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# INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN 2001

## MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

Dear Taxpayer:

At the Department of the Treasury, we want to provide our taxpayers with all the necessary information to facilitate filing their income tax return, thus contributing to the future of Puerto Rico.

We are all aware that our tax responsibility is a key component to the future of our country. At the Department, we have a clear and unwavering commitment with the integrity, ethical behavior, efficiency and fiscal administration of public funds. We are also committed to the principles of equity and justice on all fiscal matters so taxpayers will pay their fair share. We guarantee a proper, dignified, considerate and impartial treatment to our taxpayers with total confidentiality of the information submitted.

These initiatives, which we have implemented to improve the quality of our services, are just the beginning of a long process. However, we are confident that with your cooperation and the cooperation of all the employees at the Department of the Treasury, we have given a step forward towards the achievement of our goals.

I encourage you to read the information herein contained and to stay informed on any amendments to the Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Code. For additional information or to clarify any doubt, please call 787-721-2020, extension 3611 or toll free at 1-800-981-9236. Also, you can call TeleHacienda at 787-721-0510 or toll free at 1-800-981-0675. In addition, you can access our site on the Internet at <http://www.hacienda.gobierno.pr>.

At the Department of the Treasury, we reiterate our commitment to serve you and to contribute to the economic development of Puerto Rico.

Juan A. Flores Galarza

## LONG FORM

If you file on a calendar year basis or if you do not keep accounting records, you must file your return on or before April 16, 2002.

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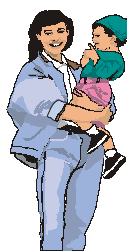
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## FILING REQUIREMENTS

### WHO MUST FILE THE INCOME TAX RETURN?



a) Every individual resident of Puerto Rico who is single (or married not living with spouse), that during the taxable year has a gross income over \$3,300;

b) Every individual resident of Puerto Rico who is married living with spouse, that during the taxable year has individually or jointly a gross income over \$6,000;

c) Every individual not resident of Puerto Rico, citizen of the United States, who is single (or married not living with spouse), that during the taxable year has a gross income over \$1,300, unless the taxes have been totally paid at source;

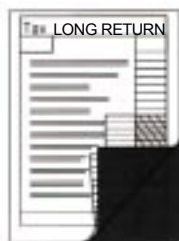
d) Every individual not resident of Puerto Rico, citizen of the United States, who is married living with spouse, that during the taxable year has individually or jointly, a gross income over \$3,000, unless the taxes have been totally paid at source; or

e) Every nonresident alien who has gross income from sources within Puerto Rico, unless the taxes have been totally paid at source.



### WHO MUST FILE THE LONG FORM?

Every individual who meets one or more of the following requirements must file the **Long Form**:



- ✦ Your gross income is over \$75,000.
- ✦ You received income from alimony, interest, dividends, sole proprietorship business or from any other source.
- ✦ You claim any tax credit.
- ✦ You elected to itemize deductions instead of claiming the standard deduction (Note: If you are married living with your spouse and elected to file separate returns, and your spouse itemized deductions, you must file the **Long Form** and itemize deductions too).
- ✦ You have the obligation to file an Estimated Tax Declaration.
- ✦ You are a nonresident alien who must file a return.
- ✦ You elected to file under the status of married filing separate returns.

If you do not meet these requirements, you must file the **Short Form**.

### WHEN THE RETURN MUST BE FILED?



If you file on a calendar year basis or do not keep accounting records, you must file your return on or before **April 16, 2002**.

### WHERE THE RETURN MUST BE FILED?

The return can be mailed to the following address:

a) **Returns with Refund:**  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
PO BOX 50072  
SAN JUAN PR 00902-6272

b) **Returns with Payment and Others:**  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
PO BOX 9022501  
SAN JUAN PR 00902-2501



For your convenience, **we are enclosing two envelopes with different addresses and colors**, whichever applies. Make sure to use the correct one.

You can also deliver your return to the Department of the Treasury at Intendente Alejandro Ramírez Building in Old San Juan, at the District Offices, at the Internal Revenue Collections Office of your Municipality, or at the Tax Orientation Centers.

## RELEVANT FACTS

### EVIDENCE OF THE RETURN

From taxable year 2001, **you do not have to include with the return the evidences corresponding to the itemized and additional deductions.** However, **you must keep such evidences during at least 10 years**, in case that they may be required as part of an investigation or audit procedure. In such cases, if you do not present the evidences, your return may be adjusted and the corresponding interest and surcharges will be assessed over any balance of tax due.

### SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

The postal address mailing label that is on the back of the instructions booklet of the return, will not have the taxpayer's social security number.

**For this reason, you must write your social security number in the corresponding box of the return and the schedules. Is important that you write your social security number; this number is necessary to process your return.**

### NEW TAX BENEFITS

- ☞ Reduction of the tax rates for taxable years commenced after December 31, 2000 and before January 1, 2002.

#### **A. For married person living with spouse and filing jointly, married person not living with spouse, single person, head of household, estate or trust**

If your net taxable income (line 14) is:	Your tax will be:
Not over \$2,000	7%
Over \$2,000 but not over \$17,000	\$140 plus 10% of the excess over \$2,000
Over \$17,000 but not over \$30,000	\$1,640 plus 15% of the excess over \$17,000
Over \$30,000 but not over \$50,000	\$3,590 plus 28% of the excess over \$30,000
Over \$50,000	\$9,190 plus 33% of the excess over \$50,000

#### **B. For married individual living with spouse and filing separately**

If your net taxable income (line 14) is:	Your tax will be:
Not over \$1,000	7%
Over \$1,000 but not over \$8,500	\$70 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000
Over \$8,500 but not over \$15,000	\$820 plus 15% of the excess over \$8,500
Over \$15,000 but not over \$25,000	\$1,795 plus 28% of the excess over \$15,000
Over \$25,000	\$4,595 plus 33% of the excess over \$25,000

- ☞ **Reduction from 20% to 10%** in the income tax rate over long - term capital gains derived from the sale of property located in Puerto Rico (See instructions Schedule D Individual).
- ☞ Subject to certain limitations, it is allowed to claim as a deduction 33% of the contributions or donations paid during the taxable year (See instructions Schedule J Individual).
- ☞ Increase in the deduction for dependent's education expenses to **\$300** for each dependent at an elementary school level, and to **\$400** for each dependent in a secondary school level.
- ☞ A maximum deduction of **\$500 for each beneficiary** is allowed for the contributions made to an "Educational Contribution Account". Such contributions have to be made **for the exclusive benefit of a child or relative up to third degree of blood relationship or second degree by affinity. This account can be established only by the person who has the custody and the rights and obligations conferred by law of the beneficiary.**
- ☞ Gradual increase in the exemption from the gain derived from the sale or exchange of the principal residence. **The allowable exemption** for taxable years beginning in or after January 1, 2001 and before January 1, 2002, **is \$70,000.**
- ☞ An income tax credit is allowed to investors for contributions made to an eligible theatrical business located in the Theatrical District of Santurce. Such contributions have to be effectuated with the purpose of:

- establish a new theatrical business;
- renew or substantially extend an existent theatrical business; or
- acquire machinery, equipment or working capital to be used in the theatrical business.

The credit will be claimed in two installments and is limited to a maximum of \$5 millions in case of the establishment of new theatrical businesses, and to \$2 millions in case of rehabilitation of structures. (For additional information refer to Act No. 178 of August 18, 2000).

To claim this credit you must complete and submit with the return Schedules Q and Q1.

✍ An income tax credit is allowed for housing infrastructure investment equivalent to:

- 75% of the infrastructure's cost that benefits social interest housing projects of the petitioner;
- 50% of the infrastructure's cost that benefits middle class housing projects of the petitioner; and
- 100% of the infrastructure's cost that benefits housing projects and other projects that do not belong to the petitioner.

The credit will be available from the date in which the Secretary of the Housing Department issues the corresponding Approval Certification. (See instructions Schedule B Individual).

✍ An income tax credit is allowed to every owner of a rental housing project for low or moderate income families equivalent to \$0.50 for every \$1.00 of eligible investment used in a new construction or substantial rehabilitation of housing units for rent to low or moderate income families.

The credit will be available once the Housing Finance Corporation issues the corresponding Credit Certification. (See Instructions Schedule B Individual).

✍ A credit is allowed for industrial investment in an exempt business that is in the process of closing its operations in Puerto Rico. Such credit is equal to 50% of the eligible investment and should be claimed in two installments: the first half in the year that the eligible investment is realized, and the balance in subsequent years. (See instructions Schedule B Individual).

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ON THE RETURN

### ✍ Heading

Identify the return as original or amended in the space provided for this purpose.

### ✍ Part 2

A space is provided to place the Receipt Stamp by the officers of the Department when the return is filed. **Do not write in this space.**

### ✍ Part 4

A new line is included, **line 22**, to indicate the special tax determined on net income derived from Film or Infrastructure Projects, and from businesses with an exemption decree under Act No. 135 of 1997.

### ✍ Part 5

This part, that is used to authorize the Department of the Treasury to deposit your refund directly to your checks or savings account, includes a space to indicate the name of the spouse in cases of married persons filing jointly.

### ✍ Schedule A Individual

In **Part I, line 2**, you do not have to indicate the number and the payment date of motor vehicle license plates for automobiles used for personal purposes.

On the other hand, in **Part I, line 14** you must indicate the name and the employer's identification number of the financial institution, and the loan or account number, if you claim the deduction for students loans interest. In **Part II, line 2** you must indicate the same information regarding individual retirement accounts.

Also, a new line is included in **Part II, line 8**, to claim the deduction for contribution to an Educational Contribution Account.

### ✍ Schedule A1 Individual

This schedule is named "Dependents and Beneficiaries of Educational Contribution Accounts" and will be used also to indicate the information of the beneficiaries and the amounts contributed to an Educational Contribution Account.

### ✍ Schedule B Individual

A space is provided in **Part I, line 1**, to indicate the recapture of credit for investment in a **theatrical business** claimed in excess.

Also, a new line was included in **Part II, line 10**, to claim other tax credits for which there are no specific lines. Example of these are: **credit for extraordinary investment in housing infrastructure, credit for investment in new construction or substantial rehabilitation of housing units for rent to low or moderate income families, and credit for industrial investment in an exempt business that is in the process of closing its operations in Puerto Rico.**

#### **Schedule D Individual**

This schedule now has two pages because it provides to determine individually the long-term capital gains (or losses) from:

- property located in Puerto Rico,
- other property not defined as property located in Puerto Rico, and
- shares from an eligible corporation or partnership.

Also, **Part V** is designated to reflect the lump-sum distributions from qualified pension plans.

#### **Schedule D2 Individual**

**Part I, line 2**, provides to differentiate between the excess from long-term capital gain over the short-term capital loss derived from property located in Puerto Rico and other properties. Also, it provides for lump-sum distributions from qualified pension plans.

On the other hand, **line 8** provides for the new tax rate of 10% applicable to capital gain derived from the sale of property located in Puerto Rico.

#### **Schedule J Individual**

A new line is included, **line 6**, to determine the **33%** of charitable contributions or donations paid during the taxable year.

#### **Schedule K Individual**

**Line 10** of **Part II** is modified to determine the applicable income tax on the net income derived from the operation of a business with tax exemption decree under Act 135 of 1997.

#### **Schedule N Individual**

A new line is included, **line 8**, to determine the applicable income tax on the net income derived from the operation of a business with tax exemption decree under Act 135 of 1997.

### AREA CODE

You must **indicate the area code** in the parenthesis located in the spaces provided in the heading of the return, to write the phone number of your residence and office.

Such information is very important, since beginning July 15, 2001, it is necessary to dial one of the area codes corresponding to Puerto Rico (**787** for already existing number at July 31, 2001, or **939** for numbers assigned beginning on August 1, 2001) in order to process your call to any place in the island.

### RETURNED CHECKS FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

Every check drawn on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury that is returned because of non sufficient funds, will be subject to a \$20.00 charge that will be debited from your bank account. This charge is in addition to any other interest, surcharges or penalties provided by the Code or any other fiscal law, for omissions in fulfilling your tax responsibility.

### FILE THE TAX RETURN THROUGH INTERNET

To process your Income Tax Return faster, you will be able to file it through Internet. **This applies only for Income Tax Returns with Refund - Short and Long Form.** Our site is: <http://www.hacienda.gobierno.pr>. Notwithstanding, the taxpayer must send the paper copy of the return during 10 days following the date it was sent through Internet.

If you request the direct deposit of your refund to your checks or savings account, make sure that all the information included in Part 5 is correct. Once the return is sent, corrections or changes on the paper copy sent to the Department, will not be accepted.

### SCHEDULE A1 INDIVIDUAL

You must remember that from taxable year 2000 **Part 5 - Dependents of the return is substituted by Schedule A1 Individual**. On this schedule you must include all the information related to the dependents claimed in the return. If all the information requested on this schedule is not submitted or the schedule is not included, the exemption will be rejected.

You must also include on this schedule the information of the beneficiaries and the amounts contributed to an Educational Contribution Account.

### Informative Return- Mortgage Interest (Form 480.7A)

This Informative Return must be provided by the bank or financial institution to inform mortgage interest paid during the year. You must keep for your records Form 480.7A, in case that it may be required eventually by the Department.



## DIRECT DEPOSIT OF THE REFUND

Now you can receive your refund faster and more safety. The Department of the Treasury can deposit your refund directly to your checks or savings account.

To authorize the Department of the Treasury to deposit your refund directly to your account, you must meet the following requirements:

**Complete Part 5 - Authorization for the Direct Deposit of the Refund**

**Route/Transit Number** - Enter the route/transit number of your account. This information appears on the check (see Example A). In the case of a savings account, you must call the financial institution to obtain the route/transit number. **Do not leave blank spaces. Do not use hyphens or other symbols.**

**Type of Account** - Indicate if the deposit will be made to your checks or savings account.

**Account Number** - Enter the checks or savings account number. **Do not use hyphens or other symbols.** Neither fill out blank spaces with zeros. The account number may have less numbers than the spaces provided for this purpose in this part.

**Account in the name of** - Enter your name, as it appears on your account. In case of married filing jointly, **the account must be in the name of both spouses.**

**In the case of married filing jointly, the return must be signed by both spouses.**

**All the information requested must be completed. Otherwise, the financial institution and the Department of the Treasury will reject the transaction.**

**The account must be in a participating financial institution. You must verify this information directly with the financial institution.**

The Department of the Treasury is not responsible if the financial institution rejects the direct deposit of your refund. The financial institution will send a pre-notification to **confirm the information of the Direct Deposit of your Refund.**

If after processing the return, the refund applies and the transaction was accepted, the Department of the Treasury will send you a Notification (Form SC 2716) to notify you that your refund was deposited directly to your account.

If the transaction is rejected by the financial institution or if the information submitted in your Income Tax Return is incomplete, a Notification (Form SC 2717) will be sent and your refund through a check by mail.

On the other hand, if after processing the return the refund does not apply, a notification will be sent in relation to this matter.

### EXAMPLE A

<b>John Doe</b> <b>Jane Doe</b> Calle Principal # 19 Ponce PR 00731		0249
PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____		\$ _____
ANY BANK Any Place, Ponce PR 00731		DOLLARS
Route/ Transit Number	Account Number	Do not include the check number
FOR _____		
⑆021601244⑆ 012 244400 0249		

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIRECT DEPOSIT OF THE REFUND		
Part 5	Rout/Transit number 0 2 1 6 0 1 2 4 4	Type of account: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checks <input type="checkbox"/> Savings
	Account number 0 1 2 2 4 4 4 0 0	
Account in the name of: <b>John Doe</b> and <b>Jane Doe</b> <small>(Complete name in print letter as it appears on your account. If married and filing jointly, include your spouse's name)</small>		





### CONTRACTS WITH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Every person, natural or juridical, contracted by a governmental entity, must comply with the Executive Order 91-24, as amended, and the provisions of the Circular Letters in force at the time of processing the contracts. According to said provisions, every contract subscribed by a governmental entity must include a clause to certify that the contracted party filed the income tax returns for the last five years, and that the income, property, unemployment, temporary disability and drivers social security taxes, whichever applies, have been paid.

In addition, in order to approve a contract or purchase order, the governmental entity must require the tax return filing (Form SC 2888) and debt (Form SC 6096) certifications from the Internal Revenue Area of this Department, the property tax certification from the CRIM and the corresponding certification from the Department of Labor and Human Resources. These documents must be requested annually.

In order to expedite the process of issuing the certifications, every person who has filed income tax returns for the last 5 years and who does not have tax debts, or if having debts, has formalized a payment plan, will receive automatically by mail the Tax Return Filing and Debt Certification (Form SC 2628). **For this purpose, it is necessary that if you or your spouse are contracted by a governmental organism, indicate so in Part 1, page 1 of the return.**

Since sometimes the tax return for the last filing year can not be certified because the return is not already processed, it is recommended to hand in the original return with a copy personally, in order to receive said copy sealed with the Department's receipt stamp. This service will be offered at the Department of the Treasury, Intendente Ramírez Building in Old San Juan, at the District Offices, at the Internal Revenue Collections Offices, and at the Tax Orientation Centers.

### ENVELOPE TO SEND THE RETURN

In order to identify the return faster, we have enclosed 2 envelopes with different addresses and colors indicators: a yellow one for returns with refund and returns with refund through Internet; and a white one for returns with payment and others, and for returns with payments through electronic transfer. You must make sure to check the corresponding box and use the correct one.

### FEDERAL EMPLOYEES - Exclusion of Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

The COLA received by civil employees of the Federal Government is excluded from the gross income up to the amount exempt under the Federal Internal Revenue Code. In order to exclude this income, you must send with your return copy of the Certificate of Compliance with Tax Responsibility in the case of Federal Government Employees. The same will be sent by mail automatically. If you do not receive the certificate by mail, call the Taxpayer's Service Offices.

### PAYMENTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE RETURN

**If you pay for the preparation of your return, the signature, registration number, and employer's identification or social security number of the specialist are required in your return.** The Code establishes civil and criminal sanctions to those income tax return specialists who do not provide this information.

### RETURN WITH CHECK

Every taxpayer who sends a check with the return, must attach the same to the upper part of the return's first page. This will allow us to apply the payment promptly and minimize mistakes in processing the return. It is important that you use the white envelope with the address for Returns with Payment and Others.

### PAYMENT OF TAX THROUGH ELECTRONIC TRANSFER

You may pay the total or the first installment of income tax declared in the income tax return, through electronic transfer using the telephone. You may also make the second installment of income tax using this method. This service is exclusive for clients of the participating banking institutions. You must have your social security number and bank account number at the moment of making the call.

