HELPFUL INFORMATION ON

How To Prepare Your

INCOME TAX RETURN

on Form 1040 for 1962

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A Personal Letter to Taxpayers:

Last year the American public paid in taxes some $99.4 billion. Impressively the fact that 97% of these receipts came through self-assessment on tax returns and through withholding.

No other nation in the world has ever equaled this record. It is a tribute to our people, their traditions of honesty, and their high sense of responsibility in supporting our democratic form of government.

The cost of raising this revenue is less than 1/2¢ for each dollar collected. We hope this low cost will be reduced even further through the assistance of the new electronic computer system—ADP (Automatic Data Processing)—which the Internal Revenue Service is now installing.

You will simplify this program, and make it more efficient and economical, by doing these things:
☆ Be sure to give your Social Security number.
☆ Fill in your return as completely as possible.
☆ Write or print legibly.
☆ Be accurate.
☆ File early.

The new machines will help us spot errors and omissions, and will strengthen our enforcement programs—aimed at making sure everyone pays his proper share of tax, and no more.

Therefore, I urge you to be careful and to make your returns as complete and accurate as possible. For the vast majority of taxpayers, this has always been the rule. For the others, now is the time to get aboard.

As a matter of routine, Internal Revenue auditors will, as before, check records and examine millions of selected returns. We will only be looking for possible errors against the Government, but also for errors you may have made against yourself. Last year, for example, there was a saving to taxpayers of almost $70 million, resulting from our discovery of mathematical errors in over 900,000 returns.

Of course, machines cannot take the place of human judgment. Regardless of the miracles of automation, our type of tax system cannot operate effectively without the human element. Courtesy and a fair and reasonable attitude—on the part of both tax administrator and taxpayer—are other essential ingredients if this system is to continue to serve the Nation well.

If you do not understand or agree with any questioned item, you are entitled to have it fully explained and, in addition, you have the right to appeal decisions you believe are not correct. Also, if you have questions which are not answered in the enclosed instructions, you may telephone or visit the nearest Internal Revenue office. We will be glad to help you.

Martine M. Capsin
Commissioner of Internal Revenue
HOW TO USE FORM 1040
(To be filed not later than April 15)

In order to make the preparation of tax returns easier for the great majority of taxpayers, there are now only two return forms to choose from, Form 1040 and card form, Form 1040A. Form 1040 is limited to a single sheet. Supporting schedules may be attached according to the individual needs of each taxpayer.

If your income was entirely from salary and wages, you will need only the 2-page Form 1040. You can use it whether you take the standard deduction or itemize deductions.

WAGE EARNERS WITH LESS THAN $10,000 INCOME
You can use a simpler return (Form 1040A), printed on a punchcard, if:

1. Your income was less than $10,000, AND
2. It consisted of wages reported on withholding statements (Forms W–2) and not more than $200 total of other wages, interest, and dividends, AND
3. You wish to take the standard deduction (about 10 percent of your income) instead of itemizing deductions.

The special instruction sheet for the form provides further information about its use. One of the special features is that if your income is less than $5,000, you can choose to have the Internal Revenue Service figure your tax for you. You can obtain these forms from most banks and some post offices.

If, in addition to salary and wages, you have only interest income, you may also file the 2-page Form 1040. In such case merely attach a list itemizing your interest income and enter the total amount on line 5b, page 1, of your return. You may use Schedule B (Form 1040) for this purpose if you wish.

If you have income from sources other than salary, wages, and interest, you may need to complete and attach one or more of the following forms:

Schedule B for income from dividends, interest, rents, royalties, pensions, annuities, partnerships, estates, trusts, etc.;

Schedule C for income from a personally owned business;

Schedule D for income from the sale or exchange of property; and

Schedule F for income from farming.

These schedules may be obtained from any Internal Revenue Service office.

DIVIDENDS? INTEREST? RENTS?
Be sure to report all of your income from all sources. Some taxpayers, while reporting income from wages and other principal sources, tend to forget to report lesser amounts from sources such as interest on savings accounts and other interest, dividends, and rents, particularly when such amounts are credited to their accounts rather than received in cash. Beginning January 1, 1963, payers of $10 or more of dividends or interest in a year are required to report the amount to both you and the Internal Revenue Service.

IMPORTANT OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS
The Internal Revenue Service is gradually installing modern high-speed electronic equipment which will improve and strengthen tax administration.

Because many names are alike, it is necessary to use numbers, in addition to names, to identify taxpayers in our electronic and other records. Since 130 million Americans already have Social Security numbers, it was decided to use these numbers for tax purposes to save them the inconvenience of obtaining other numbers. Most taxpayers have been putting these numbers on their tax returns for many years, and will need only to continue this practice.

The law now requires that this number be placed on your tax return and supporting documents and statements. In addition, persons who pay you wages, interest, and other types of income will have to include your account number on information returns to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service. Many payers, therefore, will soon ask for your number, if they have not already done so.

If you do not have a Social Security number, ask the nearest Internal Revenue Office for application Form 3227.

If you have previously obtained a Social Security number, but have no record of it, you should contact the nearest Social Security Administration office.

LOCATIONS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS' OFFICES

Following is a list of the District Directors' offices. If there is more than one District Director's office in your State and you are not sure which one to use, consult your local post office.

