, is sufficient to subject the excess of the transfer over the exclusion to tax. The exclusion is applied to the total amount of the gifts made to a donee in a calendar year, allocating the exclusion to the gifts in the order made during the calendar year. This rule has important application to the earliest year of the three-year period before death because the three-year period for inheritance tax purposes is measured from the date the decedent-donor died. This will only rarely coincide with a calendar year. As a result, none of the gifts made in the earliest calendar year of the three-year period prior to death, regardless of the amount, which are made before the beginning of the three-year period, measured by the decedent's death date, are subject to tax. However, gifts made before the three-year period begins in this earliest year will reduce or may completely absorb the exclusion amount that is available for the remaining part of this first-year period. The significance of the difference between the three-year period prior to death and the calendar year exclusion amount is illustrated by the following:

EXAMPLE. The decedent-donor, A, died July 1, 2012. The three-year period during which gifts may be subject to inheritance tax begins July 1, 2009. During the calendar year 2009, A made a cash gift to nephew B of \$14,000 on May 1, 2009, and a second gift to B of \$4,000 on August 1, 2009. In this example, none of the \$14,000 gift made on May 1, 2009, is includable for inheritance tax purposes because it was made before the three-year period began, based on A's date of death. All of the \$4,000 gift made on August 1, 2009, is includable for inheritance tax purposes because it is in excess of the calendar year 2009 federal gift tax exclusion of \$13,000.

(1) Split gift. At the election of the donor's spouse, a gift made by a donor to a person, other than the spouse, shall be considered, for inheritance tax purposes, as made one half by the donor and one half by the donor's spouse. This split gift election for inheritance tax purposes is subject to the same terms and conditions that govern split gifts for federal gift tax purposes under 26 U.S.C. Section 2513.

The consent of the donor's spouse signified under 26 U.S.C. Section 2513(b) shall also be presumed to be consent for Iowa inheritance tax purposes, unless the contrary is shown. If the split gift election



is made, the election shall apply to all gifts made during the calendar year. Therefore, if the election is made, each spouse may use the annual federal gift tax exclusion which shall be applied to one-half of the total value of all gifts made by both spouses during the calendar year to each donee.

(2) Types of transfers which may result in a gift. Whether a transfer of property constitutes a gift depends on the facts and circumstances surrounding each individual transfer. Transfers which may result in a gift, in whole or in part, include, but are not limited to: sales of property where the purchase price, or terms of sale, are less than fair market value; a loan of money, interest free, even though the loan is payable on demand; the release of a retained life use of property; and the payment of a debt or other obligation of another person.

(3) Types of transfers that are not a gift. However, certain transfers which in property law would be considered a present transfer of an interest in property may not be considered gifts within the Iowa three-year rule under Iowa Code section 450.3(2). Rather the transfers may be transfers intended to take effect in possession or enjoyment at death. Examples of this kind of transfer would include, but are not limited to, transfers in trust or otherwise, with a retained life use or interest; commercial annuities where payments are made to a beneficiary upon the death of the primary annuitant; transfers that place property in joint tenancy; irrevocable transfers of real or personal property where the deed or bill of sale is placed in escrow to be delivered only upon the grantor's death. Transfers of this kind are subject to inheritance tax under Iowa Code section 450.3(3) as a transfer to take effect in possession or enjoyment at death, even though under property law an interest in the property may have been transferred prior to death. Different kinds of transfers that may constitute a taxable gift, in whole or in part, include but are not limited to the following:

EXAMPLE A. Grantor-decedent, A, on July 1, 1992, transferred to nephew B, without consideration, a 160-acre Iowa farm, reserving the life use. On the date of transfer, the farm had a fair market value of \$2,000 per acre, or \$320,000. On August 1, 1994, A released the retained life estate without any consideration being given and then died on December 1, 1994. The release on August 1, 1994, constitutes a gift, for inheritance tax purposes, of the value of the entire farm (less the annual gift tax exclusion), within the three-year period prior to death. What is taxable is what would have been taxable had the release not been given. *United States v. Allen*, 293 F.2d 916 (10th Cir. 1961); Rev. Ruling 56-324, 1956-2 C.B. 999. In this example, the gift is not to be valued at the time of the release of the life use, but rather at its fair market value at the time of death. See subrule 900.9(1). The real estate cannot be valued at its alternate valuation date because it is not included in the federal gross estate for federal estate tax purposes, but rather it constitutes an adjusted taxable gift not eligible for the alternate valuation date. See rule 701—900.10(450) and Federal Estate Tax Regulation Section 20.2032-1(a) and (d).

EXAMPLE B. A, on August 1, 2009, loaned brother B \$450,000 which was evidenced by a non-interest-bearing promissory note, payable on demand. A died on October 1, 2011, with no part of the loan having been repaid. The principal amount of the note is includable in A's gross estate. The free use of money is a valuable property right to the debtor. *Dickman v. Commissioner*, 465 U.S. 330 (1984). Thus, in effect, A has made a gift of the value of the interest to B each year the debt remains unpaid. Assuming for purposes of illustration that the applicable federal short-term rate for the entire year is 9 percent for each year and no other gifts were made to B, A has made a gift to B of \$40,500 through August 2010 (one year after the note was executed) and an additional gift of \$40,500 through August 1, 2011, and two months' interest of \$6,750 from August 1, 2011, to the date of death on October 1, 2011. Therefore, in calendar year 2009 A has made a gift of 5/12 of \$40,500, or \$16,875. After deducting the annual calendar year exclusion of \$13,000, \$3,875 is subject to inheritance tax. Since the loan was outstanding for all of calendar year 2010, \$40,500, less the \$13,000 exclusion, or \$27,500, is subject to inheritance tax. For calendar year 2011 the loan was outstanding for nine months. Three-fourths of \$40,500, less \$13,000, or \$17,375, is subject to inheritance tax.

In this example it is not necessary that the loan be made within the three-year period prior to death. It is the free use of the loan during the three-year period prior to death that constitutes the gift.

EXAMPLE C. On March 1, 2010, A sold a 160-acre Iowa farm to niece B for \$1,500 per acre, or \$240,000. On the date of sale, the fair market value of the farm was \$2,500 per acre, or \$400,000. A died on August 1, 2012. This sale is, in part, a gift. It is not a bona fide sale for an adequate and full

consideration in money or money's worth, and as a result, the difference between the sale price and the fair market value of the farm on the date of sale constitutes a gift. The sale price in this example represents only 60 percent of the farm's fair market value; therefore, 40 percent of the farm is a gift. However, the gift percentage to apply to the farm's value at death is 37 percent, not 40 percent, because the \$13,000 annual gift tax exclusion must be deducted from the value of the gift. See the computation of this percentage in Example D immediately following.

**EXAMPLE D.** On March 1, 2010, A sold a 160-acre Iowa farm to niece B for \$2,500 per acre, or \$400,000, which was also the fair market value of the farm on the date of sale. The sale was an installment sale contract, payable in 20 equal annual installments of principal and interest. The unpaid principal balance is to draw interest at one-half of the prevailing Federal Land Bank loan rate, which for purposes of illustration we will assume to be the rate of 12 percent, or 6 percent per year. The annual payments of principal and interest are \$34,873.82 per year. A died on August 1, 2012. In this example, the sale price in and of itself does not constitute a gift because the sale price was also the fair market value of the farm. However, the difference between the prevailing Federal Land Bank loan rate of 12 percent and the contract rate of 6 percent constitutes a gift from A to B.

The amount of the gift that is includable in the gross estate is computed by determining the present value of the future annual payments of \$34,873.82 discounted to reflect a 12 percent return on the investment. The discounted value is then divided by the fair market value of the farm on the date of the sale to determine the percentage of the sale price that is a bona fide sale for full consideration and the percentage of the sale price that represents a gift before the annual exclusion. The gift percentage is then applied to the fair market value of the farm (or special use value, if applicable) at death, to determine the amount that is includable in the gross estate.

The computation in this example is as follows:

The present value of the future annual payments of \$34,873.82 for 20 years to reflect a 12 percent return on an investment is \$260,488.05. That is, an investor who desires to earn the market rate of return of 12 percent on an investment would only pay \$260,488.05 for this 6 percent \$400,000 contract of sale.

Bona Fide Sale Percentage

Present value:  $\frac{260,488.05}{400,000.00} = 65\%$   
 Sale price: 400,000.00

This is the percentage of the sale price of \$400,000 that represents a bona fide sale for full consideration.

Gift Percentage

The sale price of \$400,000 - \$260,488.05 or \$139,511.95 is the gift portion of the sale price due to the 6 percent interest rate on the contract, before the \$13,000 annual exclusion is deducted.

The gift percentage is computed as follows:

$$\frac{\$139,511.95 - \$13,000}{400,000.00} = \frac{\$126,511.95}{400,000.00} = 32\%$$

In this example the gift percentage used to determine the amount of the farm value at death that is taxable is only 32 percent of the value because deducting the \$13,000 exclusion reduced the gift percentage from 35 percent to 32 percent. The gift took place in the year of sale, not in the year of death. As a result, 32 percent of fair market value (or special use value, if applicable) of the farm at the time of the donor's death is includable in the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes.

**900.5(8) Joint tenancy property—in general.** Whether the form of ownership of property is considered to be joint tenancy is determined by the property law of the state of the situs of the property. Generally, the words and phrases “to A and B as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as

tenants in common” create a joint tenancy form of ownership unless a contrary interest can be shown by material evidence. “To A or B, payable to the order of self” creates an alternative right of ownership and for tax purposes is treated as joint tenancy property. *In re Estate of Martin*, 261 Iowa 630, 155 N.W.2d 401 (1968); *Petersen v. Carstensen*, 249 N.W.2d 622 (Iowa 1977); *In re Estate of Loudon*, 249 Iowa 1393, 92 N.W.2d 409 (1958). Joint tenancy property may be held by more than two persons. *In re Estate of Horner*, 234 Iowa 624, 12 N.W.2d 166 (1944). However, the use of the words “as joint tenants” alone without the use of the phrase “with right of survivorship” may only create a tenancy in common. *Albright v. Winey*, 226 Iowa 222, 284 N.W. 86 (1939).

a. *Joint tenancy property—husband and wife alone.* Generally there are no shares in joint tenancy property because each joint tenant owns the whole property. As a result, joint tenancy property is not taxed like tenancy in common property where each owner has a specific share. If the joint tenancy property is held by husband and wife alone, only one-half of the property is includable in the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes in the estate of the first joint tenant to die. However, if the survivor can establish by competent evidence that separate money or property was used and contributed to a larger percentage than one-half to the acquisition of a specific item or items of jointly held property, then the larger percentage of such item or items shall be excluded from taxation. *Ida M. Jepsen v. Bair*, No. 85, State Board of Tax Review, June 18, 1975.

b. *Joint tenancy property—not held by husband and wife alone.* Property held in this form of joint tenancy is includable in the gross estate of the deceased joint tenant, except to the extent the surviving joint tenant or tenants can establish contribution to the acquisition of the joint property, in which case the proportion attributed to the contribution is excluded from the gross estate. In the case of multiple joint tenancy property, excess contribution established by one surviving joint tenant cannot be attributed to another surviving joint tenant. For tax purposes, the requirement of contribution in effect establishes percentage ownership—or shares—in jointly held property that does not exist in property law. Contribution to the acquisition of jointly held property can be established by the survivor by proof, which includes, but is not limited to, evidence that the property was acquired by gift, inheritance, or purchase from the survivor’s separate funds or property. Contribution means cash or cash in kind that is applied to the cost of obtaining the property at issue. Unlike joint tenancy property held solely between husband and wife, if any of the surviving joint tenants is not the spouse of the decedent, the presumed one-half exclusion is not automatically available without proof of contribution.

c. *Joint tenancy—convenience or constructive trust.* If the record ownership of bank accounts, certificates of deposit, and other kinds of property are held in the form of joint tenancy, but in fact are held by the decedent and another person or persons who have a confidential or fiduciary relationship with the decedent, the property is not held in joint tenancy but is held in constructive or resulting trust by the survivor for the decedent. A confidential or fiduciary relationship is any relationship existing between the parties to a transaction wherein one of the parties is duty bound to act with the utmost good faith for the benefit of the other party. In its broadest connotation, the phrase embraces those multiform positions in life wherein one comes to rely on and trust another in one’s important affairs. *First National Bank v. Curran*, 206 N.W.2d 317 (Iowa 1973). The fact that the decedent furnished the funds to acquire the property or demonstrated a kind, considerate, and affectionate regard for the survivor does not in itself establish a confidential relationship between the decedent and the survivor. If the evidence to establish a contrary relationship with respect to property in the form of joint tenancy is not substantial, a joint tenancy exists as a matter of law. *Petersen v. Carstensen*, 249 N.W.2d 622 (Iowa 1977).

If a confidential relationship constituting a constructive or resulting trust is established on behalf of the decedent, the property or property interest that is the subject of the trust is part of the decedent’s gross estate as singly owned property.

**900.5(9)** *Transfers reserving a life income or interest.* If the grantor transfers property, except in the case of a bona fide sale for fair consideration, reserving the income, use, possession, or a portion thereof for life, the property is includable in the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes. *In re Sayres’ Estate*, 245 Iowa 132, 60 N.W.2d 120 (1953); *In re Estate of English*, 206 N.W.2d 305 (Iowa 1973). If there is a full reservation of income, the entire value of the property in which the reservation exists is includable for tax purposes. If only a portion of the income is reserved, the amount subject to tax is the full value

of the property at death multiplied by a fraction of which the total income reserved is the numerator and the total average earning capacity of like property is the denominator. See *In re Estate of English*, 206 N.W.2d at 310.

The reservation of the life income, or portion thereof, need not necessarily be stated or contained in the instrument of transfer to be includable for taxation. The transfer of property may contain no reservation of income or other incidents of ownership in the grantor, but if there is a contemporaneous agreement between the grantor and grantee to pay the income, or portion thereof, to the grantor for life, the two instruments or agreements when considered together may be construed to be reservation of the income from the transferred property. See *In re Sayres' Estate*, 245 Iowa 132 at 141, 142, 60 N.W.2d 120 (1953) for a full discussion of the subject.

The instrument need not be in any special form. For example, it may take the form of a contract of sale to terminate at death where the payments consist of the income from the property only. In addition, the transfer to be includable for taxation is not limited to income-producing property. For example, the transfer of the grantor's dwelling, reserving the life occupancy, falls within the meaning of a reserved life income or interest. Generally, revocable trusts can be classified as reserving a life income or interest. This type of transfer does not fall within the annual gift exclusion.

**900.5(10) Powers of appointment—in general.** Iowa Code section 450.3(4) is concerned with two aspects of powers of appointment that are subject to inheritance tax. First, the taxation of the decedent's property subject to the power of appointment in the estate of the donor (decedent), and second, the exercise, or nonexercise, of the power of appointment over the property in the estate of the donee (the decedent possessing the power).

*a. General power of appointment.* Whether the instrument of transfer utilized by the donor creates a general or special power of appointment is a matter of property law. For example, a devise to A for life with "power to dispose of and pass clear title ... if A so elects," creates a life estate with a general power of appointment. *In re Estate of Cooksey*, 203 Iowa 754, 208 N.W. 337 (1927). Also to A for life, "Especially giving unto A the right to use and dispose of the same as A may see fit," creates a general power of appointment, *Volz v. Kaemmerle*, 211 Iowa 995, 234 N.W. 805 (1931). However, the power to sell and convert the assets subject to the power does not in itself create a general power of appointment. *In re Estate of Harris*, 237 Iowa 613, 23 N.W.2d 445 (1946). A power is general if being testamentary, it can be exercised wholly in favor of the estate of the donee. *In re Estate of Spencer*, 232 N.W.2d 491 at 495, 496 (Iowa 1975). The definition of a general power of appointment contained in 26 U.S.C. Section 2056(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code would meet the test of a general power under Iowa law.

*b. Special power of appointment.* If there is a limitation on the donee's right to use the corpus only for care, maintenance and support, the power is special, not general. *Brown v. Brown*, 213 Iowa 998, 240 N.W. 910 (1932). Also, to A for life with power to handle the property for A's interest, limits the power of invasion of the principal for care and support only, and is therefore a special, not a general, power of appointment. *Lourien v. Fitzgerald*, 242 Iowa 1258, 49 N.W.2d 845 (1951). Also, to A for life, with unrestricted power of sale with no power over the sale proceeds creates only a special power of appointment in the donee. *McCarthy v. McCarthy*, 178 N.W.2d 308 (Iowa 1970).

If the donee's power to appoint is limited to a class or group of persons, a special, not a general, power is created. *In re Estate of Spencer*, 232 N.W.2d 491, at 496 (Iowa 1975).

*c. Powers of appointment—taxation in donor's estate.* If the instrument in the donor's estate creates a general power of appointment, the property subject to the power is taxed as if the property had been transferred to the donee in fee simple. Those who would succeed to the property in the event the power is not exercised are treated in the donor's estate as if they receive no interest in the property, even though in property law those who succeed to the property either by the exercise, or nonexercise, take from the donor of the power. *In re Estate of Higgins*, 194 Iowa 369 at 373, 189 N.W. 752 (1922); *Bussing v. Hough*, 237 Iowa 194 at 200, 21 N.W.2d 587 (1946).

If the instrument in the donor's estate creates a special power of appointment, the property subject to the power is taxed as if the donee of the power had received a life estate or term for years, as the case may be. Those persons who would take the property in the event the special power is not exercised are taxed in the donor's estate as if they had received the remainder interest in the property subject to the

special power, although an election to defer payment of the tax may result in either no tax or a different tax obligation. This could happen, for example, if the special power is the power to invade the corpus for the health, education, and maintenance of the donee.

*d. Powers of appointment in the estate of a donee dying on or after January 1, 1988.* Property which is subject to a general power of appointment is includable for inheritance tax purposes in the gross estate of a donee dying on or after January 1, 1988, if the donee has possession of the general power of appointment at the time of the donee's death, or if the donee has released or exercised the general power of appointment within three years of death. Whether or not the donee of a general power exercises the general power at death is not relevant to the includability of the property subject to the general power in the estate of the donee. The mere possession of the power at death is sufficient for the property subject to the power to be included in the estate of the donee for inheritance tax purposes.

Property subject to a special power of appointment is not includable in the gross estate of the donee of the power regardless of whether the donee possesses the special power or exercised the power at death, unless a QTIP election was made under Iowa Code subsection 450.3(7) in which case the rule governing QTIP elections shall control. See paragraphs 900.5(10) "a" and "b" for the distinction between a general and special power and subrule 900.5(11) for the rule governing QTIP elections.

For inheritance tax purposes, if there is an exercise or release of the general power within three years of the donee's death, the property subject to the exercise or release is includable in the donee's estate just as if the donee had retained possession of the power at death and is taxable to those to whom the property is appointed in case the power is exercised, or to those who take in default of the exercise in case the power is released.

The general power of appointment is considered to have been exercised for the purposes of this rule when the nature of the disposition is such that if it were a transfer or disposition of the donee's property, the transfer would be subject to inheritance tax under Iowa Code section 450.3. The power is considered exercised in the following three nonexclusive classes of cases: (1) where there has been some reference in the will or other instrument to the power; (2) the will or other instrument contains a reference to the property which is the subject on which the power is to be executed; (3) where the provision in the will or other instrument executed by the donee of the power would otherwise be ineffectual or a mere nullity; in other words, the provision would have no operation except as an execution of the power. *In re Trust of Stork*, 233 Iowa 413, 421, 9 N.W.2d 273 (1943). For the purposes of section 450.3(4), a release of a general power is considered to be a transfer of the property subject to the power to those who would take in default if the power was not exercised.

**900.5(11) Qualified terminable interest property (QTIP).**

*a. In general.* Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1985, property passing from the decedent grantor-donor, which qualifies as qualified terminable interest property (QTIP) within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. Section 2056(b)(7)(B) is eligible to be treated for Iowa inheritance tax purposes, if an election is made, as passing in fee to the donee-grantee surviving spouse, in the estate of the grantor-donor decedent, subject to the provisions of law and this subrule. If the election is made, the qualified property, unless it is disposed of prior to death, shall be included in the gross estate of the surviving spouse and treated as passing in fee to those succeeding to the remainder interest in the qualified property.

*b. Property transfers eligible.* Five factors are relevant in determining whether property passing from a decedent grantor-donor is eligible for the Iowa qualified terminable interest election. They are: (1) the death of the decedent-transferor, but not necessarily the transfer, must have occurred on or after July 1, 1985; (2) the property must meet the qualifications required in 26 U.S.C. Section 2056(b)(7)(B), or in the case of a gift within three years prior to the decedent-transferor's death, the qualifications in 26 U.S.C. Section 2523(f); (3) a valid federal election must have been made on a required federal return with respect to the qualified property for federal estate tax purposes or, for federal gift tax purposes, if the transfer occurred within three years prior to the transferor's death; and (4) the property must be included in the decedent-transferor's gross estate for Iowa inheritance tax purposes, either because the transfer occurred at death or within three years prior to the transferor's death; and (5) Iowa must have constitutional nexus with the surviving spouse or QTIP property.

If property is not eligible for an Iowa qualified terminable interest election, or if eligible, but an Iowa election is not made, it is not included in the estate of the surviving spouse grantee-donee for inheritance tax purposes by reason of Iowa Code section 450.3. The fact that the qualified property is included in the estate of the surviving spouse for federal estate tax purposes does not necessarily mean the property is automatically included in the surviving spouse's Iowa gross estate.

The treatment of the qualified property in both the grantor-donor's and the surviving spouse's estates for Iowa inheritance tax purposes is determined by the Iowa election, or lack of an election, being made in the grantor-donor's estate.

This subrule is illustrated by the following examples:

EXAMPLE 1. Decedent A died testate, a resident of Iowa, July 2, 1995, leaving a surviving spouse, B, and two children, C and D. On February 1, 1992, A transferred by deed a 160-acre Iowa farm to spouse B for life, with the remainder at B's death to two children, C and D. An election was made under 26 U.S.C. Section 2523(f) to treat the gift of the 160-acre farm as passing entirely to B in fee.

Upon A's death the 160-acre farm is not part of A's gross estate either for federal estate or for Iowa inheritance tax purposes because the transfer was made more than three years prior to death. However, upon the death of B, the surviving spouse, the 160 acres is included in B's gross estate (unless disposed of prior to death) for federal estate tax purposes, but is not included in B's Iowa gross estate. The transfer by A took place more than three years prior to death, and therefore is not included in A's Iowa estate and is not eligible for an Iowa qualified terminable interest election.

EXAMPLE 2. On October 1, 1992, grantor A executed a revocable inter vivos trust which consisted of cash and a 160-acre Iowa farm. Under the terms of the trust agreement A was to receive the trust income for life and upon A's death the trustee was to pay the trust income to A's spouse, B, for life, with the power to invade the principal for B's care and support. Upon B's death the trust was to terminate and the balance of the corpus was to be paid to A's children, C and D. A died July 2, 1995, and the personal representative elected to treat the trust assets as passing entirely in fee to the surviving spouse, B, for federal estate tax purposes. An Iowa qualified terminable interest election was not made. In this fact situation, the election qualified the trust assets for the marital deduction for federal estate tax purposes. For Iowa inheritance tax purposes, since an Iowa election was not made, the trust assets are taxed on the basis of a life estate passing to B, the surviving spouse, and the remainder passing to the children, C and D. Upon B's death, the trust corpus will be included in B's estate for federal estate tax purposes, but not in B's estate for Iowa inheritance tax purposes, because an Iowa qualified terminable interest election was not made in A's estate.

*c. The qualified terminable interest election—in general.* The election to treat qualified terminable interest property as passing entirely in fee to the surviving spouse in the estate of the decedent grantor-donor is an affirmative act. In the event an election is not made, the qualified property will be treated as a life estate passing to the surviving spouse with a remainder over as provided in Iowa Code section 450.3(4).

An Iowa election cannot be made unless an election has been made on the same qualified property for federal estate tax purposes on a required federal return, or in case of a gift made within three years of the decedent grantor-donor's death, for federal gift tax purposes. However, even though a federal election has been made, the personal representative of the decedent grantor-donor's estate has the option to either make or not to make the election with respect to the qualified property for Iowa inheritance tax purposes. It is sufficient for Iowa inheritance tax purposes that a valid federal election has been made. What constitutes a valid election for federal estate or gift tax purpose is determined under applicable federal law and practice and not by the department.

However, it is permissible for Iowa inheritance tax purposes to make an election for a smaller but not larger percentage of the qualified property than was made for federal estate or gift tax purposes. These general principles can be illustrated by the following examples:

EXAMPLE 1. Decedent-grantor A created a revocable inter vivos trust on October 15, 1992, which was funded by \$200,000 in cash and a 160-acre Iowa farm worth \$200,000. The trust provided that the trustee pay the income to A for life and upon A's death, the trustee was to pay the income to A's surviving

spouse B for life, with power to invade the principal for B's care and support. Upon B's death the trust was to terminate and the balance of the principal was to be distributed to A's two children, C and D.

A died on July 2, 1995, and the principal of the trust is included in A's gross estate both for federal estate and Iowa inheritance tax purposes because the trust was revocable and A retained the income for life. A's personal representative elected to treat 50 percent of the trust assets as qualified terminable interest property for federal estate tax purposes. A's personal representative elected not to treat the qualified property as passing to B for Iowa inheritance tax purposes. This is permissible because the personal representative has the option to either elect or not to elect to treat 50 percent of the qualified property as passing in fee to the surviving spouse for Iowa inheritance tax purposes.

EXAMPLE 2. Same factual situation as Example 1. A's personal representative elects to treat only 25 percent of the qualified property as passing in fee to the surviving spouse for Iowa inheritance tax purposes. This is permissible because the personal representative is not required to make an election on all of the qualified terminable interest property on which the federal election has been made. It is sufficient that a federal election has been made for at least as large a percentage of the qualified property on which the Iowa election is made. However, an Iowa election cannot be made for a larger percentage of the qualified property than the percentage made on the federal election.

