

2021 Instructions for Schedule CA (540)

California Adjustments - Residents

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References in these instructions are to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of **January 1, 2015**, and the California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC).

What's New

Reporting Requirements – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, taxpayers who benefited from the exclusion from gross income for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans forgiveness, other loan forgiveness, the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advance grant, restaurant revitalization grant, or shuttered venue operator grant, and related eligible expense deductions under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, or the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2021, should file form FTB 4197, Information on Tax Expenditure Items, as part of the Franchise Tax Board's (FTB) annual reporting requirement. For more information, get form FTB 4197.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 – The ARPA was enacted on March 11, 2021. In general, California Revenue and

separate) for employer-provided dependent care assistance. CA law does not conform to this change under the federal ARPA. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section A, line 1.

Expanded Definition of Qualified Higher Education Expenses – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, California law conforms to the expanded definition of qualified higher education expenses associated with participation in a registered apprenticeship program and payment on the principal or interest of a qualified education loan under the federal Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020.

Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2021 – The CAA, 2021, was enacted on December 27, 2020. In general, the R&TC does not conform to the changes under the act. California taxpayers continue to follow the IRC as of the specified date of January 1, 2015, with modifications. California law does not conform to the following federal provisions under the CAA, 2021:

- Increased limitations and carryovers for charitable contributions that were made during 2020 and 2021.
- Exclusion from gross income of emergency financial aid grants made on or after March 27, 2020.

by a taxpayer pursuant to the California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Program that is administered by CalOSBA. Federal law has no similar exclusion. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 8z.

Other Loan Forgiveness – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for borrowers of forgiveness of indebtedness described in Section 1109(d)(2) (D) of the CARES Act as stated by section 278, Division N of the federal CAA, 2021. The CAA, 2021, allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with covered loan amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision, with modifications. For California purposes, these deductions generally do not apply to an ineligible entity. “Ineligible entity” means a taxpayer that is either a publicly-traded company or does not meet the 25% reduction from gross receipts requirements under Section 311 of the CAA, 2021. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 3 or go to ftb.ca.gov and search for **AB 80**.

Shuttered Venue Operator Grant – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California law allows an exclusion from gross income for amounts awarded as a shuttered venue operator grant under the CAA, 2021. The CAA, 2021, allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with grant amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision, with modifications. For California purposes, these deductions do not apply to an ineligible entity. “Ineligible entity” means a taxpayer that is either a publicly-traded company or does not meet the 25% reduction from gross receipts requirements under Section 311 of Division N of the CAA, 2021. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 3, or R&TC Section 17158.3.

Income Exclusion for Rent Forgiveness – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2025, gross income shall not include a

2021. However, the Paycheck Protection Program Extension Act extends the covered period of the PPP to June 30, 2021. California law does not conform to this extension and does not allow an exclusion from gross income for PPP loans forgiven due to the extended covered period after March 31, 2021 to June 30, 2021. For more information, see specific line instructions for Schedule CA (540) in Part I, Section B, line 3.

Also, the ARPA expands PPP eligibility to include “additional covered nonprofit entities” which includes certain Code 501(c) nonprofit organizations and Internet-only news publishers and Internet-only periodical publishers. California law does not conform to this expansion of PPP eligibility. For more information, see specific line instructions for Schedule CA (540) in Part I, Section B, line 3.

The CAA, 2021, allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with covered loan amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision, with modifications. For California purposes, these deductions do not apply to an ineligible entity. “Ineligible entity” means a taxpayer that is either a publicly-traded company or does not meet the 25% reduction from gross receipts requirements under Section 311 of Division N of the CAA, 2021. For more information, see specific line instructions for Schedule CA (540) in Part I, Section B, line 3 or R&TC Section 17131.8 or go to ftb.ca.gov and search for **AB 80**.

Revenue Procedure 2021-20 allows taxpayers to make an election to report the eligible expense deductions related to a PPP loan on a timely filed original 2021 tax return including extensions. If a taxpayer makes an election for federal purposes, California will follow the federal treatment for California tax purposes.

Advance Grant Amount – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California law conforms to the federal law regarding the treatment for an emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) grant

space available. It is not possible to include all requirements of the R&TC in the instructions. Taxpayers should not consider the instructions as authoritative law.

Conformity

For updates regarding federal acts, go to ftb.ca.gov and search for **conformity**.

Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act –

The SECURE Act was enacted on December 20, 2019. In general, California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) does not conform to the changes. California taxpayers continue to follow the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of the specified date of January 1, 2015, with modifications.

SECURE Act repeal of maximum age

70½ – The SECURE Act repealed the maximum age of 70½ for traditional IRA contributions. California law **does not** conform to this federal provision. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section C, line 20.

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act –

The federal CARES Act was enacted on March 27, 2020. In general, California R&TC does not conform to the changes. California taxpayers continue to follow the IRC as of the specified date of January 1, 2015, with modifications. California law **does not** conform to the following federal provisions under the CARES Act:

- Charitable contributions changes
- Exclusion for certain employer payment of student loans
- Business interest limitations
- Health-savings account changes

California law conforms to the following federal provision under the CARES Act:

- Temporarily increases the amount of loans allowable from a qualified employer plan to \$100,000 for

Rental Real Estate Activities – For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the dollar limitation for the offset for rental real estate activities shall not apply to the low income housing credit program. For more information, see R&TC Section 17561(d)(1). Get form FTB 3801-CR, Passive Activity Credit Limitations, for more information.

R&TC Section 41 Reporting

Requirements – Beginning in taxable year 2020, California allows individuals and other taxpayers operating under the personal income tax law to claim credits and deductions of business expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in conducting commercial cannabis activity. Sole proprietors conducting a commercial cannabis activity that is licensed under California Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (CA MAUCRSA), should file form FTB 4197. The FTB uses information from form FTB 4197 for reports required by the California Legislature. For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 3, and get form FTB 4197 for more information.

