# PAYMENT, MAILING AND FILING INSTRUCTIONS

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| **Due Date:** | File one (1) original of this return with the California Department of Insurance postmarked on or before April 1, 2017. Express delivery date by the company will be accepted as the postmark date. | | |
| **Groups:** | Prepare a separate tax return and check for each member company. | | |
| **Payments:** | If paying by check, make the check payable to CONTROLLER - STATE OF CALIFORNIA.  Those required to pay or have voluntarily elected to pay by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) must use the EFT method of payment.  Every insurer whose annual tax liability for the preceding calendar year was twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) or more is required to make quarterly prepayments and submit quarterly tax payment vouchers to the current calendar year. | | |
| **Mail to**  **a or b:** | 1. If the 2016 Tax Due, 2017 1st Quarter Prepayment, and/or the 2016 Retaliatory Tax Due are paid by **CHECK**, then mail the Premium Tax Return, the tax payment voucher, and the CHECK to: | OR | 1. If the 2016 Tax Due, 2017 1st Quarter Prepayment, and/or the 2016 Retaliatory Tax Due are paid by **EFT**, or if there is **ZERO** (-0-) balance due, or If there is a **Tax Refund Due**, then mail the Premium Tax Return and the prepayment voucher to:   First Class or Express Delivery |
| State of California  Department of Insurance  Tax Accounting Unit  P.O. Box 1918  Sacramento, CA 95812-1918 | State of California  Department of Insurance  Tax Accounting Unit  300 Capitol Mall Suite 14000  Sacramento, CA 95814 |

The tax payment vouchers are available on the California Department of Insurance web-site <http://www.insurance.ca.gov> under “Insurers” section. Under “Application, Forms, and Filings”, click on the link “Tax Forms, Instructions, and Information. Then click on 2016 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 Bureau 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:

State of California

Department of Insurance

Tax Accounting /EFT Unit

300 Capitol Mall, Suite 14000

Sacramento, CA 95814

The tax return and payment must be postmarked on or before April 1st following the end of the calendar year. The due dates for filing the quarterly prepayments are April 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and December 1st of each year. When the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or State or Federal legal holiday, the tax return or prepayment voucher and payment are considered timely if postmarked on the next business day.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

All Life Companies including Accident and Health Insurance must complete this tax return, whether or not business was transacted during the reporting year. Complete all items, including the method of tax payment.

Pursuant to the California Insurance Code Section 12976.5, and the California Tax on Insurers, Revenue and Taxation Code 12602, on and after January 1, 1995, each insurer whose annual taxes exceed twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) is 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.

**The following are line by line instructions for the Life Companies including Accident and Health Insurance Tax Return for the calendar year 2016. Please only use one entry per line and do not write in the column labeled, “CDI use only”.**

Complete the following information: Name of Insurer, Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code, Telephone Number, Fax Number, and State of Domicile. Also provide the Federal Tax Identification Number, California Permanent Number (CA Perm No), National Association of Insurance Commissioners Number (NAIC No.), EFT Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), and select the appropriate Method of Tax Payment. Please check the appropriate box for the following information: New Company (admitted during 2016), Name Change (name was changed during 2016), Final Return (no further business transacted due to withdrawal of the Certificate of Authority or a non-survivor of a merger during 2016), and/or Amended Return. If final return, indicate the effective date of the final transaction or if amended, indicate the date when it was amended.

