

## Chapter Tax 2

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**Tax 2.01 Residence.** (s. 71.01, Stats.) (1) The residence of a wife is that of her husband unless there is affirmative evidence to the contrary or unless the husband and wife are permanently separated. The residence of a minor child, unless emancipated, is that of its father, or of the mother, if the father is deceased.

(2) Individuals claiming a change of residence (domicile) from Wisconsin to another state shall file a "declaration of residence" with the Central Audit section of the Department of Revenue by delivery to 4638 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin, or by mailing to P. O. Box 8906, Madison, Wisconsin 53708, and shall furnish such other information as the department may require.

**History:** 1-2-66; r. (1); renum. (2) to be (1); renum. (3) to be (2) and am., Register, September, 1964, No. 105, eff. 10-1-64. am. Register, February, 1975, No. 230, eff. 3-1-75.

**Tax 2.02 Reciprocity.** (s. 71.03(2) (c), Stats.) (1) **GENERAL.** (a) In this rule, "residence" and "resident" are synonymous with "domicile" and "domiciliary", respectively, except when referring to the reciprocity agreement with Illinois. A person may be a resident of Illinois while domiciled in Wisconsin or a person may be domiciled in Illinois but not be a resident of Illinois. The Illinois Income Tax Act defines a resident as "an individual (i) who is in this state for other than a temporary or transitory purpose during the taxable year; or (ii) who is domiciled in this state but is absent from the state for a temporary or transitory purpose during the taxable year".

(b) Income earned by a nonresident individual for performing personal services in Wisconsin shall be excluded from Wisconsin gross income to the extent the individual's state of residence imposes an income tax on such personal service income if that state allows:

1. A similar exclusion for personal service income earned by individuals domiciled in Wisconsin while working in that state; or
2. A credit against the tax imposed by that state on the personal service income equal to the Wisconsin tax on such income.

(c) A Wisconsin employer of a nonresident individual residing in a state with which Wisconsin has a reciprocity agreement need not withhold Wisconsin income tax from personal service income earned in Wisconsin by such nonresidents.

(2) **PERSONAL SERVICE INCOME DEFINED.** Income from personal services includes all salaries, wages, commissions and fees earned by an employe

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and all commissions and fees earned by a self-employed person in the conduct of a profession or vocation. Income from personal services does not include income derived from activities involving the substantial use of capital or labor of others.

(3) **CURRENT RECIPROCITY.** (a) Wisconsin currently practices some form of income tax reciprocity with Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan and Minnesota. Formal agreements have been signed with Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan and Minnesota. Reciprocity with Indiana and Maryland is based on informal agreements and acquiescence by both states.

(b) Wisconsin's formal reciprocity agreements are effective for the following years:

1. Kentucky: for the years beginning on and after January 1, 1961.
2. Illinois: for the years beginning on and after January 1, 1971.
3. Michigan: for income earned after October 1, 1967 and years beginning on or after January 1, 1968.
4. Minnesota: for the years beginning on and after January 1, 1968.

(e) The informal agreements with Indiana and Maryland have been in effect since prior to 1960.

(4) **EFFECT OF RECIPROCITY.** (a) Personal service income included under reciprocity agreements shall be taxed by an employe's state of residence rather than by an employe's state of employment. Wisconsin shall not tax personal service income earned in Wisconsin by a resident of states with which Wisconsin has reciprocity and such states shall not tax personal service income which a Wisconsin resident earns in their states, except as described in subs. (5) and (6).

(b) An employer need only withhold income tax for the state of residence of an employe. However, federal law regulates withholding on wages earned by employes engaged in interstate transportation activities. (Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Wisconsin department of revenue, compliance section, P.O. Box 8902, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

(5) **PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS.** (a) The reciprocity agreement with Illinois is limited to "wages, salaries, commissions, and any other form of remuneration paid to *employes* for personal services" (emphasis added). The agreement does not extend to fees of lawyers, accountants and other self-employed persons deriving personal service income.

(b) The agreement does not apply to compensation paid on or after January 1, 1974 to any individual who, at the time of payment, is simultaneously a resident of Illinois and a domiciliary of Wisconsin. All income of such a person is taxable by Wisconsin. However, a credit may be claimed for income tax paid to Illinois on personal service income earned outside Wisconsin.

(c) An individual who is domiciled in Illinois but is not a resident of Illinois is subject to the Wisconsin income tax on income earned in Wisconsin.

(6) **PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT WITH MICHIGAN.** The reciprocity agreement with Michigan is limited to income from "personal services, including salaries, wages or commissions". The agreement does not include income which Michigan considers to be "business income", such as fees of self-employed persons such as professionals.