EXAMPLE 3. Same factual situation as Example 1. In this example, A's personal representative, for Iowa inheritance tax purposes, purports to elect to treat the \$200,000 cash in the trust as passing in fee to the surviving spouse, but not the 160-acre Iowa farm, which is also valued at \$200,000. Although the federal estate tax election is for 50 percent of the qualified property, the Iowa election is invalid even though it is made in respect to an asset which is equal in value to 50 percent of the trust principal. If the election is made for less than all of the qualified terminable interest property, the election must be for a fraction of all the qualified property. The personal representative is not permitted to select for the election some qualified assets and reject others. See Federal Estate Tax Regulation 20.2056-1(b).

*d. The election—manner and form.* The qualified terminable interest election shall be in writing and made by the personal representative of the decedent grantor-donor's estate on the Iowa inheritance tax return. The election once made shall be irrevocable. If the election is not made on the first inheritance tax return, the election may be made on an amended return, provided the amended return is filed on or before the due date of the return (taking into consideration any extensions of time granted to file the return and pay the tax due). The personal representative may make an election on a delinquent return, provided it is the first return filed for the estate. The filing for the purpose of protective election is not allowed. Failure to make the election on the first return filed after the due date has passed precludes making an election on a subsequent return. See 26 U.S.C. Section 2056(b)(7)(B)(V) and Internal Revenue Service Letter Ruling 8418005.

The election consists of two affirmative acts performed by the personal representative on the inheritance tax return: (1) by answering in the affirmative the question—Is the estate making a qualified terminable interest election with respect to the qualified property? and (2) by computing the share of the surviving spouse to include the qualified terminable interest property on which the election was made. In the event of an inconsistency in complying with the two requirements, the treatment given to the share of the surviving spouse shall be controlling.

*e. Disposition of qualified property prior to death.* A disposition of all or part of the qualified property, which was the subject of the qualified terminable interest election, prior to the death of the surviving spouse, voids the election as to that portion of the property disposed of that is not retained by the surviving spouse. In this event, the portion of the qualified property not retained by the surviving spouse shall be taxed to those succeeding to the remainder interests in the disposed property as if the tax on the remainder interest had been deferred under Iowa Code sections 450.44 to 450.49. Except in the case of special use valuation property, the tax shall be based on the fair market value of the amount of the qualified property not retained by the surviving spouse at the time the property was disposed of. *In re Estate of Wickham*, 241 Iowa 198, 40 N.W.2d 469 (1950), see subrule 900.11(5) for taxation of remainder interests when the tax is deferred. The alternate valuation date cannot be used in computing the tax. See subrule 900.10(2). If QTIP property has been valued at its special use value under Iowa

Code chapter 450B, and is disposed of prior to the death of the surviving spouse, the portion of the QTIP property not retained by the surviving spouse shall be valued for taxation as follows:

1. At its special use value at the time of its disposition, if the QTIP property remains in qualified use under 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A.

2. At its fair market value at the time of its disposition, if there is a cessation of the qualified use under 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A. In case there is a cessation of the qualified use, the recapture tax provisions of Iowa Code section 450B.3 shall not apply. The tax on the remainder interest is treated as a payment of tax deferred and subject to the rules on deferred tax and not a recapture, with interest, of the tax originally imposed in the decedent grantor-donor's estate.

*f. Inclusion in the estate of the surviving spouse.*

(1) Upon the death of the surviving spouse the qualified terminable interest property, which was the subject of an election, that was not disposed of prior to death, shall be included in the gross estate of the surviving spouse and be treated as if it passed in fee from the surviving spouse to those succeeding to the remainder interests. The included QTIP property will receive a stepped up basis for gain or loss as property acquired from a decedent. See 26 U.S.C. Section 1014(b)(10). The relationship of the surviving spouse to the owners of the remainder interest shall determine whether the individual exemptions provided for in Iowa Code section 450.9 apply and which tax rate in Iowa Code section 450.10 shall be applicable.

(2) Qualified property included in the estate of the surviving spouse shall be valued as if it passed from the surviving spouse in fee and shall be valued either (1) at the time of the surviving spouse's death under the provisions of Iowa Code section 450.37 and rule 701—900.9(450), or at its special use value under Iowa Code chapter 450B and rule 701—900.8(450B), if the real estate is otherwise qualified; or (2) at the alternate valuation date under the provisions of Iowa Code section 450.37(1) "b" and rule 701—900.10(450), if the property is otherwise eligible.

(3) This subrule can be illustrated by the following examples:

EXAMPLE 1. Decedent A died testate on July 2, 2017, survived by a spouse, B, aged 65, a child, C, and C's stepchildren, D and E. Under A's will, all property was left in trust to pay all of the income to B for life. Upon B's death, the trust was to terminate and the principal was to be divided equally between D and E, who are the stepchildren of child C. The personal representative elected to treat the trust assets as passing entirely in fee to surviving spouse B. The net corpus of the trust consists of a 160-acre farm valued at \$250,000 and personal property valued at \$200,000.

Tax on the basis of all property passing in fee to B

<u>Share</u>	<u>Tax</u>
\$450,000	\$0

EXAMPLE 2. Same facts as Example 1, with the exception that the personal representative did not make an Iowa qualified terminable interest election. In this fact situation, the trust assets are taxed on the basis of a life estate passing to the surviving spouse B with a remainder over to D and E.

<u>Share</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Spouse B: Life estate factor .42226	
$\$450,000 \times .42226 = \$190,017$	-0-
D's share ½ remainder factor .57774	
$\$450,000 \times .57774 \div 2 = \$129,991.50$	\$15,498.73
E's share—same as D's share <u>\$129,991.50</u>	<u>\$15,498.73</u>
Total \$450,000.00	\$30,997.46



In Example 1, the qualified terminable interest election results in no inheritance tax. However, as shown in Example 2, it would cost D and E \$30,997.46 if the election had not been made.

EXAMPLE 3. G, the surviving spouse of F, died testate, a resident of Iowa, on October 15, 2017. Under the terms of G's will, G's grandchildren, H and I, inherit G's entire estate in equal shares. G's net estate consists of \$200,000 in personal property and a 160-acre Iowa farm with a value of \$250,000 both of which were the subject of a qualified terminable interest election in F's estate and in which H and I own the remainder interest. G's net estate also consisted of \$100,000 in intangible personal property that G owned in fee simple.

G's net estate for Iowa inheritance tax purposes consists of the following:

\$200,000, personal property from F's estate.

\$250,000, 160-acre farm from F's estate.

\$100,000, owned by G in fee simple.

\$550,000 Total

The shares of H and I and their tax owed in G's estate are computed as follows:

<u>Share</u>		<u>Tax</u>
Beneficiary H: ½ of the net estate, or	\$275,000	\$0
Beneficiary I: (same as H)	<u>\$275,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Totals	\$550,000	\$0

g. *The QTIP tax credit and the credit for tax on prior transfers.* The credit for the additional tax paid by the surviving spouse in the estate of the decedent grantor-donor on property, which was the subject of a qualified terminable interest election, is governed exclusively by the provisions of Iowa Code section 450.3 and these rules. The credit for tax paid on prior transfers allowable under Iowa Code section 450.10(6) shall not apply. However, property received by the surviving spouse from the estate of the decedent grantor-donor, which was not the subject of a qualified terminable interest election, is eligible for the credit for the tax paid on a prior transfer, if the conditions of Iowa Code section 450.10(6) are otherwise met.

**900.5(12) Annuities.** Annuities in general, including the earnings, are considered to be taxable under Iowa Code section 450.3(3) as a transfer made or intended to take effect in possession or enjoyment after the death of the grantor or donor. *In re Estate of English*, 206 N.W.2d 305 (Iowa 1973); *In re Endemann's Estate*, 307 N.Y. 100, 120 N.E.2d 514 (1954); *Cochrane v. Commission of Corps & Taxation*, 350 Mass. 237, 214 N.E.2d 283 (1966). For exceptions for employee-sponsored retirement plans, including annuities, see 900.5(13).

**900.5(13) Employer-provided or employer-sponsored retirement plans and individual retirement accounts.** Iowa Code section 450.4(5) provides an exemption on that portion of the decedent's interest in an employer-provided or employer-sponsored retirement plan or on that portion of the decedent's individual retirement account that will be subject to federal income tax when paid to the beneficiary. This exemption applies regardless of the identity of the beneficiary and regardless of the number of payments to be made after the decedent's death.

For the purposes of this exemption:

a. An "individual retirement account" includes an individual retirement annuity or any other arrangement as defined in Section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code.

b. An "employer-provided or employer-sponsored retirement plan" includes a qualified retirement plan as defined in Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code, a governmental or nonprofit employer's deferred compensation plan as defined in Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, and an annuity as defined in Section 403 of the Internal Revenue Code.

EXAMPLE 1. The decedent was a participant in a qualified retirement plan through the decedent's employer. The beneficiary of the retirement plan is the decedent's niece. The balance in the retirement plan will be fully subject to federal income tax and included as net income pursuant to Iowa Code section

422.7 when paid to the beneficiary. As a result, Iowa inheritance tax would not be imposed on the value of the retirement plan.

**EXAMPLE 2.** The decedent was a participant in a qualified retirement plan through the decedent's employer. The beneficiary of the pension is the decedent's niece. A portion of the payments received by the niece will be fully subject to federal income tax and included as net income pursuant to Iowa Code section 422.7. As a result, Iowa inheritance tax would not be imposed on the value of the portion of payments included as net income. However, the remaining portion of the payments not reported as net income pursuant to Iowa Code section 422.7 would be subject to Iowa inheritance tax. See Iowa Code section 450.4.

An exemption from Iowa inheritance tax for a qualified plan does not depend on the relationship of the beneficiary to the decedent. Payments under a qualified plan made to the estate of the decedent are exempt from Iowa inheritance tax. See *In re Estate of Heuermann*, Docket No. 88-70-0388 (September 21, 1989). In addition, for the purpose of determining the taxable or exempt status of payments under a qualified plan, it is not relevant that the decedent rolled over or changed the terms of payment prior to death. Taxation or exemption of payments made under a qualified plan is determined at the date of the decedent's death.

**900.5(14) Distribution of trust property.** Property of a trust can be divided into two or more trusts, or one or more separate trusts can be consolidated with one or more other trusts into a single trust by dividing the property in cash or in kind, including in undivided interests, by pro-rata or non-pro-rata division or in any combination thereof. Division of property between trusts in this manner does not result in a "sale" of the divided property and a corresponding taxable gain.

**900.5(15) Qualified tuition plans exempt.** Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 2008, in the event that the decedent was the sole plan participant in a qualified school tuition plan, as defined in Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code; or in the event that a named co-plan participant does not have a lineal relationship to the named beneficiary of the qualified tuition plan, the value of the decedent's interest in the qualified tuition plan is not subject to Iowa inheritance tax and therefore is not includable in the decedent's gross estate for tax purposes. This provision applies only to qualified tuition plans in existence on or after July 1, 1998.

**900.5(16) Qualified ABLE plans exempt.** Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2016, the value of the decedent's interest in the Iowa ABLE savings plan trust is not subject to Iowa inheritance tax and therefore is not includable in the decedent's gross estate for tax purposes. The value of the decedent's interest in an ABLE savings program administered by another state with which the Iowa treasurer of state has entered into an agreement allowing Iowa residents to participate in the other state's qualified ABLE program under the terms of Iowa Code section 12I.10 is also not subject to Iowa inheritance tax if the decedent is an Iowa resident. For more information on qualified plans administered by other states, see Iowa Code section 12I.10 and rule 701—302.81(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.7, 450.2, 450.3, 450.4(5), 450.8, 450.12, 450.37, 450.91, 633.699, and 633.703A and Iowa Code section 450.4 as amended by 2015 Iowa Acts, chapter 137.

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## **701—900.6(450) The net estate.**

### **900.6(1) Liabilities deductible.**

*a. Debts owing by decedent.* A debt, to be allowed as a deduction in determining the net estate under Iowa Code section 450.12, must be the liability of the decedent and also be owing and not discharged at the time of the decedent's death. The amount allowable as a deduction is the principal amount due, plus interest accruing to the day of the decedent's death. If the decedent is not the only person liable for the debt, only a portion of the debt shall be deducted for inheritance tax purposes. The portion deducted is based on the number of solvent obligors. If a joint and several debt has more than one obligor and one obligor pays the remaining balance owed on the debt, the obligor who pays the remaining debt has a right of contribution for payment of the debt against the other solvent obligors. If

the decedent is the obligor and the estate pays the remaining balance of the debt, the estate must list the right of contribution as an asset on the Iowa inheritance tax return. *In re Estate of Tollefsrud*, 275 N.W.2d 412 (Iowa 1979); *In re Estate of Thomas*, 454 N.W.2d 66 (Iowa App. 1990); *Estate of Pauline Bladt*, Department of Revenue and Finance, Hearing Office Decision, Docket No. 95-70-1-0174 (December 16, 1996). The term “debt owing by the decedent” is not defined in Iowa Code section 450.12. However, Iowa Code section 633.3(10) defines “debts” as including liabilities of the decedent which survive, whether arising in contract, tort, or otherwise.

The term “debt of the decedent” does not include taxes, which are an impost levied by authority of government upon its citizens or subjects for the support of the state. *Eide v. Hottman*, 257 Iowa 263, 265, 132 N.W.2d 755 (1965). Please note, that this is a nonexclusive example of “debt of the decedent.” Promissory notes executed by the decedent without consideration are not debts of the decedent and are not allowable as a deduction in determining the net estate subject to tax. *In re McAllister’s Estate*, 214 N.W.2d 142 (Iowa 1974). Payments to persons in compromise of their claim to a portion of the estate made by those persons who take from the decedent are not debts nor treated as expenses of settlement. *In re Estate of Bliven*, 236 N.W.2d 366, 371 (Iowa 1975); *In re Estate of Wells*, 142 Iowa 255, 259, 260, 120 N.W. 713 (1909).

Iowa Code section 450.12 and Internal Revenue Code Section 2053 provide that debts owing by the decedent to be allowable in computing the net estate must be the type of obligation of the decedent for which a claim could be filed and be enforced in the probate proceedings of the estate. *In re Estate of McMahan*, 237 Iowa 236, 21 N.W.2d 581 (1946); *In re Estate of Laartz*, Cass County District Court, Probate No. 9641 (1973); *In re Estate of Tracy*, Department of Revenue and Finance, Hearing Officer Decision Docket No. 77-167-3-A (1977). Filing a claim in probate proceedings is not a prerequisite for the allowance of the liability as a deduction in computing the net estate. An allowable liability is deductible whether or not the liability is legally enforceable against the decedent’s estate. Claims in probate founded on a promise or agreement are deductible only to the extent they were contracted bona fide and for an adequate and full consideration. *In re McAllister’s Estate*, 214 N.W.2d 142 (Iowa 1974).

The debt must have been paid prior to the filing of the inheritance tax return, or if the debt is not paid at the time the final inheritance tax return is filed (which is frequently the case in installment obligations) the burden is on the taxpayer to establish, if requested by the department, that the debt will be paid at a future date. The validity of a claim in probate based on a liability of the decedent is subject to review by the department. *In re Estate of Stephenson*, 234 Iowa 1315, 1319, 14 N.W.2d 684 (1944).

If any doubt or ambiguity exists whether an item is deductible or not, it is to be strictly construed against the taxpayer. Therefore, the burden is on the taxpayer to establish that an item is deductible. *In re Estate of Waddington*, 201 N.W.2d 77 (Iowa 1972).

The department may require the taxpayer to furnish reasonable proof to establish the deductible items such as, but not limited to, canceled checks in payment of an obligation, copies of court orders allowing claims against the estate, attorney and fiduciary fees, allowances for the surviving spouse, and copies of notes and mortgages.

*b. Mortgages—decedent’s debt.* A mortgage or other encumbrance securing a debt of the decedent on Iowa property in which the decedent had an interest is allowable as a deduction in determining the net estate in the same manner as an unsecured debt of the decedent, even though it may be deducted from different shares of the estate than unsecured debts. (See Iowa Code section 633.278.) However, if the debt of the decedent is secured by property located outside Iowa, which is not subject to Iowa inheritance tax, the debt is allowable as a deduction in determining the net estate, only in the amount the debt exceeds the value of the property securing the debt.

*c. Mortgages—not decedent’s debt.* If the gross estate includes property subject to a mortgage or other encumbrance which secures a debt which is not enforceable against the decedent, the amount of the debt, including interest accrued to the day of death, is deductible, not as a debt of the decedent, but from the fair market value of the encumbered property. The deduction is limited to the amount the decedent would have had to pay to remove the encumbrance less the value, if any, of the decedent’s right of recovery against the debtor. See *Home Owners Loan Corp. v. Rupe*, 225 Iowa 1044, 1047, 283 N.W. 108 (1938), for circumstances under which the right of subrogation may exist.

*d. Mortgages—nonprobate property.* A debt secured by property not subject to the jurisdiction of the probate court, such as, but not limited to, jointly owned property and property transferred within three years of death is deducted in the same manner as a debt secured by probate property. The fact the property is includable in the gross estate is the controlling factor in determining the deductibility of the debt (providing the debt is otherwise deductible).

*e. Inheritance and accrued taxes.*

(1) Inheritance tax. The inheritance tax imposed in the decedent's estate is not a tax on the decedent's property nor is it a state tax due from the estate. It is a succession tax on a person's right to take from the decedent. The tax is the obligation of the person who succeeds to property included in the gross estate. *Wieting v. Morrow*, 151 Iowa 590, 132 N.W. 193 (1911); *Waterman v. Burbank*, 196 Iowa 793, 195 N.W. 191 (1923). Therefore, inheritance tax is not a deduction in determining the net estate of the decedent in which the tax was imposed. However, if a taxpayer dies owing an inheritance tax imposed in another estate, the tax imposed in the prior estate, together with penalty and interest owing, if any, is a deduction as a state tax due in the deceased taxpayer's estate.

(2) Accrued taxes. In Iowa, property taxes accrue on the date that they are levied even though they are not due and payable until the following July 1. *In re Estate of Luke*, 184 N.W.2d 42 (Iowa 1971); *Merv E. Hilpiper Auction Co. v. Solon State Board*, 343 N.W.2d 452 (Iowa 1984).

Death terminates the decedent's taxable year for income tax purposes. Federal regulation Section 1.443-1(a)(2), 701—paragraph 700.4(9) "b." As a result, the Iowa tax on the decedent's income for the taxable year ending with the decedent's death is accrued on date of death.

In addition, any federal income tax for the decedent's final taxable year is owing at death, even though it is not payable until a later date. Therefore, both the decedent's state and federal income taxes, both for prior years and the year of death, are deductible in computing the taxable estate if unpaid at death.

*f. Federal taxes.* Deductible under this category are the federal estate taxes and federal taxes owing by the decedent including any penalty and interest accrued to the date of death. Prior to 1983, the federal estate tax was prorated based on the portion of federal estate tax attributable to Iowa property and that attributable to property located outside the state of Iowa. However, currently the deductibility of federal estate tax is treated like other liabilities of the estate. For estates with property located in Iowa and outside the state of Iowa, see the proration computation provided in 900.6(2). The deduction is limited to the net federal tax owing after all allowable credits have been subtracted. Any penalty and interest imposed or accruing on federal taxes after the decedent's death is not deductible.

*g. Funeral expenses.* The deduction is limited to the expense of the decedent's funeral, which includes, but is not limited to, flowers, cost of meals, cards and postage. Expenses that are not deductible include, but are not limited to, family travel expenses. If the decedent at the time of death was liable for the funeral expense of another, such expense is categorized as a debt of the decedent and is deductible subject to the same conditions as other debts of the decedent. *In re Estate of Porter*, 212 Iowa 29, 236 N.W. 108 (1931). A devise in the decedent's will, or a direction in a trust instrument, to pay the funeral expense of a beneficiary upon death is an additional inheritance in favor of the beneficiary and not a funeral expense deductible in the estate of the testator or grantor. Funeral expense is the liability of the estate of the person who has died. *In re Estate of Kneebbs*, 246 Iowa 1053, 70 N.W.2d 539 (1955).

What constitutes a reasonable expense for the decedent's funeral depends upon the facts and circumstances in each particular estate. Factors to be considered include, but are not limited to: the decedent's station in life and the size of the estate, *Foley v. Brocksmit*, 119 Iowa 457, 93 N.W. 344 (1903); and the decedent's known wishes (tomb rather than a grave), *Morrow v. Durant*, 140 Iowa 437, 118 N.W. 781 (1908). Funeral expense includes the cost of a tombstone or monument. *In re Estate of Harris*, 237 Iowa 613, 23 N.W.2d 445 (1946). A reasonable fee or honorarium paid to the officiating clergy is a deductible funeral expense. *In re Estate of Kneebbs*, 246 Iowa 1053, 1058, 70 N.W.2d 539 (1955). It is not a prerequisite for deductibility that a claim for funeral expenses be filed and allowed in the probate proceedings. It is sufficient that the expense be paid whether or not the claim is legally enforceable against the decedent's estate. The deduction allowable is limited to the net expense of the decedent's funeral, after deducting any expense prepaid by the decedent, burial

insurance or death benefit, such as the death benefit allowed by the veterans administration or the social security administration.

*h. Allowance for surviving spouse and dependents.* An allowance for the support of the surviving spouse and dependents to be deductible in determining the net estate for taxation must meet two conditions: First it must be allowed and ordered by the court and second it must be paid from the assets of the estate that are subject to the jurisdiction of the probate court. The allowance is not an additional exemption for the spouse or children. It is part of the costs of administration of the decedent's estate. Iowa Code section 633.374; *In re Estate of DeVries*, 203 N.W.2d 308, 311 (Iowa 1972). Upon request of the department, the taxpayer shall submit a copy of the order of the court providing for the allowance and copies of canceled checks or other documents establishing payment of the allowance.

For the purpose of determining the shares of heirs or beneficiaries for inheritance tax, the allowance is a charge against the corpus of the shares of the estate even though it is paid from the income of the shares. The allowance is included with the other debts and charges for the purpose of abatement of shares to pay the debts and charges of the estate.

*i. Court costs.* The deduction under this category is limited to Iowa court costs only. *In re Estate of Evans*, 246 Iowa 893, 68 N.W.2d 289 (1955). The term "court costs" is not synonymous with "costs of administration" as defined in Iowa Code section 633.3(8) or "administration expenses" under Section 2053(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. See federal regulation Section 20.2053-3(d). "Court costs" is a narrower term. Court costs are part of costs of administration in Iowa and are an expense of administration under the Internal Revenue Code, but not all costs or expenses of administration are court costs. For example, interest payable on an extension of time to pay the federal estate tax is a cost of administration in the estate in which the federal estate tax is imposed, but it is not part of court costs, and therefore not deductible for inheritance tax purposes.

In general, court costs include only those statutory fees and expenses relating directly to the probate proceeding, carried on the clerk's docket, and paid routinely in the process of closing every estate. *In re Estate of Waddington*, 201 N.W.2d 77, 79 (Iowa 1972). The term "court costs" since August 15, 1975, also includes the expenses of selling property. See Iowa Code sections 450.12 and 633.3(8) and Internal Revenue Code Section 2053 for further details.

*j. Additional liabilities that are deductible.* Subject to subrules 900.6(4) and 900.6(5), the only liabilities deductible from the gross value of the estate include debts owing by the decedent at the time of death, local and state taxes accrued before the decedent's death, federal estate tax and federal taxes owing by the decedent, a sum for reasonable funeral expenses, the allowance for surviving spouse and minor children granted by the probate court or its judge, court costs, and any other administration expenses allowable pursuant to Section 2053 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(1) Criteria for deductible administration expenses under Section 2053 of the Internal Revenue Code. Administration expenses must meet certain requirements to be allowable deductions under Section 2053 of the Internal Revenue Code. To be allowable deductions, expenses must meet the following conditions:

1. The expenses must be payable out of property subject to claims;
2. The expenses are allowable (not based on the deductible amount) by the law governing the administration of the decedent's estate;
3. The expenses are actually and necessarily incurred in the administration of the estate. Administration expenses are limited to those expenses incurred in the settlement of the estate and the transfer of the estate property to beneficiaries and trustees, including an executor that is a trustee. Expenses that are not essential to the settlement of the estate, but are incurred for the individual benefit of the heirs, legatees, or devisees, may not be taken as deductions; and
4. The allowable amount of expenses for deduction is limited to the value of property included in the decedent's gross estate and subject to claims, plus amounts paid out of the property not subject to claims against the decedent's estate, on or before the last day of the ninth month after death or within any granted extension(s) of time for filing the return. "Property subject to claims" is defined as the property includable in the gross estate which bears the burden or would bear the burden under law for payment of the deduction in the final adjustment and settlement of the decedent's estate, less an initial

deduction allowable under Section 2054 of the Internal Revenue Code, for any losses for casualty or theft attributable to such property and incurred during the settlement of the estate.

(2) Allowable administration expenses. Subject to the limitations in paragraph “a” of this subrule, allowable administration expenses under Section 2053 of the Internal Revenue Code include costs and fees incurred in the collection of assets, payment of debts, distribution of property to entitled persons, executor’s commission, attorney’s fees, and miscellaneous administration expenses. Miscellaneous administration expenses include costs or fees for surrogates, accountants, appraisers, clerk hire, storing or maintaining property of the estate, and selling the property of the estate. Expenses for preserving and caring for the property do not include expenditures for additions or improvements or expenses for a longer period than the executor is reasonably required to retain the property. Expenses for selling property of the estate are limited to those for sales that are necessary in order to pay the decedent’s debts, expenses of administration, and taxes, preserve the estate, or effect distribution. Expenses for selling the property include brokerage fees or auctioneer fees and may include the expenses for a sale of an item in a bona fide sale that is below the fair market value of the item. The allowable selling expense for an item sold below its fair market value to a dealer in such items is the lesser of the amount by which the fair market value of the item on the valuation date exceeded the proceeds from the sale or the amount by which the fair market value of the item on the date of the sale exceeded the proceeds of the sale.

