Professional Tax Preparer's Guide

for Local Earned Income Tax 2023 Filing Season



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Taxpayer Annual Local Earned Income Tax Return Part-Year Returns

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- ✓ Taxpayers who move during the year <u>must</u> file a part-year return for <u>each</u> municipality
- ✓ Pro-rate/allocate taxable income and tax liability for each resident municipality
- ✓ Report separately income and tax paid/due for each resident municipality
- ✓ Provide complete street address for each part-year residence
- ✓ Use correct PSD Code for each municipality to determine tax rate and appropriate distribution of tax
- ✓ Use full months, not fraction of month



TAXPAYER ANNUAL LOCAL EARNED INCOME TAX RETURN



INSTRUCTIONS

3. Part-Year Returns: If you moved to another municipality during the year, you are responsible for tax on income earned while a resident of each respective municipality. Use the Part-Year Resident Schedule (on reverse side of tax return form) to calculate income and taxes owed for each taxing jurisdiction, or to allocate income and tax according to when income was earned. Provide supporting documentation, such as W-2s and pay stubs, for example. Base calculations on full months; do not use fractions of a month. You must account for the entire (12 months) tax year. File one local earned income tax return for each municipality. Report separately your earned income, tax paid and tax liability for each municipality on each return.



Taxpayer Annual Local Earned Income Tax Return Part-Year Returns, Part-Year Resident Schedule

Current Residence		(street address)	# months at this address
(required)		(municipality, State, ZIP)	Use full # months; not fraction of month
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- 1. Account for the entire tax year by number of months at each address.
- 2. Use full months, not fraction of month
- 3. Supply complete address for each residence (no PO Boxes)
- 4. Provide correct PSD Code for each resident municipality
- 5. Pro-rate/allocate income, withholding and tax due for each resident municipality.
- 6. Provide documentation (pay stubs, etc.) to account for non-uniform earnings and/or withholdings
- 7. File a separate return for each resident municipality
- 8. Indicate number of months at each address on front of <u>both</u> returns.



Taxpayer Annual Local Earned Income Tax Return Married, Filing Jointly

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER RESIDENT PSD CODE	EXTENSION REQUEST FORM	☐ AMENDED RETURN
The calculations reported in the first column MUST pertain to the name printed in the column, regardless of which spouse appears first.	Social Security #	Spouse's Social Security #
Combining income is NOT permitted. USE ONLY BLACK OR BLUE INK TO COMPLETE THIS FORM Include supporting documentation to verify income and credits below.	If you had NO EARNED INCOME check the reason why:	If you had NO EARNED INCOME check the reason why:
Single Married, Filing Jointly Married, Filing Separately	homemaker retired unterriptoyed	homemaker retired unemployed

- ✓ PA law prohibits spouses from combining income and/or tax withholding
- ✓ Spouses may file their individual tax returns at one time, on the same tax return
- ✓ Each spouse must provide supporting documentation
- ✓ Each spouse must sign the return
- ✓ One spouse may credit overpayment to the other spouse's tax balance, if applicable
- ✓ This option is <u>only</u> for spouses who report the same legal residence(s) for the
 entire tax year (otherwise, select the Married, Filing Separately)



Taxpayer Annual Local Earned Income Tax Return Line 1: Gross Compensation – PA Taxable Wages

Gross compensation as reported on W-2(s) (enclose W-2s)	.00	.00
Unreimbursed Employee Business Expenses (enclose PA Schedule UE)	.00	.00
Other Taxable Income (see Instructions, enclose supporting documents)	.00	.00
Total Taxable Income (subtract Line 2 from Line 1 and add Line 3)	.00	.00

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- Look at Box 15 to determine if this is a PA W-2
- Use PA State Wages figure in Box 16
- ➤ If another state is indicated in Box 15, use this formula to calculate wages subject to tax in PA:

Rounded for tax purposes	\$25,267.00
Total	25,266.69
Minus Box 12 (Code C and/or Code Y)	11.18
Plus Box 10 (Dependent Care Benefits).	+ 0.00
Box 5 (Medicare Wages)	\$25,277.87

<u>Notes</u>

- 1. If the calculations of PA state wages differs from the state wages listed on your W-2 in Box 16, due to restricted stock units, stock options or deferred compensation plan distributions, use state wages (Box 16) and include supporting documentation.
- 2. Not every taxpayer will have an amount in Box 10 and or Box 12 (Code C and/or Code Y).
 - In such cases, use Medicare Wages (Box 5)
 - Unless you have income from restricted stock units, stock options or deferred compensation plan distributions, then use Federal Wages (Box 1).
- 3. Round cents to the nearest whole dollar. Amounts under 50 cents are rounded down to the nearest whole dollar. Likewise, increase amounts from 50 to 99 cents to the next whole dollar amount.



