

**2000 Resident Personal Income Tax
140EZ**

Who Can Use Form 140EZ?

You can use Form 140EZ to file for 2000 if all of the following apply to you.

- You are single, or if married, you and your spouse are filing a joint return.
- You (and your spouse if married filing a joint return) are full year residents of Arizona.
- You (and your spouse if married filing a joint return) were under age 65 and not blind at the end of 2000.
- You are not claiming any dependents.
- You are not claiming an exemption for a qualifying parent or ancestor.
- You are not making any adjustments to income.
- You do not itemize deductions.
- You are not claiming tax credits, except for the Clean Elections Fund Tax Credit.
- You are not making voluntary gifts through means of a refund check-off, except for voluntary gifts to the Citizens Clean Elections Fund.
- Your Arizona taxable income is less than \$50,000, regardless of your filing status.

Do You Have to File?

Arizona Filing Requirements These rules apply to all Arizona		
You must file if you are:	AND your gross income is at least:	OR your Arizona adjusted gross income is at least:
• Single	\$15,000	\$5,500
• Married filing jointly	\$15,000	\$11,000
• Married filing separately	\$15,000	\$5,500
• Head of household	\$15,000	\$5,500
<p>If you are an Arizona resident, you must report income from all sources. This includes out-of-state income.</p> <p>To see if you have to file, figure your gross income the same as you would figure your gross income for federal income tax purposes. Then, you should exclude income Arizona law does not tax.</p> <p>Income Arizona law does not tax includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest from U.S. Government obligations • Social security retirement benefits received under Title II of the Social Security Act • Benefits received under the Railroad Retirement Act <p>If you use this form, your Arizona adjusted gross income is the same as your federal adjusted gross income that you entered on line 6.</p>		

NOTE: Even if you do not have to file, you must still file a return to get a refund of any Arizona income tax withheld.

Do You Qualify For The Family Income Tax Credit?

NOTE: You cannot take the family income tax credit if you file Form 140EZ. If you qualify for the family income tax credit, file Form 140A.

You may qualify for the family income tax credit if you are single with no dependents and the amount you enter on line 6 of Form 140EZ is \$10,000 or less. You may qualify for this credit even if your parents can claim you as a dependent on their income tax return. You may qualify for the family income tax credit if you are married filing a joint return with no dependents and the amount you enter on line 6 of Form 140EZ is \$20,000 or less. **If you qualify for the family income tax credit, you may not take this credit on Form 140EZ.** File Form 140A to take this credit. See the Form 140A instructions for details.

Do You Have to File if You Are an American Indian?

You must file if you meet the Arizona filing requirements unless **all** the following apply to you.

- You are an enrolled member of an Indian tribe.
- You live on the reservation established for that tribe.
- You earned **all** of your income on that reservation.

To find out more, see Arizona Department of Revenue Income Tax Ruling *ITR 96-4*.

Do You Have to File if You Are a Non-Indian or Non-Enrolled Indian Married to an American Indian?

You must file if you meet the Arizona filing requirements. For details on how to figure what income to report, see Arizona Department of Revenue Income Tax Ruling *ITR 96-4*.

Do You Have to File if You Are in The Military?

You must file if you meet the Arizona filing requirements.

If you are an Arizona resident, you must report all of your income, no matter where stationed. You must include your military pay. If you were an Arizona resident when you entered the service, you remain an Arizona resident, no matter where stationed, until you establish a new domicile.

If you are not an Arizona resident, but stationed in Arizona, the following applies to you.

- You are not subject to Arizona income

tax on your military pay.

- You must report any other income you earn in Arizona. Use Form 140NR, *Nonresident Personal Income Tax Return*, to report this income.

To find out more, see Arizona Department of Revenue brochure, Pub 704, *Taxpayers in the Military*.

Residency Status

If you are not sure if you are an Arizona resident for state income tax purposes, you should get Arizona Department of Revenue Income Tax Procedure *ITP 92-1*.

Residents

You are a resident of Arizona if your domicile is in Arizona. Domicile is the place where you have your permanent home. It is where you intend to return if you are living or working temporarily in another state or country. If you leave Arizona for a temporary period, you are still an Arizona resident while gone. A resident is subject to tax on all income no matter where the resident earns the income.

Part-Year Residents

If you are a part-year resident, you must file Form 140PY, *Part-Year Resident Personal Income Tax Return*.

You are a part-year resident if you did either of the following during 2000.