**900.6(2) Prorated liabilities.**

a. The amount of the liability that is deductible depends upon the situs of the property in the gross estate.

If part of the property included in the gross estate has a situs in a jurisdiction other than Iowa, only a pro rata amount of the liabilities specified in Iowa Code section 450.12, with the exception of liabilities secured by a lien on property, is deductible in computing the net estate for Iowa inheritance tax purposes. The amount deductible is computed by multiplying the total amount of the unsecured liabilities by a fraction of which the Iowa situs property in the gross estate is the numerator and the total gross estate is the denominator. For the purpose of apportionment of the liabilities, the term “gross estate” means the gross estate for federal estate tax purposes. Provided, if the federal gross estate formula produces a grossly distorted result then, subject to the approval of the department, an alternate apportionment formula may be used either by the department or the taxpayer which fairly represents the particular facts of the estate.

Liabilities secured by a lien on property are allocated to the state of situs. If the secured liability exceeds the value of the security, any excess is prorated in the same manner as an unsecured liability.

b. *Liabilities that must be prorated.* If the gross estate includes property with a situs outside Iowa, the liabilities that must be prorated are: (1) court costs, both foreign and domestic; (2) unsecured debts of the decedent regardless of where the debt was contracted; (3) federal and state income tax, including the tax on the decedent’s final return, federal estate, gift and excise tax, and state and local sales, use and excise tax; (4) expenses of the decedent’s funeral and burial, regardless of the place of interment; (5) allowances for the surviving spouse and children allowed by the probate court in Iowa or another jurisdiction; (6) the expense of the appraisal of property for the purpose of assessing a state death or succession tax; (7) the fees and necessary expenses of the personal representative and the personal representative’s attorney allowed by order of court, both foreign and domestic; (8) the costs of the sale of real and personal property, both foreign and domestic, if not otherwise included in court costs; and (9) the amount paid by the personal representative for a bond, both foreign and domestic.

c. *Liabilities that are not prorated.* Liabilities secured by a lien on property included in the gross estate are to be allocated in full to the state of situs. These are liabilities secured by: (1) mortgages, mechanic’s liens and judgments; (2) real estate taxes and special assessments on real property; (3) liens for an obligation to the United States of America, a state or any of its political subdivisions; and (4) any other lien on property imposed by law for the security of an obligation.

**900.6(3) Liabilities deductible from property not subject to the payment of debts and charges.**

a. *Estates with all of the property located in Iowa.* Subject to the special provisions in 900.6(3)“c,” the liabilities deductible under Iowa Code section 450.12 may be deductible in whole or in part from property includable in the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes which under Iowa

debtor-creditor law is not liable for the payment of the debts and charges of the estate under the following terms and conditions:

(1) The application of liabilities.

1. The liabilities must be paid. If a liability is not paid in full, the amount deductible is limited to the amount paid. If the amount claimed is not certified as paid by the time the inheritance tax return is filed, the statute requires that the director must be satisfied that the liabilities, or portions thereof deductible, will be paid.

2. The liability can be deducted only from property that is included in the gross estate for Iowa inheritance tax purposes. This rule would exclude, among others, that portion of joint tenancy property which is excluded from the gross estate, wrongful death proceeds, gifts to each donee made within three years of death up to an amount equal to the annual federal gift tax exclusion, and property with a situs outside Iowa.

3. The property included in the gross estate that is under Iowa debtor-creditor law subject to the payment of the deductible liabilities must first be applied to the liabilities, and only after this property has been exhausted can the excess liabilities be applied to the remaining property included in the gross estate.

4. Any excess liabilities remaining unpaid after exhausting the property subject to the payment of the liabilities must be allocated to the remaining property included in the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes on the basis of the ratio the value of each person's share of the remaining property in the gross estate bears to the total value of the remaining property included in the gross estate.

(2) General rules.

1. The source of the funds used for payment of the excess liabilities is not relevant to the allowance of the deduction. It is sufficient for the allowance of the deduction that the liability be paid.

2. The applicability of the statute is limited to the deduction for inheritance tax purposes of those liabilities listed in Iowa Code subsection 450.12(1). It neither enlarges nor diminishes the rights of creditors under existing Iowa law.

3. The statute is not limited to estates which are probated and subject to the jurisdiction of the probate court. The statute also applies to estates which file an inheritance tax return for a tax clearance (CIT proceedings) or those otherwise not probated such as, but not limited to, inter vivos trusts whose assets are subject to inheritance tax, estates consisting of joint tenancy with right of survivorship property, estates whose assets consist of transferred property with a reserved life use or interest, estates whose assets consist of gifts made within three years of the decedent's death and estates consisting entirely of qualified terminal interest property (QTIP) in the estate of the surviving spouse.

The statute will apply to any estate when any share of the estate will remain taxable after being reduced by the liabilities in Iowa Code subsection 450.12(1) which are lawfully charged to the share and the deduction of any statutory exemption. Excess liabilities must be prorated over all of the property not subject to debts and charges regardless of whether or not the property is part of a taxable share.

*b. Estates with part of the property located outside Iowa.* Iowa Code section 450.12(2) and subrule 900.6(2) require that the liabilities deductible be prorated in those estates where a portion of the property included in the gross estate has a situs outside Iowa. Subject to the special provision in 900.6(3) "c," in these estates the portion of the liabilities deductible which is allocated to the Iowa property under the proration formula must first be applied to the Iowa situs property which is subject to the payment of the liabilities. Any portion of the liabilities allocated to Iowa remaining unpaid may then be applied to the other Iowa property included in the gross estate subject to the same limitations provided for in 900.6(3) "a"(1)"1" to "4."

*c. Special rule for liabilities secured by property included in the gross estate.* If a liability which is deductible under Iowa Code section 450.12(1) "a" is secured by property included in the gross estate, then the liability is deductible from the specific property that secures the liability, regardless of whether or not the property is subject to the payment of the ordinary debts and charges of the estate. If the liability

exceeds the value of the property that secures it and is the obligation of the decedent, then any excess liability is deductible under the same rules that govern unsecured obligations.

**900.6(4) Resident and nonresident deductions distinction abolished.** Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1983, the domicile of the decedent is not relevant in determining whether a liability is deductible in computing the net estate. In the case of *In re Estate of Evans*, 246 Iowa 893, 68 N.W.2d 289 (1955) applies only to estates of decedents dying prior to July 1, 1983. However, the amount of the liability that is deductible depends upon the situs of the property in the gross estate.

If part of the property included in the gross estate has a situs in a jurisdiction other than Iowa, only a pro rata amount of the liabilities specified in Iowa Code section 450.12, with the exception of liabilities secured by a lien on property, is deductible in computing the net estate for Iowa inheritance tax purposes. The amount deductible is computed by multiplying the total amount of the unsecured liabilities by a fraction of which the Iowa situs property in the gross estate is the numerator and the total gross estate is the denominator.

Liabilities secured by a lien on property are allocated to the state of situs. If the secured liability exceeds the value of the security, any excess is prorated in the same manner as an unsecured liability.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 450.7(1), 450.12, 450.22, 450.24, 450.38, 450.89, 633.278, and 633.374.

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**701—900.7(450) Life estate, remainder and annuity tables—in general.** For estates of decedents dying on or after July 4, 1965, and prior to January 1, 1986, the value of a life estate in property, an annuity for life and the value of a remainder interest in the property, shall be computed by the use of the commissioners' standard ordinary mortality table at the rate of 4 percent per annum.

**900.7(1) Tables for life estates and remainders.** This subrule only applies to estates of decedents dying on or after July 4, 1965, and prior to January 1, 1986. The two factors on the same line on the next page added together equal 100 percent. Multiply the corpus of the estate by the first factor to obtain the value of the life estate. Use the second factor to obtain the value of the remainder interest in the corpus if the tax is to be paid within 12 months after the death of the decedent who created the life estate remainder. If the tax on the remainder is to be paid prior to the death of the life tenant, but after one year from the decedent's death, use the remainder factor opposite the age of the life tenant at the time the tax is to be paid.

<u>Age of Life Tenant</u>	<u>Life Estate</u>	<u>Remainder</u>
0	.90164	.09836
1	.89936	.10064
2	.89900	.10100
3	.89676	.10324
4	.89396	.10604
5	.89104	.10896
6	.88792	.11208
7	.88464	.11536
8	.88120	.11880
9	.87756	.12244
10	.87380	.12620
11	.86984	.13016



<u>Age of Life Tenant</u>	<u>Life Estate</u>	<u>Remainder</u>
12	.86576	.13424
13	.86152	.13848
14	.85716	.14284
15	.85268	.14732
16	.84808	.15192
17	.84336	.15664
18	.83852	.16148
19	.83356	.16644
20	.82840	.17160
21	.82308	.17692
22	.81756	.18244
23	.81184	.18816
24	.80592	.19408
25	.79976	.20024
26	.79336	.20664
27	.78672	.21328
28	.77984	.22016
29	.77268	.22732
30	.76524	.23476
31	.75756	.24244
32	.74960	.25040
33	.74132	.25868
34	.73280	.26720
35	.72392	.27608
36	.71476	.28524
37	.70532	.29468
38	.69560	.30440
39	.68560	.31440
40	.67536	.32464
41	.66488	.33512
42	.65412	.34588
43	.64316	.35684
44	.63192	.36808
45	.62044	.37956
46	.60872	.39128
47	.59680	.40320
48	.58464	.41536

<u>Age of Life Tenant</u>	<u>Life Estate</u>	<u>Remainder</u>
49	.57228	.42772
50	.55972	.44028
51	.54700	.45300
52	.53412	.46588
53	.52104	.47896
54	.50788	.49212
55	.49452	.50548
56	.48108	.51892
57	.46756	.53244
58	.45392	.54608
59	.44024	.55976
60	.42652	.57348
61	.41280	.58720
62	.39908	.60092
63	.38538	.61462
64	.37174	.62826
65	.35817	.64183
66	.34471	.65529
67	.33140	.66860
68	.31829	.68171
69	.30542	.69458
70	.29282	.70718
71	.28048	.71952
72	.26840	.73160
73	.25653	.74347
74	.24481	.75519
75	.23322	.76678
76	.22175	.77825
77	.21045	.78955
78	.19938	.80062
79	.18863	.81137
80	.17826	.82174
81	.16830	.83170
82	.15876	.84124
83	.14960	.85040
84	.14078	.85922
85	.13224	.86776

<u>Age of Life Tenant</u>	<u>Life Estate</u>	<u>Remainder</u>
86	.12395	.87605
87	.11584	.88416
88	.10785	.89215
89	.09990	.90010
90	.09192	.90808
91	.08386	.91614
92	.07563	.92437
93	.06715	.93285
94	.05826	.94174
95	.04866	.95134
96	.03801	.96199
97	.02595	.97405
98	.01275	.98725
99	.00000	1.00000

**900.7(2)** *Table for an annuity for life.* This subrule only applies to estates of decedents dying on or after July 4, 1965, and prior to January 1, 1986. To find the present value of an annuity or a given amount (specified sum) for life, annualize the annuity payments and multiply the result by the annuity factor in Column 3 opposite the age at the nearest birthday of the person receiving the annuity.

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>
<u>Age in Years</u>	<u>Life Expectancy in Years</u>	<u>4% Annuities \$1.00</u>
0	68.30	22.541
1	67.78	22.484
2	66.90	22.475
3	66.00	22.419
4	65.10	22.349
5	64.19	22.276
6	63.27	22.198
7	62.35	22.116
8	61.43	22.030
9	60.51	21.939
10	59.58	21.845
11	58.65	21.746
12	57.72	21.644
13	56.80	21.538
14	55.87	21.429
15	54.95	21.317

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>
<u>Age in</u> <u>Years</u>	<u>Life</u> <u>Expectancy</u> <u>in Years</u>	<u>4%</u> <u>Annuities</u> <u>\$1.00</u>
16	54.03	21.202
17	53.11	21.084
18	52.19	20.963
19	51.28	20.839
20	50.37	20.710
21	49.46	20.577
22	48.55	20.439
23	47.64	20.296
24	46.73	20.148
25	45.82	19.994
26	44.90	19.834
27	43.99	19.668
28	43.08	19.496
29	42.16	19.317
30	41.25	19.131
31	40.34	18.939
32	39.43	18.740
33	38.51	18.533
34	37.60	18.320
35	36.69	18.098
36	35.78	17.869
37	34.88	17.633
38	33.97	17.390
39	33.07	17.140
40	32.18	16.884
41	31.29	16.622
42	30.41	16.353
43	29.54	16.079
44	28.67	15.798
45	27.81	15.511
46	26.95	15.218
47	26.11	14.920
48	25.27	14.616
49	24.45	14.307
50	23.63	13.993
51	22.82	13.675

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>
<u>Age in</u> <u>Years</u>	<u>Life</u> <u>Expectancy</u> <u>in Years</u>	<u>4%</u> <u>Annuities</u> <u>\$1.00</u>
52	22.03	13.353
53	21.25	13.026
54	20.47	12.697
55	19.71	12.363
56	18.97	12.027
57	18.23	11.689
58	17.51	11.348
59	16.81	11.006
60	16.12	10.663
61	15.44	10.320
62	14.78	9.9770
63	14.14	9.6346
64	13.51	9.2935
65	12.90	8.9543
66	12.31	8.6178
67	11.73	8.2851
68	11.17	7.9572
69	10.64	7.6355
70	10.12	7.3204
71	9.63	7.0121
72	9.15	6.7101
73	8.69	6.4133
74	8.24	6.1203
75	7.81	5.8304
76	7.39	5.5437
77	6.98	5.2612
78	6.59	4.9845
79	6.21	4.7158
80	5.85	4.4566
81	5.51	4.2076
82	5.19	3.9689
83	4.89	3.7399
84	4.60	3.5194
85	4.32	3.3061
86	4.06	3.0988
87	3.80	2.8961

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>
<u>Age in Years</u>	<u>Life Expectancy in Years</u>	<u>4% Annuities \$1.00</u>
88	3.55	2.6963
89	3.31	2.4975
90	3.06	2.2981
91	2.82	2.0965
92	2.58	1.8907
93	2.33	1.6787
94	2.07	1.4564
95	1.80	1.2166
96	1.51	.9503
97	1.18	.6487
98	.83	.3189
99	.50	.0000

**900.7(3)** *Annuity tables when the term is certain.* This table is to be used to compute the present values of two types of annuities: (1) the use of property for a specific number of years and (2) an annuity of a specific amount of money for a number of years certain. To compute the present value of the first annuity, multiply the value of property by 4 percent. Then multiply the result by the annuity factor opposite the number of years of the annuity. Multiply the value of the property by the remainder factor for the present value of the remainder. For the second annuity annualize the payments and multiply the result by the annuity factor opposite the number of years of the annuity. Subtract the present value of the annuity from the value of the property from which the annuity is funded for the remainder value.

<u>Number of Years</u>	<u>Present Value of an Annuity of One Dollar, Payable at the End of Each Year, for a Certain No. of Years</u>	<u>Present Value of One Dollar, Payable at the End of a Certain Number of Years</u>
	<u>ANNUITY</u>	<u>REMAINDER</u>
1	\$0.96154	\$0.961538
2	1.88609	0.924556
3	2.77509	0.888996
4	3.62990	0.854804
5	4.45182	0.821927
6	5.24214	0.790315
7	6.00205	0.759918
8	6.73274	0.730690
9	7.43533	0.702587
10	8.11090	0.675564
11	8.76048	0.649581
12	9.38507	0.624597
13	9.98565	0.600574
14	10.56312	0.577475

<u>Number of Years</u>	<u>Present Value of an Annuity of One Dollar, Payable at the End of Each Year, for a Certain No. of Years</u>	<u>Present Value of One Dollar, Payable at the End of a Certain Number of Years</u>
	ANNUITY	REMAINDER
15	11.11839	0.555265
16	\$11.65230	\$0.533908
17	12.16567	0.513373
18	12.65930	0.493628
19	13.13394	0.474642
20	13.59033	0.456387
21	14.02916	0.438834
22	14.45112	0.421955
23	14.85684	0.405726
24	15.24696	0.390121
25	15.62208	0.375117
26	15.98277	0.360689
27	16.32959	0.346817
28	16.66306	0.333477
29	16.98371	0.320651
30	17.29203	0.308319

**900.7(4)** *Tables for life estates and remainders for estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 1986, and prior to January 1, 2004.* For estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 1986, and prior to January 1, 2004, the following tables are to be used in computing the value of a life estate, an annuity for life and the value of a remainder in property. The table is based on the commissioners' standard ordinary mortality tables of life expectancy, with no distinction being made between the life expectancy of males and females of the same age. As a result, the sex of the recipient is not relevant in computing the value of the property interest received. *Arizona Governing Committee for Tax Deferred Annuity and Deferred Compensation Plans v. Norris*, 463 U.S. 1073, 103 S.Ct. 3492, 77 L.Ed.2d 1236 (1983). Valuation is based on the age at the nearest birthday. The following table is to be applied in the same manner as specified in subrule 900.7(1).

1980 CSO-D MORTALITY TABLE  
 BASED ON BLENDING 50% MALE—50% FEMALE  
 (PIVOTAL AGE 45)  
 AGE NEAREST BIRTHDAY  
 4% INTEREST

<u>AGE OF LIFE TENANT</u>	<u>LIFE ESTATE</u>	<u>REMAINDER</u>	<u>AGE OF LIFE TENANT</u>	<u>LIFE ESTATE</u>	<u>REMAINDER</u>
0	.91904	.08096	50	.61730	.38270
1	.91919	.08081	51	.60576	.39424
2	.91689	.08311	52	.59399	.40601
3	.91443	.08557	53	.58199	.41801
4	.91186	.08814	54	.56979	.43021
5	.90914	.09086	55	.55740	.44260
6	.90629	.09371	56	.54483	.45517
7	.90329	.09671	57	.53206	.46794
8	.90014	.09986	58	.51906	.48094
9	.89683	.10317	59	.50582	.49418
10	.89338	.10662	60	.49234	.50766
11	.88977	.11023	61	.47862	.52138
12	.88603	.11397	62	.46471	.53529
13	.88219	.11781	63	.45064	.54936
14	.87828	.12172	64	.43647	.56353
15	.87429	.12571	65	.42226	.57774
16	.87027	.12973	66	.40801	.59199
17	.86617	.13383	67	.39372	.60628
18	.86200	.13800	68	.37936	.62064
19	.85773	.14227	69	.36489	.63511
20	.85333	.14667	70	.35031	.64969
21	.84878	.15122	71	.33565	.66435
22	.84404	.15596	72	.32098	.67902
23	.83912	.16088	73	.30639	.69361
24	.83399	.16601	74	.29199	.70801
25	.82865	.17135	75	.27787	.72213
26	.82306	.17694	76	.26405	.73595
27	.81724	.18276	77	.25053	.74947
28	.81117	.18883	78	.23727	.76273
29	.80487	.19513	79	.22422	.77578
30	.79833	.20167	80	.21134	.78866
31	.79155	.20845	81	.19866	.80134
32	.78451	.21549	82	.18625	.81375
33	.77723	.22277	83	.17419	.82581
34	.76970	.23030	84	.16260	.83740
35	.76192	.23808	85	.15151	.84849
36	.75389	.24611	86	.14093	.85907



<u>AGE OF LIFE TENANT</u>	<u>LIFE ESTATE</u>	<u>REMAINDER</u>	<u>AGE OF LIFE TENANT</u>	<u>LIFE ESTATE</u>	<u>REMAINDER</u>
37	.74562	.25438	87	.13081	.86919
38	.73710	.26290	88	.12108	.87892
39	.72836	.27164	89	.11163	.88837
40	.71940	.28060	90	.10235	.89765
41	.71022	.28978	91	.09309	.90691
42	.70083	.29917	92	.08368	.91632
43	.69122	.30878	93	.07390	.92610
44	.68138	.31862	94	.06350	.93650
45	.67131	.32869	95	.05221	.94779
46	.66101	.33899	96	.03994	.96006
47	.65046	.34954	97	.02678	.97322
48	.63966	.36034	98	.01321	.98679
49	.62860	.37140	99	.00000	1.00000

**900.7(5)** *Table for an annuity for life—for estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 1986, and prior to January 1, 2004.* The following table is to be used in computing the present value of an annuity of a given amount (specified sum) for life in estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 1986, and prior to January 1, 2004. The table is to be used in the same manner as the table listed in subrule 900.7(2).

1980 CSO-D MORTALITY TABLE  
 BASED ON BLENDING 50% MALE—50% FEMALE  
 (PIVOTAL AGE 45)  
 AGE NEAREST BIRTHDAY  
 4% INTEREST

<u>AGE IN YEARS</u>	<u>LIFE EXPECTANCY IN YEARS</u>	<u>ANNUITIES \$1.00</u>	<u>AGE IN YEARS</u>	<u>LIFE EXPECTANCY IN YEARS</u>	<u>ANNUITIES \$1.00</u>
0	73.30	22.976	50	27.45	15.433
1	72.56	22.980	51	26.61	15.144
2	71.63	22.922	52	25.77	14.850
3	70.70	22.861	53	24.94	14.550
4	69.76	22.796	54	24.13	14.245
5	68.82	22.728	55	23.32	13.935
6	67.87	22.657	56	22.52	13.621
7	66.93	22.582	57	21.73	13.301
8	65.98	22.504	58	20.95	12.976
9	65.03	22.421	59	20.18	12.645
10	64.07	22.334	60	19.41	12.308
11	63.12	22.244	61	18.66	11.966
12	62.16	22.151	62	17.91	11.618
13	61.21	22.055	63	17.18	11.266
14	60.27	21.957	64	16.45	10.912

<u>AGE IN YEARS</u>	<u>LIFE EXPECTANCY IN YEARS</u>	<u>ANNUITIES \$1.00</u>	<u>AGE IN YEARS</u>	<u>LIFE EXPECTANCY IN YEARS</u>	<u>ANNUITIES \$1.00</u>
15	59.32	21.857	65	15.75	10.557
16	58.39	21.757	66	15.05	10.200
17	57.46	21.654	67	14.38	9.843
18	56.53	21.550	68	13.71	9.484
19	55.61	21.443	69	13.06	9.122
20	54.69	21.333	70	12.42	8.758
21	53.77	21.219	71	11.79	8.391
22	52.85	21.101	72	11.17	8.024
23	51.93	20.978	73	10.57	7.660
24	51.01	20.850	74	10.00	7.300
25	50.08	20.716	75	9.44	6.947
26	49.15	20.576	76	8.91	6.601
27	48.23	20.431	77	8.39	6.263
28	47.30	20.279	78	7.90	5.932
29	46.36	20.122	79	7.42	5.605
30	45.43	19.958	80	6.96	5.283
31	44.50	19.789	81	6.52	4.967
32	43.57	19.613	82	6.09	4.656
33	42.64	19.431	83	5.68	4.355
34	41.72	19.242	84	5.29	4.065
35	40.79	19.048	85	4.93	3.788
36	39.87	18.847	86	4.58	3.523
37	38.94	18.640	87	4.26	3.270
38	38.03	18.428	88	3.95	3.027
39	37.11	18.209	89	3.66	2.791
40	36.21	17.985	90	3.37	2.559
41	35.30	17.756	91	3.09	2.327
42	34.41	17.521	92	2.81	2.092
43	33.52	17.280	93	2.52	1.848
44	32.63	17.035	94	2.22	1.588
45	31.75	16.783	95	1.90	1.305
46	30.88	16.525	96	1.56	.999
47	30.01	16.261	97	1.20	.670
48	29.15	15.991	98	.84	.330
49	28.30	15.715	99	.50	.000

**900.7(6)** *Table for life estates and remainders for estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2004.* For estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2004, the following table is to be used in computing the value of a life estate, an annuity for life and the value of a remainder in property. The following table is to be applied in the same manner as specified in subrule 900.7(1).

2001 CSO-D MORTALITY TABLE  
 BASED ON BLENDING 50% MALE—50% FEMALE  
 (PIVOTAL AGE 45)  
 AGE NEAREST BIRTHDAY

## 4% INTEREST

The two factors across the page equal 100 percent. Multiply the corpus of the estate by the first factor to obtain value of the life estate.

Use the second factor to obtain the remainder interest if the tax is to be paid at the time of probate or to determine if there would be any tax due.