ALABAMA—Birmingham 3, Ala.
ALASKA—Anchorage, Alaska.
ARIZONA—Phoenix 25, Ariz.
ARKANSAS—Little Rock, Ark.
CALIFORNIA—Los Angeles 12, Calif.; San Francisco 9, Calif.
COLORADO—Denver 2, Colo.
CONNECTICUT—Hartford 6, Conn.
DELAWARE—Wilmington 1, Del.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Baltimore 2, Md.
FLORIDA—Jacksonville 9, Fla.
GEORGIA—Atlanta 2, Ga.
HAWAII—Honolulu 13, Hawaii
IDAHO—Boise, Idaho.
ILLINOIS—Chicago 1, Ill.; Springfield, Ill.
INDIANA—Indianapolis 4, Ind.
IOWA—Des Moines 9, Iowa.
KANSAS—Wichita 2, Kans.
KENTUCKY—Louisville 2, Ky.
LOUISIANA—New Orleans 12, La.
MAINE—Augusta, Maine.
MARYLAND—Baltimore 2, Md.
MASSACHUSETTS—Boston 15, Mass.
MICHIGAN—Detroit 31, Mich.
MINNESOTA—St. Paul 1, Minn.
MISSISSIPPI—Jackson, Miss.
MISOURI—St. Louis 1, Mo.; Kansas City 6, Mo.
MONTANA—Helena, Mont.
NEBRASKA—Omaha 2, Nebr.
NEW JERSEY—Newark 9, N.J.; Camden 2, N.J.
NEW MEXICO—Albuquerque, N. Mex.
NEW YORK—Brooklyn 1, N.Y.; 484 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.; Albany 10, N.Y.; Syracuse 2, N.Y.; Buffalo 2, N.Y.
NORTH CAROLINA—Greensboro, N.C.
NORTH DAKOTA—Fargo, N. Dak.
OHIO—Cleveland 13, Ohio; Columbus 2, Ohio.
OKLAHOMA—Oklahoma City 2, Okla.
OREGON—Portland 17, Ore.
PITTSBURGH 20, Pa.
PUERTO RICO—Director of International Operations, Internal Revenue Service, 1105 Fernandez Juncos Avenue, Santurce, P.R.
RHODE ISLAND—Providence 7, R.I.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Columbia, S.C.
SOUTH DAKOTA—Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
TENNESSEE—Nashville 3, Tenn.
TEXAS—Austin 1, Tex.; Dallas 1, Tex.
UTAH—Salt Lake City 1, Utah.
VERMONT—Burlington, Vt.
VIRGINIA—Richmond 19, Va.
VIRGIN ISLANDS—Permanent residents: Department of Finance, Tax Department, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.; Others: Director of International Operations, Internal Revenue Service, 1105 Fernandes Juncos Avenue, Santurce, P.R.
WASHINGTON—Spokane 1, Wash.
WEST VIRGINIA—Charleston, W. Va.
WISCONSIN—Milwaukee 2, Wis.
WYOMING—Cheyenne, Wyo.
FOREIGN RESIDENTS—Taxpayers with legal residence in foreign countries—Director of International Operations, Internal Revenue Service, Washington 56, D.C.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE

Please file as early as possible. You must file not later than April 15. Mail your return to the "District Director of Internal Revenue" for the district in which you live. U.S. citizens abroad who have no legal residence or place of business in the United States should file with Director of International Operations, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D.C. See the address list on page 2 of these instructions.

WHERE TO GET FORMS

As far as practical, the forms are mailed directly to taxpayers. Additional forms may be obtained from any Internal Revenue Service office, and also at most banks and some post offices.

HOW TO PAY

The balance of tax shown to be due on line 16, page 1, of your return on Form 1040 must be paid in full with your return if it amounts to $1.00 or more. Checks or money orders should be made payable to "Internal Revenue Service."

ROUNDING OFF TO WHOLE-DOLLAR AMOUNTS

If you wish, the money items on your return and accompanying schedules required by such return may be shown as whole-dollar amounts. This means that you eliminate any amount less than 50 cents, and increase any amount from 50 cents to the next higher dollar.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RETURN

Attachments may be used in the preparation of your return and supplemental schedules, provided they contain all of the required information and that summarized totals of the items shown in the attachments are entered on the return and schedules. This does not apply to Schedules C–3 and F–1 (self-employment tax) which the Service separates from the returns and transmits to the Social Security Administration for the recording of information in benefit accounts, or to any tax computation portion of a form or schedule.

MARRIED PERSONS—JOINT OR SEPARATE RETURNS

Advantages of a Joint Return.—Generally it is advantageous for a married couple to file a joint return. There are benefits in figuring the tax on a joint return which often result in a lower tax than would result from separate returns.

How To Prepare a Joint Return.—You must include all income and deductions of both husband and wife. In the return heading, list both names including middle initials (for example: "John F. and Mary L. Doe"). Both must sign the return.

A husband and wife may file a joint return even though one of them had no income. A joint return may not be filed if either husband or wife was a nonresident alien at any time during the taxable year. A nonresident alien should file on Form 1040B, 1040ND or 1040NB–a, whichever is appropriate.

When a joint return is filed, the couple assumes full legal responsibility for the entire tax, and if one fails to pay, the other must pay it.

How To Prepare a Separate Return.—If you file separate returns each must report his or her separate income and deductions. When filing separate returns, the husband and wife should each claim the allowable deductions paid with his or her own funds. In community property States, deductions resulting from payments made out of funds belonging jointly to husband and wife may be divided half and half. If one itemizes and claims actual deductions, then both must do so.

Changes in Marital Status.—If you are married at the end of your taxable year, you are considered married for the entire year. If you are divorced or legally separated on or before the end of your taxable year, you are considered single for the entire year.

If your wife or husband died during the year, you are considered married for the entire year. Generally a joint return may be filed for the year provided you have not remarried before the end of the year. If an executor or administrator has been appointed, the return should be filed by both you and the executor or administrator. If no executor or administrator has been appointed, you may file the return. The fact that you are filing as a surviving husband or wife should be indicated on the return. If a refund is due, Form 1310, Statement of Claimant to Refund Due on Behalf of Deceased Taxpayer, must accompany the return. You may also be entitled to the benefits of a joint return for the two years following the death of your husband or wife. See page 4.

SPECIAL COMPUTATIONS

Your home a household which during the entire year, except for temporary absence, was occupied as the principal place of abode and as a member of such household by (1) any related person other than your child or stepchild (see those listed under "Line 2," paragraph 5 on page 6 of these instructions) for whom you are entitled to a deduction for an exemption, unless the deduction arises from a multiple support agreement, (2) your unmarried child, grandchild, or stepchild, even though such child is not a dependent or (3) your married child, grandchild, or stepchild for whom you are entitled to a deduction for an exemption, unless the deduction arises from a multiple support agreement.

If you qualify under (a) or (b) above, you are entitled to the special tax rate if you pay more than half the cost of maintaining a household (not necessarily your home) which is the
principal place of abode of your father or mother who qualifies as your dependent.

Head of household rates are on page 9.

Widows and Widowers.—Under certain conditions a taxpayer whose husband (or wife) has died during either of her two preceding taxable years may compute her tax by including only her income, exemptions, and deductions, but otherwise computing the tax as if a joint return had been filed. However, the exemption for the decedent may be claimed only for the year of death.

The conditions are that the taxpayer specifically exempt must be included in your return, even though it may be offset by deductions.

Examples of Income Which Must Be Reported

- Industrial, civil service and other pensions,
- Annuities, endowments.
- Rents and royalties from property, patents, copyrights.
- Profits from business or profession.
- Your share of partnership profits.
- Your share of estate or trust income.