### Procedure

- 1) Call your banking institution and ask for this service.
- 2) In the space provided for this purpose on line 31(b) of the return, write the transaction number provided by your banking institution.
- 3) In the upper left part of the return's envelope (below the words **return with payment and others**), check the box corresponding to payment through electronic transfer.

- 4) Mail your return on or before April 16.

For additional information, please call the Taxpayer's Service Offices.

#### OVERPAYMENT APPLICATION

Any overpayment will be applied against any exigible tax liability imposed by the Code. If married, and one of the spouses owes taxes, the overpayment may be applied to any exigible debt.

#### RETENTION OF REFUND FOR THE CONCEPT OF CHILD SUPPORT

If you are a parent who has the obligation to provide child support to your children through the Child Support Administration (ASUME) and you owe said pension, your refund may be retained. If you understand that the retention does not apply, you will have 10 days from the date of the notification to object the same at the ASUME office nearest to your residence.

#### TAXPAYER'S SERVICE FACILITIES

In the Taxpayer's Service offices, besides **informing about the status of your refund**, other services are offered: Tax Return Filing Certifications, Return's Copies, Inheritance and Donations Cases, Individuals, Corporations, Partnerships, Professional Services Waivers and COLA Certificates.

Following is the address and telephone number of our offices:

- ☞ **San Juan**  
Intendente Ramírez Building  
10 Paseo Covadonga Office 211  
Telephone: (787)721-2020 extension 3610  
or 1-800-981-7666
- ☞ **Bayamón**  
Road #2  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gutiérrez Building  
Telephone: (787)778-4949, (787)778-4973 or  
(787)778-4974
- ☞ **Caguas**  
Goyco Street  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Governmental Building Office 110  
Telephone: (787)258-5255 or (787)745-0666
- ☞ **Mayagüez**  
Governmental Center  
#50 Nenadich Street Office 102  
Telephone: (787)265-5200
- ☞ **Ponce**  
Eurobank Building  
#26 Hostos Ave.  
Telephone: (787)844-8800

#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

For additional information on the technical contents of this pamphlet or to clarify any doubts, please call (787)721-2020 extension 3611 or 1-800-981-9236. Also, you can use **TeleHacienda** service at (787)721-0510 or toll free at 1-800-981-0675. This service is only available in Spanish.

#### HACIENDA MAKING CONNECTION

The Department of the Treasury has a site on the **INTERNET**. Here you can access information about the following services, among others:

- ☞ Electronic transfer Individual Tax Return  
(Only Short and Long Form returns with refund)
- ☞ Program for the preparation of the Individual Income Tax Return 2001
- ☞ *TeleHacienda* (Spanish only)
- ☞ Income Tax Return of Taxable Corporations and Partnerships
- ☞ Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Code of 1994, as amended (Spanish only)
- ☞ Form SC 2898 - Change of Address
- ☞ Form AS 4809 - Information of Identification Number - Organizations (Employers)
- ☞ *Modelo SC 2800 - Planilla de Contribución Sobre Caudal Relicto* (Spanish only)
- ☞ *Modelo SC 2800A - Planilla Corta de Contribución Sobre Caudal Relicto* (Spanish only)
- ☞ *Modelo SC 2788 - Planilla de Contribución Sobre Donaciones* (Spanish only)
- ☞ Informative Booklet to Provide Orientation about your Income Tax Return (Spanish and English)
- ☞ Informative Booklet to Provide Orientation on the Income Tax Responsibilities of Federal, Military and Other Employees
- ☞ Informative Booklet Regarding the Withholding of Income Tax at Source in Case of Professional Services (Spanish and English)
- ☞ *Folleto Informativo Contribución sobre Ingresos de Sacerdotes o Ministros* (Spanish only)

- ✉ *Folleto Informativo para Aclarar sus Dudas sobre Aspectos Contributivos en la Venta de Ciertas Propiedades (Spanish only)*
- ✉ *Publicación 01-03 (Aplicación de las Tasas Especiales en el Caso de la Venta de Activos de Capital - Anejo D Individuo)*

You can access at: <http://www.hacienda.gobierno.pr>.  
Also, you can let us know your opinion through our  
E-MAIL at: [support@hacienda.gobierno.pr](mailto:support@hacienda.gobierno.pr).

## TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights grants the following rights under the Code:

To receive a proper, considerate and impartial treatment.

Confidentiality of the information submitted.

All interviews must be at a reasonable time and place for the taxpayer, in coordination with the employee of the Department of the Treasury (Department).

The interview or audit must not be used to harass or intimidate in any manner the person interviewed.

To receive an explanation of the process to which the taxpayer will be exposed and subject, and the rights that assist him.

Be assisted by an attorney, accountant, certified public accountant or any other authorized person, at any moment during the interview.

Be informed prior to the interview, of the intention to tape the interview and to be able to obtain an exact copy of such recording prior to the payment of the cost thereof.

Be informed of the nature of your tax liability.

Be advised of your right against self-incrimination, to remain silent and that your silence should not be taken or commented against you, in case of a possible exposure to a criminal action.

Consult and be advised by an attorney, accountant, certified public accountant, or authorized agent to represent you within the Department, or to be able to finish the interview even when it had commenced.

Be notified in writing of any adjustment made by the Department as a result of a tax audit when it involves the addition of interest, penalties and surcharges, as provided by the Code, as well as the exact amount of the adjustment and the reasons for such changes.

Waive the rights described in the preceding paragraphs, if such waiver is made knowingly and voluntarily.

Grant a written power to authorize any person to represent you during a tax interview or process. Such person shall receive, for purposes of the interview, equal treatment as you, unless you are notified that such person is responsible for an unreasonable delay or interference with the audit.

Not to be discriminated because of race, color, sex, birth, origin or social condition, or political, religious ideas or association of any taxpayer or his representative. No records will be maintained containing tax information for these purposes.

The Department's employees will explain and protect your rights during all phases of the process. If you believe that your rights have been violated, you should discuss this matter with the supervisor of the employee. If you do not agree with the action taken by the supervisor, you may file a complaint with the Office for the Protection of Taxpayer's Rights.

### OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF TAXPAYER'S RIGHTS

The Office for the Protection of Taxpayer's Rights (Ombudsman of the Taxpayer) was created to assure the compliance of the provisions of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. Said office is located at the Department of the Treasury in Old San Juan, Office 315. For assistance, please call (787)977-6622, (787)977-6638, or (787)721-2020, extensions 3303, 3304 and 3305.

The Ombudsman of the Taxpayer is responsible for attending to the problems and claims of the taxpayers and to facilitate the process between the taxpayers and the Department of the Treasury. Also, the Ombudsman of the Taxpayer has authority to prevent or correct any infringement by any employee of the Department of the rights of the taxpayer.

For additional information, you can request the booklet: "*Carta de Derechos del Contribuyente*".

## SUGGESTIONS TO AVOID MISTAKES WHEN FILING YOUR RETURN

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1. ***Make sure to write your social security number in the return and schedules.***
2. Verify that your **social security number** is the one shown in the Withholding Statement.
3. Notify any change of address in Form SC 2898 (Change of Address).
4. In the case of a married couple filing jointly, the return must be filed under the husband's name.
5. If you are **married filing separately**, you must include the name and social security number of your spouse. Also, **you must use Table B to compute your tax.**
6. If you claimed a credit for taxes paid to the United States, its possessions or foreign countries, you must complete Schedule C Individual and send a copy of the federal return (or **Form 1722**) or foreign country tax return.
7. Do not include estimated tax payments or tax paid in excess in prior years credited to estimated tax, in Part II of Schedule B Individual. You must inform them in Part III of said Schedule.
8. **Include evidence of the income tax withheld with your return (Forms 499R-2/W-2PR, 480.6B or others).**
9. **The contributions made to Qualified Plans** (Part 16, Withholding Statement) are excluded from salaries (Part 12). Therefore, the contributions cannot be considered again as a deduction.
10. If you claim the deduction for alimony paid to former spouse, include copy of the decree or judgment of divorce and canceled checks as evidence.
11. If you claim ordinary and necessary expenses, make sure that you only claim the smaller of 3% of your adjusted gross income, \$1,500 or the amount actually incurred.
12. If you claim automobile loan interest, make sure not to exceed \$1,200.
13. **Do not include your spouse as a dependent.** A married individual living with his spouse is not a head of household for tax purposes, therefore, he should not include the wife's name on the box for head of household.
14. **If a dependent entitles you the head of household filing status, do not claim an additional exemption for that dependent.**
15. Complete **Schedule A1 Individual** with all the information regarding your dependents and beneficiaries of Educational Contribution Accounts and send it with the return.
16. In the case of **university students**, include an Official Certification from the Registrar of the corresponding institution.
17. In the case of **blind or disabled** dependents, submit a recent medical certificate including the doctor's license number.
18. Sign your return with **ink** and in the case of a joint return, make sure that both spouses sign it.
19. Use the correct tax return form that applies to you: Short Form or Long Form.
20. Make sure to choose **the envelope with the applicable address** in order to send your return: **Envelope with Yellow Indicator for Returns with Refund and for Returns with Refund through Internet; or White Envelope for Returns with Payment and Others, and for Returns with Payment through Electronic Transfer.** Make sure to check the corresponding box.



# INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE LONG FORM RETURN

## NAME, ADDRESS AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

The mailing label that is on the back of the instructions booklet should be placed on the upper section of page 1 of the return. Its purpose is to allow us to process promptly the return and avoid mistakes that could delay any notice from the Department.

If you did not receive the labeled return through the mail, print with ink or type the required information on the spaces provided.

**It is important that you write your social security number in the corresponding box of the return and schedules. This number is necessary to process your return.**

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If there is a change in your address, check the corresponding box and use **Form SC 2898 (Change of Address)**. This allow us to keep our records up to date and send you any notice to the correct address.

## AMENDED RETURN

If after filing your original return, you find out that you omitted some income, did not claim certain deduction or credit, or claimed a deduction or credit for which you do not qualify, you must amend the return. Check in the corresponding box **Amended Return**.

Such return must be filed within 4 years from the date the original return was filed.

## TAXPAYER DECEASED DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR

If a taxpayer dies during the taxable year, the administrator or representative must file an income tax return including the income derived until the date of death, on or before the 15th day of the fourth month following the date of death. Such return shall be signed by the administrator or representative. If the taxpayer was married and living with his/her spouse, two returns will be filed: one including both spouses' income from January 1st to the date of death, and another with the surviving spouse's income for the remaining months of the year.

The personal exemption in the first return will be married living with spouse. In the second one, the surviving spouse can claim the personal exemption he or she is entitled to at the end of the taxable year.

The administrator or representative must check box **Deceased during the year**, which is placed at the

top, right side of the return. Also, you must submit copy of the Death Certificate.

## TAXPAYER MOVED TO PUERTO RICO DURING THE YEAR

If you were a resident of another country and changed your residence to Puerto Rico during the taxable year, you must inform the Government of Puerto Rico the income received from that moment until the end of your taxable year and the income from sources within Puerto Rico while not residing in Puerto Rico.

A taxpayer's residence is determined based upon the facts and circumstances of each case. Generally, an individual is considered a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico if he/she resides in Puerto Rico at least 183 days during the calendar year. However, if his/her intention regarding to his/her stay is merely temporary, his/her family is outside of Puerto Rico and meets other requirements, even when he/she had been in Puerto Rico 183 days or more, he/she may not be considered a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico.

The income from sources outside of Puerto Rico received by an individual attributable to the period when he/she was not a resident of Puerto Rico is not taxable in Puerto Rico. Deductions attributable to amounts so excluded from the gross income will not be allowed.

Nonresident individuals will be taxed in Puerto Rico only on their income from sources within Puerto Rico.

If the individual changes his/her residence from Puerto Rico to the United States or a foreign country, he/she will include in the Puerto Rico income tax return all the income earned until the date he/she changed his/her residence to the United States or a foreign country, independently of the source of said income. Also, he/she will include in his/her income tax return the income from sources within Puerto Rico earned after the change of residence.

## PART 1 - TAXPAYER'S INFORMATION

### QUESTIONNAIRE

Check (X) the applicable box to indicate if you are a United States citizen and if you were a resident of Puerto Rico at the end of the taxable year. Also, you must inform if you received tax exempt income during the year (Example: social security income). **You must submit a schedule detailing it.** Indicate if you make child support payments through the Child Support Administration (ASUME).



## HIGHEST SOURCE OF INCOME

Check (X) the applicable box in accordance with your principal source of income. If you are married and both spouses are self-employed, specify the main industry or business of each one in the space provided for occupation.

## FILING STATUS AT THE END OF THE TAXABLE YEAR

Check (X) only one filing status at the end of the taxable year:

- 1) **Married living with spouse** - This filing status is for those individuals that, at the end of the year, are legally married and living together with his or her spouse. If your spouse died during the year and you did not remarry in said year, you must file a return as married living with spouse up to the date of the death, and another as single or as head of household, from the date of the death up to the end of the year. **You must submit your spouse's name and social security number.**
- 2) **Married not living with spouse** - This filing status is for those individuals that at the end of the year are not legally separated from their spouses and do not qualify as head of household. **You must submit your spouse's name and social security number.**
- 3) **Head of household** - This filing status is for those individuals, not married, who really support and maintain in one household, one or more dependents closely related to them by blood, marriage or adoption. If you are not legally separated from your spouse, you can qualify as head of household subject to compliance with the requirements of the Code and its regulations.
- 4) **Single** - This filing status is for those individuals that have never been married, are legally separated by a divorce decree or those who are widows and have not remarried at the end of the taxable year.
- 5) **Married filing separately** - This filing status is for those individuals that at the end of the taxable year are legally married and living together, but elect to file separately. If you file under this status, you must include only your own income. Also, you must only claim half of certain deductions in your return, and the other half must be claimed by your spouse. **You must submit your spouse's name and social security number. You must use the tax table for married individuals living with spouse and filing separately (Table B of page 18).**

## PART 2 - ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME

### CHILD INCOME (Section 1022(j))

All income received by a child for a service rendered, must be included as part of his/her gross income and not in the gross income of the parents. The child will have the obligation to file a return if his/her gross income exceeds \$3,300 and will have the right to claim all the deductions provided by law that are applicable. On the other hand, passive income such as interest, dividends, donations, prizes and contests, among others, will not be included as part of the gross income of the child. Therefore, these income will be included in the parent's return.

If the child receives income from services rendered, and said gross income does not exceed \$1,300, the parents can claim him/her as a dependent. In case that the child is a regular student, said gross income should not exceed \$3,300.

### Line 1 - Wages, Commissions, Allowances and Tips

Enter on line 1, Column B, all the wages, commissions, allowances and tips subject to withholding in Puerto Rico received by you (and spouse, if applicable) during the taxable year. This information is found in Part 12 of the Withholding Statement (Form 499R-2/W-2PR). Enter on line 1, Column A, the Puerto Rico income tax withheld by each one of your employers shown in Part 14 of your Withholding Statement. If there is no tax withheld, enter zero.

Enter in the space provided in Part 2, line 1, the number of withholding statements included with your return.

Add the amounts of Column A and enter the total income tax withheld at the bottom of the column. Add the amounts in Column B and enter the total of wages, commissions, allowances and tips at the bottom of that column.

**Make sure to include with your return all the pink copies of the Withholding Statements (Form 499R-2/W-2PR), so that we can process it.**

### Line 1C - Federal Government Wages

Enter the total of Federal Government income from salaries and wages received, excluding the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA). To determine if you qualify for this exclusion, refer to RELEVANT FACTS - FEDERAL EMPLOYEES. Also, you can refer to the Informative Booklet to Provide Orientation on the Income Tax Responsibilities of Federal, Military and Other Employees.



**Submit with your return copy of Form W-2 and the Certificate of Compliance with Tax Responsibility in the Case of Federal Government Employees who qualify for the COLA exclusion.**

## **Line 2 - Other Income (or Losses)**

Enter on lines 2A through 2P the total of each type of other income or deductible losses, and provide detailed information for each one of them on the applicable Schedules.

**Enter on line 2J the amount of income from alimony received. You must provide the social security number of the person making the payment.**

Use Schedule F Individual to inform income from interest, dividends from corporations and distributions from partnerships benefits, distributable share on profits from special partnerships and corporations of individuals, income from prizes and contests, income from judicial or extrajudicial indemnification and miscellaneous income, withdrawals from an IRA account and IRA distributions of income from sources within Puerto Rico. Transfer the amounts from Schedule F Individual to Part 2, lines 2A, 2B and 2D through 2G of page 1 of your return (See instructions for Schedule F Individual).

If you received dividends from investment in a Capital Investment or Tourism Fund, use Schedule Q1 to determine this income. This Schedule and its instructions are available at the Forms and Publications Division of the Department of the Treasury.

If you received income from an industry or business or from an activity for the production of income, use the applicable Schedule: (1) Schedule K Individual - to inform industry or business income; (2) Schedule L Individual - to inform farming income; (3) Schedule M Individual - to inform professions and commissions income; (4) Schedule N Individual - to inform rental income.

**If such activity does not constitute your principal source of income, transfer only the profits determined on the Schedules to Part 2, lines 2K through 2N, page 1 of your return. If you had losses, enter zero on lines 2K through 2N.**

If you had a net capital gain or loss, and/or lump-sum distributions from qualified pension plans, use Schedule D Individual to determine them and transfer to Part 2, line 2 O of the return.

If you had a long-term capital gain from Capital Investment Funds, use Schedule Q1 to determine this gain and transfer to Part 2, line 2P of the return.

## **LOSSES**

Losses incurred in activities that are not the taxpayer's or his spouse's principal business or industry, may be used to offset future income from the same activity that produced the loss.

However, if during the taxable year you dispose all the assets used in an activity that is not your or your spouse's principal business or industry, you may use the excess of expenses (losses) not claimed in previous years, as a deduction against any income derived in said disposition. Any excess will be considered as a capital loss subject to the \$1,000 limit. If there is any loss left, you may claim up to \$1,000 as a deduction in each one of the following five years.

Losses incurred in an industry or business that is the taxpayer's or his spouse's principal business or industry, may be used to offset your income from other sources, except salaries, wages and pension benefits.

To classify an economic activity as a principal industry or business, the following facts shall be considered:

- ☞ Time devoted to the activity.
- ☞ If the taxpayer is dedicated to the activity in a regular, continuous and substantial basis.
- ☞ Taxpayer's knowledge and experience with respect to the activity's operation.
- ☞ If such activity essentially constitutes the taxpayer's way of living.

However, the determination as to what constitutes the taxpayer's principal industry or business shall depend on the facts and circumstances present in each case. The taxpayer must show that a particular activity constitutes his/her principal industry or business. The fact that he/she does so with respect to a particular year, does not automatically qualify such activity as his/her principal industry or business for subsequent years. Thus, the taxpayer must be able to show that such activity constitutes his/her principal industry or business with respect to each taxable year.

