

# CITY OF DETROIT INCOME TAX

## 1999 NON-RESIDENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM D-1040 (NR)

### WHO MUST FILE A RETURN

For each taxable year, a return must be filed by each non-resident with a specified minimum amount of gross income subject to Detroit tax. The income levels at which non-residents must file are:

Single Individual	\$750
Married Couple - Joint Return	\$1500

**NOTE:** Amount for exemption was increased to \$750 effective January 1, 1998. Exemption amount was \$600 prior to that date.

### WHO MUST USE THIS FORM

Individuals who were non-residents of the city during the entire year must use this form.

An individual who was a Detroit resident for the entire year must file a D-1040(R) resident form. If you were a resident of Detroit for part of the year, use Form D-1040(L). Resident, part-year resident forms and instructions are available from the Detroit Income Tax Division.

### MARRIED PERSONS – JOINT OR SEPARATE

A husband and wife may file either a joint return or separate returns. The total Detroit income of both spouses must be included on a joint return, and each spouse must sign the return.

### DECEASED TAXPAYER

A final return must be filed for any person who died during the year and who is required to file as discussed under "WHO MUST FILE A RETURN;" The executor, administrator or surviving spouse must file the final return and any other return due for the deceased. A joint return may be filed by the surviving spouse and the executor or administrator. The return must be signed by the surviving spouse and the executor or administrator. If an executor or administrator has not been appointed, the surviving spouse may file a joint return. The spouse must sign the return and add the notation "Surviving Spouse."

If refund is due, and the claimant is not a surviving spouse, Federal Form 1310 and a copy of the death certificate must be filed with the return.

### NEW LOOK FOR 1999 RETURNS

Beginning in 1997 and continuing in 1999, the Detroit Income Tax Division has changed the look of the individual returns (D-1040(R), D-1040(NR) and D-1040(L) so that they can be optically scanned and processed. Scanning returns will help us issue refunds faster and will save in processing costs. The boxes that you enter your figures in are printed in red ink. File our form and not a photocopy of the form. PHOTOCOPIES CANNOT BE SCANNED. See Back of Cover for additional information regarding the correct procedure for entering information on the forms.

### COMPUTER GENERATED RETURNS

A new computer generated form for filing 1999 individual income taxes has been developed in cooperation with the National Association of Computerized Tax Preparers (NACTP). Taxpayers are advised that this form differs from that used to prepare manual filing.

### INTERNET

Additional information, return instructions and forms are available at the website for the CITY OF DETROIT at [www.ci.detroit.mi.us](http://www.ci.detroit.mi.us).

**NOTE:** The individual and corporate forms available on the internet are for DISPLAY USE ONLY. The requirement for red ink in the character boxes prevent the copies on the internet from being processed through our system.

### ESTATES AND TRUSTS

Each trust or estate with gross income of \$600 or more subject to

Detroit tax must file. An estate or trust must file D-1041 which is available from the Detroit Income Tax Division.

### EXTENSIONS

A written request for extension of time for filing an annual return on Form D-1040-EXT must be made to the Detroit Income Tax Director by the original due date (for 1999 tax year; April 30, 2000). This extension, if approved, will be granted for a period not to exceed six months.

## AMENDED RETURNS

### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS AND OTHER CHANGES

Check the box on Line H of Page 1 if you are filing an amended return. If the amended return is a result of a Federal audit, complete Lines I and J of Page 1.

An amended Detroit return is required for any year that a determination is made by Internal Revenue Service that affects your Detroit tax liability. This return is due within 90 days from the date of the service's final determination. If you file an amended Federal tax return that affects your Detroit tax liability, you must file an amended city return.

An amended return is also used to correct errors on previous Detroit returns. The Statute of Limitations allows amended returns to be filed for refunds for years prior to 1997 within three years of the original due date as extended or the date the tax was paid, whichever is later.

For 1997 and subsequent years, the statute of limitations has been extended to four years. Beginning in 1997, the D-1040 form can be used as an amended return if the appropriate boxes are marked. For years prior to 1997, an amended return is filed on Form D-1040X - which is available from the Detroit Income Tax Division.

