

701—308.6(422) Penalty—underpayment of estimated tax. The civil penalty provided by the Internal Revenue Code for underpayment of federal estimated tax also applies to persons required to make payments of estimated tax under provisions of the Iowa Code. The Iowa penalty for underpayment of estimated tax is computed on Form IA 2210 for individual taxpayers other than farmers and fishers and Form IA 2210F for individuals who have two-thirds of their gross annual incomes from farming or fishing activities.

308.6(1) Exceptions which may avoid the underpayment penalty. The following are the two exceptions under which taxpayers may avoid the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax:

a. Current year payments equal or exceed prior year's liability. Taxpayers may avoid the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax if the estimated tax payments and other tax payments for the current tax year, such as withholding tax, are equal to or exceed the tax liability for the prior tax year. The prior tax year must cover a 12-month period and there must have been a tax liability on the return for the prior year. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the requirement that the return for the prior tax year must have had a tax liability is eliminated although the return must have covered a 12-month period.

b. Current year payments equal or exceed 80 percent, or 90 percent for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, of the tax on the taxpayer's annualized income. Taxpayers may also avoid the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax, if their tax payments for the tax year are equal to or exceed 80 percent of the tax on the taxpayer's annualized income for periods from the first of the tax year to the end of the month preceding the month in which an installment of estimated tax is due. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, taxpayers may avoid the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax if their tax payments for the tax year are equal to or exceed 90 percent of the tax on the taxpayer's annualized income.

308.6(2) Waiver of penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. The following are two situations under which the penalty for underpayment of estimated tax may be waived for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1986:

a. The underpayment was due to casualty, disaster, or other unusual circumstances and imposition of the penalty would be against equity and good conscience.

b. The underpayment was made by an individual who retired after having attained age 62, or who became disabled in the tax year for which the estimated payment was due or in the preceding tax year, and the underpayment was due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.16.

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