(7) **PROCEDURE FOR NONRESIDENTS.** Nonresident persons employed in Wisconsin and residing in a state with which Wisconsin has reciprocity may file Form W-220 ("Nonresident Employee's Withholding Reciprocity Declaration") with their Wisconsin employers. Upon receipt of this form, Wisconsin employers shall not withhold Wisconsin income tax from Wisconsin personal service income of such employees.

(8) **PROCEDURE FOR WISCONSIN RESIDENTS.** (a) Wisconsin residents employed in a state with which Wisconsin has reciprocity (as well as those employed in other states) shall file Form 1-ES ("Wisconsin Declaration of Estimated Tax") with the Wisconsin department of revenue if their out-of-state employers do not withhold Wisconsin income tax from their personal service income and if they will have a sufficient Wisconsin tax liability to be required to file a declaration.

(b) Such Wisconsin residents may have their employers cease withholding the other state's income tax from their personal service income and may claim a refund from such state if income taxes are withheld from such income after the effective date of a reciprocity agreement.

(c) Wisconsin residents earning personal service income in states where it is taxable by the other state may claim a credit on their Wisconsin tax returns for net income taxes paid to such states.

(9) **DELINQUENT TAXES.** Reciprocal agreements shall not affect the withholding of delinquent Wisconsin income taxes, interest, penalties and costs under s. 71.135, Stats.

**Note:** Forms 1-ES and W-220 and their instructions may be obtained by writing the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 8903, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

Out-of-state employers of Wisconsin residents wishing to withhold Wisconsin income tax from such employee's incomes may contact the department's compliance bureau, P.O. Box 8902, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

The term "temporary or transitory" as used in the definition of an Illinois resident set forth in subsection (1) is not defined in either Illinois law or regulations. Therefore, whether or not the purpose for which an individual is in, or is absent from, Illinois is temporary or transitory in character depends upon the facts and circumstances of each particular case.

**History:** Cr. Register, April, 1978, No. 268, eff. 5-1-78.

**Tax 2.03 Corporation returns.** For the purpose of filing franchise or income tax returns, the secretary of revenue has designated the following forms for the use of corporations:

Form 4. Return of income for the calendar or fiscal year.

Form 4A. Balance sheets as of beginning and end of taxable year; analysis of surplus account; reconciliation of book income with net income reported.

Form 4B. Apportionment data (when applicable to the corporation).

Form 4C. Separate accounting data (when applicable to the corporation).

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Form 5. Optional return of income for the calendar or fiscal year (to be used only by corporations whose entire net income is taxable in Wisconsin).

All returns, statements, schedules and information required to be filed or furnished by corporations shall be mailed to the Corporation Section of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, P. O. Box 8908, Madison, Wisconsin 53708 or delivered to the Corporation Section at 4638 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin.

Note: Blank forms may be obtained from the department at 4638 University Avenue, Madison, or by mail request to P. O. Box 8903, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, September, 1964, No. 105, eff. 10-1-64; am. Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66, am. Register, February, 1975, No. 230, eff. 3-1-75; am. Register, September, 1977, No. 261, eff. 10-1-77.

**Tax 2.04 Information returns; forms WT-9, 9b, and 9X for corporations.** (ss. 71.04 (1) and 71.10 (1), (8m) and (8n), Stats.) (1) All corporations carrying on activities within this state, whether taxable or not under ch. 71, Stats., shall file with the department of revenue, on or before January 31 of each year on forms WT-9 or 9b or on such other forms as may be approved by the department, statements of payments made within the preceding calendar year to residents of Wisconsin of salaries, wages, bonuses, commissions, retirement pay, fees or other remuneration for services whether subject to withholding or not, and to non-residents of all payments for the performance of personal services in Wisconsin, whether subject to withholding or not.

(2) Salaries, wages, bonuses, commissions, retirement pay, fees or other remuneration for services, and payments for the performance of personal services in Wisconsin paid by a corporation to an individual in a calendar year and aggregating less than \$500 need not be so reported if no part thereof was within the definition of wages in s. 71.19 (1), Stats.

(3) Form WT-7 (Employers Annual Reconciliation of Wisconsin Income Tax Withheld from Wages) should accompany forms WT-9.

(4) Statements of payments to residents of Wisconsin within the preceding calendar year of interest and dividends, including dividends paid in capital stock, and payments of all rents and royalties on property regardless of location, and payments to residents and non-residents of Wisconsin of rents and royalties on property located in Wisconsin shall be filed at the place hereinbefore referred to on or before March 15 of each year on forms 9b or other approved forms. The forms must be filed on the date indicated even if the corporation keeps its records on a fiscal year other than a calendar year.

