

701—49.3(422) Estimated tax for nonresidents.

49.3(1) General rule. Except as noted in 49.3(2), payers of Iowa income to nonresidents of Iowa are required to withhold Iowa income tax and to remit the tax to the department. See rule 701—46.4(422) for withholding on payments to nonresidents.

49.3(2) Estimate payments in lieu of withholding. Nonresidents who prefer to pay estimated tax in lieu of having state income tax withheld by a state withholding agent must obtain a certificate or release from withholding. The nonresident estimated tax form must be accompanied by full payment and must include a list of the name(s) and address(es) of any tenant or farm manager, or cooperative elevator, or other Iowa agent or payer from which the taxpayer anticipates receiving income. The total gross income anticipated for the year must also be shown on the nonresident estimated tax form.

After the department's receipt of and approval of the completed nonresident estimate tax form with the full payment of the tax shown due on the form, the certificate of release from withholding will be forwarded to the withholding agent or payer designated on the form. Since the nonresident estimate form is filed for the purpose of obtaining a release from withholding, the form must be filed prior to the time of the transactions which would subject the taxpayer to the state withholding tax requirements. The nonresident estimate tax form and payment should be mailed to Estimate Processing, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10466, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

49.3(3) Example. Nonresident estimated tax payments may be illustrated with the following example:

A nonresident individual owns a farm in Iowa which is operated by a farm manager. For tax purposes the farm manager is considered to be the Iowa withholding agent when distributing proceeds from the farm to the nonresident. A crop is sold through the local farm cooperative elevator and a check is issued to the farm manager, who then sends the check to the nonresident. Before doing so, Iowa income taxes must be withheld from the gross proceeds and remitted to the Iowa department of revenue for deposit and credit to the income tax liability of the nonresident, unless the farm manager has possession of a certificate of release from withholding issued by the department of revenue. In the event that the farm cooperative elevator sends the check for payment of the crops directly to the nonresident, the cooperative becomes the withholding agent.

49.3(4) Election by withholding agents to make estimated payments on behalf of nonresident taxpayers with net incomes from agricultural commodities or products. Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1989, withholding agents such as farm management companies can elect to make estimate tax payments on behalf of nonresidents for net incomes that the nonresidents will have for the tax year from sales of agricultural commodities or products. If the withholding agent elects to make the estimate tax payments for the nonresident taxpayers, the estimate tax payments should be submitted to the department of revenue on or before the last day of the first month after the end of the tax year of the nonresidents. The estimate payments should be sent with Form IA 1040ES (45-002) and mailed to: Estimate Processing, Iowa Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 10466, Des Moines, Iowa 50306. Net income from agricultural commodities or products means net incomes from those agricultural commodities or products described in paragraph "a" of 701—subrule 46.4(6). If the estimate tax payments made on behalf of the nonresident taxpayers by the withholding agents are not sufficient to pay the Iowa income taxes on the net incomes of the nonresidents from the agricultural commodities or products, the nonresidents may be subject to penalties for underpayment of estimated taxes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.16 and 422.17.