### RECORD ALL AMOUNTS IN WHOLE DOLLARS

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| Line 1: | **Accident and Health Premiums** - Forward the positive or negative amount from Page 3 of the Premium Tax Return, Schedule A, Line 6, to Page 1, Line 1, Column B. |
| Line 2: | **Life Premiums** – Forward the positive or negative amount from Page 4 of the Premium Tax Return, Schedule B, Line 10, Columns A and B, to Page 1, Line 2, Columns A and B. |
| Line 3: | **Annuity Premium/Considerations** - Forward the positive or negative amount from Page 5 of the Premium Tax Return, Schedule C, Line 9, Columns A and B, to Page 1, Line 3, Columns A and B. |
| Line 4: | **Total Net Taxable Premiums** - Add the totals of Lines 2 and 3 of Column A and add the totals of Lines 1, 2, and 3 of Column B (Please indicate the total of the lines for each column, even if the result equals a negative amount). |
| Line 5 | **Tax Rate** – Column A, Qualified, has a tax rate of 0.50 % and Column B, Nonqualified, has a tax rate of 2.35 %. |
| Line 6: | **2016 Annual Tax** – Multiply Line 4 by the tax rate on Line 5 for columns A and B. Once the lines have been multiplied, take the total in Line 6 Column A and add the total in Line 6, Column B to determine the 2016 Annual Tax, Line 6, Column C (If the result in Column C is a negative amount, record zero (-0-) in the column). If the 2016 Annual Tax is more than $20,000, then the insurer is required to participate in the EFT Program. For questions regarding EFT, contact the Tax Accounting/EFT Unit at (916) 492-3288 or e-mail at [EFT@insurance.ca.gov](mailto:EFT@insurance.ca.gov) |
| Line 7: | **Low Income Housing Credit** - Record any Low Income Housing Credit for the reporting year. If there is a credit for the reporting year, provide a copy of Form 3521-A (Certificate of Final Award of California) and Final Schedule K-1 (565) (Partner’s Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.). Failure to provide a copy of Form 3521-A and Schedule K-1 (565) will result in the disallowance of a credit. Include the Company’s name and California Permanent Number on the certificates. |
| Line 8: | **CA CDFI Credit (COIN)** - Record any tax credits claimed for the reporting year that were certified by the California Organized Investment Network (COIN) for investments in California Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs). Attached a copy of the certification from COIN showing the amount of the credit pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 12209. Failure to provide a copy of the certificate of credit will result in the credit being disallowed. |
| Line 9: | **Prepayments made during the reporting year of 2016** - Only include those prepayments made or applied to the first quarter during the reporting year. Exclude all payments of interest and penalties. |
| Line 9a: | **Overpayment applied from prior year** -  If there was an overpayment applied to the 2016 First Quarter Prepayment, as reported on Line 13a of the 2015 tax return, then record the amount applied on Line 9a. (For example, if the 2016 First Quarter Prepayment due was $2,500 and the amount of 2015 Overpayment applied was $500, then record $500 on Line 9a).  -OR-  If there was no overpayment applied to the 2016 First Quarter Prepayment, then record zero (-0-) on Line 9a. |
| Line 9b: | **First Quarter (Balance Paid)** -  If there was an overpayment applied to the 2016 First Quarter Prepayment, then record the net balance paid on Line 9b (for example, if the 2016 First Quarter Prepayment due was $2,500 and the amount of 2015 Overpayment applied was $500, then record $2,000 on Line 9b).  -OR-  If there was no overpayment applied to the 2016 First Quarter Prepayment, then record the amount paid for the 2016 First Quarter Prepayment Line on 9b. |
| Line 9c - 9e: | **Second, Third, and Fourth Quarters** - Record the amount paid for each quarter. |
| Line 9f: | **Total Prepayments** - Record the sum of Lines 9a through 9e. |
| Line 10: | **Total Credits and Prepayments** - Record the sum of Lines 7, 8, and 9f. |
| Line 11: | **2016 Tax Due** - If Line 6, Column C is MORE than Line 10, then subtract Line 10 from Line 6, Column C. The result will be the balance of the 2016 Annual Tax Due. Pay this amount on or before April 1, 2017. If Line 6, Column C is LESS than Line 10, record zero (-0-) on this line and proceed to Line 12. |
| Line 12: | **2016 Tax Overpayment** - If Line 10 is MORE than Line 6, Column C, then subtracts Line 6, Column C from Line 10, and record the result of the overpayment on this line. If Line 10 is LESS than Line 6, Column C, record zero (-0-) on this line and proceed to Line 13. |
| Line 13: | **2017 First Quarter Prepayment** - Record the 2017 First Quarter Prepayment on this line. If the Annual Tax, Line 6, Column C, is $20,000 or more, the insurer is required to make prepayments equal to 25 percent of Line 6, Column C. If the amount on Line 6, Column C is less than $20,000, then record zero (-0-) on this line. |
| Line 13a: | **2016 Tax Overpayment applied to the 1st Quarter Prepayment** - Record the amount of the 2016 Tax Overpayment, Line 12 applied to the 2017 First Quarter Prepayment. Note: The application of the overpayment is not required. The insurer may pay the First Quarter Prepayment in full and receive a refund of the total amount reported on the tax overpayment, Line 12.  -OR-  If there is no tax overpayment or the insurer wishes to pay the first quarter prepayment in full, then record zero (-0-) on this line. |
| Line 13b: | **2017 First Quarter Prepayment Balance Due** - If Line 13a is equal to or less than Line 13, then subtract Line 13a from Line 13. The result will be the 2017 First Quarter Prepayment Balance Due. Pay this amount on or before April 1, 2017. |
| Line 14: | **2016 Retaliatory Tax** - Record the result of Page 8 of the Premium Tax Return, Schedule D, Part II, Line 6. |
| Line 14a: | **2016 Tax Overpayment applied to the Retaliatory Tax** - This line is an optional field. If there is any remaining balance for the 2016 Tax Overpayment after it was applied to the 2017 First Quarter Prepayment, then apply the remaining balance to the 2016 Retaliatory Tax. Note: The application of the overpayment is not required. The insurer may pay the retaliatory tax in full and receive a refund of the total amount reported on the tax overpayment, Line 12, less any amount applied to the 2017 First Quarter Prepayment, Line 13a.  -OR-  If there is no tax overpayment or the insurer wishes to pay the retaliatory tax in full, then record zero (-0-) on this line. |
| Line 14b: | **2016 Retaliatory Tax Balance Due** - If Line 14a is equal to or less than Line 14, then subtracts Line 14a from Line 14. The result will be the 2016 Retaliatory Tax balance due. Pay this amount on or before April 1, 2017. |
| Line 15: | **Tax Refund** - The Tax Refund is equal to the 2016 Tax Overpayment, Line 12, less the amounts applied to Lines 13a and 14a. If there is no tax overpayment, then record zero (-0-) on this line. NOTE: The annual tax overpayment **shall not** be applied toward the 2nd quarter prepayment or any future tax due unless prior approval has been granted. |

