

2020 IA 1120F Iowa Franchise Instructions

Who Must File

Entities doing business in Iowa as financial institutions must file an IA 1120F Franchise Return for Financial Institutions. Financial institutions include state banks chartered in or out of Iowa, national banks, national association banks, federal savings banks, production credit associations, federally chartered savings and loan associations, trust companies, financial institutions chartered by the federal Home Loan Bank Board, savings and loan associations incorporated in another state, and any financial institution controlled by the Resolution Trust Corporation.

Tax Period End

Iowa considers every period end to be the last day of the month. If your period end is not the last day of the month, you must use the month end closest to the end of your accounting period.

When to File

Franchise tax returns must be filed no later than the last day of the fourth month following the close of the financial institution's taxable year or 45 days after the due date of the federal tax return, excluding extensions of time to file, whichever is the latest. In order to claim a refund or credit due to overpayment of tax, an amended return must be filed within three years of the due date of the original return or within one year of the date the overpayment of tax was made. For 2020 calendar year filers, the return is due April 30th, 2021.

Where to File

Mail your return to:
Franchise Tax Processing
Iowa Department of Revenue
PO Box 10413
Des Moines IA 50306-0413

Additional Time to File

If 90% or more of the correct amount of tax due is paid by the due date of the return, then no late penalty will be assessed provided that the return is filed within six months of the due date. Any tax elections made on the return will be considered timely if the return is filed no later than six months from the due date. If an additional payment is necessary in order to meet the 90% requirement, you must pay using the **IA 1120F V Iowa Franchise Tax Payment Voucher, form 43-009**.

Amended Returns

If you are submitting an amended return, check the appropriate box to indicate whether this is an amended pay or amended no pay return. When filing an amended return, you must also complete

and submit the IA 102 Amended Return Schedule with the amended return.

Federal Conformity

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, Iowa has adopted rolling conformity, meaning the state will automatically conform with any changes made to the Internal Revenue Code, except as specified by Iowa law. Taxpayers may have ongoing adjustments as a result of Iowa's nonconformity for tax year 2018 or 2019 that must be reported on this form. See IA 101, and instructions to Schedules A and D below.

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

PPP loans that are forgiven and properly excluded from gross income for federal purposes will also qualify for exclusion from income for Iowa tax purposes.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, Iowa fully conforms to the relevant tax provisions of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260) including the provisions allowing certain deductions for business expenses paid using these loans.

Section 179 Expensing and Bonus Depreciation

Expensing and depreciation allowed on the Iowa return may differ from amounts allowed on the federal return. Refer to the IA 4562A and IA 4562B.

Net Operating Loss Carrybacks

Iowa no longer allows carrybacks of net operating losses for franchise tax.

Registration Information Changes

If you are changing the Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or the name of the bank, send a letter prior to filing your tax return explaining the circumstances and the effective date of change. Send your letter to Franchise Tax Processing, Iowa Department of Revenue, PO Box 10413, Des Moines IA 50306-0413.

Apportionment of Income

If you are subject to apportionment of income, complete the IA Franchise Schedule 59F.

How to File

Complete all questions on pages 1 and 2 of the IA 1120F. Include a complete copy of your federal return as filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If a copy is not included, this will not be considered a complete return. The preparer must sign and date the return, and enter Social Security Number, FEIN, or Tax Identification Number.

Confidentiality

Information from this return may be made available to the IRS or to tax officials of another state under a tax information exchange program. Except as allowed by law, information on this return can only be released to an Iowa Department of Revenue or IRS employee.

Fair Information Practices Notice

Any applicable information requested must be provided. The information is necessary to complete, correct, or process tax returns; to calculate tax due; to collect tax, interest, and penalties, or to carry out administrative duties. If necessary information is not provided, or if fraudulent information is provided, penalties and interest may be assessed, and criminal prosecution may result. Without required information, the exemptions, credits, deductions, or adjustments shown on returns may be disallowed.

Questions:

idr@iowa.gov or 515-581-3114 or 800-367-3388

Line 1: Net Income - Enter the amount of federal taxable income computed after the federal dividend deduction but before the federal net operating loss.

Line 2: Interest and Dividends - Enter total interest and dividends from the following sources:

- evidences of indebtedness
- securities of state and other political subdivisions exempt from federal income tax
- obligations of United States possessions purchased after January 1, 1991

If municipal interest taxable for Iowa purposes differs from total municipal interest reported on the federal return, a self-created schedule, showing the difference, should be included.

Line 3: Iowa Franchise Tax Expenses on Federal Return - Enter the amount of Iowa franchise tax expenses on your federal return.

Line 14: Note that the IA 4626F has been discontinued; use the IA 4626 instead. On line 14, enter the amount from line 17 of the IA 4626.

Line 20: Penalty for Underpayment of Estimated Tax - A financial institution owing \$1,000 or more in franchise tax and which has not paid adequate estimated payments is subject to an underpayment of estimated tax penalty in addition to the tax and any late penalties. Iowa 2220 penalties may be assessed when the amount or timing of the estimated payments is incorrect even if the return is overpaid by the original due date. If applicable, include IA 2220 with IA 1120F.

Line 21: Penalty - Failure to Timely File a Return: A penalty of 5% (10% for returns due before July 1, 2021) will be added to the tax due for failure to timely file a return if the return is filed after the original due date of the return and if at least 90% of the correct amount of tax is not paid by the original due date of the return.

Failure to Timely Pay the Tax Due: A penalty of 5% will be added to the tax due if the return is filed by the original due date and at least 90% of the correct amount of tax is not paid by the original due date of the return. This penalty is in addition to the penalty for failure to timely file, if applicable.

For returns due before July 1, 2021, when the failure to file penalty and the failure to pay penalty are both applicable, only the failure to file penalty will apply.

Audit or Examination Deficiency: A penalty of 5% will be added to the unpaid tax if the Department discovers an underpayment during an audit or examination.

Penalty for Willful Failure to File: A penalty of 75% will be added to the tax due for willful failure to file a return or for filing with intent to evade tax.

Waivers: Penalties can be waived under limited circumstances, as described in Iowa Code section 421.27. Complete and submit a Penalty Waiver Request form (78-629) to request a penalty be waived.

Line 23: Interest - For each month the required tax is not paid, interest accrues on the unpaid tax at a rate prescribed by law from the due date of the return until payment is received. Any portion of a month is considered a full month when calculating interest due on unpaid taxes.

Line 25: Net Overpayment - Enter the amount of overpayment. If applicable, reduce the overpayment by the penalty on line 20.

Line 26: Credit to Next Period's Estimated Tax - Enter the amount of overpayment to be credited to future tax liabilities. The carryforward election can only be made when the return is filed before the end of the next tax period. If a return is filed after the end of the next tax period, the overpayment will not be credited, but instead will be refunded. The total of the amount claimed for refund and the amount claimed for credit to 2018 estimated tax must equal the overpayment amount.

Line 27: Refund Requested - Enter the amount of overpayment to be refunded.

