# PAYMENT, MAILING AND FILING INSTRUCTIONS

**All Surplus Line Brokers and Special Lines Surplus Line Brokers, who held a license during the reporting year, whether or not business was transacted, must complete this form. Complete all items, including the method of tax payment.**

1. **DUE ON MARCH 1, 2021:** The Annual Statement and Tax Return for the calendar year **2020**. Send original to the California Department of Insurance, Tax Accounting/EFT Unit postmarked on or before **March 1, 2021**. The postmark date or the express mail date will determine if the return and/or monthly voucher was mailed in a timely manner.
2. Groups: A return is to be completed for each surplus line license. No group filings are accepted.
3. Payments:

* If paying by check, make the check payable to **“California State Controller’s Office”**.
* Those required to pay or have voluntarily elected to pay by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) must use the EFT method of payment and are still required to submit a monthly voucher.
* Pursuant to the California Insurance Code Section 1775.8, commencing January 1, 1995, **entities subject to insurance tax whose Annual Tax is more than $20,000 are required to participate in the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Program**. To register as an EFT taxpayer, contact the California Department of Insurance Tax Accounting/EFT Unit at (916) 492-3288 or e-mail at [EFT@insurance.ca.gov](mailto:EFT@insurance.ca.gov)
* **Every broker whose annual tax liability for the preceding calendar year was twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) or more is required to make monthly prepayments and submit monthly tax payment vouchers to the current calendar year.**

1. Mail to (a) or (b):
2. **If the NET ANNUAL TAX DUE (Line 8) is PAID BY CHECK**, mail the CHECK and the Annual Statement and Tax Return to:

California Department of Insurance

Tax Accounting Unit

P.O. Box 1918

Sacramento, CA 95812-1918

1. **If the NET ANNUAL TAX DUE (Line 8) is PAID BY EFT or if the NET ANNUAL TAX DUE (Line 8) is ZERO (-0-)**, mail the Annual Statement and Tax Return by First Class or Express Delivery to:

California Department of Insurance

Tax Accounting Unit

300 Capitol Mall, Suite 14000

Sacramento, CA 95814

**The Annual Statement and Tax Return and payment must be postmarked/settled on or before March 1 following the end of the calendar year.**  When the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or State or Federal legal holiday, the statement, tax return and payment are considered timely if postmarked on the next business day.

**The tax payment vouchers are available on** the [California Department of Insurance web-site](http://www.insurance.ca.gov/). Select “Agents & Brokers”, then “Tax Forms and Instructions/Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Payments”, then “**2020** Tax Forms, Instructions, and Information” to access the tax return, instructions, and vouchers.

**For questions concerning the completion of the premium tax return,** please contact the California Department of Insurance, Premium Tax Audit Unit by e-mail at [premiumtaxaudit@insurance.ca.gov](mailto:premiumtaxaudit@insurance.ca.gov)

**For questions regarding the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Program,** contact the California Department of Insurance, Tax Accounting/EFT Unit at (916) 492-3288, e-mail at [EFT@insurance.ca.gov](mailto:EFT@insurance.ca.gov) or write to:

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# 2021 SURPLUS LINE TAX CALENDAR

**NOTICE TO ALL SURPLUS LINE BROKERS SUBJECT TO TAXATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA INSURANCE CODE SECTION 1774 ET. SEQ.**

Brokers whose preceding year’s tax liability was twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) or more are required to pay the tax on business transacted each month pursuant to the California Insurance Code Section 1775.1. If required to pay monthly and no tax is due for a certain month, a zero tax voucher is still required to be filed. Use the following schedule to file monthly tax payment vouchers and remit taxes due:

| **Business transacted during the month of:** | **is due on or before:** |
| --- | --- |
| January 2021 | April 1, 2021 |
| February 2021 | May 1, 2021 |
| March 2021 | June 1, 2021 |
| April 2021 | July 1, 2021 |
| May 2021 | August 1, 2021 |
| June 2021 | September 1, 2021 |
| July 2021 | October 1, 2021 |
| August 2021 | November 1, 2021 |
| September 2021 | December 1, 2021 |
| October 2021 | January 1, 2022 |
| November 2021 | February 1, 2022 |
| December 2021 | March 1, 2022 |