- You moved into Arizona with the intent of becoming a resident.
- You moved out of Arizona with the intent of giving up your Arizona residency.

Nonresidents

If you are a nonresident, you must file Form 140NR, *Nonresident Personal Income Tax Return*.

What if a Taxpayer Died?

If a taxpayer died before filing a return for 2000, the taxpayer's spouse or personal representative may have to file and sign a return for that taxpayer. If the deceased taxpayer did not have to file a return but had tax withheld, a return must be filed to get a refund.

The person who files the return should

use the form the taxpayer would have used. **If the department mailed the taxpayer a booklet, do not use the label.** The person who files the return should print the word "deceased" after the decedent's name in the address section of the form. Also enter the date of death after the decedent's name.

If your spouse died in 2000 and you did not remarry in 2000, or if your spouse died in 2001 before filing a return for 2000, you may file a joint return. If your spouse died in 2000, the joint return should show your spouse's 2000 income before death, and your income for all of 2000. If your spouse died in 2001, before filing the 2000 return, the joint return should show all of your income and all of your spouse's income for 2000. Print "Filing as surviving spouse" in the area where you sign the return. If someone else is the personal representative, he or she must also sign the return.

Are Any Other Returns Required?

You may also have to file fiduciary income tax or estate tax returns. For details about filing a fiduciary income tax return, call the department at (602) 255-3381. For details about filing an estate tax return, call the department at (602) 542-4643.

Claiming a Refund For a Deceased Taxpayer

If you are claiming a refund, you **must** complete Form 131, *Claim for Refund on Behalf of Deceased Taxpayer*. Attach this form to the **front** of the return.

What Are the Filing Dates And Penalties?

When Should You File?

April 15, 2001 falls on a Sunday. Therefore, your 2000 tax return is due no later than midnight, April 16, 2001. File your return as soon as you can after January 1, but no later than April 16, 2001.

What if You Cannot File on Time?

You may request an extension if you know you will not be able to file on time.

NOTE: An extension does not extend the time to pay your income tax. For details, see the instructions for Arizona Form 204.

To get a filing extension, you can

either:

1. Apply for a state extension (Form 204). To apply for a state extension, file Arizona Form 204 by April 16. See Form 204 for details. *You must attach a copy of the Arizona extension to the front of your return when you file. If you must make a payment, use Arizona Form 204.*
2. You may use your federal extension (federal Form 4868 or 2688). File your Arizona return by the same due date. If you are filing under a federal extension, you do not have to attach a copy of your federal extension to your return, but make sure that you fill in either oval D or F on page 1 of the return.

When Should You File if You Are a Nonresident Alien?

You must file your Arizona tax return by April 16, even though your federal income tax return is due on June 15. If you want to file your Arizona return when you file your federal return, you may ask for an extension. See Form 204 for extension filing details.

What if You File or Pay Late?

If you file or pay late, the department can charge you interest and penalties on the amount you owe. If the U.S. Post Office postmarks your 2000 calendar year return by April 16, 2001, your return will not be late. You may also use certain private delivery services designated by the IRS to meet the "timely mailing as timely filed" rule.

Late Filing Penalty

If you file late, the department can charge you a late filing penalty. This penalty is 5 percent of the tax found to be remaining due for each month or fraction of a month the return is late. This penalty cannot exceed 25 percent of the tax found to be remaining due.

Late Payment Penalty

If you pay your tax late, the department can charge you a late payment penalty. This penalty is 10 percent of the tax not paid on time.

Extension Underpayment Penalty

If you file your return under an extension, you must pay 90 percent of the tax shown on your return by the

return's original due date. If you do not pay this amount, the department can charge you a penalty. The department can also charge you this penalty if you do not attach a copy of the Arizona extension to your return when you file. This penalty is one-half of one percent (.005) of the tax not paid for each 30 day period or fraction of a 30 day period. The department charges this penalty from the original due date of the return until the date you pay the tax. This penalty cannot exceed 25 percent of the unpaid tax.

NOTE: *If you are subject to two or more of the above penalties, the total cannot exceed 25 percent.*

Interest

The department charges interest on any tax not paid by the due date. The department will charge you interest even if you have an extension. If you have an extension, the department will charge you interest from the original due date until the date you pay the tax. The Arizona rate of interest is the same as the federal rate.

When Should You Amend a Return?

If you need to make changes to your return once you have filed, you should file Form 140X, *Individual Amended Return*. **Do not** file a new return for the year you are correcting. Generally, you have four years to amend a return to claim a refund.

