

1. Do I Have To Make Estimated Tax Payments?

You are required to pay estimated income tax on **form IT 1040ES** if the tax shown due on your 2006 income tax return, reduced by your Ohio tax withheld and refundable tax credits, is \$500 or more.

TIP If you don't want to make estimated payments, you may ask your employer to increase the amount of Ohio tax your employer withholds from your wages. To do this, file a revised form IT 4 Employee Withholding Exemption Certificate with your employer. Remember, if your estimated 2006 tax due amount is less than \$500, you do not have to make estimated payments.

2. Farmer or Fisherman Filing Rules

In lieu of filing the individual estimated tax, farmers or fishermen whose total estimated gross income is at least two-thirds from farming or fishing may file their Ohio income tax returns using the same filing method they use for filing their federal income tax returns. See Rule 5703-7-04.

3. Payment Due Dates

Payments of estimated tax ordinarily must be made in four installments. If you determine that you are required to file estimated tax payments, the quarterly payment due dates for 2006 are:

- 1st Quarter – April 17, 2006
- 2nd Quarter – June 15, 2006
- 3rd Quarter – Sept. 15, 2006
- 4th Quarter – January 16, 2007

TIP You may pay the entire balance for the year with the first payment or you may choose to file your estimated payments quarterly.

4. What Are My Payment Options?

There are three payment options available to you.

- ▶ **Electronic Check** – Save time and postage by filing and paying your 2006 quarterly estimates electronically. Simply go to our Web site at tax.ohio.gov and click on “**I-File.**” Using this method of payment eliminates the need to file a paper copy of form IT 1040ES. The only requirement to file and pay electronically is that you filed an Ohio income tax return form IT 1040 or IT 1040EZ with us for the previous year.
- ▶ **Credit Card** – You can use your Discover/Novus, VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card. Credit card payments may be made by calling 1-800-272-9829 or over the Internet by visiting officialpayments.com and clicking on the “Payment Center” link. There is a convenience fee charged for this service. This fee is paid directly to Official Payments Corporation and is based on the amount of your tax payment.
- ▶ **Check or Money Order** – If you do not want to use an electronic check or credit card to make your payment, you may send in a personal check or money order made payable to the Ohio Treasurer of State with your quarterly estimate form IT 1040ES. Mail to the address printed on the voucher.

5. Personal and Dependency Exemptions

You get a personal exemption of \$1,350 for yourself and an additional \$1,350 for your spouse if you are filing a joint return. In addition to your personal exemption(s) Ohio allows a dependent exemption of \$1,350 for each dependent child that you support.

6. Joint and Separate Estimated Returns

If you intend to file your 2006 Ohio income tax return on a joint basis, then you should file a joint estimate. If you intend to file your 2006 Ohio

income tax return on a married separate or single basis or if you are unsure, then you should file separate estimated vouchers for yourself and for your spouse. Making joint estimated tax payments or separate estimated tax payments will not affect your choice of filing a joint tax return or separate returns for 2006.

7. Interest Penalty

If you fail to pay or if you underpay your estimated tax, you must add an interest penalty to your taxes. See form IT 2210 to see if you owe an interest penalty on your underpayment. The interest rate for calendar year 2006 is 6%.

8. Avoiding the Underpayment of Estimated Income Tax Interest Penalty

You may avoid the underpayment of estimated income tax interest penalty if you meet **any** of the following conditions:

- ▶ The sum of your 2006 Ohio tax withheld, your refundable credits for 2006, your timely made estimated payments and your 2005 overpayment credited to 2006 will equal or exceed 100% of your 2005 Ohio income tax after reduction for your nonrefundable and refundable credits for 2005; OR
- ▶ The sum of your 2006 Ohio tax withheld, your refundable credits for 2006, your timely made estimated payments and your 2005 overpayment credited to 2006 will equal or exceed 90% of your 2006 Ohio income tax after reduction for 90% of your nonrefundable credits for 2006; OR
- ▶ The sum of your 2006 Ohio tax withheld, your refundable credits for 2006, your timely made estimated payments and your 2005 overpayment credited to 2006 will equal or exceed 100% of your 2006 Ohio income tax less the sum of \$500 and 100% of your nonrefundable credits for 2006.

For purposes of the above, “credits” do not include Ohio tax withheld, estimated tax payments or your 2005 overpayment credited to 2006.

