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Massachusetts Department of Revenue

Form M-2220

Underpayment of Massachusetts
Estimated Tax by Corporations

2021

Enclose this form with your return. Electronic filing requirements may apply (see TIR 16-9). Please print in ink or type.

Name of corporation

Federal Identification number

Figuring your underpayment. See instructions.

1	Enter 2021 tax	1			
2	Enter 90% of line 1	2			
3	Enter 90% of 2021 tax using 2020 income apportionment percentage	3			
4	Enter 2020 tax	4			
5	Enter line 2, 3 or 4, whichever is smallest	5			
6	Enter in col's. a through d (respectively) the installment dates of the 15th day of the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th months of your taxable year	a.	b.	c.	d.
7	Enter in col. a line 5 × 40% Enter in col. b line 5 × 25% Enter in col. c line 5 × 25% Enter in col. d line 5 × 10% <input type="checkbox"/> Fill in if you are a new corporation (see instructions).				
8	Amount paid or credited for each period	8			
9	Overpayment of previous installment	9			
10	Total. Add lines 8 and 9	10			
11	Overpayment. Subtract line 7 from line 10	11			
12	Underpayment. Subtract line 10 from line 7	12			

Figuring your underpayment penalty.

13	Amount of underpayment from line 12	13			
14	Enter the date of payment, or the 15th day of the third month after the close of the taxable year, whichever is earlier	14			
15	Number of days from due date of installment to the date shown in line 14	15			
16	Number of days in line 15 after 3/15/21 and before 4/1/21	16			
17	Number of days in line 15 after 3/31/21 and before 7/1/21	17			



Name of corporation

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Figuring your underpayment penalty. (cont'd.)

	a.	b.	c.	d.
Enter same installment dates used in line 6				
18 Number of days in line 15 after 6/30/21 and before 10/1/21. 18				
19 Number of days in line 15 after 9/30/21 and before 1/1/22. 19				
20 Number of days in line 15 after 12/31/21 and before 4/1/22. 20				
21 Number of days in line 15 after 3/31/22 and before 7/1/22. 21				
22 Number of days in line 15 after 6/30/22 and before 10/1/22. 22				
23 Number of days in line 15 after 9/30/22 and before 1/1/23. 23				
24 Number of days in line 15 after 12/31/22 and before 3/16/23. 24				
25 Underpayment in line 13 \times (number of days in line 16 \div 365) \times 4% 25				
26 Underpayment in line 13 \times (number of days in line 17 \div 365) \times 4% 26				
27 Underpayment in line 13 \times (number of days in line 18 \div 365) \times 4% 27				
28 Underpayment in line 13 \times (number of days in line 19 \div 365) \times 4% 28				
29 Underpayment in line 13 \times (number of days in line 20 \div 365) \times *% 29				
30 Underpayment in line 13 \times (number of days in line 21 \div 365) \times *% 30				
31 Underpayment in line 13 \times (number of days in line 22 \div 365) \times *% 31				
32 Underpayment in line 13 \times (number of days in line 23 \div 365) \times *% 32				
33 Underpayment in line 13 \times (number of days in line 24 \div 365) \times *% 33				
34 Add lines 25 through 33. 34				
35 Total of amounts in line 34. Enter the amount on line 35 of the corresponding line of the return 35				

*Rate to be determined.

Form M-2220 Instructions

General Information

2021 Massachusetts Tax Change

Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) ch 62, §§ 11 and 12 require C corporations to file their tax returns on or before the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of each taxable year (April 15 in the case of corporations filing on a calendar year basis). The filing due date for S corporation tax returns is the 15th day of the third month following the close of each taxable year. For more information, see TIR 17-5: 2017 Supplemental Budget: Conforming Massachusetts Partnership and C Corporation Tax Return Filing Due Dates to Federal Due Dates.

Because of the observance of Emancipation Day in Washington D.C. on Friday, April 15, 2022, federal returns otherwise due on April 15 will generally be treated as timely if filed by Monday, April 18, 2022. However, Monday, April 18, 2022, is Patriot's Day, a legal holiday in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Therefore, Massachusetts corporate excise returns and payments with a due date of April 15, 2022, shall be treated as timely if filed and paid on or before April 19, 2022.

For most calendar year filers, returns must be filed by April 19, 2022.

Expansion of Mandatory Electronic Filing for Corporate Excise Returns

Effective for tax periods ending on or after December 31, 2021, electronic filing and payment of tax will be required of all business corporations and financial institutions subject to tax under MGL ch 63, with no income threshold. For more information, see TIR 21-9: Expansion of Certain Electronic Filing and Payment Requirements.

Who should use this form

Corporations taxed under Ch. 63 of the Massachusetts General Laws should use Form M-2220 to determine whether they paid the correct amount of estimated tax by the proper due date. If not, a penalty may be imposed on the underpayment amount.

Short year. Corporations are liable for estimated payments even if there was no return filed for 2020 or if a return filed for 2020 was for less than 12 months. Corporations meeting either of these conditions should enter the smaller of lines 2 or 3 in line 5. See 830 CMR 63B.2.2 for additional information.

Large corporation. Any corporation having \$1 million or more of federal taxable income in any of its three preceding taxable years (IRC § 6655(g)) may only use its prior year tax liability to calculate its first quarterly estimated payment. Any reduction in the first installment payment must be added to the second installment payment.

Note: New corporations in their first full taxable year with less than 10 employees have lower payment percentages — 30-25-25-20%; 55- 25-20%; and 80-20%. New corporations should check the box in line 7 and use these percentage amounts to complete line 7.

Line Instructions

Line 3. Multiply 2021 income measure of excise and non-income measure of excise (tangible property or taxable net worth) by 2020 apportionment factor. Then multiply the result by 2020 tax rate. Multiply that result by .90 (90%) and enter the result on line 3.

Lines 7 through 12. To determine the underpayment amount, complete lines 7 through 12 for each appropriate column. If line 11 shows an overpayment, that overpayment may first be used as a payment of any existing underpayment amount. Overpayments used as payments of prior underpayment amounts do not decrease the actual underpayment amount but serve to reduce instead the period of underpayment subject to penalty. If there are no existing underpayment amounts, the overpayment is applied as a credit against the next installment. If more than one payment is made for a given installment, attach separate computations for each payment.

Line 35. Enter the line 35 amount on the corresponding line item of the taxpayer's tax return as follows: Form 355, line 25a; Form 355U, line 41; Form 355S, line 28a; Form 355SC, line 21a; Form 355SBC, line 14; Form 63 FI, line 25a; Form 63-20P, line 34a; Form 63-23P, line 41a; Form 63-29A, line 39a; or Form M-990T, line 37a.

Note: Payments made with a return, including extension payments, estimated tax payments and withholding, are considered to be paid on the last day prescribed for the filing of the return and/or the payment of the tax, without regard to any extensions. See MGL ch 62C, § 79. Therefore, any overpayment from a prior year return will be considered to be paid as of the prior year return due date. For example, if a calendar year C corporation reported an overpayment on its 2020 corporation excise tax return and elected to apply it as a credit to its 2021 estimated tax, the payment will be credited as of April 15, 2021, which is the 2020 return due date and about one month after the due date of the first estimated tax installment payment for the 2021 tax year.

To avoid underpayment penalties the first estimated tax installment should be paid on or before the first installment due date, not the return due date.