Taxpayer Annual Local Earned Income Tax Return Line 9: PSD Codes and Local Tax Liability

Other Taxable Earned Income (see Instructions; enclose supporting documents)	.00	.00
4. Total Taxable Earned Income (subtract Line 2 from Line 1 and add Line 3)	.00	.00
Net Profits (enclose PA Schedules)	.00	.00
6. Net Loss (enclose PA Schedules)	.00	.00
7. Total Taxable Net Profit (subtract Line 6 from Line 5; if less than zero, enter zero)	.00	.00
8. Total Taxable Earned Income and Net Profit (add Line 4 and Line 7)	.00	.00
9. Total Tax Liability (Line 8 multiplied by	.00	.00

- √ The <u>resident</u> PSD Code determines the resident tax rate
- ✓ Employers typically list the <u>workplace</u> PSD Code on the W-2 in Box 20
- ✓ The resident PSD Code determines where resident taxes are distributed.
- ✓ An incorrect PSD Code may trigger an inquiry notice
- ✓ Use the correct PSD Codes for each part-year resident return, when applicable



Taxpayer Annual Local Earned Income Tax Return Line 10: EIT Withheld – Resident and Non-Resident Withholding

Net Profits (enclose PA Schedules)	.00	.00
6. Net Loss (enclose PA Schedules)	.00	.00
7. Total Taxable Net Profit (subtract Line 6 from Line 5; if less than zero, enter zero)	.00	.00
8. Total Taxable Earned Income and Net Profit (add Line 4 and Line 7)	.00	.00
9. Total Tax Liability (Line 8 multiplied by	.00	.00
10. Total Income Tax Withheld (may not equal W-2; see Instructions)	.00	.00

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	LINE 10: LOCAL EARNED INCOME TAX WITHHELD WORKSHEET Complete worksheet if you work in an area where the non-resident tax rate exceeds your home resident rate						
	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) Local Wages Tax Withheld Resident EIT Rate W-2 Box 16 W-2 Box 19 Tax Form Line 9 (4) (4) (5) (5) (6) (7) Workplace Location (Non-Resident" Column (3) (1) (2) (3) (2) (3) (4) (4) (5) (5) (6) (7) (2) (2) (2) (3) (4) (4) (5) (6) (7) (2) (2) (2) (3) (4) (4) (5) (6) (7) (6) (7) (7) (7) (7) (8) (9) (9) (9) (9) (9) (9) (9) (9) (9) (9					Credit Allowed for Tax Withheld	
Example							
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2.							
3.					·		
	TOTAL Enter this amount on Line 10						

- Employers withhold to the workplace location.
- ➤ If the resident EIT rate is different from the workplace location (non-resident) rate, employers are required to withhold at the higher of the two rates.
- ➤ If the workplace location (non-resident) rate is higher than the resident rate, do not enter the amount from W-2 Box 19 onto Line 10 of the tax form
- When the rates differ, use the worksheet to determine applicable local EIT withholding for Line 10 of the tax form.
- Non-resident EIT is not refundable when the workplace location rate is higher than the resident jurisdiction rate



Taxpayer Annual Local Earned Income Tax Return Line 12: Credit for Taxes Paid Out-of-State



Reciprocity Rule

No credit is given for taxes paid on wages to states that reciprocate with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Maryland • New Jersey • Ohio • Virginia • West Virginia • Indiana

These six states should likewise not impose state income tax on PA residents

Note: The reciprocity rule does <u>not</u> apply to the taxation of net profits

Documentation Required

- W-2(s) showing out-of-state withholding and PA Schedule G-L; or
- ➤ W-2(s) showing out-of-state withholding and out-of-state non-resident tax return



