



Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Corporations and Financial Institutions

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Computation of Underpayment

NOTE: If you meet any of the exceptions (see Instruction D) that avoid the underpayment penalty for ALL quarters, omit lines 1 through 8, and go directly to line 9.

- 1. 2012 tax from line 19, IA 1120, or line 11, IA 1120A, or line 15, IA 1120F
2. Total credits from line 20, IA 1120, or line 15, IA 1120A, or minimum tax carryforward credit from line 16, IA 1120F
3. Balance. Subtract line 2 from line 1.

Due Dates of Installments

Table with 5 columns: Description, (1), (2), (3), (4). Rows include installment dates, amounts paid, overpayment, and underpayment calculations.

Exceptions that Avoid the Underpayment Penalty (See Instruction D) Exceptions 1 and 2 not applicable for initial year filers.

Table with 5 columns: Description, 25% of tax, 50% of tax, 75% of tax, 100% of tax. Rows include cumulative amount paid and three exceptions.

Computation of Underpayment Penalty

Table with 5 columns: Description, (1), (2), (3), (4). Rows include installment dates, underpayment amount, date of payment, number of days, and penalty calculation.

2012 IA 2220 Instructions

A. Purpose of Form

Form IA 2220 will enable corporations and financial institutions to determine if they paid the correct amount of estimated tax by the proper due date. If the minimum amount was not paid timely, an underpayment penalty is imposed for the period of the underpayment. This form helps you to determine whether or not you are subject to such a penalty.

B. Estimated Tax

Every corporation or financial institution with \$1,000 or more in tax due after credits is required to file estimated tax.

C. Use of 2012 Form

The 2012 form must be used for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

D. Exceptions that Avoid the Underpayment Penalty

No penalty will be charged for any underpayment on line 8 if:

- (1) All of the payments were made on or before the due date of the installment; and
- (2) The total payments made by that installment date equal or exceed the amount which would have been due if the estimated tax were calculated using any of the exceptions listed below.

A different exception may be applied to each underpayment. If there has been an underpayment of the amount of the estimated tax, and the taxpayer believes that one or more of the exceptions to the penalty precludes the assertion of the underpayment penalty, the taxpayer should complete lines 9 through 12 showing the applicability of any exception upon which the taxpayer relies. If no exception applies, complete lines 13 through 19 to determine the amount of the penalty on the underpayment from line 8.

Exception 1: Prior year's tax

This exception allows corporations and financial institutions to substitute for the current year's estimate the amount of the tax shown on the return for the preceding taxable year. This exception may be utilized only if the preceding taxable year was a taxable year of 12 months and a return showing a tax liability (including a "zero" liability) was filed for that year. Corporations or financial institutions filing an initial year Iowa return may not use Exception 1.

Exception 2: Tax on prior year's income using current year's rates

This exception allows corporations and financial institutions to use a tax computed by using the current year's rates but otherwise on the basis of the facts and law applicable to the prior year. Corporations and financial institutions filing an initial year Iowa return may not use Exception 2.

Exception 3: Tax on annualized income

This section applies if the corporation or financial institution made an estimated tax payment of at least 100% of the amount it would owe if its estimated tax were a tax computed on annualized taxable income for the months preceding an installment date.

A corporation or financial institution may thus annualize its income:

- (a) For the first 3 months if the installment was required to be paid in the 4th month;
- (b) For the first 3 months or the first 5 months if the installment was required to be paid in the 6th month;
- (c) For the first 6 months or the first 8 months if the installment was required to be paid in the 9th month; and
- (d) For the first 9 months or for the first 11 months if the installment was required to be paid in the 12th month.

To annualize, multiply taxable income for the period by 12 and divide the resulting amount by the number of months in the period (3, 5, 6, 8, 9, or 11, as the case may be). Enclose corporation income statements for appropriate months in the tax period.

E. Overpayment

A payment of estimated tax on any installment date is considered a payment of any previous underpayment only to the extent the payment exceeds the amount of the installment as computed on line 5.

F. To Compute Penalty

Use the following formula:

$$\text{Penalty} = \text{daily \% rate (line 17)} \times \text{number of days (line 16)} \times \text{underpayment (line 14)}$$

The daily percentage rate is:

5% per annum = 0.013661% per day (1/1/12 - 12/31/12) The daily rate for 2012 varies because it is a leap year.

5% per annum = 0.013699% per day (1/1/13 - 12/31/13)

Date of payment (line 15): Once a payment is made to cover an exception to the penalty, the underpayment is no longer outstanding, so the penalty computation stops at the date that payment is made.

Example: A corporation underpaid the April 30 installment by \$1,000. The June 30 installment requires a payment of \$2,500. On June 25, the corporation deposits \$2,500 to cover the June 30 installment. However, \$1,000 of this payment is applied against the April 30 installment. The penalty for the April 30 installment is figured from April 30 to June 25 (56 days). The remaining \$1,500 is applied to the June 30 installment.

Please enclose this form with your corporation income tax return, form IA 1120 or IA 1120A, or form IA 1120F.

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Questions?

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