**The Surplus Line Broker’s Monthly Tax Payment Vouchers must be returned to one of the following addresses:**

1. **If Monthly Tax Payments are PAID BY CHECK**, mail the CHECK payable to **California State Controller's Office** and the monthly tax payment voucher to:

California Department of Insurance

Tax Accounting Unit

P.O. Box 1918

Sacramento, CA 95812-1918

1. **If Monthly Tax Payments are PAID BY EFT or have a NET AMOUNT DUE OF “0”**, mail the monthly tax payment voucher by First Class or Express Delivery to:

California Department of Insurance

Tax Accounting/EFT Unit

300 Capitol Mall, Suite 14000

Sacramento, CA 95814

You may submit the completed voucher-only by email to [EFT@insurance.ca.gov](mailto:EFT@insurance.ca.gov)

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* **MANDATORY PARTICIPATION**: Commencing January 1, 1995, entities subject to insurance tax, whose annual tax payments is more than twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), are required to participate in the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) program.
* Those required to pay or have voluntarily elected to pay by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) must use the EFT method of payment and are still required to submit a monthly voucher.
* If paying by check, include the Surplus Line License Number on the check.

**For questions regarding the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Program,** contact the California Department of Insurance Tax Accounting/EFT Unit at (916) 492-3288, e-mail: [EFT@insurance.ca.gov](mailto:EFT@insurance.ca.gov) or write to:

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Tax Accounting/EFT Unit

300 Capitol Mall, Suite 14000

Sacramento, CA 95814

**The following are line by line instructions for the Surplus Line Broker and Special Lines Surplus Line Broker Annual Statement and Tax Return for the calendar year 2020. Do not write in the column labeled “CDI Use Only”.**

**Complete all required information:** Broker’s Name, Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code and Telephone Number. Also, provide the Surplus Line License Number, Federal Tax Identification Number, the EFT Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), and select the appropriate Method of Tax Payment. If Surplus Line Brokers and Special Lines Surplus Line Brokers are doing business under a different name, complete the section titled D.B.A. (Doing Business As).

**Check all boxes that apply:** For brokers writing multi-state risks, please refer to the California Insurance Code Section 1775.5 for more information. Any records or documentations for premium allocation of multi-state risks should be made available for examination by the Department. Brokers submitting a final return (license has expired and no further business will be transacted), must indicate the effective date of the final transaction. Brokers submitting an amended return must write the word **“AMENDED”** at the center space just above the Broker’s name.