Examples of Income Which Should Not Be Reported

- Workmen's compensation, insurance, damages, etc., for injury or sickness.
- Interest on State and municipal bonds.
- Life insurance proceeds upon death.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAGE 1 OF FORM 1040**

Line 1.—Wages, Salaries, Etc.—Report the full amount of your wages, salaries, fees, commissions, tips, bonuses, and other payments for your personal services even though taxes and other amounts have been withheld by your employer. All income regardless of where earned must be reported on one Federal tax return.

Payment in Merchandise, etc.—If you are paid in whole or in part in merchandise, services, stock, or other things of value, you must determine the fair market value of such items and include it in your wages.

Meals and Living Quarters.—Employees who, as a matter of choice, receive meals and lodging from their employers, whether or not designated wages, must include in income the fair market value of meals and lodging.

However, if, for the convenience of your employer, your meals are furnished at your place of employment or you are required to accept lodging at your place of employment as a condition of your employment, the value of the meals or lodging is not to be reported.

Two or More Employers.—If more than $150.00 of Social Security (F.I.C.A.) employee tax was withheld during 1962 because either you or your wife received wages from more than one employer, the excess should be claimed as a credit against income tax. Enter any excess of Social Security tax withheld over $150.00 on line 1, column (b), the “Federal Income Tax Withheld” column, and write “F.I.C.A. tax” in the “Where Employed” column. If a joint return, do not add the Social Security tax withheld from both husband and wife to figure the excess over $150.00; compute the credit separately.

Credit for Taxes Paid by Regulated Investment Companies.—If you are entitled to a credit for taxes paid by a regulated investment company on undistributed capital gains, enter the credit on line 1, column (b), and write “Credit from regulated investment company” in the “Where Employed” column. To substantiate the credit claimed attach Copy B of Form 2439 to page 1 of Form 1040 in the space provided for Withholding Statements, Form W-2.

**EMPLOYEE BUSINESS EXPENSES**

Deductible Expenses.—You may deduct the following expenses from the amounts you are required to report on line 1, page 1, to the extent they are not paid by your employer:

1. **Travel and transportation.**—You can deduct the costs of bus, taxi, plane, train, etc., fares or the cost of operating an automobile in connection with your duties as an employee.

2. **Meals and lodging.**—If you are temporarily away on business, at least overnight from the city, town, or other general area which constitutes your principal or regular business location, you can deduct meals and lodging in addition to the travel costs.

3. **Outside salesmen.**—If you are an “outside salesman,” you may also deduct other expenses which are ordinary and necessary in performing your duties, such as business entertainment, stationery, and postage. An “outside salesman” is one who is engaged in full-time solicitation of business for his employer away from the employer’s place of business. It does not include a person whose principal activities consist of service and delivery as, for example, a milk driver-salesman.

If you itemize deductions on page 2 of your return, you may also deduct (under the heading “Other Deductions”) business expenses, other than those described above. Examples of such expenses are professional and union dues, and the cost of tools, materials, etc., not paid for by your employer.

**Reporting Expenses.**—After answering the questions on page 2 of Form 1040, report the expenses and employer payments as follows:

If your employer’s payments equalled your business expenses no further entry is required on the form. If the payments exceeded the expenses, the excess must be included in income on line 1, page 1, and identified as “Excess Reimbursements.” If the expenses exceeded the payments, the excess expenses may be deducted as explained above. You may use Form 2106 for this purpose.

**Additional Information.**—If (1) you were required to and did submit an expense voucher or other accounting for your
expenses to your employer, and (2) you are not claiming a deduction for business expenses, no additional information is required to be submitted with your return. You have made the equivalent of an accounting to your employer if you received an allowance not in excess of $20 per diem in lieu of subsistence, or a mileage allowance not in excess of 15 cents per mile.

If you do not meet the two conditions indicated above you must submit the following additional information with your return: (1) The total of all

**EXCLUSION FOR SICK PAY**

rates not to exceed $100 a week. In cases where these payments exceed a weekly rate of $100, the exclusion is figured by multiplying the amount received by 100 and dividing the result by the weekly rate of payment.

If your absence is due to sickness, you cannot exclude the payments received for the first 7 calendar days of each absence from work. However, if you were (a) hospitalized on account of sickness for at least one day at any time during the absence from work, or (b) injured, the exclusion applies from the first day of absence.

If you received sick pay and it is included in your gross wages as shown on Form W-2, enter the gross wages on line 1, and enter on line 3 the amount

**EXCLUSION FOR SICK PAY**

than salaries and wages, Lines 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The following separate schedules are to be used to report items of other income:

Schedule B. — Dividends, Interest, Pensions, Annuities, Rents, Royalties, and other income or losses not required to be reported elsewhere.

### Schedule C. — Profit (or Loss) From Business or Profession.

Schedule D. — Gains and Losses From Sales or Exchanges of Property.

Schedule F. — Schedule of Farm Income and Expenses.

### OR REFUND

Farmers and fishermen may postpone filing their 1963 declarations until January 15, 1964. A declaration must be filed if you:

(a) can reasonably expect gross income exceeding—

(1) $10,000 for a head of a household or a widow or widower entitled to the special tax rates;

(2) $3,000 for other single individuals;

(3) $5,000 for a married individual entitled to file a joint declaration;

(4) $5,000 for a married individual entitled to file a joint declaration, and the combined income of both husband and wife can reasonably be expected to exceed $10,000; OR

(b) can reasonably expect to receive more than $200 from sources other than wages subject to withholding.

### Additional Charge for Underpayment of Estimated Tax.

Estimate your tax carefully. Avoid the difficulties of paying a large balance with your return.

Furthermore, there is an additional charge imposed by law for underpayment of any installment of estimated tax. Details of this additional charge, and exceptions to it, are printed on Form 1040-ES and Form 2210. If you had an underpayment and believe one of the exceptions applies, attach a statement or Form 2210 to your return.
SCHEDULE A—Exemptions
HOW TO CLAIM YOUR EXEMPTIONS

You Are Allowed a Deduction of $600 for Each Exemption For Which You Qualify as Explained Below

LINE 1.—EXEMPTIONS FOR YOU
AND WIFE

For You.—You, as the taxpayer, are always entitled to at least one exemption. If, at the end of your taxable year, you were either blind or 65 or over, you get two exemptions. If you were both blind and 65 or over, you get three exemptions. Be sure to check the appropriate boxes. Age and blindness are determined as of December 31, 1962.

Your age is determined on the day before your actual birthday and, thus, if your 65th birthday was on January 1, 1963, you get the additional exemption for age on your return for 1962.

