

Guide for New Residents—Individual Income Tax

RESIDENCY STATUS

A Colorado resident is a person who has made a home in Colorado, or a person whose intention is to be a Colorado resident.

The department will consider, among other things, Colorado voter registration, Colorado vehicle registration, Colorado driver license, school registration, property ownership and residence of spouse or children in determining intention to be a Colorado resident.

RESIDENT TYPES

A full-year resident is an individual who was a resident of Colorado on or before January 1 and continued so through or after December 31.

A part-year resident is an individual who was a resident of Colorado for only part of the tax year. This includes anyone who moved into, or out of, Colorado at any time during the calendar year.

A nonresident is an individual who did not reside within the boundaries of Colorado at any time during the tax year but the person may have temporarily lived and/or worked in Colorado or may have received income from a Colorado employer or partnership.

CREDITS AND SUBTRACTIONS

Colorado offers several tax credits and deductions that can lower your Colorado tax obligation. Please see the Colorado 104 booklet for details about the various credits and subtractions available.

DO I HAVE TO FILE INCOME TAX?

You must file a Colorado income tax return if during the year you were a full-year, part-year or nonresident of Colorado with Colorado taxable income AND you were required to file a federal income tax return or had a Colorado income tax liability for the year. It is in your best interest to file a Colorado return even if you are expecting a refund. If you do not file a return, and the department has reason to believe you should, we could file one on your behalf. This department-filed return may not consider your unique tax situation and could result in a bill.

Tax Rate

Colorado income tax is a flat 4.63% of Colorado taxable income.

Due Dates

Colorado due dates and payment requirements mirror that of the Internal Revenue Service. Typically, you must file your return by April 15 or by automatic extension on October 15. If filing an extension, at least 90% of your tax must be paid by April 15 or you may be penalized. Additional information about this can be found in the Colorado 104 booklet

How to File

First, complete the federal income tax return you will file with the Internal Revenue Service. You will use figures from your federal return on your Colorado income tax return.

Use the Colorado 104 Booklet to file or a third-party tax service to file electronically. (You may use Revenue Online **after** you've filed your first tax return with the department.)

Visit www.TaxColorado.com for forms and filing

INCENTIVES/BENEFITS FOR RETIREES

Colorado allows a pension/annuity subtraction for taxpayers who are at least 55 years of age as of the last day of the tax year or beneficiaries of any age (such as a widowed spouse or orphan child) who are receiving a pension or annuity because of the death of the person who earned the pension/annuity.

Qualified taxpayers who are under age 65 as of the last day of the tax year can subtract the smaller of \$20,000, or the taxable pension/annuity income included in federal taxable income. Taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older as of the last day of the tax year can subtract the smaller of \$24,000, or the taxable pension/annuity income included in federal taxable income. If each spouse receives income from a pension or annuity, then each spouse must qualify by age to claim the pension subtraction for their own pension or annuity. Each spouse's subtraction is computed separately and no part of one spouse's \$20,000 or \$24,000 subtraction may be claimed by the other.

PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes are administered by the counties through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. If you have questions about your property taxes contact the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Property Tax Division.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration is handled through the Colorado Department of Revenue -- Division of Motor Vehicles.



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