

## Individual Income Tax for International Students

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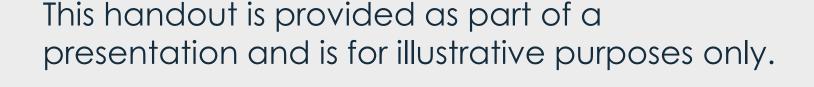
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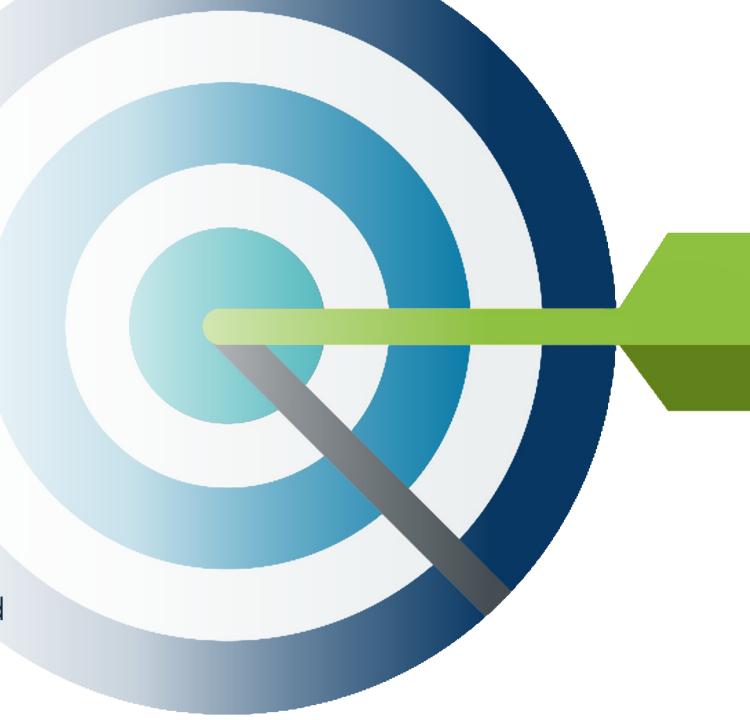
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### Presentation Purpose

- distinguish federal from state taxes and income tax components
- explain Michigan filing requirements and identify who must file a Michigan income tax return
- provide filing instructions and guidance



# Distinguishing Taxes

#### Federal vs. State Taxes

#### ► Federal Taxes

- due to the Internal Revenue Service; authority = Internal Revenue Code
- based on income
- taxpayer can be individuals, businesses, or other legal entities
- no federal sales and/or use tax

#### State Taxes

- due to a state's revenue department; Michigan = Department of Treasury
- Michigan authority = Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL)
- can be based on income, business activity, property ownership, or government services
- taxpayer can be individuals, businesses, or other legal entities

#### Individual Income Tax vs. Business Taxes

#### Individual Income Tax

- all forms of earnings make up your personal annual taxable income
- e.g.: employment earnings, business income, capital gains
- individuals responsible for tax

#### Business Taxes

- primarily based on business activity, business status, or business income
- business entity responsible for tax
- owners, officers, partners, etc. can be held personally liable
- tax liability cannot be contracted away to service providers

#### Individual Tax Requirements

- ► **Federal** tax laws, rules, forms, etc. are separate and distinct from each state's tax laws, rules and forms.
- ▶ **State** tax returns are built from federal tax return information.
- Complete the federal tax return before the applicable state tax return.

## Tax Year 2024 Filing Requirements

#### Do you need to file a 2024 Michigan Return?

#### YES

- ▶ if you filed the federal U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return (1040-NR) and you have taxable income in Michigan
- ▶ if federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) is greater than your Michigan personal exemption allowance (\$5,600 for TY2024)

#### NO

- ▶ if AGI is less than your exemption allowance
- except to claim a refund of taxes withheld

#### Nonresident

If you are considered a nonresident alien for federal tax purposes,

you are considered a nonresident for Michigan tax purposes.

#### domicile

- permanent and principal home to which a person always intends to return, even if they are temporarily located elsewhere
- a person has only 1 domicile at a time
- if your domicile is not in Michigan, you are a nonresident of Michigan

#### credits nonresidents are NOT eligible for:

- Homestead Property Tax Credit (MI-1040CR)
- Home Heating Credit (MI-1040CR-7)

## Tax Year 2024 Filing Guidance

#### Before You Begin...

- gather these federal documents:\*
  - completed federal 1040-NR
  - 1042-S(s) (if applicable)
  - W-2(s)
  - 1099(s) (NEC, MISC, Interest, etc.)
  - \* this is not an exhaustive list

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#### Michigan Forms to File

- MI-1040 Michigan Individual Income Tax Return
  - all Michigan individual income tax returns require this form
- ► Schedule NR Nonresident Schedule
- ▶ **Schedule 1** Additions & Subtractions
- Schedule W Withholding Tax Schedule