| **LINE** | **INSTRUCTIONS** |
| --- | --- |
| Line 1: | The amount on Line 1 should be the actual California Surplus Line Gross Premiums on policies transacted from January 1 to December 31 of the tax year (business transacted with non-admitted insurers only) and should reconcile with the total amount of Lines 10, 10A, 10B and 10C**.** See California Insurance Code Section 1775.5. **Note: The Department does not collect surplus lines premium tax on risks located outside the United States.**  Gross Premiums as used in the calculation of premium taxes due, is the gross policy premiums plus any fees/charges pertaining to the policy such as policy fee, inspection fee, etc.  Example: Policy Premium $10,000  Policy Fee 100  Inspection Fee 150  Total Gross Taxable Premium $10,250 |
| Line 2: | The amount on Line 2 should be the actual California Surplus Line Premiums that were returned to the policyholder(s) during the period of January 1 to December 31 of the tax year (business transacted with a nonadmitted insurer only) and should reconcile with the total amount of Lines 11 and 12. This is required pursuant to California Insurance Code Section 1775.5. |
| Line 3: | The amount on Line 3 is the tax base. This amount is the result of the Gross Premiums (Line 1) less the Returned Premiums (Line 2). |
| Line 4: | Line 4 is the Tax Rate of three percent (3%). |
| Line 5: | This amount is the annual tax liability for the reporting tax year. Multiply the Net Taxable Premiums (Line 3) by the Tax Rate of three percent (3%). If the amount on this line is $20,000 or more, monthly tax payments are required. If the amount on this line is more than $20,000, payment via EFT is required. See California Insurance Code Section 1775.1(a) for monthly tax payments and Section 1775.8 for EFT payments. |
| Line 6: | The amount on each line is the actual tax paid each month. The annual tax payment is in lieu of the December Monthly Tax Payment, pursuant to California Insurance Code Section 1775.3. Do not include any additional assessments, penalties, or negative amounts on these lines. Any annual tax overpayment credited to the January **2020** monthly tax payment should be included on Line 6A. |
| Line 6A: | Report any credit applied toward the January monthly tax payment from the prior year’s annual tax overpayment.  Example: **2019** Tax Overpayment credited to January **2020** monthly tax payment is $55.  January **2020** monthly tax payment before credit is applied is $155.  Amount on Line 6A is $55, and the amount on Line 6B is $100. |
| Line 7: | This line is the sum of all monthly tax payments made during the reporting year. This is the total of Lines 6A through 6M. |
| Line 8: | **Tax Due:** Deduct the total monthly tax payments (Line 7) from the annual tax liability (Line 5). If the amount on Line 5 is MORE than the amount on Line 7, then complete Line 8. PAY THIS AMOUNT ON OR BEFORE **MARCH 1, 2021**. Late payment and/or underpayment of the tax due may be subject to penalty and interest. If paying by check, make the check payable to **California State Controller’s Office.** |
| Line 9: | **Tax Refund:** If the total monthly tax payment (Line 7) is MORE than the Annual Tax Liability (Line 5), then complete Line 9. The overpayment of tax may be allowed as a credit against the succeeding year’s FIRST MONTHLY PAYMENT ONLY; or be refunded. If REFUNDED, do not apply the amount of the refund toward any other tax liability due. Select the appropriate box.  Effective March 1, 2020, overpayment amount of $10 or less will be automatically applied as Credit towards future tax liabilities. For overpayment amount greater than $10, please check “To Be Refunded” or To Be Credited”.  **FAILURE TO INDICATE A CREDIT OR REFUND WILL RESULT IN A REFUND BEING ISSUED.** |
| Line 10: | Record all California Gross Premiums **(Single-state policies)** for Non-admitted Insurers showing the NAIC # and State of Domicile with whom business was transacted during January 1 through December 31 of the tax year for **California home state insureds.** All returned premiums should be recorded on Line 11.  If additional pages are necessary, make a copy of this page. Be sure to include the Surplus Line Brokers and Special Lines Surplus Line Brokers name and Surplus Line License number. If no business was transacted during the calendar year, write “NONE” and go to the next page. **The total of Lines 10, 10A, 10B and 10C should equal Line 1.** |
| Line 10A: | Record all California Gross Premiums **(Multi-state policies)** for Non-admitted Insurers showing the NAIC # and State of Domicile with whom business was transacted during January 1 through December 31 of the tax year for **California home state insureds.** All returned premiums should be recorded on Line 12.  If additional pages are necessary, make a copy of this page. Be sure to include the Surplus Line Brokers and Special Lines Surplus Line Brokers name and Surplus Line License number. If no business was transacted during the calendar year, write “NONE” and go to the next page. **The total of Lines 10, 10A, 10B and 10C should equal Line 1.** |