**ATTACH A COPY OF CALIFORNIA 2016 ANNUAL STATEMENT STATE PAGE AND THE SCHEDULE T TO THE TAX RETURN.**

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| **Declaration of Insurer:** | California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 12303 states: “Every return required by this article to be filed with the commissioner shall be signed by the insurer or an executive officer of the insurer and shall be made under oath or contain a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury. A return of a foreign insurer may be signed and verified by its manager residing within this State. A return of an alien insurer may be signed and verified by the United States manager of such insurer.”  Complete this page with notary's certification. Provide the name and address of the contact person for this tax return if the contact person is other than the signatory.  Signature may be in blue or black ink. |

**Schedule A --- Accident and Health Premiums**

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| Line 1: | Record the **Direct Premiums** amount found on Line 5, Column 4, of Schedule T. |
| Line 2.1: | Record finance and service charges not included in premiums on Line 1. |
| Line 2.2: | Record any administrative, service or policy fees assessed directly to the policyholder during the reporting year, other than the amount reported on Line 2.1. |
| Line 2.3: | Record premiums from foreign states and alien countries where company is not licensed. This is for California domiciled companies ONLY. |
| Line 2.4: | Record the amount of claim payments made for employees under “minimum premium” (mini-met) group contracts. Any contributions for employees of affiliated companies are not deductible. |
| Line 3: | Total of Lines 1 through 2.4. |
| Line 4.1: | Record the amount from Line 26, Column 3 of the California State Page |
| Line 4.2: | Record Employee Benefit Plan for company’s own employees. Contributions for employees of affiliated companies are not deductible. |
| Line 4.3: | Record the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program premiums under Section 8909(f)(1) of Title 5 of the United States Code. |
| Line 4.4:  Line 4.5: | Record Medicare Title XVIII premiums that are exempted from state taxes or other fees by Section 1854(g) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003. This includes but is not limited to premiums written under a Medicare Advantage product, a Medicare PPO product, or a stand-alone Medicare Part D product.  Record the Health Insurance Premiums that are exempt from gross premiums tax pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (“RTC”) Section 12202.2 effective July 01, 2016. |
| Line 5: | Total of Lines 4.1 through 4.5 |
| Line 6: | Total of Line 3 less Total of Line 5. Record the result on **Accident and Health Premiums, Page 1, Line 1, Column B**. |
| NOTE: | All accident and health premiums are non-qualified and must be taxed at the rate of 2.35%. |

