2018 Kentucky Income Tax Changes

Kentucky Department of Revenue
Webinar Agenda

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Became Law on April 27, 2018

- Most substantial Kentucky tax law changes since 2006
- Sales and excise tax changes *not* covered here
- Effective Dates:
  - January 1, 2018
    - Flat 5% income tax rate for individuals and corporations
    - Elimination of many individual income tax deductions
    - IRC conformity for income tax updated to December 31, 2017 including the TCJA (Pub. L. 115-97)
    - Single sales factor
    - Market-based sourcing
  - January 1, 2019
    - Unitary combined and elective consolidated group filing
IRC and TCJA Conformity

• IRC conformity date now December 31, 2017
• TCJA provisions adopted with IRC conformity
• Kentucky Adopted from TCJA:
  – Net Operating Loss changes (IRC §172)
  – Net Interest Expense limitation (IRC §163(j))
  – Domestic Production Activity Deduction repeal (IRS §199)
  – Foreign Derived Intangible Income-FDII (IRC §250)
  – Moving Expense Deduction repeal (IRC §132)
  – Moving Expense Reimbursement Exclusion repeal (IRC §217)
  – Alimony Payment Deduction repeal (IRC §215)
  – Alimony Received Inclusion repeal (IRC §61)
• Kentucky Decoupled from TCJA:
  – Full Depreciation Expensing (IRC §168(k))
  – Pass-Through Entity QBI deduction (IRC §199A)
Individual Income Tax

Effective January 1, 2018

• Flat tax rate of 5% for all individuals
• Pension exclusion decreased to $31,110 from $41,110
• $10 personal tax credit for taxpayers and dependents eliminated
• Retained personal tax credits for >age 64, blind, and National Guard
• Adjustments Eliminated:
  – Deduction for health insurance premiums
  – Deduction for long-term care insurance premiums
  – Master Tobacco Settlement Payments
  – Deduction for homeless shelter leasehold interest donation
• STABLE investment income now tax exempt
• Dollar limit cap on itemized deductions (Pease Limitation) eliminated

• Itemized Deductions Maintained:
  – Home mortgage interest, points, and qualified MIP
  – Charitable contributions
  – Several miscellaneous deductions:
    • Amortizable premium on taxable bonds (IRC §171)
    • Federal estate tax on IRD (IRC § 691)
    • Repayments >$3,000 under a claim of right (IRC §1341)
    • Unrecovered investment in an annuity (IRC §72)
    • Other activities loss from Schedule K-1 (Form 1065-B), box 2
• Itemized Deductions Eliminated:
  – Investment interest (IRC §171)
  – Taxes (IRC §164)
  – Casualty/theft and gambling losses (IRC §165)
  – Medical and dental expenses (IRC §213)
  – Moving expenses (IRC §217)
  – 2% AGI miscellaneous deductions (IRC §67)

• Forms Changes:
  – Eliminated Form 740-EZ
  – Simplified Schedules A (itemized) and M (federal modifications)
  – New Schedule ITC for individual tax credits
  – New Schedule INV for inventory tax credit
Effective January 1, 2018

• Flat tax rate of 5% for all corporations
• Single sales factor apportionment
• Market-Based Sourcing:
  – Receipts are in Kentucky if the market is in Kentucky:
    • Sale, rental, lease, or license of real property in Kentucky
    • Sale, rental, lease, or license of tangible personal property in Kentucky
    • Service delivered or intangible property used in Kentucky (throw-out rule for intangible receipts if not taxable or indeterminable)
  – KAR guidance based on MTC model coming soon
• 3-Factor Apportionment Retained:
  – Communication services per KRS 136.602
  – Cable services per KRS 136.602
  – Internet access per 47 USC §51

• Special Apportionment Definitions:
  – Passenger airlines
  – Qualified freight forwarders

• Alternative Apportionment:
  – Taxpayer must prove by clear and convincing evidence that statutory apportionment requirements unfairly represent activity in Kentucky
Net Operating Losses

- 50% NOL limitation for mandatory nexus consolidated group filers until December 31, 2018
- 80% NOL limitation on NOL generated on or after January 1, 2018 per IRC §172(a)
- Unlimited unused NOL carryforward per TCJA on NOL generated on or after January 1, 2018
- Kentucky disallows NOL carryback since January 1, 2005
- KAR guidance coming soon
Filing Requirements

- Mandatory Nexus Consolidated otherwise Separate Entity still required until December 31, 2018 for corporations
- Tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019 for corporations and PTEs:
  - Unitary combined group; unless
  - Same-as-federal consolidated group election; otherwise
  - Separate entity filing if not part of a unitary or consolidated group
- e-Filing required if federal gross receipts >$1,000,000
- Forms Changes:
  - Updated Schedule A for apportionment factor changes
  - New Schedule INV for inventory tax credit
  - Various updates for tax law changes
Tax Credits

• Inventory Tax Credit:
  – Ad valorem tax paid on inventory
  – Must be timely paid
  – Phased-in 25% per year from 2018 through 2021
  – Calculator will be posted at https://revenue.ky.gov/

• Film Tax Credit:
  – Nonrefundable and nontransferable for applications approved after April 27, 2018
  – Annual approval cap of $100 million for 2018 and after
  – Commercials no longer qualify

• Credits Eliminated:
  – Kentucky Environmental Stewardship Act (KESA)
  – Kentucky Economic Opportunity Zone Tax Credit (KEOZ)
  – Incentives for Energy Independence Act (IEIA)
  – Coal Incentive Tax Credit
  – Food Donation Tax Credit
  – Kentucky Housing for Homeless Families
Property Tax

- Pre-written computer software is subject to state and local property tax

Reminders:

- Form 62A500 returns are due for all businesses each year on May 15 for property held on January 1
- Returns must be filed with the Property Valuation Administrator in each county per Form 62A500 instructions
- Late or amended returns must be filed with the Office of Property Valuation at DOR
- No *de minimus* value standard
- All personal property must be reported and depreciated per the instructions
• Kentucky Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) new refund designation checkoff
• Withholding statement e-filing threshold lowered to 26
• Final federal audit determination due in 180 days
• Assessment and refund denial protests due in 60 days
• Bonds no longer required to appeal a protest ruling
• Contingent fee contracts prohibited for audits, collections, or legal services
Acronyms

- IRC – Internal Revenue Code
- TCJA – Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017
- MIP – Mortgage Insurance Premium
- IRD – Income in Respect of a Decedent
- AGI – Adjusted Gross Income
- MTC – Multistate Tax Commission
- NOL – Net Operating Loss
- PTE – Pass-Through Entity
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