For Your Wife.—An exemption is allowed for your wife (or husband) if you and she are filing a joint return. If you file a separate return, you may claim her exemptions only if she had no income and did not receive more than half her support from another taxpayer. You are not entitled to an exemption for your wife on your return if she files a separate return for any reason (for example, to obtain a refund of tax withheld where her income is less than $600). Otherwise, your wife's exemptions are like your own—one, if she was neither blind nor 65 or over; two, if she was either blind or 65 or over; three, if she was both blind and 65 or over.

In Case of Death.—If your wife or husband died during 1962, the number of her or his exemptions is determined as of the date of death.

Proof of Blindness.—If totally blind, a statement to that effect must be attached to the return. If partially blind, attach a statement from a qualified physician or a registered optometrist that (1) central visual acuity did not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or (2) that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20°.

LINE 2.—EXEMPTIONS FOR YOUR
CHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENTS

Each child, stepchild and other dependent claimed must meet all of the following tests:

1. Income.—Received less than $600 income (if the child was under 19 or was a student, this limitation does not apply), and

2. Support.—Received more than half of his or her support from you (or from husband or wife if a joint return is filed), (see definition below of support), and

3. Married Dependants.—Did not file a joint return with her husband (or his wife), and

4. Nationality.—Was either a citizen or resident of the United States or a resident of Canada, Mexico, the Republic of Panama or the Canal Zone; or was an alien child adopted by and living with a United States citizen abroad.

5. Relationship.—Either (1) for your entire taxable year had your home as his principal place of abode and was a member of your household; or (2) was related to you (or to husband or wife if a joint return is filed) in one of the following ways:

   Child*  Stepbrother  Son-in-law
   Stepchild  Step-sister  Daughter-in-law
   Mother  Stepfather  The following if
   Father  Step-sister  related by blood:
   Grandparent  Mother-in-law  Uncle
   Brother  Father-in-law  Aunt
   Sister  Brother-in-law  Nephew
   Grandchild  Sister-in-law  niece

*Includes a child who is a member of your household if placed with you by an authorized placement agency for legal adoption.

Definition of Support.—Support includes food, shelter, clothing, medical and dental care, education, and the like. Generally, the amount of an item of support will be the amount of expense incurred by the one furnishing such item. If the item of support furnished by an individual is in the form of property or lodging, it will be necessary to measure the amount of such item of support in terms of its fair market value. In computing the amount of support include amounts contributed by the dependent for his own support and also amounts ordinarily excludable from income (for example, social security benefits).

In figuring whether you provide more than half of the support of a student, you may disregard amounts received by him as scholarships.

Definition of Student.—The law defines a student as an individual who, during each of 5 calendar months during the year, is (a) a full-time student at an educational institution or (b) pursuing a full-time course of institutional on-farm training under the supervision of an accredited agent of an educational institution or of a State, or a political subdivision of a State.

Returns for Children under 19 and Students.—If your dependent child is under 19 or is a student and has income of $600 or over, he must file an income tax return, report the Income, and claim his exemption. If you provide over half of your child's support and meet the other qualifications for claiming a dependent, you may also claim the exemption on your return.

Birth or Death of Dependent.—You can claim a full $600 exemption for a dependent who was born or died during the year if the tests for claiming an exemption for such dependent are met for the part of the year during which he was alive.

Exemptions for Individuals Supported by More Than One Taxpayer.—If several persons contributed toward the support of an individual during the taxable year, but none contributed over half of the support, they may designate one of their number to claim the exemption if:

(a) They as a group have provided over half of the support of the individual; and

(b) Each of them, had he contributed over half of the support, would have been entitled to claim the individual as a dependent; and

(c) The person claiming the exemption for the individual contributed over 10 percent of the support; and