Include on Page 1, Line 12, payments made with the original return. If Line 15 of Page 1 computes to be an overpayment, it should be adjusted to reflect original refunds and credits as set forth below.

## AMENDED RETURN WORKSHEET

- A). Overpayment from D-1040(NR) Page 1, Line 15\_\_\_\_\_.
- B). Less: Refund on original return\_\_\_\_\_.
- C). Less: Amount credited to Estimated Tax\_\_\_\_\_.
- D). Subtract B and C from A. If greater than zero, enter amount to be refunded here and on Line 16\_\_\_\_\_.
- E). Subtract B and C from A. If less than zero, enter tax due here and on Line 18. Pay with return if \$1.00 or more.\_\_\_\_\_.

### INTEREST ON REFUNDS

The City of Detroit will pay interest on overpayments as shown on completed tax returns, if the over payments are not refunded within 45 days of April 30, or the filing date of the return, whichever is later.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For interest purposes, a return will not be considered complete if:

- A) The W-2 is improper or is not attached.
- B) The return does not contain the required signatures.
- C) The required schedules are not attached.
- D) Other required information is missing from the return.

**RENAISSANCE ZONE**

Six areas in Detroit have been designated Renaissance Zones by the State of Michigan. Most income of qualified residents and businesses in those areas is not taxable. Contact the Renaissance Zone Manager at 313/224-3072 to determine if you are in a Renaissance Zone or if you qualify for tax exemption.

**ROUNDING DOLLAR AMOUNTS**

Only whole dollar amounts are shown on the return. Do not enter cents. Round DOWN all dollar amounts less than 50 cents. Round UP all amounts of 50 through 99 cents.

**LINE-BY-LINE INSTRUCTIONS****INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAGE 1**

Enter your name (husband and wife if a joint return), address, and social security number (husband first, wife second). Check box if return is for a deceased taxpayer. Indicate filing status (single or married filing jointly).

**EXEMPTIONS**

Filing and status - Check the box marked regular for you and spouse if filing a joint return. If separate returns are filed, neither spouse can claim the other as a dependent.

Additional exemptions are allowed taxpayers or spouses who are any of the following:

1. 65 years of age or older.
2. Blind as defined in Section 504 of the Income Tax Act of 1967, Act No. 281 of the Public Acts of 1967, being Section 206.504 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
3. Deaf as defined in Section 2 of the Deaf Persons Interpreters Act No. 204 of the Public Act of 1982, being Section 393.502 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
4. Paraplegic, quadriplegic, hemiplegic, or totally and permanently disabled person as defined in Section 216 of Title 11 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 416.

Individuals who can be claimed as a dependent by someone else cannot claim an exemption for themselves. If taxable income is less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750), no tax is due and the tax withheld will be refunded. If income exceeds that amount, the tax shall be computed on the full amount. Place an X in the box if someone else can claim you as a dependent.

**BOX E** - Enter the number of your dependent children who lived with you. Attach schedule listing names.

**BOX F** - Enter number of other dependents. Attach schedule listing names, relationship, and social security number for other dependents.

**BOX G** - Enter total exemptions claimed.

**TAXABLE INCOME****THE FOLLOWING INCOME IS SUBJECT TO TAX:**

1. Compensation received as an employee for work done or services performed in Detroit.
2. Net profits of a business or profession based on business activity conducted in Detroit whether or not such business or profession is located in Detroit.

3. Net profits from rental of real and tangible personal property located in Detroit. Gain on the sale or exchange of real and tangible personal property located in Detroit.

**EXEMPT INCOME****EXEMPT INCOME INCLUDES:**

1. Gifts, inheritances and bequests.
2. Pensions (including disability pensions) and annuities.
3. Proceeds from insurance (except that payments from a health and accident policy paid for by your employer are taxable to the same extent as provided by the Internal Revenue Code).
4. Unemployment compensation, supplemental unemployment benefits (sub-pay), welfare relief payments.
5. Workman's compensation or similar payments for death, injury or illness arising out of and in the course of an employee's job.
6. Interest, dividends and other forms of intangible income (when the receipts of interest and or other intangible income is part of a business it shall be considered as business income taxable to non-residents and reported on Schedule C).
7. Military pay for members of the National Guard and the Armed Forces of the United States.
8. Social Security.

