



What's new for 2004?

- The IL-477, Replacement Tax Investment Credit, scheduled to expire on December 31, 2003, has been extended until December 31, 2008. You may continue to claim a credit for qualified property placed in service after December 31, 2003.
Note → If you are a fiscal year filer that qualifies for the Replacement Tax Investment Credit, and you have already filed your return without claiming the credit, you should file an amended return and include Schedule IL-477, showing any credit that you are entitled to take. For more information on how to amend your return, see Form IL-843, Amended Tax Return or Notice of Change in Income.
- Effective for tax years **ending on or after December 31, 2003**, the credit for replacement tax paid has been removed from Form IL-990-T.
- Effective for tax years **ending on or after December 31, 2003**, and **before December 31, 2004**, the Research and Development Credit was not an allowable credit. For tax years **ending on or after December 31, 2004**, the Research and Development Credit has been restored.
- Effective for tax years **ending on or after December 31, 2003**, the Training Expense Credit is no longer an allowable credit. In addition, if you qualify for certain enterprise zone or high impact business income tax credits from Schedule 1299-D, you are required to report those figures on the appropriate lines on Form IL-990-T. See specific instructions for Part IV, Lines 3a through 3c.
- Effective for tax years **beginning on or after January 1, 2004**, those businesses in the film industry may qualify for a Film Production Services Tax Credit. See Schedule 1299-D Instructions for more information.
- **Short-year filers only:** Effective for tax years **beginning on or after January 1, 2004** and **before July 1, 2004**, certain businesses may qualify for a Transportation Employee Tax Credit. See Schedule 1299-D Instructions for more information.

General Information

Who must file Form IL-990-T?

You must file Form IL-990-T if you are an organization exempt from federal income tax by reason of Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and earn or receive unrelated business taxable income as determined under IRC, Section 512, **and**

- have net income as defined under the Illinois Income Tax Act (IITA); or

- are a resident or qualified to do business in the state of Illinois and are required to file U.S. Form 990-T (regardless of net income or loss).

It is your duty as a taxpayer to obtain forms. Failure to obtain them will not be an excuse for failure to file returns as required by law.

How do I register my business?

If you are required to file Form IL-990-T, you should register by calling our Central Registration Division at **217 785-3707**. You may be able to register electronically. Visit our web site at www.ILtax.com for more information.

Registering with the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) **prior to filing your return** ensures that your tax returns are accurately processed.

Your identification numbers as an Illinois business taxpayer are your federal employer identification number (FEIN) and your Illinois business tax (IBT) number.

When should I file?

Your Illinois filing period is the same as your federal filing period. In general, Form IL-990-T is due on or before the 15th day of the **5th** month following the close of the tax year. If you are an employee trust as described in IRC, Section 401(a), you must file Form IL-990-T on or before the 15th day of the **4th** month following the close of the tax year.

Automatic six-month extension — We grant you an automatic six-month (seven-month for corporations) extension of time to file your tax return. You are not required to file Form IL-505-B, Automatic Extension Payment, in order to obtain this automatic extension. However, if you expect tax to be due, you must use Form IL-505-B to pay any tentative tax due in order to avoid interest and penalty on tax not paid by the original due date of the return. An extension of time to file your Form IL-990-T is not an extension of time for payment of Illinois tax.

Additional extensions beyond the automatic extension period — We will grant an extension of more than six months (seven months for corporations) **only** if an extension of more than six months is granted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). You must attach a copy of the approved federal extension to your Form IL-990-T.

Where should I file?

Mail your Form IL-990-T to
 ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
 PO BOX 19009
 SPRINGFIELD, IL 62794-9009

When should I pay?

Payment of tax — You must pay your Illinois income and replacement tax in full on or before the original due date of the return. This payment date applies even though an automatic extension for filing your return has been granted.

Estimated tax payments — If you reasonably expect your Illinois income and replacement tax liability to be more than \$400 for the tax year, you are required to make quarterly payments of estimated tax. For further information regarding 2004 estimated taxes, see the instructions for Form IL-1120-ES, Estimated Income and Replacement Tax Payments for Corporations.

Note → Trusts are **not** required to make estimated payments.

Who should sign the return?

If you are a corporation, your Form IL-990-T must be signed by the president, vice president, treasurer, or any other officer duly authorized to sign the return. In the case of a bankruptcy, a receiver, trustee, or assignee must sign any return that is required to be filed on behalf of the corporation. If you are a trust, Form IL-990-T must be signed by a fiduciary of the trust. If there are two or more joint fiduciaries, the signature of one will comply with the requirements of the IITA. The signature verifies by written declaration (and under penalties of perjury) that the signing individual has personally examined the return and the return is true, correct, and complete. An individual's name signed to a return is *prima facie* evidence that the individual is authorized to sign on behalf of the taxpayer.