(d) Each other person in the group who contributed over 10 percent of the individual's support makes a declaration that he will not claim the individual as a dependent for the year. The declarations must be filed with the return of the person claiming the exemption. Form 2120, Multiple Support Declaration, is available at any Internal Revenue Service office.
CONTRIBUTIONS
If you itemize deductions, you can deduct gifts to religious, charitable, educational, scientific, or literary organizations, and organizations for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals, unless the organization is operated for personal profit, or conducts propaganda or otherwise attempts to influence legislation. You can deduct gifts to fraternal organizations if they are to be used for charitable, religious, etc., purposes. You can also deduct gifts to veterans’ organizations, or to a governmental agency which will use the gifts for public purposes including civil defense. Civil defense volunteers may deduct unreimbursed expenses paid for gasoline and other expenses of participation in official civil defense activities.
A contribution may be made in money or property (not services). If in property, you must submit a statement containing a description of the property, the cost or other basis, date of acquisition and method of valuation.
For the contribution to be deductible, the recipient of the contribution must have been organized or created in the United States or its possessions, or under our law. The law does not allow deductions for gifts to individuals, or to other types of organizations, however worthy.
In general, the deduction for contributions may not exceed 20 percent of your income, line 9, page 1. However, you may increase this limitation to 30 percent if the extra 10 percent consists of contributions made to churches, a convention or association of churches, tax-exempt educational institutions, tax-exempt hospitals, certain medical research organizations, or certain college or university endowment associations.
Attach a schedule showing this computation.
While you can deduct gifts to the kind of organizations listed below, you cannot deduct other payments to them, for which you receive personal benefits.
If you support a student in your home under a written agreement with a charitable or educational institution, you may be entitled to deduct as a contribution part of all of the amounts you expend to maintain such a student. Consult the nearest Internal Revenue Service office for details.
You CAN Deduct Gifts To:
Churches, including assessments
Salvation Army, Red Cross
United Funds and Community Chests
Nonprofit schools and hospitals
Veterans’ organizations
Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other similar organizations
Nonprofit organizations primarily engaged in conducting research or education for the alleviation and cure of diseases such as tuberculosis, cancer, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, polio, myelitis, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, diseases of the heart, etc.
You CANNOT Deduct Gifts To:
Relatives, friends, other individuals
Political organizations or candidates
Social clubs
Labor unions
Chambers of commerce
Propaganda organizations
INTEREST
If you itemize deductions, you can deduct interest you paid on your personal debts, such as bank loans or home mortgages. Interest paid on business debts should be reported in the separate schedule in which your business income is reported. Do not deduct interest paid on money borrowed to buy tax-exempt securities or single-premium life insurance. Interest paid on behalf of another person is not deductible unless you were legally liable to pay it. In figuring the interest paid on a mortgage on your home or on an installment contract for goods for your personal use, eliminate such items as carrying charges and insurance, which are not deductible, and taxes which may be deductible but which should be itemized separately.
If interest charges are not stated separately on installment purchases of personal property (such as automobiles, televisions, etc.), you may deduct an amount equal to 6 percent of the average unpa id monthly balance.
You CAN Deduct Interest On:
Your personal note to a bank or an individual
A mortgage on your home
A life insurance loan, if you pay the interest in cash
Delinquent taxes
You CANNOT Deduct Interest On:
Indebtedness of another person, when you are not legally liable for payment of the interest
A gambling debt or other nonenforceable obligation
A life insurance loan, if interest is added to the loan and you report on the cash basis
TAXES
If you itemize deductions, you can deduct most non-Federal taxes paid by you. You can deduct state or local retail sales taxes if under the laws of the state they are imposed directly upon the consumer, or if they are imposed on the retailer (or wholesaler in case of gasoline taxes) and the amount of the tax is separately stated by the retailer. In general, you cannot deduct taxes assessed for pavements or other local improvements, including front-foot benefits, which tend to increase the value of your property. Consult your Internal Revenue Service office for circumstances under which local improvement taxes may be deducted.
Do not deduct on page 2 any nonbusiness Federal taxes, or any taxes paid in connection with a business or profession which are deductible in Part IV of Schedule B, or Schedule C or F.
You CAN Deduct:
Personal property taxes
Real estate taxes
State income taxes
State or local retail sales taxes
Auto license fees
State capitalization or poll taxes
State gasoline taxes
You CANNOT Deduct:
Any Federal excise taxes on your personal expenditures, such as taxes on theater admissions, fur, jewelry, cosmetics, transportation, telephone, gasoline, etc.
Federal social security taxes
Hunting licenses, dog licenses
Auto inspection fees
Water taxes
Taxes paid by you for another person
MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES
If you itemize deductions, you can deduct, within the limits described below, the amount you paid during the year (not compensated by hospital, health or accident insurance) for medical or dental expenses for yourself, your wife, or any dependent who received over half of his support from you whether or not the dependent had $600 or more income. List on the attachment the name and amount paid to each person or institution.
You can deduct amounts paid for the prevention, cure, correction, or treatment of a physical or mental defect or illness. If you pay someone for both nursing and domestic duties, you can deduct only the nursing cost.
You can deduct amounts paid for transportation primarily for and essential to medical care, but not for any other travel expense even if it benefits your health. Meals and lodging while you are away from home receiving medical treatment may not be treated as medical expense unless they are part of a hospital bill or are included in the cost of care in a similar institution.
Subject to the Limitations Set Forth Below, You CAN Deduct as Medical Expenses Payments To or For:
Physicians, dentists, nurses, and hospitals
Drugs or medicines
Transportation necessary to get medical care
Eyeglasses, artificial teeth, medical or surgical appliances, braces, etc.
X-ray examinations or treatment
Prescriptions on hospital or medical insurance
You CANNOT Deduct Payments For:
Funeral expenses and cemetery plot
Illegal operations or drugs
Travel ordered or suggested by your doctor for rest or change
Premiums on life insurance
Cosmetics
FIGURING THE DEDUCTION

(A) General Rule:

(1) Medical and dental expenses.— You can deduct that portion of your medical and dental expenses which exceed 3 percent of line 9, page 1, of Form 1040 and which were paid for:
   (a) the taxpayer, wife, dependent parent(s), all of whom were under 65 years of age, and (b) all other dependents regardless of age.

(2) Medicine and drugs.— The total amount paid for medicine and drugs for the persons listed above must be reduced by 1 percent of line 9, page 1, Form 1040, regardless of age.

(B) Special Rule For Certain Persons 65 or over:

The 3 percent reduction does not apply to medical and dental expenses paid by a taxpayer or his wife for:
   (a) Himself and his wife if EITHER is 65 years of age or over, and
   (b) A dependent who is 65 or over and who is the mother or father of the taxpayer or his wife.

If you wish, you may obtain Form 2948 from any Internal Revenue Service office to assist you.

Limitations.— The deduction for medical and dental expenses may not exceed $5,000 multiplied by the number of exemptions claimed on the return (other than the exemptions for age and blindness). In addition, there is a maximum limitation as follows:
   (a) $10,000 if the taxpayer is single and not a head of household or a widow or widower entitled to the special tax computation;
   (b) $10,000 if the taxpayer is married but files a separate return; or
   (c) $20,000 if the taxpayer files a joint return, or is a head of household or a widow or widower entitled to the special tax computation.

(d) If either you or your wife are disabled and 65 or over, you may qualify for an increased maximum limitation. Consult the nearest Internal Revenue Service office for further information.

OTHER DEDUCTIONS

Expenses for the Care of Children and Certain Other Dependents.— If deductions are itemized, a woman or a widower (including men who are divorced or legally separated under a decree and who have not remarried) may deduct expenses paid, not exceeding a total of $500, for the care of:
   (a) dependent children under 12 years of age; or
   (b) dependent persons (excluding husband or wife) physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves, if such care is to enable the taxpayer to be gainfully employed or to actively seek gainful employment.

Do not deduct any child care payments to a person for whom you claim an exemption.

In the case of a woman who is married, the deduction is allowed only (a) if she files a joint return with her husband; and (b) the deduction is reduced by the amount (if any) by which their combined income, line 9, page 1, exceeds $4,500. If the husband is incapable of self-support because he is mentally or physically defective, these two limitations do not apply.

If the person who receives the payment performs duties not related to dependent care, only that part of the payment which is for the dependent's care may be deducted.

If you claim this deduction, attach a detailed statement showing the amounts expended and the person or persons to whom they were paid. If you wish, you may obtain Form 2441 from any Internal Revenue Service office.

Casualty Losses and Thefts.— If you itemize deductions, you can deduct a net loss resulting from the destruction of your property in a fire, storm, automobile accident, shipwreck, or other losses caused by natural forces. Damage to your car by collision or accident can be deducted if due merely to faulty driving but cannot be deducted if due to your willful act or negligence. You can also deduct losses due to theft, but not losses due to mislaying or losing articles.

The amount of loss to be deducted is measured by the fair market value of the property just before the casualty less its fair market value immediately after the casualty (but not more than the cost or other adjusted basis of the property), reduced by any insurance or compensation received. Attach an explanation.

