

# Undistributed Capital Gains Tax Return

▶ **Attach a copy of this form to Form 1120-RIC or to Form 1120-REIT.**  
 ▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form2438](http://www.irs.gov/Form2438) for instructions and the latest information.**

For calendar year 20\_\_\_\_ or tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**Please  
Type  
or  
Print**

Name of fund or REIT	Employer identification number
Number, street, and room or suite no. (If a P.O. box, see instructions.)	
City or town, state, and ZIP code	

**Part I Short-Term Capital Gains and Losses—Assets Held One Year or Less**

(a) Description of property (Example, 100 shares of Z Co.)	(b) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(c) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Sales price (see instructions)	(e) Cost or other basis (see instructions)	(f) Gain or (loss) ((d) less (e))
<b>1</b>					
<b>2</b>	Short-term capital gain from installment sales from Form 6252, line 26 or 37 . . . . .				<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Unused capital loss carryover (attach computation) . . . . .				<b>3</b> ( )
<b>4</b>	Net short-term capital gain or (loss). Combine lines 1 through 3. See instructions . . . . .				<b>4</b>

**Part II Long-Term Capital Gains and Losses—Assets Held More Than One Year**

<b>5</b>					
<b>6</b>	Gain from Form 4797, column (g), line 7 or 9 . . . . .				<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	Long-term capital gain from installment sales from Form 6252, line 26 or 37 . . . . .				<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	Net long-term capital gain. Combine lines 5 through 7 . . . . .				<b>8</b>

**Part III Summary of Parts I and II**

<b>9a</b> Net capital gain. Enter excess of net long-term capital gain (line 8) over net short-term capital loss (line 4) . . . . .	<b>9a</b>	
<b>b</b> Capital gain dividends . . . . .	<b>9b</b>	
<b>10</b> Undistributed capital gains. Subtract line 9b from line 9a . . . . .	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b> Amount of undistributed capital gains on line 10 designated under section 852(b)(3)(D) or 857(b)(3)(D) . . . . .	<b>11</b>	
<b>12</b> Amount of undistributed capital gains not designated under section 852(b)(3)(D) or 857(b)(3)(D). Subtract line 11 from line 10. See instructions . . . . .	<b>12</b>	
<b>13</b> Qualified timber gain included in the amount on line 11 . . . . .	<b>13</b>	
<b>14</b> Subtract line 13 from line 11 . . . . .	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> Multiply line 13 by the applicable rate. See instructions . . . . .	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Multiply line 14 by the applicable rate. See instructions . . . . .	<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b> <b>Capital gains tax.</b> Add lines 15 and 16 . . . . .	<b>17</b>	

**Sign Here**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer	Date	Title
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**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
Firm's address ▶	Phone no.			

## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

## Future Developments

For the latest information about developments related to Form 2438 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/Form2438](http://www.irs.gov/Form2438).

## What's New

**Capital gains tax rate for fiscal year filers.** P.L. 115-97 replaced the graduated corporate tax rate structure with a flat 21% rate effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017. However, under section 15, RICs or REITs with fiscal tax years beginning before January 1, 2018, and ending after December 31, 2017, figure and apportion the capital gains tax by blending the rates in effect before January 1, 2018, with the 21% rate in effect after December 31, 2017. See the instructions for lines 15 and 16.

**Alternative tax on qualified timber gains.** The alternative tax on qualified timber gains has been extended for tax years beginning in 2017. This alternative tax may apply if a RIC or REIT has both a net capital gain and qualified timber gain. We added lines 13 through 17 in Part III to compute the capital gains tax including the reduced tax rate for qualified timber gains.

## Who Must File

Regulated investment companies (RICs) and real estate investment trusts (REITs) file Form 2438 if the RIC or REIT is electing to designate undistributed capital gains under section 852(b)(3)(D) or 857(b)(3)(D).

If a RIC has more than one fund, each fund must file a separate Form 2438. The term "fund" as used in these instructions refers to the definition in section 851(g) and to any RIC that does not have more than one portfolio of assets.

## Purpose of Form

Form 2438 is used by RICs or REITs to figure income tax on undistributed capital gains designated under section 852(b)(3)(D) or section 857(b)(3)(D).