**WAGES AND OTHER COMPENSATION**

**PAGE 1 - LINE 1** - Enter where employed (City and State). Enter wages, salaries, commissions, etc. earned in Detroit. Follow instruction (A) if you performed all (100%) of your services in Detroit. Use instruction (B) if you performed part of your services in Detroit and part of your services out of Detroit.

(A) Non-residents who worked 100% of the year in Detroit: enter total wages, salaries, commission, etc. All of your wages, including vacation pay, holiday pay, bonuses and disability income (except that portion which can be excluded under the Internal Revenue Code) are taxable. All wages are considered to be from the same location as the location where the employee performed services.

(B) Non-residents who performed part of their services in Detroit: Complete Schedule N, Page 2. Enter wages earned in Detroit, from Line 5, Schedule N on Line 1, Page 1. Schedule N is not required to determine Detroit commissions. Enter actual commissions earned in Detroit on Line 1, Page 1 and add the notation "Commission Income."

**PAGE 1 - LINE 2** - See instructions for Page 2, Schedule J

**PAGE 1 - LINE 3** - Add lines 1 and 2

**PAGE 1 - LINE 4** - See instructions for Page 2, Schedule M

**PAGE 1 - LINE 5** - Subtract Line 4 from 3; enter total

**PAGE 1 - LINE 6** - Multiply the number of exemptions claimed on Line G by \$750; enter total

**PAGE 1 - LINE 7** - Subtract Line 6 from Line 5; enter total

**PAGE 1 - LINE 8** - Attach Renaissance Zone Deduction Schedule (if applicable). Enter amount

**PAGE 1 - LINE 9** - Subtract Line 8 from Line 7; enter total

**PAGE 1 - LINE 10** - City of Detroit tax: multiply Line 9 by .01475 (1.475%); enter result

**PAYMENTS & CREDITS**

**PAGE 1 - LINE 11-** Enter the amount of Detroit income tax withheld. Credit will not be allowed unless form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) is submitted with your return.

**PAGE 1 - LINE 12-** Enter total payments made on a 1999 Detroit Declaration of Estimated (Form D-1040ES). Include payments with extensions and over-payments carried forward from the prior year. If an amended return include amounts paid with the original return.

**PAGE 1 - LINE 13-** Enter tax paid on your behalf by a partnership. Furnish partnership name and identification number on separate schedule.

**PAGE 1 - LINE 14-** Add Lines 11, 12, and 13; enter total.

**PAGE 1 - LINE 15-** If your payments and credits (Line 14) exceed the tax (Line 10), indicate the over-payment.

**PAGE 1 - LINE 16-** Amount of over-payment to be refunded (Line 14 less Line 10). City cannot refund an amount of less than one dollar (\$1.00).

**PAGE 1 - LINE 17-** Amount of over-payment to be credited to 2000 estimated tax.

**PAGE 1 - LINE 18-** If Line 10 is larger than Line 14, enter amount of TAX DUE DETROIT - Pay in full if One Dollar (\$1.00) or more. Make check or money order payable to:

**TREASURER - CITY OF DETROIT**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAGE 2****SCHEDULE N**

1. "Days worked" refers to actual number of days you were on the job. It does not include holidays, sick days, vacation days or other days not worked.
2. Hours may be substituted for days.
3. NOTE: DRIVERS you are considered working in Detroit while driving within city limits.

**SCHEDULE J**

**PAGE 1 - LINE 1 - RENTAL INCOME** - Enter the net profit or loss from rentals of real and tangible personal property located in Detroit. Attach Schedules from your Federal income tax return to support Line 1.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Passive Loss Limitations as set forth in the Internal Revenue Code apply when taking the rental loss deduction on the Detroit Income Tax Return.

**PAGE 2 - LINE 2 -** Income or loss from Business or Profession. Enter amount.

**PAGE 2 - LINE 3 - PARTNERSHIP AND OTHER INCOME.** Report your share of the Detroit partnership income (or loss) on Line 3. If you are a shareholder in a tax-option corporation that

has elected to file under Sub-Chapter S of the Internal Revenue Code, you are not required to report a distribution, nor may you deduct your share of any loss sustained by the corporation.