You CAN Deduct Loss On:

Property such as your home, clothing, or automobile destroyed or damaged by fire
Property, including cash, which is stolen from you
Loss or damage of property by flood, lighting, storm, explosion, or freezing
You CANNOT Deduct Losses On:

Personal injury to yourself or another person
Accidental loss by you of cash or other personal property
Property lost in storage or in transit
Damage by rust or gradual erosion
Animals or plants damaged or destroyed by disease

Expenses for Education.— Expenses for education may be deducted if the education was undertaken primarily for the purpose of:

(a) Maintaining or improving skills required in your employment or other trade or business, or
(b) Meeting the express requirements of your employer, or the requirements of applicable law or regulations, imposed as a condition to the retention of your salary, status, or employment.

Expenses incurred for the purpose of obtaining a new position, a substantial advancement in position, or for personal purposes are not deductible. The expenses incurred in preparing for a trade or business or a specialty are personal expenses and are not deductible.

The rules for reporting deductible education expenses are the same as those shown on page 4 for the reporting of "Employee Business Expenses." If you are required therein to attach a statement to your return explaining the nature of the expenses, also include a description of the relationship of the education to your employment or trade or business. If the education was required by your employer, a statement from him would be helpful.

Miscellaneous.— If you itemize deductions, you can deduct several other types of expenses under "Other Deductions." If you work for wages or a salary, you can deduct your ordinary and necessary employee business expenses which have not been claimed on page 1.

You can deduct all ordinary and necessary expenses connected with the production or collection of income, or for the management or protection of property held for the production of income. If you are divorced or legally separated and are making periodic payments of alimony or separate maintenance under a court decree, you can deduct these amounts. Periodic payments made under either (a) a written separation agreement entered into after August 16, 1954, or (b) a decree for support entered after March 1, 1954, are also deductible. Such payments must be included in the wife’s income. You cannot deduct any voluntary payments not under a court order or a written separation agreement, lump-sum settlements, or specific maintenance payments for support of minor children.

You may deduct gambling losses only to the extent of gambling winnings.

If you are a tenant-stockholder in a cooperative housing corporation, you can deduct your share of its payments for interest and real estate taxes. In addition, if this property is used in a trade or business or for the production of income, you may depreciate a portion of the basis of your stock in such corporation. For details contact any Internal Revenue Service office.

You CAN Deduct Cost Of:

Safety equipment
Dues to unions or professional societies
Entertaining customers
Tools and supplies
Fees to employment agencies
You CANNOT Deduct Cost Of:

Travel to and from work
Entertaining friends
Bribes and illegal payments
## TAX RATE SCHEDULE

If you do not use the Tax Table on page 10, then figure your tax on the amount on line 11d, page 1 of your return, by using the appropriate tax rate schedule on this page.

### Schedule I. (A) SINGLE TAXPAYERS who do not qualify for rates in Schedules II and III, and (B) married persons filing separate returns.

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**TAX TABLE**

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*This column may also be used by a widow or widower with dependent children who meets certain qualifications which are explained on page 4 of these instructions.

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**Part I—DIVIDENDS**

If you own stock, the payments you receive out of the company’s earnings and profits are dividends and must be reported in your tax return. Usually dividends are paid in cash, but if paid in merchandise or other property, they are taxable at their fair market value.

In some cases, payers, especially mutual funds and investment club partnerships, distribute both an ordinary dividend and a capital gain at the same time; the check or notice will usually show them separately. You must report the dividend income portion in Part I of this Schedule, and the capital gain portion on line 7, Part I of Schedule D (Form 1040).

There are special rules applicable to stock dividends, partial liquidations, stock rights, and redemptions; call your Internal Revenue Service office for more complete information.

You may exclude from your income $50 of dividends received from qualifying domestic corporations.

If a joint return is filed and both husband and wife have dividend income, each one may exclude $50 of dividends received from qualifying corporations, but one may not use any portion of the $50 exclusion not used by the other. For example, if the husband had $300 in dividends, and the wife had $20, only $70 may be excluded on a joint return.

Use Part I to list your dividends including dividends you receive as a member of a partnership or as a beneficiary of an estate or trust, and to show the amount of the exclusion to which you are entitled. Dividends from mutual insurance companies which are a reduction of premiums are not to be included. So-called “dividends” paid on deposits or withdrawable accounts by the following corporations are considered interest and should be reported as interest in Part II:

- Mutual savings banks, cooperative banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions.

Taxable dividends from the following corporations, which do not qualify for the dividends received exclusion and the dividends received credit, should be reported on line 5 of Part I:

(a) foreign corporations.
(b) so-called exempt organizations (charitable, fraternal, etc.) and exempt farmers’ cooperative organizations.
(c) regulated investment companies except to the extent designated by the company to be taken into account as a dividend for these purposes.
(d) real estate investment trusts.
(e) China Trade Act corporations.
(f) corporations deriving 80 percent or more of their income from U.S. possessions and 50 percent or more of their income from the active conduct of a business therein.

See page B-4 for an explanation of the dividends received credit.

**Part II—INTEREST**

You must include in your return any interest you received or which was credited to your account (whether entered in your passbook or not) and can be withdrawn by you. All interest on bonds, debentures, notes, savings accounts, or loans is taxable, except for certain governmental issues. Interest which is fully exempt from tax is (a) interest from State and municipal bonds and securities and (b) interest on any $5,000 principal value of Treasury bonds issued before March 1, 1941.

If you own United States Savings or War bonds, the gradual increase in value of each bond is considered interest, but you need not report it in your tax return until you cash the bond or until the year of final maturity, whichever is earlier. However, you may at any time elect to report each year the annual increase in value, but if you do so you must report in the first year the entire increase to date on all such bonds and must continue to report the annual increase each year.

Although a separate attachment may be used to report interest, if you have retirement income Part VIII of Schedule B should be completed.

**Part III—PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES**

Noncontributory Annuities.—If the employee did not contribute to the cost and was not subject to tax on his employer’s contributions, the full amount of an annuity or a pension of a retired employee must be included in his income.

However, if there is a death-benefit exclusion, this rule does not apply; consult the Internal Revenue Service.

Other Annuities.—Amounts received from other annuities, pensions, endowments, or life insurance contracts, whether paid for a fixed number of years or for life, may have a portion of the payment excluded from income. The following types come under this rule: (a) pensions where the employee has either contributed to its cost or has been taxed on his employer’s contributions, and (b) amounts paid for a reason other than the death of the insured under an annuity, endowment, or life insurance contract.

Part III is provided for reporting the taxable portion of the annuity. If you are receiving payments on more than one pension or annuity, fill out a separate Part III for each one.