| Line 10B: | Record all California Gross Premiums **(Single-state policies)** for each Lloyd’s Syndicate member (include syndicate number i.e. Lloyds Syndicate # 0) with whom business was transacted during January 1 through December 31 of the tax year for **California home state insureds**. All returned premiums should be recorded on Line 11.  If additional pages are necessary, make a copy of the page. Be sure to include the Surplus Line Brokers and Special Lines Surplus Line Brokers name and Surplus Line License Number. If no business was transacted during the calendar year, write “NONE” and go to the next page. **The total of Lines 10, 10A, 10B and 10C should equal Line 1.** |
| Line 10C: | Record all California Gross Premiums **(Multi-state policies)** for each Lloyd’s Syndicate member (include syndicate number i.e. Lloyd’s Syndicate # 0) with whom business was transacted during January 1 through December 31 of the tax year for **California home state insureds.** All returned premiums should be recorded on Line 12.  If additional pages are necessary, make a copy of the page. Be sure to include the Surplus Line Brokers and Special Lines Surplus Line Brokers name and Surplus Line License Number. If no business was transacted during the calendar year, write “NONE” and go to the next page. **The total of Lines 10, 10A, 10B and 10C should equal Line 1.** |
| Line 11: | Record all Returned Premiums (Single-state policies) for Non-admitted Insurers and each Lloyds Syndicate member (include syndicate #) with whom business was transacted during the tax year. **The total of Lines 11 and 12 should equal Line 2.** |
| Line 12: | Record all Returned Premiums (Multi-state policies) for Non-admitted Insurers and each Lloyds Syndicate member (include syndicate #) with whom business was transacted during the tax year. **The total of Lines 11 and 12 should equal Line 2.** |
| Line 13 & 13.1: | This is the Statement of Trust Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, **2020** for **California** Surplus Line Business only. If using fiscal year basis, state the year-end date on the line provided (month/day/year). This is a quick test of the accumulation totals of the California Surplus Line Trust Fund. See the sample below:   * Description of Trust Assets: * Cash Trust * Premiums Receivable * Any securities held in this account * Description of Trust Liabilities: * Premiums Payable * Surplus Line Tax Payable * Stamping Fees Payable |
| Line 14, 14.1, & 14.2: | This is the Statement of Nontaxable Business written pursuant to the California Insurance Code Section 1760.5. All Special Lines Surplus Line Brokers are required to complete this Section even if the business transacted was nontaxable for the tax year. All brokers licensed for Special Surplus Lines and all Special Surplus Line Brokers are required to complete this section pursuant to the California Insurance Code Section 1760.5(d). |
| Line 15: | This Statement of Percentage of Premium is required by California Insurance Code Section 1774(a)(1) and is provided for informational purposes only. All Surplus Line Brokers must complete this section for the calendar year, even if the premium reported for this line is nontaxable. The gross premium and percentages of gross premium to be reported are totals for all surplus lines business placed for California home state insureds for the calendar year. For multi-state policies, the percentages should equal the total premium risk allocated to California and to each other state. If percentages do not equal 100% due to non U.S. risks or other reasons, or if not all the premium allocation data is available for reporting this calendar year, that should be noted. The gross premium calculation has been added to assist filers in determining the percentages. |
| Line 16: | In lieu of the Zero Premium Tax Return previously filed by Endorsed surplus line brokers writing on behalf of a business entity surplus line broker organization, provide a listing of all Endorsed surplus line brokers with an individual license to transact as a surplus line broker and who transact or write business on behalf of the reporting surplus line broker organization*.* |
| Line 17: | All surplus line brokers who have delegated the responsibility for filing the confidential written report that includes all taxable premium to another surplus line broker or brokers pursuant to Insurance Code section 1774 (b) will no longer be required to file a Zero Premium Tax Return beginning tax year 2013. This statement requires all delegated surplus line brokers to include a list of those licensees who have delegated this reporting function and, on whose behalf, they have reported transacted or business done with their Tax Return. The list shall include the name and license number of the delegating surplus brokers*.* |
| Line 18.1 & 18.2: | Provide the name, title, phone number and e-mail address of the contact person should there be any questions regarding this annual statement and tax return. Provide mailing address if the business street address is different. |
| **Surplus Line Broker’s Certification:** | **California Insurance Code Section 1774(a)(1) -** Surplus Line Broker’s Certification is to be completed by the broker declaring under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of California that the annual statement and tax return, including any accompanying schedules or statements, has been examined by the broker, and is true, correct, and complete. Original wet signature is required for this tax return. |