Net Operating Loss (NOL) Suspension –

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2023, California has suspended the NOL carryover deduction. Taxpayers may continue to compute and carryover an NOL during the suspension period. **However**, taxpayers with net business income or modified adjusted gross income (AGI) of less than \$1,000,000 or with disaster loss carryovers are **not** affected by the NOL suspension rules.

The carryover period for suspended losses is extended by:

- Three years for losses incurred in taxable years beginning before January 1, 2020.
- Two years for losses incurred in taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2021.
- One year for losses incurred in taxable years beginning on or after January 1,

filing a joint return). For more information, see Schedule CA (540) specific line instructions in Part I, Section B, line 8o, and get form FTB 3461.

Loophole Closure and Small Business and Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2019 – The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) signed into law on December 22, 2017, made changes to the IRC. California R&TC does not conform to all of the changes. In general, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, California conforms to the following TCJA provisions:

- California Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program
- Student loan discharged on account of death or disability
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Premiums
- Excess employee compensation
- Excess business loss

Federal Tax Reform – In general, California R&TC **does not** conform to all of the changes under the TCJA. For adjustments due to the TCJA, see the specific line instructions for the following items:

- Combat zone extended to Egypt's Sinai Peninsula
- Moving expenses and reimbursements
- Limitation on deduction of business interest
- Limitation on employer's deduction for fringe benefit expenses
- Limitation on wagering losses
- Sexual harassment settlements
- IRC Section 965 deferred foreign income
- Global intangible low-taxed income (GILTI) under IRC Section 951A
- Qualified equity grants
- Expanded use of 529 account funds
- Living expenses for members of Congress
- Limitation on state and local tax deduction
- Mortgage and home equity indebtedness interest deduction
- Limitation on charitable contribution deduction
- College athletic seating rights

on nonmilitary income. Requirements for military servicemembers domiciled in California remain unchanged. Military servicemembers domiciled in California must include their military pay in total income. In addition, they must include their military pay as California source income when stationed in California. However, military pay is not California source income when a servicemember is permanently stationed outside of California. Beginning 2009, the federal Military Spouses Residency Relief Act may affect the California income tax filing requirements for spouses of military personnel. For more information, get Form 540NR, California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return, and FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel.

Single Member Limited Liability Company (SMLLC) – If you are a single member limited liability company, that is organized or doing business in California, or registered with the California Secretary of State (SOS), you are required to file Form 568, Limited Liability Company Return of Income, pay the annual tax and LLC Fee (if applicable), in addition to filing your tax return. Get Form 568, Limited Liability Company Tax Booklet for more information.

Purpose

Use Schedule CA (540), California Adjustments – Residents, to make adjustments to your federal adjusted gross income and to your federal itemized deductions using California law.

Specific Line Instructions

Part I Income Adjustment Schedule

Column A – Federal Amounts

Section A, Line 1 through Line 7, and Section B, Line 1 through Line 9

number (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) and last name of the person to whom you paid alimony.

Line 26

Add line 11 through line 23 and line 25.

Line 27 – Total

Subtract line 26 from line 10. This amount should match the amount entered on federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11.

Column B and Column C – Subtractions and Additions

Use these columns to enter subtractions and additions to the federal amounts in column A that are necessary because of differences between California and federal law. Enter all amounts as positive numbers unless instructed otherwise.

You may need one or more of the following FTB publications to complete column B and column C:

- 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments
- 1005, Pension and Annuity Guidelines
- 1031, Guidelines for Determining Resident Status
- 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel
- 1100, Taxation of Nonresidents and Individuals Who Change Residency

To get forms and publications, go to ftb.ca.gov/forms³.

Section A – Income

Line 1 – Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc.

Generally, you will not make any adjustments on this line. If you did not receive any of the following types of income, make no entry on this line in either column B or column C.

Employer-provided dependent care

Combat zone foreign earned income exclusion

– For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2018, California does not conform to the federal foreign earned income exclusion for amounts received by certain U.S. citizens or resident aliens with an abode in the U.S., specifically contractors or employees of contractors supporting the U.S. Armed Forces in designated combat zones. Enter the amount excluded from federal income on line 8d, column C.

Combat zone extended to Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula

– Federal law extended combat zone tax benefits to the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt. California does not conform. Enter the amount of combat pay excluded from federal income on line 1, column C. Get FTB Pub. 1032 for more information.

Sick pay received under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act and Railroad Retirement Act

– California excludes this item from income. Enter in column B the amount of these benefits included in the amount in column A.

Ridesharing fringe benefit differences

– Under federal law, certain qualified transportation benefits are excluded from gross income. Under the California R&TC, there are no monthly limits for the exclusion of these benefits and California’s definitions are more expansive. Enter the amount of ridesharing benefits received and included in federal income on line 1, column B.

Foreign income – If you excluded income exempted by U.S. tax treaties on your federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040) (unless specifically exempt for state purposes), enter the excluded amount in column C. If you claimed foreign earned income or housing cost exclusion on your federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040) (under IRC Section 911), see the instructions for Section B, line 8d.

Exclusion for compensation from exercising a California Qualified Stock Option (CQSO)

– To claim this exclusion:

- Your earned income is \$40,000 or less

IHSS supplementary payments on line 1, column B. IHSS providers only receive a supplementary payment if they paid a sales tax on the IHSS services they provide. The supplementary payment is equal to the sales tax paid plus any increase in the federal payroll withholding paid due to the supplementary payment.