<u>AGE OF LIFE TENANT</u>	<u>LIFE ESTATE</u>	<u>REMAINDER</u>	<u>AGE OF LIFE TENANT</u>	<u>LIFE ESTATE</u>	<u>REMAINDER</u>
0	0.94022	0.05978	60	0.54240	0.45760
1	0.93854	0.06146	61	0.52918	0.47082
2	0.93653	0.06347	62	0.51579	0.48421
3	0.93431	0.06569	63	0.50229	0.49771
4	0.93192	0.06808	64	0.48868	0.51132
5	0.92939	0.07061	65	0.47495	0.52505
6	0.92676	0.07324	66	0.46112	0.53888
7	0.92402	0.07598	67	0.44717	0.55283
8	0.92119	0.07881	68	0.43306	0.56694
9	0.91825	0.08175	69	0.41882	0.58118
10	0.91519	0.08481	70	0.40442	0.59558
11	0.91202	0.08789	71	0.38991	0.61009
12	0.90874	0.09126	72	0.37533	0.62467
13	0.90537	0.09463	73	0.36081	0.63919
14	0.90192	0.09808	74	0.34633	0.65367
15	0.89837	0.10163	75	0.33189	0.66811
16	0.89475	0.10525	76	0.31751	0.68249
17	0.89107	0.10893	77	0.30318	0.69682
18	0.88731	0.11269	78	0.28898	0.71102
19	0.88344	0.11656	79	0.27495	0.72505
20	0.87944	0.12056	80	0.26116	0.73884
21	0.87529	0.12471	81	0.24761	0.75239
22	0.87098	0.12902	82	0.23452	0.76548
23	0.86651	0.13349	83	0.22188	0.77812
24	0.86186	0.13814	84	0.20962	0.79038
25	0.85704	0.14296	85	0.19778	0.80222
26	0.85205	0.14795	86	0.18642	0.81358
27	0.84688	0.15312	87	0.17540	0.82460
28	0.84154	0.15846	88	0.16507	0.83493
29	0.83599	0.16401	89	0.15544	0.84456
30	0.83022	0.16978	90	0.14650	0.85350
31	0.82421	0.17579	91	0.13802	0.86198
32	0.81798	0.18202	92	0.12909	0.87091
33	0.81151	0.18849	93	0.12008	0.87992
34	0.80480	0.19520	94	0.11133	0.88867
35	0.79786	0.20214	95	0.10320	0.89680
36	0.79068	0.20932	96	0.09618	0.90382
37	0.78326	0.21674	97	0.09014	0.90986

<u>AGE OF LIFE TENANT</u>	<u>LIFE ESTATE</u>	<u>REMAINDER</u>	<u>AGE OF LIFE TENANT</u>	<u>LIFE ESTATE</u>	<u>REMAINDER</u>
38	0.77559	0.22441	98	0.08532	0.91468
39	0.76767	0.23233	99	0.07952	0.92048
40	0.75949	0.24051	100	0.07338	0.92662
41	0.75104	0.24896	101	0.06745	0.93255
42	0.74233	0.25767	102	0.06160	0.93840
43	0.73335	0.26665	103	0.05590	0.94410
44	0.72412	0.27588	104	0.05042	0.94958
45	0.71463	0.28537	105	0.04523	0.95477
46	0.70490	0.29510	106	0.04045	0.95955
47	0.69491	0.30509	107	0.03604	0.96396
48	0.68468	0.31532	108	0.03199	0.96801
49	0.67415	0.32585	109	0.02823	0.97177
50	0.66333	0.33667	110	0.02479	0.97521
51	0.65223	0.34777	111	0.02174	0.97826
52	0.64086	0.35914	112	0.01899	0.98101
53	0.62926	0.37074	113	0.01643	0.98357
54	0.61743	0.38257	114	0.01357	0.98643
55	0.60539	0.39461	115	0.01107	0.98893
56	0.59317	0.40683	116	0.00869	0.99131
57	0.58077	0.41923	117	0.00638	0.99362
58	0.56821	0.43179	118	0.00437	0.99563
59	0.55542	0.44458	119	0.00246	0.99754
			120	0.00000	1.00000

**900.7(7)** *Table for an annuity for life—for estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2004.* The following table is to be used in computing the present value of an annuity of a given amount (specified sum) for life in estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2004. The table is to be used in the same manner as the table listed in subrule 900.7(2).

2001 CSO-D MORTALITY TABLE  
 BASED ON BLENDING 50% MALE—50% FEMALE  
 (PIVOTAL AGE 45)  
 AGE NEAREST BIRTHDAY  
 4% INTEREST

To find the present value of an annuity or a given amount (specified sum) for life, multiply the annuity by the annuity factor opposite the age at the nearest birthday of the person receiving the annuity.

<u>AGE IN YEARS</u>	<u>LIFE EXPECTANCY IN YEARS</u>	<u>ANNUITIES \$1.00</u>
0	78.65	23.505
1	77.73	23.464
2	76.78	23.413
3	75.81	23.358
4	74.84	23.298
5	73.86	23.235

<u>AGE IN YEARS</u>	<u>LIFE EXPECTANCY IN YEARS</u>	<u>ANNUITIES \$1.00</u>
6	72.87	23.169
7	71.89	23.101
8	70.91	23.030
9	69.92	22.956
10	68.94	22.880
11	67.95	22.801
12	66.97	22.718
13	65.99	22.634
14	65.01	22.548
15	64.04	22.459
16	63.07	22.369
17	62.11	22.277
18	61.15	22.183
19	60.19	22.086
20	59.23	21.986
21	58.27	21.882
22	57.32	21.774
23	56.36	21.663
24	55.40	21.547
25	54.45	21.426
26	53.49	21.301
27	52.53	21.172
28	51.58	21.038
29	50.63	20.900
30	49.67	20.755
31	48.72	20.605
32	47.76	20.449
33	46.81	20.288
34	45.85	20.120
35	44.90	19.946
36	43.95	19.767
37	43.00	19.581
38	42.05	19.390
39	41.11	19.192
40	40.16	18.987
41	39.22	18.776
42	38.28	18.558
43	37.35	18.334
44	36.42	18.103
45	35.49	17.866
46	34.57	17.623
47	33.65	17.373
48	32.74	17.117

<u>AGE IN YEARS</u>	<u>LIFE EXPECTANCY IN YEARS</u>	<u>ANNUITIES \$1.00</u>
49	31.84	16.854
50	30.94	16.583
51	30.04	16.306
52	29.15	16.021
53	28.27	15.731
54	27.40	15.436
55	26.54	15.135
56	25.68	14.829
57	24.84	14.519
58	24.01	14.205
59	23.19	13.886
60	22.38	13.560
61	21.57	13.229
62	20.78	12.895
63	20.00	12.557
64	19.24	12.217
65	18.49	11.874
66	17.75	11.528
67	17.02	11.179
68	16.31	10.827
69	15.60	10.470
70	14.91	10.110
71	14.23	9.748
72	13.56	9.383
73	12.91	9.020
74	12.28	8.658
75	11.66	8.297
76	11.06	7.938
77	10.47	7.580
78	9.91	7.224
79	9.36	6.874
80	8.83	6.529
81	8.32	6.190
82	7.84	5.863
83	7.38	5.547
84	6.94	5.240
85	6.52	4.944
86	6.13	4.660
87	5.75	4.385
88	5.41	4.127
89	5.09	3.886
90	4.79	3.662
91	4.51	3.451

<u>AGE IN YEARS</u>	<u>LIFE EXPECTANCY IN YEARS</u>	<u>ANNUITIES \$1.00</u>
92	4.23	3.227
93	3.94	3.002
94	3.67	2.783
95	3.43	2.580
96	3.21	2.405
97	3.03	2.253
98	2.88	2.133
99	2.71	1.988
100	2.53	1.835
101	2.35	1.686
102	2.18	1.540
103	2.02	1.398
104	1.87	1.260
105	1.72	1.131
106	1.59	1.011
107	1.47	0.901
108	1.35	0.800
109	1.25	0.706
110	1.16	0.620
111	1.08	0.544
112	1.00	0.475
113	0.93	0.411
114	0.86	0.339
115	0.79	0.277
116	0.73	0.217
117	0.67	0.159
118	0.61	0.109
119	0.56	0.062
120	0.50	0.000

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 450.51 and 450.52.  
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**701—900.8(450B) Special use valuation.**

**900.8(1)** *In general.* Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1982, real estate which has been valued at its special use value under 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A for computing the federal estate tax is eligible to be valued for inheritance tax purposes at its special use value, subject to the limitations imposed by statute and these rules. Special use valuation under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 450B is in lieu of valuing the real estate at its fair market value in the ordinary course of trade under Iowa Code section 450.37. The valuation of real estate at its special use value must be made on the entire parcel of the real estate in fee simple. The value of undivided interests, life or term estates and remainders in real estate specially valued is determined by (1) applying the life estate, remainder or term tables to the special use value—see rule 701—900.7(450), or (2) by dividing the special use value by the decedent’s fractional interest in case of an undivided interest. The eligibility of real estate for special use value is not limited to probate real estate. Real estate transfers with a retained life use or interest,

real estate held in joint tenancy, real estate transferred to take effect in possession or enjoyment at death, real estate held by a partnership or corporation and real estate held in trust are noninclusive examples of real estate not subject to probate that may be eligible for special use valuation.

**900.8(2) Definitions and technical terms.** References in this subrule to sections of the Internal Revenue Code mean sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as defined (and periodically updated) in Iowa Code section 422.3(5). Technical terms such as, but not limited to, “qualified real property”; “qualified use”; “cessation of qualified use”; “disposition”; “qualified heir”; “member of the family”; “farm”; “farming purpose”; “material participation”; and “active management” are examples of technical terms which have the same meaning for Iowa special use valuation under Iowa Code chapter 450B as the terms are defined and interpreted in 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A. It is the purpose of Iowa special use valuation to conform as nearly as possible to the special use valuation provisions of 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A, as can be done within the framework of an inheritance tax instead of an estate tax.

**900.8(3) Eligibility requirements.** The eligibility requirements for valuing real estate at its special use value for computing inheritance tax are the same as the eligibility requirements of 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A for the purpose of computing the federal estate tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. Section 2001. Real estate cannot be specially valued for inheritance tax purposes unless it is also eligible and is valued at its special use value for federal estate tax purposes. However, even though real estate is specially valued for federal estate tax purposes, the estate has the right to elect or not to elect to value real estate at its special use value for computing the inheritance tax. Real estate otherwise qualified will be eligible for special use valuation for Iowa inheritance tax purposes if a valid special use valuation election has been made on the federal estate tax return. What constitutes a valid election for federal estate tax purposes is determined under applicable federal law and practice and is not determined by the department.

**900.8(4) Real estate—not eligible.**

*a.* Real estate otherwise qualified is not eligible to be specially valued for inheritance tax purposes if it is not includable in the federal gross estate. For example, a gift of real estate may not be part of the federal gross estate. However, the real estate may be a taxable gift, but the real estate would not qualify for special valuation.

*b.* Real estate, otherwise qualified, will not be eligible for the special use valuation provisions of Iowa Code chapter 450B, if the owner of a remainder, or other future property interest in the real estate, defers the payment of the inheritance tax until the termination of the prior estate. Special use valuation is made at the date of the decedent’s death, while Iowa Code section 450.44 requires the future interest to be revalued at the time of the termination of the prior estate when the tax is deferred. See *In re Estate of Wickham*, 241 Iowa 198, 40 N.W.2d 469 (1950); department subrules 900.2(8) and 900.2(9). In addition, when the tax has been deferred the life estate-remainder factor to be used in computing the tax on the future interest is the factor existing at the time of payment or the termination of the prior estate, while the additional inheritance tax under special use value is based on the life estate-remainder factor at the time of death. See *In re Estate of Millard*, 251 Iowa 1982, 105 N.W.2d 95 (1960). A second valuation after death is not within the scope of either 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A or Iowa Code chapter 450B. Since all persons with an interest in the real estate must sign the agreement specified in 900.8(5) “e,” the deferral of the inheritance tax on a future property interest disqualifies all of the property interests in the real estate because the future property interest is not eligible to be specially valued in case of a deferral of the tax.

**900.8(5) Election and agreement.**

*a. In general.* The election to specially value real estate under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 450B must be made by the fiduciary for the estate or trust on the inheritance tax return or on a statement attached to the return. The election may be made on a delinquent return. However, once made, the election is irrevocable. The election is an affirmative act. Therefore, failure to make an election on the inheritance tax return shall be construed as an election not to specially value real estate under Iowa Code chapter 450B.

*b. Form—election.* The election to value real estate at its special use value shall comply with the requirements of 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A(d) and federal regulation Section 20.2032A-8. An executed



copy of the election filed as part of the federal estate tax return and accepted by the Internal Revenue Service will fulfill the requirements of this subrule.

*c. Content of the election.* The election must be accompanied by the agreement specified in 900.8(5)“e” and shall contain the information required by federal regulation Section 20.2032A-8. Submission of an executed copy of the information required by federal regulation Section 20.2032A-8(3) in support of the election to specially value property for federal estate tax purposes will fulfill the requirements of this subrule.

*d. Protective elections.* A protective election may be made to specially value qualified real property for inheritance tax purposes. The availability of special use valuation is contingent upon values, as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, meeting the requirements of 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A. The protective election must be made on the inheritance tax return and shall contain substantially the same information required by federal regulation Section 20.2032A-8(b). Submission of an executed copy of the protective election filed and accepted for federal estate tax purposes will fulfill the requirements of this subrule.

If it is found that the real estate qualifies for special use valuation as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes, an additional notice of election must be filed within 60 days after the date of the determination. The notice must set forth the information required in 900.8(5)“c” and is to be attached, together with the agreement provided for in 900.8(5)“e,” to an amended final inheritance tax return. Failure to file the additional notice within the time prescribed by this subrule shall disqualify the real estate for special use valuation.

*e. Agreement.* An agreement must be executed by all parties who have any interest in the property to be valued at its special use value as of the date of the decedent’s death. In the agreement, the qualified heirs must consent to personal liability for the additional inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450B.3 in the event of early disposition or cessation of the qualified use. All other parties with an interest in the property specially valued must consent to liability for the additional inheritance tax to the extent of the additional tax imposed on their share of the property no longer eligible to be specially valued. The liability of the qualified heir or the successor qualified heir for the additional inheritance tax is not dependent on the heir’s share of the property specially valued, but rather it is for the amount of the additional inheritance tax imposed on all of the shares of the parties with an interest in the property no longer eligible for special use value.

*f. Failure to file the election and agreement.* Failure to file with the inheritance tax return either the election provided for in 900.8(5)“b” or the agreement specified in 900.8(5)“e” shall disqualify the property for the special use value provisions of Iowa Code chapter 450B. In the event of disqualification, the property shall be valued for inheritance tax purposes at its market value in the ordinary course of trade under the provisions of Iowa Code section 450.37.

**900.8(6) Value to use.**

*a. Special use value.* The special use value established and accepted by the Internal Revenue Service for the qualified real property shall also be the value of the qualified real property for the purpose of computing the inheritance tax on the shares in the specially valued property.

*b. Fair market value when a recapture tax is imposed.* The additional inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450B.3, due to the early disposition or cessation of the qualified use, is based on the fair market value of the qualified real property at the time of the decedent’s death as reported and established in the election to value the real estate at its special use value, subject to the limitations in 900.8(6)“c.” Iowa Code chapter 450B makes reference only to the use of federal values. Therefore, a fair market value appraisal made by the Iowa inheritance tax appraisers cannot be used in computing the amount of the additional inheritance tax imposed unless it is accepted by the Internal Revenue Service. Iowa Code section 450.37 only applies to property which is not specially valued under Iowa Code chapter 450B.

*c. Fair market value limitations.* The following fair market value limitations shall govern the computation of the additional inheritance tax imposed, if any. If at the time of its disposition or cessation of the qualified use, the fair market value of the property which is the subject of the additional tax is:

1. Greater than its fair market value at the time of the decedent's death, the additional tax is computed on the fair market value at death.

2. Less than its fair market value at the time of death but greater than the special use value, the additional tax is computed on the lesser fair market value.

3. Equal to or less than the special use value of the property, no additional inheritance tax is imposed. In this event, no refund is allowed. Iowa Code chapter 450B makes reference only to the imposition of additional inheritance tax, not to an additional benefit if the agreement is not fulfilled.

As a result, failure to fulfill the agreement provided for in 900.8(5) "e" may, in certain circumstances, result in a lower tax liability than would have been the case had the special use valuation election not been made.

The rule for computing the additional federal estate tax under 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A(c) is different. See lines 8 to 11, Additional Federal Estate Tax Form 706-A and IRS letter ruling 8215036 (1982).

**900.8(7) Imposition of additional inheritance tax.**

*a. In general.* If within ten years after the decedent's death there is a disposition of the property or a cessation of the qualified use within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A(c), an additional inheritance tax is imposed on the shares in the qualified real property specially valued, subject to the limitation in 900.8(6) "c." Failure to begin the special use within two years after the decedent's death disqualifies the property for the special use valuation provisions of Iowa Code chapter 450B. However, the ten-year period for imposing an additional inheritance tax is not extended by the period of time between the decedent's death and the beginning date of the special use. The rule for federal estate tax purposes is different. The ten-year period for federal estate tax purposes is extended by the period of time between the decedent's death and the time the special use begins. See 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A(c)(7)(A)(ii). In this respect, the Iowa law does not conform to the federal statute. See Iowa Code section 450B.3.

*b. Additional tax on life or term estates and remainders.* The additional tax on life or term estates and remainders in real estate which no longer qualifies for special use valuation is computed as if the special use valuation had not been elected. Therefore, if age or time is a determining factor in computing the additional tax, it is the age or time at the date of the decedent's death which governs the computation, not the age or time at the date of the disposition or cessation of the qualified use. Therefore, subrule 900.2(7) implementing Iowa Code section 450.44 does not apply. Iowa Code section 450B.3 makes no provision for deferral of the additional tax on a future property interest in real estate which is no longer eligible to be specially valued.

*c. Interplay of the additional inheritance tax with the Iowa estate tax for deaths occurring prior to January 1, 2005.* In the event of an early disposition or cessation of the qualified use of the specially valued real estate, the federal estate tax is recomputed with a corresponding recomputation of the credit allowable under 26 U.S.C. Section 2011 for state death taxes paid. If the maximum allowable credit for state death taxes paid as recomputed is greater than the total inheritance tax obligation on all of the shares of the estate, including the shares which have not been revalued, the amount of the maximum credit for state death taxes paid is the additional tax.

*d. Computation of the tax—full disposition or full cessation.* If there is an early disposition or a cessation of the qualified use of all of the real estate specially valued, the inheritance tax on the shares of all persons who succeed to the real estate from the decedent are recomputed based on the fair market value of the specially valued real estate. See 900.8(6) "c" on which market value to use. The total revalued share of each person who had an interest in the disqualified real property is the value of that person's share of the property not specially valued plus the revalued share of the special use property. The tax is then recomputed based on the applicable exemption, if any, allowable under Iowa Code section 450.9 and the rates of tax specified in Iowa Code section 450.10 in effect at the time of the decedent's death. A credit is allowed against the amount of the recomputed tax, without interest, for the tax paid which was based on the special use value.

EXAMPLES: Disposition of all of the qualified real property.

It is assumed in these examples that the real estate has qualified for special use valuation and that prior to the date of disposition, the real estate remained qualified.

EXAMPLE. Farmer A, a widower, died July 1, 1992, a resident of Iowa, and by will left all of his property to his three nephews in equal shares. Nephew B operates the farm. Nephew C lives in Des Moines, Iowa, and Nephew D lives in Phoenix, Arizona. At the time of death, Farmer A's estate consisted of:

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Fair Market Value</u>	<u>Special Use Value</u>
160-acre Iowa farm	\$ 480,000 (\$3,000 per acre)	\$ 160,000 (\$1,000 per acre)
Grain and livestock	90,000	90,000
Stocks, bonds and bank accounts	<u>80,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>
Gross Estate	\$ 650,000	\$ 330,000
Less: Deductions without federal estate tax	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Net estate before federal estate tax	\$ 625,000	\$ 305,000

COMPUTATION OF THE INHERITANCE TAX  
UNDER SPECIAL USE VALUATION

Net estate before federal estate tax	\$305,000
Less: Federal estate tax	<u>4,120</u>
Net Estate	\$300,880

TAX ON SHARES

<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Share</u>	<u>Tax</u>
To each nephew	\$101,666.67	\$11,250.00
Total Tax Paid	$\$11,250 \times 3$	= \$33,750.00

On October 15, 1995, Nephew B, the qualified heir, retires from farming and all three nephews sell the farm to a nonrelated party for \$3,200 per acre, or \$512,000. Under 86.8(6) "c," the \$3,000 per acre valuation at death governs the computation of the additional inheritance tax.

COMPUTATION OF THE ADDITIONAL INHERITANCE TAX DUE TO THE EARLY  
DISPOSITION OF THE QUALIFIED USE PROPERTY

Net estate before federal estate tax	\$625,000
Less: Revised federal estate tax (\$9,250 was deducted for credit for state death taxes paid)	0
Net Estate	<u>\$625,000</u>

<u>Tax on Shares</u>	<u>Share</u>	<u>Tax</u>
To each nephew \$208,333.33	\$27,250.00	
Less tax previously paid	<u>11,250.00</u>	
	16,000.00	

Additional tax due	
Interest at 10% from 4-03-93 to due date 4-15-96	<u>\$4,734.40</u>
Total Due Each Nephew	\$20,734.40

Total additional tax and interest for all three shares  $\$20,734.40 \times 3 = \$62,203.20$ .

NOTE: In this example, the total additional tax for the three nephews before a credit for tax previously paid is  $\$27,250.00 \times 3$  or  $\$81,750.00$ . The credit for state death taxes paid on the revalued federal estate is  $\$9,250.00$ . Therefore, the larger amount is the additional tax, before the credit for tax previously paid is deducted. The additional inheritance or Iowa estate tax bears interest at 10 percent beginning the last day of the ninth month after the decedent's death until the due date, which is six months after the disposition of the specially valued real estate. Interest accrues on delinquent tax at the same rate. Since interest only accrues on unpaid tax, the amount of the interest in this example would have been less if the tax had been paid prior to its due date, April 15, 1996.

*e. Computation of the tax—partial disposition or cessation of the qualified use.*

(1) First partial disposition or cessation of the qualified use. Compute the maximum amount of the additional tax that would be due from each person who has an interest in the portion of the real estate no longer eligible to be specially valued, as if there were an early disposition or cessation of the qualified use of all that person's specially valued real estate. The additional tax on a partial disposition or cessation of the qualified use is computed by multiplying the maximum amount of the additional tax by a fraction of which the fair market value of the portion no longer eligible is the numerator and the fair market value of all of that person's specially valued real estate is the denominator. The resulting amount is the tax due on the first partial disposition or cessation of the qualified use.

EXAMPLE 1. First partial additional tax. Assume the fair market value of three parcels of real estate owned by a single qualified heir (brother of the decedent) is  $\$100,000$  and the special use value of the three parcels is  $\$75,000$ . The qualified heir is in the 10 percent tax bracket. FMV in this example means fair market value.

Parcel 1, fair market value	\$25,000
Parcel 2, fair market value	50,000
Parcel 3, fair market value	25,000

Computation of Maximum Amount of Additional Tax

Tax based on fair market value ( $\$100,000 \times 10\%$ )	\$10,000
Tax based on special use value ( $\$75,000 \times 10\%$ )	7,500
Maximum amount of additional tax	\$ 2,500

Computation on the First Partial Additional Tax

Parcel 1, sale to an unrelated party

FMV of Parcel 1	\$ 25,000	×	\$2,500	=	\$625
FMV of all special use property	\$100,000		(Maximum add'l tax)		(First add'l tax)

(2) Second or any succeeding disposition or cessation of the qualified use. Compute the maximum amount of the additional tax as outlined in the first partial disposition or cessation of the qualified use. Increase the numerator of the fraction used to determine the first additional tax by the fair market value of the second partial disposition or cessation of the qualified use. The denominator remains the same. The computed tax is then credited with the tax paid on the first partial disposition or cessation of the qualified use. Succeeding partial dispositions or cessations of the qualified use are handled in the same manner by increasing the numerator of the fraction and a corresponding increase in the credit for the prior additional tax paid.

Computation of the second and succeeding partial dispositions or cessations of the qualified use can be illustrated by the following examples:

EXAMPLE 2. Second partial additional tax. Same facts as in Example 1. In this example, Parcel 2 is sold to an unrelated party.

Computation of the Second Partial Additional Tax

FMV of Parcels 1 & 2	<u>\$ 75,000</u>	×	\$2,500	=	\$1,875
FMV of all special use property	\$100,000		(Maximum add'l tax)		
Less tax paid on Parcel 1					<u>625</u>
Second Add'l Tax					\$1,250

EXAMPLE 3. Third partial additional tax. Same facts as in Example 1. In this example, Parcel 3 is sold to an unrelated party.

Computation of the Third Partial Additional Tax

FMV of Parcels 1, 2, & 3	<u>\$100,000</u>	×	\$2,500	=	\$2,500
FMV of all specially valued real estate	\$100,000		(Maximum add'l tax)		
Less tax paid on Parcels 1 & 2					<u>1,875</u>
Third Additional Tax					\$ 625

*f. No additional tax on shares not revalued.* The shares of persons who received no interest in the real estate which is no longer eligible to be specially valued are not subject to an additional tax. Therefore, on the amended final inheritance tax return only the shares of the persons receiving interest in the real estate need to be revalued when computing the additional tax under this subrule.

EXAMPLE. Decedent A, a widower and resident of Iowa, died testate July 1, 1992, survived by nephew B and niece C. His estate consisted of two Iowa farms and certain personal property. Under A's will, the niece and nephew share equally in the personal property. Nephew B received one farm and niece C the other one. Nephew B, a qualified heir, elected to specially value his farm and niece C did not. The inheritance tax was paid on this basis. Five years after A's death, nephew B quits farming and sells his inherited farm to an unrelated party, thus incurring an additional inheritance tax. Only nephew B owes an additional tax. Niece C's share in the estate is not revalued.

**900.8(8) Return for additional inheritance tax.** The return reporting the additional inheritance or Iowa estate tax imposed due to the early disposition or cessation of the qualified use shall conform as nearly as possible to the federal additional estate tax return, Form 706A, as can be done within the framework of an inheritance tax on shares instead of an estate tax. The return must be executed by the qualified heir and filed with the Iowa Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

**900.8(9) Due date for paying the additional inheritance tax.** The additional inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450B.3 and the return for the additional tax is due six months after the early disposition or cessation of the qualified use of the real estate specially valued.

**900.8(10) No extension of time to file or pay.** Iowa Code chapter 450B makes no provision for an extension of time to file the return for the additional tax and pay the additional inheritance tax due. Therefore, if the return for the additional tax is not filed or the additional inheritance tax is not paid within six months after the early disposition or cessation of the qualified use, the return or the tax is delinquent and subject to penalty under subrule 900.8(13).

**900.8(11) Interest on additional tax.** The additional inheritance tax imposed under Iowa Code section 450B.3 accrues interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum until paid commencing the last day of the ninth month after the decedent's death. The variable prime interest rate made applicable to inheritance tax by 1981 Iowa Acts, chapter 131, sections 15 and 16, on real estate not specially valued, does not apply to interest due on the additional tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450B.3. In addition, the federal rule that interest only accrues on the additional federal estate tax when an election is made under 26 U.S.C. Section 1016(c) to increase the basis for gain or loss on the real estate no longer

eligible to be specially valued, has no application to Iowa special use valuation. In this respect the Iowa law does not conform to the federal statute.