**If you were a salaried employee and also engaged in any trade or business as your principal activity, and had a loss in that year, you may deduct said loss from your or your spouse's salaries and wages only in the first year in which you began the business and in the following two years. This is a once in a lifetime benefit.** Therefore, if you have benefited from the above, you cannot benefit again from the same allowance.

### Line 4 - Alimony Paid

Generally, you may claim as a deduction any periodic payment made for alimony under a divorce or separation decree, if you comply with the following requirements:

- 1) Payment is made in the name and for the benefit of the former spouse under a divorce or separation document.
- 2) Payment is not designated in such document as excludible from the gross income of the recipient and not allowable as a deduction to the payer.
- 3) The payer and the former spouse are not members of the same household on the date of payment.
- 4) There is no obligation to continue making any payments after the death of the former spouse.
- 5) If the payment exceeds \$10,000 during any calendar year, it shall be payable during each one of at least 6 years following the divorce or separation.

**You must provide the social security number of the person who receives the payment and copy of canceled checks and the divorce decree. Lump-sum payments or assets division, voluntary payments not included in a court decree or agreement for separation support, or child support payments, are not deductible.**

### PART 3 - DEDUCTIONS, PERSONAL EXEMPTION AND EXEMPTION FOR DEPENDENTS

#### Line 6 - Standard Deduction

Enter the standard deduction to which you are entitled on this line. The standard deduction is an amount that the Code provides as an automatic deduction against your **ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME**. The standard deduction may be taken as an alternative to the itemized deductions.

The standard deduction to which you are entitled depends on the filing status box that you checked in Part 1 of your return.

In case of married individuals filing separate returns, they may elect the standard deduction (\$1,500 by each one of them), only if both spouses elect the standard deduction. Otherwise, **if one of the**

**spouses claim the itemized deductions and the other one does not itemize the deductions, the last one shall enter zero on this line**, because he/she won't have the right to the standard deduction provided by the Code.

#### Line 7 - Total itemized deductions

Itemized deductions are allowable in lieu of the standard deduction when they exceed the standard deduction. If you elect to itemize deductions, determine the amount of any itemized deduction to which you are entitled in Schedule A Individual, Part I and transfer the amount from line 16 to this line.

#### Line 9 - Total additional deductions

In addition to the standard deduction or the itemized deductions, the taxpayer is entitled to certain additional deductions depending on qualification. Determine the amount of additional deduction to which you are entitled in Schedule A Individual, Part II. Transfer the total amount of the additional deductions from Schedule A Individual, Part II, line 9 to this line.

#### Line 11 - Personal Exemption

Enter on this line the personal exemption applicable to the filing status specified in Part 1.

#### Line 12 - Exemption for Dependents

Enter in the spaces provided in Part 3, lines 12A through 12C, the number of dependents according to their category:

Line	Category	Class
12A	(N)	Non university
12B	(U)	University student
12C	(I)	Disabled, blind or age 65 or older

Multiply the amount of dependents claimed on each line by the total exemption indicated in the return and enter the result in the space provided. Add lines 12A, 12B and 12C and enter on line 12D.

The Code requires you to indicate in your return the social security number of any dependent claimed who is age one or older at the end of the taxable year. When filing your return, you must indicate in **Schedule A1 Individual**, the name, date of birth, relationship and social security number of each dependent claimed. **If you do not complete**

**Schedule A1 Individual nor meet these requirements, the dependent will be rejected.**

If the dependent does not have a social security number, you must request it at the nearest Social Security Office.

**The dependent who qualifies you for the head of household status cannot be included in the computation of the total exemption for dependents.**

For the **definition of dependent**, refer to instructions **Schedule A1 Individual**.

**PART 4 - TAX COMPUTATION, CREDITS AND TAX WITHHELD OR PAID**
**Line 15 - Tax**

Once you have determined your net taxable income, you must compute your tax and check (X) in the applicable spaces to indicate the method used to determine the same:

Block 1 - Tax as per tables

Block 2 - Special tax on capital gains

Block 3 - Tax to nonresident aliens

If you are a resident of Puerto Rico, you must compute your tax using Table A or B, whichever applies.

**Tax Tables**

Use the following Table A to compute your tax if you checked Block 1, 2, 3 or 4 in Part 1 (Personal status under which you are filing the return). **Use Table B for married individuals filing separately, that is, if you checked Box 5 in Part 1.** Determine your tax taking into account your Net Taxable Income (Part 3, line 14) and your personal filing status. Enter the total tax amount on this line and check Block 1.

**TAX COMPUTATION TABLES**
**A. For married person living with spouse and filing jointly, married person not living with spouse, single person, head of household, estate or trust**

If the net taxable income (line 14) is:	The tax will be:
Not over \$2,000	7%
Over \$2,000 but not over \$17,000	\$140 plus 10% of the excess over \$2,000

Over \$17,000 but not over \$30,000	\$1,640 plus 15% of the excess over \$17,000
Over \$30,000 but not over \$50,000	\$3,590 plus 28% of the excess over \$30,000
Over \$50,000	\$9,190 plus 33% of the excess over \$50,000

**B. For married individual living with spouse and filing separately**

If the net taxable income (line 14) is:	The tax will be:
Not over \$1,000	7%
Over \$1,000 but not over \$8,500	\$70 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000
Over \$8,500 but not over \$15,000	\$820 plus 15% of the excess over \$8,500
Over \$15,000 but not over \$25,000	\$1,795 plus 28% of the excess over \$15,000
Over \$25,000	\$4,595 plus 33% of the excess over \$25,000

**Special Tax on Long-term Capital Gains**

If you are a resident of Puerto Rico and derived long-term capital gains, you must complete Schedule D Individual. If your long-term capital gains exceed your short-term capital losses, and the tax on your net taxable income exceeds the 7% tax rate over the sale of shares from an eligible corporation or partnership; or the 10% tax rate for property located in Puerto Rico or over investment in a Tourism Development Fund or Capital Investment Fund; or the 20% tax rate for other property, including lump-sum distributions of pension plans, you may complete Schedule D2 Individual (Special Tax on Net Long-Term Capital Gains).

If you used Schedule D2 Individual, transfer the tax amount on line 13 of said schedule to this line and check Block 2. **Submit Schedule D2 Individual with your return.**

**Nonresident alien**

If you are a nonresident alien not engaged in trade or business within Puerto Rico, all of your income from sources within Puerto Rico are subject to a fixed tax rate of 29%. If you are a nonresident alien engaged in trade or

business within Puerto Rico, all your income from sources within Puerto Rico as well as the income which is effectively connected with the operation of a trade or business in Puerto Rico, is subject to normal tax rates. Enter the tax determined on this line and check Block 3.

### Line 16 - Gradual Adjustment Amount

If the net taxable income is more than \$75,000 (\$37,500 if married filing separately), you must complete Schedule P Individual. Determine the gradual adjustment amount on said Schedule (See Instructions to Complete the Schedules). Enter the amount determined on Schedule P Individual, line 7. **Submit this Schedule with the return.**

### Line 17 - Excess of Alternate Basic Tax over Regular Tax

If your adjusted gross income is \$75,000 or more (\$37,500, if married filing separately), you must complete Schedule O Individual. **To determine whether you are subject to the Alternate Basic Tax or not, complete and submit this Schedule (See Instructions to Complete the Schedules).** Enter the amount determined on Schedule O Individual, line 6.

### Line 21 - Tax on IRA Distributions of income from sources within Puerto Rico.

Enter 17% of the IRA Distributions of income from sources within Puerto Rico received during the year. Submit Schedule F Individual. (See Instructions to complete the Schedules).

### Line 22 - Special tax on net income from Film or Infrastructure Projects, and from businesses with tax exemption decree under Act 135 of 1997.

Enter the income tax previously determined on Schedules K and/or N Individual, whichever applies. (See instructions to complete the Schedules).

### Line 28 - Amount of Tax Due

Compare the amounts on lines 26 and 27D. If line 26 is larger than line 27D, there is a balance of tax due. Enter the difference on this line. If the amount on line 27D is larger than the amount on line 26, you have a tax overpayment. Enter this difference plus the amount paid, if any, with the automatic extension of time to file the tax return (line 29), on line 33.

### Line 29 - Amount paid with automatic extension of time

If for any reason you cannot file your return on time, you may request an automatic extension of time on or before the due date for filing the return. This will be done using **Form SC 2644. A taxpayer who is required to file an estimated tax declaration,**

**must pay the total tax due with the request for an automatic extension of time.** If you are not required to file an estimated tax declaration, you must pay with your extension of time at least 50% of the balance of tax due.

### Line 30 - Balance of Tax Due

If you are required to file an estimated tax declaration, you must pay the entire amount of tax due (line 28) not later than the date required to file your income tax return. **In this case, you are not entitled to pay the balance of tax due in two installments.**

If you are not required to file an estimated tax declaration, the following conditions prevail:

- ☞ If you made a payment with the request for an automatic extension of time and it was less than 50% of your amount of tax due (line 28), then you must pay with the return the balance of tax due (line 30) plus interest from the original due date in which the return should have been filed, to the date of payment.
- ☞ If you made a payment with the request for an automatic extension of time on or before the due date of the return, and this payment was 50% or more of your amount of tax due (line 28), then you are entitled to the deferred tax payment. In this case, no payment has to be made when filing the return. The second installment is due not later than October 15, or, if filing on a fiscal year basis, not later than the 15th day of the 6th month after the due date of the return.

### Line 31 - Amount paid

You may pay your tax sending the payment with the return or through electronic transfer. If a payment is sent with the return, you must enter the amount on line 31(a). If you made a payment through electronic transfer, you must enter the amount on line 31(b). In this case, you must also indicate the transaction number provided by your banking institution. For additional information about payment of tax through electronic transfer, refer to RELEVANT FACTS.

A taxpayer who is not required to file an estimated tax declaration may elect to pay the balance of tax due in two installments. To be entitled to this benefit, you have to pay on or before the due date of the return, at least 50% of the balance of tax due.

Make your check or money order payable to the Secretary of the Treasury. **Indicate your social security number and Form 482.0 - 2001 on the check or money order.**



If you decide to pay in cash, you can do it at any Internal Revenue Collections Office. Make sure to obtain an official receipt from the Collector at the time of payment.

## INTEREST, SURCHARGES AND PENALTIES

### Interest

The Code provides for the assessment of interest at a 10% annual rate over any tax balance that is not paid by its due date.

### Surcharges

In case that imposition of interest is applicable, a surcharge of 5% of the amount due will be assessed, if the delay in paying exceeds 30 days, but not over 60 days; or 10% of the amount due, if the delay exceeds 60 days.

### Penalties

The Code imposes a progressive penalty from 5% to 25% of the total tax for late filing unless you can show reasonable cause for the delay.

Any person required under the Code to file a return or declaration, and who voluntarily fails to file such return or declaration within the term or terms required by the Code or regulations, in addition to other penalties, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for a term of not more than 6 months, or both penalties, plus the costs of prosecution.

**If any person voluntarily fails to file the above mentioned return or declaration (within the terms required by the Code or regulations) with the intention to avoid or defeat any tax imposed by the Code, in addition to other penalties, shall be guilty of a felony and punished by a fine of not more than \$20,000 or imprisonment for a fixed term of 3 years. If there were aggravating circumstances, the established fixed jail penalty may be increased to a maximum of 5 years; if there were extenuating circumstances, it may be reduced to a maximum of 2 years, or both penalties, at the discretion of the Court, plus the costs of prosecution.**

### Line 32 - Balance of Tax Due

This is the amount of tax that you owe and that you must pay on or before October 15 or, if you are filing on a fiscal year basis, on or before the 15th day of the 6th month after the due date of the return.

**Remember that if you are required to file an estimated tax declaration, you must pay the total amount of tax due (line 28) not later than the date in which the tax return must be filed.**

### Line 33 - Amount overpaid

**Before issuing a refund, any overpayment will be applied against any exigible tax liability imposed by the Code.**

If you are married and any of the spouses owes taxes, the overpayment will be credited against any exigible tax liability of either one.

If there are no previous year debts, you may elect to apply all or part of the tax paid in excess to your estimated tax for the taxable year 2002.

If you elect to do so, enter the amount that you want to credit to your estimated tax for the taxable year 2002 on line 33A. Enter the amount to be refunded to you on line 33B. In order to process this refund promptly, it is necessary that you submit evidence of the estimated tax payments (copy of canceled checks, copy of money orders, etc.).

## PART 5 - AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIRECT DEPOSIT OF THE REFUND

Now you can receive your refund faster and more safely. The Department of the Treasury can deposit your refund directly to your checks or savings account.

To authorize the Department of the Treasury to deposit your refund directly to your account, you must complete this part.

**Route/Transit Number** - Enter the route/transit number of your account. This information is on the check. In the case of savings account, you must call the financial institution to obtain the route/transit number. **Do not leave blank spaces. Do not use hyphens or other symbols.**

**Type of Account** - Indicate if the deposit will be made to your checks or savings account.

**Account Number** - Enter the checks or savings account number. **Do not use hyphens or other symbols.** Neither fill out blank spaces with zeros. The account number may have less numbers than the spaces provided for this purpose in this box.

**Account in the name of** - Enter your name, as it appears on your account. In case of married filing jointly, **the account must be in the name of both spouses.**

For additional information, refer to the RELEVANT FACTS - DIRECT DEPOSIT OF THE REFUND.

## SIGNATURE OF THE RETURN

**The return will not be considered filed unless it is signed with ink and all necessary documents**

and information are submitted. In the case of married individuals filing jointly, both spouses must sign the return.

#### **PAYMENT FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE RETURN**

If a payment is made for the preparation of the tax return, make sure that the specialist signs the return and includes his/her specialist registration and employer's identification or social security number. The Code imposes civil and criminal sanctions to those income tax return specialists that fail to submit this information.

The specialist must declare under penalty of perjury that he/she examined the return, and to the best of his/her knowledge and belief the return is correct and complete.

If the return is prepared by an accounting firm duly registered as a specialist, it must include the firm's employer's identification number, registration number and be signed by the authorized person.



# INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE SCHEDULES

## SCHEDULE A INDIVIDUAL - ITEMIZED AND ADDITIONAL DEDUCTIONS

Use this Schedule to determine the itemized and additional deductions. **Remember not to submit evidence of the same with the return. However, you must keep the evidences of these deductions for your records**, in case that they may be required eventually by the Department.

### PART I - ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS

**Line 1** - Enter the amount of home mortgage interest paid to acquire, refinance, improve or construct a property that constitutes a qualified residence. **You must keep for your records the Informative Return - Mortgage Interest (Form 480.7A) provided by the bank or financial institution.**

**Qualified residence** means:

- 1) the principal residence of the taxpayer;
- 2) a second residence located in Puerto Rico and used by the taxpayer, or by any other person that has an interest in that property or by any member of his/her family, as a residence for a number of days that exceeds the larger of:
  - a) 14 days, or
  - b) 10% of the number of days during the taxable year in which the property has been rented at the prevailing rental market value.

Interest payments attributable to any portion of the mortgage debt in excess of the fair market value of the residence are not deductible.

A participant partner of a housing cooperative association may deduct payments representing home mortgage interest.

If you use a personal loan to acquire, construct or improve a qualified residence, which is not accepted by a mortgage institution as a mortgage guarantee or equity, you must keep for your records a copy of the property tax exemption application or of the appraised revision of the property.

**Also, loan origination fees (Points) paid directly by the borrower and loan discounts (Points) paid directly by the borrower, will be admitted as a home mortgage interest deduction for the year in which they were incurred**, as long as the following requirements are met:

- 1) they are described on the Informative Return - Mortgage Interest (Form 480.7A),
- 2) they are paid to acquire your principal residence,
- 3) they are paid by the taxpayer; if they are financed through the mortgage loan, they will be deductible throughout the term of the loan, and
- 4) keep for your records a copy of the canceled check.

The loan origination fees and loan discounts financed through a home mortgage loan will be deductible throughout the term of the loan. The deduction that you may claim will be the apportioned amount paid during the term of the loan.

In case of married couples filing separately who own only one residence, one of the spouses has the sole right to claim such deduction. If the married couple has two residences, one spouse may claim the interest of the principal residence and the other spouse may claim the interest of the second residence. However, one of the spouses may claim all the home mortgage interest for both residences, if both spouses agree that in writing. On the other hand, in case that the residence had been acquired by both spouses individually, each spouse may claim the interest attributable to his/her joint share in said residence, as stated in the deed of sale.

**Enter in the spaces provided on line 1, the name and employer's identification number of the banking or financial institution to which the payments were made, the loan number and the total amount of home mortgage interest paid.**

**Line 2** - Enter the amount paid for motor vehicle license plates paid during the taxable year for automobiles used for personal purposes. Do not include any amount paid to ACAA, or amounts paid for compulsory insurance or fines.

**Line 3** - Enter the amount paid to a person who is not a dependent of the taxpayer, for child care expenses incurred up to the amount of \$800 for one child (\$400 if married filing separately), or \$1,600 for two or more children (\$800 if married filing separately). In order to claim this deduction, you must comply with the following requirements:

- 1) The dependent with respect to which this deduction is claimed, cannot be over age 14.
- 2) The expense is incurred to enable the taxpayer to be employed or engaged in a profitable activity.



In the case of a married taxpayer living with spouse at the end of the taxable year, both spouses must be employed or otherwise engaged in a profitable activity. If one of the spouses is disabled, you are entitled to this deduction, but you must keep for your records a medical certificate indicating the disability.

If you are a divorced parent, the deduction is allowed only if the dependent is under your custody.

Deductible child care expenses are those made primarily to assure the safety and well being of the dependent while the taxpayer is working. Amounts paid solely to provide benefits such as food, clothing, education, medicines and physicians are not deductible as child care expenses.

If the taxpayer paid a person to take care of the child and also to perform housework, only the part of the payment attributable to the child care will be allowed as a deduction.

When the child receives other benefits besides care, which are inseparable one from the other, the total expense will be considered as child care expense.

**The taxpayer who claims this deduction must keep for his/her records copy of canceled checks or receipts indicating the name, address and social security number of the person to whom the payment was made.**

**Line 4** - Enter 10% of the total rent paid during the year, but not more than \$500 per year (\$250 if married filing separately). To be entitled to this deduction, the leased property must be your principal residence.

**You must keep for your records a receipt of the total rent paid, and a schedule indicating the address or location of the property and social security number of the person to whom the payment was made.**

**Line 5** - Enter the amount of property taxes paid on the property owned by you that constitutes your principal residence. This deduction is allowable to a participant partner of a housing cooperative association.

If part of the property is used for purposes other than for principal residence, you may deduct only the portion of the tax paid attributable to the part used as your principal residence.