Native American earned income

exemption— California does not tax federally recognized tribal members living in California Indian country who earn income from any federally recognized California Indian country. Military compensation is considered income from reservation sources. Enrolled members who receive reservation sourced per capita income must reside in their affiliated tribe's Indian country to qualify for tax exempt status. Enter on line 1, column B the earnings included in federal income that are exempt for California. Attach form FTB 3504, Enrolled Tribal Member Certification, to Form 540. For more information, get form FTB 3504.

Line 2 – Taxable Interest

If you did not receive any of the kinds of income listed below, make no entry on this line in either column B or column C.

Enter in column B the interest you received from:

- U.S. savings bonds (except for interest from series EE U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989 that qualified for the Education Savings Bond Program exclusion).
- U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and bonds.
- Any other bonds or obligations of the United States and its territories.
- Interest from Ottoman Turkish Empire Settlement Payments.
- Interest income from children under age 19 or students under age 24 included on the child's federal tax return and reported on the California tax return by the parent. For more information, get form FTB 3803, Parents' Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends.

- Non-California bonds if the interest was passed through to you from S corporations, trusts, partnerships, or Limited Liability Companies (LLCs).
- Interest or other earnings earned from a Health Savings Account (HSA) are not treated as taxed deferred. Interest or earnings in a HSA are taxable in the year earned.
- Interest on any bond or other obligation issued by the Government of American Samoa.
- Interest income from children under age 19 or students under age 24 included on the parent's federal tax return and reported on the California tax return by the child.

Make no entries in either column B or column C for interest you earned on Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) Bonds, Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) Bonds, and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporations (FHLMC) securities, or grants paid to low income individuals.

Get FTB Pub. 1001 if you received interest income from the items listed above passed through to you from S corporations, trusts, estates, partnerships, or LLCs.

Line 3 – Ordinary Dividends

Generally, no difference exists between the amount of dividends reported in column A and the amount reported using California law. However, California taxes dividends derived from other states and their municipal obligations.

Add dividends received from the following and enter in column B:

- Dividend income from children under age 19 or students under age 24 **included** on the parent's or child's federal tax return and reported on the California tax return by the opposite taxpayer. For more information, get form FTB 3803.

Line 4a and b – IRA Distributions

Generally, no adjustments are made on this line. However, there may be significant differences in the taxable amount of a distribution (including a distribution from conversion of a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA), depending on when you made your contributions to the IRA. Differences also occur if your California IRA deductions were different from your federal deductions because of differences between California and federal self-employment income.

If the taxable amount using California law is:

- Less than the amount taxable under federal law, enter the difference in column B.
- More than the amount taxable under federal law, enter the difference in column C.

Get FTB Pub. 1005 for more information and worksheets for figuring the adjustment to enter on this line, if any.

If you have an IRA basis and were a nonresident in prior years, you may need to restate your California IRA basis. Get FTB Pub. 1100 for more information.

Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA) formerly known as Education (ED) IRA

– If column A includes a taxable distribution from an ED IRA, you may owe additional tax on that amount. Get form FTB 3805P, Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (Including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts.

Line 5a and b – Pensions and Annuities

Generally, no adjustments are made on this line. However, if you received Tier 2 railroad retirement benefits or partially taxable distributions from a pension plan, you may need to make the following adjustments.

If you received a federal Form RRB-1099-R, *Annuitant's Report for the Railroad*

social security benefits or equivalent Tier 1 railroad retirement benefits shown in column A, line 6(b).

Line 7 – Capital Gain or (Loss)

Generally, no adjustments are made on this line. California taxes long and short term capital gains as regular income. No special rate for long term capital gains exists. However, the California basis of the assets listed below may be different from the federal basis due to differences between California and federal laws. If there are differences, use Schedule D (540), California Capital Gain or Loss Adjustment, to calculate the amount to enter on line 7.

- Gain on sale of qualified small business stock under IRC Section 1045 and IRC Section 1202.
- Basis amounts resulting from differences between California and federal law in prior years.
- Gain or loss on stock and bond transactions.
- Installment sale gain reported on form FTB 3805E, Installment Sale Income.
- Gain on the sale of personal residence where depreciation was allowable.
- Pass-through gain or loss from partnerships, fiduciaries, S corporations, or LLCs.
- Capital loss carryover from your 2020 California Schedule D (540).
- Capital gain from children under age 19 or students under age 24 included on the parent's or child's federal tax return and reported on the California tax return by the opposite taxpayer. For more information, get form FTB 3803.

Get FTB Pub. 1001 for more information about:

- Disposition of S corporation stock acquired before 1987.
- Capital gain exclusion for sale of principal residence by a surviving spouse.
- Gain on sale or disposition of qualified assisted housing development to low-income residents or to specified entities maintaining housing for low-income residents.

California does not conform. If you received alimony not included in your federal income, enter the alimony received in column C.

If you are a nonresident alien and received alimony not included in your federal income, enter the alimony on this line in column C.

Line 3 - Business Income or (Loss)

Adjustments to federal business income or loss you reported in column A generally are necessary because of the difference between California and federal law relating to depreciation methods, special credits, and accelerated write-offs. As a result, the recovery period or basis used to figure California depreciation may be different from the amount used for federal purposes.

Adjustments are figured on form FTB 3885A, Depreciation and Amortization Adjustments, and are most commonly necessary because of the following:

- **Before January 1, 1987**, California did not allow depreciation under the federal accelerated cost recovery system. Continue to figure California depreciation for those assets in the same manner as prior years.
- **On or after January 1, 1987**, California provides special credits and accelerated write-offs that affect the California basis of qualifying assets. Refer to the bulleted list below.