**900.8(12) Receipt for additional tax.** The receipt for the additional tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450B.3 is separate and distinct from the receipt for inheritance tax required by Iowa Code section 450.64. The receipt must identify the property which was the subject of the early disposition or cessation of the qualified use, the owners of the property, the qualified heir, the amount paid and whether the additional tax paid is for a partial or full disposition or cessation of the qualified use.

**900.8(13) Penalty for failure to file or failure to pay.** Department rules 701—Chapter 10, pertaining to the penalty for failure to timely file the return or to pay the inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code chapter 450, also apply where there is a failure to timely file the return reporting the additional inheritance tax or to pay the additional tax due imposed by Iowa Code section 450B.3.

**900.8(14) Duties and liabilities.**

*a. Duty to report an early disposition or cessation of the qualified use.* The agent designated in the agreement required by 900.8(5) “e” has the duty to notify the department of any early disposition or cessation of the qualified use of the property on or before the due date of the additional inheritance tax. An executed copy of the notice required by federal regulation Section 20.2032A(c)(4) will satisfy this subrule.

*b. Liability for payment of the tax.* The qualified heir or the heir’s successor is personally liable for all the additional inheritance tax imposed under Iowa Code section 450B.3. It is the qualified heir’s duty to collect the additional Iowa inheritance tax from each person whose share was revalued. In respect to the additional tax, the duty of the qualified heir is the same as the duty of the fiduciary of an estate or trust under Iowa Code section 450.5, for the regular inheritance tax. See subrule 900.2(1) regarding the responsibility of the fiduciary of an estate or trust. While the qualified heir is primarily liable for the payment of all of the additional tax, each person who has an interest in the real estate no longer eligible to be specially valued is also liable under the agreement provided for in 900.8(5) “e” for additional tax on that person’s revalued share. Therefore, if the qualified heir fails to pay the additional tax imposed on any revalued share, the department may proceed to collect the delinquent tax from the person who received the share. The liability for the additional tax due from each person who had an interest in the revalued real estate is the same as the liability for the inheritance tax on property not specially valued. See *Eddy v. Short*, 190 Iowa 1376, 1380, 1832, 179 N.W. 818 (1920); *In re Estate of Stone*, 132 Iowa 136, 109 N.W. 455 (1906).

*c. Books and records.* It is the duty of the qualified heir to keep books and records necessary to substantiate the continued eligibility of the real estate for special use valuation. Upon request, the agent designated in the agreement shall furnish the department sufficient information relating to the use, ownership and status of the real estate to enable the department to determine whether there has been an early disposition or cessation of the qualified use.

**900.8(15) Special lien for additional inheritance tax.**

*a. In general.* The special lien created by Iowa Code section 450B.6 is separate and distinct from the lien provided for in Iowa Code section 450.7, for the inheritance tax imposed at the time of the decedent’s death. The special lien is to secure any additional inheritance tax that may be due within the ten-year period after the decedent’s death, should there be an early disposition or cessation of the qualified use. The inheritance tax lien provided for in Iowa Code section 450.7 is only to secure the tax imposed at the time of the decedent’s death on the transfer of property including property that is specially valued. If an additional tax is imposed for the early disposition or cessation of the qualified use, it is secured by the lien created by Iowa Code section 450B.6.

*b. Form of the notice of the special lien.* The notice of the special lien for additional inheritance tax created by Iowa Code section 450B.6 must conform as nearly as possible to the special use valuation lien provided for in 26 U.S.C. Section 6324B.

*c. Notice of lien.* Unlike the lien provided for in Iowa Code section 450.7, notice of the special lien for additional inheritance tax must be recorded before it has priority over subsequent mortgagees, purchasers or judgment creditors. The special lien is perfected by recording the notice of the special lien in the recorder’s office in the county where the estate is being probated (even though the real estate may

be located in a different county). Failure to perfect the special lien by recording as provided for in Iowa Code section 450B.6 divests the qualified real property from the lien in the event of a sale to a bona fide purchaser for value.

*d. Duration of the special lien.* The special lien continues:

(1) Until the additional inheritance tax is paid, or ten years after the date the additional tax is due, whichever first occurs, if there is an early disposition or cessation of the qualified use, or

(2) For ten years after the decedent's death on all other property which has been specially valued.

*e. Release of the lien.* The special lien for additional inheritance tax:

(1) May be released at any time in whole or in part upon adequate security being given to secure the additional tax that may be due, if any.

(2) Is released by payment of the additional inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450B.3, on the property which was the subject of an early disposition or cessation of the qualified use.

(3) Is released when it becomes unenforceable by reason of lapse of time.

*f. Application to release the lien.* Ten years after the decedent's death, unless there is an additional tax remaining unpaid, the qualified heir may submit to the department an application in writing for release of the lien on the real estate specially valued. The application must contain information necessary to enable the department to determine whether or not the special use valuation lien should be released. Supporting documentation may include a copy of the federal release. If, after audit of the application, it is determined the real estate remained eligible for special valuation, the department will release the lien.

**900.8(16) Valuation of the decedent's interest in corporations, partnerships and trusts—special rules.** If the decedent's interest in a corporation, partnership or a trust has been valued at its special use valuation under 26 U.S.C. Section 2032A for federal estate tax purposes, it is also eligible to be valued at its special use value for inheritance tax purposes, subject to the limitation imposed by statute and these rules. See Internal Revenue Service letter ruling 8108179 (1980) for guidelines in valuing the decedent's interest. Other factors indicative of value, such as the value of other assets, net dividend-paying capacity, book value, profit and loss statements and net worth must also be taken into account in arriving at the value of the decedent's interest for inheritance tax purposes. See Revenue ruling 59-60, 1959-1 C.B. 243 for the factors to be considered in valuing closely held corporate stock. In the event the decedent's interest in a corporation, partnership or trust is no longer eligible to be specially valued, the additional inheritance tax will be imposed on the fair market value of the decedent's interest in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as other property specially valued.

**900.8(17) Audits, assessments and refunds.** Subrules 900.3(1) to 900.3(3) providing for the audit, assessment and refund of the inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code sections 450.2 and 450.3, shall also be the rules for the audit, assessment and refund of the additional inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450B.3.

**900.8(18) Appeals.** 701—Chapter 7 providing for an appeal to the director and a subsequent appeal to district court under the Iowa administrative procedure Act for disputes involving the inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code chapter 450 shall also be the rule for appeal for disputes concerning special use valuation and the additional inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code chapter 450B.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 450B.1 to 450B.7.

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**701—900.9(450) Market value in the ordinary course of trade.** Fair market value of real or personal property is established by agreement or the appraisal and appeal procedures set forth in Iowa Code section 450.37 and subrules 900.9(1) and 900.9(2). If the value is established by agreement, the agreement may be to accept the values of such property as submitted on the Iowa inheritance tax return, to accept a negotiated value or to accept the values as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes. Values submitted on an inheritance tax return constitute an offer regarding the value of the property by the estate. An inheritance tax clearance that is issued based upon property values submitted on an inheritance tax return constitutes an acceptance of those values on that return. An agreement to accept negotiated values or accept values as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes must be an agreement between the

department of revenue, the personal representative, and the persons who have an interest in the property. If an agreement cannot be reached regarding the valuation of real property, then the department may request, within 30 days after the return is filed, an appraisal pursuant to Iowa Code sections 450.37 and 450.27 and subrule 900.9(2). Effective for estates with decedents dying on or after July 1, 2004, if an agreement cannot be reached regarding the valuation of real property, then the department may request, within 60 days after the return is filed with the department, an appraisal pursuant to Iowa Code sections 450.37 and 450.27 and subrule 900.9(2). If an appraisal is not requested within the required period, then the value listed on the return is the agreed value of the real property. If an agreement cannot be reached regarding the valuation of personal property, the personal representative or any person interested in the personal property may appeal for a revision of the department's value as set forth in Iowa Code section 450.37 and subrule 900.9(2). Any inheritance tax clearance granted by the department may be subject to revision based on federal audit adjustments. Absent an agreement to the contrary, the six-month extension of the statute of limitations for assessing Iowa inheritance tax based on federal audit adjustments is limited to federal audit adjustments that directly affect Iowa inheritance tax and involve Iowa inheritance tax law that incorporates Internal Revenue Code provisions—see Iowa Code section 450.94(5) and *Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987).

**900.9(1)** *In general.* With the exception of real estate which has been specially valued under Iowa Code chapter 450B, property included in the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes must be valued under the provisions of Iowa Code section 450.37 at its market value in the ordinary course of trade. See rule 701—900.10(450) for the rule governing the market value in the ordinary course of trade if the alternate valuation date is elected. “Market value in the ordinary course of trade” and “fair market value” are synonymous terms. *In re Estate of McGhee*, 105 Iowa 9, 74 N.W. 695 (1898). Fair market value is the price at which the property would change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or to sell and both having reasonable knowledge of relevant facts. The fair market value of a particular item of property includable in the decedent's gross estate is not to be determined by a forced sale price. Nor is the fair market value of an item of property to be determined by the sale price of the item in a market other than that in which such item is most commonly sold to the public, taking into account the location of the item whenever appropriate. See federal regulation Section 20.2031(1)(b) and Iowa Code section 441.21(1)“b” for similar definitions of fair market value.

*a. Values not to be used.* Other kinds of value assigned to property such as, but not limited to, assessed value of real estate for property tax purposes, cost price, true value, or book value are only relevant in computing the value of the property for inheritance tax purposes, to the extent they may be properly used in the determination of fair market value or special use value. *In re Estate of McGhee*, 105 Iowa 9, 74 N.W.695 (1898). Fair market value cannot be determined alone by agreement between the persons succeeding to the decedent's property. Also, fair market value cannot be determined alone by setting out in the decedent's will the price for which property can be sold. *In re Estate of Fred W. Rekers*, Probate No. 28654, Black Hawk County District Court, July 26, 1972.

*b. Date of valuation.* Unless the alternate valuation date is elected under Iowa Code section 450.37, or the tax has been deferred according to Iowa Code sections 450.44 to 450.49, all property includable in the gross estate must be valued at the time of the decedent's death for the purpose of computing the tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450.2. Subject to the two exceptions listed, any appreciation or depreciation of the value of an asset after the decedent's death is not to be taken into consideration. *Insel v. Wright County*, 208 Iowa 295, 225 N.W.378 (1929).

**900.9(2)** *Market value—how determined.*

*a. In general.* The fair market value of an item of property, both real and personal, that is included in the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes is expressed in the property's monetary equivalent. The process used to determine fair market value presupposes the voluntary exchange of the item in a market for its equivalent in money. *Hetland v. Bilstad*, 140 Iowa 411, 415, 118 N.W. 422 (1908). The fact the item of property is not actually sold or exchanged or even offered for sale is not relevant. It is sufficient for establishing the item's value to arrive at the specific dollar amount that a seller would voluntarily accept in exchange for the property and the amount that a buyer would be willing to pay. *Juhl v. Greene*



*County Board of Review*, 188 N.W.2d 351 (Iowa 1971). It is assumed when determining this specific dollar amount, which is the item's fair market value, that the seller is desirous of obtaining the highest possible price for the property and that the buyer does not wish to pay more than is absolutely necessary to acquire the property.

The item of property must be valued in a market where it is customarily traded to the public. See federal regulation 20.2031-1(b). Therefore, if an item of property is valued in a market which is not open to the general public, the party asserting the value in the restricted market has the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the value in the restricted market is the item's fair market value.

The distinction between a public and a restricted market can be illustrated by the following:

EXAMPLE 1. Under the provisions of the decedent's will, the personal representative of the estate is given the power to sell the decedent's property at either a public or private sale. Pursuant to this power, the personal representative sold the decedent's household goods at public auction held on a specific day and time which was widely advertised both in the newspaper in the locality where the decedent lived and also by sale bills posted in numerous public places in the decedent's community. The household goods sold at auction for \$2,500. The fair market value of the household goods on the day of sale is \$2,500. The public auction is a market where such items are commonly sold and the public had knowledge of the impending sale. The public was also invited to bid and the items to be sold were available for inspection.

EXAMPLE 2. Pursuant to an agreement between the beneficiaries of the estate, the personal representative sold the decedent's household goods and personal effects at an auction where only members of the decedent's family were permitted to bid. The items sold for \$2,500, which may or may not be the fair market value of the property. Family pride, sentiment, and other personal considerations may have entered into the selling price. In this type of sale the burden is on the personal representative to prove that the selling price is the fair market value of the items sold.

*b. Values established by recognized public markets.*

(1) Stocks, bonds, and notes. Items of personal property such as, but not limited to, corporate stock, bonds, mutual funds, notes, and commodities which are traded on one or more of the nation's stock or commodity exchanges shall be valued under the provisions of Federal Estate Tax Regulation 20.2031-2, which regulation is incorporated in and made a part of this subrule by reference.

Individuals who have a registration of a security indicating sole ownership by one individual or multiple ownership by two or more individuals with a right of survivorship and not as tenants in common, may obtain a registration in beneficiary form as provided in the uniform transfer on death security registration Act as provided in Iowa Code section 633.800. A "registering entity" under this Act must provide notice to the department of revenue of all reregistrations made pursuant to this Act. Such notice must include the name, address, and social security number of the decedent and all transferees. Until the division of the security, after the death of all the owners, multiple beneficiaries surviving the death of all the owners hold their interest as tenants in common. If no beneficiary survives the death of all the owners, the security belongs to the estate of the deceased sole owner of the estate of the last to die of the multiple owners.

(2) Local elevator and sale barn prices. The fair market value of grain and livestock may be determined either by the quoted price from the grain elevator or sale barn in the community where the grain or livestock is located or by the price quoted from the nearest commodity exchange, less the customary delivery discount.

(3) Public auctions by the court. The fair market value of an item may be established in a public market other than a market which has a permanent location and which holds sales at periodic stated intervals. It is common for estates or the probate court to hold a public auction to sell estate property and if the sale meets certain criteria the selling price received in this type of public auction will establish the fair market value of the property. Factors in an estate or court sale which tend to establish the selling price as one at fair market value include but are not limited to the time and place of the sale were well advertised; the public was invited and encouraged to bid; members of the decedent's family or business associates were not given special consideration as to price or terms of sale; and the terms of sale were comparable to those offered at sales in a regularly established public market.

(4) Sales in a regularly established market. Sales made in a regularly established market pursuant to Iowa Code section 633.387 would qualify as a sale at fair market value for inheritance tax purposes.

*c. Private sales that may establish fair market value.* Private sales of estate assets may establish the fair market value of the item depending on the facts and circumstances surrounding each sale. Factors which tend to establish a private sale as one at fair market value include but are not limited to:

(1) Sales made by a recognized broker who receives a commission from the seller based on the selling price and who has exercised diligence in obtaining a buyer.

(2) Sales made by the personal representative to nonfamily members after a good-faith effort was made to solicit bids from persons who are known to be interested in buying that particular kind of property.

(3) Sales made by the attorney or the personal representative after the item of property was advertised for sale in a newspaper of general circulation or in trade publications and a good-faith effort was made to obtain the best possible price.

(4) Sales made by the personal representative when the sale price is the price quoted on one of the nation's stock or commodity exchanges.

(5) Private sales made by the personal representative to members of the decedent's family or business associates are suspect due to personal, family, or business reasons, but nevertheless may constitute a sale at fair market value, depending on the facts and circumstances surrounding each sale. The personal representative has the burden to establish that this kind of private sale is a sale at fair market value. Factors which have a bearing on whether this type of private sale is one at fair market value include, but are not limited to, the following: Did the decedent's will give a sale or price preference to a member of the decedent's family or business associate? Were the terms of sale more advantageous than terms that would be given to the general public? Was a good-faith effort made to solicit bids from other persons known to be interested in buying that particular kind of property? Was the sale made as part of a family settlement of a will contest or dispute on a claim against the estate?

*d. Fair market value—no regularly established market.*

(1) In general. Certain items of personal property such as, but not limited to, closely held corporate stock, real estate contracts of sale, private promissory notes, accounts receivable, partnership interests, and choses in action are not customarily bought and sold in a public market. Occasional sales of these items of personal property at infrequent intervals do not establish a market for this kind of personal property, but the lack of a regular market does not indicate that the item is of no value. When there is not a regularly established market to use as a reference point for value, it is necessary to create a hypothetical market to determine fair market value. The factors used to create a hypothetical market vary with the kind of property being valued and depend on the facts and circumstances in each individual case.

(2) Fair market value of closely held corporate stock. A closely held corporation is a corporation whose shares are owned by a relatively limited number of stockholders. Often the entire stock issue is held by members of one family or by a small group of key corporate officers. Because of the limited number of stockholders and due to a family or business relationship, little, if any, trading in the shares takes place. There is, therefore, no established market for the stock. Sales that do occur are usually at irregular intervals and seldom reflect all of the elements of a representative transaction as is contemplated by the term fair market value. The term "fair market value" has the same meaning for federal estate tax purposes as it does for Iowa inheritance tax purposes. As a result, the federal revenue rulings establishing the criteria for valuing closely held corporate stock are equally applicable to inheritance tax values. Therefore, corporate stock which meets the standards for being closely held must be valued for inheritance tax purposes under the provisions of Federal Revenue Ruling 59-60, 1959-1 C.B. 237 as modified by Revenue Ruling 65-193, 1965-2 C.B. 370 and amplified by Revenue Ruling 77-287, 1977-2 C.B. 319, Revenue Ruling 80-213, 1980-2 C.B. 101, and Revenue Ruling 83-120, 1983-2 C.B. 170, which Federal Revenue Rulings are incorporated in and made a part of this subrule by reference.

(3) Fair market value of real estate contracts, notes, and mortgages. The fair market value of promissory notes, secured or unsecured, contracts for the sale of real estate, and other obligations to pay money which are included in the gross estate is presumed to be the amount of the unpaid principal

plus the amount of interest, if any, accrued to the day of the decedent's death. If the asset is not reported on the return at face value plus accrued interest, the burden is on the party claiming a greater or lesser value to establish that face value plus accrued interest is not the asset's fair market value.

Factors which have a bearing on whether the fair market value of an asset is greater or less than face value include, but are not limited to, the rate of interest charged on the obligation; the length of time remaining on the obligation; the credit standing and payment history of the debtor; the value and nature of the property, if any, securing the obligation; the relationship of the debtor to the decedent; and whether the obligation is to be offset against the debtor's share of the estate. See Iowa Code section 633.471 and *Welp v. Department of Revenue*, 333 N.W.2d 481 (Iowa 1983). This subrule can be illustrated by the following:

EXAMPLE 1. The decedent at the time of death owned a seller's interest in an installment sale contract for the sale of a 160-acre farm. The contract contained a forfeiture provision in the event the buyer failed to make the payments and further provided that the purchase price was to be paid in 20 equal annual principal payments plus interest at 7 percent per year on the unpaid principal balance. At the time of the decedent's death, the contract of sale had ten years yet to run and the current federal land bank interest rate for farm land loans was 12 percent. Assuming in this example that other valuation factors are not relevant, the fair market value of the contract is the face amount of the contract, plus interest, discounted to reflect a 12 percent interest return on the outstanding principal balance. A prudent investor would not invest at a lower rate of interest when a comparable investment with equal security would earn 12 percent interest.

EXAMPLE 2. A tenant of the decedent owed the decedent \$5,000, which was evidenced by a promissory note, payable on demand, drawing 6 percent interest, and which was executed in 1992, a year prior to the decedent's death. Assuming no other valuation factors are relevant, the fair market value of the \$5,000 promissory note is its face value, plus accrued interest. The less than market interest rate on the note does not affect its fair market value because the note is due on demand and, as a consequence, there is no loss of a higher rate of interest which would be the case if the note specified a future payment date.

EXAMPLE 3. Decedent A died intestate July 1, 1993, survived by two nephews, B and C. The estate consisted, after debts and charges, of \$300,000 in cash and U.S. Government bonds and a noninterest bearing promissory note for \$10,000 executed by nephew B in 1975 for money borrowed for his college education. No payments were ever made on the note. The note is outlawed by the statute of limitations and would be worthless if anyone other than nephew B or C had executed the note. However, since nephew B inherits one-half of A's estate, and is required under the law of setoff and retainer to pay the note before he can participate in the estate, the fair market value of the note in this particular fact situation is \$10,000 because it is collectible in full. Each nephew's share of the estate is \$155,000. Nephew C receives \$155,000 in cash and nephew B receives \$145,000 in cash plus his canceled note for \$10,000. In this example, the statutory right of setoff and retainer supersedes other factors which are relevant in determining the fair market value of the asset. See Iowa Code section 633.471; *In re Estate of Farris*, 234 Iowa 960, 14 N.W.2d 889 (1944); *Indiana Department of Revenue v. Estate of Cohen*, 436 N.E.2d 832 (Ind. App. 1982); *Gearhart's Ex'r and Ex'x v. Howard*, 302 Ky. 709, 196 S.W.2d 113 (1946).

(4) Fair market value of a sole proprietorship or partnership interest. The fair market value of the decedent's interest in a business, whether a partnership or a proprietorship, is the net amount a willing buyer would pay for the interest to a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or to sell and both having reasonable knowledge of the relevant facts. Relevant factors in determining net value include but are not limited to the following: a fair appraisal as of the applicable valuation date of all of the assets of the business, tangible and intangible, including goodwill; the demonstrated earning capacity of the business; and the other factors in rule 701—700.8(422), to the extent they are applicable, that must be considered in valuing closely held corporate stock.

(5) Fair market value of choses in action. The fair market value of the decedent's interest in a right to sue for a debt or a sum of money often cannot be determined with certainty at the time of the decedent's death. The value of this right is dependent on many factors which include, but are not limited to, the following: the strength and credibility of the decedent's evidence; the statutory and case

law supporting the decedent's claim or position; the ability of the opposing party to pay a judgment; the extent, if applicable, of the decedent's contributory negligence; and the other normal hazards of litigation. However, this lack of certainty does not mean the right to sue has no value at the time of the decedent's death. Evidence of what was actually received for this right by the decedent's estate or its beneficiary is evidence of the fair market value of the right at death.

This subrule can be illustrated by the following example:

The decedent died in a fire of uncertain origin that destroyed his dwelling. Due to the circumstances surrounding the fire, the estate's right of recovery from the fire insurance carrier was speculative and, therefore, the value of this right at death was unknown. After the estate was closed, the beneficiary of the estate settled the fire insurance claim for \$15,000. The amount received in settlement of the claim can be considered as evidence of the fair market value of the right of action at death. *Bair v. Randall*, 258 N.W.2d 333 (Iowa 1977). In addition, interest on the unpaid tax begins and continues to accrue from the date of the decedent's death.

(6) Wrongful death proceeds are not included in the gross estate. *Estate of Dieleman v. Department of Rev.*, 222 N.W.2d 459 (Iowa 1974).

*e. By agreement between the department, the estate and its beneficiaries.* Iowa Code section 450.37 provides that the market value in the ordinary course of trade is to be determined by agreement between the estate and its beneficiaries and the department. The term "agreement" when used with reference to the value of an asset, whether it is real or personal property, has the same meaning as the term is used in the law of contracts. The agreement between the department, the estate and its beneficiaries may be contained in a single written instrument, or it may be made by an offer submitted by the estate and its beneficiaries and its acceptance by the department. The agreement establishing values for computing the tax may specify that the values as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes on all or a portion of the assets will be the values used in computing the tax.

(1) Offer by the estate and the beneficiaries. It is the duty of the taxpayer to list on the inheritance tax return the values of the assets in the gross estate which the estate and those beneficially entitled to the decedent's property are willing to offer as the values for computing the taxable shares in the estate. The value of the assets listed on the return will constitute an offer for the department to accept or reject. Counteroffers may be made in the event an offer is rejected. This rule applies equally to real and personal property.

(2) Acceptance of values by the department. The values offered on the inheritance tax return by the estate and its beneficiaries are accepted by the department when:

1. The department has accepted the offered values in writing, or
2. A clearance certifying full payment of the tax due or a clearance certifying no tax due is issued by the department, or
3. The department does not request an appraisal within 60 days after the return has been filed in the case of the value of real estate. Notice of appraisal must be served by certified mail, and the notice is deemed completed when the notice is deposited in the mail and postmarked for delivery. However, see 900.9(2)"e"(3) for the rule governing values listed as "unknown" or "undetermined." See Iowa Code sections 622.105 and 622.106 for the law determining the filing date of a tax return that is mailed.

(3) Values listed on the return as "undetermined" or "unknown." If at the time the inheritance tax return is filed the information necessary to determine the value of an asset cannot be presently ascertained, the taxpayer may list the value of that asset as "unknown" or "undetermined." The return must contain a statement signed by the taxpayer on behalf of the estate and the beneficiaries with an interest in the property granting the department an extension of time for requesting an appraisal until 60 days after an amended return is filed listing a value for the real estate. Failure to grant an extension of time will subject the real estate to an immediate request for an appraisal. The amended return shall be accompanied with sufficient facts and other information necessary to substantiate the value offered. An agreement concerning the value of an asset presupposes that the department, the beneficiaries and the estate have knowledge of the relevant facts necessary to determine value. There can be no meaningful agreement or appraisal until the relevant facts relating to value are known. See *Bair v. Randall*, 258 N.W.2d 333 (Iowa

1977), regarding the criteria that may be used to determine the value of an asset which was unknown at the time of the decedent's death.