If the Internal Revenue Service makes a change to your federal taxable income for any year, you must file a Form 140X for that year. In this case, you must amend your Arizona return within 90 days of the change. Attach a complete copy of the federal notice to your Form 140X.

If you amend your federal return for any year, you must also file an Arizona Form 140X for that year. You must file the Form 140X within 90 days of amending your federal return.

Line-by-Line Instructions

Tips For Preparing Your Return:

- Make sure that you write your social security number on your return.
- Complete your return using black ink.
- You must round dollar amounts to the nearest whole dollar. If 50 cents or

more, round up to the next dollar; if less than 50 cents, round down.

- You must complete your federal return before you can start your Arizona return.
- Make sure you include your home telephone number. If your daytime number is not the same as your home number, make sure you also include a daytime telephone number.

Entering Your Name, Address, and Social Security Number (SSN)

NOTE: *Please make sure that you write in your social security number on the appropriate line.*

If your booklet has a peel-off label, use that label if all the information is correct. **If any of the information on the label is incorrect, do not use the label.** Attach the label after you finish your return. If you do not have a peel-off label, print or type your name, address, and SSN in the space provided. If you are a nonresident of the United States or a resident alien who does not have an SSN use the identification number (ITIN) the IRS issued to you.

If you are filing a joint return, enter your SSNs in the same order as your names. *If your name appears first on the return, make sure your SSN is the first number listed.*

For a deceased taxpayer, see page 2 of these instructions.

Use your current home address. The department will send your refund or correspond with you at that address.

Make sure that every return, statement, or document that you file with the department has your SSN. Make sure that all SSNs are clear and correct. You may be subject to a penalty if you fail to include your SSN. It may take longer to process your return if SSNs are missing, incorrect, or unclear.

Identification Numbers for Paid Preparers

If you pay someone else to prepare your return, that person must also include an identification number where asked.

A paid preparer may use any of the following.

- his or her SSN
- his or her PTIN
- the federal employer identification number for the business

A paid preparer who fails to include the proper numbers may also be subject to a penalty.

Your Filing Status

Line 4 Box - Married Filing a Joint Return

You may use this filing status if married as of December 31, 2000. It does not matter whether or not you were living with your spouse. You may use this filing status if your spouse died during 2000 and you did not remarry in 2000. See page 2 of these instructions for details.

Line 5 Box - Single

Use this filing status if you were single on December 31, 2000. You are single if any of the following apply to you.

- You have never been married.
- You are legally separated under a decree of divorce or of separate maintenance.
- You were widowed before January 1, 2000, and you did not remarry in 2000, and you do not qualify to file as a qualifying widow or widower with dependent children on your federal return.

Income

Line 6 - Federal Adjusted Gross Income

You must complete your federal return before you enter an amount on line 6. You must complete a 2000 federal return to figure your federal adjusted gross income. You must complete a federal return even if you do not have to file a federal return.

Figuring Your Tax

Line 7 - Standard Deduction and Personal Exemption

If your filing status is:	Your standard deduction and personal exemption are:
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Married filing jointly	\$ 11,400
Single	\$ 5,700

Line 8 - Arizona Taxable Income

Subtract line 7 from line 6 and enter the result. Use this amount to find your tax using the Optional Tax Rate Tables.

Line 9 - Tax Amount

Enter the tax from the Optional Tax Rate Tables.

Line 10 - Clean Elections Fund Tax Reduction

You may designate \$5 of your tax to go to the Citizens Clean Election Fund and also reduce your tax liability by \$5. If married filing a joint return, both you and your spouse may each designate \$5 of your tax to go to the Citizens Clean Elections Fund and also reduce your tax liability by \$10.

To designate \$5 of your tax to go to the Citizens Clean Election Fund, the amount on line 9 must be at least \$5. If you are married filing a joint return and you and your spouse each want to designate \$5 to go to the Citizens Clean Elections Fund, the amount on line 9 must be at least \$10.

To make this designation, fill in oval 1 marked yourself. In the case of a joint income tax return where both spouses want to make this election, one spouse should fill in oval 1, and the other spouse should fill in oval 2.

Line 11 - Tax Reduction

Complete line 11, only if you checked a box on line 10. Otherwise, enter zero on line 11.

To also reduce your tax by \$5 the amount on line 9 must be at least \$10 (\$20 in the case of a joint return where both spouses designate \$5). To figure your tax reduction, complete the following worksheet.