Use form FTB 3801, Passive Activity Loss Limitations, to figure the total adjustment for line 3 if you have:

- One or more passive activities that produce a loss.
- One or more passive activities that produce a loss **and** any nonpassive activity reported on federal Schedule C (Form 1040).

Use form FTB 3885A to figure the total adjustment for line 3 if you have:

- Only nonpassive activities which produce either gains or losses (or

The Paycheck Protection Program Extension Act extends the covered period of the PPP to June 30, 2021. California law does not conform to this extension and does not allow an exclusion from gross income for PPP loans forgiven due to the extended covered period after March 31, 2021, to June 30, 2021. If you excluded the amount from gross income for federal purposes, enter the excluded amount on line 3, column C.

Also, the ARPA expands PPP eligibility to include “additional covered nonprofit entities” which includes certain Code 501(c) nonprofit organizations and Internet-only news publishers and Internet-only periodical publishers. California law does not conform to this expansion of PPP eligibility. If you met the PPP eligibility requirements and excluded the amount from gross income for federal purposes, enter the excluded amount on line 3, column C.

Shuttered venue operator grant – Under federal law, the CAA, 2021, allows deductions for eligible expenses paid for with grant amounts. California law conforms to this federal provision with modifications. For California purposes, if you are an ineligible entity and deducted eligible expenses for federal purposes, enter the total amount of those expenses deducted on line 3, column C.

Employees and independent contractors – Some taxpayers may be classified as independent contractors for federal purposes and as employees for California purposes. If the taxpayer is classified as an employee for California purposes, enter the amount of federal business income from line 3, column A, on line 3, column B. Enter the amount of federal business loss from line 3, column A, on line 3, column C.

Commercial cannabis activity – Under federal law, deductions for business expenses of a trade or business paid or incurred during the taxable year in conducting commercial cannabis activity are disallowed. California does not conform

by a restaurant that are paid or incurred after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2023; deductions for employee transportation fringe benefits (e.g., parking and mass transit) are denied; and no deduction is allowed for transportation expenses that are the equivalent of commuting for employees (e.g., between the employee's home and the workplace), except as provided for the safety of the employee. California does not conform. Figure the difference between the amounts allowed using federal law and California law. Enter the difference on line 3, column B or column C.

Limitation on wagering losses – Under federal law, all deductions for expenses incurred in carrying out wagering transactions, and not just gambling losses, are limited to the extent of gambling winnings. California does not conform. Figure the difference between the amounts allowed using federal law and California law. Enter the difference on line 3, column B.

Sexual harassment settlements – Under federal law, no deduction is allowed for any settlement, payout, or attorney fees related to sexual harassment or sexual abuse if such payments are subject to a nondisclosure agreement. California does not conform. Enter the amount received and included in federal income on line 3, column B.

Penalty assessed by professional sports league – California does not allow a business expense deduction for any fine or penalty paid or incurred by an owner of a professional sports franchise assessed or imposed by the professional sports league that includes that franchise. If the fine or penalty was deducted for federal purposes, enter this amount on line 3, column C.

Business expense deduction disallowance – California disallows a deduction for a business expense related to a payment to the Edge College and Career Network, LLC, to a taxpayer who meets all of the following:

- They are charged as a defendant in

Basis adjustments related to:

- Property acquired prior to becoming a California resident.
- Sales or use tax credit for property used in a former Enterprise Zone (EZ), Local Agency Military Base Recovery Area (LAMBRA), or Targeted Tax Area (TTA).
- Reduced recovery periods for fruit-bearing grapevines replaced in a California vineyard on or after January 1, 1992, as a result of phylloxera infestation; or on or after January 1, 1997, as a result of Pierce's disease.
- Expenditures for tertiary injectants.
- Property placed in service on an Indian reservation after December 31, 2017, and before January 1, 2022.
- Amortization of pollution control facilities.
- Discharge of real property business indebtedness.
- Vehicles used in an employer-sponsored ridesharing program.
- An enhanced oil recovery system.
- Joint Strike Fighter property costs.
- The cost of making a business accessible to disabled individuals.
- Property for which you received an energy conservation subsidy from a public utility on or after January 1, 1995, and before January 1, 1997.
- Research and experimental expenditures.
- Reduction of capitalized costs attributable to the Work Opportunity Credit.

Business deductions related to:

- Wages paid in a former EZ, LAMBRA, Manufacturing Enhancement Area (MEA), or TTA.
- Certain employer costs for employees who are also enrolled members of Indian tribes.
- Abandonment or tax recoupment fees for open-space easements and timberland preserves.
- Research expense.
- Employer wage expense for the Work Opportunity Credit.
- Employer wage expense for the Federal Employee Retention Credit.

Line 5 – Rental Real Estate, Royalties, Partnerships, S Corporations, Trusts, etc.

Adjustments to federal income or loss you reported in column A generally are necessary because of the difference between California and federal law relating to depreciation methods, special credits, and accelerated write-offs. As a result, the recovery period or basis used to figure California depreciation may be different from the recovery period or amount used for federal. For more information, see the instructions for column B and column C, line 3.

California law does not conform to federal law for material participation in rental real estate activities. Beginning in 1994, and for federal purposes only, rental real estate activities conducted by persons in real property business are not automatically treated as passive activities. Get form FTB 3801 for more information.

Use form FTB 3801 to figure the total adjustment for line 5 if you have:

- One or more passive activities that produce a loss.
- One or more passive activities that produce a loss **and** any nonpassive activity reported on federal Schedule E (Form 1040), Supplemental Income and Loss.

Use form FTB 3885A to figure the total adjustment for line 5 if you have:

- Only nonpassive activities which produce either gains or losses (or combination of gains and losses).
- Passive activities that produce gains.