*f. Values established—no agreement.*

(1) Real estate. If the department, the estate and the persons succeeding to the decedent's property have not reached an agreement as to the value of real estate under 86.9(2)“e,” the market value for inheritance tax purposes will be established by the appraisal proceedings specified in Iowa Code sections 450.27 to 450.36. For the purposes of appraisal, “real estate or real property” means the land and appurtenances, including structures affixed thereto. Use of the inheritance tax appraisers to determine value for other purposes such as, but not limited to, determining the share of the surviving spouse in the estate or for determining the fair market value of real estate for the purposes of sale, is not controlling in determining values for inheritance tax purposes. Appraisals of real estate must be made in fee simple including land, all appurtenances and structures affixed to the real estate. Discounts in the value of real estate are not to be considered in the valuation of real property for the purposes of an appraisal. Such discounts in valuation are to be resolved by mutual agreement through informal procedures between the personal representative of the estate and the department. If an agreement between the personal representative of the estate and the department cannot be obtained, then the valuation placed on the property by the department may be appealed by the personal representative of the estate pursuant to the procedures set forth in 701—Chapter 7. If either the department or the estate does not agree with the results of an appraisal that is conducted pursuant to Iowa Code sections 450.27 through 450.36, either the department or the estate may file an objection to the appraisal pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.31. Information on additional factors to assist in the determination of fair market value of real property can be found in 701—subrule 86.9(2).

(2) Personal property. Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1983. If an agreement is not reached on the value of personal property under 900.9(2)“e,” the estate or any person beneficially receiving the personal property may appeal to the director under Iowa Code section 450.94, subsection 3, for a resolution of the valuation dispute, with the right of judicial review of the director's decision under Iowa Code chapter 17A.

*g. Amending returns to change values.*

(1) Amendment permitted or required. Unless value has been established by the appraisal or administrative proceedings, the inheritance tax return may be amended by the estate to change the value of an asset listed on the return as long as the amendment is filed before an agreement is made between the estate and the department as to the asset's value. The return must be amended to list the value of an asset omitted from the original return or to assign a value for an item listed on the original return as “unknown” or “undetermined.”

If the facts and circumstances surrounding the value agreement would justify a reformation or rescission of the agreement under the law of contracts, the return may be amended by the estate, and must be amended at the department's request, to change the value of the item to its correct fair market value or its special use value as the case may be.

(2) Amendment not permitted. A return cannot be amended:

1. To change the agreed value of an asset, if the facts and circumstances surrounding the agreement would not justify a reformation or rescission of the agreement,

2. To change a real estate value that has been established by the appraisal proceedings under Iowa Code sections 450.31 to 450.33, *Insel v. Wright County*, 208 Iowa 295, 225 N.W. 378 (1929), or

3. To change the value of an item of personal property that has been established by the department's administrative procedure under 701—Chapter 7, or, if an appeal is taken from the director's decision, by judicial review under Iowa Code chapter 17A. Provided, in no event may the return be amended to lower the value of an asset that would result in a refund of tax more than three

years after the tax became due or one year after the tax was paid, whichever time is the later. Iowa Code section 450.94, *Welp v. Department of Revenue*, 333 N.W.2d 481 (Iowa 1983).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 450.27 to 450.37, 450.44 to 450.49, and 633.800 to 633.811.

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#### **701—900.10(450) Alternate valuation date.**

**900.10(1) *When available.*** The alternate valuation date allowed by 26 U.S.C. Section 2032 is available for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1983, on the same terms and conditions which govern the alternate valuation date for federal estate tax purposes. Effective for estates of decedents dying after July 18, 1984, the alternate valuation date cannot be elected unless the value of the gross estate for federal estate tax purposes is reduced and the amount of federal estate tax owing, after all credits have been deducted, has also been reduced. See 26 U.S.C. Section 2032(c) enacted by Public Law 98-369 Section 1023(a). In general, the alternate valuation date is six months after the date of the decedent's death. If property is sold within the six-month period, the date of sale is the alternate date for valuing the property sold. See federal regulation Section 20.2032-1, as amended December 28, 1972, for the rules governing the valuation of property in the gross estate at its alternate valuation date for federal estate tax purposes. If the election is made, all of the property included in the gross estate and not just a portion of the property, must be valued at the alternate valuation date. The estate may elect both the alternate valuation date and the special use value under Iowa Code chapter 450B, if the estate is otherwise qualified. See Federal Revenue Ruling 83-31(1983). It is a precondition for valuing the property at its alternate value for Iowa inheritance tax purposes that the property has been valued at the alternate value for federal estate tax purposes. However, even if the property in the gross estate is valued at the alternate valuation date for federal estate tax purposes, the estate has the option either to elect or not to elect the alternate valuation date for Iowa inheritance tax purposes. If the alternate valuation date is elected, the value established for federal estate tax purposes shall also be the alternate value for inheritance tax purposes. The election is an affirmative act and for estates of decedents dying prior to July 19, 1984, it must be made on a timely filed inheritance tax return, taking into consideration any extensions of time granted to file the return. Effective for estates of decedents dying after July 18, 1984, the election may be made on the first return filed for the estate, regardless of whether the return is delinquent, providing the return is filed no more than one year after the due date, taking into consideration any extensions of time granted to file the return and pay the tax due. See 26 U.S.C. 2032(d) as amended by Public Law 98-369 Section 1024(a). Failure to indicate on the inheritance tax return whether the alternate valuation date is elected shall be construed as a decision not to elect the alternate valuation date.

#### **900.10(2) *When not available.***

*a.* The alternate valuation date provided for in 26 U.S.C. Section 2032 cannot be elected by the estate if the tax on a future property interest has been deferred under Iowa Code sections 450.44 to 450.49. The tax on a future property interest must be computed on the fair market value of the future property interest at the time the tax is paid. *In re Estate of Wickham*, 241 Iowa 198, 40 N.W. 2d 469 (1950).

*b.* Real estate which is subject to an additional inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450B.3 due to the early disposition or cessation of the qualified use cannot be valued at the alternate valuation date for purposes of the recapture tax, unless the alternate valuation date was originally elected on the return for the decedent's estate.

*c.* The alternate valuation date cannot be elected if the size of the gross estate for federal estate tax purposes, based on the fair market value of the assets at the time of death, is less than the minimum filing requirements under current federal authority. The fact that the gross estate for inheritance tax purposes is less than the minimum federal estate tax filing requirement is not relevant.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.3 and 450.37.

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**701—900.11(450) Valuation—special problem areas.**

**900.11(1) Valuation of life estate and remainder interests—in general.** Life or term estates and remainders in property cannot be valued separately for inheritance tax purposes without reference to the value of the property in which the life or term estate and remainder exists. The first valuation step is to determine the value of the property as a whole. This rule applies equally to fair market value in the ordinary course of trade, whether it be valued at death or on the alternate valuation date six months after death, or at its special use value under Iowa Code chapter 450B. The second step is to apply the life estate-remainder or term tables in rule 701—900.7(450) to the whole value of the property in which the life estate-remainder or term exists. Iowa Code section 450.51 requires that value of annuities, life or term, deferred or future estates in property be computed on the basis that the use of the property is worth a return of 4 percent per year. The life estate-remainder tables in rule 701—900.7(450) make no distinction between the life expectancy of males and females. See *City of Los Angeles v. Manhart*, 435 U.S. 702, 98 S.Ct. 1370, 55 L.Ed. 657 (1978) and *Arizona Governing Committee for Tax Deferred Annuity and Deferred Compensation Plans v. Norris*, 51 U.S. Law Week 5243, 77 L.Ed.2d 1238 (1983) for the requirement that retirement annuities must not discriminate on the basis of sex. However, the actual life expectancy of the particular person receiving the life estate is not relevant in determining the value of the life estate for inheritance tax purposes. *In re Estate of Evans*, 255 N.W.2d 99 (Iowa 1977), appeal dismissed, 434 U.S. 805, 98 S.Ct. 34, 54 L.Ed.2d 62.

**900.11(2) Single life estate and remainder.** The value of a single life estate and remainder in property is computed by first determining the value of the property as a whole. The life estate is then computed by multiplying the value of the property as a whole by the life estate factor in rule 701—900.7(450) for the age of the life tenant. The value of property remaining after the value of the life estate is subtracted is the value of the remainder interest in the property.

The computation of the value of a single life estate and remainder in property is illustrated by the following:

EXAMPLE: Decedent A, by will, devised to surviving spouse B, aged 68, a life estate in a 160-acre farm, with the remainder at B's death to niece C. Special use value and the alternate value were not elected. The 160-acre farm at the time of the decedent's death had a fair market value of \$2,000 per acre, or \$320,000.

COMPUTATION OF B's LIFE ESTATE: The life estate factor for a life tenant aged 68 under 701—900.7(450) is .43306; that is, the use of the \$320,000 for life at the statutory rate of return of 4 percent is worth 43.306 percent of the value of the farm. Niece C's remainder factor is .56694. The life estate-remainder factors when combined equal 100 percent of the value of the property. It is the age of the life tenant which governs the value of the remainder. The age of the person receiving the remainder is not relevant.

<u>Value of B's Life Estate</u>	$\$320,000 \times .43306 =$	\$138,579.20
<u>Value of C's Remainder</u>	$\$320,000 \times .56694 =$	<u>\$181,420.80</u>
Total Value		\$320,000.00

**900.11(3) Joint and succeeding life estates.** If property includable in the gross estate is subject to succeeding or joint life estates, the following general rules shall govern their valuation:

a. There can be no greater value assigned to all of the life estate interests than the value of the life estate of the youngest life tenant. The value of the life estate of the youngest life tenant fixes the value of the remainder interest in the property.

b. If two or more persons share in a life estate, the life tenants are presumed to share equally in the life estate during the life of the older life tenant, unless the will or trust instrument specifically directs that the income or use may be allocated otherwise.

c. The age of a life tenant alone determines the value of that life tenant's interest in the property. The life tenant's state of health is not relevant to valuation. *In re Estate of Evans*, 225 N.W.2d 99 (Iowa 1977), appeal dismissed, 434 U.S. 805, 98 S.Ct. 34, 54 L.Ed.62. As a result, if a succeeding life tenant

is older than the preceding life tenant, the value of the succeeding life estate is zero. These general rules can be illustrated by the following examples:

EXAMPLE 1. Decedent A, by will, devised a 160-acre farm to surviving spouse B, aged 68, for life, and upon B's death, to daughter C, aged 45, for life, and the remainder upon C's death to nephews D and E in equal shares. The 160-acre farm had a fair market value at A's death of \$320,000. Neither the alternate valuation date nor special use value was elected.

COMPUTATION OF THE SUCCEEDING LIFE ESTATES AND REMAINDER

1. <u>Value of B's Life Estate:</u>		
Life estate factor for age 68 is .43306		
$\$320,000 \times .43306 =$		\$138,579.20
2. <u>Value of C's Succeeding Life Estate</u>		
Life estate factor for age 45 is .71463		
$\$320,000 \times .71463 =$	\$228,681.60	
Less: B's life estate	<u>\$138,579.20</u>	
Value of C's life estate		\$ 90,102.40
3. <u>Value of D's 1/2 remainder</u>		
Remainder factor for a life tenant aged 45 is .28537		
as 1/2 of $\$320,000 \times .28537 =$		\$ 91,318.40
4. <u>Value of E's 1/2 remainder</u>		
1/2 of $\$320,000 \times .28537$		<u>\$ 91,318.40</u>
Total Value — life estates and remainders		\$320,000.00

NOTE: In this example, the value of C's succeeding life estate is reduced by the value of B's preceding life estate because C does not have the use of the farm during B's lifetime. The value of the remainder to D and E is fixed by the age of C, the succeeding life tenant.

EXAMPLE 2: Joint and survivorship life estates and remainder. In this example, the estate elected both the alternate valuation date and special use value. This is permitted by Federal Revenue Ruling 83-31 (1983) if the gross estate and the real estate are otherwise qualified.

Decedent A, a widow, by will devised her 240-acre Iowa farm to her nephew, B, aged 52, and the nephew's wife, C, aged 48, for their joint lives and for the life of the survivor, with the remainder to D and E in equal shares. The farm had a fair market value at death of \$2,200 per acre, or \$528,000; the alternate value of the farm six months after death was \$2,100 per acre, or \$504,000. Its special use value is \$1,000 per acre or \$240,000. The life estates and the remainder are computed on the basis of the special use value of \$240,000.

COMPUTATION OF JOINT LIFE ESTATE — REMAINDER VALUES

1. <u>B's share of joint life estate.</u>		
$\$240,000 \times .64086$ (life estate factor, age 52) =	\$153,806.40	
1/2 as B's share =		\$ 76,903.20
2. <u>C's share of joint life estate.</u>		
$\$240,000 \times .68468$ (life estate factor, age 48) =	\$164,323.20	
Less: 1/2 value of life estate for B's life	<u>\$ 76,903.20</u>	\$ 87,420.00



3. Value of the remainder.

The value of the remainder is computed by using the remainder factor at the age of the youngest life tenant. In this example, it is .31532, based on C's age of 48.

D's share of the remainder.

$\frac{1}{2} \$240,000 \times .31532 =$	\$ 37,838.40
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E's share of the remainder.

Same as D's	\$ 37,838.40
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Total value of joint life estates and the remainder	\$240,000.00
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NOTE: In this example, B and C share equally in the life use of the farm during the life of B, who is the eldest. As a result, each life tenant's share during B's life is worth \$76,903.20. Since C is younger than B, the difference between the value of the life estates for B and C is set off to C alone. The age of the youngest life tenant (C in this example) fixes the value of the remainder interest in the farm.

**900.11(4)** *Fixed sum annuity for life or for a term of years.* The value of an annuity for a fixed sum of money, either for the life of the annuitant or for a specific period of time, shall be computed by determining the present value of the future annuity payments using the 4 percent annuity tables in rule 701—900.7(450). A fixed sum annuity, either for life or for a term of years, is to be distinguished from a life estate and remainder in property. A life estate in property is the use of property, and the present value of the life use cannot exceed the value of the property in which the life estate-remainder exists, regardless of the rate of return used to determine the life estate factor. A fixed sum annuity on the other hand is different. The amount of the annuity does not necessarily bear any relationship to the earning capacity or value of the property which funds the annuity. The fixed sum annuity may be for an amount larger than the 4 percent used to compute a life estate. As a result, the present value of the fixed sum annuity, computed at the statutory rate of 4 percent per year, may exceed the value of the property which funds the fixed annuity. In this case, the present value of the future annuity payments cannot exceed the value of the property which funds the annuity. The remainder in this situation has no value for inheritance tax purposes.

This subrule is illustrated by the following examples:

EXAMPLE 1. Decedent A devises a 240-acre farm to daughter B, with the provision that B pay the sum \$5,000 per year to C for life. The farm is subject to a lien as security for the payment of the annuity. C, the annuitant, is 54 years old. The fair market value of the farm at A's death is \$2,000 per acre, or \$480,000. Neither special use value nor the alternate valuation date was elected.

COMPUTATION OF THE VALUE OF THE \$5,000 ANNUITY AND THE REMAINDER REVERSION TO B. Under rule 701—900.7(450), the 4 percent annuity factor for life at age 54 is 15.436 for each dollar of the annuity received. Therefore, C's life annuity is computed as follows:

<u>C's Annuity</u>		
$\$5,000 \times 15.436 =$		\$ 77,180
<u>B's Reversionary — Remainder Interest</u>		
Value of farm	\$480,000	
Less: C's annuity	\$ 77,180	\$402,820
Total annuity and reversion — Remainder		\$480,000

NOTE: In this example, the \$5,000 annuity is worth less than a life estate in the farm. A life estate would be worth \$273,499.20 because the use of \$480,000 at 4 percent per year would return \$19,200 per year, which is much greater than the \$5,000 annuity.

EXAMPLE 2: Decedent A, by will, directed that the sum of \$100,000 be set aside from the residuary estate to be held in trust to pay \$500 per month to B for life, and upon B's death, the remaining principal

and income, if any, are to be paid to C and D in equal shares. B, the annuitant, was 35 years old at the time of A's death.

Under rule 701—900.7(450), the annuity factor for a person 35 years of age is 19.946 for each dollar of the annuity. The annuity factor is multiplied by the annual amount of the annuity, which in this case is \$6,000 per year.

COMPUTATION OF THE PRESENT VALUE OF B's \$6,000 ANNUITY

$\$500.00 \times 12 = \$6,000 \times 19.946 = \$119,676$ , which exceeds the value of the property funding the annuity. As a result, the value for inheritance tax purposes is \$100,000, the maximum amount allowed by subrule 900.11(4). The remainder to C and D has no value for inheritance tax purposes.

**900.11(5) Valuation of remainder interests.** Iowa Code section 450.51 and rule 701—900.7(450) require the value of a remainder interest in property to be computed by subtracting the present value of the preceding life or term estate from the total value of the property in which the remainder exists. Since age or time is the controlling factor in valuing life or term estates in property, the time when the preceding life or term estate is valued is crucial for determining the value of the remainder interests in the property. Iowa Code sections 450.6, 450.44 and 450.52 provide three alternative dates for valuing a remainder, or other property interest in future possession or enjoyment, for inheritance tax purposes. Each of the three dates requires valuing the preceding life or term estate on the date selected, thus in effect, valuing the remainder interest at the same time. The value of the remainder interest is based on the value of the property on the date elected for payment. *In re Estate of Wickham*, 241 Iowa 198, 40 N.W.2d 469 (1950). The remainder or term factor in rule 701—900.7(450) which is based on the age of the life tenant, or the number of years remaining in the term on the date of payment, is then applied to the value of the property to determine the value of the remainder interest. *In re Estate of Millard*, 251 Iowa 1282, 105 N.W.2d 95 (1960). Therefore, the remainder, or other future property interest, shall be valued by the following general rules.

*a.* If the tax on a remainder or other future property interest is paid within 9 months after the decedent's death (12 months for estates of decedents dying prior to July 1, 1981), the tax is to be based on the value of the property at the time of the decedent's death (whether it is fair market value or special use value) or the alternate value, 6 months after death, if elected. The age of the life tenant at the time of the decedent's death (the youngest life tenant in case of succeeding or joint life estates), or the term of years specified in the will or trust instrument, must be used to determine the value of the life estate or term estate in computing the tax on the remainder or other future property interests.

*b.* If the tax is paid after nine months from the date of the decedent's death (one year for estates of decedents dying prior to July 1, 1981), but before the termination of the previous life or term estate, the tax on the remainder or other future property interest shall be computed on the fair market value of the property at the time of payment using the life estate or term factor based on the life tenant's age or term of years remaining at the time the tax is paid. Neither the alternate value nor special use value can be used to value the property after nine months from the date of the decedent's death.

*c.* If the tax on the remainder or other future property interest is not paid under paragraphs "a" and "b," the tax must be paid within nine months (one year for future property interests created prior to July 1, 1981) after the termination of the prior estate. In this case, the tax is based on the fair market value of the property and the life estate remainder or term factor corresponding with the time the prior estate is terminated. If the prior estate is terminated due to the death of the life tenant, or due to the expiration of the term of years, the remainder factor is 100 percent of the value of the property. If the prior estate terminates during the life of the life tenant or during the term of years, the tax is computed in the same manner as provided in paragraph "b." If the tax is not paid within nine months (one year for future property interests created prior to July 1, 1981) after the termination of the prior estate, the tax owing is delinquent and is subject to penalty and interest as provided by law. For information regarding interest rate, see 701—Chapter 10. However, in this case the value of the remainder interest is not modified to reflect any change in the fair market value of the property or the life or term estate factor that may occur due to the lapse of time between the due date of the tax and the date the tax is paid.

*d.* Iowa Code section 450.52 provides that the tax may be paid at any time on the present worth of the future property interest. The term "present worth" means the value of the future property interest at

the time the tax is paid. Therefore, if the tax on the remainder or other future property interest is not paid within nine months after the decedent’s death (one year for future property interests created prior to July 1, 1981), the estate or the beneficiary receiving the future interest cannot pay the tax on a delinquent basis using a value and a life estate or term factor which does not reflect the present worth of the future interest at the time of payment. In this situation, the tax must be computed under paragraph “b” or “c” of this subrule, whichever applies. In this respect, failure to pay the tax within nine months after the decedent’s death (one year for future property interests created prior to July 1, 1981) operates as a deferral of the tax on the future property interest. *In re Estate of Dwight E. Clapp*, Probate No. 7251, Clay County Iowa District Court, July 2, 1980.

e. If an alternative valuation date is chosen, a liability must be currently owed by the estate to be deductible.

f. Tax rates in effect at the date of the decedent’s death are the rates applicable for computation of the tax owed. *In re Estate of Wickham*, 241 Iowa 198, 40 N.W.2d 469 (1950).

These rules can be illustrated by the following examples:

For an example of computing remainder interests, see Examples 1 and 2 in subrule 900.11(3).

EXAMPLE 1: Decedent A died July 1, 2009, and, by will, devised all of her personal property to her surviving spouse, B, and her 240-acre Iowa farm to B for his life with the remainder at B’s death to two nephews, C and D, in equal shares. The surviving spouse, B, was 74 years of age when A died. The fair market value of the 240-acre farm was \$2,000 per acre, or \$480,000 on the date of A’s death. Neither the alternate valuation date nor special use value was elected by the estate. On March 15, 2010, the tax on B’s life estate was paid. The tax on the remainder to C and D was therefore deferred, to be paid no later than nine months after the death of B, the life tenant. However, on October 15, 2011, due to adverse economic circumstances, B, C, and D voluntarily sold the 240-acre farm at public auction to an unrelated person for \$2,100 per acre, or \$504,000. B’s life estate was not preserved in the sale proceeds. The tax on the remainder in this fact situation must be computed under paragraph 900.11(5) “b” when the life estate is terminated before the life tenant’s death. The sale price of the farm and the life estate remainder factor reflecting B’s age on October 15, 2011, (B’s age is now 76) control the value of the remainder.

COMPUTATION OF THE REMAINDER INTEREST OF C AND D

The remainder factor in rule 701—900.7(450) for a life tenant aged 76 is .68249.

<u>C’s ½ remainder interest</u>	½ (\$504,000 × .68249) =	\$171,987.48
<u>D’s ½ remainder interest</u>	same as C’s	<u>171,987.48</u>
Total value of remainder		\$343,974.96

NOTE: In this example, the value of C’s and D’s remainder interest in the sale proceeds is greater than the value of the remainder at the time of A’s death due to the increase in the remainder factor because of B’s increased age and the increase in the fair market value of the farm. However, if B’s life estate had been preserved in the sale proceeds, the tax could continue to be deferred on C’s and D’s remainder interest. C and D cannot be required to pay the tax on their remainder until they come into possession or enjoyment of the property.

EXAMPLE 2: Decedent A at the time of her death on July 1, 2005, owned a vested remainder in a 240-acre Iowa farm, which was subject to the life use of her mother, B, who was 87 years old when A died. A’s ownership of the remainder interest was not discovered until after life tenant B’s death on October 15, 2007. The fair market value of the farm was \$2,000 per acre or \$480,000 on July 1, 2005, and \$2,200 per acre or \$528,000 on October 15, 2007. Neither the alternate valuation date nor special use valuation can be used in this fact situation. See rule 701—900.10(450) and paragraph 900.8(4) “c.” A’s estate was reopened to include the omitted remainder in the 240-acre farm. An amended inheritance tax return was filed December 10, 2007, basing the tax on the fair market value and the remainder factor corresponding with the life tenant’s age (87) on July 1, 2005. In this fact situation, the tax on A’s remainder is not computed correctly, even if A’s estate has offered to pay a penalty and interest on the tax due. The tax must be computed on the basis of a fair market value of \$2,200 per acre and a remainder

factor of 100 percent of the value of the farm. No penalty or interest would be assessed if the correct tax is paid prior to July 15, 2008, which is nine months after the life tenant's death. The life tenant's age at death is not relevant.

**900.11(6) Valuation of contingent property interests.** Contingent remainders, succeeding life estates and other contingent property interests must be valued as if no contingency exists. Factors to be considered to determine if a contingency interest exists include, but are not limited to, the interest is generally a future interest, it is not a vested interest, and vesting of the interest depends upon the occurrence of a specific event or condition being met. As a result, subrule 900.11(5) applies equally to the valuation of vested and contingent property interests. The tax on a contingent property interest may be deferred until such time as it can be determined who will come into possession or enjoyment of the property. By deferring the tax under Iowa Code sections 450.44 to 450.49, a person does not have to speculate as to who will be the probable owner of the contingent interest. As a result, no one is required to pay tax on a property interest to which a vested right has not been received. Therefore, if a person exercises the right to pay the tax during the period of the contingency, that person cannot obtain a tax advantage by asserting that the value should be reduced due to a contingency, when the person would not be entitled to a reduction in value if the tax had been deferred until the ownership is determined.

This rule is illustrated by the following example.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMPLE: Decedent A, by will, devised a 240-acre Iowa farm to B for life and upon B's death, then to C for life and the remainder after C's death to D and E in equal shares. In this example, C's succeeding life estate is contingent upon surviving B, the first life tenant. If C elects to pay the tax on the succeeding life estate within nine months after A's death, the tax is computed according to Example 1 in subrule 900.11(3) with no discount for the contingency that C may not survive B. However, C may defer the tax to be paid no later than nine months after B's death. In this case, if C does not survive B, the succeeding life estate lapses, and D and E, who own the remainder, will come into possession or enjoyment of the 240-acre farm. No tax will be owing on the succeeding life estate because C receives nothing. D and E will owe tax on the remainder within nine months after the death of B, if the tax was not previously paid.

For another example of computing a contingent remainder interest see *In re Estate of Schnepf*, 258 Iowa 33, 138 N.W.2d 886 (1965).

**900.11(7) Valuation of growing crops owned by the decedent.** Valuation of growing crops owned by the decedent is determined by using a proration formula. Based on the formula, the cash value of the actual crop realized in the fall of the year is prorated by attributing a portion of the value to the period before death and a portion after death. The portion attributed to the period before death is the value for Iowa inheritance tax purposes. The numerator of the ratio expresses the number of days the decedent lived during the growing season. In Iowa, the growing season for corn and beans is generally considered to be from May 15 through October 15, or 153 days. This 153-day period is the denominator of the ratio. This ratio should then be multiplied by the number of bushels realized in the fall, and then multiplied by the local elevator price at the time of maturity. However, if the estate sells the crop within a reasonable time after harvest, and the sale is an "arm's-length transaction," then the sale price of the crop can be used as a fair market value basis.