**You must keep for your records Form 480.7A, copy of canceled checks or receipts as evidence of the payment of this tax.**

**Line 6** - Enter **losses of real property used as your principal residence** incurred during the taxable year, not compensated by insurance or in any other form. Such losses must be **caused by hurricane, earthquake, storm, tropical depression, floods, fire or other casualties.**

You must keep for your records a certification stating the amount of the loss and the type of damage. **Also, a certification from the Civil Defense or Fire Department if the loss was from fire, and any other documents, public deeds or appraisals which reflect the value of the property subject to the loss.**

If after claiming the deduction, you receive any compensation from an insurance company or from a local or federal agency, you must include in the return the total amount received as part of your gross income.

In the case of married persons filing separate returns, each spouse may claim 50% of this deduction.

**Line 7** - Enter 50% of the total medical expenses paid not compensated by insurance or in any other form, that exceeds 3% of your adjusted gross income.

#### **Medical expenses are:**

- 1) professional services rendered by physicians, dentists, radiologists, clinical pathologists, surgeons, nurses or hospitals, within or outside Puerto Rico, and
- 2) health or accident insurance premiums.

Payments for medicines are not deductible expenses. However, when the medicines are part of hospitalization expenses, they may be deducted as medical expenses.

To claim the medical expense deduction, **follow the instructions of Schedule J Individual and submit the same with your return.** Transfer the amount from Schedule J Individual, line 4 to Part I, line 7 of this Schedule.

**You must keep for your records copy of canceled checks or receipts evidencing the payments made.**

**Line 8** - You may deduct, subject to certain limitations, contributions or donations paid during the taxable year to religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational organizations, or to organizations for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, or to organizations of war veterans in the United States or

Puerto Rico. However, no part of the net earnings of any organization to which you contributed, may benefit any private shareholder or individual.

You may also deduct contributions or donations paid to:

- ✎ the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Government, or any of its states, territories or possessions, or any political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia, when the contributions or donations are used exclusively for public purposes;
- ✎ the special fund for vocational rehabilitation authorized by the Vocational Rehabilitation Act;
- ✎ a domestic fraternal association or partnership operating as a lodge, but only if the contributions are to be used exclusively for religious, charitable, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals;
- ✎ the Educational Foundation for the Free Selection of Schools to provide economic assistance for students of elementary and secondary level of public or private educational institutions in Puerto Rico, but only if the total amount of the contribution or donation exceeds the Tax Credit for Contributions to the Educational Foundation for Free Selection of Schools allowed against the income tax.
- ✎ the depository of Files and Relics of Former Governors and First Ladies of Puerto Rico.

The allowable deduction is the total amount of contributions or donations in excess of 3% of your adjusted gross income, or 33% of the contributions or donations paid during the taxable year, whichever is larger. However, the deduction allowed shall not exceed 15% of your adjusted gross income, except for the additional deduction up to 15% of your adjusted gross income for contributions or donations paid to accredited educational institutions at university level established in Puerto Rico, to the José Jaime Pierluisi Foundation, to the National Fund for the Financing of Cultural Affairs of Puerto Rico or to the 98<sup>th</sup> Centennial Commission. The donations or contributions in excess of the limit allowed, may be carried over to five subsequent taxable years subject to the limits previously indicated.

You may claim an unlimited deduction for charitable and other contributions, if the amount of qualified contributions or donations plus the total amount of income taxes paid during the taxable year and in each of the 10 preceding taxable years, exceed 90% of your net income for each of those years, determined without the benefit of the contributions or donations.

**Net income** is the adjusted gross income less the standard deduction and additional deductions, or less the itemized deductions and the additional deductions.

The contributions made to a municipality that conducts an activity or event of cultural or historic value, certified by the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture or the Cultural Center of each municipality that makes possible the realization of any cultural or historic work, may be claimed as charitable contributions. The contributed amount shall be \$50,000 or more, and must be made in connection with the celebration of the centennial foundation of the municipality. The total of said contributions are not subject to the aforementioned limitations.

To claim the donations, **follow the instructions in Schedule J Individual and submit it with your return.** Transfer the amount from Schedule J Individual, line 10 to Part I, line 8 of this Schedule.

**You must keep for your records copy of canceled checks, receipts or certifications as evidence of the payment made.**

**Line 9** - Enter **losses** of automobiles, furniture, fixtures and other household goods (excluding the value of jewelry and cash), not compensated by insurance or in any other form, occurred during the taxable year **due to** earthquakes, **hurricanes**, storms, tropical depressions and floods. The deduction is limited to \$5,000 (\$2,500 if married filing separately) for the year in which the loss was incurred.

The amount of said \$5,000 not claimed in the year in which the loss occurred, may be carried over to the following two taxable years as a loss of personal property due to casualties. **In order to be entitled to this deduction, the affected area must be declared as disaster area by the Governor of Puerto Rico, and you must have claimed, within the appropriate dates and places, the applicable benefits from the assistance programs approved for disaster cases.**

**You must keep for your records copy of the approved claim filed stating the damages suffered.**

**Line 10** - Enter 50% up to \$3,000 (\$1,500 if married filing separately), of the expenses incurred for the acquisition and installation in your residence of a windmill with all its accessories used to generate electric power. To claim this deduction, the windmill must have been manufactured in Puerto Rico, or at least 50% of the added manufacturing cost must

have been done locally. **A taxpayer will be allowed to claim only one deduction for this purpose.**

**You must keep for your records the invoice or receipt indicating the information regarding the cost and installation expense, a copy of the installation permit or authorization from the Puerto Rico Regulations and Permits Administration, copy of the certification issued to the manufacturer or distributor by the Energy Affairs Administration of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, as well as a guarantee certification for 5 years or more.**

**Line 11** - Enter the expenses incurred and not compensated by insurance or otherwise, for the acquisition of any orthopedic equipment for the use of the disabled person. The amount is limited to \$1,000 (\$500 if married filing separately) per disabled person. This deduction may be claimed by the disabled person, or a parent, tutor or guardian of a disabled person.

No deduction shall be granted with respect to any orthopedic equipment over which a deduction has been claimed in any previous year.

**You must keep for your records the invoice or receipt indicating the cost of the equipment and a medical certificate stating that said equipment is necessary for the patient's condition.**

**Line 12** - A deduction is allowed, subject to certain limitations, for expenses incurred during the taxable year regarding the dependent's educational expenses at elementary and secondary school level. Such expenses include school tuition and registration, school transportation and text books.

This deduction is limited to \$300 (\$150 if married filing separately) **for each dependent who is studying at an elementary school level, that is, from Pre-Kinder to sixth grade, or \$400 (\$200 if married filing separately) for each dependent in a secondary level up to twelfth grade, or the amount actually paid, whichever is smaller.**

In order to qualify for this deduction, the dependents must be studying in public or private educational institutions operating under a license granted by the Department of Education of Puerto Rico.

If for the taxable year the dependent qualifies as university student for purposes of the exemption for dependents, this deduction will not be allowed with respect to that dependent.

The deductible expenses allowed for text books are

those incurred for the purpose of providing the dependent a secular education, excluding any books or printed material of a sectarian nature.

For purposes of this deduction, **the term dependent means** a person under 21 years of age at the close of the taxpayer's taxable year, and who, for the calendar year in which the taxpayer's taxable year began, received from the taxpayer more than half of his/her support.

**You must keep for your records copy of canceled checks or invoices indicating the expenses incurred, and a certification from the public or private school where the dependent is enrolled. It must include the dependent's name as well as his/her school grade at the end of the taxable year.**

**Line 13** - Enter 30% of the expenses incurred during the taxable year for the purchase, manufacture and installation of solar equipment in your principal residence, whether owned or leased, up to an amount of \$500 (\$250 if married filing separately). When the equipment is being installed by the lessee, the owner of the real estate is not entitled to any deduction with respect to the same equipment, even when the equipment will remain for the benefit of the owner at the end of the lease contract.

**Solar equipment** means all equipment which can convert solar energy into usable energy, whether in a direct or indirect form. This equipment may be purchased or manufactured by the taxpayer, and it must be in working condition.

**You must keep on your records copy of the receipts or invoices stating the cost of the solar equipment or its parts, and the expenses incurred in its manufacture or installation, copy of a certification issued to the manufacturer or distributor by the Energy Affairs Administration of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, as well as a guarantee certification for 5 years or more.**

**A taxpayer will be allowed to claim only one deduction for this purpose.**

**Line 14** - Enter the amount of interest paid or accrued during the taxable year over debts incurred for student loans **to cover expenses of the taxpayer** for registration, tuition and textbooks at university level, as well as expenses for transportation, meals and lodging in those cases in which the taxpayer had to live outside his/her home in order to pursue such studies.

**In the spaces provided on this line, enter the name and the employer's identification number of the financial institution, the loan number and the total interest paid.**

**You must keep for your records a certification from the bank or financial institution as evidence of the deduction claimed.**

**Line 15** - Enter contributions made in cash during the year to the Fund for Services Against Remediable Catastrophic Diseases (previously known as the Emergency Medical Treatment Fund for Indigent Patients) up to \$100 per taxable year.

**You must keep for your records invoices or certifications as evidence of the deduction claimed.**

## **PART II - ADDITIONAL DEDUCTIONS**

The following additional deductions will be allowed against the gross income in addition to the standard deduction or the itemized deductions.

**Line 1** - Enter all cash contributions made during the taxable year to governmental pension or retirement systems, other than Social Security, established by the Congress of the United States, the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, the municipalities, agencies, instrumentalities and public corporations of Puerto Rico.

This contribution must be informed in the Withholding Statement (Form 499R-2/W-2PR) or in Form W-2, if you are a federal employee.

**Line 2** - Enter all contributions made to a qualified Individual Retirement Account (IRA). **The maximum deduction for an individual is \$3,000**, or your adjusted gross income from salaries or the earnings attributable to professions or business, whichever is smaller.

In order to claim this deduction, the IRA must constitute a trust created or organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

In the case of married taxpayers filing a joint return, this deduction cannot exceed \$6,000 or your aggregated adjusted gross income from salaries or the earnings attributable to professions or business, whichever is smaller. However, the deduction for each spouse cannot exceed \$3,000.

No deduction is allowed for the taxable year in which the individual has reached 70 1/2 years of age on or prior to the end of the taxable year. **Also, no deduction will be allowed if the income received during the year is from pension or annuity.**

The taxpayer will have until the due date established by the Code to file the return, or until the date of expiration of any extension of time granted by the Secretary to file the return, in order to make a contribution to his/her IRA.

**In the spaces provided on this line, enter the name and employer's identification number of the financial institution, the account number and the total contributions made.**

**You must keep for your records the Informative Return - Individual Retirement Account (Form 480.7) provided by the bank or institution in which you opened the account.**

**Line 3** - Enter \$300 if the taxpayer is married living with spouse and filing jointly, and both spouses receive earned income. If your filing status is married filing separately, you are not entitled to claim this deduction.

The term **earned income** means income from salaries, wages, earnings, professional fees and other amounts received as compensation for personal services actually rendered. The amount received from annuities or pensions is not considered earned income.

**Line 4** - Enter \$500 if you are resident of Puerto Rico and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

**Keep for your records copy of Form DD-214 (Discharge of U.S. Armed Forces).**

**Line 6** - Enter the interest paid or accrued on a loan for the acquisition of an automobile which is guaranteed by it. **The deduction shall be allowed for only one vehicle and will not exceed \$1,200 (\$600 if married filing separately), unless both spouses consent that one of them take this deduction in full.**

**You must keep for your records a certification from the bank or financial institution as evidence of the deduction claimed.**

**Line 7** - Enter the amount of \$1,000 if you are a young person who work and who is age between 16 and 25 at any moment of the taxable year.

**Line 8** - Enter the cash contributions to an educational contribution account for the exclusive benefit of a child or relative up to third degree of blood relationship or second degree by affinity. The maximum amount **can not exceed \$500 for each beneficiary.**

The account must be established by the individual who has the custody and the rights and obligations conferred by law of the beneficiary for whom the account was established. There is no limitation in the number of educational contribution accounts to which each individual can contribute, as long as such beneficiary is eligible. In any case, the total contributions to said accounts for each beneficiary in excess of \$500 will be allowed.



This deduction will not be allowed for a taxable year in which the beneficiary has reached the age of 26.

The taxpayer will have until the due date established by the Code to file the return, or until the due date of any extension of time granted by the Secretary to file the return, in order to make a contribution to this account.

Transfer the total of Schedule A1 Individual, Part II, line (10) to this line.

**You must keep for your records the certification issued by the institution which receives the contributions.**

### **SCHEDULE A1 INDIVIDUAL - DEPENDENTS AND BENEFICIARIES OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNTS**

In order to process the information submitted of your dependents, consider the exemption and claim the deduction for contribution to an Educational Contribution Account, you must complete this Schedule and include it with your return.

#### **PART I - DEPENDENTS INFORMATION**

The term **head of household** means an individual who actually supports and maintains in one household one or more dependents closely related with him/her by blood, marriage or adoption, over whom he/she exercises family control, and whose duty to provide for such dependents is based upon moral or legal obligation. The relationship by marriage shall not be considered terminated because of the death or divorce of the spouse.

If you claim the filing status of head of household in Part 1 of the return, indicate in the space **Head of Household** of Part I of this Schedule, the name, date of birth, relationship and social security number of the dependent who entitles you to claim such status.

The term **dependent** means:

- 1) a person who at the close of the calendar year in which the taxpayer's taxable year begins **has not reached the age of 21**;
- 2) the taxpayer's father or mother;
- 3) a person who is **age 65 or older**;
- 4) a person who has reached the age of 21 or older and is blind or incapable of self-support because of being mentally or physically disabled;
- 5) an university student who at the close of the calendar year in which the taxpayer's taxable year begins, **has not reached the age of 26**, as long as he/she has completed as a regular student, at least one semester in an **university or technical - professional institution recognized as such by the educational authorities of Puerto Rico**, or

**of the applicable country, until he/she receives his/her degree.**

Notwithstanding the above, to be entitled to claim a dependent, you must comply with the following requirements:

- 1) the person claiming the dependent must provide more than half of the support for the dependent during the calendar year in which the taxpayer's taxable year began;
- 2) the dependent's gross income for the calendar year in which the taxpayer's taxable year began, is less than the amount allowed as a credit for this concept. Nevertheless, if the dependent is your son/daughter and also a regular student, he/she may earn a gross income of up to **\$3,300**, and you still have the right to claim him/her as a dependent.

In the case of children from divorced or separated parents to whom both parents provide more than half of their support, the exemption for dependents will be claimed by the parent who has the legal custody of the children. However, the parent who has the legal custody may release his/her right to claim the exemption in favor of the parent who does not have that custody. The release should be made using **Schedule CH Individual - Release of Claim to Exemption for Child (Children) of Divorced or Separated Parents**. The parent to whom the right to claim the exemption was released, must submit Schedule CH Individual with the return (See INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE SCHEDULES).

**An individual obliged to file a joint return with his/her spouse, does not qualify as a dependent.**

**The dependent who qualifies you for the head of household filing status cannot be included in the computation of the total exemption for dependents.**

**Nonresident aliens of Puerto Rico do not qualify as dependents.**

If the dependent is totally or partially blind, include with your return a certificate from an ophthalmologist or optometrist indicating the visual condition of the dependent.

If you claimed the exemption for dependents who are university students, or who are disabled, blind or age 65 or older, you must submit annually with your return the evidence to claim the exemption for those dependents.

In the space provided, **write the complete name, date of birth, relationship and social security number** of all dependents who are age one or older for whom you claim an exemption in your return. **Also, classify the dependent in one of the following categories:**

Category	Class
(N)	Non university
(U)	University student
(I)	Disabled, blind or age 65 or older

If you do not comply with these requirements, the exemption will be rejected.

## PART II - BENEFICIARIES OF EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNTS

In the space provided, **write the complete name, date of birth, relationship and social security number** of the beneficiaries for whom you made contributions to an Educational Contribution Account. **You must also include the amount of said contributions.**

**For additional information regarding who qualifies for this deduction and its limitations, refer to the instructions of Part 3, line 7H of the return.**

### SCHEDULE B INDIVIDUAL - RECAPTURE OF INVESTMENT CREDIT CLAIMED IN EXCESS, TAX CREDITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS AND WITHHOLDINGS

#### PART I - RECAPTURE OF INVESTMENT CREDIT CLAIMED IN EXCESS

Enter the credit claimed in excess in previous years as a result of the intervention of the Secretary or Director of the Agency or Department, or the Board who regulates each of the following acts: Puerto Rico Tourism Development Act (Act No. 78 of September 10, 1993, as amended), Solid Waste Authority Act (Act No. 70 of June 23, 1978, as amended), Agricultural Incentives Act (Act No. 225 of December 1, 1995, as amended), Capital Investment Fund Act (Act No. 3 of October 6, 1987, as amended), Act for the Creation of the Theatrical District of Santurce (Act No. 178 of August 18, 2000), Act for the Development of the Film Industry (Act No. 362 of December 24, 1999), Act for Tax Credit from Investment in Housing Infrastructure (Act No. 98 of August 10, 2001), Act for Tax Credits for Investment in the Construction or Rehabilitation of Rental Housing Projects for Low or Moderate Income Families (Act No. 140 of October 4, 2001) and Act for Credit to Investors in an exempt business that is in the process of closing its operations in Puerto Rico (Act No. 109 of August 17, 2001).

The total investment carried out by the exempt business in the project is subject to the revision of the Secretary or Director of each Agency or Department, or the Special Work Board (Board) in case of the Theatrical District of Santurce. If the investment credit claimed by the investors exceeds the investment credit computed by the Secretary, the Director or the Board, this excess shall

be due as income tax. This debt must be paid by the investors in one installment, and in other cases in two installments beginning with the first taxable year following the date in which the unfulfillment or revocation of the credits is determined or any other date provided by law. The Director, other Secretaries or the Board will notify the Secretary of the Treasury the excess of credit claimed by the investors.

**The provisions of the recapture of credit mentioned before will not apply to the participants or investors that are not developers in a project under the Puerto Rico Tourism Development Act and Puerto Rico Solid Waste Authority Act.**

**On the other hand, the provisions of the recapture of the credit under the Agricultural Tax Incentives Act will apply to the investors or participants in agricultural businesses.**

In the case of condohotels, the operator of the integrated rental program shall send an annual report to the Director and the Secretary of the Treasury identifying the units participating in the integrated rental program. Such report must indicate the aforesaid program beginning dates with respect to the participating units, as well as the date or dates in which one or more units were withdrawn from the program.