LLCs that are classified as partnerships for California purposes and limited liability partnerships (LLPs) are subject to the same rules as other partnerships. LLCs report distributive items to members on Schedule K-1 (568), Member's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc. LLPs report to partners on Schedule K-1 (565), Partner's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.

- One or more passive activities that produce a loss **and** any nonpassive activity reported on federal Schedule F (Form 1040), Profit or Loss From Farming.

Use form FTB 3885A to figure the total adjustment for line 6 if you have:

- Only nonpassive activities which produce either gains or losses (or combination of gains and losses).
- Passive activities that produce gains.

Line 7 – Unemployment Compensation

California excludes unemployment compensation from taxable income. Enter on line 7, column B the amount of unemployment compensation shown in column A.

Paid Family Leave Insurance (PFL) benefits, also known as Family Temporary Disability Insurance – Payments received from the PFL Program are reported on federal Form 1099-G, Certain Government Payments. California excludes payments received from the PFL program from taxable income. Enter on line 7, column B the amount of PFL payments shown in column A. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1001.

Line 8 – Other Income

a. Federal Net Operating Loss – Enter the amount of the federal NOL included on line 8a, column A, as a positive number in column C. Get form FTB 3805V, to figure the allowable California NOL.

b. Gambling Income

California lottery winnings – California excludes California lottery winnings from taxable income. Enter in column B the amount of California lottery winnings included in the federal amount on line 8b, column A.

Make no adjustment for lottery winnings from

d. Foreign Earned Income Exclusion from federal Form 2555

Federal foreign earned income or housing exclusion – Enter in column C the amount excluded from federal income on federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 8d.

Combat zone foreign earned income exclusion – Enter the amount excluded from federal income on line 8d, column C.

e. Taxable Health Savings Account Distribution

Health savings account (HSA) distributions for unqualified medical expense – Distributions from an HSA not used for qualified medical expenses, and included in federal income, are not taxable for California purposes. Enter the distribution not used for qualified medical expenses on line 8e, column B.

Taxable Archer MSA distributions – Enter the amount of taxable Archer MSA distributions included on line 8e, column A, in column B. See instructions for line 8z for more information.

m. IRC Section 951(a) Inclusion – Under federal law, if you are a U.S. shareholder of a controlled foreign corporation, you must include IRC Section 951(a) amount in your income. California does not conform. If you included the amount as income on your federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), enter the amount on line 8m, column B.

n. IRC Section 951A(a) Inclusion – Under federal law, if you are a U.S. shareholder of a controlled foreign corporation, you must include your GILTI in your income. California does not conform. If you included GILTI on your federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), enter the amount on line 8n, column B.

o. IRC Section 461(l) Excess Business Loss Adjustment – For taxable years

Identify the type of income reported in the space provided. If there is more than one item to report on line 8z, attach a statement that lists each item and enter the total of all individual items in column B or column C as instructed below.

Taxable Archer MSA distributions – Enter the amount of taxable Archer MSA distributions included on line 8e, column A, on line 8z, column C and write “MSA” on the space provided.

Excess business loss adjustment – Enter the amount of the federal excess business loss adjustment (ELA) included on line 8o, column A, on line 8z, column B. Write “ELA” on the space provided on line 8z.

COBRA premium assistance – The ARPA allows an exclusion from gross income for COBRA premium assistance subsidies received by eligible individuals for the COBRA coverage period beginning on April 1, 2021, and ending on September 30, 2021. California law does not conform to this federal provision. For California purposes, enter the amount excluded from federal income on line 8z, column C.

Emergency financial aid grants – The CAA, 2021, allows an exclusion from gross income for emergency financial aid grants. California does not conform to this federal provision. For California purposes, enter the amount excluded from federal income on line 8z, column C.

California microbusiness COVID-19 relief grant – California law allows an exclusion from gross income for grant allocations received by a taxpayer pursuant to the California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Program that is administered by CalOSBA. Federal law has no similar exclusion. Enter on line 8z, column B the amount of this type of income.

California venues grant – California law allows an exclusion from gross income for

from the Secretary of the Treasury, enter in line 8z, column B the amount of this type of income included in line 8z, column A.

IRC Section 965 deferred foreign income –

If you included IRC 965 deferred foreign income on your federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), enter the amount on line 8z, column B and write “IRC 965” on line 8z and at the top of Form 540.

Qualified equity grants – California does not conform to federal law regarding the election to defer the recognition of income attributable to qualified stock. If you elected to defer income for federal purposes, make an adjustment on line 8z, column C.

Expanded use of 529 account funds – California does not conform to federal law regarding the IRC Section 529 account funding for elementary and secondary education or to the maximum distribution amount. If the amount was excluded for federal purposes, make an adjustment on line 8z, column C.

Native American Earned Income

Exemption – California does not tax federally recognized tribal members living in California Indian country who earn income from any federally recognized California Indian country. Military compensation is considered income from reservation sources. Enrolled members who receive reservation sourced per capita income must reside in their affiliated tribe’s Indian country to qualify for tax exempt status. For more information, see form FTB 3504. Enter in column B the income included in federal income that is exempt for California and write “FTB 3504” on line 8z. Attach form FTB 3504 to Form 540.

Parents’ election to report child’s interest and dividends – California conforms to federal law for elections made by parents reporting their child’s interest and dividends. Parents may elect to report their child’s income on their California income tax return by completing form FTB 3803. If you make

Beverage container recycling income – Enter in column B the amount of recycling income included in the amount on line 8z, column A.

Rebates or vouchers from a local water agency, energy agency, or energy supplier – California law allows an income exclusion for rebates or vouchers from a local water agency, energy agency, or energy supplier for the purchase and installation of water conservation appliances and devices. Enter in column B the amount of this type of income included in the amount on line 8z, column A.