\*if your situation is different, you may need to file additional forms

#### 2024 Tax Year Reminders

**Tax Rate 4.25**%

Personal Exemption Amount \$5,600

2024 MI-1040 due April 15, 2025

Statute of Limitations 4 years

you have 4 years from the return due date to claim a refund

## Michigan Personal Exemption Allowance

- Michigan tax law maintains personal exemptions that are suspended at the federal level
- prorated for a nonresident using: Michigan Source Income/Total Income
- calculated on the Michigan Schedule NR

### Tax Return Starting Point

Michigan tax return begins with AGI reported on your federal tax return

- line 11 of Federal 1040-NR equals line 10 of MI-1040
- any applicable treaty benefits should already be reflected in line 11 of the Federal 1040-NR

#### Michigan Schedules

#### Schedule NR

- complete this form if you filed as a nonresident alien for federal tax purposes
- allocates income between Michigan and other states (if necessary)
- prorates exemption allowance

#### Schedule 1

- subtracts wages earned in other states
- adds or subtracts income from AGI to determine Michigan taxable income
- nonresidents can subtract scholarships and/or fellowships, if included in federal AGI

#### Schedule W

- the information to complete this form is typically on your W-2 or 1099 form
- reports State of Michigan income tax withholding information
- do not mail W-2 or 1099 forms with Michigan tax returns

#### Nonresident Income Subject to Tax

- wages, salaries, commissions and other personal service income performed in Michigan
- business income in Michigan
- proceeds from the Michigan Lottery
- Michigan casino & horse race winnings

#### Michigan Income

#### Tax Exempt Income for Nonresidents

- scholarship used for tuition, fees, books& supplies
- scholarship used for room & board
  - taxable by the IRS unless the income is exempt by treaty

#### Taxable Income unless exempt by Treaty

- money received for teaching or research
- money received as compensation during study and training

Common Federal Form 1042-S (Code 16) Common Federal Form 1042-S (Code 19 and Code 20)

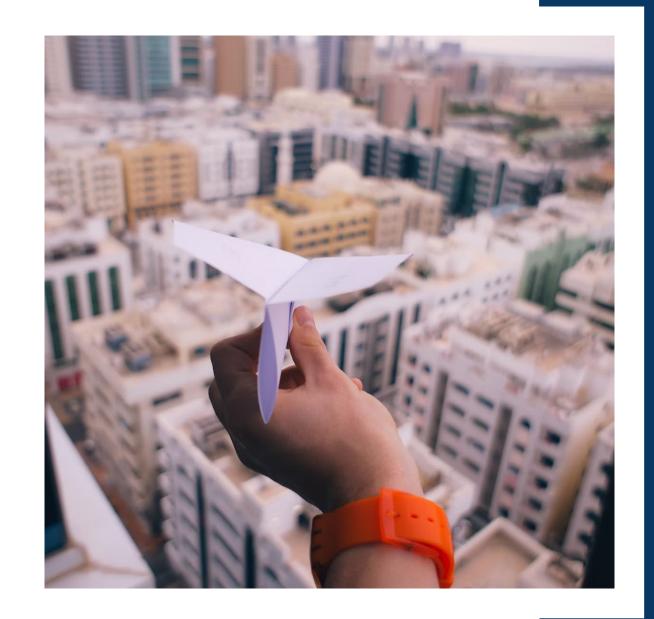
#### MI Filing Methods

#### ► Electronic Filing

If you file a federal 1040-NR, you can e-file both federal and Michigan tax returns.

#### Paper Filing

- Michigan Individual Income Tax Instruction Booklet:
  - tax year specific
  - how to complete and assemble
  - available (as well as tax forms)
     at: michigan.gov/taxes/iit-forms



#### **Mailing Returns**

- ▶ for refund, credit, or zero-dollar tax returns, mail tax returns to:
  - Michigan Department of Treasury Lansing, MI 48956
- if you owe tax, mail tax returns to:
  - Michigan Department of Treasury Lansing, MI 48929

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Frequently Asked Questions Part 1

- ▶ If I am a resident for federal tax purposes, am I also considered a Michigan resident for state tax purposes?
  - Only if Michigan is your permanent home and you intend to return to Michigan each time you are absent; see MI-1040 instructions for details.
- Are Michigan nonresidents required to file a Michigan tax return if they only have scholarship income?
  - Although Michigan does not tax scholarship income, Treasury recommends filing a tax return in order to avoid unnecessary inquiries from the state.

## Frequently Asked Questions Part 2

- Is there a filing requirement if all income is from another state and AGI is more than your exemption allowance?
  - You are not required to file a Michigan income tax return. For a nonresident, you would consider only Michigan items included in federal adjusted gross income to determine if filing a Michigan tax return is required. Someone who filed a federal tax return using a Michigan address and did not file a Michigan tax return may receive correspondence from Michigan inquiring why a Michigan tax return was not filed. For this reason, it may be beneficial to file a Michigan tax return to demonstrate that no tax is due.
- Nonresident aliens must file Form 8843 federally even if they did not receive U.S. source income during the year. Does Michigan have a similar requirement?
  - No.