Clean Elections Fund Tax Reduction Worksheet	
1. Enter the amount of tax from Form 140EZ, line 9.	
2. If you filled in oval 10 1, enter \$5. If a joint return and your spouse also filled in oval 10 2, enter \$10.	
3. Balance of tax eligible for tax reduction. Subtract line 2 from line 1.	
4. If you filled in oval 10 1, enter \$5. If a joint return and your spouse also filled in oval 10 2, enter \$10.	
5. Tax reduction. Enter the lesser of line 3 or line 4. Also enter this amount on Form 140EZ, line 11.	

Line 13 - Clean Elections Fund Tax Credit

If you made a contribution to the Citizens Clean Elections Fund, you may take a credit for those contributions.

For 2000, you may claim a credit for:

- Donations made directly to the fund during 2000.
- A donation made to the fund on your 1999 income tax return that you filed in 2000.

You may not claim a credit on the 2000 return for a donation made to the fund on your 2000 return. If you make a donation to the fund with your 2000 return, that you file in 2001, you may claim a credit for that donation on your 2001 return.

Complete the worksheet below to figure your credit.

Worksheet for Calculating the 2000 Clean Elections Fund Tax Credit	
1. Enter the amount donated directly to the fund during 2000.	
2. Enter the amount donated to the fund with your 1999 tax form.	
3. Add line 1 and line 2. Enter the total.	
4. Enter the amount from Form 140EZ, line 12.	
5. Multiply line 4 by 20% (.20).	

6. Enter \$500 if single, head of household, or married filing separately. Enter \$1,000 if married filing joint.	
7. Enter the larger of line 5 or line 6.	
8. Enter the smaller of line 3, line 4, or line 7 here and also on Form 140EZ, line 13.	
NOTE: This credit will only reduce your tax and cannot be refunded. You may not carry forward any amount of unused credit.	

Payments

Line 15 - Arizona Income Tax Withheld

Enter the Arizona income tax withheld shown on the Form(s) W-2 from your employer. Attach the Form(s) W-2 to the front of your return.

NOTE: You should receive your Form(s) W-2 no later than January 31. If you did not receive a Form W-2 or you think your Form W-2 is wrong, contact your employer.

Line 16 - Amount Paid With 2000 Extension Request (Form 204)

Use this line to report the payment you sent with your extension request.

Refund or Tax Due

Line 18 - Overpayment

If line 17 is more than line 14, subtract line 14 from line 17.

Line 19 - Voluntary Gift to the Citizens Clean Elections Fund

You may give some or all of your refund to the Citizens Clean Elections Fund. If you want to give some or all of your refund to this fund, fill in the oval on line 19 and enter on line 19 the amount you want to give.

NOTE: If you enter an amount on this line, your refund will be reduced by the amount you enter.

You may also send in additional money with your return. If you send in additional money with your return, include that amount on line 21. Fill in the oval on line 19 and enter the amount

you want to give on line 19.

If you make a donation to the fund with your 2000 return, that you file in 2001, you may claim a credit for that donation on your 2001 return.

The Citizens Clean Elections Fund provides funding to each participating candidate who qualifies for campaign funding.

Line 20 - Refund

Subtract line 19 from line 18. Enter your refund on line 20 and skip line 21.

If you owe money to any state agency and certain federal agencies, your refund may go to pay some of the debt. If so, the department will let you know by letter.

Tax Tip: *If you change your address before you get your refund, let the department know. Write to: Refund Desk, Arizona Department of Revenue, 1600 W Monroe, Phoenix AZ 85007. Make sure that you include your SSN in your letter.*

Line 21 - Tax Due

If line 14 is more than line 17, you have tax due. Subtract line 17 from line 14.

Make your check payable to Arizona Department of Revenue. Write your social security number on the front of your check or money order. Attach your check or money order to the front of your return where shown.

The department cannot accept checks or money orders in foreign currency. You must make payment in U.S. dollars.

Installment Payments

If you cannot pay the full amount shown on line 21 when you file, you may ask to make monthly installment payments. However, you will be charged interest and may be charged a late payment penalty on the tax not paid by April 16, 2001, even if your request to pay in installments is granted. To limit the interest and penalty charges, pay as much of the tax as possible when you file.

To ask for an installment agreement, use Form 140IA. You may download this form from the department's Web site at www.revenue.state.az.us, or you may get this form by calling (602) 542-4260, or

you may call our nationwide, toll-free number at (800) 352-4090.

Line 22 - Different Last Names

If you filed an Arizona tax return within the past four years with a different last name, enter your prior last name(s).