Financial Incentive for Seismic Improvement – California law allows an income exclusion for loan forgiveness, grant, credit, rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive issued by the California Residential Mitigation Program or California Earthquake Authority to assist a residential property owner or occupant with expenses paid, or obligation incurred for earthquake loss mitigation. Enter in column B the amount of this type of income included in the amount on line 8z, column A.

Original issue discount (OID) for debt instruments issued in 1985 and 1986 – In the year of sale or other disposition, you must recognize the difference between the amount reported on your federal tax return and the amount reported for California purposes. **Issuers:** Enter the difference between the federal deductible amount and the California deductible amount on line 8z, column B. **Holders:** Enter the difference between the amount included in federal gross income and the amount included for California purposes on line 8z, column C.

Foreign income of nonresident aliens – Adjust federal income to reflect worldwide income computed under California law. Enter losses from foreign sources in column B. Enter foreign source income in column C.

Cost-share payments received by forest landowners – Enter in column B the cost-

California by a surviving spouse/RDP or member-designated beneficiary of certain military personnel killed in the performance of duty are excluded from gross income. Military personnel include the California National Guard, State Military Reserve, or the Naval Militia. If you reported a death benefit on line 8z, column A, enter the death benefit amount in column B.

Ottoman Turkish Empire settlement payments – If you received settlement payments as a person persecuted by the regime that was in control of the Ottoman Turkish Empire from 1915 until 1923 your gross income does not include those excludable settlement payments, or interest, received by you, your heirs, or your estate for payments received on or after January 1, 2005. If you reported settlement payments on line 8z, column A, enter the amount of settlement payments in column B.

Line 9b1 – Disaster Loss Deduction from Form FTB 3805V

If you have a California disaster loss carryover deduction and there is income in the current taxable year, enter the total amount from your 2021 form FTB 3805V, Part III, line 2 and/or line 3, column (f), as a positive number in column B.

NOL Attributable to a Qualified Disaster

If you deduct a 2021 disaster loss in the 2021 taxable year and have remaining disaster loss that results in an NOL, the NOL can be carried forward. Get form FTB 3805V for more information.

Line 9b2 – NOL Deduction from Form FTB 3805V

The allowable NOL carryover under California law is different from the allowable NOL carryover under federal law. If you have a California NOL carryover from prior years, enter the total allowable California NOL carryover deduction for the current year from form FTB 3805V, Part III, line 2, column (f),

- a. The individual successfully asserts that the school did something wrong or failed to do something that it should have done.
 - b. The individual could not complete a program of study due to the school closing.
2. The individual attended a Brightwood College school on or before December 5, 2018, and is granted a discharge of any student loan made in connection with attending that school, and that discharge is not covered under item 1.
 3. The individual attended a location of The Art Institute of California and is granted a discharge of any student loan made in connection with attending that school, and that discharge is not covered under item 1.

Enter in column B the amount of this type of income if it was included on Part I, line 8c, column A, as income for federal purposes.

Line 10 – Total

Add Section A, line 1 through line 7, and Section B, line 1 through line 7, line 9a and line 9b1 through line 9b4 in column B, and line 1 through line 7 and line 9a in column C. Enter the totals on line 10.

Section C – Adjustments to Income

Line 11 through Line 19a and Line 20 through Line 23 and Line 25 – California law is the same as federal law with the exception of the following:

- **Line 11 Educator Expenses** – California does not conform to federal law regarding educator expenses. Enter the amount from column A, line 11 in column B, line 11.
- **Line 12 Certain Business Expenses of Reservists, Performing Artists, and Fee-Basis Government Officials** – If claiming a depreciation deduction as an unreimbursed employee business expense on federal Form 2106, Employee Business Expenses, you may have an adjustment in column B or column C.

No box on line 5 of form FTB 3913, enter the amount from line 5 of form FTB 3913 on Schedule CA (540), Part I, Section A, line 1, column C.

If you are a non-military taxpayer and checked the Yes box on line 5 of form FTB 3913, enter the amount from line 5 of form FTB 3913 on Schedule CA (540), Part I, line 14, column C.

- **Line 15 Deductible Part of Self-employment Tax** – A taxpayer may be classified as an independent contractor for federal purposes and as an employee for California purposes. This deduction is not allowed to an employee. If for California purposes, the taxpayer is classified as an employee, an adjustment is needed in column B. Enter the amount from column A, line 15, in column B, line 15.
- **Line 17 Self-employed Health Insurance Deduction** – A taxpayer may be classified as an independent contractor for federal purposes and as an employee for California purposes. This deduction is not allowed to an employee. If for California purposes, the taxpayer is classified as an employee, an adjustment is needed in column B. Enter the amount from column A, line 17, in column B, line 17.

Note: A taxpayer classified as an employee for California purposes who makes an adjustment on this line may be able to claim this amount as a deduction for medical and dental expenses. For more information, see instructions for Part II, line 4.

- **Line 19a Alimony Paid** – Under federal law (TCJA), alimony and separate maintenance payments are not deductible by the payor spouse, if made under any divorce or separation agreement executed after December 31, 2018, or executed on or before December 31, 2018, and modified after that date (if the modification expressly provides that the amendments apply)

deducted for federal in the total you enter on line 20, column B. See Pub. 1005 for more information.

- **Line 21 Student Loan Interest Deduction** – California conforms to federal law regarding student loan interest deduction except for a spouse/RDP of a non-California domiciled military taxpayer residing in a community property state. Use the Student Loan Interest Deduction Worksheet below to compute the amount to enter on line 21. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1032.

