



# Illinois Department of Revenue

## 2015 Schedule NLD Instructions

### What is new for 2015?

- This schedule has been redesigned for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2015. If you are filing Schedule NLD for tax years ending before December 31, 2015, you cannot use this schedule. For prior years, use the schedule for that year.

### When must I use this schedule?

You must use this schedule to carry forward or back an Illinois net loss arising in tax years ending on or after December 31, 1986. An Illinois NLD can be used to reduce the base income allocable to Illinois **only** if the loss year return has been filed and to the extent the loss was not used to offset income from any other tax year. Corporations, **excluding S corporations**, that are members of a unitary group, must use Illinois Schedule UB/NLD, Unitary Net Loss Deduction, to claim any NLD. All S corporations and partnerships, including any that are members of a unitary group, **must** use Illinois Schedule NLD.

**Note** If corrections have been made to the loss amount (e.g., federal audit or amended return), you must report the corrected amount when you file this schedule.

### What is the purpose of this schedule?

The purpose of Illinois Schedule NLD is to calculate your total amount of Illinois net loss available, the amount deductible for this year, and the remaining NLD available for use in other years.

### What are the limitations of the Illinois NLD?

When determining the years to which a loss can be carried forward, corporations, other than S corporations, do not count

- tax years ending after December 31, 2010, and before December 31, 2012;
- the taxable years for which the deduction would exceed \$100,000 if not for the NLD limitation (tax years ending on or after December 31, 2012, and before December 31, 2014). You must count any years in which the deduction you took did not exceed \$100,000.

For tax years **ending on or after December 31, 2003**, Illinois net losses can no longer be carried back, and can only be carried forward for 12 years.

For tax years **ending on or after December 31, 1999**, and **before December 31, 2003**, all Illinois net losses must be carried back two years (unless an election to only carry forward is made) then forward 20 years. The special rules under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 172 do not apply to Illinois net losses. Also, no limitations under IRC Section 382 or the separate return limitation year provisions of the federal consolidated return regulations apply to an Illinois NLD carryover.

Illinois net losses in tax years **ending before December 31, 1999**, are allowed as a carryback or carryforward deduction only in the manner allowed under IRC Section 172, including, for example, the 10-year carryback allowed to banks for bad debt losses.

The following are the carryback and carryforward years generally allowed for Illinois net losses in tax years **ending before December 31, 1999**. Illinois net losses in tax years beginning

- after August 5, 1997, and ending before December 31, 1999, must be carried back two years, then forward 20 years.
- on or before August 5, 1997, must be carried back three years, then forward 15 years.

**Note** For tax years ending on or after December 31, 1996, and before December 31, 2003, you may have made the election to forgo any of the previously mentioned Illinois NLD carryback periods by

checking the appropriate box on your loss year return. This election must have been made by the extended due date of your return and once made was irrevocable for that tax year.

**Special Note** **Corporations and trusts.** If you are a corporation (other than an S corporation) or trust and you were required to reduce or eliminate a federal net operating loss carryover because you had discharge of indebtedness income, you may be required to reduce or eliminate your Illinois net operating loss carryovers. This reduction may be required if you had discharge of indebtedness income excluded from your federal gross income for any taxable year ending on and after December 31, 2008. See the Specific Instructions for Line 2a through 2c below. If you were required to reduce a federal net operating loss for the year of the discharge, you may have been required to reduce any Illinois net loss you incurred for the same year. This reduction is made on the Illinois income tax return you filed for the loss year. See the appropriate return instructions for your loss year.

### What must I attach?

You **must** attach Schedule NLD to your annual tax return. The Department **may** require you to submit complete copies of the original loss year returns, amended returns, or audit reports reflecting the loss amounts that you are claiming on this schedule. Failure to submit requested information will result in processing delays.

### What if I need additional assistance?

If you need assistance,

- visit our website at [tax.illinois.gov](http://tax.illinois.gov);
- call our Taxpayer Assistance Division at **1 800 732-8866 or 217 782-3336**;
- call our TDD (telecommunications device for the deaf) at **1 800 544-5304**; or
- write to us at P.O. Box 19044, Springfield, IL 62794-9044.

