2017 MI-1041ES, Michigan Estimated Income Tax for Fiduciaries

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Who Must File Estimated Tax Payments

Fiduciaries of an estate or trust (resident or nonresident), generally must pay estimated tax if the estate or trust is expected to owe more than \$500 after subtracting withholding and credits.

If the estate or trust owes more than \$500, estimated payments may not have to be made if the estate or trust expects the 2017 withholding to be at least:

- 90 percent of the total tax for 2017, OR
- 100 percent of the total tax shown on the 2016 return, OR
- 110 percent of the total 2016 tax if the estate's or trust's taxable income for 2016 is more than \$150,000. To figure the estate or trust's federal taxable income, see the instructions for line 22 of the U.S. Form 1041.

Financial institutions that act as a fiduciary for 200 or more trusts shall submit Michigan estimated payments on magnetic tape. Institutions acting as fiduciary for more than 49 and fewer than 200 trusts may make an irrevocable agreement to file magnetically. For more information, refer to the *Transmittal for Magnetic Media Reporting* (Form 447) at www.michigan.gov/taxes.

Exceptions:

- Generally, no estimated tax is due if the estate or trust is due a refund or has a balance due of \$500 or less.
- There is no estimated tax due on an estate or a trust that had no tax liability for the full 12 months preceding the tax year.
- Estates do not have to pay estimated tax for the first two years.

Payment Due Dates

Fiduciaries may pay in full with the first voucher, due April 18, 2017. Fiduciaries may also pay in equal installments due on or before April 18, 2017, June 15, 2017, September 15, 2017, and January 16, 2018.

Generally, all fiduciaries of trusts must report on a calendar year. Report the same year that is being reported for federal estimated payments.

Fiscal-year returns must be adjusted so all dates correspond with the fiscal year. The first estimate payment is due on the 15th day of the fourth month after the fiscal year ends.

Reminder notices will not be sent. Save this set of forms for all 2017 payments.

Where to Mail Payments

Make the check payable to "State of Michigan." Write the FEIN of the estate or trust and "2017 MI-1041ES" on the front of the check. To ensure accurate processing of the return, send one check for each return type. Mail check with the MI-1041ES form for that installment. Do not staple the check to the form.

Send check and voucher to:

Michigan Department of Treasury P.O. Box 30774 Lansing, MI 48909

Late Payments or Underpayments

If a fiduciary fails to make required estimated payments, pays late or underpays in any quarter, Treasury may charge penalty and interest. Penalty is 25 percent of the tax due (minimum \$25) for failing to file estimated payments or 10 percent (minimum \$10) for failing to pay enough with estimates or paying late. If payment is late, penalty and interest must be added to the amount due. The interest rate is 1 percent above the prime rate and is computed daily. The rate is adjusted on July 1 and January 1.

New Information for Composite Filers

Flow-through entities (FTEs) whose tax year begins July 1, 2016 or later are no longer subject to FTW requirements. FTEs who file a *Michigan Composite Individual Income Tax Return* (Form 807) may have to file estimated tax vouchers and pay estimated tax on behalf of each participant. Estimated vouchers and payments are required if the annual income tax liability for each participant is expected to exceed \$500 after exemptions and credits.

Estimated payments should only be remitted for those members who will participate in the composite filing. The estimated payments must be remitted with a *Fiduciary Voucher for Estimated Income Tax* (Form MI-1041ES) with the name of the FTE and the FTE's federal employer ID number (FEIN). Write "Composite Return" at the top of the voucher.

FTEs using a calendar tax year must file vouchers and pay estimated tax by April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15. FTEs that are not using a calendar year must file vouchers and pay estimated tax on the appropriate due dates that, in the FTE's fiscal year, correspond to the calendar year. Fiscal year filer due dates apply regardless of the tax years of the participants.

DETACH HERE AND MAIL THE RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT. DO NOT FOLD OR STAPLE THE RETURN.

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