Student Loan Interest Deduction Worksheet

1. Enter the total amount from Schedule CA (540), line 21, column A. If the amount on line 1 is zero, STOP. You are not allowed a deduction for California
2. Enter the total interest you paid in 2021 on qualified student loans but not more than \$2,500 here
3. Add federal Schedule 1 (Form 1040), line 21 (student loan interest deduction) to federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11 (AGI). Enter the result here
4. Enter the amount shown below for your filing status.
 - Single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) – \$60,000
 - Married/RDP filing jointly – \$120,000
5. Is the amount on line 3 more than the amount on line 4?
 - **No.** Skip lines 5 and 6, enter -0- on line 7, and go to line 8.
 - **Yes.** Subtract line 4 from line 3
6. Divide line 5 by \$15,000 (\$30,000 if married/RDP filing jointly). Enter the result as a decimal (rounded to at least three places). If the result is 1.000 or more, enter 1.000
7. Multiply line 2 by line 6
8. **Student loan interest**

8I – Federal law allows an exclusion from gross income for the value of any medal awarded or prize money received from the U.S. Olympic Committee on account of competition in the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games. The exclusion does not apply to a taxpayer for any year in which the taxpayer's adjusted gross income exceeds \$1 million, or half of that amount in the case of a married individual filing a separate return. California does not conform. If you deducted the amount for federal purposes, enter that amount in column B.

d. Reforestation amortization and expenses – California law allows a deduction for reforestation amortization and expenses with respect to qualified timber property located in California. Enter the amount from column A that is for non-California qualified timber property in column B.

f. Contributions to IRC Section 501(c)(18)(D) pension plans – If the contribution amount for California is different than the federal amount, you will need to make an adjustment in column B or column C. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1005.

g. Contributions by certain chaplains to IRC Section 403(b) plans – If the contribution amount for California is different than the federal amount, you will need to make an adjustment in column B or column C. For more information, get FTB Pub. 1005.

i. Attorney fees and court costs you paid in connection with an award from the IRS for information you provided that helped the IRS detect tax law violations – California does not conform to federal law regarding the deduction of these attorney fees and court costs. Enter the amount from column A in column B.

- Line 27, column B to Form 540, line 14
If column B is a negative number, transfer the amount as a positive number to Form 540, line 16.
- Line 27, column C to Form 540, line 16
If column C is a negative number, transfer the amount as a positive number to Form 540, line 14.

Part II Adjustments to Federal Itemized Deductions

Important: If you did not itemize deductions on your federal tax return but will itemize deductions on your California tax return, first complete federal Schedule A (Form 1040), Itemized Deductions. Then check the box at the top of Schedule CA (540), Part II and complete line 1 through line 30. Attach a copy of federal Schedule A (Form 1040) to your Form 540.

Column A – Federal Amounts

Line 1 through Line 16

Enter on line 1 through line 16 the same amounts you entered on your federal Schedule A (Form 1040), line 1 through line 16.

Column B and Column C – Subtractions and Additions

Use these columns to enter subtractions and additions to the federal amounts in column A that are necessary because of differences between California and federal law. Enter all amounts as positive numbers unless instructed otherwise.

Line 1 through Line 4

Employees and independent contractors – Taxpayers classified as independent contractors for federal purposes and classified as employees for California purposes may claim the amount of self-employed health insurance deduction for federal purposes as a medical and dental

Line 5e - The federal deduction for state and local tax is limited to \$10,000 (\$5,000 for married filing separate) for the aggregate of state and local income taxes and property taxes. California does not conform. If your deduction was limited under federal law, enter an adjustment on line 5e, column C for the amount over the federal limit.

Line 6 – Other Taxes

California does not allow a deduction for foreign income taxes. Enter that amount on line 6, column B.

Federal law suspended the deduction for foreign property taxes. California does not conform. Enter the amount on line 6, column C.

Generation Skipping Transfer Tax - Tax paid on generation skipping transfers is not deductible under California law. Enter the amount of generation skipping tax included in line 6, column A on line 6, column B.

Line 8 – Home Mortgage Interest

Federal law limited the mortgage interest deduction acquisition debt maximum from \$1,000,000 (\$500,000 for married filing separately) to \$750,000 (\$375,000 for married filing separately). California does not conform. If your deduction was limited under federal law, enter an adjustment on line 8, column C for the amount over the federal limit.

Federal law suspended the deduction on up to \$100,000 (\$50,000 for married filing separately) for interest on home equity indebtedness, unless the loan is used to buy, build, or substantially improve the taxpayer's home that secures the loan. California does not conform. If your deduction was limited under the federal law, enter an adjustment on line 8, column C for the amount over the federal limit.

Mortgage Interest Credit - If you reduced your federal mortgage interest deduction by

Qualified Charitable Contributions - Your California deduction may be different from your federal deduction. California limits the amount of your deduction to 50% of your federal adjusted gross income. Figure the difference between the amount allowed using federal law and the amount allowed using California law. Enter the difference on line 11, column B.

College Athletic Seating Rights – Federal law no longer allows a charitable deduction for amounts paid to an institution of higher education in exchange for college athletic seating rights. California does not conform. Enter the amount on line 11, column C.

College Access Tax Credit – If you deducted a charitable contribution amount for the College Access Tax Credit Fund on your federal Schedule A (Form 1040) and are claiming the College Access Tax Credit on your Form 540, enter the amount used to calculate the College Access Tax Credit on line 11, column B.

Charitable Contribution Deduction

Disallowance – California disallows a charitable contribution deduction to an educational organization that is a postsecondary institution or to the Key Worldwide Foundation to a taxpayer who meets all of the following:

- They are charged as a defendant in any of several specified criminal complaints as listed in R&TC Section 17275.4.
- There is a final determination of their guilt with regard to a violation of any offense arising out of that criminal complaint.
- There is a finding that they took the deduction unlawfully.