EXAMPLE: The decedent grew crops consisting of corn and beans. The decedent died August 15. The decedent lived 92 days of the growing season. In the fall of the year, 2,000 bushels of corn were harvested by the estate and sold to the local elevator for \$3.10 per bushel. The value of the crop for the purpose of Iowa inheritance tax purposes is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{92}{153} \times 2,000 \text{ bushels} \times \$3.10 \text{ per bushel} = \$3,728.10$$

**900.11(8) Valuation of cash rent farm leases.** If the decedent at the time of death owns farm property that was subject to lease, or if the decedent rents such property, the value of the cash rent farm for inheritance tax purposes must be determined. The formula to be used is the total cash rent for the entire rental period prorated over the entire year. The proration percentage is the number of days the decedent

lived during the rental period, divided by 365 days. This percentage shall then be applied to the total cash rent for the entire year. Deductions from the resulting sum are allowed for rent payments made prior to the death of the decedent. If the deduction results in a negative amount, no refund or credit is allowed.

This valuation formula is to be utilized whether the decedent is the lessor or lessee of such property.

EXAMPLES: The decedent has a cash rent farm lease agreement (beginning March 1 through the end of February of the next year) with farmer X for automatic yearly rentals. The rent is due in two installments: \$10,000 on March 1 and \$10,000 on September 1.

1. Decedent dies February 1, 2011.  $\$20,000 \times 338/365 = \$18,520.55$ . Farmer X had paid his two installments in 2010. His next installment is due March 1, 2011, for the new farm rental year. Farmer X has overpaid by \$1,479.45 ( $\$18,520.55 - \$20,000 = -\$1,479.45$ ). No refund or credit is allowed.

2. Decedent dies April 20, 2011.  $\$20,000 \times 51/365 = \$2,794.52$ . Farmer X has paid his March 1 installment of \$10,000. Farmer X has overpaid by \$7,205.48 ( $\$2,794.52 - \$10,000 = -\$7,205.48$ ). No refund or credit is allowed.

3. Decedent dies October 10, 2011.  $\$20,000 \times 224/365 = \$12,273.97$ . Farmer X paid his March installment but has not paid his September installment. Farmer X has underpaid at the date of death.  $\$12,273.97 - \$10,000 = \$2,273.97$ . This amount must be reported as an asset. It is an accounts receivable due at date of decedent's death.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 450.44 to 450.49, 450.51 and 450.52. [ARC 1137C, IAB 10/30/13, effective 12/4/13; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

#### **701—900.12(450) The inheritance tax clearance.**

**900.12(1)** *In general.* The inheritance tax clearance is a written certificate of the department documenting the satisfaction of the inheritance tax obligation of the persons succeeding to the property included in the gross estate and the personal representative of the estate, and also the obligation of the qualified heir, in case special use valuation is elected under Iowa Code chapter 450B. The clearance is either in the form of a full payment tax receipt or a statement that no tax is due on the shares of the estate. Even though the department of revenue has issued an inheritance tax clearance, the tax may be subject to change as a result of any federal estate tax changes affecting the Iowa inheritance tax. Absent an agreement to the contrary, the six-month extension of the statute of limitations for assessing Iowa inheritance tax based on federal audit adjustments is limited to federal audit adjustments that directly affect Iowa inheritance tax and involve Iowa inheritance tax law that incorporates Internal Revenue Code provisions—see Iowa Code section 450.94(5) and *Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. v. Iowa State Board of Tax Review*, 414 N.W.2d 113 (Iowa 1987).

**900.12(2)** *Limitations on the clearance.* Limitations on the inheritance clearance include, but are not limited to:

*a.* If special use valuation has been elected under Iowa Code chapter 450B, a clearance certifying all inheritance tax has been paid in full, or that no inheritance tax is due, does not extend to any additional inheritance tax that may be imposed under Iowa Code section 450B.3 by reason of the early disposition or early cessation of the qualified use of the real estate specially valued. Provided, this limitation shall be null and void if:

(1) The real estate specially valued remains in qualified use for the ten-year period after the decedent's death, or

(2) There is an early disposition or early cessation of the qualified use and any additional inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450B.3 is paid in full.

*b.* The clearance does not extend to property that is not reported on the return.

*c.* The clearance does not extend to a fraudulently filed return or a return which misrepresents a material fact.

*d.* The clearance does not release an underlying tax obligation that remains unpaid, even though a clearance may release the liens imposed by Iowa Code sections 450.7 and 450B.6.

**900.12(3)** *The tax paid in full clearance.* Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1983, the distinction between full payment and partial payment clearances is abolished. For estates

of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1983, in which a tax is due, only full payment clearances will be issued. The full payment clearance will be issued only after all the tax, penalty and interest have been paid in full. Provided, if the tax has been paid in full on some, but not all of the shares in the estate, the department will, upon request, issue a full payment clearance limited to those shares on which the tax has been paid in full. The inheritance tax is a separate tax on each share of the estate and not one tax on the estate itself. *In re Estate of Stone*, 132 Iowa 136, 109 N.W. 455 (1906). However, see paragraph 900.12(2)“a” for the limitation on clearances if the estate elected the special use valuation under Iowa Code chapter 450B.

**900.12(4)** *The no tax due clearance.* If no tax is found to be due on any of the shares of the estate, the department will issue a clearance certifying that no tax is due, subject to the limitations in subrule 900.12(2).

**900.12(5)** *Clearance releases the lien.*

*a. In general.* Two inheritance tax liens have been created by statute to secure the payment of an inheritance tax. The lien created by Iowa Code section 450.7 secures the payment of the tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450.3, regardless of whether the tax is based on market value in the ordinary course of trade, the alternate value or special use value. Iowa Code section 450B.6 creates a second lien to secure the additional inheritance tax that may be due by reason of the early disposition or early cessation of the qualified use of special use valuation property.

*b. The section 450.7 lien.* Effective May 20, 1999, a ten-year statutory lien for inheritance tax on all estates is imposed regardless of whether the decedent died prior to or subsequent to July 1, 1995. A lien is imposed for the inheritance tax on all the property of the estate or owned by the decedent for a period of ten years from the date of death of the decedent, unless a remainder or deferred interest is at issue, then the statutory period for the lien may be extended beyond the ten-year limitation to accommodate the term of the interest. For exceptions and additional information, see Iowa Code section 450.7. A tax clearance releases the lien imposed by Iowa Code section 450.7 on all of the property in the gross estate that is reported on the return.

Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1984, if a tax, or additional tax, is found to be due after the issuance of an inheritance tax clearance, the lien under Iowa Code section 450.7 does not have priority against subsequent mortgages, purchases or judgment creditors, unless the department gives notice of the lien by recording the notice in the office of the recorder of the county where the estate is probated, or in the county where the property is located, if the estate has not been administered. As a result, if the department has issued an inheritance tax clearance, an examiner of real estate or personal property titles can rely on this clearance as a release of the inheritance tax lien even though additional tax may be due. This subrule only pertains to the security for the tax under the lien provisions of Iowa Code section 450.7. Other provisions for security for payment of the tax such as judgment liens, mortgages, bonds and distress warrants, are not affected by this subrule. See Iowa Code section 450B.6 and subrule 900.8(15) for the lien for additional tax on property which has been valued at its special use value.

This subrule can be illustrated by the following example:

**EXAMPLE:** Decedent A died August 15, 1994, a resident of Iowa. By will A devised a 160-acre farm to nephew B and all personal property to niece C. The net estate consisted of the farm with a fair market value of \$2,000 per acre, or \$320,000 and personal property worth \$320,000. On May 24, 1995, the inheritance tax return was filed and tax of \$88,000 (\$44,000 for each beneficiary) was paid. The department issued its unqualified inheritance tax clearance on June 13, 1995. On July 5, 1995, C pledges some corporate stock inherited from A as security for a bank loan. On August 1, 1995, additional personal property was discovered worth \$10,000 ( $\$10,000 \times 15\% = \$1,500$ ) and an amended inheritance tax return was filed without remittance. On August 15, 1995, the department filed an inheritance tax lien for the \$1,500 additional tax plus interest (no penalty was imposed because 90 percent of the tax was timely paid).

In this example, the bank's lien on the pledged corporate stock is superior to the inheritance tax lien under Iowa Code section 450.7, because at the time the stock was pledged (July 5, 1995), the department had not filed its lien for the additional tax owing. Since only C owed additional tax, B's share of the estate was not subject to the lien filed August 15, 1995.

*c. The section 450B.6 lien.* This lien has no application to estates of decedents dying prior to July 1, 1982. In estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1982, the lien only applies to the property which has been specially valued under Iowa Code chapter 450B. A clearance certifying full payment of the additional inheritance tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450B.3 releases the lien on the property which was subject to the additional tax. Since the lien imposed by Iowa Code section 450B.6 expires automatically ten years after the decedent's death on property remaining in qualified use during the ten-year period, a tax clearance is not required.

**900.12(6) Distribution of the clearance.** Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1983, only an original inheritance tax clearance will be issued by the department. The personal representative is required to designate on the return who is to receive the clearance. If the return fails to designate a recipient, the clearance will be sent to the clerk of the district court.

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Rules 701—900.9(450) to 701—900.12(450) are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A and sections 450.1 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 152, section 32, 450.7 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 151, section 45, 450.27 as amended by 1999 Iowa Acts, chapter 152, section 33, and Iowa Code sections 450.5, 450.58, 450.64, 450B.2, 450B.3, 450B.6, 633.477, and 633.479.

**701—900.13(450) No lien on the surviving spouse's share of the estate.** Effective for estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 1988, no inheritance tax lien is imposed on the share of the decedent's estate passing to the surviving spouse. In addition, effective for estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1997, no inheritance tax lien is imposed on the share of the decedent's estate passing to the decedent's parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and other lineal ascendants, children (including legally adopted children and biological children entitled to inherit under the laws of this state), grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other lineal descendants and stepchildren.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 450.7(1) and 450.12 as amended by 1997 Iowa Acts, Senate File 35.

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**701—900.14(450) Computation of shares.** The following areas of the law should be applied when computing the shares of an estate for the purpose of Iowa inheritance tax:

**900.14(1) Right to take against the will.** In the event that a decedent dies with a will, a surviving spouse may elect to take against the will and receive a statutory share in real and personal property of the decedent as designated by statute. If a surviving spouse elects to take against the will, this election nullifies gifts to the surviving spouse set forth in the decedent's will. For details regarding this election and statutory share, see Iowa Code sections 633.236 to 633.259 and *In the Matter of Campbell*, 319 N.W.2d 275, 277 (Iowa 1982).

**900.14(2) Family settlements.** Beneficiaries of an estate may contract to divide real or personal property of the estate, or both, in a manner contrary to the will of the decedent. The court of competent jurisdiction may approve the settlement contract of the beneficiaries. However, the department is not a party to the contract and is not bound to compute the shares of the estate based on the settlement contract. Instead, the department must compute the shares of the estate based upon the terms of the decedent's will, unless a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the will should be set aside. See *In re Estate of Bliven*, 236 N.W.2d 366 (Iowa 1975).

**900.14(3) Order of abatement.** Shares to be received by the beneficiaries of an estate are subject to abatement for the payment of debts, charges, federal and state estate taxes in the order as provided in Iowa Code section 633.436.

**900.14(4) Contrary order of abatement.** An order of abatement contrary to that provided in Iowa Code section 633.436 is provided by statute. For instance, if a provision of a will, trust or other testamentary instrument explicitly directs an order of abatement contrary to Iowa Code section 633.436 or a court of competent jurisdiction determines order of abatement due to a devise that would result in an order of abatement contrary to Iowa Code section 633.436, then the order of abatement indicated is to be followed. For additional information regarding contrary provisions of abatement, see Iowa Code

section 633.437. For details regarding marital share and contrary order of abatement see, *Estate of Lois C. Olin*, Docket No. 92-70-1-0437, Letter of Findings (June 1993).

**900.14(5)** “*Stepped-up*” basis. If a decedent’s will provides that taxes are to be paid from the residue of the estate and not the respective beneficial shares, a “stepped-up” basis will be utilized when computing the shares which will result in the appropriate beneficiaries’ shares to include the tax obligation that was paid as an additional inheritance. A “stepped-up” basis is based on gifts prior to the residual share; shares paid out of the residue are not stepped-up.

EXAMPLE: Decedent’s will gives \$1,000 to a nephew and directs that the inheritance tax on this bequest be paid from the residue of the estate. The stepped-up share is computed as follows:

Tax:  $\$1,000 \times 10\% = \$100$ . Divide the tax by the difference between the tax rate and 100 percent (90 percent in this example):  $\$100 \text{ divided by } 90\% = \$111.11$ . Add the stepped-up tax of \$111.11 to the original bequest of \$1,000. This results in a stepped-up share of \$1,111.11, which allows the nephew to keep \$1,000 after the tax is paid.

**900.14(6)** *Antilapse provision and the exception to the antilapse statute*. Iowa Code sections 633.273 and 633.274 set forth guidance on the allocation of property in situations in which a lapse in inheritance may occur. Iowa Code section 633.273 provides that when a devisee predeceases a testator, the issue of the devisee inherits the property, per stirpes, unless from the terms of the will, the intent is clear and explicit to the contrary. However, Iowa Code section 633.274 is an exception to Iowa Code section 633.273. If the spouse of the testator predeceases the testator, the inheritance shall lapse, unless the terms of the will clearly and explicitly provide to the contrary. For details regarding the provisions, please see the cited statutes.

**900.14(7)** *Disclaimer*. A person who is to succeed to real or personal property may refuse to take the property by executing a binding disclaimer which relates back to the date of transfer. Unless the transferor of the property has otherwise provided, disclaimed property passes as if the disclaimant has predeceased the transferor. To be valid, a disclaimer must be in writing and state the property, interest or right being disclaimed, the extent the property, right, or interest is being disclaimed, and be signed and acknowledged by the disclaimant. The disclaimer must be received by the transferor or the transferor’s fiduciary not later than nine months after the later of the date in which the property, interest or right being disclaimed was transferred or the date the disclaimant reaches 18 years of age. A disclaimer is irrevocable from the date of its receipt by the transferor or the transferor’s fiduciary. For additional details regarding disclaimers, please see Iowa Code Supplement chapter 633E.

Effective for estates with decedents dying on or after July 1, 2004, disclaimers are to be filed in compliance with the Iowa uniform disclaimer Act, Iowa Code Supplement chapter 633E. This Act sets forth new requirements for valid disclaimers. Criteria will be based on the type of property or the interest being disclaimed. General criteria for disclaimers have not changed. To be valid, a disclaimer must be in writing or be stored in electronic record or other medium that is retrievable, declare the disclaimer, describe the interest or power disclaimed, be signed by the person making the disclaimer, and be filed. A partial disclaimer may be expressed as a fraction, percentage, monetary amount, term of years, limitation of a power, or any other interest in property of the estate.

A disclaimer becomes irrevocable when it is delivered, filed, or when it becomes effective, whichever occurs later. Delivery of a disclaimer may generally be made by personal delivery, first-class mail, or any other method likely to result in its receipt. However, specific interests being disclaimed require specific means of delivery. For explicit information regarding delivery of a disclaimer based on interest being disclaimed, see Iowa Code Supplement section 633E.12.

**900.14(8)** *Right of retainer*. If a distributee of an estate is indebted to the estate, whether the decedent dies testate or intestate, the personal representative has the right to offset the distributee’s share in the estate against the amount owed to the estate by the distributee. For additional information regarding this right of offset and retainer, see Iowa Code section 633.471.

**900.14(9)** *Deferred life estates and remainder interest*.

a. A deferred estate generally occurs as the result of a decedent granting a life estate in property to one person with the remainder of the property to another. In such cases, the determination of the tax on the remainder interest to be received by the remainderman may be deferred until the determination of



the previous life estate pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.46. Tax on a remainder interest that has been deferred is valued pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.37, with no reduction based on the previous life estate. Tax due on a deferred interest must be paid before the last day of the ninth month from the date of the death of the life tenant pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.46. Penalties and interest are not imposed if the tax is paid before the last day of the ninth month from the date of the death of the life tenant. If the death of the decedent occurred before July 1, 1981, the tax due on a deferred interest must be paid before the last day of the twelfth month from the date of the death of the life tenant. Deferment may be elected due to the fact that the remainder interest is contingent and because the value of the remainder interest may be significantly altered from the time of the decedent's death until the death of the life tenant. A request for deferment may be made on a completed department form, and the completed form, with any required documentation, may be filed with the department on or before the due date of the inheritance tax return. Failure to file a completed department form requesting a deferral of tax on the remainder interest with the inheritance tax return will allow the department to provide an automatic deferral for qualifying remainder interests.

*b.* If deferral is chosen, an inheritance tax clearance cannot be issued for the estate. Expenses cannot be used to offset the value of the deferred remainder interest. Based upon Iowa Code section 450.12, deductible expenses must be expenses paid by the estate. Expenses incurred by a deferred remainder interest would not qualify based on Iowa Code section 450.12 as deductible expenses. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 450.52, the owner of a deferred remainder interest may choose to pay the tax on the present value of the remainder interest and have the lien on such an interest removed prior to the termination of the previous life estate. If early termination of the deferred remainder interest occurs, the value of the remainder interest will be reduced by the value of remaining previous life estate.

*c.* If the tax on an estate is deferred, a bond may have to be filed with the proper clerk of the district court. This bond must remain effective until the tax on the deferred estate is paid. Failure to maintain or properly renew the bond will result in the bond's being declared forfeited, and the amount collected. For additional details regarding obtaining a bond, see Iowa Code sections 450.49 and 450.50. The estate may secure payment of the deferred tax by providing other security in lieu of a bond, including but not limited to securities named in Iowa Code section 450.48(2) and securities deemed satisfactory by the department.

**900.14(10) Credit on prior transfers.** A credit is allowed for inheritance tax paid by certain beneficiaries that have received shares from a prior estate. The credit can be claimed only by the brother, sister, son-in-law and daughter-in-law of the decedent. The decedent in whose estate the credit is to be used must have died within two years of the death of the decedent in whose estate the tax for which the credit is requested was paid and the property inherited. The credit is subject to two limitations:

*a.* The maximum credit allowed cannot exceed the amount of the prior inheritance tax that was paid on the property in the prior estate. In other words, the inheritance tax the present decedent paid on the property in the prior estate must be prorated on the basis such property bears to the total property inherited in the prior estate; and

*b.* The amount of the credit cannot exceed the tax generated in the current estate on the property which was inherited from the prior estate. This means that the tax in the current estate must be apportioned on the basis the prior estate property bears to the total property inherited by the beneficiary in the second estate. The credit cannot exceed this apportioned amount.

EXAMPLE 1: *Limitation—maximum credit allowed cannot exceed the amount of the prior inheritance tax that was paid on the property in the prior estate.*

First decedent, Sister, has two siblings. Her property passes to two brothers (A and B). Her property includes:

Real estate	\$400,000
Cash, etc.	\$250,000
Expenses	\$150,000

Each brother inherits \$250,000. The tax due from each brother is \$21,375.

Brother B dies one year and two months after Sister. He leaves everything to Brother A.

Brother B's property includes:

½ interest in Sister's real estate (current value)	\$225,000
Full interest in his own real estate	\$500,000
½ interest in Sister's cash, etc.	\$ 50,000
Full interest in his own cash, etc.	\$500,000
Expenses	\$200,000

Brother A inherits \$1,075,000 with a current tax due of \$103,875. Reduce the current tax due, \$103,875, by the amount of tax paid in the prior estate, \$21,375. The result is \$82,500.

Percentage of Brother A's tax of \$103,875 generated by Sister's property included in Brother B's estate:

$$\$275,000/\$1,075,000 = 25.58\%$$

$$\$103,875 \times 25.58\% = \$26,571.23$$

Maximum credit cannot be more than the tax paid in the prior estate, \$21,375. The tax due in this estate is \$82,500.

*EXAMPLE 2: Limitation—amount of credit cannot exceed the tax generated in the current estate on the property which was inherited from the prior estate.*

First decedent, Sister, has two siblings. Her property passes to two brothers (A and B). Her property includes:

Real estate	\$400,000
Cash, etc.	\$250,000
Expenses	\$150,000

Each brother inherits \$250,000. The tax due from each brother is \$21,375.

Brother B dies one year and two months after Sister. He leaves everything to Brother A.

Brother B's property includes:

½ interest in Sister's real estate (current value)	\$225,000
Full interest in his own real estate	\$500,000
½ interest in Sister's cash, etc.	\$ 50,000
Full interest in his own cash, etc.	\$500,000
Expenses	\$200,000

Brother A inherits \$1,075,000 with a current tax due of \$103,875. Reduce the amount of the current tax due, \$103,875, by the tax paid in the prior estate, \$21,375. The result is \$82,500.

\$1,075,000 less prior estate properties worth \$275,000 equals \$800,000. Tax would equal \$76,375.

The greater of the two computations (\$82,500 v. \$76,375) is the tax due in the estate. \$82,500 would be due.

EXAMPLE 3: *Two-year requirement.* Same facts as above, except that Brother B dies two years and two months after the date of death of Sister. Tax is \$103,875 with no reduction since it is over the two-year limitation.

EXAMPLE 4: *Multiple beneficiary issues.* Same facts as above, except that beneficiaries of Brother B have changed. If there are multiple beneficiaries in the second estate, only the beneficiaries that are brother, sister, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law relationships to the prior decedent can utilize the credit. The credit is then determined by the property value passing in this estate that can be identified as being inherited by this decedent from a prior estate.

Brother B dies one year and two months after his Sister. He leaves his real estate to Brother A and the residual assets to his two nieces.

Brother B's share of prior decedent's (Sister's) estate equals \$725,000. Tax equals \$68,875. Reduce the current tax due, \$68,875, by the tax paid in the prior estate, \$21,375. The result is \$47,500.

Niece 1's share equals \$175,000. Tax equals \$22,250.

Niece 2's share equals \$175,000. Tax equals \$22,250.

Total tax for Brother B's estate with no reductions equals \$113,375.

Total tax with Brother B's reduced tax is \$92,000.

Computation without the prior decedent's (Sister's) property that passes to a qualified heir:

Brother B's share would be \$500,000. Tax equals \$46,375.

Niece 1's share remains the same since she is not a qualified heir. Tax equals \$22,250.

Niece 2's share remains the same since she is not a qualified heir. Tax equals \$22,250.

Total tax for this computation is \$90,875.

The greater of the two computations is \$92,000. \$92,000 would be due.

**900.14(11) Prorated cash bequests.** If the distribution of an estate includes pecuniary legacies with an estate with property located in and outside Iowa, or the estate includes specific bequests from a fund containing property located in and outside Iowa, then the Iowa inheritance tax liability for those legacies or bequests will be based on the pro rata portion of the property of the estate located in Iowa. For further details see *Estate of Dennis M. Billingsley*, Iowa District Court of Emmet County, Case No. 13394 (July 15, 1982).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 450 and 633E.

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**701—900.15(450) Applicability.** Any references made within Chapter 900 of these rules to Chapter 901 of these rules, “Iowa Estate Tax,” are applicable only for deaths that occurred prior to January 1, 2005.

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CHAPTER 901  
IOWA ESTATE TAX

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**701—901.1(451) Administration.**

**901.1(1) *Applicability.*** This chapter is applicable only for dates of death occurring prior to January 1, 2005.

**901.1(2) *Definitions.*** The following definitions cover 701—Chapter 901 and are in addition to the definitions contained in Iowa Code section 451.1.

“*Administrator*” means the administrator of the compliance division of the department of revenue.

“*Compliance division*” is the administrative unit of the department created by the director to administer the inheritance, estate, generation skipping transfer, and fiduciary income tax laws of the state.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of revenue.

“*Director*” means the director of revenue.

“*Tax*” means the Iowa estate tax imposed by Iowa Code chapter 451.

“*Taxpayer*” means the personal representative of the decedent’s estate as defined in Iowa Code subsection 633.3(29) and any other person or persons liable for the payment of the federal estate tax under 26 U.S.C. Section 2002.

**901.1(3) *Delegation of authority.*** The director delegates to the administrator of the compliance division, subject always to the supervision and review by the director, the authority to administer the Iowa estate tax. This delegated authority specifically includes, but is not limited to: the determination of the correct Iowa estate tax liability; making assessments against the taxpayer for additional tax due; authorizing refunds of excessive tax paid; executing releases of the tax lien; and the determination of reasonable cause for failure to file and timely pay the tax due and granting extensions of time to file the return and pay the tax due. The administrator of the compliance division may delegate the examination and audit of tax returns to the supervisors, examiners, agents and any other employees or representatives of the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.2, 421.4 and chapter 451.

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**701—901.2(451) Confidential and nonconfidential information.**

**901.2(1) *Confidential information.*** Federal tax returns, federal return information, inheritance tax returns, and the books, records, documents and accounts of any person, firm or corporation, including stock transfer books, requested to be submitted to the department for the enforcement of the Iowa estate tax law, shall be deemed and held confidential by the department, subject to public disclosure only as provided by law. See 26 U.S.C. Section 6103 pertaining to the confidentiality and disclosure of federal tax returns and federal return information. See rule 701—5.4(17A).

**901.2(2) *Information not confidential.*** Copies of wills, probate inventories, trust instruments, deeds, release of a real estate lien, and other documents which are filed for public record are not deemed confidential by the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 22, and Iowa Code chapters 450 and 451 as amended by 1992 Iowa Acts, Second Extraordinary Session, chapter 1001.