In case of Act No. 178 of 2000 (theatrical business), Act 140 of 2001 (rental housing), and Act No. 109 of 2001 (business closing operations), if any unit or business is withdrawn from the program, cease its operations or do not comply with any of the requirements provided by the corresponding law before the expiration of the 10 year period or other period provided by law, the investor will owe as income tax an amount to be computed as provided by law or as follows, as applicable:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Income tax} & & \text{Total investment credit} \\ \text{owed} & = & \text{claimed for unit or} \\ & & \text{business} \end{array} \quad \times \quad \frac{\text{Balance of the} \quad \text{10 year period}}{10}$$

The income tax amount owed must be paid in one or two installments, whichever applies, beginning with the first taxable year following the date of the withdrawal of the unit, the first taxable year following the cease of operations or any other date provided by law.

**Line 1** - Enter the total excess of credit notified by the Director, the Secretary or the Board, or in the case of condohotels, theatrical business, business closing operations or rental housing projects for low income families, the total of income tax debt according to the formula previously mentioned or established by law.

You must indicate the name of the entity, the employer's identification number and check on the block corresponding to the type of investment credit claimed in excess, in accordance to its classification and based on the Act under which it was claimed.

**Line 3** - Multiply line 1 by 50% and enter the result here. Transfer the result to Part 4, line 24 of the return. In case that you had paid part of the recapture of excess of credit in the previous year, enter the difference owed.

On this line you must also include the recapture of investment credit claimed in excess related to any of the following laws: housing infrastructure act and rental housing act.

**Line 4** - Subtract line 3 from line 1 and enter the difference. This will be the tax debt to be paid for next year. If this is your second year of recapture, subtract lines 2 and 3 from line 1.

## PART II - TAX CREDITS

**Line 2** - Enter the tax withheld on dividends from Industrial Development income under Act 8 of January 24, 1987 and/or 30% of your proportional share in the fixed tax rate on Industrial Development income paid by the exempt business under Act 135 of December 2, 1997.

You must check in the corresponding box the act or acts under which the investment was made.

**Line 3** - Enter the amount of the credit to be claimed for the investment in a Film Entity engaged in a Film Project and/or Infrastructure Project under Act No. 362 of December 24 of 1999.

In the case of an investment in a Film Entity engaged in a Film Project, the credit will be 40% of those amounts of the budget paid to residents of Puerto Rico, but this amount cannot exceed 50% of the capital contributed in cash to the Film Entity in exchange of stocks or shares issued in a primary issuance.

In the case of an investment in a Film Entity engaged in an Infrastructure Project, the credit will be the smaller between: 40% of the investment contributed in cash to the Film Entity in exchange of stocks or shares issued in a primary issuance or 20% of the Infrastructure Project budget.

All tax credit not used in the taxable year can be carried over to following years until it is completely used.

To claim said credits you must submit the following evidence:

- 1) the license of the Film Entity where you invested;
- 2) notification made to the Puerto Rico Commissioner of Financial Institutions (Commissioner), to the Secretary of the Treasury and to the investors of the credits distribution;

- 3) certificate from the Accountant regarding the expenses disbursed of the Budget or indicating that the bond was placed, according to the case; and
- 4) in the case of cessionaries, notification made to the Secretary of the Treasury and to the Commissioner.

For more details refer to Act No. 362 of December 24 of 1999.

**Line 4** - Enter the amount determined on Schedule Q. You must submit Schedule Q and Q1 to claim this credit, as well as other forms that indicate the credit earned for the investment in several capital investment funds or direct investments such as Solid Waste Facilities, Agricultural Incentives, Theatrical District of Santurce, Production of Full Length Films, as well as Tourism Development Fund.

In order to claim such credit, you must submit with your return copy of the certification issued by the pertinent agencies and copy of a sworn statement issued by the agency indicating the distribution or allocation of the credit.

**Line 6** - Enter the amount contributed to the **Educational Foundation for Free Selection of Schools**. The amount of credit allowed must not exceed \$250.

The amount of contributions made in excess of the credit will be deducted as charitable contributions, up to the limit allowed by the Code.

**In order to claim said credit you must submit a certification from the Educational Foundation for Free Selection of Schools or copy of the canceled check as evidence of the contribution made.**

**Line 7** - Any person to whom a certificate of membership is issued as ordinary or extraordinary member of an Employees-Owned Special Corporation, **is entitled to a credit of 25% of the total amount paid for said certificate up to \$1,000**. The credit shall be taken against the determined income tax for the year in which the payments to acquire the certificate are made, whether paid totally or paid in installments in one or more taxable years, as applicable. **The credit granted shall not be applicable against the alternate basic tax of individuals.**

In case that the amount of credit allowed exceeds the determined income tax for the taxable year, the excess may be carried forward during the next two years.

Refer to the Code and its regulations for qualifications and requirements to be entitled to this credit.

**Line 8** - Enter here the tax credit acquired during the year through the purchase, exchange or transfer made



by the investor or participant of the primary investor. See instructions of Schedule Q in order to know the percentages and limitations to claim in the return.

To claim this credit, the conveyor and the cessionary must submit with the income tax return in the year of the cession, a sworn statement notifying the same to the Secretary.

**Line 10** - Enter the total amount of other income tax credits not included on the preceding lines, for example but not limited to **credit for extraordinary investment in housing infrastructure, credit for investment in new construction or substantial rehabilitation of rental housing units for low or moderate income families, and credit for industrial investment in an exempt business that is in the process of closing its operations in Puerto Rico.**

Act No. 98 of August 10, 2001 grants a tax credit for infrastructure investment to developers of housing projects. It consists of two parts:

- credit for infrastructure investment which benefits social interest or middle class housing projects that belongs to the petitioner, and
- credit for infrastructure investment required by a governmental agency which benefits housing projects or other projects that do not belong to the petitioner, or in which the petitioner, its stockholders, partners or persons do not have a majority proprietorship interest.

The amount of the credit will be:

- 75% of the infrastructure's cost that benefits social interest housing projects of the petitioner;
- 50% of the infrastructure's cost that benefits middle class housing projects of the petitioner; and
- 100% of the infrastructure's cost that benefits housing projects and other projects that do not belong to the petitioner.

The petitioner must file an application with the Housing Department, with copy to the Department of the Treasury.

The credit will be available:

- Once the infrastructure work and the housing project is completed;
- The Secretary of the Housing Department certifies the investment;

- The Secretary of the Treasury certifies the availability of the credit; and
- The infrastructure work be completed within a maximum term of 3 years from the date in which the Secretary of the Housing Department issues the corresponding Approval Certification.

Every credit not used in a taxable year may be carried over to subsequent years, until totally used.

**For additional details refer to Act No. 98 of August 10, 2001 and its regulations.**

On the other hand, Act No. 140 of October 4, 2001 provides that every owner of a rental housing project for low or moderate income families may qualify for a tax credit of \$0.50 for every \$1.00 of eligible investment used in a new construction or substantial rehabilitation of housing units for rent to low or moderate income families.

The petitioner must file an application with the Housing Finance Authority.

The tax credit may be used once a credit certification guarantees the following:

- The total construction or rehabilitation has been completed within the term provided by law;
- The eligible investment was realized as established in the detail of costs of the new construction or substantial rehabilitation of the housing project as it was submitted by the petitioner in the application; and
- The total housing units have been rented to low or moderate income families within the term provided by law.

Every credit not used in the taxable year may be carried over to subsequent years, up to a maximum of 10 years.

**For additional details refer to Act No. 140 of October 4, 2001 and its regulations.**

Also, Act No. 109 of August 17, 2001 provides that every investor may claim an industrial investment credit equal to 50% of its eligible investment to be claimed in two installments: the first half in the year that the eligible investment was made, and the balance in subsequent years.

Every investor must request an Administrative Determination to the Secretary of the Treasury before claiming the industrial investment credit.

Every industrial investment credit not used in the taxable year may be carried over to subsequent years, until totally used.

**For additional details refer to Act No. 109 of August 17, 2001.**

**If on this line you included credits from different concepts, you must submit a schedule showing a breakdown of such credits. You must also submit documents or evidences to support such credits.**

### **PART III - OTHER PAYMENTS AND WITHHOLDINGS**

**Line 1** - Enter the estimated tax paid for the taxable year. **For more information about estimated tax, refer to INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE SCHEDULES (FORM 480-E - ESTIMATED TAX DECLARATION).**

**Line 2** - Amounts already included on line 1 should not be included again on this line.

**Line 4** - Enter the amount reported on Schedule F Individual, Part I, line 7. Submit the Informative Return - Income Subject to Withholding (Form 480.6B) and/or Informative Return - Individual Retirement Account - (Form 480.7) with the return.

**Line 5** - Enter the amount reported on Schedule F Individual, Part II, line 3A. Submit the Informative Return - Income Subject to Withholding (Form 480.6B) with the return.

**Line 7** - Enter the tax withheld reported on Form 480.6B. You must submit this form with the return.

**Line 8** - Enter the tax withheld reported on Form 480.6B. You must submit this form with the return.

**Line 9** - Enter the amount of tax withheld reported on the Informative Return - Corporation of Individuals (Form 480.6 CI). You must submit this form with the return.

**Line 10** - Enter the amount of tax withheld reported on the Informative Return - Special Partnership (Form 480.6 SE). You must submit this form with the return.

**Line 11** - Enter the 17% of tax withheld on IRA Distributions of income from sources within Puerto Rico. Submit the Informative Return - Individual Retirement Account (Form 480.7).

**Line 12** - Enter the total of other payments and withholdings not included on the preceding lines, for example, **the 20% withholding over lump-sum**

### **distributions (one payment or various payments during one year) from qualified pension plans.**

If payments and withholdings of different nature are included on this line, you must submit a schedule showing a breakdown of such payments and withholdings. You must submit also documents or evidence to support the payments and withholdings, such as Form 480.6B or copy of canceled checks.

### **SCHEDULE C INDIVIDUAL - CREDIT FOR TAXES PAID TO THE UNITED STATES, ITS POSSESSIONS AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

Use this Schedule to determine the portion of the taxes paid to the United States, its possessions and foreign countries allowable as a credit.

To claim a credit for taxes paid to the United States, its possessions and foreign countries, it is necessary that you:

- 1) Paid or accrued income tax outside of Puerto Rico.
- 2) Included taxable income from outside of Puerto Rico in your Puerto Rico income tax return.
- 3) Submit evidence of the tax paid outside of Puerto Rico (copy of the canceled checks and copy of the return filed to the IRS or foreign countries). If the payment receipt or tax return is written in a foreign language, you must provide a certified translation of the same.

In order to determine the net income from sources outside Puerto Rico (Part I) and the net income from all sources (Part II), **the gross income will include** the net capital gain subject to the 20% tax, the eligible distribution of dividends and share in partnerships profits subject to the 10% tax, and the interest paid or credited over deposits on accounts that earn interest over which you elected the 17% tax.

### **PART I - DETERMINATION OF NET INCOME FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE OF PUERTO RICO**

**Line 1** - Enter the adjusted gross income from sources outside of Puerto Rico. The adjusted gross income from outside sources is determined by subtracting the gross income of Puerto Rico not taxable in the United States, its possessions and foreign countries from the adjusted gross income of your return (Part 2, line 5). Therefore, it is important to accurately determine the source of the income at the moment you are completing and filing your return.

The source of income is determined as follows:

- 1) Interest and dividends - It is determined by the residence or place of incorporation of the payer.
- 2) Payments for personal services - It is determined by the place where the services are rendered.
- 3) Rents and royalties - It is determined by the place where the property is located or by the place of use, or of the privilege of using patents, copyrights, trademarks, goodwill and other similar property.
- 4) Profit on the sale of inventory - It is determined by the place where the title of goods is transferred. There is an exemption when you buy products manufactured outside of Puerto Rico.
- 5) Profit on the sale of personal property - It is determined by the place where the title of such property is transferred.
- 6) Profit on the sale of real property - It is determined by the place where such property is located.

## **PART II - DETERMINATION OF NET INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES**

Determine your net income from all sources according to your income tax return.

## **PART III - TAXES PAID OR ACCRUED TO THE UNITED STATES, ITS POSSESSIONS AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

Indicate the date of payment and the total amount of tax paid or accrued.

If the tax was paid or accrued in a foreign currency, you must translate such tax to U.S. dollars at the date of the payment. You must submit with your return a schedule indicating the translation to U.S. dollars.

## **PART IV - DETERMINATION OF CREDIT**

Determine the credit to be claimed and enter the amount that you are entitled.

**The credit cannot exceed the amount of taxes paid to the United States, its possessions and foreign countries.**

## **SCHEDULE D INDIVIDUAL - CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES**

Use this Schedule to determine capital gains or losses on the sale or exchange of capital assets. Capital assets could be defined as a property acquired for investment.

Capital gains or losses are classified in two classes, based on the period of time you held the property:

- 1) short-term - property held not more than six months.

- 2) long-term - property held more than six months.

In order to determine short or long-term capital gains or losses, you must provide the description and location of the property sold and complete Columns (A) through (F) of Parts I, II, III and IV with respect to the properties.

Once you determine a gain in the sale or exchange of capital assets, you must identify the location of the property. This information will determine, in part, the income tax rate applicable to the long-term capital gain. For long-term capital gain derived from the sale of certain **property located in Puerto Rico**, the special rate will be 10%. **Other property not defined as property located in Puerto Rico**, is subject to the prevailing rate of 20%.

For purposes of sale or exchange of capital assets, the term **property located in Puerto Rico** means:

- a) Every real property located in Puerto Rico.
- b) Stock certificates issued by domestic corporations, or distributable share of a partner in a domestic partnership's capital.
- c) Stock certificates and distributable share in foreign corporations or partnerships, when no less than 80% of the gross income of said foreign corporation or partnership for the three (3) year period ended with the close of your taxable year previous to the transaction that generated the long-term capital gain, or for such part of said period in which the corporation or partnership have existed, was derived from Puerto Rico sources in accordance with the provisions of the Code.
- d) Bonds, notes or other debt obligations issued by:
  - (i) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;
  - (ii) municipalities of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or
  - (iii) authorities or public corporations of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and its municipalities.
- e) Bonds, notes and other debt obligations of an individual resident of Puerto Rico; or from a domestic corporation or partnership; or guaranteed by real property located in Puerto Rico.
- f) Bonds, notes or other debt obligations of foreign corporations or partnership when no less than 80% of the gross income of said foreign corporation or partnership for

the three (3) year period ended with the close of your taxable year previous to the transaction that generated the long-term capital gain, or for such part of said period in which the corporation or partnership have existed, was derived from Puerto Rico sources in accordance with the provisions of the Code.

In case that the eligible person to claim the 20%, 10% and 7% special tax rates has derived capital gains from several categories, and at the same time has capital losses, to determine the net capital gain under each category, said losses will be applied against the gains in the proportion that each one of these gains bears with the total amount of said gains. **For additional information, refer to Instructions to Complete Schedule D2 Individual.**

**The adjusted basis of the property** is its original cost plus the cost of the permanent improvements, less depreciation, if the property was leased during its possession.

**Sale expenses** include sales commissions, advertisements, legal fees, appraisal and other similar expenses. Do not include lodging expenses (i.e. hotels) nor travel expenses (i.e. airplane tickets).

#### **PART I - SHORT - TERM CAPITAL ASSETS GAINS AND LOSSES (HELD 6 MONTHS OR LESS)**

You must inform in this part **every** short-term capital gains and losses derived from: property located in Puerto Rico, other properties not included in the definition of property located in Puerto Rico, investment in Tourism Development Fund and Capital Investment Fund, and shares of an eligible corporation or partnership.

**Line 1** - Add Column (F) and enter the result on this line.

**Line 5** - If you elected to pay taxes using the bracket method, enter the amount determined in Form 480.6 SE, regarding the distributable share on the net short-term capital gain (or loss) of special partnerships. You must submit this form with your return.

**Line 6** - If you elected to pay taxes using the bracket method, enter the amount determined in Form 480.6 CI, regarding the distributable share on the net short-term capital gain (or loss) of a corporation of individuals. You must submit this form with your return.

**Line 7** - Enter the amount determined in Form 480.6 CPT (may be applicable only if you have an investment in an Employees-Owned Special Corporation). You must submit said form with your return.

#### **PART II - LONG-TERM CAPITAL ASSETS GAINS AND LOSSES (HELD MORE THAN 6 MONTHS) (PROPERTY LOCATED IN PR - SECTION 1014(b))**

You must inform in this part **only** long-term capital gains and losses derived from the sale of property located in Puerto Rico, as this term was previously defined in the instructions of this Schedule.

**Lines 11, 14, 15 and 16** - Refer to instructions of lines 1, 5, 6 and 7 of Part I, respectively.

#### **PART III - LONG TERM CAPITAL ASSETS GAINS AND LOSSES (HELD MORE THAN 6 MONTHS) (OTHER PROPERTIES- SECTION 1014(a))**

You must inform in this part **only** long-term capital gains and losses derived from the sale of other properties not included in the term property located in Puerto Rico.

**Lines 19, 22, 23 and 24** - Refer to instructions of lines 1, 5, 6 and 7 of Part I, respectively.

#### **PART IV - LONG-TERM CAPITAL ASSETS GAINS AND LOSSES (HELD MORE THAN 6 MONTHS) (SHARES FROM ELIGIBLE CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP -SECTION 1014(c))**

You must inform in this part **only** long-term capital gains and losses derived from the sale of shares from an eligible corporation or partnership, as this term is defined in the instructions of Schedule D2 Individual.

**Lines 27, 29, 30 and 31** - Refer to instructions of lines 1, 5, 6 and 7 of Part I, respectively.

#### **PART V - LUMP - SUM DISTRIBUTIONS FROM QUALIFIED PENSION PLANS**

**Line 34** - Enter the distributions from pension plans qualified in Puerto Rico by the Department of the Treasury, as long as such distributions are received in a lump-sum (one payment or various payments during one year only), and have resulted from a job termination.

#### **PART VI - NET CAPITAL GAINS OR LOSSES AND QUALIFIED PENSION PLAN DISTRIBUTIONS FOR DETERMINATION OF THE ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME**

**Line 35** - Enter here **only** the net capital gains determined on lines 10, 18, 26 and 33.

Column A - Enter the net short - term capital gain, if any, determined in Part I, line 10.

Column B - Enter the net long - term capital gain from property located in P.R., if any, determined in Part II, line 18.



Column C - Enter the net long - term capital gain from other properties, if any, determined in Part III, line 26.

Column D - Enter the net long - term capital gain from shares of an eligible corporation or partnership, if any, determined in Part IV, line 33.

**Line 36** - Enter here **only** net capital losses determined on lines 10, 18, 26 and 33.

Column A - Enter the net short - term capital loss, if any, determined in Part I, line 10.

Column B - Enter the net long-term capital loss from property located in P.R., if any, determined in Part II, line 18.