Any person who is paid to prepare the return (other than an authorized officer, fiduciary, or a person who is a regular, full-time employee of the taxpayer, such as a clerk, secretary, or bookkeeper) must provide a handwritten signature, date the return, and write the preparer's taxpayer identification number. If the preparer is an employee or partner of a firm or corporation, the preparer must also provide the firm's name, address, and instead of the preparer's taxpayer identification number, the preparer must provide the firm's FEIN. Self-employed preparers must check the "self-employed" box and provide their own name, address, and taxpayer identification number in the appropriate spaces.

Note → If your return is not signed, any overpayment of tax is considered forfeited if, after notice and demand for signature, you fail to provide a signature within three years from the date your return was filed.

What are the penalties and interest?

Penalties — You will owe

- a **late-filing penalty** if you do not file a processable return by the extended due date;
- a **late-payment penalty** if you do not pay the tax you owe by the original due date of the return;
- a **bad check penalty** if your remittance is not honored by your financial institution;
- a **cost of collection fee** if you do not pay the amount you owe within 30 days of the date printed on your bill;

Interest — interest is calculated on tax from the day after the original due date of your return through the date you pay the tax.

We will bill you for penalties and interest. For more information about penalties and interest, see Publication 103, Uniform Penalties and Interest. To receive a copy of this publication, see "What if I need additional assistance or forms?" for our phone numbers and addresses.

What if I am discontinuing my business?

Liquidation, withdrawal from Illinois, loss of charter or termination — If you are a corporation that is liquidated, withdraws either voluntarily or involuntarily from Illinois, or in any manner surrenders or loses its charter, **or** if you are a trust that is terminated, you are still required to file tax returns. We will pursue the assessment and collection of taxes if you are liable for income and replacement tax for this year or any previous tax period.

Sales or transfers — If, outside the usual course of business, you sell or transfer the major part of any one or more of

- the stock of goods which you are in the business of selling,
- the furniture or fixtures of your business,
- the machinery and equipment of your business, or
- the real property of your business,

you or the purchaser must complete and send us Form CBS-1, Notice of Sale or Purchase of Business Assets, no later than 10 days after the date the sale took place. Mail this form, along with copies of the sales contract and financing agreement, to

Illinois Department of Revenue
Bulk Sales Section
P.O. Box 19035
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9035.

Request for prompt determination — You may make a request for prompt determination of liability if you are a corporation that is contemplating, or in the process of, dissolution or has already dissolved. A completed tax return must be on file with us before you can submit a request for prompt determination. Do not submit your return and request at the same time. Mail your initial return to

the address on the form. You should allow 12 weeks for processing. If your request is properly made, the expiration of the statute of limitations (absent fraud) will not extend beyond 18 months from the date of your request. Mail your request and a copy of your previously submitted return to Illinois Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 19044, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9044.

What if I need to correct or change my return?

Corrected — If you need to correct or change your return after it has been filed, but before the extended due date has passed, you must file a corrected Form IL-990-T showing the changes. Write "Corrected" at the top and show the changes. Any correction made may cause a recalculation of penalties and interest.

Amended — If you need to correct or change your return after it has been filed, and the extended due date has passed, you must file Form IL-843, Amended Return or Notice of Change in Income, showing the changes.

State changes only — If you discover an error on your Illinois return that does not relate to an error on your federal return but was caused by

- a mistake in transferring information from your federal return to your Illinois return,
- failing to report to Illinois an item that has no effect on your federal return, or
- a mistake in another state's tax return that affects the computation of your Illinois tax liability,

you must file Form IL-843, promptly.

If you are filing Form IL-843 to claim an overpayment, it must be filed within three years after the extended due date or date the return was filed, or within one year after the tax giving rise to the overpayment was paid, whichever is latest.

Federal changes only — If you have filed an amended federal return or if you have been notified by the IRS that they have made changes to your return, you must file Form IL-843. This includes any change in your federal income tax liability; any tax credit; or in the computation of your federal unrelated business taxable income, as reported for federal income tax purposes, if the change affects any item entering into the computation of net income, net loss, or any credit for any year under the IITA. You must file Form IL-843 no later than 120 days after the changes have been agreed to or finally determined.

If you are filing Form IL-843 to claim an overpayment, it must be filed within two years after the date such notification was due (regardless of whether such notice was given). For further information, see Form IL-843 instructions.

