

**701—54.6 (422) Apportionment of income derived from business other than the manufacture or sale of tangible personal property.** Income derived from business other than the manufacture or sale of tangible personal property shall be attributed to Iowa in the proportion which the Iowa gross receipts bear to the total gross receipts. Gross receipts are includable in the numerator of the apportionment factor in the proportion which the recipient of the service receives benefit of the service in this state.

**54.6(1)** Services other than those set forth in subrules 54.6(3) to 54.6(5) and rule 701—54.7(422). With respect to a specific contract or item of income, all gross receipts from the performance of services are includable in the numerator of the apportionment factor if the recipient of the service receives all of the benefit of the service in Iowa. If the recipient of the service receives some of the benefit of the service in Iowa with respect to a specific contract or item of income, the gross receipts are includable in the numerator of the apportionment factor in proportion to the extent the recipient receives benefit of the service in Iowa.

The following are noninclusive examples of the application of this subrule.

*a.* A real estate development firm from State A is developing a tract of land in Iowa. The real estate development firm from State A engages a surveying company from State B to survey the tract of land in Iowa. The survey work is completed and the plats are drawn in Iowa. The gross receipts from this survey work are attributable to Iowa and included in the numerator of the apportionment factor because the recipient of the service received all of the benefits of the service in Iowa.

*b.* A corporation headquartered in State Y is building an office complex in Iowa. The corporation from State Y contracts with an engineering firm from State X to oversee construction of the buildings on the site. The engineering firm performs some of their service in Iowa at the building site and also some of their service in State X. The gross receipts from the engineering service are attributable to Iowa and included in the numerator of the apportionment factor because the recipient of the service received all of the benefit of the service in Iowa.

*c.* A corporation from State A contracts with a computer software company from State D to develop and install a custom software application in a business office in Iowa of the company from State A. The software firm does consulting work on the project in State A and in Iowa. The software development is done in State D and in Iowa. The software package is delivered to the corporation from State A in Iowa. The gross receipts from the software development are attributable to Iowa and included in the numerator of the apportionment factor because the recipient of the service received all of the benefit of the service in Iowa.

*d.* A corporation located in Iowa performs direct mail activities for a customer located in State X. The direct mail activities include the preparation and mailing of materials to households located throughout the United States. The corporation located in Iowa performed some activities related to the direct mail contract in State X. One percent of the direct mailings went to addresses within Iowa. One percent of the gross receipts related to this direct mail contract are attributable to Iowa and included in the numerator of the apportionment factor because the recipient of the service received the 1 percent of the benefit of the service in Iowa.

*e.* A corporation located in State A performs direct mail activities for a customer located in State X. The corporation has nexus with Iowa due to other activities of the unitary business. The direct mail activities include the preparation and mailing of materials to households throughout the United States. The corporation located in State A printed and mailed the direct mail materials to households on a mailing list prepared by the direct mailing company in State A. Five percent of the direct mailings went to addresses within Iowa. Five percent of the gross receipts related to this direct mail contract are attributable to Iowa and included in the numerator of the apportionment factor.

*f.* A company which owns apartments in Iowa and State A contracts with a pest control corporation for pest control activities. One contract is entered into which covers 100 apartment units in Iowa and 400 apartment units in State A. Twenty percent (100/500) of the gross receipts from the pest control contract are attributable to Iowa and are included in the numerator of the apportionment factor as 20 percent of the apartment units are located in Iowa and in the absence of more accurate records, it

is presumed that the number of apartment units is the best measure of the extent the recipient of the service received benefit of the service in Iowa.

If a taxpayer does not believe that the method of apportionment set forth in this subrule reasonably attributes income to business activities within Iowa, the taxpayer may request the use of an alternative method of apportionment. The request must be filed at least 60 days before the due date of the return, considering any extensions of time to file, in which the taxpayer wishes to use an alternative method of apportionment. The request should be filed with Taxpayer Services and Policy Division, P.O. Box 10457, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0457. The taxpayer must set forth in detail the extent of the taxpayer's business operations within and without the state, along with the reasons why the apportionment method set forth in this subrule is inappropriate. In addition, the taxpayer must set forth a proposed method of apportionment and the reasons why the proposed method of apportionment more reasonably attributes income to business activities in Iowa.

If the department agrees that the proposed method of apportionment more reasonably attributes income to business activities in Iowa, the taxpayer may continue to use the proposed method of apportionment until the taxpayer's factual situation changes or the department prospectively informs the taxpayer that the method of apportionment may no longer be used.

If the taxpayer's factual situation changes and under the new factual situation the taxpayer still believes that the method of apportionment set forth in this subrule still is not appropriate, then the taxpayer must submit a new request for the use of an alternative method of apportionment.

If the taxpayer disagrees with the determination of the department, the taxpayer may file a protest within 60 days of the date of the letter setting forth the department's determination and the reasons therefor in accordance with rule 701—7.41(17A). The department's determination letter shall set forth the taxpayer's rights to protest the department's determination.

**54.6(2)** If the business activity consists of providing services, such as the operation of an advertising agency, or the performance of equipment service contracts, research and development contracts, "sales" includes the gross receipts from the performance of such services including fees, commission, and similar items.