See the instructions for Schedule D (Form 1120) and Form 8949 for a definition of capital assets and information on figuring and reporting capital gains and losses.

## When To File

File Form 2438 by the 30th day after the end of the RIC's or the REIT's tax year.

## Where To File

File the original form with the:

Internal Revenue Service Center  
201 W. Rivercenter Blvd.  
Covington, KY 41011

In addition, attach a copy of Form 2438 to Form 1120-RIC or Form 1120-REIT.

## Who Must Sign

Form 2438 must be signed and dated by:

- The president, vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, chief accounting officer, or
- Any other corporate officer (such as tax officer) authorized to sign.

If a return is filed on behalf of a RIC or REIT by a receiver, trustee, or assignee, the fiduciary must sign the return, instead of the corporate officer. Returns and forms signed by a receiver or trustee in bankruptcy on behalf of a RIC or REIT must be accompanied by a copy of the order or instructions of the court authorizing signing of the return or form.

For a return that is being filed for a series fund (discussed in section 851(g)), the return may be signed by any officer authorized to sign for the RIC in which the fund is a series.

If a corporate officer completes Form 2438, the paid preparer space should remain blank. Anyone who prepares Form 2438 but doesn't charge the RIC or REIT shouldn't sign the return. Generally, anyone who is paid to prepare Form 2438 must sign it and fill in the Paid Preparer Use Only area.

**Paid preparer.** The paid preparer must complete the Paid Preparer Use Only area (including signing the form in the space provided for the preparer's signature) and give a copy of Form 2438 to the taxpayer.

## Penalty for Late Filing of Return

A RIC or REIT that doesn't file its tax return by the due date, including extensions, may be penalized 5% of the unpaid tax for each month or part of the month the return is late, up to a maximum of 25% of the unpaid tax. The minimum penalty for a return that is more than 60 days late is the smaller of the tax due or \$210. For tax years beginning in 2017, the penalty won't be imposed if the RIC or REIT can show that the failure to file on time was due to reasonable cause.

**Note.** The minimum penalty amount may be adjusted for inflation. See the instructions for your applicable income tax return for the minimum penalty amount for the current tax year.

## Penalty for Late Payment of Tax

A RIC or REIT that doesn't pay the tax when due generally may be penalized 1/2 of 1% of the unpaid tax for each month or part of a month the tax is not paid, up to a maximum of 25% of the unpaid tax. The penalty won't be imposed if the RIC or REIT can show that the failure to pay on time was due to reasonable cause.

**Reasonable cause determinations.** If the RIC or REIT receives a notice about penalties after it files its return, send the IRS an explanation and we will determine if the RIC or REIT meets the reasonable cause criteria. **Do not** attach an explanation when the RIC's or REIT's return is filed.

## Electronic Deposit Requirement

RICs and REITs must use electronic funds transfers to make all federal tax deposits (such as deposits of employment tax, excise tax, and corporate income tax). Generally, electronic fund transfers are made using the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). However, if you don't want to use EFTPS, you can arrange for your tax professional, financial institution, payroll service, or other trusted third party to make deposits on your behalf. Also, you may arrange for your financial institution to submit a same-day tax wire payment

(discussed below) on your behalf. EFTPS is a free service provided by the Department of Treasury. Services provided by your tax professional, financial institution, payroll service, or other third party may have a fee.

For more information about EFTPS, or to enroll in EFTPS, visit the EFTPS website at [www.eftps.gov](http://www.eftps.gov) or call 1-800-555-4477 (TTY/TDD 1-800-733-4829).

**Depositing on time.** For any deposit made by EFTPS to be on time, the RIC or REIT must submit the deposit by 8 p.m. Eastern time on the day before the date the deposit is due. If the RIC or REIT uses a third party to make the deposits on its behalf, they may have different cutoff times.

**Same-day wire payment option.** If the RIC or REIT fails to submit a deposit transaction on EFTPS by 8 p.m. Eastern time the day before the date a deposit is due, it can still make the deposit on time by using the Federal Tax Collection Service (FTCS). To use the same-day wire payment method, the RIC or REIT will need to make arrangements with its financial institution ahead of time regarding availability, deadlines, and costs. Financial institutions may charge a fee for payments made this way. To learn more about the information the RIC or REIT will need to provide to its financial institution to make a same-day wire payment, visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/Payments](http://www.irs.gov/Payments) and click on "Same-day wire."