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

## Specific Instructions

**Note** If a specific line is not referenced, follow the instructions on the form.

### Step 1: Figure your Illinois net loss deduction

**Column A** — Enter the month and year of the tax year in which you incurred the Illinois net loss that will expire first.

**Line 1** — Enter the amount of reported Illinois net loss for the tax year. Use the following tables to determine the correct line reference for your tax type and tax year.

| Corporations  |
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| <b>For tax years ending before December 31, 2005</b>  |
| • Form IL-1120 or Form IL-1120-X, Part IV, Line 1   |
| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2005 and ending on or before December 30, 2009</b> |
| • Forms IL-1120 or IL-1120-X, Line 37   |
| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2009 and on or before December 30, 2010</b>        |
| • Forms IL-1120 or IL-1120-X, Line 39   |
| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2010</b>   |
| • Forms IL-1120 or IL-1120-X, Line 37   |

**Schedule INL filers (REMIC owners only)** - A negative amount entered on Step 4, Line 18 of a prior year Schedule INL, Illinois Net Loss Adjustments for Cooperatives and REMIC Owners, is the amount of NLD you have earned in that prior year.

If that NLD is eligible to be carried to this tax year and is the Illinois net loss that will expire first, enter

- the month and year from the prior year Schedule INL in the space provided above Schedule NLD Line 1, and
- the negative amount from Schedule INL, Step 4, Line 18 as a positive amount on Schedule NLD, Line 1.

**Note** → If this NLD is not the Illinois net loss that will expire first, enter it in columns B or C, as applicable.

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| <b>S corporations</b>   |
| <b>For tax years ending before December 31, 2006</b>  |
| • Form IL-1120-ST, Part II, Line 1a   |
| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2006, and on or before December 30, 2009</b> |
| • Forms IL-1120-ST or Form IL-1120-ST-X, Line 48  |
| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2009, and on or before December 30, 2010</b> |
| • Forms IL-1120-ST or Form IL-1120-ST-X, Line 50  |
| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2010</b>                                     |
| • Forms IL-1120-ST or Form IL-1120-ST-X, Line 49  |

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| <b>Partnerships</b>   |
| <b>For tax years ending before December 31, 2006</b>  |
| • Form IL-1065, Part II, Line 1a  |
| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2006, and on or before December 30, 2010</b> |
| • Forms IL-1065 or Form IL-1065-X, Line 48  |
| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2010</b>                                     |
| • Forms IL-1065 or Form IL-1065-X, Line 47  |

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| <b>Fiduciaries</b>  |
| <b>For tax years ending before December 31, 2007</b>  |
| • Forms IL-1041, Part III, Line 1a  |
| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2007 and on or before December 30, 2009</b>  |
| • Forms IL-1041 or Form IL-1041-X, Line 27  |
| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2009, and on or before December 30, 2010</b> |
| • Forms IL-1041 or Form IL-1041-X, Line 30  |
| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2010</b>                                     |
| • Forms IL-1041 or Form IL-1041-X, Line 29  |

**Note** → If the loss originated from a company other than the one filing this return, complete Step 2.

**Lines 2a through 2c** — Enter the month and year to which the loss has been previously carried and the amount of Illinois net loss previously used to offset base income allocable to Illinois.

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| <b>For tax years ending before December 31, 2005, this amount is shown on that tax year's</b> |
| Form IL-1120, Part IV, Line 2   |
| Form IL-1120-ST, Part II, Line 1b   |
| Form IL-1065, Part II, Line 1b  |
| Form IL-1041, Part III, Line 1b   |
| Form IL-1120-X, Part IV, Line 2, Column C   |
| revised Illinois return attached to your Form IL-843  |

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| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2005, this amount is shown on that tax year's</b> |
| Form IL-1120 or IL-1120-X, Line 38   |
| Form IL-1120-ST, Part II, Line 1b  |
| Form IL-1065, Part II, Line 1b   |
| Form IL-1041, Part III, Line 1b  |
| revised Illinois return attached to your Form IL-843   |