Column C - Enter the net long-term capital loss from other properties, if any, determined in Part III, line 26.

Column D - Enter the net long-term capital loss or shares from an eligible corporation or partnership, if any, determined in Part IV, line 33.

**Line 37**- This line must be used **only when one (1)** of Columns B, C or D reflects a loss on line 36. Such loss will be applied proportionally to the gains, if any, reflected in the other Columns of line 35, except Column A. If the other Columns do not reflect a gain on line 35, enter zero in the boxes.

**Line 38** - This line must be used **only when two (2)** of Columns B, C or D reflect a loss on line 36. The sum of such losses will be applied to the gain, if any, reflected in the other Column of line 35, except Column A. If the other Column does not reflect any gain on line 35, enter zero in the boxes.

**Line 39** - Totalize Columns B, C and D. If any Column reflected a loss on line 36, enter zero in the boxes.

**Line 40** - If line 36, Column A reflects a loss, apply the same proportionally to the gains, if any, reflected on line 35. If any Column reflected gains on line 35, enter zero.

On this line, the net short - term capital loss reflected on line 36, Column A is applied proportionally to the long-term capital gains reflected on line 35, Columns B, C or D, after having applied proportionally the net long-term capital losses of the other categories.

**Line 41** - Totalize Columns B, C and D. If any of these Columns reflected a loss on line 36, enter zero in the boxes.

**Line 42**- Add the total of Columns B,C and D, line 41. However, if on line 35 there was not reflected any gain in Columns B, C and D and you entered an amount on line 36, Column A, add line 36, Columns A, B, C and D.

**Line 44** - If you derived a net capital gain, the excess of the net long-term capital gain over the net short-term capital losses (including distributions from qualified pension plans) must be transferred to Schedule D2 Individual and to Part 2, line 2 O of the return. Schedule D2 Individual provides to reflect such gains according to its category. **On the other hand, the net short-term capital gain must be transferred only to Part 2, line 2 O of the return, therefore, do not transfer this amount to Schedule D2 Individual.** That is because the short- term capital gain is taxed at the regular tax rates.

**Line 45** - If the amount on line 43 of this schedule is a loss, enter on this line and in Part 2, line 2 O of the return, the amount indicated on line 34 plus the smaller of the following: (a) the amount of the loss reflected on line 43, or (b) \$1,000. If you have a net capital loss derived from the sale or exchange of assets, you may deduct up to \$1,000 in your return. Any loss not used may be carried over for a period of 5 years. Such loss may be used against any capital gain derived in the future, and if there is any remaining loss, you may claim it as a deduction up to \$1,000 in each of the 5 years.

**For additional information and examples related to this Schedule, refer to Publication 01-03 (Application of Special Rates in the Case of Sale of Capital Assets - Schedule D Individual). You can request this Publication at the Forms and Publications Division, Office 603 of the Department of the Treasury in Old San Juan, or calling (787) 721-2020, extensions 2645 and 2646.**

#### **SCHEDULE D1 INDIVIDUAL - SALE OR EXCHANGE OF PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE**

If you sold or exchanged your principal residence during the year, you must complete this Schedule in order to pay taxes on the gain, if any.

However, if you have the intention to purchase or construct a new residence, you may postpone the payment of taxes on the gain, if any, if within two years prior to or two years after the sale of the old residence, you purchase or construct a new residence in Puerto Rico and use it as your principal residence, provided that the purchase price of said new residence is equal to or larger than the selling price of the old residence.

On the other hand, if you do not invest the sale proceeds in another residence within the established period of time, or do not invest the total sale proceeds in another residence, you must recognize the gain in the year in which the sale occurred.



## PART I - COMPUTATION ON GAIN

**Line 1** - Enter the date of sale of the old residence. This date appears on the Sale and Purchase Deed.

**Line 2** - If you used funds from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to purchase your old residence, these funds are taxable when the old residence is sold. Enter the amount withdrawn from the IRA to purchase the old residence. Transfer to Schedule F Individual, Part V, Column C.

**Line 3** - If you sold your principal residence during the taxable year, you must inform the Secretary of the Treasury whether you purchased or constructed a new residence and the dates thereof.

**Line 4** - Enter the selling price of your old residence, without including personal property items. Generally, the sale price includes the cash received from the sale plus the mortgages assumed by the purchaser.

**Line 5** - Enter the expenses incurred in order to sell the old residence. These expenses include sales commissions, advertising, legal, appraisal and other expenses. Lodging expenses (i.e. hotels) nor travel expenses (i.e. airplane tickets) are not considered selling expenses. Do not include fixing-up expenses on this line (see the instructions for line 16).

**Line 7** - Enter the adjusted basis of the old residence. The adjusted basis is the original cost of the old residence and its permanent improvements, less the accumulated depreciation, if the property was leased during its possession.

**Line 9** - If you answered "Yes", do not complete the rest of the Schedule and include the same with your return. You must complete an additional Schedule D1 Individual on the following year if you have not replaced your residence and have the intention of doing so during the replacement period. If you answered "No", continue with Part II or III, whichever applies.

## PART II - ONE-TIME EXCLUSION FOR TAXPAYERS AGE 60 OR OLDER

If you or your spouse are age 60 or older at the date of the sale or exchange of the principal residence, you may exclude from the gross income up to \$70,000 (\$35,000 if married filing separately) from the gain realized on the sale or exchange of your principal residence. This exclusion will apply as long as you have used the property as your principal residence for a period of 3 years or more of the 5 years previous to the sale. **This exclusion may be claimed by the taxpayer once in a lifetime.**

If you realized a gain on the sale or exchange of your principal residence, and did not purchase or construct a new residence within the time limits previously

mentioned, or do not have the intention of buying or constructing a residence, and do not qualify for the \$70,000 exclusion (\$35,000 if married filing separately), or did not claim said exclusion, transfer the total amount of the gain from line 8 of this Schedule to line 2 (if you possessed the residence for 6 months or less), or to line 12 or 20 (if you possessed the residence for more than 6 months) of Schedule D Individual.

If you qualify for the exclusion and claimed it, but did not purchase a new residence, transfer the amount of gain recognized from line 15 of this Schedule to Schedule D Individual, Part II, line 12 or Part III, line 20, whichever applies.

## PART III - ADJUSTED SALES PRICE, TAXABLE GAIN AND ADJUSTED BASIS OF NEW RESIDENCE

**Line 15** - If the purchase price or cost of construction of the new residence is smaller than the adjusted sale or exchange price of the old residence, the gain will be recognized only up to the total amount by which the adjusted sales or exchange price of the old residence exceeds the cost of purchase of the new residence. You must indicate if the recognized gain is a short-term or long-term gain.

**Line 16** - Enter the fixing-up expenses you paid in order to sell the old residence. Fixing-up expenses include repair, maintenance, painting and cleaning expenses paid in order to facilitate the sale of the property. However, to qualify, the expenses must be:

- ✎ for work performed during the 90 day period ended on the date in which the sales contract of the old residence took place;
- ✎ paid not later than 30 days after the date of sale of the old residence.

The fixing-up expenses do not include amounts paid for sales expenses nor permanent improvements. To claim said expenses, see instructions for lines 5 and 7, respectively.

**Line 19(b)** - Enter the cost of the new residence. The cost of the new residence includes that part of such cost that is ascribed to the purchase, construction, reconstruction and improvements made that can appropriately be charged to the capital account during the established replacement period.

## SCHEDULE D2 INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TAX ON NET LONG TERM CAPITAL GAINS

Every individual, estate or trust will pay, in lieu of any other tax imposed by the Code, a special tax for the total amount that exceeds the net long-term capital gains over any net short-term capital loss, including

the direct investments and not through a Capital Investment or Tourism Fund. The special tax rate will be 10% in the case that the property sold constitutes Property Located in Puerto Rico, as such term is defined in the instructions of Schedule D Individual, or 20% for Other Properties, such as property located outside of Puerto Rico an property not considered in the definition of property located in Puerto Rico.

You may elect to pay a 20% tax on lump-sum distributions from qualified pension plans.

Furthermore, you may elect to pay a tax of 10% for the total amount that exceeds the net long-term capital gains attributable to investments made in a Tourism Development Fund and Capital Investment Funds, over any net short-term capital loss for the same concept.

Also, every eligible person may elect to pay a tax of 7% on the total excess of any net long-term capital gain over any net short-term capital loss from the sale of shares from an eligible corporation or partnership. For this purposes, **eligible person** means any person:

- (1) that is a shareholder or partner, or became a shareholder or partner, of an eligible corporation or partnership at the moment in which said corporation or partnership makes its first stocks or shares sales offer at the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ or any other national stock market in the United States of America, provided that the offer is made after June 30, 1997 and before January 1, 2008;
- (2) that became a shareholder or partner of an eligible corporation or partnership at the moment in which said corporation or partnership makes a new issuance of stocks or shares (including portfolio shares or stocks), provided that the stocks or shares of such entity are valued at the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ or any other national stock market in the United States of America, and the offer of the new issuance is made after June 30, 1997 and before January 1, 2008;
- (3) that is a shareholder or partner, or became a shareholder or partner of an eligible corporation or partnership at the moment in which said shareholders or partners make their first stocks or shares sales offer at the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ or any other national stock market in the United States of America, provided that the offer is made after June 30, 1997 and before January 1, 2008;

#### **Eligible Corporation or Partnership means:**

- any private corporation or particular partnership,

both domestic, which makes a stocks or shares sales offer as described in the preceding sections (1) and (2), with the purpose of obtaining funds to be used on its industry or business in Puerto Rico, including improvements or expansions of said industry or business, or in the acquisition of a new industry or business in Puerto Rico;

- any private corporation or particular partnership, both domestic, which stocks or shares became public because its stockholders or shareholders make their first stocks or shares offer as described in the preceding section (3), at the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ or any other national stock market in the United States of America, provided that the offer is made after June 30, 1997 and before January 1, 2008.

However, you may elect to include such gains as part of your gross income in the income tax return for the year in which said gains are recognized, and pay a tax in accordance with the normal tax rates, whichever is more beneficial.

Based on the above provisions, you may reduce your tax liability by using Schedule D2 Individual, if the total amount on line 44 of Schedule D Individual is more than zero, and

You checked the Personal Status Block Under Which you File:	In Part 3, line 14 is more than:
1, 2, 3 or 4	\$17,000
5	\$ 8,500

You must complete your return up to Part 3, line 14 before using Schedule D2 Individual.

#### **PART I - COMPUTATION OF SPECIAL TAX ON NET LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS**

**Line 2** - The amounts to be included on **lines 2(a), 2(b) and 2(e)**, if you elect to pay taxes on such items at the special rates, come from Schedule D Individual, line 41, as applicable. The net short-term capital gains should be taxed at regular rates, and cannot be transferred to this line.

You must enter **zero** in any line on which you decide to pay taxes at the regular tax rates and do not elect the special rates. This applies to such cases in which you have derived gain in more than one of the concepts indicated on this line.

**Line 2(c)** - Enter the distributed amount of pension plans qualified with the Department of the Treasury, received in a lump-sum after an employment separation (from Schedule D Individual, Part V, line 34). If these requirements are not met, the distributions

must be informed on Schedule F Individual, as part of the miscellaneous income.

**Line 4(a)** - Enter the standard or itemized deduction, whichever is larger. Re-compute your deductions for Medical Expenses and Charitable Contributions (if any), based on the Adjusted Gross Income indicated on line 3 of this schedule. Do not alter any of the previously established amounts in other schedules.

**Line 5** - Subtract line 4(e) from line 3 and enter the difference (but not less than zero). This is the Net Taxable Income without including the excess of the net long-term capital gains over the net short-term capital losses.

**Line 10** - Add the amounts of lines 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this schedule. This is your total tax as per special tax on the excess of net long-term capital gains over the net short-term capital losses.

## **PART II - COMPUTATION OF REGULAR TAX OVER THE NET TAXABLE INCOME AS PER RETURN**

**Line 13** - Enter line 10 or 12, whichever is smaller. If the amount on line 12 from the computation of the Regular Tax is smaller than the amount on line 10, enter the tax of line 12 in Part 4, line 15 of the return and check Block 1 in said Part. If the amount on line 10 is smaller, enter this amount in Part 4, line 15 of the return and check Block 2 in said Part. **In this case, submit this Schedule with your return.**

### **SCHEDULE E - DEPRECIATION**

This Schedule must be completed by those taxpayers who are engaged in an industry or business, or who derived income from professions, commissions, farming and rent.

Schedule E will be used to inform each of the properties for which you claim depreciation. There are spaces for current, flexible and accelerated depreciation, and for improvements amortization. On this schedule you must inform the following:

- classification of the property;
- date acquired;
- allowable cost or basis;
- depreciation claimed in previous years;
- estimated useful life to determine the depreciation;
- depreciation claimed in the current year.

#### **Line (b) - Flexible Depreciation**

In order to be entitled to claim flexible depreciation in lieu of current depreciation, the Code requires you to make an option through a sworn statement to be filed not later than 30 days after the end of the taxable

year. Said option may be exercised only for property acquired by the taxpayer prior to June 30, 1995.

#### **Line (c) - Accelerated Depreciation**

The Code grants a deduction for accelerated depreciation in lieu of current depreciation. In order to be entitled to this deduction, the taxpayer is required to make an election with his/her return to use the accelerated depreciation method. Said election may be exercised only for property acquired by the taxpayer during taxable years commenced after June 30, 1995. The aforesaid election, once made, is irrevocable.

**Refer to the Code and its regulations for other requirements and provisions in connection with the deduction under the flexible and accelerated depreciation methods.**

**Submit this Schedule with your return.**

### **SCHEDULE F INDIVIDUAL - OTHER INCOME**

The following types of income will be reported on this Schedule: interest, dividends from corporations and distributions from partnerships, distributable share on profits from special partnerships and corporations of individuals, income received from withdrawal of funds from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), prizes and contests, judicial or extrajudicial indemnifications, miscellaneous income and IRA distributions of income from sources within Puerto Rico.

#### **PART I - INTEREST**

Enter in the indicated spaces, the payer's name and account number.

**Column A** - Enter the eligible interest received from corporations and partnerships' debt, engaged in industry or business in Puerto Rico, and interest from new mortgages over residential property located in Puerto Rico, if you elected to pay a special tax rate of 17%, according to the provisions of Act. No. 42 of July 22, 1997.

The term **eligible interest** means any interest over bonds, notes or other debts issued by a corporation or partnership engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico, provided that the proceeds from these debts are invested in the industry or business in Puerto Rico of said corporation or partnership within a period of 24 months or less from the issuance date of said debts.

Also, interest from mortgage loans over residential property located in Puerto Rico which mortgages are granted after July 31, 1997, insured or guaranteed by the provisions of the National Housing Act of June 27, 1934, as amended, or by the provisions of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, will qualify for the aforementioned special tax rate of 17%.

**Column B** - You must show the interest subject to withholding, including taxable interest from Individual Retirement Account, if you exercised the election to pay a special tax rate of 17% over the excess of \$2,000. Submit with your return Form 480.6B (Informative Return - Income Subject to Withholding) and/or Form 480.7 (Informative Return - Individual Retirement Account).

**Column C** - Enter the interest received from investments for which the election of 17% withholding at source was not made. Submit with your return Form 480.6A (Informative Return - Income Not Subject to Withholding).

**Interest received from financial institutions engaged in trade or business in Puerto Rico are exempt up to \$2,000. This exclusion will be claimed on Schedule F Individual, Part I, line 2, Column B or C. The total amount of line 2 in both columns should not exceed \$2,000. However, in case of married individuals filing separate returns, the exclusion should not exceed \$2,000 for each one.**

**Column D** - Enter the interest received or credited from deposits, certificates of deposit, current accounts held in savings cooperatives and associations, which are kept in any commercial bank or financial institution located outside of Puerto Rico.

## **PART II - CORPORATE DIVIDENDS AND PARTNERSHIPS DISTRIBUTIONS**

Enter in the indicated space, the payer's name, address and account number.

**Column A** - You must include dividends and profits from corporations or partnerships subject to withholding. Every distribution made by a domestic or foreign corporation, whose income from sources within Puerto Rico is at least 80% of its gross income derived during 3 taxable years preceding the date of the dividend's declaration, is subject to a 10% special tax. If you have an investment in stocks or shares in a domestic corporation or partnership, a 10% withholding will be made automatically from any distribution, unless you elect that such withholding be inapplicable.

If you elected that no withholding be made, you must inform such income as ordinary income and pay taxes at the regular rates. This income must be informed in Column B.

If the 10% tax withholding was made, you may elect to pay taxes from the dividends or profits as ordinary income, if it is more beneficial.

The tax withheld from interest, dividends or profits will be credited against your tax liability. Transfer the amounts withheld in Parts I and II of this Schedule, to

Schedule B Individual, Part III, line 4 or 5, as applicable. Submit Form 480.6B with your return.

**Column B** - Enter any dividend or profit distribution received from a foreign corporation or partnership not engaged in trade or business in Puerto Rico, or which income is substantially from sources outside Puerto Rico.

## **PART III - SPECIAL PARTNERSHIPS PROFITS**

Enter here only the distributable share on income derived by a special partnership.

**Submit with the return Schedule R - Special Partnership.**

## **PART IV - PROFITS FROM SUBCHAPTER N CORPORATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS**

You must report your distributable share on income or loss derived by a corporation of individuals. If the corporation of individuals derived losses, you may use said losses only against income derived from the distributable share of other investment made in a corporation of individuals or against income derived by the corporation of individuals that produced the loss. Losses not admissible may be carried over indefinitely.

## **PART V - MISCELLANEOUS INCOME**

**Column A** - Enter those miscellaneous income not itemized in any part of the return or schedules. You must report also the amounts received from judicial or extrajudicial indemnification, paid under a judgement issued by the Court or under an extrajudicial claim, that constitute taxable income.

The term **taxable income** includes, among others:

- 1) any part of the compensation that represents or substitutes losses from income or salaries, including ceased profits; and
- 2) the indemnification from lost or ceased salaries in cases of job suspension or termination, or from illegal dismissals.

The net amount received must be transferred to Part 2, line 2G of the return.

The amounts received from judicial or extrajudicial indemnification are subject to a 7% withholding of tax at source. Submit Form 480.6B with your return. Enter such payments on Schedule B Individual, Part III, line 8.

**Column B** - You must inform the income received from prizes or contests. If the prize consists of a property, equipment or other value, you must inform its fair market value.



**Column C** - Enter the distributions received from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Submit Form 480.7 with the return.