What records must I keep?

You must maintain books and records to substantiate any information reported on Form IL-990-T. Your books and records must be available for inspection by our authorized agents and employees.

Do the IDOR and the IRS exchange income tax information?

The IDOR and the IRS exchange income tax information for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of information reported on federal and Illinois tax returns. All amounts you report on Form IL-990-T are subject to verification and audit.

Should I round?

To make it easier for you to figure your tax, you may round the dollar amounts on Form IL-990-T and accompanying schedules to whole-dollars. To do this, you should drop any amount less than 50 cents and increase any amount of 50 cents or more to the next higher dollar.

What if I participated in a tax shelter?

If you participated in a potentially abusive tax avoidance transaction, commonly known as an abusive tax shelter, during this tax year and were required to disclose that tax shelter to the IRS, you are also required to disclose that information to Illinois.

Federal disclosure forms include U.S. Form 8886, Reportable Transaction Disclosure Statement, and U.S. Form 8721, Investor Reporting of Tax Shelter Registration.

You must send us two copies of your U.S. disclosure forms.

- Attach one copy to your tax return, and
- Mail the 2nd copy to the Illinois Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 19029, Springfield, IL 62794-9029.

What if I need additional assistance or forms?

If you need additional assistance,

- visit our web site at **www.ILtax.com**;
- write to us at P.O. Box 19044, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9044
- call our Taxpayer Assistance Division, at **1 800 732-8866**, or **217 782-3336**, or
- call our TDD (telecommunications device for the deaf) at **1 800 544-5304**.

Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you need additional forms or schedules,

- visit our Web site at **www.ILtax.com**;
- write to us at P.O. Box 19010, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9010, or
- call our 24-hour Forms Order Line at **1 800 356-6302**.

Specific Instructions

Name, address, and (FEIN) — If your Exempt Organization Income and Replacement Tax Return is preprinted, check to make sure all of the information is correct. If any of the information is not correct, cross through it and write the correct information next to it. If you did not receive a preprinted return, type or print the required information clearly in the spaces provided. Be sure that your name, address, FEIN, tax year ending, and nature of unrelated activity are correctly reported at the top of your Form IL-990-T. If you have an IBT number, write it clearly in the space provided. You **also must** indicate if you are taxed as a corporation or as a trust.

Note → If your name or address has changed since you filed your last return, check the appropriate box.

You must complete Form IL-990-T itself.

Do not send a computer printout of line numbers and dollar amounts attached to a blank copy of the return.

You must use the same accounting method (e.g., cash or accrual) and tax year that you used for federal income tax purposes.

Part I — Computation of base income or loss

Specific instructions for most of the lines are provided on the following pages. Lines that are not discussed in the instructions are self-explanatory.

Line 1 — Write the amount of unrelated business taxable income or loss from U.S. Form 990-T, Line 34. This entry is the unrelated business taxable income or loss after deducting income exempt from tax by reason of the United States or Illinois Constitutions, or by reason of law, statute, or treaties of the United States. **Attach a worksheet explaining the source and amount of any such deduction.**

Note → You must attach a copy of Page 1 of your U.S. Form 990-T if you made any entries in Part I or II of that page.

Line 2 — Write the amount of Illinois income and replacement tax deducted from federal unrelated business taxable income.

Part II — Base income or loss allocable to Illinois

You **must** complete Part II if any portion of Part I, Line 3 is derived outside Illinois. If you do not complete **all** of Part II, we will consider 100 percent of business income attributable to Illinois for tax purposes.

Line 1 — Write the amount of all business income or loss included in base income received from any non-unitary partnership, trust, or estate, of which you are a partner or beneficiary.

Note → The partnership is required to send you an Illinois Schedule K-1-P, Partner's or Shareholder's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, and Recapture, and the trust or estate is required to send you an Illinois

Schedule K-1-T, Beneficiary's Share of Income and Deductions, specifically identifying your share of income.

Line 3a — Write your total sales everywhere. Include your share of the sales from any unitary partnership, as reported to you by the partnership on Schedule K-1-P.

Line 3b — Write your total sales within Illinois. Include your share of the Illinois sales from any unitary partnership.

Include gross receipts from the license, sale, or other disposition of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and similar items of intangible personal property in the numerator and denominator of your sales factor only if the gross receipts are more than 50 percent of the total gross receipts included in gross income for this tax year and each of the two immediately preceding tax years.

Do not include the following items of income in the numerator or denominator of your sales factor

- dividends,
- amounts included under IRC, Section 78,
- subpart F income as defined in IRC, Section 952, and
- any item of income excluded or deducted from base income.