Line 3 should include other Detroit income subject to tax that is not reported elsewhere on this return.

Attach copy of Federal Schedule K-1 for your share of partnership losses on Detroit activities and Federal Form 8582 - Passive Activity Loss Limitations.

**PAGE 2 - LINE 4 - SALES OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY.** The gains and losses from the sale or exchange of real and tangible personal property located in Detroit are entered on this line. Attach schedules from your Federal income tax return to support Line 4. Gains or losses on sale of intangible assets (i.e. stocks, bonds, etc.) are neither taxed nor deductible by non-residents on the Detroit return. Gain or loss on property purchased prior to July 1, 1962 must be determined by one of the following methods:

1. The base may be the adjusted fair market value of the property on July 1, 1962, or
2. Divide the number of months the property has been held since June 30, 1962 by the total number of months the property was held and apply this fraction to the total gain or loss as reported on your Federal income tax return.

**SCHEDULE M**

**LINE 1 - EMPLOYEE BUSINESS EXPENSES.** Business expenses are allowable to the extent they are not paid by your employer. These expenses are limited to the following:

- a. Expenses of travel, meals and lodging while away from home overnight.
- b. Expenses incurred as an outside salesman who works away from his employer's place of business. This does not include the expenses of a driver/salesman whose primary duty is service and delivery.
- c. Expenses of transportation other than transportation to and from work.
- d. Expenses reimbursed under an expense account or other arrangement with your employer, if the reimbursement has been included in gross earnings.

Miscellaneous business expenses such as professional dues, supplies, education and others not covered by (a) through (d) above are not deductible for Detroit Tax purposes. These expenses would be shown on Federal Schedule A (itemized Deductions). Federal Form 2106 should be attached for allowable business expenses.

**LINE 2 -** Moving expenses that qualify under the Internal Revenue Code as a deduction on your Federal return may be deducted on your Detroit return. The Detroit deduction is limited to moving expenses in connection with new employment in the Detroit area and are deductible in the ratio of Detroit taxable income to total income for the employer in question. Submit Federal Form 3903 with your return.

**LINE 3** - Contributions to an Individual Retirement Account may be deducted. IRA deduction is only allowable for tax payers with Detroit earned income to the extent the income is subject to tax. IRA deductions are limited to Federal amounts for those covered by employer provided pension plans.

**LINE 4** - Alimony may be deducted. The alimony deduction is computed as follows:

DETROIT INCOME (LINE 3, PAGE 1)	x Alimony Paid
---------------------------------	-------------------

Total Federal Adjusted Gross Income  
(before Alimony deductions)

Schedule M adjustments are allowable to the extent the expenses are applicable to income reported on this return. These adjustments are limited to the amount shown on the Federal return, times the percentage on Line 3 of Schedule N with the exception of alimony.

### SCHEDULE C

**LINE 1** - Enter net profit (or loss) per Federal Schedule C attached.

**LINE 2** - If all your business was conducted in the city, enter 100%. If you have business activity both in and out of the city, complete Schedule D.

**LINE 3** - Multiply Line 1 by Line 2.

**LINE 4** - Enter net operating loss carry-over. Operating losses are carried forward. No carry-back is allowed.

If 100% of business activity was not conducted in the city in the year in which the loss was sustained, the apportionment percentage in the loss year must be applied.

**LINE 5** - Enter self-employment retirement deduction multiplied by the apportionment percentage on Line 2.

**LINE 6** - Line 3 less lines 4 and 5. Enter on Line 2, Page 2, Schedule J.

### SCHEDULE D

**LINE 1** - Enter in Column I the average net book value of ALL real and tangible personal property owned by the business regardless of location. In Column II show the average net book value of the real and tangible personal property owned and located in the city.

The average net book value of real and tangible personal property may be determined by adding the net book value at the beginning of the year and the net book value at the end of the year and dividing the sum by two. If this method will not properly reflect the average net book value of tangible property owned during the year, any other method that will accurately reflect it will be permitted.