**Column D** - If the owner or beneficiary of the IRA receives a total or partial distribution **that is not an interest distribution received from financial institutions engaged in industry or business within Puerto Rico** (as established in Section 1013 of the Code), neither a distribution of your IRA contributions, and that consists of sources within Puerto Rico received by said IRA, enter the amount distributed in this column. **Submit Form 480.7.**

**Line 4** - If you exercised the option to withhold the 17% on said distribution, enter the amount withheld (17%) on this line.

**Line 5** - If you elected that the 17% withholding will be made, you may elect to pay a tax on those distributions of a 17% tax rate or as an ordinary income at the regular rates, whichever is more beneficiary. You must include the sum of lines 2 and 5 on line 6.

### **SCHEDULE G INDIVIDUAL - SALE OR EXCHANGE OF ALL TRADE OR BUSINESS ASSETS OF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP BUSINESS**

Every individual who sells, exchanges or disposes of all the assets used in his/her sole proprietorship business, may defer the gain if:

- 1) Re-invests the product of the sale or exchange in another sole proprietorship business in Puerto Rico.
- 2) Makes the reinvestment within 12 months from the date of the sale or exchange of the first business.

**This gain deferment will not apply to businesses conducted by corporations or partnerships, or other types of organizations.**

#### **Definitions:**

**Sole proprietorship business** - Any business engaged in manufacture, agriculture, construction, sale and purchase of consumers' goods or to render services, all of which are totally owned by a natural person.

**Assets used in your sole proprietorship business** - It includes land, real and personal property subject to the concession of depreciation, property included on the taxpayer's inventory in existence at the end of the taxable year, property possessed for the sale during the ordinary course of business or industry, sales or payable promissory notes and other intangible property. The term does not include property for personal use, property possessed as investment and property that is not used in your sole proprietorship business.

## **PART I - QUESTIONNAIRE**

You must indicate on line 1 if in previous years you have taken the benefit of postponing the gain of a sole proprietorship business. In case you have answered "Yes", you must inform in the spaces indicated the taxable year in which you commenced to postpone the gain and the amount claimed.

The adjusted basis to be informed on line 2 will be equal to the amount determined on Schedule G Individual, Part III, line 20, for the taxable year in which you elected to benefit from the gain postposition.

This Schedule must include the aforesaid information and will be submitted with your return for **all the subsequent years in which you elected to benefit from the postposition of the gain from a sole proprietorship business.**

## **PART II - COMPUTATION OF GAIN**

**Line 7** - You must inform those expenses incurred that made possible the sale of your first sole proprietorship business. The following examples are considered these type of expenses: advertisements, legal fees, commissions, etc.

**Line 9** - The adjusted basis of your first sole proprietorship business will be its cost, increased by the permanent improvements made to the business, and reduced by the depreciation expense taken over the business assets used.

**Line 11** - If you sold your first sole proprietorship business and have the intention of purchasing another new sole proprietorship business, the Code provides you the benefit to postpone the realized gain as long as you comply with the requirements previously mentioned. Do not complete the rest of the Schedule and submit it with your return. You must fill out another Schedule G Individual for next year to inform the postponed gain and the adjusted basis of the new sole proprietorship business.

## **PART III - ADJUSTED SALES PRICE, TAXABLE GAIN AND ADJUSTED BASIS OF NEW SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP BUSINESS**

**Line 12** - Enter on this line the total amount realized on the sale of your first sole proprietorship business as determined on line 10. Indicate if it is a short-term or long-term gain.

If this line is zero, then there is no gain to be recognized for this taxable year. In this case, do not complete the rest of the form and include the same with the return.

If this line is larger than zero and you acquired a new sole proprietorship business, continue with the rest of the form in order to determine if any part of this realized gain will be taxed in this taxable year.



This occurs when the assets sales price of your first sole proprietorship business exceeds the purchase cost of the new sole proprietorship business.

On the other hand, if this line is more than zero and you do not have the intention of buying another business during the replacement period provided by the Code, all realized gain, as determined on line 10 of this schedule, will be recognized and taxed in this taxable year.

**Line 13** - To determine which part of the realized gain is taxable, the sales price of the first sole proprietorship business will include only the amount of any mortgage, fiduciary cession for the benefit of creditors (trust deed), or any other debt to which is subject such property in possession of the purchaser. In this case, the commissions and other selling expenses paid or incurred on the sale of the first sole proprietorship business, will not be deducted nor taken in consideration while determining the sales price.

**Line 14(b)** - The cost of the new sole proprietorship business will be its cost plus those debts to which the property is subject (including mortgages) as of the date of the purchase, and the nominal value of the taxpayer's debts that are part of the consideration for the purchase.

**Line 18** - Enter the smaller of line 12 or 17. If the result is zero or less, there will be no taxable gain for this taxable year.

If the amount is more than zero, this will be the taxable gain for this taxable year. This occurs when the total amount reinvested in the new sole proprietorship business is lower than the sales price of the first sole proprietorship business.

**Line 20** - This will be the adjusted basis of the new sole proprietorship business which you must inform in all the subsequent taxable years in which you elected the benefit of postponing the gain. The same will be informed on Schedule G Individual, Part I, line 2 of the following year of said election.

This provision has the effect of postponing the gain not recognized on the sale of the first sole proprietorship business until a sale is made of all the assets of the new sole proprietorship business.

#### **SCHEDULE H INDIVIDUAL - INCOME FROM ANNUITIES OR PENSIONS**

This Schedule must be completed if you received income from annuities or pensions exceeding \$8,000 for individuals younger than age 60, or \$11,000 for individuals age 60 or older. Schedule H Individual provides space to report the income from

only one annuity or pension. Therefore, in cases of individuals receiving more than one annuity or pension, a separate schedule should be completed for each annuity or pension. If the taxpayer receives more than one annuity or pension, the exclusion will apply for each annuity or pension separately.

If you receive income from social security, do not complete this Schedule because the same is not taxable in Puerto Rico. Otherwise, if you bought an annuity through a financial or insurance institution, do not complete this Schedule. Any income received from such annuity must be informed on Schedule F Individual, after considering the annuity's cost to be recovered.

#### **PART I - DETERMINATION OF COST TO BE RECOVERED**

**Line 1** - Enter the cost of the annuity or pension. The cost of the annuity is the amount that the taxpayer paid in order to be entitled to receive the annuity or pension. Said cost appears on Form 499R-2/W-2PR, Part 7.

#### **PART II - TAXABLE INCOME**

**Line 7** - Enter the total amount received from annuities or pensions during the year. This information appears in Form 499R-2/W-2PR, Part 12.

**Line 8** - Enter \$8,000 if you are younger than age 60, or enter \$11,000 if you are age 60 or older.

If the total amount received during the year exceeds \$8,000 or \$11,000, as applicable, only the excess over such amount will be subject to tax. As long as you are recovering the cost of the annuity or pension, you will be taxed up to 3% of such cost.

**If you claim the exempt amount of \$11,000, you must include a copy of your birth or baptism certificate. If you have previously submitted this evidence, it should not be submitted again.**

**Line 12** - Enter the amount of line 11 or 3% of the cost of the annuity, whichever is larger, but not larger than line 9, until you have recovered the total cost of your annuity or pension tax free.

If the payments received covered less than 12 months, multiply 1/12th from the 3% of the pension cost (line 1) by the number of months for which the pension was received.

Enter on line 12 of this Schedule, and in Part 2, line 21 of the return, the amount determined from the above computation, or the amount indicated on line 11 of this Schedule, whichever is larger, but not larger than the amount of line 9.

**Line 13** - Enter the income tax withheld, and transfer this amount to Part 4, line 27B of your return.

**Submit with your return the Withholding Statement (Form 499R-2/W-2PR) and this Schedule.**

## **SCHEDULE I INDIVIDUAL - ORDINARY AND NECESSARY EXPENSES**

The Code provides a deduction for certain ordinary and necessary expenses incurred to derive income as an employee. This deduction is limited to the amount paid up to \$1,500, or 3% of the adjusted gross income, whichever is smaller. The deduction claimed for ordinary and necessary expenses will be subject to a rigorous investigation. Therefore, in order to claim these expenses, you must be entitled to them, and keep the necessary evidence.

### **PART I - DETAIL OF EXPENSES**

**Line 1(A)** - Enter 100% of expenses for meals and entertainment, which are neither luxurious or extravagant, paid by you, as a result of your services as an employee.

**Line 1(B)** - Enter the amount reimbursed by your employer for meals and entertainment only.

**Line 1(C)** - Such excess constitutes income and must be included on Schedule F Individual, Part V.

**Line 1(E)** - This is the amount of meals and entertainment you will use to determine the deduction for ordinary and necessary expenses.

**Line 2(A)** - Enter the cost for the purchase and maintenance of uniforms (Do not include civilian clothes. The uniform must identify the business or organization you work for).

Enter on lines 2(B) through 2(D) the expenses incurred for dues paid to unions, college memberships, labor or professional associations, purchase by teachers of educational materials, and the purchase of technical books related to professional or technical work.

**Line 2(E)** - Enter the educational expenses paid during the taxable year to maintain or improve the skills required in your profession or occupation, to comply with the express requirements of an employer, or to comply with the legal or regulatory provisions to maintain your salary or job as an employee. If the taxpayer is a teacher or professor, the educational expenses are allowed whether or not the employer has required you to maintain or improve your skills, but only if the studies completed are usually taken by the members of your profession and result in the benefit of the school population.

**Line 2(F)** - Enter the depreciation of any property used that is related to your employment. Complete the detail of the depreciation on the reverse side (Part II) of the Schedule to determine the deduction.

Assets used in your profession or occupation must be depreciated under the straight-line method.

An automobile may be depreciated over a 3 year period if it is used only in sales activities, and over a 5 year period if it is used for other purposes. The maximum basis to determine the amount to be deducted for automobile depreciation will be \$25,000. These rules apply to automobiles leased with a purchase option. In case of ordinary leases, the total amount of rent paid will be considered as basically equivalent to current depreciation, and a deduction is allowed for that part of the rent paid related to your employment.

If the automobile is used by the taxpayer in his/her industry or business, or for the production of income as an employee, and for personal purposes, the deduction for depreciation will be reduced by the amount applicable to personal use.

**Line 2(G)** - Enter other ordinary and necessary expenses related to your profession or occupation. **Expenses incurred for traveling from your residence to your place of work, or vice versa are not deductible.**

When an employee is transferred from one location to another by request of the employer, and receives a payment for such transfer, or that of his/her family or personal belongings, the amount so paid will be deductible from the employee's gross income. If the payment represents an allowance, the expenses paid or incurred by the employee for his/her transfer can be claimed as ordinary and necessary expenses up to the limit of \$1,500 (\$750 if married filing separately) or 3% of the adjusted gross income from salaries, whichever is smaller. Otherwise, if the payment represents a reimbursement, the expense actually paid or incurred can be deducted up to the amount reimbursed by the employer. Any excess paid with respect to the expenses actually incurred, will be included in the employee's gross income for the taxable year in which said excess was received.

If the transfer is made for the exclusive benefit of the employee, any concession received will be included in the gross income and such expenses are not deductible.

The expenses reimbursed must be informed by the employer on the Withholding Statement (Form 499R-2/W-2PR, Part 13).

**Line 3** - Enter the sum of lines 1(E) and 2(K). This is the total amount to be used to determine the ordinary and necessary expenses to be deducted.

**Line 4** - Enter the salaries and wages subject to withholding from Part 2, line 1B of your return.

**Line 5** - Enter the salaries received from the Federal Government from Part 2, line 1C of your return.

**Submit this Schedule with your return.**

### **SCHEDULE J INDIVIDUAL - MEDICAL EXPENSES AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Use this Schedule to determine the deduction for medical expenses and charitable contributions that you will claim in your return. You must provide a detail of each medical expense or contribution that you made during the year.

See full details for those deductions in the instructions to complete Schedule A Individual, Part I, lines 7 and 8.

It is very important to enter the name and address of the person or organization to whom the payment was made and the amount paid. **Evidence to support your payment must be kept for your records.**

If you claimed any of these two deductions, **submit this Schedule with your return.** Transfer the amount of the allowable deduction for medical expenses from line 4 to Schedule A Individual, Part I, line 7. Transfer the amount of the deduction allowable for charitable contributions from line 10, to Schedule A Individual, Part I, line 8.

### **SCHEDULES K INDIVIDUAL, L INDIVIDUAL, M INDIVIDUAL AND N INDIVIDUAL**

Use these Schedules if you had income from:

- 1) Industry or Business = Schedule K Individual
- 2) Farming = Schedule L Individual
- 3) Professions and Commissions = Schedule M Individual
- 4) Rent = Schedule N Individual

**Said Schedules provide spaces to inform only one source of income. Therefore, if you have more than one source of income, you must complete a separate schedule for each one. You must also indicate in the provided space, if the reported income on such schedule constitutes income from your principal industry or business.**

Also, you must consolidate the gain or benefit determined in Part II of the applicable schedules corresponding to the same source of income, and

transfer the total amount to the applicable line on page 1, Part 2 of the return.

For example, in the case of a taxpayer who files a joint return, and he is a lawyer and she is a physician, they will use two Schedules M Individual to determine the income and expenses for each one of the professions, and then will transfer the sum of line 5 of said schedules to page 1, Part 2, line 2M of the return.

In the case of earning income from professions and commissions, you must use a separate Schedule M Individual for each one of these concepts and check (X) the corresponding Box. Also, you must use a Schedule M Individual for each source of income.

If the taxpayer has a supermarket and a gas station, he or she will use two Schedules K Individual to detail the income and expenses, and then will transfer the sum of line 9 of said schedules to page 1, Part 2, line 2K of the return.

If you receive income from of a sole proprietorship derived from an industry or business, agriculture, professions, rents or commissions, and your income from the sole proprietorship was \$400 or more during the year, you must file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) the return *Declaración de la Contribución Federal sobre el Trabajo por Cuenta Propia* - Form 1040PR.

Form 1040PR is used to inform the sole proprietorship income and to pay any tax due. Also, the Social Security Administration use the information included on Form 1040PR to compute the social security benefits of the persons who works as a sole proprietorship. For additional information you can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

### **PART I - QUESTIONNAIRE**

Every taxpayer engaged in a trade or business must submit the information requested in the questionnaire of Part I. You must include your employer's identification number, assigned by the **FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)**.

**If you are engaged in a trade or business** and your operations are covered by a tax exemption decree under Act No. 26 of June 2, 1978 (Industrial Incentives Act of Puerto Rico), Act No. 8 of January 24, 1987 (Puerto Rico Tax Incentives Act), or by a resolution issued under Act No. 148 of August 4, 1988 (Special Act for the Rehabilitation of Santurce), Act No. 78 of September 10, 1993 (Puerto Rico Tourism Development Act), Act No. 75 of July 5, 1995 (Special Act for the Rehabilitation of Río Piedras), Act No. 14 of March 15, 1996 (Special Act for the Development of Castañer), or Act No. 135 of December 2, 1997 (Tax Incentives Act of 1998), a Film Entity operating under Act No. 362 of December 24, 1999

(Act for the Development of the Film Industry), or a Theatrical Business operating under Act No. 178 of August 18, 2000 (Act for the Creation of the Theatrical District of Santurce), check the applicable box and indicate the case or concession number, if applicable. If you are not covered by a decree or resolution, you must check the box "Fully Taxable".

**If you are engaged in a farming business**, the Code establishes a special deduction of 90% of the net income from an agricultural business of a bona fide farmer who has a valid or a current certification issued by the Secretary of Agriculture of Puerto Rico. To be eligible for this deduction, you must derive at least 50% of your gross income from farming activities as an operator, owner or lessee, and submit copy of the current certification issued by the Secretary of Agriculture. That deduction will be entered in Part II, line 10 of Schedule L Individual. If you are eligible, you must check the applicable box.

However, if you elected to receive the tax benefits granted by the Agricultural Tax Incentives Act of Puerto Rico (Act No. 225 of 1995), as amended, you will have a 90% tax exemption as long as you have derived at least 50% of the gross income from agricultural activities, and submit a copy of the current bona fide farmer certificate issued by the Secretary of Agriculture. In order that this exemption be recognized, you must check the applicable box. **It is important to indicate that you cannot claim both benefits at the same time.**

**The Film Entity income** derived directly from a Film Project or Infrastructure Project will be subject to a fixed tax rate of 7%, instead of any other tax imposed by Law. **For more details refer to Act No. 362 of December 24, 1999.**

## PART II - DETERMINATION OF GAIN OR LOSS

If you received income from industry or business, agriculture, professions and commissions or rents, use Parts II and III to provide the information related to those activities.

On Schedule K Individual, Part II, line 6, Schedule L Individual, Part II, line 8, and Schedules M Individual and N Individual, Part II, line 4, you must include the carryover **Net Operating Losses from Previous Years**. On this line you may include the net loss from previous years operations carryover of your principal activity from which the income was obtained. If there is a balance from the loss of the activity which is your principal source of income, said balance will be transferred to Part 2, lines 2K through 2N of the return, as applicable. You may reduce any income from other sources, **except from salaries or pensions**. The balance from business losses which are not your principal source of income will be carried over to future years and may be deducted only against

the income derived from the same activity that produced the loss.

See full details for the **treatment of losses** of industry or business on the **INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE LONG FORM RETURN: Part 2, line 2 - Other Income (or Losses)**.

## Schedule K Individual

If during the taxable year you were engaged in the **operation of an activity that qualifies as a theatrical business**, as provided by Act No. 178 of August 18, 2000, you must file this Schedule. However, if you derived income from the sale of admission tickets for artistic or cultural shows, as well as other sources, you must file two Schedules K Individual. That is because half (50%) of the income derived from the sale of admission tickets is exempt from the payment of income tax. On one Schedule K Individual you must inform the partially exempt income, and on the other the fully taxable income.

It is important to point out that **expenses related with the theatrical business operation** should be assigned in the proportion that such expenses bear with each source of income. Make sure to indicate in Part I of this Schedule, Act No. 178 of 2000.

**Line 9** - If you derived income from the conduct of a Film Project or Infrastructure Project that comply with the requirements provided by Act No. 362 of 1999, or if you received income derived from a business with a tax exemption decree under the provisions of Act No. 135 of 1997, **you will not transfer the income determined on this line to Part II, line 2K of the return.**

**You must be sure to check in Part I of this Schedule Act No. 362 of 1999 or Act No. 135 of 1997.**

**Line 10** - If you derived income from activities covered by Act No. 362 of 1999, multiply line 9 by 7% and enter the result on this line. Transfer this amount to page 2, Part 4, line 22 of the return.

On the other hand, if the income is derived from activities covered by an exemption decree under Act No. 135 of 1997, multiply line 9 by the special tax rate granted in the decree (10%, 7%, 4%, 2% or other). For this cases it is necessary to indicate the number of the case or decree that grants you the special rate.