**General Rule for Annuities.**—Generally, amounts received from annuities and pensions are included in income in an amount which is figured upon your life expectancy. This computation and your life expectancy multiple can be found in the regulations covering annuities and pensions. Once you have obtained the multiple it remains unchanged and it will not be necessary to recompute your taxable portion each year unless the payments you receive change in amount. In making...
this computation you can get help from the Internal Revenue Service as well as from some employers and insurance companies.

Special Rule for Certain Types of Employees' Annuities.—There is a special rule provided for amounts received as employees' annuities where part of the cost is contributed by the employer and the amount contributed by the employer will be returned within 3 years from the date of the first payment received under the contract. If both of these conditions are met, then all the payments received under the contract during the first 3 years are to be excluded from income until the employee recovers his cost (the amount contributed by him plus the contributions made by the employer on which the employee was previously taxed); thereafter all amounts received are fully taxable. This method of computing taxable income also applies to the employee's beneficiary if the employee died before receiving any annuity or pension payments.

Example: An employee received $200 a month from an annuity. While he worked, he contributed $4,925 toward the cost of the annuity. His employer also made contributions toward the cost of the annuity for which the employee was not taxed. The retired employee would be paid $7,200 during the first 3 years, which amount exceeds his contribution of $4,925. He would exclude from income all the payments received from the annuity until he has received $4,925. All payments received thereafter are fully taxable.

Amounts Received Under Life-Insurance Policies by Reason of Death.—Generally, a lump sum payable at the death of the insured under a life insurance policy is excludable from the income of the recipient. For more detailed information, call or visit your Internal Revenue Service office.

Part IV—RENTS AND ROYALTIES

If you are not engaged in selling real estate to customers, but receive rent from property owned or controlled by you, or royalties from copyrights, patents, mineral leases, and similar rights, report the total amount received in Part IV. If property other than money was received as rent, its fair market value should be reported.

In the case of buildings you can deduct depreciation, as explained on page B-3. You can also deduct all ordinary and necessary expenditures on the property such as taxes, interest, repairs, insurance, agent's commissions, maintenance, and similar items. However, you cannot deduct capital investments or improvements but must add them to the basis of the property for the purpose of depreciation. For example, a landlord can deduct the cost of minor repairs but not the cost of major improvements such as a new roof or remodeling.

If You Rent Part of Your House.—If you rent only part of your property, you can deduct only that portion of your expenses which relates to the rented portion. If you cannot determine these expenses exactly, you may figure them on a proportionate basis. For example, if you rent out half of your home, and live in the other half, you can deduct only half of the depreciation and other expenses.

Room rent and other space rentals should be reported as business income in separate Schedule C (Form 1040) if services are rendered to the occupant; otherwise, report such income in Part IV. If you are engaged in the business of selling real estate, you should report rentals received in separate Schedule C.

Part V—OTHER INCOME OR LOSSES

Partnerships.—A partnership does not pay income tax unless it elects to be taxed on the same basis as a domestic corporation. It does, however, file an information return on Form 1065. Only one Form 1065 need be filed for each partnership. Each partner must report his share of the partnership's income.

Include in Part V your share of the ordinary income (whether actually received by you or not) or the net loss of a partnership, joint venture, or the like, whose taxable year ends within or with the year covered by your return. Other items of income, deductions, etc., to be carried to the appropriate schedule of your individual return are shown in Schedule K of the partnership return. Your share of income of the following classes should be entered on the appropriate lines and schedules of your return:

- Dividends.
- Interest on tax-free covenant bonds.
- Partially tax-exempt interest.
- Gains from the sale or exchange of capital assets and other property.

If the partnership is engaged in a trade or business, the individual partner may be subject to the self-employment tax on his share of the self-employment income from the partnership. In this case the partner's share of partnership self-employment net earnings (or loss) should be entered on line 5(b), separate Schedule C-3. Members of farm partnerships should use Schedule F-1 to figure self-employment tax.

Estates and Trusts.—If you are a beneficiary of an estate or trust, report your taxable portion of its income whether you receive it or not. Your share of income of the following classes should be entered on the appropriate lines and schedules of your return:

- Dividends.
- Interest on tax-free covenant bonds.
- Partially tax-exempt interest.
- Gains from the sale or exchange of capital assets and other property.

All other taxable income from estates and trusts should be included in Part V. Any depreciation (on estate or trust property) which is allocable to you may be subtracted from estate or trust income so that only the net income received will be included in your return. Information regarding these items may be obtained from the fiduciary.

Small Business Corporations.—If you are a shareholder in a small business corporation which elects to have its current taxable income taxed to its stockholders, you should report your share of both the distributed and undistributed current taxable income as ordinary income in Part V except that portion which is reportable as a long-term capital gain in separate Schedule D. Neither type of income is eligible for the dividends received credit or the exclusion. Your share of any net operating loss should be treated just as if the loss were from a proprietorship.
Other Income.—If you cannot find any specific place on your return to list certain types of income, you should report such income in Part V. Income reported in this part must be identified as to its source. This is the proper place to report amounts received as alimony, support and prizes. Recoveries of bad debts and other items which reduced your tax in a prior year should also be reported in Part V. A refund of state income tax should be entered here. The general rule is that a refund of state income taxes is income to the taxpayer if a deduction was taken in a prior year which resulted in a Federal tax benefit. Taxpayers using the cash basis report the refund in the year received; taxpayers using the accrual basis report when the claim is allowed (if no claim is filed, report when the taxing authority notifies you of the overpayment).

Net Operating Loss.—If, in 1962, your business or profession lost money instead of making a profit, if you had a casualty loss, or a loss from the sale or other disposition of depreciable property (or real property) used in your trade or business, you can apply the losses against your 1962 income. If the losses exceed your income, the excess is a “net operating loss” which may be used to offset your income for the 3 years prior to and the 5 years following this year. The loss must be first carried back to the third prior year and any remaining balance brought forward to each succeeding year. If a “carryback” entitles you to a refund of prior year taxes, ask the District Director for Form 1045 to claim a quick refund.

If you had a loss in a prior year which may be carried over to 1962, it should be reported on line 3, Part V, and you should attach a statement showing the computation.

Part VI—DEPRECIATION

A reasonable allowance for the exhaustion, wear and tear, and obsolescence of property used in the trade or business or of property held by the taxpayer for the production of income shall be allowed as a depreciation deduction. The allowance does not apply to inventories or stock-in-trade nor to land apart from the improvements or physical development added to it.

The cost (or other basis) to be recovered should be charged off over the expected useful life of the property. Similar assets may be grouped together as one item for reporting purposes.