**Schedule B --- Life Premiums**

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| Line 1: | Record Life premiums on this line. Write the qualified premiums in Column A and the nonqualified premiums in Column B. The total in Column C should be the same as Schedule T, Line 5, Column 2 pursuant to the NAIC Annual Statement instructions. *Qualified premiums must meet the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code Section 12202.* |
| Line 2: | Record Orphan Premiums; these are premiums from foreign states and alien countries where the company is not licensed. To be completed by California domiciled companies ONLY. |
| Line 3: | Record fees, refunds, etc., not directly paid to the creditor on Credit Life policies. |
| Line 4: | Record any fees and charges paid directly by the policyholder. |
| Line 5: | Total of Lines 1 through 4. |
| Line 6: | Record any waiver premiums |
| Line 7:  Line 8: | Record Employee Benefit Plan contributions for the company’s own employees in California. Any contributions for employees of affiliated companies are not deductible.  Dividend Deductions: |
| Line 8a: | Record the amount on Line 6.1, Column 5 of the California State Page. |
| Line 8b: | Record the amount on Line 6.2, Column 5 of the California State Page. |
| Line 9: | Record the result of adding Lines 6 through 8b. |
| Line 10: | Record the result of Line 5 less Line 9. Record the result of Columns A and B on **Life Premiums, Page 1, Line 2, Columns A and B.** |

**Schedule C --- Annuity Premiums and other Considerations**

***Qualified premiums must meet the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code Section 12202.***

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| Line 1: | **Front-end Basis** – funds received from annuity contracts as “gross premiums received” when originally accepted by the insurer. | |
| Line 1a: | Record funds accepted on a front-end basis. Amount should reconcile with Schedule C - Section I, Line 2a, California Column. | |
| Line 1b: | Record all other fees/charges directly paid by the policyholder. Amount should reconcile with Section I, Line 2b, California Column. | |
| Line 1c:  Line 1d: | Record funds received for the purchase of immediate annuities. Immediate annuities must be reported on a front-end basis. Amount should be included in Section I, Line 4c.  Record Orphan Premiums. These are premiums from foreign states and alien countries where the company is not licensed. To be completed by California domiciled companies ONLY. Taxable amounts include the same items as in Lines 1a, 1b, and 1c. | |
| Line 2: | **Back-end Basis** – funds received from annuity contracts as “gross premiums received” when funds are applied to the purchase of annuities. | |
| Line 2a: | Record total gross amounts accumulated which annuitized in reporting year. These are the total gross amounts accumulated since inception of the contracts and applied to the purchase of annuities, i.e., deposits plus gross income plus interest. This should reconcile with Section II, Line 4c, California Column of the tax return.  See example below and Attachment A and B: | |
| Deposits | $10,000 |
| Interest | 20,000 |
| Any additional cash paid either for premium or other charges by the policyholder | $ 1,000 |
| Total to be reported as gross taxable amount | $31,000 |
| Line 2b: | Record the amount of funds applied to administrative fees, and/or other charges associated to the accounts that annuitized during the reporting year. | |
| Line 3: | Record Orphan Premiums. These are premiums from foreign states and alien countries where the company is not licensed. To be completed by California domiciled companies ONLY. Taxable amounts include the same items as in Lines 1a, 1b, and 1c. | |
| Line 4: | Record any taxable unallocated annuity considerations and other unallocated deposits that are not reported in Col. 5, of Schedule T. (See NAIC Annual Statement Instructions for details.) | |
| Line 5: | Record totals for Columns A, B, and C of Lines 1 through 4 on this line. | |
| Line 6: | Record funds returned prior to annuity commencement date during the reporting year, which were taxed in prior period(s) on a Front-end basis. Surrenders of annuity contracts prior to the start of payments to the annuitant are by contract “returned premiums”. These are allowable deductions and are reported on this line. Partial surrenders are allowable deductions but under no circumstances should the amount of this deduction exceed the sum of the annuity considerations received on the contract, nor should such deduction amount include accrued interest. Amounts reported on this line should reconcile with Section I, Line 4a, California Column. | |
| Line 7: | Record the amount on Line 7.1, Column 5 of the California State Page. | |
| Line 8: | Total of Lines 6 and 7. | |
| Line 9: | Total of Line 5 less Line 8. Record amounts for Columns A and B on **Annuity Premiums/ Considerations, Page 1, Line 3, Columns A and B.** | |

**Schedule C, Section I - Must be completed by annuity insurers filing on a “Front-end” basis**

This schedule is used for audit and Annual Statement cross checking purposes. Therefore, amounts reported may not necessarily affect an insurer’s premium tax base.