- ✓ Credit is available only on income subject to tax in <u>both</u> states
- ✓ Apply out-of-state credits to PA state income taxes first
- ✓ Apply remaining credit, if any, to local tax liability
- ✓ Local tax credit may not exceed local tax liability
- ✓ Credit is <u>not</u> available on entity-level taxes

Exa	am	pl	e:

Wages/net profits subject to tax in both the other state and in PA total \$50,000.00 Out-of-state wages/net profits	
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(Use figure from PA Schedule G-L)	
These wages/net profits are taxed out-of-state at 5%	
Out-of-state tax paid (\$50,000 x 5%)	
(Use earnings figure from PA Schedule G-L, Line 4.c)	
PA state income tax liability on out-of-state taxed wages	
PA state income tax liability (\$50,000 x 3.07%)	
Credit available against PA state tax liability	
Use the <u>lesser</u> of the out-of-state tax paid and PA state income tax liability	0
Remaining credit may be applied against local tax liability but may not exceed local EIT liability	
Balance from PA state tax credit	
(Subtract PA state tax liability from out-of-state tax paid)	
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Multiply wages/net profits subject to tax in both the other state and in PA times the local EIT rate	
Local rate multiplier (assume 1% EIT; \$50,000 x 1%)	
Local Earned Income Tax Credit (Line 12 of the local tax return)	
Use the lesser of the Balance from PA state tax credit and the Local rate multiplier	0

Note: Credit for income tax paid to another state or political subdivision, including Philadelphia, may <u>not</u>:

- 1. Exceed total local earned income tax liability
- 2. Be transfered to a spouse, or
- 3. Be applied to next year's tax liability



Case Study

ASSUMPTIONS

- PA resident employed in New York
- Combined municipal and school district local earned income tax rate is 1.7%
- Municipality and School district each have an Act 511 tax rate of 0.5% (for a combined total of 1%)
- School district adds 0.7% in Act 24 EIT replacement for the Occupation Tax
- Total resident tax rate is 1.7%



Case Study

Taxable wages reported to New York on W-2

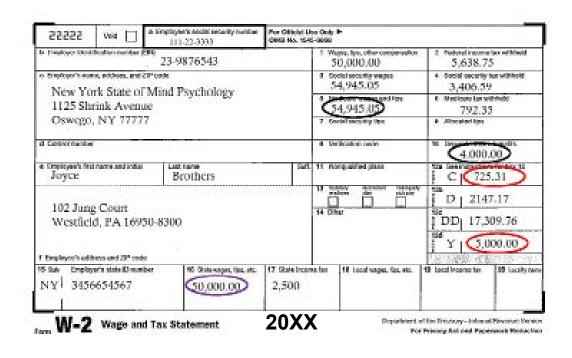
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- New York calculates state taxable wages using the figure in W-2 Box 1
- In this example, \$50,000 in wage income is taxable both in New York and in Pennsylvania



Case Study

Calculating PA taxable wages reported to New York on W-2



Calculating PA Taxable Wages reported to another state on W-2	
Medicare Wages (Box 5) Dependent Care Benefits (Box 10) Income subject to PA tax	\$54,945 <u>+4,000</u> \$58,945
Life Insurance (Box 12; Code C) Deferred Comp (Box 12; Code Y) Deductions from PA taxable income	(725) (<u>5,000)</u> (5,725)
Income Deductions PA Taxable Income	\$58,945 (5,725) \$53,220
Income Subject to tax in both states	\$50,000
Income taxable in Pennsylvania not subject to New York Income tax (Out-of-State credit does not apply)	\$3,220

<u>Note:</u> Late or incorrect filing/payment of tax may result in additional costs if:

- 1. Less than 90% of quarterly tax liability for the <u>current</u> tax year remains unpaid by the end of the fourth-quarter filing deadline, or
- 2. The taxpayer has not made four equal and timely estimate payments totaling 100% of prior tax year liability

Penalty and interest accrue on late-filed final returns, late-filed quarterly estimates and late-filed extention payments