Sign Your Return

You must sign your return. If married filing a joint return, both you and your spouse must sign even if only one had income. The department cannot send a refund check if you, and your spouse if married filing jointly, fail to sign the return.

Instructions Before Mailing

- Make sure your social security number is on your return.
 - Be sure you enter your home telephone number in the space provided on the front of your return. If your daytime number is not the same as your home number, make sure you also include a daytime telephone number.
 - Check to make sure that your math is correct. A math error can cause delays in processing your return.
 - Make sure your **NAME** is on the return. If you received your return in the mail, use the peel-off label. **If the label is not correct, do not use it.**
 - Check the **boxes** to make sure you filled in all required boxes.
 - Sign your return and have your spouse sign if filing jointly.
 - Attach **all** required documents.
1. Attach *Form(s) W-2* to the **front** of the return.
 2. Write your SSN on the front of your check. Make sure that you attach your **check** to the **front** of the return.

The department may charge you \$25 for a check returned unpaid by your financial institution.

Filing Your Return

To mail your return, use an envelope that came in your booklet.

Where Should I Mail My Return?

If you are expecting a refund, or owe no tax, or owe tax but are not sending a

payment, use the gold envelope. If the gold envelope is missing, send the return to: Arizona Department of Revenue, PO Box 52138, Phoenix AZ 85072-2138.

If you are sending a payment with this return, use the green envelope. If the green envelope is missing, send the return to: Arizona Department of Revenue, PO Box 52016, Phoenix AZ 85072-2016.

Make sure you put enough postage on the envelope.

The U.S. Post Office must postmark your return or extension request by midnight April 16. A postage meter postmark will not qualify as a timely postmark. *Only a postmark from the U.S. Post Office will qualify.* You may also use certain private delivery services designated by the IRS to meet the "timely mailing as timely filed" rule.

How Long to Keep Your Return

Keep your records as long as they are important for any Arizona tax law. Keep all records that support your income and deductions for a tax year until the period of limitations expires for the return for that tax year. A period of limitations is the limited time after which no legal action can be brought. Usually, this is four years from the date the return was due or filed.

In some cases, the limitation period is longer than four years. The period is six years from when you file a return if you under report the income shown on that return by more than 25 percent. The department can bring an action at any time if a return is false or fraudulent, or you do not file a return.

When to Expect Your Refund

Expect your refund in the mail within 8 weeks of the date you filed. If you have not received your refund by that time, call the department at one of the phone numbers listed on the back cover.

HOW MUCH INCOME CAN YOU HAVE AND PAY NO TAXES?

You still have to file a return, but you pay no taxes if your income is less than the levels shown in the chart below. **For purposes of this chart,** "income" means Arizona adjusted gross income plus the dependent exemption claimed (Form 140, page 1, line 18 plus the amount on Form 140, page 2, line C15; or Form 140A, page 1, line 18, plus the amount on Form 140A, page 1, line 15). *To rely on this chart, you must claim the family income tax credit if you are qualified.* (**Reminder:** You cannot claim the family income tax credit on Form 140EZ, so, you must file Form 140A, rather than Form 140EZ if you are eligible for the family income tax credit.)

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS	FILING STATUS			
	SINGLE	MARRIED FILING SEPARATE	UNMARRIED HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	MARRIED FILING JOINT
0	\$ 7,100	\$ 7,100	N/A	\$ 14,200
1	(A) 10,000	10,000	16,500	20,000
2	10,300	11,350	20,135	23,600
3	12,600	13,650	23,800	27,300
4	14,900	15,950	25,200	(C) 31,000
5	17,200	18,250	(B) 26,575	31,000

EXAMPLES

(A) single, \$10,000 income*, one dependent	(B) unmarried head of household, \$26,575 income*, five dependents	(C) married filing joint, \$31,000 income*, four dependents
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Income*	\$ 10,000	\$ 26,575	\$ 31,000
less: Dependent exemption	-2,300	-11,500	-9,200
Standard deduction	-3,600	-7,200	-7,200
Personal exemption	<u>-2,100</u>	<u>-4,200</u>	<u>-6,300</u>
Net taxable income	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,675	\$ 8,300
Tax (optional tax table)	\$ 58	\$ 105	\$ 239
less: Family tax credit	<u>-80</u>	<u>-240</u>	<u>-240</u>
Tax owed	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

*For purposes of these examples, "income" means Arizona adjusted gross income plus the dependent exemption amount claimed.