## Frequently Asked Questions Part 3

- Is there a contact number for international students and scholars to call for more information?
  - Use the IIT Customer Contact number:
     517-636-4486.
  - Representatives will not give step-by-step instructions on how to fill out your specific tax return.
- ► More frequently asked question and answers provided to you in the handout MI Tax FAQs.

Return Example
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#### **eServices**

#### **Individual Income Tax**

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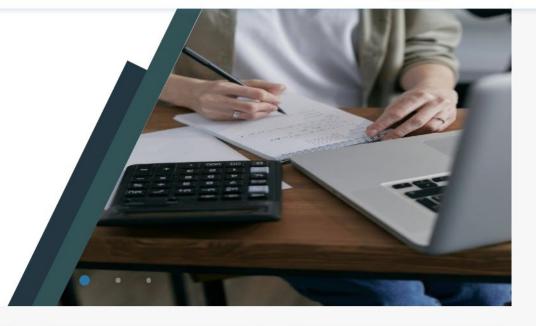
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#### **Guest Services**

Where's My Refund?

Change My Address

View My Estimated Tax Payments

Estimated Tax Penalty and Interest Calculator

View more...



#### **Account Services**

Sign in or Create a New Account to have access to all guest services plus view and respond to correspondence.



#### Inquiries

You can ask questions, review answers, request copies of letters, and more...

Individual Income Tax eService

#### etreas.michigan.gov/iit

#### Individual Income Tax eService – Overview

**PURPOSE:** 

**Questions & Correspondence** 

USER:

**Taxpayer** 

**TAX TYPE:** 

Individual

TREASURY AREA:
Customer Contact

FORM 151 SUBMISSION

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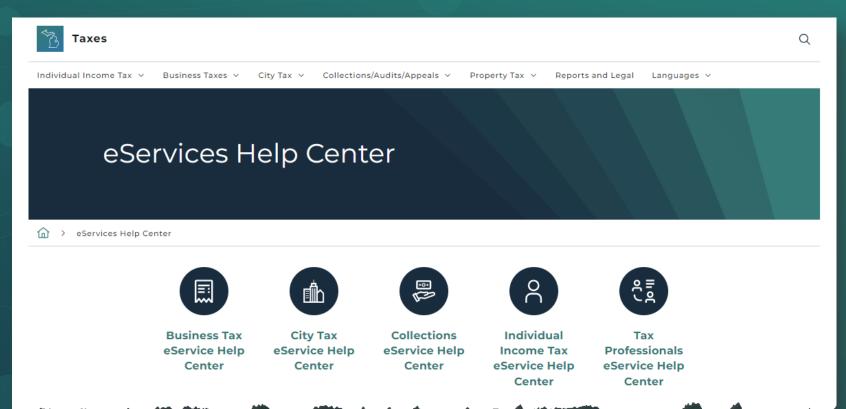
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#### Individual Income Tax eService Overview

- specific to individual income tax (IIT)
- used by the taxpayer to:
  - check refund status
  - inquire about their tax account
  - ask Treasury general questions

- change their address
- view their estimated tax payments
- calculate penalty and interest
- ▶ if the taxpayer creates eService log in credentials, they can view correspondence sent by Treasury and respond electronically
- ▶ able to retrieve and review answers to their questions
- ▶ all inquiries routed to Treasury's Customer Contact division for handling





michigan.gov/taxes/helpcenter



website:
michigan.gov/treasuryoutreach

email:
<u>TreasuryOutreach@michigan.gov</u>

## Treasury Outreach

#### **Contact Treasury**

Business Taxes	517-636-6925
i.e. Registration, SUW taxes, $\mathcal N$ MBT, and FTE tax	MRE tax, CIT,
Business Tax Technical	517-636-4230
Collection Services Bureau	517-636-5265
Detroit City Taxes	517-636-5829
Essential Services Assessment	517-241-0310
Individual Income Tax	517-636-4486
International Fuel Tax Agreement	517-636-4580
Miscellaneous Taxes	517-636-0515
i.e. 911 Fee, Airport Parking, E Convention Facilities Tax, HIC Tax, IPAA, Severance Tax, an	CA, HMO Use

Motor Carrier Tax	517-636-4580
Motor Fuel	517-636-4600
Property Tax	517-335-3429
Tax Professionals Helpline	517-636-0616
Taxpayer Advocate	517-636-4759
Tobacco & Cigarette Taxes	517-636-4630
Tribal	517-241-2185
Unclaimed Property Claims	517-636-5320
Unclaimed Property Holders	517-636-6940

View more Treasury contact information at

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