



Iowa Minimum Tax Computation

Name(s) as shown on IA 1040 (or IA 1041):

Social Security No.

PART 1: Adjustments and Preferences, see instructions

If you itemized deductions on Schedule A, start on line 1. If you did not itemize on your IA 1040, start on line 7.

- 1. Medical and dental (line 2, federal form 6251) ..... 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Taxes (line 3, federal form 6251 less any Iowa income tax) ..... 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Certain interest on a home mortgage not used to build, buy, or improve your home (line 4, federal form 6251) ..... 3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Miscellaneous itemized deductions (line 5, federal form 6251) ..... 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Refund of taxes (line 7, federal form 6251 less any Iowa income tax) ..... 5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Investment interest (line 8, federal form 6251 less interest and expense related to private activity bonds issued after 8/7/86) ..... 6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Post - 1986 depreciation (line 17, federal form 6251) ..... 7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Adjusted gain or loss (line 16, federal form 6251) ..... 8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Incentive stock options (line 13, federal form 6251) ..... 9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Passive activities (line 18, federal form 6251) ..... 10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Beneficiaries of estates and trusts (line 14, federal form 6251) ..... 11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Enter the amount for each corresponding item from federal form 6251. Enter total on line 12.
a. Circulation expenditures (line 20) . a. \_\_\_\_\_ h. Patron's adjustment ..... h. \_\_\_\_\_
b. Depreciation (pre-1987) ..... b. \_\_\_\_\_ i. Pollution control facilities ..... i. \_\_\_\_\_
c. Installment sales (line 24) ..... c. \_\_\_\_\_ j. Research and experimental (line 23) ... j. \_\_\_\_\_
d. Large partnerships (line 15) ..... d. \_\_\_\_\_ k. Section 1202 exclusion (line 12) ..... k. \_\_\_\_\_
e. Long-term contracts (line 21) .... e. \_\_\_\_\_ l. Tax shelter farm activities ..... l. \_\_\_\_\_
f. Loss limitations (line 19) ..... f. \_\_\_\_\_ m. Related adjustments (see inst.) (line 26) . m. \_\_\_\_\_
g. Mining costs (line 22) ..... g. \_\_\_\_\_ 12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Total Adjustments and Preferences. Combine lines 1 through 12 ..... 13. \_\_\_\_\_

PART II: Alternative Minimum Taxable Income

- 14. Taxable income (from IA 1040, line 42; or IA 1041, line 22) ..... 14. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Net operating loss deduction. Do not enter as a negative amount ..... 15. \_\_\_\_\_
16. If federal AGI, plus any IA Bonus Depreciation adjustment is more than \$150,500 (more than \$75,250 if married filing separately for federal purposes), see instructions for amount to enter on this line ..... 16. ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
17. Combine lines 14, 15 and 16 ..... 17. \_\_\_\_\_
18. Add lines 13 and 17 ..... 18. \_\_\_\_\_
19. Alternative tax net operating loss deduction (see instructions) ..... 19. \_\_\_\_\_
20. Alternative Minimum Taxable Income. Subtract line 19 from line 18 ..... 20. \_\_\_\_\_

PART III: Exemption Amount and Alternative Minimum Tax

- 21. Enter \$35,000 (\*\$17,500 if filing status 3 or 4; \$26,000 if single, head of household or qualifying widow(er) ... 21. \_\_\_\_\_
22. Enter \$150,000 (\*\$75,000 if filing status 3 or 4; \$112,500 if single, head of household or qualifying widow(er) ..... 22. \_\_\_\_\_
23. Subtract line 22 from line 20. If the result is zero or less, enter zero ..... 23. \_\_\_\_\_
24. Multiply line 23 by 25% (0.25) ..... 24. \_\_\_\_\_
25. Subtract line 24 from line 21. If result is zero or less, enter zero ..... 25. \_\_\_\_\_
26. Subtract line 25 from line 20 ..... 26. \_\_\_\_\_
27. Multiply line 26 by 6.7% (0.067) ..... 27. \_\_\_\_\_
28. Regular tax after credits. See instructions. .... 28. \_\_\_\_\_
29. Iowa Minimum Tax. Subtract line 28 from line 27, enter here and on IA 1040, line 45 (or IA 1041, line 25.) See instructions for Minimum Tax Limited to Net Worth. If less than zero, enter zero ..... 29. \_\_\_\_\_

PART IV: NONRESIDENTS AND PART-YEAR RESIDENTS ONLY - Complete lines 30 - 33.

- 30. Enter Iowa net income plus Iowa adjustments and preferences (see instructions). If less than zero, enter zero. .... 30. \_\_\_\_\_
31. Total net income plus total adjustments and preferences (see instructions) ..... 31. \_\_\_\_\_
32. Divide line 30 by line 31 and enter the result to three (3) decimal places ..... 32. \_\_\_\_\_
33. Iowa Minimum Tax. Multiply line 29 by line 32. Enter here and on IA 1040, line 45 (or IA 1041, line 25). See instruction for Minimum Tax Limited to Net Worth. If less than zero, enter zero. .... 33. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Exemption levels of \$17,500 and \$75,000 on lines 21 and 22, respectively, also apply to an estate or trust.