For more information on what should be included in the numerator or denominator of your sales factor, see Illinois Income Tax Regulations 100.3380.

Sales of tangible personal property are in Illinois if

- the property is delivered or shipped from anywhere to a purchaser in Illinois, other than the United States government, regardless of the f.o.b. point or other conditions of the sale;
- the property is shipped from Illinois to any place and the purchaser is the United States government;
- the property is shipped from Illinois to another state and you are not taxable in the state of the purchaser or you did not file a tax return in the state of the purchaser; or
- your salesperson operates out of an office in Illinois, and the property sold by the salesperson is shipped from a state in which you are not taxable, to a state in which you are not taxable.

If the "sales everywhere" amount includes gross receipts from the licensing, sale, or other disposition of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and other similar items of intangible personal property, then these receipts should be attributed to Illinois to the extent the item is used in Illinois during the year the gross receipts are included in gross income. An item is used in Illinois if

- a patent is employed in production, fabrication, manufacturing, or other processing in Illinois or if the patented product is produced in Illinois.
- copyrighted material is printed or other publications originated in Illinois.

- the commercial domicile of the licensee or purchaser of a trademark or other item of intangible personal property is in Illinois.

Note → If you cannot determine from your books and records in which state an item is used, do not include the gross receipts from that item in the numerator or denominator of the sales factor.

Sales, other than sales of tangible personal property, or gross receipts from the licensing, sale or other disposition of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and similar items of intangible personal property, are in Illinois if

- the income-producing activity is performed in Illinois; or
- the income-producing activity is performed both inside and outside Illinois and a greater proportion of the income-producing activity is performed inside Illinois rather than outside Illinois, based on performance costs.

Line 3c — Divide Line 3b by Line 3a and write the result, carried to six decimal places.

Line 5 — Write the amount of business income or loss apportionable to Illinois as reported by any non-unitary partnership, trust, or estate, on Illinois Schedule K-1-P or K-1-T (see Part II, Line 1).

Part III — Computation of net income or loss and replacement tax

Line 1 — Follow the instructions on the form.

Line 2b — Write your recapture of investment credits from Schedule 4255, Step 4, Column C, Line 18.

If you claimed an Illinois investment tax credit in a prior year on Form IL-477, Replacement Tax Investment Credits, and any of the property was disqualified within 48 months of being placed in service, you must use Illinois Schedule 4255 to compute the amount of recapture. Credit must be recaptured in the year in which the property became disqualified.

Line 4 — Write the amount from Form IL-477, Step 1, Line 11. **Attach Form IL-477 to your Form IL-990-T.**

You may claim a replacement tax investment credit of up to .5 percent (.005) of the basis of qualified property placed in service in Illinois during the tax year.

An additional credit of up to .5 percent (.005) of the basis of qualified property is available if your Illinois base employment increased over the preceding year or if your business is new to Illinois. Excess credit may be carried forward for five years following the excess credit year. For further information, refer to Form IL-477 instructions.

Part IV — Computation of income tax and total tax

Line 1b — Write your recapture of investment credits from Schedule 4255, Step 4, Columns A and B, Line 18.

If you claimed an Enterprise Zone or High Impact Business Investment Credit in a prior year on Schedule 1299-D, Income Tax Credits, and any of the property becomes disqualified, you must use Illinois Schedule 4255 to compute the amount of recapture. Credit must be recaptured in the year in which the property became disqualified. See Schedule 4255 for more information.

Line 3 — Write the amount from Schedule 1299-D, Step 4, Line 68. The total of all credits is limited to the total income tax shown on Part IV, Line 2. **Attach Schedule 1299-D to your Form IL-990-T.**

The following credits are “single-year” credits. They have no provision for carryforward of excess credit.

- **Transportation Employee Tax Credit** — For tax years **beginning on or after January 1, 2004, and before July 1, 2004** some businesses may be allowed a credit in the amount of \$50 per eligible employee. See Schedule 1299-D Instructions to determine if you qualify for this credit.
- **Film Services Tax Credit** — For tax years **beginning on or after January 1, 2004**, businesses within the film industry may qualify for a Film Services Tax Credit. Contact the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for additional information.

The TECH-PREP Youth Vocational Programs Credit and the Dependent Care Assistance Program Tax Credit are available to taxpayers primarily engaged in manufacturing. Any excess credit may be carried forward for **two** years following the excess credit year.

