

FYI – For Your Information

Alternative Minimum Tax

Individuals, estates and trusts may be subject to the Colorado Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). There is no Colorado AMT for corporations. The Colorado AMT is the amount by which 3.47 percent of the Colorado alternative minimum taxable income exceeds the normal tax. It is due in addition to your regular Colorado income tax. [§39-22-105, C.R.S.]. Taxpayers owing Colorado Alternative Minimum Tax must file a 104 AMT form, “Colorado Alternative Minimum Tax Computation Schedule,” along with the Colorado 104 tax return form.

DO YOU OWE COLORADO ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX?

If you owe federal alternative minimum tax, you **may** owe Colorado alternative minimum tax. Only rarely will a Colorado taxpayer owe Colorado AMT without owing a federal AMT. If your **tentative** Colorado alternative minimum tax exceeds your normal Colorado income tax, the excess is your Colorado AMT.

Use the following computation to determine if you owe Colorado alternative minimum tax:

	Federal alternative minimum taxable income
PLUS (+)	Any additions to income required to be made for regular income tax purposes such as non-Colorado state and local bond interest not already included in federal alternative minimum taxable income
MINUS (–)	Federal alternative minimum tax exemption
MINUS (–)	Any subtractions from income allowed for normal income tax purposes such as federal bond interest or pension subtractions but not including any amount subtracted in arriving at federal alternative minimum taxable income
MINUS (–)	Any Colorado or local bond interest included in federal alternative minimum taxable income
EQUALS (=)	Colorado alternative minimum taxable income

Your Colorado alternative minimum taxable income multiplied by 3.47 percent equals your **tentative** Colorado AMT. If the final figure in this computation is **less** than your normal Colorado income tax, you do not owe a Colorado AMT. If the final figure is **more** than your normal Colorado income tax, the difference is the Colorado Alternative Minimum Tax you owe.



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COLORADO AMT FOR PART-YEAR RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS

Part-year residents and nonresidents must compute a tentative Colorado AMT as though they were full-year residents. The full-year tax amount is then apportioned in the ratio of the Modified Federal Alternative Minimum Taxable Income (MFAMTI) reportable to Colorado over the total MFAMTI. [§39-22-105 (4), C.R.S.]. For part-year residents, the MFAMTI reportable to Colorado is the MFAMTI earned during the part of the year the taxpayer was a resident of Colorado **plus** the Colorado-source MFAMTI, if any, earned while the taxpayer was a nonresident. For nonresidents, the Colorado AMT is the ratio of MFAMTI earned in Colorado to total MFAMTI. Please consult the AMT instructions for part-year residents and nonresidents on the back of the 104 AMT form.

CREDIT FOR PRIOR YEAR AMT

Taxpayers may claim a credit of 12 percent of the federal prior year minimum tax credit actually claimed on their current year federal income tax return (Line 25, 2007 Federal Form 8801). The credit is limited to the tax due (Colorado normal tax plus AMT). Any excess credit cannot be carried over to another tax year. [§39-22-105(3), C.R.S.].

Part-year residents and nonresidents must apportion the credit in the ratio of the prior-year Colorado-source MFAMTI to the prior year's total MFAMTI. For example, if a nonresident's 2005 MFAMTI was 30 percent Colorado source, the 2006 credit would be 30 percent of 12 percent of the 2006 federal minimum tax credit.

COLORADO ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENTS

Any estimated tax computation must take into account the AMT liabilities that will be incurred in the next year or have been incurred in the prior year.

FURTHER INFORMATION

FYIs, commonly used forms and additional tax information are available on the Web at www.taxcolorado.com

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