# Instructions for IA 6251

## WHO MUST FILE IA 6251

All individuals, estates and trusts that had one or more of the adjustments or preferences in Part I must complete form IA 6251 to see if they owe Iowa minimum tax. Taxpayers may have an Iowa minimum tax liability even if they owed no Federal minimum tax. All taxpayers with a tax preference item or adjustment are to attach this form to their IA 1040, even if there is no Iowa minimum tax. Nonresidents who have a liability for Iowa minimum tax are required to file an Iowa return even if they have no regular Iowa income tax liability.

Married filing separate filers: Each spouse having tax preferences and adjustments needs to complete an IA 6251.

## PART I: ADJUSTMENTS AND PREFERENCES

If you did not itemize on the Federal level, lines 1-6 of the IA 6251 will refer to the Iowa Schedule A.

**Note:** The Federal tax preferences for percentage depletion of an oil, gas or geothermal well and intangible drilling costs from lines 9 and 25 of Federal form 6251 are not tax preferences but are additions to income on line 14 of IA 1040.

## RELATED ADJUSTMENTS

### Line 12-m.

Include related adjustments from line 26 of the Federal 6251 only to the extent the adjustments are ones that affect the computation of net income. An adjustment related to tax-exempt interest from private activity bonds would not be included, since this is not an Iowa tax preference or adjustment.

## FEDERAL PHASE-OUT OF ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS

### Line 16.

If you are subject to the Federal phase-out of itemized deductions on your Federal Schedule A, you must enter the revised Iowa phase-out amount on this line. To determine this amount, first complete the IA form 41-104, Itemized Deduction Worksheet, found at [www.state.ia.us/tax](http://www.state.ia.us/tax). Then complete the following:

1. Enter the amount from Step 2, line 13 of the IA 41-104 ..... 1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Enter the amount from Step 3, line 7 of the IA 41-104 ..... 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Enter the amount from Step 3, line 8 of the IA 41-104 ..... 3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Subtract line 3 from line 2 ..... 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Subtract line 4 from line 1. Enter here and on line 16 of the IA 6251 .. 5. \_\_\_\_\_

## ALTERNATIVE NET OPERATING LOSS DEDUCTION

### Line 19.

A net operating loss can be carried back or carried forward to reduce a taxpayer's alternative minimum taxable income. However, before the net operating loss can be deducted it must be reduced by any adjustments and tax preferences used in computing the net operating loss. In the case of a net operating loss for a tax year beginning after December 31, 1986, which

is carried to the current tax year, the net operating loss amount on line 19 cannot exceed 90 percent of the amount on line 18. Any portion of the net operating loss which cannot be used can be carried over to the next tax year.

### Line 28.

Enter the amount from IA 1040, line 43, less line 50; or enter the amount from IA 1041, line 23, less line 27. If less than zero, enter zero.

## NONRESIDENTS AND PART-YEAR RESIDENTS

Nonresidents and part-year residents of Iowa are required to pay Iowa minimum tax only on the percentage of adjustments and tax preferences which are Iowa source. Lines 30-33 in Part IV must be completed to calculate the Iowa minimum tax liability for nonresidents and part-year residents only if one has Iowa source adjustments or preferences.

### Line 30.

Add Iowa net income (line 26, IA 126) plus the total of those adjustments and tax preferences on line 13 of the IA 6251 which are from Iowa sources.

### Line 31.

Add total net income (line 27, IA 126) plus the total of all adjustments and tax preferences on line 13 of the IA 6251.

### Line 32.

Divide line 30 by line 31 and enter the result to three decimal places (Example: .786).

### Line 33.

Multiply line 29 by line 32. The result is the Iowa minimum tax and is to be entered on line 45, IA 1040 (line 25, IA 1041). See the instructions below relating to minimum tax limited to net worth.

## MINIMUM TAX LIMITED TO NET WORTH

Taxpayers who meet all qualifications for a distressed sale, but have a debt to asset ratio of 75 percent or less, are not subject to the minimum tax in an amount greater than the taxpayer's net worth. In situations where a taxpayer has multiple transactions (forfeitures, transfers, sales or exchanges), minimum tax is limited to net worth prior to the last transaction in the tax year. For additional information on what constitutes a "distressed sale" contact the Taxpayer Services Section. If calling from the Des Moines area or from out of state, call (515) 281-3114. Elsewhere in Iowa or from the Rock Island/Moline or Omaha calling areas, call 1-800-367-3388 (toll free). E-mail: [idr@iowa.gov](mailto:idr@iowa.gov)

## ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX CARRYFORWARD CREDIT

An alternative minimum tax credit is available which may reduce the regular tax of an individual for minimum tax paid in a prior year on deferral items of tax preference. The Iowa credit is computed similarly to the Federal credit but on form IA 8801. The IA 8801 and the IA 148 Tax Credits Schedule must be attached to the IA 1040 if this credit is claimed.