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**701—901.3(451) Tax imposed, tax returns, and tax due.**

**901.3(1) *Tax imposed and tax due.*** Iowa Code sections 451.2 and 451.8 impose a tax equal to the maximum amount of credit allowable under 26 U.S.C. Section 2011 of the Internal Revenue Code for state death taxes paid on property included in the gross estate of the decedent. The credit allowable under the federal statute is not limited to the Iowa inheritance tax imposed under Iowa Code chapter 450 on the property in the decedent’s gross estate, but also includes any other estate, legacy or succession taxes imposed by the state on the property. The Iowa estate tax qualifies as an estate tax specified in

the federal credit statute. However, the tax due and payable, as distinguished from the tax imposed, is the maximum credit allowable under 26 U.S.C. Section 2011, less the Iowa inheritance tax paid on the property included in the gross estate of the decedent.

Therefore, the Iowa estate tax due and payable is the amount which the maximum credit allowable under 26 U.S.C. Section 2011 exceeds the Iowa inheritance tax paid.

**901.3(2) *Duty of the taxpayer.*** The taxpayer does not have the option of electing on the federal estate return, to claim only the Iowa inheritance tax paid on property included in the gross estate of the decedent, or to claim the maximum credit allowed under 26 U.S.C. Section 2011 of the Internal Revenue Code. The maximum credit allowable under the federal statute must be claimed on the federal estate tax return. If the taxpayer has filed a federal estate tax return claiming an amount of credit less than the maximum credit allowable, the taxpayer has the duty to amend the federal estate tax return and claim the maximum credit allowable.

If there is a change in the amount of inheritance tax paid or in the amount of the maximum federal credit allowable for state death taxes paid (such as the result of a federal audit or an audit of the inheritance tax return) which results in an estate tax, or additional estate tax due, the taxpayer has the duty to promptly report the change to the department on an amended return, and pay the tax, or additional tax due, together with any penalty and interest. See Iowa Code section 451.8.

Effective July 1, 1998, there is no longer a requirement for safe deposit boxes to be inventoried and reported to the department prior to the delivery of the assets to the personal representative, transferee, joint owner or beneficiary.

**901.3(3) *Form of return.*** The final inheritance tax return form provided for in 701—subrule 900.2(2) shall be the return for reporting the Iowa estate tax due. The amount of the Iowa estate tax due shall be listed separately on the return from the amount of the inheritance tax shown to be due.

**901.3(4) *Liability for the tax.*** The personal representative of the decedent's estate and any person, including a trustee, in actual or constructive possession of any property included in the gross estate, have the duty to file the return with the department and pay the tax due. The shares of heirs and beneficiaries abate for the payment of the tax as provided in Iowa Code sections 633.436 and 633.437 in the same manner as they abate for the payment of the federal estate tax. See *Bergren v. Mason*, 163 N.W.2d 374 (Iowa 1968) for the proper method to abate shares to pay the federal estate tax.

Effective for estates with decedents dying on or after July 1, 1999, all the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 450 regarding liens, determination, imposition, payment, collection of inheritance tax, computation and imposition of penalty and interest upon delinquent taxes and the confidential aspects of the tax return also apply to the administration of estate tax imposed under this chapter, except to the extent that such rules may conflict with Iowa Code chapter 451 and the rules set forth in this chapter. The exceptions of the lien provisions found in Iowa Code section 450.7 do not apply to this chapter.

**901.3(5) *Computation of the tax.***

*a. Iowa decedent.* If the decedent was a resident of Iowa at the time of death and all of the property included in the gross estate has a situs in Iowa, the total amount allowable as a credit under 26 U.S.C. Section 2001 shall be the tax imposed. If part of the gross estate of an Iowa resident decedent consists of property with a situs at death in a state other than Iowa, the tax imposed shall be prorated in the ratio that the Iowa property included in the gross estate bears to the total gross estate.

EXAMPLE 1.

Decedent dies July 3, 1997, a resident of Iowa. The estate was bequeathed in full to inheritance tax-exempt children, except for a \$10,000 bequest to one niece.

Total gross assets =	\$1,200,000
Less debts and expenses (except federal estate tax)	(300,000)
Federal adjusted gross estate =	\$900,000
Federal tax computation:	
gross federal estate tax =	306,800
less 1997 unified credit	(192,800)



less credit for state death tax paid	(27,600)
Net federal estate tax due =	<u>\$86,400</u>
Iowa tax computation:	
Inheritance tax on niece's bequest	1,000
Iowa estate tax equals the federal credit for state death taxes paid	27,600
Less inheritance tax due	(1,000)
Estate tax due	<u>26,600</u>
Total Iowa tax due (1,000 + 26,600) =	\$27,600

All of the decedent's assets have a situs in Iowa; therefore, the full amount of the credit allowable for state death taxes, less the Iowa inheritance tax, is the Iowa estate tax.

For simplicity in Example 2, the values used are the same for federal and state purposes and the debts and expenses are charged to the Iowa estate, even though under Iowa Code section 450.12, certain Minnesota expenses are not deductible in computing the Iowa inheritance tax. All liabilities, except mortgages, are prorated.

#### EXAMPLE 2.

Decedent dies July 3, 1997, a resident of Iowa, owning a vacation home in Minnesota. The estate was bequeathed in full to inheritance tax-exempt children, except for a \$10,000 bequest to one niece.

Total gross assets:	
Iowa	\$950,000
Minnesota	250,000
Total	<u>1,200,000</u>
Less debts and expenses (except for federal estate taxes)	(300,000)
Federal adjusted gross estate =	<u>900,000</u>
Federal tax computation:	
gross federal estate tax =	306,800
less 1997 unified credit	(192,800)
less credit for state death tax paid	(27,600)
Net federal estate tax due =	<u>86,400</u>
Iowa tax computation:	
Inheritance tax on niece's bequest	1,000
Iowa estate tax	
Proration:	
Iowa \$950,000	
Total \$1,200,000 = 79.17%	
Iowa portion of federal credit for state death taxes paid:	
\$27,600 × 79.17% =	\$21,850.92
Less inheritance tax due	(1,000.00)
Iowa estate tax =	<u>\$20,850.92</u>
Total Iowa tax due (1,000 + 20,850.92) =	\$21,850.92

*b. Nonresident decedent.* If the gross estate of a nonresident decedent includes property with a situs in the state of Iowa, the tax imposed is the maximum amount of the federal credit for state death taxes allowable prorated on the basis the Iowa situs property in the gross estate bears to the total gross estate. For simplicity in the following two examples, it is assumed the values are the same for federal and state purposes and the debts, expenses and federal estate tax are prorated between Iowa and Arizona even though certain liabilities are not prorated under Iowa Code section 450.12.

#### EXAMPLE 1.

Decedent died a resident of Arizona on July 3, 1997. The estate was bequeathed in full to tax-exempt children.

Total gross estate:	
Iowa real estate	\$750,000
Other property	450,000
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Total gross estate:	1,200,000
Less debts and expenses (except federal estate tax)	(300,000)
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Net adjusted gross estate =	900,000
Federal tax computation:	
Gross federal estate tax =	306,800
Less 1997 unified credit	(192,800)
Less credit for state death tax paid	(27,600)
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Net federal estate tax due =	86,400
Iowa estate tax computation:	
Inheritance tax =	-0-
Iowa estate tax proration:	
Iowa gross \$750,000	
Total gross \$1,200,000 = 62.50%	
Iowa portion of federal credit for state death tax paid: $27,600 \times 62.50\%$	
Iowa estate tax =	\$17,250

#### EXAMPLE 2.

Decedent died a resident of Arizona on July 3, 1997, with the same property as set forth in Example 1. The estate consisted of four separate \$100,000 bequests to non-exempt individuals with the rest of the estate going to charity.

Iowa portion of each bequest: $\$100,000 \times 62.50\% =$	\$62,500
Tax on each bequest =	\$6,500
Total Iowa inheritance tax due: $\$6,500 \times 4 =$	\$26,000
Total estate tax due	-0-
Iowa tax due =	\$26,000

The Iowa real property is part of the residual estate from which bequests are paid. See Estate of Dennis M. Billingsley, Emmet County District Court, Case No. 13394 (July 15, 1982).

**901.3(6) Value to use.** For the purpose of computing the amount of the tax imposed in both resident and nonresident estates, the value of the property in the gross estate as determined for federal estate tax purposes, and not the value for state inheritance tax, or other state succession taxes, shall be the value on which the tax is computed.

**901.3(7) Return and payment due date.** For estates of decedents dying prior to July 1, 1986, the return shall be filed with the department and the tax due paid within 12 months after the decedent's death, unless an extension of time has been granted by the department, in which case the return shall be filed and the tax paid within the time prescribed by the extension of time. For estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1986, the return must be filed and the tax due paid on or before the last day of the ninth month after the death of the decedent, unless an extension of time has been granted, in which case the return must be filed and the tax due paid within the time prescribed by the extension of time. 701—paragraph 900.2(6) "a" and Iowa Code section 421.9A contain additional information on the due date when the last day of the ninth month following death falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

**901.3(8) Extension of time.** The extension of time form for inheritance tax provided for in 701—subrule 900.2(9) shall be the extension of time form for the Iowa estate tax. If an extension of time based on hardship is requested, evidence of such hardship is to be provided with the filing of the extension request. Unless the extension of time specifically states to the contrary, an extension of time to file the final inheritance tax return, and pay the tax due, shall also be an extension of time for the same period, to pay the Iowa estate tax. Provided, however, in no event shall the extension be for a

period of time greater than the period of time allowed for claiming the credit for state death taxes paid under 26 U.S.C. Section 2011 of the Internal Revenue Code. Provided, further, if the federal estate tax liability is paid prior to the expiration of an extension of time to pay the Iowa estate tax, the tax shall be due and payable at the time the federal estate tax is paid regardless of the extension of time period. The application for an extension of time to file the return and pay the tax must be filed with the department prior to the time the return is required to be filed and the tax paid.

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**901.3(12)** Renumbered as 701—subrule 10.90(3), IAB 1/23/91.

**901.3(13)** *Interest—during an extension of time.* During the period of an extension of time, any unpaid tax shall draw interest at the rate set forth in rule 701—10.2(421). Payments made during an extension of time shall first be credited to penalty, interest and the balance, if any, to the tax due. Estate tax is still due for estates that have deferred Iowa inheritance tax. Any outstanding tax obligation remaining after the expiration of an extension of time shall be deemed delinquent and shall be subject to penalty and draw interest at the rate set forth in rule 701—10.2(421). No discount is allowed for early payment of the tax due.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.27, 450.63, 451.2, 451.5, 451.6, 451.8, 451.12, and 1997 Iowa Acts, chapter 60, sections 1 and 2.

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**701—901.4(451) Audits, assessments and refunds.** 701—subrules 900.3(1) to 900.3(3) providing for the audit, assessment and refund of the Iowa inheritance tax shall also be the rules for the audit, assessment and refund of the Iowa estate tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 451.3, 451.6, 451.8, 451.10 and 451.12.

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**701—901.5(451) Appeals.** Rule 701—900.4(450), providing for an appeal to the director and a subsequent appeal to district court under the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act in inheritance tax disputes, shall also be the rule for appeals in Iowa estate tax disputes. See 701—Chapter 7.

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**701—901.6(451) Applicable rules.** Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, the rules found in 701—Chapter 900 apply to the administration of estate tax including, but not limited to, rules regarding statutes of limitations provided, however, that the estate tax is applicable only to deaths occurring prior to January 1, 2005.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A and section 450.94 and 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2435, section 25.

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CHAPTER 902  
GENERATION SKIPPING TRANSFER TAX

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**701—902.1(450A) Administration.**

**902.1(1) Definitions.** The following definitions cover and supplement the definitions contained in Iowa Code section 450A.1.

“*Administrator*” means the administrator of the compliance division of the department of revenue.

“*Compliance division*” is the administrative unit of the department created by the director to administer the inheritance, estate, generation skipping transfer, and fiduciary income tax laws of the state.

“*Department*” means the department of revenue.

“*Director*” means the director of revenue.

“*Direct skip*” means the same as the term is defined in Section 2612(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

“*Tax*” means the generation skipping transfer tax imposed by Iowa Code chapter 450A.

“*Taxable distribution*” means the same as the term is defined in Section 2612(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

“*Taxable termination*” means the same as the term is defined in Section 2612(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

“*Taxpayer*” means the transferee of the property subject to the generation skipping transfer in case of a taxable distribution or the trustee and the transferee in case of a taxable termination.

“*Transferor*,” “*trust*,” “*trustee*,” and “*interest*” mean the same as those respective terms are defined in Section 2652 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**902.1(2) Delegation of authority.** The director delegates to the administrator of the compliance division, subject always to the supervision and review by the director, the authority to administer the generation skipping transfer tax. This delegated authority specifically includes, but is not limited to: the determination of the correct generation skipping transfer tax liability; making assessments against the taxpayer for additional tax due; authorizing refunds of excessive tax paid; executing releases of the tax lien; and granting extensions of time to file the return and pay the tax due. The administrator of the compliance division may delegate the examination and audit of the tax returns to such supervisors, examiners, agents and any employees or representatives of the department as the administrator may designate.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 421.2 and 421.4 and chapter 450A.  
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**701—902.2(450A) Confidential and nonconfidential information.**

**902.2(1) Confidential information.** Federal tax returns, federal return information, Iowa generation skipping transfer tax returns, and the books, records, documents and accounts of any person, firm or corporation, including stock transfer books, requested to be submitted to the department for the enforcement of the generation skipping transfer tax law, shall be deemed and held confidential by the department, subject to public disclosure only as provided by law. See 26 U.S.C. Section 6103 pertaining to the confidentiality and disclosure of federal tax returns and federal return information. See rule 701—5.4(17A).

**902.2(2) Information not confidential.** Copies of wills, release of real estate liens, probate inventories, trust instruments, deeds and other documents which are filed for public record are not deemed confidential by the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 22 and 450A.  
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**701—902.3(450A) Tax imposed, tax due and tax returns.**

**902.3(1) Tax imposed—general rule.** Iowa Code section 450A.2 imposes tax equal to the maximum federal credit allowable (5 percent) under 26 U.S.C. Section 2604 of the Internal Revenue Code for state

generation skipping transfer taxes paid on property included in certain generation skipping transfers. The tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450A.2 qualifies as a generation skipping transfer tax specified in the federal credit statute. The federal credit is not available for every generation skipping transfer taxable under 26 U.S.C. Section 2601 of the Internal Revenue Code. The credit is available only on those generation skipping transfers occurring at the same time as, and as the result of, the death of an individual.

Therefore, a federal generation skipping transfer occurring at the time of a gift of property which is unrelated to the death of an individual is not eligible for the federal credit allowed by Section 2604 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**902.3(2) *Tax imposed—limitation.*** Iowa Code section 450A.14 imposes a limitation on the amount of tax imposed under Iowa Code section 450A.2. The taxpayer's total federal and state generation skipping tax liability cannot be greater than the tax payable had chapter 450A not been enacted.

**902.3(3) *Tax due—no credit for inheritance tax paid.*** Any inheritance tax paid on property included in the estate of the individual whose death is the event imposing the federal tax is not a credit against the generation skipping transfer tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450A.2, although the inheritance tax is a credit against the Iowa estate tax imposed by Iowa Code chapter 451 on this property.

Nor is the inheritance tax paid on the property in a prior estate which is now included in a taxable generation skipping transfer a credit against the tax imposed by Iowa Code section 450A.2. Therefore, the tax due is the maximum credit allowable under 26 U.S.C. Section 2604 of the Internal Revenue Code, subject to the limitation in subrule 902.3(2).

**902.3(4) *Duty of the taxpayer.*** It is the duty of the taxpayer to file the return prescribed by subrule 902.3(5) and pay the tax due within the time prescribed by law (taking into consideration any extension of time to file and pay). A copy of the federal generation skipping transfer tax return must be submitted to the department at the time the Iowa return is filed. The taxpayer shall keep books, records and accounts as are reasonably necessary to substantiate the amount of the federal tax and value of the property included in a generation skipping transfer subject to tax, and upon request the taxpayer shall furnish information to the department as may be reasonably necessary to enable the department to determine the correct tax due. It is the duty of the taxpayer to claim the maximum amount of the federal credit allowable on the federal generation skipping transfer tax return, subject to the limitation in subrule 902.3(2).

If there is a change in the amount of the maximum federal credit allowable, or the amount allowable under subrule 902.3(2), against the federal tax on a generation skipping transfer (such as a result of a federal audit or in the amount and value of the property included in a generation skipping transfer), the taxpayer has the duty to promptly report the change to the department on an amended return, and pay the tax, or additional tax due, together with any penalty and interest. See Iowa Code section 450A.11.

Effective July 1, 1998, there is no longer a requirement for safe deposit boxes to be inventoried and reported to the department prior to the delivery of the assets to the personal representative, transferee, joint owner or beneficiary.

**902.3(5) *Form and due date of the return.*** The form of the return for reporting the generation skipping tax to the department shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the director. It shall provide for such schedules of property subject to tax, deductible expenses, losses, and tax computation tables to conform as nearly as possible to the form of the federal generation skipping transfer tax return. The return must be filed with the department and the tax due paid on or before the last day of the ninth month following the death of the individual whose death is the event causing the imposition of the federal generation skipping transfer tax. If an extension of time has been granted, the return must be filed and any tax, penalty, and interest due must be paid on or before the expiration of the extension of time.

**902.3(6) *Liability for the tax.*** The transferee of property in a generation skipping transfer subject to tax is personally liable for the tax to the extent of the value of the property received determined under 26 U.S.C. Section 2624. In addition, the trustee and transferee of property in a taxable termination are personally liable for the tax attributable to such termination to the extent of the value of the property under their control. Value for the purpose of determining the extent of the liability of a transferee or trustee is determined at the time of the distribution or termination. Neither the individual's estate whose

death is the event imposing the tax, nor its personal representative, is liable for the tax imposed (unless the personal representative is also the transferee or trustee of the property subject to tax).

**902.3(7) *Situs of property.*** For the purpose of the tax imposed by Iowa Code chapter 450A, the situs of intangible personal property included in a generation skipping transfer subject to tax is the state in which the transferor was a resident at the time of death or in the case the transferor is a trustee, the residence of the trustee at the time of the imposition of the federal generation skipping transfer tax. The situs of real and tangible personal property included in a transfer subject to tax is the state in which the property is located, regardless of the transferor's or trustee's place of residence.

**902.3(8) *No reciprocity.*** Iowa Code chapter 450A makes no provision for reciprocity to prevent taxation by more than one state of intangible personal property included in a taxable generation skipping transfer. Therefore, intangible personal property attributable to an Iowa transferor or trustee which may have acquired a business situs and may be subject to tax in another state (due to the location of bank accounts, stock certificates and like instruments) is not exempt from the Iowa tax simply for the reason it is subject to tax in another jurisdiction. See *Curry v. McCanless*, 307 U.S. 357, 83 L.Ed. 1339, 59 S.Ct. 900 (1939); *State Tax Commission of Utah v. Aldrich*, 316 U.S. 174, 86 L.Ed. 1358, 62 S.Ct. 1008 (1942).

**902.3(9) *Tangible and intangible property—time of classification.*** The classification of property as tangible or intangible is determined by the law of the state of the transferor's or trustee's residence. For the purpose of determining whether an Iowa generation skipping transfer tax is due, the classification of the property as tangible or intangible shall be made at the time of the death of the individual causing the generation skipping transfer. The classification of the property in a taxable transfer at the time of the original grantor's death is not determinative of whether the transferred property will be subject to tax upon the individual's death which caused the imposition of the tax. This rule is illustrated by the following two examples:

EXAMPLE 1. A executed a will in 1996 devising an Iowa farm in trust to pay the income to his son, B, for life, and upon B's death the trust is to terminate and the corpus paid to B's children, C and D, in equal shares. If upon B's death the Iowa farm is still part of the trust assets, the value of the farm is subject to the Iowa generation skipping transfer tax regardless of the state of residence of the transferor. However, if during B's lifetime the farm is sold and the proceeds placed in the trust, the trust assets are subject to the Iowa generation skipping transfer tax only if the property had a situs in Iowa at the time of death, because at B's death the trust assets are classified as intangible personal property.

EXAMPLE 2. A, a resident of Chicago, Illinois, by will devised \$500,000 in trust to pay the income to his son B, a resident of New York, for life and upon B's death the trust is to terminate and the corpus paid to B's children, C and D, in equal shares. If during B's lifetime the trust purchases an Iowa farm and it is part of the trust assets when B dies, the value of the farm is subject to the Iowa generation skipping transfer tax. Also, if at the time of B's death the trust assets are still classified as intangible, the trust assets would be subject to the Iowa tax if the trustee was an Iowa resident at the time of death.

NOTE: In the two examples it is assumed the generation skipping transfers are in excess of the \$1 million exemption.

**902.3(10) *Computation of the tax.***

*a. In general.* The Iowa generation skipping tax is the maximum credit allowed by 26 U.S.C. Section 2604 against the amount of the federal generation skipping transfer tax. The maximum federal credit is 5 percent of the federal tax imposed on the transfer. In this respect, it differs from the federal credit for state death taxes paid under 26 U.S.C. Section 2011 which is a graduated percentage of the value of the property included in the federal adjusted taxable estate. As a result, the valuation of the property included in a generation skipping transfer is only relevant for computing the Iowa generation skipping transfer tax when it is used as the basis for prorating the federal generation skipping transfer tax, when the property subject to the generation skipping transfer tax has a situs in more than one state.

*b. Computation of the tax—situs in more than one state.* When part of the property included in a generation skipping transfer which is eligible for the credit for state generation skipping transfer tax has situs in Iowa and part in another state or states, the maximum federal credit which is allowed under 26 U.S.C. Section 2604 must be prorated among the states where the property has a situs. In this event, the

Iowa generation skipping transfer tax is computed by multiplying the federal tax on the entire transfer by the 5 percent maximum federal credit allowable. This amount is then multiplied by a fraction of which the value of the Iowa property is the numerator and the value of the total generation skipping transfer is the denominator. The resulting amount is the Iowa generation skipping transfer tax. The fact that other states where part of the property has a situs do not have a generation skipping transfer tax, or the state tax is a lesser percentage than the maximum federal credit allowable (5 percent), is not relevant to the computation of the Iowa tax.

This subrule can be illustrated by the following:

EXAMPLE. A generation skipping transfer occurs in an Illinois trust in 1996 by reason of the death of A. The property in the generation skipping transfer consists of \$650,000 in stocks and bonds and an Iowa farm worth \$240,000, for a total generation skipping transfer of \$890,000. Assuming the lifetime exemption does not apply, the federal generation skipping transfer tax is 55 percent of \$890,000, or \$489,500. The maximum federal credit allowable is 5 percent of \$489,500, or \$24,475. The Iowa portion of the maximum federal credit is:

$$\frac{\text{Iowa prop. } \$240,000}{\text{Total prop. } \$890,000} \times \$24,475 = \$6,600 \text{ which is the Iowa tax.}$$

In this example, the result would not change if Illinois did not have a generation skipping transfer tax or if its tax were a smaller percentage than the maximum 5 percent credit allowed by the federal statute.

**902.3(11) Value to use.** For the purpose of computing the amount of the tax imposed on generation skipping transfers when the property has a situs in Iowa and another state or states, the value of the transferred property as determined for federal generation skipping transfer tax purposes shall be the value on which the tax is prorated.

**902.3(12) Extension of time.** In the case of hardship, which is a factual determination made on a case-by-case basis, the director may grant an extension of time to file the return and pay the tax due for a period not to exceed ten years after the death of the individual whose death is the event causing the imposition of the federal generation skipping transfer tax. Provided, however, in no event shall the extension be for a period of time greater than the period of time allowed for claiming the credit allowed for state generation skipping transfer tax paid, allowable under 26 U.S.C. Section 2662. If the federal generation skipping transfer tax liability is paid prior to the expiration of an extension of time to pay the Iowa generation skipping transfer tax, the tax shall be due and payable at the time the federal generation skipping transfer tax is paid regardless of the extension of time period. The application for an extension of time to file the return and pay the tax due shall be in a form as the director may prescribe and must be filed with the department prior to the time the return is required to be filed and the tax due paid.

**902.3(13) Discount.** No discount is allowed for early payment of the tax due.

**902.3(14) Penalties.** See rule 701—10.6(421) for the calculation of penalty for deaths occurring on or after January 1, 1991.

**902.3(15) Interest on tax due.** All tax which has not been paid on or before the last day of the ninth month following the death of the individual whose death is the event imposing the federal generation skipping transfer tax draws interest at the rate prescribed by Iowa Code section 421.7, to be computed on a monthly basis with each fraction of a month counted as a full month. See rule 701—10.2(421) for the interest rate to use for a specific calendar year. Interest applies equally to tax that is delinquent and tax that is due under an extension of time to pay.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 450A.2 to 450A.5 and 450A.8 to 450A.14. [ARC 7761B, IAB 5/6/09, effective 6/10/09; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/2/22; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 10/18/23]

**701—902.4(450A) Audits, assessments and refunds.** 701—subrules 900.3(1) to 900.3(3) providing for the audit, assessment and refund of the Iowa inheritance tax shall also be the rules for the audit, assessment and refund of the Iowa generation skipping transfer tax.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 450A.2, 450A.4, 450A.5, 450A.8 to 450A.12 and 450A.14.

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**701—902.5(450A) Appeals.** Rule 701—900.4(450A) providing for an appeal to the director and a subsequent appeal to district court under the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act in inheritance tax disputes shall also be the rule for appeals in Iowa generation skipping transfer tax disputes. See 701—Chapter 7.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A and sections 450.94 and 450A.12.  
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**701—902.6(450A) Generation skipping transfers prior to Public Law 99-514.** Public Law 99-514 repealed the federal generation skipping transfer tax retroactive to June 11, 1976, and provided for a refund of any federal generation skipping transfer tax that had been paid. As a result of this federal statute there is no Iowa generation skipping transfer tax on those transfers which are exempted from the federal tax under Public Law 99-514.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 450A and 1988 Iowa Acts, chapter 1028.  
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**701—902.7(421) Applicability.** This chapter is applicable only for dates of death occurring prior to January 1, 2005.

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