

701—404.3(422) Filing requirements. A composite return may be allowed or required to be filed based upon the following:

1. The composite return must include all nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries unless the taxpayer can demonstrate which nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries are filing separate income tax returns because the partner, shareholder, employee or beneficiary has Iowa source income other than that which may be reported on a separate composite return, or has elected to file an Iowa individual income tax return. Nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries shall not be included in a composite return if the nonresident has less than the minimum statutory filing amount. For example, for 2006 the minimum income from Iowa sources before a nonresident is required to file an Iowa individual income tax return is \$1,000 of income attributed to Iowa sources as determined by applying the allocation and apportionment provisions of 701—Chapter 503 to the nonresident's prorated share of the entity's income. In addition, nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries shall not be included in a composite return if the nonresident does not have more income from Iowa sources than the amount of one standard deduction for a single taxpayer plus an amount of income necessary to create a tax liability at the effective tax rate on the composite return sufficient to offset one personal exemption. For example, for 2006 a standard deduction for a single individual is \$1,650 and at the maximum tax rate of 8.98 percent, \$445 of taxable income is required to offset the \$40 personal exemption. This equates to \$2,095 (\$445 plus \$1,650) of income attributable to Iowa sources that would be required to be included in a composite return. The taxpayer must include a list of all nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries who are filing separate income tax returns. The list must also include the address and social security number or federal identification number of the nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries. Filing a composite return is an election which may not be withdrawn after the due date of the return (considering any extension of time to file), but the nonresidents may, as an individual or as a group, withdraw their election at any time prior to the due date (considering any extension of time to file).

2. Income of partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries whose state of residence is not known by the taxpayer must be included in the composite return.

3. Income of partners in publicly traded limited partnerships held in street names by brokers must be included in the composite return unless the taxpayer can demonstrate that the partner is an Iowa resident.

4. A taxpayer who elects to file a composite return shall continue to file composite returns unless the taxpayer notifies the department in writing that the taxpayer wishes to discontinue filing composite returns. The notice shall be filed with the Iowa Department of Revenue, Examination Section, Compliance Division, P.O. Box 10456, Des Moines, Iowa 50306, before the due date of the return for the tax year for which the change in filing is to be made.

A taxpayer who was required to file a composite return for the immediately preceding taxable year is required to file a composite return unless permission is given to discontinue filing a composite return.

5. Each nonresident partner, shareholder, employee, or beneficiary whose income is included in the composite return must have the same tax year, which must be the tax year of the majority of the nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries. Those nonresident partners, shareholders, employees, or beneficiaries who are not included in the composite return must file separate individual income tax returns.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.13.

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