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| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2006, this amount is shown on that tax year's</b> |
| Form IL-1120 or IL-1120-X, Line 38   |
| Form IL-1120-ST or IL-1120-ST-X, Line 49   |
| Form IL-1065 or IL-1065-X, Line 49   |
| Form IL-1041, Part III, Line 1b  |
| revised Illinois return attached to your Form IL-843   |

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| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2007, this amount is shown on that tax year's</b> |
| Form IL-1120 or IL-1120-X, Line 38   |
| Form IL-1120-ST or IL-1120-ST-X, Line 49   |
| Form IL-1065 or IL-1065-X, Line 49   |
| Form IL-1041 or IL-1041-X, Line 28   |

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| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2009, this amount is shown on that tax year's</b> |
| Form IL-1120 or IL-1120-X, Line 40   |
| Form IL-1120-ST or IL-1120-ST-X, Line 51   |
| Form IL-1065 or IL-1065-X, Line 49   |
| Form IL-1041 or IL-1041-X, Line 31   |

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| <b>For tax years ending on or after December 31, 2010, this amount is shown on that tax year's</b> |
| Form IL-1120 or IL-1120-X, Line 38   |
| Form IL-1120-ST or IL-1120-ST-X, Line 50   |
| Form IL-1065 or IL-1065-X, Line 48   |
| Form IL-1041 or IL-1041-X, Line 30   |

**Discharge of Indebtedness Income** — If you excluded discharge of indebtedness income in a prior tax year from your federal gross income, then you are required to reduce your Illinois net operating loss carryovers. The loss is treated as previously used in Illinois. This reduction applies to Illinois loss carryovers to the tax year of the debt cancellation only if a reduction was made under the Internal Revenue Code to any federal net operating loss carryovers you had to that tax year. Use the worksheet on the back of Schedule NLD to calculate the amount of reduction. Report the reduction on Lines 2a through 2c by entering "IITA 207(c)" in addition to the month and year to which the loss was previously carried and include the amount of reduction calculated as Illinois net loss previously used. Attach a copy of your federal Form 982, Reduction of Tax Attributes Due to Discharge of Indebtedness, to your Schedule NLD. For more information, see Illinois Income Tax Regulations, Section 100.2310(c).

**Note** → If the loss has been carried to more than three years and additional space is needed, complete and attach an additional Illinois Schedule NLD.

**Line 4** — Enter the amount of base income allocable to Illinois for the carry year.

| Enter the amount shown on   |
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| Form IL-1120, Line 37, or Form IL-1120-X, Line 37, Column B;      |
| Form IL-1120-ST, Line 49, or Form IL-1120ST-X, Line 49, Column B; |
| Form IL-1065, Line 47, or Form IL-1065-X, Line 47, Column B;      |
| Form IL-1041, Line 29, or Form IL-1041-X, Line 29, Column B.      |

If this is a negative amount, you **should not** be using Schedule NLD.

**Lines 5 and 6** — Follow the instructions on the form.

**Line 7** — Subtract Line 5 from Line 3. **Do not** enter this amount on this year's return. This is your remaining NLD to be carried to subsequent years.

**Note** → If there is an NLD remaining **after** this year (Line 7 is greater than zero), the amount on Line 5 must be included on any subsequent year's Schedule NLD, Line 2.

**Columns B and C** — Complete all lines of the columns as needed for additional Illinois net loss years. List additional Illinois net loss years in the order in which they will expire first.

**Lines 1 through 3** — Follow the instructions for Column A.

**Line 4** — Enter the amount from Line 6 of the preceding column.

**Line 5** — Follow the instructions on the form. Add Columns A, B, and C. This is your total NLD to be used this year. Enter this amount in the box and on the "Illinois net loss deduction" line of this year's return or amended return. See Lines 2a through 2c instructions for the appropriate line reference for your return or amended return.

**Lines 6 and 7** — Follow the instructions for Column A.

**Note** → If you have more than three Illinois net loss years attach additional Schedules NLD as needed.

## Step 2: Identify the loss year company

**Lines 8 through 10** — Follow the instructions on the form.