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| Line 1: | Record Total Funds on Hand as of 12/31/15 in both the Nationwide and California columns. Record the page number, line number of the annual statement, or the separate account statement to reconcile this amount. |
| Line 2a: | Record total funds accepted during the year, i.e., premiums, and all cash payments paid directly by the policyholder. Front-end amount reported plus the back-end amount reported in Section II, Line 2a should correspond to the total of Schedule T, Columns 3, 5 and 7, as applicable. |
| Line 2b: | Record all income, interest and dividends accumulated on annuity deposit during the year. |
| Line 2c: | Record any and all fees paid directly by the policyholder not included in the lines above. |
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| Line 3: | Record sum of Lines 1 through 2c in the Nationwide and California columns. |
| Line 4a: | Record funds returned prior to annuity commencement date; exclude interest applied, and any surrender fees. For California column, amount is carried over to Line 6 of Schedule C. |
| Line 4b: | Record funds returned in excess of original funds accepted, i.e., interest income accumulated on the account. |
| Line 4c: | Record funds applied to purchase annuities. Single Premium Immediate Annuities are included on this line. For California column, forward amount to Schedule C, Line 1a and 1c as applicable. |
| Line 4d: | Record funds applied to pay death, disability and other benefits. |
| Line 4e: | Record funds applied to administrative fees and/or any other related charges. Include amount on Schedule C, Line 1a. |
| Line 5: | Record sum of Lines 4a through 4e in the Nationwide and California columns. |
| Line 6: | Record the result of Lines 3 over Line 5. (Total Funds on Hand as of 12/31/16). |
| NOTE: | All companies reporting Annuity Premiums on the "Front-End" basis must complete Schedule C, Section I. |

**Schedule C - Section II - Must be completed by annuity insurers filing on a “Back-end” basis**

This schedule is used for audit and Annual Statement cross checking purposes. Therefore, amounts reported may not necessarily affect an insurer’s premium tax base.

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| Line 1: | Record Total Funds on Hand as of 12/31/15 in both the Nationwide and California columns. Record the page number, line number of the annual statement, or the separate account statement to reconcile this amount. |
| Line 2a: | Record total funds accepted during the reporting year. Back-end amount plus the front-end amount reported in Section I, Line 2a should correspond to Schedule T, Columns 3, 5 and 7, as applicable. |
| Line 2b: | Record gross income, interest and dividends accumulated on annuity deposit during the year. |
| Line 2c: | Record any and all fees paid directly by the policyholder not included in the lines above. |
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| Line 3: | Record sum of Lines 1 through 2c in the Nationwide and California columns. |
| Line 4a: | Record funds returned prior to annuity commencement date; exclude interest applied, and any surrender fees. |
| Line 4b: | Record funds returned in excess of original funds accepted, i.e., interest/income accumulated on the account. |
| Line 4c: | Record funds applied to purchase annuities. Record amount in Schedule C, Line 2a. |
| Line 4d: | Record funds applied to pay death, disability and any other benefits. |
| Line 4e: | Record funds applied to administrative fees, and or any other related charges. Include the amount associated to the annuitized contracts in Schedule C, Line 2a. |
| Line 5: | Record sum of Lines 4a through Lines 4e in the Nationwide and California columns. |
| Line 6: | Record the result of Line 3 over Line 5. (Total Funds on Hand as of 12/31/2016.) |
| NOTE: | All companies reporting annuity premiums on the “Back-End” basis must complete Schedule C, Section II. |

**Schedule D --- RETALIATORY TAX RETURN**

All foreign and alien insurers must complete this Retaliatory Tax Return.

**Part I: State of Domicile Imposition**

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| Line 1: | Record the direct premiums from Schedule T, Line 5 for each type of business. |
| Line 2: | Record allowable deductions (Pursuant to NAIC Retaliatory Tax Guidelines) of the state of domicile for each column. Be specific as to the entry on this line. If necessary, provide documentation on a separate page. Please write the company name on any attachments. |
| Line 3: | Record Line 1 less Line 2. |
| Line 4: | Record tax rate of the state of domicile for each column. |
| Line 5: | Multiply Line 3 by Line 4 and extend the sum of each column to the total column. |
| Line 6: | Record the Annual Statement Fee as paid in the state of domicile. |
| Line 7: | Record the Certificate of Authority Fee as paid in the state of domicile. |
| Line 8: | Record the Certification Fee as paid in the state of domicile. |
| Line 9: | Record the Agent License Fee paid by company on behalf of agents. Multiply the number of agents times the amount of the state of domicile fee for each agent. Example 5 Agents x $10 = $50 |
| Line 10:  Line 11: | Record the Franchise Municipal Tax as paid in the state of domicile.  Record the Fraud Bureau assessment as paid in the state of domicile. |
| Line 12: | Record the Total Sum of Line 5 through Line 11. |