9. Annualized Income Installment Method

If your income varies throughout the year, you may be able to reduce or eliminate the amount of your estimated tax payment for one or more quarters by using the annualized income installment method. See additional instructions for annualization on form IT 2210.

10. How to Complete the Declaration Voucher(s)

- A. Fill out the worksheet.
- B. Enter and/or verify your social security number(s) on the voucher. If you are using a preprinted voucher and the social security number is incorrect, then you must correct the social security number(s) at the top of the voucher **and cross out the scan line** at the bottom of each voucher.
- C. Enter the amount of payment in the space provided on each voucher.
- D. Attach a check or money order made payable to the Ohio Treasurer of State for the amount of each payment. See instructions for other payment options.
- E. If the amount of your estimated taxes change, your next voucher should reflect the new amount.
- F. For each subsequent quarterly payment, repeat steps (B) through (E), above.

11. Adjustments to Income

See the explanation in the 2005 IT 1040 Ohio individual income tax booklet for the adjustments on line 2 of the worksheet.

2006 Ohio Income Tax Payment Worksheet (DO NOT FILE)

If you will be making estimates based on the "last year's tax" method, skip lines 1 through 12 and enter on line 13 100% of the tax shown on line 16 of your year 2005 form IT 1040.

1. Enter your 2006 adjusted gross income 1. _____
2. Adjustments to income 2. _____
3. Ohio adjusted gross income (line 2 subtracted from or added to line 1) 3. _____
4. Personal exemptions and dependent exemptions _____ X \$1,350 (enter result here) 4. _____
5. Ohio taxable income (subtract line 4 from line 3) 5. _____
6. Tax on Ohio income (see tax table below) 6. _____
7. Exemption credit (number of personal and dependent exemptions times \$20) 7. _____
8. Ohio tax after exemption credit (line 6 minus line 7) 8. _____
9. Joint filing credit 9. _____
10. Ohio income tax after joint filing credit (line 8 minus line 9) 10. _____
11. Schedule B, C, D and E credits and Ohio Revised Code section 122.172 grant 11. _____
12. Ohio income tax after your joint filing credit, all nonrefundable credits and grant (line 10 minus line 11) 12. _____
13. 90% of line 12 13. _____
14. 2006 Ohio income tax withheld from your wages, refundable business credits and any year 2005 overpayment credited toward your year 2006 Ohio income tax 14. _____
15. Ohio estimated income tax payment due (line 13 minus line 14) 15. _____
 If line 15 is no more than \$500 – **STOP** – you are **not** required to file Ohio estimated income tax.
 If line 15 is more than \$500, then **you are required** to file and pay Ohio estimated income taxes.
 Go to line 16.
16. Multiply the amount on line 15 times .25 and enter here 16. _____
 This is the amount of each quarterly estimated payment (make your check or money order payable to Ohio Treasurer of State or pay by credit card or by electronic check).

Ohio Tax Table for Use with the 2006 Estimated Worksheet

Ohio Taxable Income (line 5 of the estimate worksheet)				2006 Income Tax Rate			
	\$ 5,000	or less				0.681%	of Ohio taxable income
More than	\$ 5,000	but not more than	\$ 10,000	\$ 34.05	plus	1.361%	of excess over \$ 5,000
More than	\$ 10,000	but not more than	\$ 15,000	\$ 102.10	plus	2.722%	of excess over \$ 10,000
More than	\$ 15,000	but not more than	\$ 20,000	\$ 238.20	plus	3.403%	of excess over \$ 15,000
More than	\$ 20,000	but not more than	\$ 40,000	\$ 408.35	plus	4.083%	of excess over \$ 20,000
More than	\$ 40,000	but not more than	\$ 80,000	\$ 1,224.95	plus	4.764%	of excess over \$ 40,000
More than	\$ 80,000	but not more than	\$100,000	\$ 3,130.55	plus	5.444%	of excess over \$ 80,000
More than	\$100,000	but not more than	\$200,000	\$ 4,219.35	plus	6.32%	of excess over \$100,000
Over	\$200,000			\$10,539.35	plus	6.87%	of excess over \$200,000

2006 Record of Estimated Tax Payments

Voucher #1 Amount _____	Voucher #2 Amount _____	Voucher #3 Amount _____	Voucher #4 Amount _____
Date _____ Check # _____	Date _____ Check # _____	Date _____ Check # _____	Date _____ Check # _____