- **TECH-PREP Youth Vocational Programs Credit** — The programs must be certified as qualifying TECH-PREP programs by the State Board of Education. The credit is for an amount equal to 20 percent (.20) of your direct payroll expenditures for cooperative secondary school youth vocational programs in Illinois. The payroll expenditures must not have been claimed for the Training Expense Credit. You also may claim an additional credit of 20 percent (.20) for personal services rendered by a TECH-PREP student or instructor that would be subject to withholding if they were employed by you and no other credit has been claimed by the actual employer.
- **Dependent Care Assistance Program Credit** — A credit of 5 percent (.05) of the amount of expenditures reported, pursuant to Section 129(d)(7) of the IRC, to provide an on-site facility dependent care assistance program as defined in Section 129 of the IRC.

The following credits are available and may be carried forward for **five** years following the excess credit year.

- **Coal Research and Coal Utilization Investment Credits** — A credit of 20 percent (.20) of the amount donated
- **High Impact Business Investment Credit** — A credit of .5 percent (.005) of the basis of qualified property placed in service in Illinois by you during your tax year as a “High Impact Business,” certified as such by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). This credit is available only after you have met the minimum investment required by the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act.
- **Jobs Tax Credit** — A credit of \$500 per eligible employee hired to work in an Illinois enterprise zone or foreign trade zone (sub-zone) during the tax year.
- **Enterprise Zone Investment Credit** — A credit of .5 percent (.005) of the basis of qualified property placed in service in an Illinois enterprise zone during your tax year.
- **Research and Development Credit** — A credit of 6.5 percent (.065) of the qualifying expenditures for increasing research activities conducted in Illinois, and which would be allowable under IRC, Section 41, as in effect before P.L. 101-239.
- **Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) Tax Credit** — A credit is available to taxpayers who have entered into an agreement with DCEO under the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act. The credit is available to businesses located within Illinois or businesses planning to locate within Illinois, who are participating in an economic development project.
- **Employee Child Care Tax Credit** — A two-part credit is available to corporations who provide a child care facility, located in Illinois, for the children of its employees. The first portion allows a credit of 30 percent (.30) of the “start-up costs” spent by you to provide a child care facility for the children of your employees. The second portion allows a credit of 5 percent (.05) of the annual amount paid by you to provide the child care facility for your employees’ children. The 5 percent credit cannot be claimed if the Dependent Care Assistance Program Tax Credit is claimed.
- **Tax Credit for Affordable Housing Donations** — A credit of 50 percent (.50) of the amount of the donation a taxpayer

during your tax year to the Illinois Center for Research on Sulfur in Coal, and a credit of 5 percent (.05) of the amount spent on qualifying coal combustion and pollution control equipment placed in service during your tax year. The “amount spent” is defined as the basis of the equipment for federal depreciation deduction purposes.

makes under Section 7.28 of the Illinois Housing Development Act for the development of affordable housing in Illinois.

- **Environmental Remediation Credit (carryforward only)** — The Environmental Remediation Tax Credit allowed a credit for tax years **ending on or after January 1, 1998, through tax years ending on or before December 31, 2001**, for certain amounts paid for unreimbursed eligible remediation costs. For tax years **ending on or after January 1, 2002**, you may take this credit only if you are using a credit carryforward that was earned during the original timeframe allowed for earning the credit. For more information, see FY Bulletin 2003-09, Claims for Environmental Remediation Tax Credit.

Lines 3a through 3c — Follow the instructions on the form and write the appropriate amounts from Schedule 1299-D, if applicable.

Note → Illinois law requires the department to collect data for certain credits. The amounts on Lines 3a through 3c are already included on Line 3, total income tax credits from Schedule 1299-D.

Line 6b — Write the Illinois income and replacement tax paid with Form IL-505-B. If you have an additional federal extension beyond six months, attach a copy of your **approved** federal extension to your return.

Lines 8 and 8a — Follow the instructions on Form IL-990-T. Your refund will not be issued if you do not file a processable return.

Note → Your refund or credit carryforward may be reduced by us to satisfy any unpaid tax, penalty, and interest due for this year or any preceding year. If we reduce your credit carryforward, it could result in a penalty in the succeeding year for underpaid estimated tax.

Line 9 — Subtract Line 7 from Line 5. This is your amount of tax due that must be paid in full if \$1 or more. Make your check or money order payable to “**Illinois Department of Revenue.**” We will compute any penalty or interest due and notify you (see General Information, “What are the penalties and interest?”). If you prefer to calculate and pay any penalties and interest when you file, write “penalty” and the amount to the left of Line 9. Include this penalty amount and any interest in your payment.