**\*COMPLETE AND RETURN ALL PAGES OF THE TAX RETURN**

# EXTENSION OF TIME

* **Monthly Installment Payments:** California Insurance Code Section 1775.4(g): “The commissioner, upon a showing of good cause, may extend for not to exceed 10 days the time for making a monthly payment. The extension may be granted at any time, provided that a request therefore is filed with the commissioner within or prior to the period for which the extension may be granted. No interest shall be paid for the period of time for which the extension is granted.”
* **Annual Tax Payment:** California Insurance Code section 1775.5(b), states in part, “The commissioner, upon a showing of good cause, may extend for not to exceed 30 days, the time for filing a tax return or paying any amount required to be paid with the return. The extension may be granted at any time, provided that a request therefore is filed with the commissioner within, or prior to, the period for which the extension may be granted. Any surplus line broker to whom an extension is granted shall, in addition to the tax, pay interest at the rate of 1 percent per month or fraction thereof from March 1, until the date of payment.”
* **To request for extension of time:** Submit your written request to the California Department of Insurance, Premium Tax Audit Unit for review **prior to the prepayment due date** at [premiumtaxaudit@insurance.ca.gov](mailto:premiumtaxaudit@insurance.ca.gov) or by mailing to: California Department of Insurance, Premium Tax Audit Unit, 300 South Spring Street, 9th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Your request is not considered granted until you have received a notice from the Department stating so. A late payment will subject the broker/insurer to penalties plus interest.

# AMENDED TAX RETURNS – TAX REFUND

1. **A claim for refund shall be in writing and shall state the specific grounds upon which it is founded. See Revenue and Taxation Code Section 12978 and 12979. Check the box on the top section of page one of the return and indicate the date when it was amended.**
2. **Send the claim for refund and amended tax return to:**

California Department of Tax and Fee Administration

Appeals and Data Analysis Branch – MIC 33

P.O. Box 942879

Sacramento, CA  94279-0033

Attention: Appeals and Data Analysis Branch

[Or to submit online, go to <https://onlineservices.cdtfa.ca.gov/_/> and login with username and password if you have an account with the CDTFA, otherwise select "Claim a Refund or Request Relief for Insurance" under Limited Access Functions. For questions or assistance, call: 1-800-400-7115.]

1. **Send a copy to:**

California Department of Insurance

Premium Tax Audit Unit

300 South Spring Street, 9th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90013-1230

Attention: Amended Tax Return

[Or submit by email to [premiumtaxaudit@insurance.ca.gov](mailto:premiumtaxaudit@insurance.ca.gov)]

* Do not deduct or credit the requested refund when filing any future tax returns or prepayments due. The amount claimed is not a refund until certified as correct and a Notice of Refund is issued to you.

# AMENDED TAX RETURNS – ADDITIONAL TAX DUE

1. **If you amend a tax return to report additional tax due, send the amended tax return showing clearly where the changes were made. Check the box on the top section of page one of the return and indicate the date when it was amended.**
2. **Send the amended tax return to:**

California Department of Insurance

Premium Tax Audit Unit

300 South Spring Street, 9th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90013-1230

Attention: Amended Tax Return

[Or submit by email to [premiumtaxaudit@insurance.ca.gov](mailto:premiumtaxaudit@insurance.ca.gov)]

1. **Send** the CHECK payable to **“California State Controller's Office”** **AND a copy of the amended tax return (CDI FS Form Only) to:**

State Controller’s Office

Departmental Accounting Office – Insurance Tax program

300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1500

Sacramento, CA 95814

* Any **additional** tax, penalty and interest payments are to be made by CHECK PAYMENT ONLY. Please note that EFT should only be used for the **original** annual tax and prepayments.
* All payments made toward additional tax due will be applied pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 12636.5: “Every payment on a delinquent tax shall be applied as follows: (a) First, to any interest due on the tax. (b) Second, to any penalty imposed by this part. (c) The balance, if any, to the tax itself.”