

CHAPTER 59  
DETERMINATION OF NET INCOME  
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**701—59.1(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—59.2(422) to 701—59.13(422). The remaining provisions of this rule and rules 701—59.14(422) to 701—59.24(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.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.35.

**701—59.2(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:

**59.2(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.

**59.2(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.

**59.2(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 59.2(1) and 59.2(2).

*a.* After making the adjustments to federal taxable income as provided in subrules 59.2(1) and 59.2(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—59.25(422) to 701—59.29(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—59.2(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—59.2(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—59.2(422), shall be carried forward 20 taxable years. The net operating loss cannot be carried back to a previous tax year.

**59.2(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.

**59.2(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.

**59.2(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—59.3(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.

**701—59.4(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—59.5(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.

**701—59.6(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.

**701—59.7(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.

**701—59.8(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 59.8(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 53.11(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.

**59.8(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.

**59.8(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.

**59.8(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.

**59.8(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.

**59.8(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.

**59.8(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.

**59.8(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.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 16.1 and 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 422.35 as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2247.  
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**701—59.9(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.

**701—59.10(422) Like-kind exchanges of personal property completed after December 31, 2017, but before tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020.**

**59.10(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.

**59.10(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 59.10(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.

**59.10(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 59.10(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—59.23(422) for requirements related to the disallowance of additional first-year depreciation for Iowa franchise tax purposes. See rule 701—59.24(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—59.23(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 59.24(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—59.24(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—59.11(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.

**701—59.12(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.

**701—59.13(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.

**701—59.14(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.

**701—59.15(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).

**701—59.16(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.

**701—59.17(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—58.13(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—59.18(422) Depreciation of speculative shell buildings.**

**59.18(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.

**59.18(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.

**59.18(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.

**701—59.19(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.

**701—59.20(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.

**59.20(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.

**59.20(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.

**59.20(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.

**701—59.21(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.

**701—59.22(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.

**701—59.23(422) Additional first-year depreciation allowance.**

**59.23(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.

**59.23(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—subrule 40.60(2), paragraph “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.

**59.23(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—53.22(422) for examples illustrating how this rule is applied.

**59.23(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.

**59.23(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 53.22(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—59.24(422) Section 179 expensing.**

**59.24(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.

##### **59.24(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—40.65(422) for the section 179 rules applicable to individuals

and other noncorporate entities, and see rule 701—53.23(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				
	Federal		Iowa	
Tax Year	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 59.24(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 59.24(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 59.24(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 40.65(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 59.24(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 59.24(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 59.24(2)“e,” or in subrule 59.24(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.

**59.24(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 59.24(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—40.65(422) for rules applicable to individuals and other noncorporate entities, and see rule 701—53.23(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 59.24(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 59.24(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 59.24(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—59.25(422) Basis of franchise tax.** Iowa Code section 422.60 imposes a franchise tax on financial institutions (as defined in 701—subrule 57.1(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.

**59.25(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.

**59.25(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.

#### **701—59.26(422) Allocation and apportionment.**

**59.26(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.

**59.26(2)** Application of related expense to nonbusiness income. Subrule 59.26(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.

**701—59.27(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.

**59.27(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.

**59.27(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.

**701—59.28(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.

**59.28(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.

**59.28(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—59.29(422) Allocation and apportionment of income in special cases.** If a taxpayer feels that the allocation and apportionment method as prescribed by rule 701—59.28(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—59.28(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—59.28(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—7.8(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—59.30(422) Broadband infrastructure grant exemption.**

**59.30(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.

#### **59.30(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.

**59.30(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—59.31(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 59.31(2)), when Iowa did not conform to the limitation; tax year 2019 (subrule 59.31(3)), when Iowa did conform to the limitation; and tax years 2020 and later (subrule 59.31(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.

**59.31(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.

**59.31(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 59.31(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 40.85(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.

**59.31(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 59.31(2)“a” (in general), subparagraph 59.31(2)“b”(1) (Iowa partnerships and S corporations), or numbered paragraph 59.31(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 59.31(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.

**59.31(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 59.31(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.

**59.31(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 40.85(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 40.85(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).

**59.31(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—53.29(422). See also Treas. Reg. Section 1.163(j)-6(1) for more information about the application of IRC Section 163(j) to S corporations for federal purposes.

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