In the case of cost plus fixed fee contracts, such as the operation of a government-owned plant for a fee, gross receipts include the entire reimbursed cost, plus the fee.

**54.6(3)** Business income of a financial organization, excepting a financial institution exempted from the corporation income tax under Iowa Code section 422.34(1) attributable to Iowa shall be:

*a.* In the case of taxable income of a taxpayer whose income-producing activities are confined solely to this state, the entire net income of such taxpayer.

*b.* In the case of taxable income of a taxpayer who conducts income-producing activities as a financial organization partially within and partially without this state, that portion of its net income as its gross business in this state is to its gross business everywhere during the period covered by its return, which portion shall be determined as the sum of:

(1) Fees, commission or other compensation for financial services rendered for a customer located in this state or an account maintained within this state;

(2) Gross profits from trading in stocks, bonds or other securities rendered for a customer located within this state;

(3) Interest income from a loan on real property located in this state. Interest and other receipts from assets in the nature of loans and installment obligations if the borrower is located within this state. Other fees and other miscellaneous earnings if connected with loans to borrowers within this state;

(4) Interest charged to customers within this state or to accounts maintained within this state for carrying debit balances of margin accounts, without deduction of any costs incurred in carrying such accounts;

(5) Interest, lease payments, or other receipts from financing leases, installment sales contracts, leases or other financing instruments received from customers within this state; and

(6) Any other gross income resulting from the operation as a financial organization within this state.

A “financial organization” means any finance company or investment company doing business in Iowa. A finance company includes any consumer finance company, sales finance company, or commercial finance company making loans to individuals and businesses. An investment company includes a company primarily engaged in the business of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding or trading in securities.

**54.6(4)** Net business income of construction contractors shall be attributed to Iowa in the proportion which Iowa gross receipts bear to total gross receipts. Iowa gross receipts are those gross receipts from contracts performed in Iowa.

**54.6(5)** A corporation’s distributive share of net income or loss from a joint venture, limited liability company, or partnership is subject to apportionment within and without the state. If the income of the partnership, limited liability company, or joint venture is received in connection with the taxpayer’s regular trade or business operations, the partnership, limited liability company, or joint venture income shall be apportioned within and without Iowa on the basis of the taxpayer’s business activity ratio. The corporation’s distributive share of the gross receipts of the partnership, limited liability company, or joint venture shall be included in the computation of the business activity ratio in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

EXAMPLE 1: A, a corporation with a commercial domicile in State X, is engaged in business within and without Iowa whereby A sells tangible personal property. A also has an interest in a limited partnership whose business is conducted within and without Iowa. Five percent of the limited partnership’s gross receipts are derived from the sale of tangible personal property to Iowa purchasers and 95 percent are derived from sales and deliveries to purchasers outside of Iowa. A will include 5 percent of its distributive share of the gross receipts of the partnership in the numerator along with A’s destination Iowa sales in calculating its business activity ratio. A will include 100 percent of its distributive share of the gross receipts in the denominator along with A’s total sales in calculating its business activity ratio.

EXAMPLE 2: B, a corporation with a commercial domicile in State X, has no physical presence in the state of Iowa. B’s only contact with Iowa is B’s interest in a limited partnership whose business is conducted within and without Iowa. Ten percent of the limited partnership’s gross receipts are derived from the sale of tangible personal property to Iowa purchasers and 90 percent are derived from sales and deliveries to purchasers outside of Iowa. B will include 10 percent of its distributive share of the gross receipts of the partnership in the numerator in calculating its business activity ratio. B will include 100 percent of its distributive share of the gross receipts in the denominator along with B’s total sales in calculating its business activity ratio.

**54.6(6)** Gross receipts from rent or royalties or other fees received for the use of real property are attributable to this state if the real property is located in this state.

Gross receipts from rent, royalties, license fees, or other fees received for the use of tangible personal property are attributable to this state to the extent that the property is utilized in this state. The extent of utilization of tangible personal property in this state is determined by multiplying the rents, royalties, license fees or other fees by a fraction, the numerator of which is number of days or other measure of physical location of the property in the state during the rental period in the taxable year and the denominator of which is the number of days or other measure of physical location of the property everywhere during all rental periods in the taxable year. If the physical location of property during the rental period is unknown or not ascertainable by the taxpayer, tangible personal property is utilized in the state in which the property was located at the time the rental payer obtained possession.

An example of another measure of physical location of property is where a lessee of transportation equipment is required to report to the lessor miles traveled by state.

*a.* A lessee takes possession of a rental car in this state. Six days later after driving 1,500 miles, the rental car is returned to the lessor in this state. Absent evidence to the contrary, the rental receipts are attributable to this state.

*b.* A lessee takes possession of a rental car in this state. Six days later after driving 1,500 miles, the rental car is returned to the lessor in an adjacent state. Absent evidence to the contrary, it is assumed that 50 percent of the rental receipts are attributable to this state.

*c.* A lessee takes possession of a rental semi-truck in another state. The lessee is required to maintain mileage records by state for purposes of special fuel tax. The lessee provides copies of these records to the lessor. The lessor must use these records to determine the portion of the rental receipts that are attributable to this state.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 422.33(1).

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