## Schedule N Individual

**Line 7** - If you derived income from the operation of a business covered by a tax exemption decree under Act No. 135 of 1997, **you can not transfer the income determined on this line to Part II, line 2N of the return.**



**To claim this special tax rate, you must make sure to check in Part I of this Schedule, Act 135 of 1997.**

**Line 8** - If you derived income from activities covered by a tax exemption decree under Act No. 135 of 1997, multiply line 7 by the tax rate granted in the decree (10%, 7%, 4%, 2% or other). You must indicate the number of the case or decree that grants you the special rate. Transfer this amount to page 2, Part 4, line 22 of the return.

### **PART III - OPERATING EXPENSES AND OTHER COSTS**

It is allowed a reasonable deduction for those ordinary and necessary expenses incurred for the production of income related to your business.

**The salaries deduction** will be verified by an electronic system in order to determine if the amounts claimed agree with the Withholding Statements and the forms that must be filed by the employers.

The Code allows a **deduction for contributions to pension plans or other qualified plans**. To claim the deduction for contributions made to any of said plans, it will be necessary to preserve in your records the information required by the Regulations under the Code.

The contributions made to a qualified plan for the benefit of an individual, commonly known as "*Keogh Plans*", cannot exceed 25% (15% if a profit sharing plan) of your earned income without considering said deduction. Because this deduction and the amount of net profits from sole proprietorship income depend on each other, it is required to adjust the amount of said net profits. This adjustment can be determined indirectly through the reduction in the percentage of contributions made, attributable to said individual. The contribution's adjusted percentage and the deduction for contributions can be determined as follows:

(A) Percentage of contributions according to the plan	%
(B) Percentage in (A), reflected in decimal, plus 1	1. _
(C) Adjusted percentage (divide (A) by (B))	%
(D) Net gains (without adjustment)	\$
(E) Maximum deduction (multiply (D) by (C))	\$

Up to 50% of the total amount for **meals and entertainment expenses** incurred or paid during the year may be deducted. **However, said deduction cannot exceed 25% of the gross income.**

The Code provides a **\$400 deduction for employers from private industries for each severely disabled person** that is employed for at least 20 hours per week for nine months during the taxable year. This deduction will be allowed for up to five severely disabled persons employed. The regulations

in force applicable to the Vocational Rehabilitation Program of the Department of the Family, will be used for the definition of the term "severely disabled person".

**To claim this deduction, you must submit with your return:**

- 1) a certification indicating that the person for which the deduction is claimed, has been an employee for at least nine months of the taxable year in which the deduction is claimed, and
- 2) a certification issued by the Secretary of the Department of the Family, indicating that the individual for which the deduction is claimed is a severely disabled person, in accordance to the regulations and procedures of said Department.

The contributions made by an employer to an Educational Contribution Account, for a beneficiary designated by an employee, are deductible as part of the operating expenses of the industry or business, as long as the requirements established by law are met.

Every employer may claim annually as an operating expense of the industry or business, an amount equal to a month of salary for each employee to which you have granted the right to lactate their babies or extract their maternal milk during 30 minutes or two periods of 15 minutes daily.

Those expense items for which there are no specific spaces provided in Part III, will be added and entered as **Other Expenses**. **Submit with your return a schedule detailing such expenses.**

**Submit with your return the Schedules that you have used.**

### **SCHEDULE O INDIVIDUAL - ALTERNATE BASIC TAX**

If you have an adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or more (\$37,500 if married filing separately), you must complete this Schedule.

An alternate basic tax will be imposed and determined in accordance to the following table, when the same is larger than the regular tax:

<b>Adjusted Gross Income:</b>	<b>Tax rate:</b>
From \$75,000 to \$125,000	10%
Over \$125,000, but not over \$175,000	15%
Over \$175,000	20%

If you file separate returns, the indicated adjusted



gross income levels will be reduced to 50% for purposes of the alternate basic tax.

### **SCHEDULE P INDIVIDUAL - GRADUAL ADJUSTMENT**

In the case of taxpayers whose net taxable income is over \$75,000 (\$37,500 if married filing separately), the Code provides for a gradual adjustment to the lower tax rates applicable to income under \$75,000 (\$37,500 if married filing separately) and the gradual elimination of personal exemption and exemption for dependents. If the net taxable income in Part 3, line 14 of the return is more than \$75,000 (\$37,500 if married filing separately), it will be subject to this adjustment.

### **SCHEDULE R - SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP**

Part I of Schedule R is used every year to determine the taxpayer's basis in each special partnership. Part II of this schedule is used in those taxable years in which the taxpayer claims his/her distributable share on the special partnership's losses in the current year, as well as those losses carried over from previous years. Part II provides for the reduction of the carryover losses by the distributable share on income and profits attributable to the partner during the year.

You must complete this Schedule annually irrespective the Special Partnership has derived gains or losses.

### **PART I - ADJUSTED BASIS DETERMINATION OF A PARTNER IN ONE OR MORE SPECIAL PARTNERSHIPS**

**Line 1** - Enter the amount from Part I, line 4 of previous year's Schedule R.

The basis of a partner's share from a Special Partnership will be the amount of cash, or the adjusted basis of any property that is not considered cash, contributed to said partnership.

This basis will be adjusted by the following entries or transactions made during the current taxable year and others included in previous year's income tax return.

#### **Line 2 - Basis increase**

- (a) Enter the partner's distributable share on previous year's income and profits.

For example, in the case of a taxpayer with a calendar taxable year, enter the total distributable share on the special partnership's income or profit included in the income tax return filed on April 15 of previous year (or later if you requested an extension of time to file your

return). This amount must be the same as the one shown on line 7, Part II of Schedule R included in previous year's income tax return.

- (b) through (d) These entries are from the current taxable year.
- (e) Enter the proportion of income or gain attributable to your share on the income from agriculture earned by the special partnership, which is tax exempt under Section 1023(s) of the Code.
- (f) Enter other income or gains like for example, the distributable share on the dividends and interest received by the special partnership.

#### **Line 3 - Basis decrease**

- (a) Enter the distributable share on the loss attributable to the partner in previous year. For example, in the case of a taxpayer with a calendar taxable year, enter the total distributable share on the special partnership's loss included in the income tax return filed on April 15 of previous year (or later if you requested an extension of time to file your return). To determine the total loss claimed in previous year's return, add lines 5(c), 8 and 13 of Part II from Schedule R included in previous year's return. In order to add lines 5(c), 8 and 13 use the parenthesis for line 8, if the excess is a loss. For example, if line 5(c) is \$12,000, line 8 (\$2,000) and line 13 \$1,000, the result will be \$11,000 (\$12,000 + (\$2,000) + \$1,000).
- (b) The distributable share on special partnership's capital assets loss.
- (c) Distributions made to the partner by the Special Partnership, whether in cash or in property, including tax exempt income.
- (d) The amount taken as credit against the income tax on previous taxable year for investments made in special partnerships engaged in the production of feature films or under the Tourism Development Act of Puerto Rico of 1993, the Capital Investment Fund Act of Puerto Rico, the Agricultural Tax Incentives Act of Puerto Rico, as amended, or any other credit admitted by law to the partners related to the Special Partnership's activities.
- (e) The amount taken as credit against the income tax for withholding of tax at source from the distributable share made to a resident partner (33%) or to a nonresident alien partner (29%).
- (f) Any expense from the Special Partnership not allowed as a deduction while determining your net income and that is not capitalized.

- (g) The distributable share on net losses from tax exempt operations under the Tourism Incentives Act of 1983 and the Tourism Development Act of 1993.

**Line 4** - If the amount on this line is less than zero, enter zero.

## **PART II - DETERMINATION OF PARTNER'S ALLOWABLE LOSSES IN ONE OR MORE SPECIAL PARTNERSHIPS**

If the Special Partnership derived losses, the partner may take such losses as a deduction from salaries, pension or any other income. Said loss will be limited to the adjusted basis of the partner's share in the partnership at the end of the taxable year in which the loss of the partnership occurred, or up to 50% of the taxpayer's net taxable income determined without considering said loss, whichever is smaller.

The adjusted basis limitation will be determined for each one of the Special Partnerships in which the partner invests.

If the deduction allowed to the partner for any taxable year is smaller than his/her distributable share in the partnership's net loss, the partner may claim said excess as a deduction in any subsequent taxable year, subject to the smaller of the previously mentioned limitations.

**Line 5(a)** - Enter the amount distributed from the partner's loss in accordance to his/her share percentage in the Special Partnership. This amount is informed to the partner on Form 480.6 SE.

**Line 5(b)** - Enter the carryover losses which were not claimed in previous years due to the limitation. This amount must be the same as the one shown on line 14, Part II of Schedule R included in previous year's income tax return.

If a partner possesses shares in losses from more than one Special Partnership, the balance subject to the loss carryover, as determined on the previous taxable year, will be proportionally attributed to the loss of each one of the partnerships. Said attribution will be done by using as factor the adjusted basis of the partner's share in each one of the partnerships at the end of the previous taxable year.

**Line 6** - Enter on this line the amount determined in Part I, line 4. If the special partnership has an exemption decree under the Tourism Incentives Act of Puerto Rico or the Tourism Development Act of Puerto Rico, you may use the debts of the Special Partnership in proportion to your share, to increase your adjusted basis, only to claim losses of the Special Partnership from this activity.

**Line 7** - Enter the partner's distributable share on the income and profits derived from the Special Partnership during the year. This amount is reflected on Form 480.6 SE.

**Line 8** - If the amount on this line is a loss, use the parenthesis.

**Line 9** - Enter the smaller of the amounts on lines 6(c) and 8. This will be the maximum amount to which the partner is entitled to take as a deduction for losses during this taxable year.

**Line 10** - Enter the result of the computation from line 9. In cases in which the partner has losses in more than one partnership, enter the result of the sum of line 9, Columns A through C. This is the total amount of losses to claim for this taxable year.

**Line 11** - Subtract from the Adjusted Gross Income (without considering the losses from Special Partnerships), the standard or itemized deduction and the additional deductions. This will be the net income subject to the computation of line 12.

**Line 12** - Enter 50% of line 11. This limitation determines which amount you will claim on this year's return from the total loss on line 10.

**Line 13** - Enter the smaller of line 10 or 12. This is the amount that you may deduct in your return this year.

### **SCHEDULE CH INDIVIDUAL - RELEASE OF CLAIM TO EXEMPTION FOR CHILD (CHILDREN) OF DIVORCED OR SEPARATED PARENTS**

In the case of minor children from divorced or separated parents, the exemption for dependents will be claimed by the parent with the right to custody. However, a minor child will be considered to have received more than half of his/her support during a calendar year from the parent who does not have the right to custody if:

- 1) the parent with the right to custody signs a Schedule CH Individual, establishing that he/she will not claim said child as a dependent for any taxable year commencing within said calendar year, and
- 2) the parent who does not have the right to custody submits said Schedule with the return for the taxable year commencing within said calendar year.

You may agree to release your claim to the child's exemption for the current taxable year or for future years, or both.

- ☞ Complete **Part I** only if you agree to release your claim to the child's exemption for this taxable year.
- ☞ Complete **Part II** only if you agree to release your claim to the child's exemption for any or all future years. If you do, write the specific future years or "all future years" in the space provided.

**If the custodial parent completed Part II, you must submit a copy of this Schedule with your return for each future year in which you claim the exemption.**

## FORM 480 - E - ESTIMATED TAX DECLARATION

### WHO MUST FILE THE ESTIMATED TAX DECLARATION?

Every person:

- ☞ single or married not living with his or her spouse, whose gross income from sources not subject to withholding exceeds 50% of his/her total estimated gross income from all sources, or \$5,000; or
- ☞ married living with his or her spouse whose combined gross income from sources not subject to withholding exceeds 50% of his/her total estimated gross income from all sources, or \$10,000.

**However, if the total amount of tax is \$200 or less, you are not required to file an estimated tax declaration.**

If you only derive income from the following sources, you are not required to file an estimated tax declaration:

- ☞ wages from an agricultural business not subject to withholding;
- ☞ dividend distributions, partnership's profits and interest subject to withholding;
- ☞ compensation received for services rendered to the Government of the United States subject to withholding of tax at source, for purposes of the Government of the United States;
- ☞ lump-sum distributions from qualified pension plans over which the corresponding withholding of tax at source was made.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO PREPARE THE ESTIMATED TAX DECLARATION FOR INDIVIDUALS

The Estimated Tax Declaration (Form 480-E) must be filed not later than the 15th day of the fourth

month of the taxable year, except when the requirements to file are met for the first time:

- 1) after the last day of the third month and prior to the first day of the sixth month of the taxable year, the filing date will be not later than the 15th day of the sixth month of the taxable year; or
- 2) after the last day of the fifth month and prior to the first day of the ninth month of the taxable year, the filing date will be not later than the 15th day of the ninth month of the taxable year; or
- 3) after the last day of the eighth month of the taxable year, the filing date will be not later than the 15th day of the first month of the following taxable year.

The Declaration may be filed in the Internal Revenue Collections Office of the Municipality where the taxpayer resides or may be sent to:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
RETURNS PROCESSING BUREAU  
PO BOX 9022501  
SAN JUAN PR 00902-2501**

Every taxpayer required to file the Declaration, must enter his/her name, address and social security number, and check the applicable box to indicate if the same is original or amended. Also, you must specify the taxable year to which the payments of estimated tax will be applied, as well as the type of taxpayer.

**Line 1** - Determine the estimated tax to be paid for the indicated taxable year. This amount cannot be less than the smaller of the following amounts:

- ☞ 90% of the tax to be paid at the end of the taxable year, or
- ☞ 100% of the tax paid in the previous taxable year.

**Line 2** - Enter as estimated credit the amounts withheld for services rendered, salaries and interest, distributable share of income from partnerships, special partnerships and Subchapter N corporations of individuals, payments for indemnification received from judicial or extrajudicial procedures, contributions to the Educational Foundation for Free Selection of Schools and the tax withheld under the Tax Incentives Act of Puerto Rico of 1987 and the Tourism Development Act of Puerto Rico of 1993. If you are filling out an Amended Estimated Tax Declaration, also enter on this line the total amount of the installments paid, if any, before said amendment.

**Line 4** - Enter as credit the tax paid in excess on the income tax return of the previous year, to be

applied as payment of estimated tax. If you choose to claim this credit against one of the determined installments, enter zero and go to line 5.

**Line 6** - Divide the result from line 5, by the number of remaining installments.

**Line 7** - Enter here the tax paid in excess applied as payment of estimated tax in the income tax return of the previous year, that you will claim against the amount of any installment. If you already considered this credit on line 4, you cannot consider it again.

## PAYMENT OF TAX

If the Declaration is filed not later than the 15th day of the fourth month of the taxable year, the estimated tax will be paid in four equal installments:

1st installment: 15th day of the fourth month

2nd installment: 15th day of the sixth month

3rd installment: 15th day of the ninth month

4th installment: 15th day of the first month  
of the following taxable year.

If you file the Declaration after the 15th day of the fourth month and prior to the 15th day of the sixth month of the taxable year, the estimated tax will be paid in three equal installments:

1st installment: 15th day of the sixth month

2nd installment: 15th day of the ninth month

3rd installment: 15th day of the first month of  
the following taxable year.

If you file after the 15th day of the sixth month, and prior to the 15th day of the ninth month of the taxable year, the installments will be paid in two equal installments:

1st installment: 15th day of the ninth month

2nd installment: 15th day of the first month of  
the following taxable year.

If you file after the 15th day of the ninth month, the estimated tax will be paid in its entirety on the 15th day of the first month of the following taxable year.

The estimated tax installments will be paid along with a payment coupon (Forms 480.E-1 or 480.E-2). The taxpayers who filed a Declaration in the previous year, will receive a booklet containing 4 coupons (Forms 480.E-2) with their name, address and social security or employer's identification number. The taxpayers who have not received the

coupons booklet, must visit the Errors Corrections and Manual Coupons Estimated and Employer Section (Office 401) of the Department of the Treasury in Old San Juan, where the payment coupons (Forms 480.E-1) will be prepared. To contact this Office, please call (787)722-1499 or (787)721-2020, extensions 2446 and 2456.

The estimated tax payments will be made in the participating banks (if you have the pre-printed coupon), the Internal Revenue Collections Offices or in the Returns Processing Bureau at the address previously indicated.

Payments with checks in the participating banks must be made payable to the order of such banks. Payments with managers checks, checks or money orders at the Internal Revenue Collections Offices will be made payable to the Secretary of the Treasury.

## EXTENSION OF TIME

If for any justified reason, a taxpayer is not able to file the Declaration or pay the tax as indicated, he/she may request to the Secretary an extension of time to file said Declaration. The extension of time will be requested on Form SC 2650. No extension of time will be granted for a period larger than 3 months, except in cases of taxpayers who are outside of Puerto Rico.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE ESTIMATED TAX DECLARATION

If after filing the Declaration it is determined that the estimated tax will be substantially increased or reduced as a result of a change in income, personal exemption, exemption for dependents or for any other reason, an Amended Declaration must be filed. The Amended Declaration must be identified on the applicable box. The increase or reduction in the estimated tax must be proportionally distributed among the remaining installments. Any Amended Declaration filed after the 15th day of the ninth month following the beginning of the taxable year as a result of an increase on the tax previously estimated, must include the total amount of said increase. The Amended Declaration in this case will be unnecessary if on the date in which you are required to file said Declaration, the final income tax return had been filed and the income tax balance was paid.

## FARMERS

If 2/3 or more of an individual estimated gross income was derived from agricultural activities, the Declaration may be filed not later than January 15 of the following year, if the income tax return is filed on a calendar year basis, or not later than the 15th day of the month in which the following taxable year begins, if the income tax return is filed on a fiscal

year basis. In that case, the tax must be paid in its entirety when filing the Declaration.

Farmers who file the income tax return not later than January 31 of the following year (if you file on a calendar basis), or not later than the last day of the month in which the following taxable year begins (if you file on a fiscal year basis) and pay in its entirety the total amount determined on the income tax return, are not required to file the Declaration.

## **PENALTIES**

The Code establishes penalties for not filing the Declaration and for not paying the estimated tax installments. Also, a penalty is imposed for determining a substantially lower amount of estimated tax.





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DO NOT FORGET TO WRITE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN THE CORRESPONDING BOX IN THE RETURN AND SCHEDULES. THIS NUMBER IS NECESSARY TO PROCESS YOUR RETURN.

IMPORTANT:

TAKE OFF AND USE THIS LABEL IN YOUR RETURN IF THE DATA IS CORRECT. IF THERE IS ANY INCORRECT INFORMATION IN THE LABEL, DISREGARD AND WRITE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION CORRECTLY IN YOUR TAX RETURN AND ON MODEL SC 2898.