(5) Payments of interest, dividends, rents or royalties of less than \$100 to any one individual need not be reported.

(6) Each corporation must file with forms 8, 9b or approved substitute forms, forms 9X showing the number of reports made on forms 8, 9b or approved substitute forms. (See also Wis. Adm. Code section Tax 2.05.) Items required to be reported on forms WT-9 or 9b may be disallowed as deductions from the corporation's gross income upon failure to make proper report thereof.

Note: (1) Section 71.07 was amended in 1975 to make all income of resident individuals, estates and trusts taxable.

(2) This rule will permit the use of approved substitute forms in lieu of official forms.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, September, 1964, No. 105, eff. 10-1-64, am. Register, February, 1975, No. 230, eff. 3-1-75; am. Register, September, 1977, No. 261, eff. 10-1-77.

**Tax 2.045 Information returns; form 9c for employers of nonresident entertainers, entertainment corporations or athletes.** (ss. 71.02 (1) (e) and (2) (p) and 71.10 (18), Stats.) Every resident person or firm which employs or engages the services of a nonresident entertainer, a nonresident athlete or group of athletes, or a domestic or foreign entertainment corporation, for performance within this state for a contract price exceeding \$1,950, or which has receipt, custody or control of the proceeds of an entertainment or sporting event within this state, shall file with the department a statement reporting information about the entertainer, athlete or entertainment corporation within 90 days of the event. Such statement shall be made on Form 9c even though the employer may file Form WT-9 or 9b with the department as required by sections Tax 2.04 and 2.06.

**Note:** Forms may be obtained by mail request to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. Requests for forms should be addressed to P.O. Box 8903, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

This rule implements legislation requiring these returns which becomes effective January 1, 1978.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78.

**Tax 2.05 Information returns, forms 8 for corporations.** (s. 71.10 (1), Stats.) All corporations doing business within this state, whether subject to the franchise or income tax or not, are required to file with the department of revenue by mailing to the Corporation Section of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, P. O. Box 98, Madison, Wisconsin 53701 or delivery to the Corporation Section, 4638 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin on or before March 15 of each year on forms 8 as prescribed by the secretary of revenue, statements of such transfers of capital stock as have been made by residents of Wisconsin during the preceding calendar year.

**Note:** Blank forms may be obtained by mail request addressed to Wisconsin Department of Revenue, P. O. Box 8903, Madison, Wisconsin, 53708.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, September, 1964, No. 105, eff. 10-1-64; am. Register, March, 1968, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66, am. Register, February, 1975, No. 230, eff. 3-1-75.

**Tax 2.06 Information returns required of partnerships and persons other than corporations.** (ss. 71.10 (8m), (8n) and (15) and 71.11 (25), Stats.) Information returns reporting remuneration paid for services, whether or not within the definition of "wages" in s. 71.19 (1), Stats., must be filed on or before January 31 of each year on forms WT-9, 9b or on such other form as may be approved by the department. Form WT-7 (Employer's Annual Reconciliation of Wisconsin Income Tax Withheld from Wages) should accompany forms WT-9 or other approved forms. Informational returns reporting other items such as interest paid or rent paid must be filed on or before April 15 of each year on forms 9b or on such other form as may be approved by the department. Items required to be reported on informational returns will be disallowed as deductions from gross income if not properly reported. Such returns should be mailed to the Department of Revenue, P. O. Box 59, Register, November, 1978, No. 275

Madison, Wisconsin 53701 or delivered at 4638 University Avenue, Madison.

**Note:** Amended to permit the filing of approved substitute forms in lieu of official forms.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, February, 1958, No. 26, eff. 3-1-58; r. and recr. Register, September, 1964, No. 105, 10-1-64; am. Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; am. Register, February, 1976, No. 230, eff. 3-1-76; am. Register, September, 1977, No. 261, eff. 10-1-77.

**Tax 2.07 Income tax returns of liquidated or dissolved corporations.** (s. 71.10 (1), Stats.) The officers of a corporation which has been liquidated or dissolved during the income year shall file a corporate franchise or income tax return for such year and for any year thereafter in which there is corporate income. The franchise tax applies only to those corporations that are actually doing business in Wisconsin after the close of the period covered by the franchise tax return. Corporations which cease to do business in the income year covered by the return must file an income tax return to account for their final operation. A corporation which has liquidated or dissolved during the income year shall include the following information in its final return:

- (1) A copy of its plan of liquidation or reorganization.
- (2) The section of chapter 71 under which it liquidated or reorganized.
- (3) The disposition of the assets. If the assets were sold, indicate the selling price, adjusted cost basis at the time of sale, gain or loss realized on the sale and the date of the sale.
- (4) A list of the shareholders, their addresses and the amount received by each shareholder from the distribution or distributions. (The list should be submitted in addition to the required Forms 9b).
- (5) The date of the final distribution.