**LINE 1a** - Enter in Column I the gross annual rent multiplied by 8 for all rented real property regardless of location. In Column II, show the gross annual rent multiplied by 8 for rented real property located in the city. Gross annual rent should include money and other considerations given for the use or possession of real property rented or leased.

**LINE 1b** - Add Lines 1 and 1a; enter total in Column I and enter percentage in Column III (Column II divided by Column I).

**LINE 2** - Enter in Column I total compensation paid to all employees during the year. In Column II show compensation paid to employees for work or services performed within the city.

**LINE 3** - Enter in Column I the total gross revenue from all sales or services rendered during the year. In Column II, show the amount of revenue derived from sales made or services rendered in the city. Rental income is to be considered as derived from services rendered and is to be included in gross receipts.

**LINE 4** - Add the percentage on Lines 1b, 2 and 3 and enter the total.

**LINE 5** - Compute the average of the percentages listed on Line 4. Enter the Computed amount on this line and Line 2 of Schedule C.

### NEED help? Call 313-224-3315

This booklet is only a guide to help you complete your return. If you have specific problems, call the number listed above between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Mon.– Fri.) for answers to your questions.

### QUESTIONS BY MAIL SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

DIRECTOR, DETROIT INCOME  
TAX DIVISION  
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, ROOM 512  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

### NEED MORE FORMS?

Call 313-224-3322 or 313-224-3323

### BEFORE YOU MAIL YOUR RETURN, DID YOU...

- **Make sure it is complete?**
- **Make sure your social security number is correct and legible?**
- **Sign your return (both spouses, for joint returns)?**
- **Staple your W-2 to the center of your return?**
- **Attach all the required schedules?**
- **Include your payment?**
- **Check the mailing address?**
- **Keep a copy of your return?**

### ARE YOU DUE A REFUND?

#### MAIL YOUR RETURN TO:

DETROIT CITY INCOME TAX  
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, ROOM B3  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

### DO YOU OWE TAX?

#### MAIL YOUR RETURN TO:

TREASURER, CITY OF DETROIT  
P.O. BOX 33530  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48232

### BE SURE TO WRITE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND THE WORDS "1999 INCOME TAX" ON YOUR CHECK.

The Detroit income tax is imposed under Ordinance 900F. Enabling legislation was provided by the State of Michigan. The Uniform City Income Tax Ordinance is set forth in Chapter 2 of Act 284 of the Public Acts of 1964.

These instructions are intended as an aid in the preparation of your Detroit return.

**THANK YOU.**

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING INCOME TAX RETURN

PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK INK & USE CAPITAL LETTERS

- PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION ON YOUR TAX RETURN INSIDE THE BOXES IN BLACK INK.
- PRINT ONE NUMBER OR LETTER IN EACH BOX WHEN ENTERING YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER(S), NAME(S), ADDRESS, DOLLAR AMOUNTS OR OTHER INFORMATION. EXAMPLE:



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0			

- LEAVE A BLANK BOX BETWEEN WORDS. EXAMPLE:



L	A	R	K	I	N		S	T	E	V	E		R	
---	---	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	---	--	---	--

(IF YOUR NAME, ADDRESS OR CITY BEGINS WITH MC, VAN, O', ETC.,  
DO NOT ENTER A SPACE OR PUNCTUATION MARK)

- THERE ARE TWO AREAS TO ENTER YOUR ADDRESS. USE THE POSTAL FORMAT OR APARTMENT NUMBER, SUITE, ROOM NUMBER, RURAL ROUTE, BOX NUMBER, FLOOR, ETC. FIRST, THEN YOUR ADDRESS. IF YOU ONLY HAVE A STREET ADDRESS, YOU MAY ENTER IT IN EITHER AREA. EXAMPLE:



P	O	B	O	X	1	2	6	7										
1	5	6	8	V	A	L	L	E	Y	V	I	E	W	R	O	A	D	
H	A	R	R	I	S	B	U	R	G	P	A	1	7	1	2	9		

(REMEMBER: USE A BLANK BOX TO SEPARATE WORDS)