**Part II:**

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| Line 1: | Record amount from Page 1, Line 6 of Column C. |
| Line 4: | Record Agent License Fee paid by company on behalf of agents. Multiply the number of agents times the amount of the California fee for each agent. Example 5 Agents x $10 = $50 |
| Line 5: | Record the Sum of Lines 1 through 4. |
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| Line 6: | If the amount on Part II, Line 5 is more than the amount on Part I, Line 12, then record zero. Enter zero on the **2016 Retaliatory Tax, Page 1, Line 14.**  -OR-  If the amount on Part I, Line 12 is more than the amount on Part II, Line 5, then record the difference between the amounts. Enter the amount on the **2016 Retaliatory Tax, Page 1, Line 14.** |

**Please attach a copy of the state of domicile’s premium tax return to this Retaliatory Tax Return.**

##### AMENDED TAX RETURNS – TAX REFUND

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. Send the claim for refund and amended return to:

State Board of Equalization California Department of Insurance

Appeals and Data Analysis Branch – MIC 33 AND A Premium Tax Audit Bureau

P.O. Box 942879 COPY TO 300 South Spring Street, 13th Floor

Sacramento, CA 94279-0033 Los Angeles, CA 90013-1230

Attention: Petitions and Refunds Group Attention: Amended Tax Return

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.

**The prepayment amount will remain unchanged from the original amount, which is based on the original tax return as filed and processed by the Department of Insurance.**

##### **amended tax returns – additional tax due**

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. Send the amended return to:

California Department of Insurance

Premium Tax Audit Bureau

300 South Spring Street, 13th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90013-1230

Attention: Amended Tax Return

Send a copy of the amended tax return with the Check payable to CONTROLLER - STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

State Controller’s Office

Attention: Accounting

300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1500

Sacramento, CA 95814

**The prepayment amount will remain unchanged from the original amount, which is based on the original tax return as filed and processed by the Department of Insurance.**

Note that EFT should only be used for the annual tax and prepayments. Any additional tax, penalty and interest payments are to be made via check.

All payments made toward additional tax due will be applied pursuant to the 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.”

##### **Extension of Time**

Prepayments: Revenue and Taxation Code Section 12255: The commissioner, for good cause shown, may extend for not to exceed 10 days the time for making a prepayment. 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. Interest at the rate prescribed by Section 12631 shall be paid for the period of time for which the extension is granted.

Annual Tax: Revenue and Taxation Code Section 12306: The commissioner, for good cause shown, 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.

Revenue and Taxation Code Section 12307: Interest on Extension: Any insurer to whom an extension is granted shall pay, in addition to the tax, interest at the modified adjusted rate per month, or fraction thereof, established pursuant to Section 6591.5 from April 1st until the date of payment.

**Other Instructions:**

**Gross Premiums:** Gross premiums consist of all items of cost of the insurance to the insured, including but not limited to, installment charges, finance charges, administration fees and service fees. Do not include premiums received for reinsurance from admitted insurers or administration fees in connection with a self-administered (ASO) or Mini-Met type plans.

**Orphan Premiums:** Business by a domestic insurer on policyholders in states where the insurer is not licensed to write insurance is to be reported as California premium business unless no part of the transaction occurs in California.

**Group Policy Contracts:** For groups of less than 500, premiums should be allocated to the state of the group policyholder. For groups of 500 or more, premiums should be allocated to the state of residence of each individual certificate holder of the group.

**Deductions NOT allowable:** Retrospective or experience rating refunds, or dividends which are not paid directly to the premium payer; excess interest earnings returned to the policyholder and uncollectible agent’s balances are not allowable deductions.

**Returned Annuity Considerations:** (Front-end Basis) Refer to lump sum payments returned to annuitant prior to the start of annuitization but, under no circumstances should the amount of this deduction exceed the sum of the annuity consideration received on the contract, nor should such amount of deduction include interest accrued.

**Credit for Low Income Housing:** Attach certification from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee. The credit will be disallowed if the certification Form 3521-A and Schedule K-1 (565) are not provided resulting in the annual tax being underpaid. Include the company’s name and California Permanent Number on the certification.