



State of Louisiana  
Department of Revenue  
PO Box 91011  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9011

# Corporation Franchise Tax Initial Return

**CFT**

To avoid a penalty, this return must be filed with the Department of Revenue, PO Box 91011, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9011, on or before the 15th day of the third month following the month in which the tax accrues. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the return must be transmitted on or before the next business day in order to avoid penalty and interest.

Louisiana Revenue Account Number

Name

Number and Street

City, state, ZIP

1. Period covered: \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

2. FEI number

3. Incorporated in state of:

4. Name and address of former owner (If this corporation is successor to an existing business)

5. Name and address of parent corporation, if applicable

6a. Principal place of business

6b. Telephone number

7a. Principal Louisiana office location (street address and city)

7b. Telephone number

8a. Date Louisiana charter issued

8b. Louisiana charter number (issued by Louisiana Secretary of State)

8c. Date business began in Louisiana

9. Nature of business operation

10. Parishes in which property is located

11. Name and address of registered agent

Initial franchise tax .....	12.	\$ 10.00	
Penalty (See instructions.) .....	13.	\$	
Interest (See instructions.) .....	14.	\$	
Total amount due .....			15. \$

**Make payment to:**  
Louisiana Department of Revenue  
**Do NOT send cash.**

### Signature of verification

I declare under the penalties for filing false returns that this return has been examined by me, and is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which he has any knowledge.

Signature of officer Title Date Telephone

Individual or firm signature of preparer Date Telephone

## Instructions for Corporation Franchise Tax Initial Return

Every new corporation subject to the tax must file an initial return (Form CFT-4) and pay a tax of \$10.00. This return is due on or before the fifteenth day of the third month following the month in which the tax accrues. Tax accrual dates are as follows: (1) for a domestic corporation, the tax accrues on the date shown on the charter issued by the Secretary of State and (2) for a foreign corporation, the tax accrues on the date it exercises its charter in Louisiana, is authorized to do or actually does business in Louisiana, or uses any part of its capital or plant in Louisiana. Example due dates are as follows: The tax of ABC accrued on March 21, 2012; its initial return and payment of \$10.00 tax would be due on or before June 15, 2012. If ABC adopted a calendar year accounting period, this initial payment would cover the period ending December 31, 2012. The next franchise return (covering the calendar year 2013) would be due on or before April 15, 2013, and must be filed on Form CIFT-620. If the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 was adopted, the initial return would cover the period from March 21, 2012 through June 30, 2012. The next franchise return (covering the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013) would be due on or before October 15, 2012, and must be filed on Form CIFT-620. Delinquent returns and payments must include applicable penalty and interest. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the return must be transmitted on or before the next business day in order to avoid penalty and interest.

Corporation franchise tax for domestic corporations continues to accrue and must be filed on Form CIFT-620, regardless of whether any assets are owned or any business operations are conducted, until a "Certificate of Dissolution" is issued by the Louisiana Secretary of State.

Corporation franchise tax for foreign corporations continues to accrue and must be filed on Form CIFT-620, as long as the corporation exercises its charter, does business, or owns or uses any part of its capital or plant in Louisiana and, in the case of a qualified corporation, until a "Certificate of Withdrawal" is issued by the Louisiana Secretary of State.

- Line 1. Enter the period covered by this initial franchise tax return. The period begins on the date the charter is filed with the Secretary of State, or the date of Louisiana qualification, or other taxing incidence. The period ends on the date of the close of the first accounting period. If books are kept on a calendar year basis, the period covered must end on the last day of December. If a fiscal year basis is used, the period must end on the last day of any month and cannot exceed twelve (12) months.
- Line 2. Enter the Federal Employer's Identification Number for this corporation.
- Line 3. Enter the state where this corporation was originally incorporated.
- Line 4. If the corporation is the successor to an existing business (i.e., following a merger, incorporation of a partnership or proprietorship), enter the name and address of the former business or owner.
- Line 5. If this corporation is a subsidiary of another corporation, enter the name and address of the parent corporation.
- Line 6a. Enter the principal place of business (i.e., home or office).
- Line 6b. Enter the area code and telephone number for the principal place of business.
- Line 7a. Enter the primary Louisiana office location. This address must be a street address. A post office box is not acceptable.
- Line 7b. Enter the area code and telephone number of the principal Louisiana office location.
- Line 8a. Enter the date (month, day, year) the Louisiana charter was issued.
- Line 8b. Enter the charter number assigned to this corporation by the Louisiana Secretary of State.
- Line 8c. Enter the date (month, day, year) this corporation began business in Louisiana.
- Line 9. Describe the nature of the business operations in Louisiana.
- Line 10. Enter the parishes in Louisiana where corporate property is located.
- Line 11. Enter the name and address of the registered agent for this corporation as recorded with the Louisiana Secretary of State.
- Line 12. The initial franchise tax due is \$10.00.
- Line 13. Calculate Delinquent Filing Penalty for failure to file a return timely. The penalty for failure to file a return on time, except when failure is due to a reasonable cause, is 5 percent of the tax for each 30 days or fraction thereof during which the failure to file continues.
- Calculate Delinquent Payment Penalty for failure to pay the tax in full by the date the return is required by law to be filed. The penalty is 5 percent of the tax not paid for each 30 days, or fraction thereof, during which the failure to pay continues.
- Add the amounts calculated for each penalty and print the total amount of penalties. The combined amount of delinquent filing and delinquent payment penalties cannot exceed 25 percent
- Line 14. Interest is due on all items of tax not paid by the due date of the return. Because the interest rate varies year to year, the Department is unable to provide a specific rate. Refer to the Tax Rate Schedule (R-1111) for monthly interest rates that apply. Form R-1111 is available on the LDR's website at [www.revenue.louisiana.gov](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov). Calculate the interest amount and print the amount of interest here.
- Line 15. Add the total penalty and interest due to the franchise tax amount of \$10.00 and enter the total on Line 15. Make payment to the Louisiana Department of Revenue. Do not send cash.

The return must be signed by either the president, vicepresident, treasurer, assistant treasurer, or any other authorized officer. The telephone number of the officer should be furnished. Any person(s), firm or corporation who prepares a taxpayer's return must also sign. If a return is prepared by a firm or corporation, other than the taxpayer, the return must also be signed in the name of the firm or corporation preparing the return. This verification is not required if the return is prepared by a regular full-time employee of the taxpayer. The telephone number of the preparer should also be furnished.