### Specific Instructions

**Period covered.** Fill in the tax year space at the top of the form.

**Address.** Include the suite, room, or other unit number after the street address. If the Post Office does not deliver mail to the street address and the RIC or REIT has a P.O. box, show the box number instead of the street address.

### Lines 1 and 5

**Column (b)—Date acquired.** A RIC's or REIT's acquisition date for an asset it held on January 1, 2001, for which it made an election to recognize any gain (under section 311 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997) is the date of the deemed sale and reacquisition.

**Column (d).** Enter either gross sales price or net sales price. If net sales price is entered, do not increase the cost or other basis in column (e) by any expenses reflected in the net sales price.

**Column (e).** If gross sales price is reported in column (d), increase the cost or other basis by any expense of sale such as broker's fees, commissions, or option premiums before entering an amount in column (e).

A RIC's or REIT's basis in an asset it held on January 1, 2001, for which the RIC or REIT made an election to recognize any gain (under section 311 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997) is the asset's closing market price or fair market value, whichever applies, on the date of the deemed sale and reacquisition, whether the deemed sale resulted in a gain or unallowed loss.

### Line 4

Enter any net short-term capital gain from line 4 in Part I of Form 8949. Also identify the gain as "Net short-term capital gain from line 4, Form 2438" in column (a) of Form 8949. See Form 8949, Schedule D (Form 1120), and the related instructions for details.

### Line 12

Enter the amount from line 12 in Part II of Form 8949. Also identify the gain as "Undistributed capital gains not designated (from Form 2438)" in column (a) of Form 8949. See Form 8949, Schedule D (Form 1120), and the related instructions for details.

### Line 13

For a definition of qualified timber gain, see section 1201(b)(2).

### Line 15

A RIC or REIT with a tax year ending before 2018 will multiply the amount on line 13 by 23.8% (0.238) and enter this amount on line 15. RICs or REITs with fiscal tax years ending after 2017 will use the following worksheet to figure the amount to enter on line 15.

1. Enter the amount from Form 2438, line 13 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
2. Multiply line 1 by 23.8% (0.238) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Multiply line 1 by 21% (0.21) . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
4. Multiply line 2 by the number of days in the RIC's or REIT's tax year before January 1, 2018 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
5. Multiply line 3 by the number of days in the RIC's or REIT's tax year after December 31, 2017 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
6. Divide line 4 by the total number of days in the RIC's or REIT's tax year . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
7. Divide line 5 by the total number of days in the RIC's or REIT's tax year . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
8. Add lines 6 and 7. Enter this amount on Form 2438, line 15 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

### Line 16

A RIC or REIT with a tax year ending before 2018 will multiply the amount on line 14 by 35% (0.35) and enter this amount on line 16. RICs or REITs with fiscal tax years ending after 2017 will use the following worksheet to figure the amount to enter on line 16.

1. Enter the amount from Form 2438, line 14 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
2. Multiply line 1 by 35% (0.35) . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
3. Multiply line 1 by 21% (0.21) . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
4. Multiply line 2 by the number of days in the RIC's or REIT's tax year before January 1, 2018 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
5. Multiply line 3 by the number of days in the RIC's or REIT's tax year after December 31, 2017 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
6. Divide line 4 by the total number of days in the RIC's or REIT's tax year . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
7. Divide line 5 by the total number of days in the RIC's or REIT's tax year . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
8. Add lines 6 and 7. Enter this amount on Form 2438, line 16 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

**Line 17**

Deposit the tax due by the 30th day after the end of the tax year.

**Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.**

We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States.

You are required to give us the information. We need it to ensure that you are complying with these laws and to allow us to figure and collect the right amount of tax.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to

a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated burden for business taxpayers filing this form is approved under OMB control number 1545-0123 and is included in the estimates shown in the instructions for their business income tax return.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can send us comments from [www.irs.gov/FormComments](http://www.irs.gov/FormComments). Or you can write to the Internal Revenue Service, Tax Forms and Publications Division, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526, Washington, DC 20224.

Do not send the tax form to this office. Instead, see *Where To File*, earlier.