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Estimated Tax Payments: Delinquent or Underestimated Payment or Both, Constitutes Underpayment

(1) An underpayment of Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) estimated tax exists when the payments received on or before a payment due date are less than the required payment due as determined under section (3) of this rule.

(2) Returns processed on or after January 1, 2021. If none of the exceptions as provided in section (3) of this rule are met, interest on underpayment of estimated tax is computed on the difference between the lowest amount determined under section (3) of this rule and the total estimated tax payments for the installment period made on or before the due date.

(3) Exceptions. Underpayment charges will not be imposed if each estimated tax payment is equal to or more than 25 percent (or the appropriate percentage of tax for short periods provided in OAR 150-317-1300) of any one of the following:

(a) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020 and ending before January 1, 2021, 80 percent of the tax for the tax year.

(b) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, 100 percent of the tax.

(c) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, 100 percent of the tax shown on the return for the preceding tax year (after credits) provided that the preceding tax year was a period of twelve months and an Oregon return showing a liability was filed for such tax year. When applying this subsection to a current taxable year of less than 12 months, the tax for the preceding tax year is reduced by multiplying it by the number of months in the short tax year and dividing the resulting amount by 12.

(d) An amount equal to 100 percent of the tax computed on annualized taxable commercial activity. For purposes of this computation, tax credits available on the date of the payment may be deducted from the annualized tax. An estimated or anticipated tax credit may not be used. Annualized taxable commercial activity is computed by entering the taxable commercial activity on an annualized basis:
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(A) For the first three months of the taxable year, in the case of the installment required to be paid in the fourth month;
(B) For the first three months or for the first five months of the taxable year, in the case of the installment required to be paid in the sixth month;
(C) For the first six months or for the first eight months of the taxable year, in the case of the installment required to be paid in the ninth month; and
(D) For the first nine months or for the first 11 months of the taxable year, in the case of the installment required to be paid in the 12th month of the taxable year.
(e) An amount equal to 100 percent of the amount obtained by applying Section 6655(e)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code to Oregon taxable commercial activity for any person with seasonal commercial activity.

(4) Unitary group returns. If a unitary group CAT return is filed, any underpayment shall be computed on a combined basis. In computing the underpayment on a combined basis, the tax and facts shown on the returns for the preceding year must be aggregated, regardless of whether combined or separate returns were filed.

(5) If separate returns are filed and estimated tax is paid on a combined basis, the payments and prior year’s tax may be divided between the various persons’ liabilities in any manner designated by the taxpayers.

(6) Interest on underpayment. When an estimated tax payment is underpaid, interest accrues on the underpaid amount at the rate provided in OAR 150-305-0140 from the due date of the payment to the earlier of:
(A) the date the tax is paid, or
(B) the date the tax return is due.

(7) Underpayment interest will not be imposed for a quarter in which the annualized taxable income results in a net annualized tax of $10 or less.
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(8) Underpayment charges shall be assessed on the last return filed and received before the due date for such return. That return shall be considered the “original return,” and the tax due shall be used as the basis for computing the underpayment charges.

(9) Once underpayment charges are assessed on the original return, an amended return reducing the tax liability will not reduce the underpayment charges.

[Publications: Contact the Oregon Department of Revenue for information about how to obtain a copy of the publication referred to or incorporated by reference in this rule pursuant to ORS 183.360(2) and ORS 183.355(1)(b).]

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