**Note:** The information specified in this rule is necessary for the audit of the final return of a corporation.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; r. and recr. Register, September, 1977, No. 261, eff. 10-1-77.

**Tax 2.08 Returns of persons other than corporations.** (1) For the purpose of filing income tax returns, the secretary of revenue has designated the following forms for the use of persons other than corporations:

- (a) Form 1. For all individuals, whether married or single, and for husbands and wives electing to file a combined return.
- (b) Form 1A. (Short form).
- (c) Form 2. For trustees, personal representatives, and others acting in a fiduciary capacity, but excluding guardians. (Guardians should report on Form 1).
- (d) Form 3. For partnerships and joint ventures.

(2) Information returns required of persons other than corporations are specified in Wis. Adm. Code section Tax 2.06. See also Tax 3.07.

(3) Returns required to be filed by persons other than corporations shall be filed by mailing them to P.O. Box 268, Madison, Wisconsin 53790 if a tax is due. If a refund is payable or if no amount is due, the

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return shall be filed by mailing it to P.O. Box 59, Madison, Wisconsin 53785. Returns required to be filed by fiduciaries shall be filed by mailing them to P.O. Box 8904, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

**Note:** Blank forms may be obtained by mail request to Wisconsin Department of Revenue, P. O. Box 8903, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, February, 1958, No. 26, eff. 3-1-58; am. Register, February, 1960, No. 50, eff. 3-1-60; am. Register, September, 1964, No. 105, eff. 10-1-64; r. and recr., Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; am. Register, February, 1975, No. 230, eff. 3-1-75; am. (1), Register, November, 1977, No. 263, eff. 12-1-77; am. (3), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78.

**Tax 2.085 Claim for refund on behalf of a deceased taxpayer.** (s. 71.10 (10), Stats.) (1) If a refund of Wisconsin income taxes is due a deceased taxpayer and if the refund exceeds \$100, the claimant shall file, with the income tax return, a completed form I-804, entitled "Claim for Decedent's Wisconsin Income Tax Refund".

(2) Forms required to be filed under subsection (1) shall be mailed to the Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 80, Madison, Wisconsin 53701.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1976, No. 250, eff. 11-1-76; am. (1), Register, November, 1978, No. 275, eff. 12-1-78.

**Tax 2.09 Reproduction of income tax forms.** Subject to this rule, the official Wisconsin income tax return forms may be reproduced and the reproductions may be filed with the department in lieu of the corresponding official forms. The department may reject any form which is in whole or in part illegible.

(1) The reproductions must be made by photo-offset, photo-engraving or by some similar photographic process. They may be reproduced on one side or both sides of the paper.

(2) The reproductions must be on paper of substantially the same weight and texture, and of quality at least as good as that used in the official forms. Forms printed on colored paper may be reproduced on white paper.

(3) Since all of the official forms are printed in black ink, such printing must be reproduced in black.

(4) The size of the reproductions, both as to dimensions of the paper and image reproduced thereon, must be the same as that of the official form.

(5) Except for returns executed by fiduciaries as provided in (6) below, all signatures required on returns which are filed with the department must be original, affixed subsequent to the reproduction process.

(6) A fiduciary or the fiduciary's agent may use a facsimile signature in filing a tax return on form 2, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Each group of returns forwarded to the department shall be accompanied by a letter signed by the person authorized to sign such returns declaring, under penalties of perjury, that the facsimile signature appearing on the returns is the signature adopted by the person to sign the returns filed and that such signature was affixed to the returns by the person or at the person's direction. The letter shall also list each return by name and identifying number.

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(b) A signed copy of the letter must be retained by the person filing the returns and must be available for inspection by the department.

(c) Where the returns are reproduced by photocopying or similar reproductive methods, the facsimile signature must be affixed subsequent to the reproduction process.

**History:** 1-2-58; am. Register, February, 1958, No. 26, eff. 3-1-58; am. Register, February, 1960, No. 50, eff. 3-1-60; am. (2), Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; am. (6) and cr. (6), Register, August, 1974, No. 224, eff. 9-1-74; am. (intro.), (2), (6) (intro.) and (a), Register, November, 1977, No. 263, eff. 12-1-77.