For more information, see R&TC Section 17275.4. Enter the amount of this deduction on line 11, column B.

Line 12 – Other than by cash or check
Qualified Charitable Contributions – Your

For more information, see R&TC Section 17275.4. Enter the amount of this deduction on line 12, column B.

Line 13 – Carryover From Prior Year

Charitable Contribution Carryover Deduction – If deducting a prior year charitable contribution carryover, and the California carryover is larger than the federal carryover, enter the additional amount on line 13, column C.

Carryover Deduction of Appreciated Stock Contributed to a Private Foundation prior to January 1, 2002 – If deducting a charitable contribution carryover of appreciated stock donated to a private operating foundation prior to January 1, 2002, and the fair market value allowed for federal purposes is larger than the basis allowed for California purposes, enter the difference on line 13, column B.

Line 15 – Casualty or Theft Loss(es)

Under federal law, the personal casualty and theft loss deduction is suspended, with exception for personal casualty gains. Federal allows a deduction for personal casualty and theft loss incurred in a federally declared disaster. California does not conform.

California allows personal casualty and theft loss and disaster loss deductions. If you have personal casualty and theft loss and/or disaster loss, complete another federal Form 4684, Casualties and Thefts, using California amounts. Enter the difference between the federal and California amount in column B or column C.

Line 16 – Other Itemized Deductions

Unreimbursed Impairment-Related Work Expenses – If you completed federal Form 2106, prepare a second set of forms reflecting your employee business expense using California amounts (i.e., following California law). Include your entertainment expenses, if any, on line 5 of federal Form

Gambling Losses - California lottery losses are not deductible for California. Enter the amount of California lottery losses included in line 16, column A on line 16, column B.

Federal Estate Tax – Federal estate tax paid on income in respect of a decedent is not deductible for California. Enter the amount of federal estate tax included in line 16, column A on line 16, column B.

Claim of Right – If you had to repay an amount that you included in your income in an earlier year, because at the time you thought you had an unrestricted right to it, you may be able to deduct the amount repaid from your income for the year in which you repaid it. Or, if the amount you repaid is more than \$3,000, you may take a credit against your tax for the year in which you repaid it, whichever results in the least tax.

If the amount repaid was not taxed by California, no deduction or credit is allowed.

Social security benefits are not taxable by California and the repayment would not qualify for claim of right deduction or credit. If you deducted the repayment of Social Security benefits on your federal tax return, enter the amount of the federal deduction on line 16, column B.

If you claimed a credit for the repayment on your federal tax return and are deducting the repayment for California, enter the allowable deduction on line 16, column C.

If you deducted the repayment on your federal tax return and are taking a credit for California, enter the amount of the federal deduction on line 16, column B. To help you determine whether to take a credit or deduction, see the Repayment section of federal Publication 525, Taxable and Nontaxable Income. Remember to use the California tax rate in your computations. If you choose to take the credit instead of the deduction for California, add the credit amount on line 78, the total payment line, of

Enter the fees you paid for preparation of your tax return, including fees paid for filing your return electronically. If you paid your tax by credit or debit card, include the convenience fee you were charged on line 21 instead of this line.

Line 21 – Other Expenses

Enter the total amount you paid to produce or collect taxable income and manage or protect property held for earning income.

List the type of each expense next to line 21 and enter the total of these expenses on line 21. If you are filing a paper return and you can't fit all your expenses on the line next to line 21, attach a statement showing the type and amount of each expense.

Examples of expenses to include on line 21 are:

- Certain legal and accounting fees.
- Custodial fees (for example, trust account).
- Casualty and theft losses of property used in performing services as an employee from federal Form 4684, line 32 and 38b, or federal Form 4797, line 18a.
- Deduction for repayment of amounts under a claim of right if \$3,000 or less.
- Excess deduction on termination of an estate or trust.

Claim of Right - If you had to repay an amount that you included in your income in an earlier year, because at the time you thought you had an unrestricted right to it, you may be able to deduct the amount repaid from your income for the year in which you repaid it. If the amount you repaid is less than \$3,000, the deduction is subject to the 2% AGI limit for California purposes. If you are deducting the repayment for California, enter the allowable deduction on line 21.

If the amount repaid was not taxed by California, no deduction is allowed.

between the amount allowed using federal law and the amount allowed using California law. Enter the difference as a negative number on line 27.

Interest on Loans from Utility

Companies – Taxpayers are allowed a tax deduction for interest paid or incurred on a public utility company financed loan that is used to purchase and install energy efficient equipment or products, including zone-heating products for a qualified residence **located in California**. Federal law has no equivalent deduction. Enter the amount as a positive number on line 27.

Line 29 – California Itemized Deductions

Is the amount on Form 540, line 13 more than the amount shown below for your filing status?

Single or married/RDP filing separately:
\$212,288

Head of household: \$318,437

Married/RDP filing jointly or qualifying widow(er): \$424,581

NO: Transfer the amount from line 28 to line 29. Do not complete the Itemized Deductions Worksheet.

YES: Complete the Itemized Deductions Worksheet in the next column.

Note:

- If married or an RDP and filing a separate tax return, you and your spouse/RDP must either both itemize your deductions (even if the itemized deductions of one spouse/RDP are less than the standard deduction) or both take the standard deduction.
- Also, if someone else can claim you as a dependent, claim the greater of the

9. Compare line 4 and line 8. Enter the smaller amount here.
10. Total itemized deductions. Subtract line 9 from line 1. Enter here and on Schedule CA (540), Part II, line 29.

Line 30 – Amount from Line 29 or Standard Deduction

If your filing status is Married/RDP filing separately and your spouse itemizes, enter the amount from line 29 (even if the standard deduction is larger).

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