

**Combined or Consolidated Return Affiliation Schedule**

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**General Instructions**

**Use of the Form**

- Arizona Form 120 filers complete Form 51 to:
- List the members of combined or consolidated groups.
  - List the affiliated corporations that file to Arizona on a separate company basis.
  - List the affiliated corporations that file a separate combined return to Arizona.

**NOTE:** *If you are including Form 51 with your return, be sure to check the "Yes" box on page 1 of Form 120, line D. Include Form(s) 51 following page 4 of Form 120.*

Form 51 identifies changes to the federal consolidated group and related companies during the taxable year. These changes include name changes, additions to the group filing the return, or deletions from the group filing the return.

Complete Section 1 for the first taxable year a unitary group files a combined return, or for the year in which an Arizona consolidated election is made.

- For an Arizona consolidated group, the income tax return consists of all companies included in the federal consolidated return.
- For a combined group, the income tax return consists of all unitary companies included in the federal consolidated return, and any related unitary companies in which a member of the combined group owns more than a fifty percent interest ("related company").
- For a federal consolidated group and related companies consisting of more than one Arizona combined group, the group filing this form should list the other group as filing a separate return using the name of the corporation under which that group is filing.

**NOTE:** *For additional information on Arizona's filing methods, refer to pages 7 and 8 of the instructions for Arizona Form 120.*

Complete Sections 2 and 3 to report any name changes, additions to the group, or deletions from the group in succeeding taxable years.

**Specific Instructions**

**Taxable Year**

Fiscal year filers, enter the taxable year as it appears on Form 120.

Calendar year filers, leave blank.

**Name, Address, and Employer Identification Number**

Enter the taxpayer's name, employer identification number (EIN), and address as it appears on Form 120.

*Consolidated return filers*, list the parent corporation's name with the phrase "and subsidiaries," the parent's address, and the parent's EIN.

*Combined return filers*, list the name, address, and EIN of the corporation under which the group is filing. The name for a combined return should include either the phrase "and unitary subsidiaries," or "and unitary affiliates," whichever is applicable.

If the taxpayer has a foreign address, enter the information in the following order: city, province or state, and country. Follow the country's practice for entering the postal code. **Do not abbreviate the country's name.**

**Section 1: Listing of Affiliated Corporations Combined or Consolidated in This Return or Filing Separate Returns**

*Complete Section 1 only if it was not completed for a previous taxable year.*

If a consolidated return is filed, enter the parent corporation's name, EIN, and address at the top of this form. Complete Section 1 by listing all remaining members of the federal consolidated group.

If a combined return is filed, enter the corporate name, EIN, and address of the company under which this return is filed. Complete Section 1 by listing the additional unitary members of the combined group. Include any affiliates or related companies that may file separate income tax returns to Arizona.

**NOTE:** *If Section 1 is completed, do not complete Section 2 or Section 3.*

In the "Arizona Filer?" column, check the box of those companies that previously filed a return to Arizona. For example, if a company filed as part of a combined return, check the box of only the company that was identified on the top of page 1 on the original return. Also, check the box of those companies that previously filed separate company returns to Arizona.

In the "F/C/S" column, identify which type of return the affiliate is filing to Arizona. Use "F" for consolidated return, "C" for combined return, or "S" for separate company return. If the combined group filing this form has an affiliated combined group, indicate the company under which the other combined group filed with an "S".

Complete the "Period From - Through" column only for affiliates that were added or deleted during the taxable year.

For each affiliate that was added or deleted, indicate the period of time (by month and year in MM/YYYY format) the affiliate was part of the group. Do not complete the "Period From - Through" column for corporations that were members of the consolidated or combined group for the entire taxable year. If a calendar year basis taxpayer acquired an affiliate in June 2017, the period listed would be "06/2017 - 12/2017."

Enter the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) business activity code for each company included in the group.

If there are more than 15 affiliated corporations, include additional Form(s) 51 immediately after the first Form 51.

Alternatively, if there are more than 15 affiliated corporations, Form 51 may be filed by optical media. Optical media filing can be used *only* for Section 1 information.

### **Section 2: Corporations Added to the Affiliated Group During the Taxable Year**

*Do not complete Section 2 if Section 1 was completed for this taxable year.*

List those corporations that were added to the combined or consolidated group during the taxable year. In addition, list new affiliates and related companies that will file separate company returns to Arizona. If there were more than 10 corporations added during the taxable year, include additional Form(s) 51 immediately after the first Form 51. Enter the name and EIN of the corporation filing this Form 51 on the top of page 2.

In the "Arizona Filer?" column, check the box of those affiliated members or related companies that previously filed a return to Arizona. For example, if a member filed a combined return, indicate only the company that was identified on the top of page 1 on the original return. In addition, check the box of those companies that previously filed separate company returns to Arizona.

In the "F/C/S" column, identify which type of return the affiliated group member or related company is filing to Arizona. Use "F" for consolidated return, "C" for combined return, or "S" for separate company return. If a combined group has an affiliated combined group, indicate the company under which the other combined group filed with an "S".

Use the "Month Added" column to indicate the number of the month during the taxable year the affiliate was added to the affiliated group. For example, if the affiliate was added in June, use the number "06".

Enter the NAICS business activity code for each company added to the group during the taxable year.

### **Section 3: Corporations Deleted From the Affiliated Group During the Taxable Year**

*Do not complete Section 3 if Section 1 was completed for this taxable year.*

List those corporations that were deleted from the combined or consolidated group during the taxable year. In addition, list any affiliates and related companies that filed separate company returns to Arizona and which have been deleted from the affiliated group. If there are more than 10 corporations deleted during the year, include additional Form(s) 51 immediately after the first Form 51. Enter the name and EIN of the corporation filing this Form 51 on the top of page 2.

In the "Arizona Filer?" column, check the box of those affiliates or related companies that previously filed returns to Arizona. For example, if an affiliate filed a combined return, indicate only the company that was identified on the top of page 1 on the original return. In addition, check the box of those companies that previously filed separate company returns to Arizona.

In the "F/C/S" column, identify which type of return the affiliate or related company was filing to Arizona. Use "F" for consolidated return, "C" for combined return, or "S" for separate company return. If the combined group filing this form has an affiliated combined group, mark the company under which the other combined group filed with an "S".

Use the "Month Deleted" column to indicate the number of the month during the taxable year the affiliate was deleted from the affiliated group. For example, if the affiliate was deleted in June, use the number "06".

Enter the NAICS business activity code for each company deleted from the group during the taxable year.

For each deleted corporation, state the reason for deletion. Reasons for deletion may include disposition, dissolution, or in the case of a combined return, the corporation is no longer unitary.

### **Name Changes**

If any member of the consolidated or combined group, a related company, or an affiliate filing a separate company return to Arizona, had a name change during the taxable year, complete the following:

- Section 2 using the new name of the company. Check the "Name Change?" box. Enter the month the company began operations under the new name in the "Month Added" column.
- Section 3 using the old name of the company. Check the "Name Change?" box. Use the "Month Deleted" column to indicate the number of the month during the taxable year that the affiliate ceased operating under the old name.