For purposes of computing depreciation the cost or other basis of property which qualifies for the investment credit shall be reduced by an amount equal to 7 percent (3 percent for public utilities) of the qualified investment.

In computing the basis on which depreciation may be taken for personal property, other than livestock, salvage value need not be taken into account, if it does not exceed 10% of the cost or other basis of the property. If the salvage value exceeds 10%, only the excess need be taken into account. These provisions apply to property with a useful life of 3 years or more which was acquired after October 16, 1962.

New Depreciation Guidelines and Rules.—Revenue Procedure 62-21, dated July 12, 1962, sets forth new standards and procedures for determining depreciation. The new guidelines live for guideline classes (broad categories not item-by-item) are in most cases substantially shorter than those previously used. These new guidelines live and rules are applicable to all depreciable property including existing assets as well as new acquisitions; however, they do not supersede existing rules and procedures for any taxpayer who wishes to continue to use them.

Taxpayers who wish to use the new provisions must use them for all assets in a particular guideline class. Taxpayers may use class lives equal to or longer than the guideline lives for 3 years and may continue to use them thereafter if certain standards are met and replacement practices are consistent with the lives used.

The depreciation schedule provided on the return is to be used for reporting depreciation under both Revenue Procedure 62-21 and previously prescribed rules and standards. Although depreciation reported under the revenue procedure should be shown on the basis of group and guideline class, it is not necessary to disturb your present depreciation accounts.

Revenue Procedure 62-21 is contained in IRS Publication No. 456 (9-62), which may be purchased for 25 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.

Following is a brief description of the various methods of depreciation which may be used under either Revenue Procedure 62-21 or previously prescribed rules and standards.

Straight-Line Method.—To compute the cost of improvements to the cost (or other basis) of the property and deduct both the estimated salvage value and the total depreciation allowed or allowable. The depreciation deduction is this amount divided by the number of years of useful life remaining to the asset.

Declining Balance Method.—A uniform rate is applied each year to the remaining cost or other basis of property (without adjustment for salvage value) determined at the beginning of such year, but depreciation must stop when the unrecovered cost is reduced to salvage value. For property acquired before January 1, 1954, or used property whenever acquired, the rate of depreciation under this method may not exceed one and one-half times the applicable straight-line rate.

Special Rules for New Assets Acquired After December 31, 1953.—The cost or other basis of an asset acquired after December 31, 1953, may be depreciated under methods proper before that date; or, it may be depreciated under any of the following methods provided (1) that the asset is tangible, (2) that it has an estimated useful life of 3 years or more, and (3) that the original use of the asset commenced with the taxpayer and commenced after December 31, 1953.

(a) Declining balance method.—This method may be used with a rate not in excess of twice the applicable straight-line rate.

(b) Sum of the years-digits method.—The deduction for each year is computed by multiplying the cost or other basis of the property (reduced by estimated salvage value) by the number of years of useful life remaining (including the year for which the deduction is computed) and dividing the product by the sum of all the digits corresponding to the years of the estimated useful life of the asset. In the case of a 5-year life this sum would be 15 (5+4+3+2+1). For the first year five-fifteenths of the cost reduced by estimated salvage value would be allowable, for the second year four-fifteenths, etc.

(c) Other methods.—A taxpayer may use any consistent method which
does not result at the end of any year in accumulated allowances greater than the total of the accumulated allowances which would have resulted from the use of the declining balance method. This limitation applies only during the first two-thirds of the property’s useful life.

Additional First-Year Depreciation.—You may elect to write off, in the year assets are first subject to depreciation, 20 percent of the cost of the assets if they are tangible personal property (e.g., equipment, machinery, etc.) acquired by purchase for use in a trade or business or to be held for the production of income. If the aggregate cost of these assets exceeds $10,000 ($20,000 for joint return) the additional depreciation is limited to $2,000 ($4,000 for joint return).

The additional depreciation is limited to property with a remaining useful life of 6 years or more and which is not acquired from a person (other than a brother or sister) whose relationship to the taxpayer would result in the disallowance of losses. Normal depreciation may also be taken on the cost of the asset reduced by the first-year depreciation.

The additional first-year depreciation should be shown on a separate line of the depreciation schedule rather than included on the line used to show the regular depreciation of the asset.

Enter the total depreciation claimed, both additional first-year and other, on the “Total” line of the depreciation schedule. In addition, enter the total additional first-year depreciation in the box provided below the “Total” or “Balance” line.

Part VII—DIVIDENDS RECEIVED CREDIT

The law provides a credit against tax for dividends received from qualifying domestic corporations. This credit is equal to 4 percent of these dividends in excess of those which you may exclude from your income. The credit may not exceed:

(a) the total income tax reduced by the foreign tax credit; or
(b) 4% of the taxable income.

Part VIII—RETIREMENT INCOME CREDIT

You may qualify for this credit which is generally 20 percent of retirement income if you received earned income in excess of $600 in each of any 10 calendar years—not necessarily consecutive—before the beginning of your taxable year.

The term “earned income” means wages, salaries, or professional fees, etc., received as compensation for personal services actually rendered. It does not include any amount received as an annuity or pension. If you were engaged in a trade or business in which both personal services and capital were material income-producing factors, a reasonable allowance as compensation for the personal services rendered by you, not in excess of 30 percent of your share of the net profits of such business, shall be considered as earned income.

If you are a surviving widow (widower) and have not remarried, you may use the earned income of your deceased husband (wife), or you may combine such income with your earned income, for the purpose of determining whether you qualify. If a husband and wife both qualify and each has retirement income, each is entitled to the credit.

Retirement income for the purpose of the credit means—

(a) In the case of an individual who is not 65 before the end of his taxable year, only that income received from pensions and annuities under a public retirement system (one established by the Federal Government, a State, county, city, etc.) which is included in income in his return.

(b) In the case of an individual who is 65 or over before the end of his taxable year, income from pensions, annuities, interest, rents, and dividends, which are included in gross income in his return. (Gross income from rents for this purpose means gross receipts from rents without reduction for depreciation or any other expenses. Royalties are not considered rents for this purpose.)

The amount of the retirement income used for the credit computation may not exceed $1,524 reduced by:

(a) any amount received and excluded from income as a pension or annuity under the Social Security Act and Railroad Retirement Acts and by other tax-exempt pensions or annuities. This reduction does not include (1) that part of a pension or annuity which is excluded from income because it represents, in effect, a return of capital or tax-free proceeds of a like nature, or (2) amounts excluded from income received as compensation for injuries or sickness or under accident or health plans; and

(b) by certain adjustments for earned income.

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