Case Study

Applying out-of-state income tax credits

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PA Taxable Income Local EIT (1.7%) Local EIT liability	\$53,220 <u>x0.017</u> \$905
Income subject to tax in both States	\$50,000
Out-of-state tax paid	\$2,500
Credit applied to PA state income tax (\$50,000 x 3.07%)	(\$1,535)
Out-of-state tax credit balance	\$965
Income subject to tax in both states Local credit allowed (\$50,000 x 1.7%)	\$50,000 \$850
Local EIT liability Allowed out-of-state credit	\$905 (<u>850)</u>
EIT balance due	\$55



Taxpayer Annual Local Earned Income Tax Return Line 12: Credit for Tax Paid to an Out-of-State Municipality



- Credit cannot exceed local tax withheld out-of-state from W-2 (Box 19).
- > Credit cannot exceed PA resident base local earned income tax liability.
- Credit is available only on income subject to tax in both states.
- > Taxpayer may not claim a refund in excess of the base local tax liability.
- Credit may not be transfered to spouse or applied to next year's liability

Reciprocal States

- Income tax paid to an out-of-state municipality may be applied as a credit toward PA local earned income tax liability
- State income tax paid outside PA may not be considered for credit (applies only to wages)

Non-Reciprocal States

- Income tax paid to an out-of-state municipality may be applied as a credit toward PA EIT liability
 - State income tax paid outside PA must first be applied against PA state tax liability (remaining state income tax credit may be applied against EIT)



Taxpayer Annual Local Earned Income Tax Return Line 13: Total Payments and Credits



- ✓ Enter employer withholding at resident tax rate (see instructions) on Line 10
- ✓ Enter self-reported individual quarterly estimate payments on Line 11
- ✓ The prior-year overpayment may be applied to the current-year liability on Line 11
- ✓ Ensure prior-year overpayment was not refunded
- ✓ Include any payment made with an extension application on Line 11



Taxpayer Annual Local Earned Income Tax Return Lines 14 and 15: Overpayments, Refunds, Transferable Credits



When there is an overpayment, the taxpayer may opt to:

- > Receive a refund for the entire amount of the overpayment; or
- > Apply the entire amount of the overpayment to next year's tax; or
- > Apply the entire amount of the overpayment to spouse's current-year tax; or
- > Apportion the overpayment between next year's tax and spouse's current-year tax

Include entire amount
of overpayment on Line 14
ONLY
when requesting a full refund

Leave Line 14 blank
if choosing
one or more of the credit
options on Line 15

Note

- 1. Tax officer will issue Form 1099 to the federal government for credit or refund exceeding \$10
- 2. If the tax overpayment is less than \$2, no refund or credit will be issued.



Taxpayer Annual Local Earned Income Tax Return Checklist - Confirm Before Filing Final Return

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Taxpayer Moved	 ✓ File one part-year return for each resident municipality ✓ Report a complete street address for each part-year resident return ✓ Account for the entire year and split income and withholding proportionately ✓ Base calculations on full months, do not use fractions of a month
Married, Filing Jointly	✓ Do not combine income and/or withholdings
PSD Codes	Do not combine income and/or withholdings
1 02 00000	 ✓ Include the correct resident PSD code for each taxpayer and each return ✓ Claim withholding only at resident PSD tax rate
Documentation	
	✓ Include appropriate documentation, such as W-2(s), 1099(s), Schedule(s) C, E, F, K-1, RK-1, UE, G-L
Taxable income	✓ Use PA state wages (Box 16 on PA W-2), not federal or Social Security wages
Out-of-state workers	 ✓ Calculate taxable income using Medicare wages (W-2, Box 5), plus Dependent Care Benefits (W-2, Box 10), minus any amount included in W-2 Box 12 (Code C and/or Code Y) ✓ Apply credits only against income that is subject to tax both in PA and another state ✓ Apply other state income tax credits first to PA state income tax liability
	✓ Credit may not exceed local tax liability
	✓ Credit may not be transfered to spouse or applied to next year's tax liability
Philadelphia credits	✓ Credit is not transferable to spouse or applied to next year's tax liability
Other payments	✓ Ensure prior-year overpayments were not refunded. Include quarterly estimated and extension payments
Balance Due	✓ Make check payable to Keystone Collections Group
Sign return	✓ Both the taxpayer(s) and the preparer must sign and date the tax return
Mailing return	✓ Use the correct PO Box and ensure the return(s) are sent to the correct tax collector

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