

Instructions for Schedule CA (540)

These instructions are based on the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of January 1, 2001 and the California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC).

General Information

In general, California law conforms to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of January 2001. However, there are continuing differences between California and federal law. When California conforms to federal tax law changes, we do not always adopt all of the changes made at the federal level. For more information regarding California and federal law, please visit our Website at www.ftb.ca.gov and select "Law and Legislation." Additional information can be found in FTB Pub. 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments and the Business Entity tax booklets.

Note, the instructions provided with California tax forms are a summary of California tax law and are only intended to aid taxpayers in preparing their state income tax returns. We include information that is most useful to the greatest number of taxpayers in the limited space available. It is not possible to include all requirements of the California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) in the tax booklets. Taxpayers should not consider the tax booklets as authoritative law.

Military Personnel – Servicemembers domiciled outside of California, and their spouses, may exclude the member's military compensation from gross income when computing the tax rate on nonmilitary income. Requirements for military servicemembers domiciled in California remain unchanged. Military servicemembers domiciled in California must include their military pay in total income. In addition, they must include their military pay in California source income when stationed in California. However, military pay is not California source income when a servicemember is permanently stationed outside of California. For more information, get FTB Publication 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel.

Differences Between California and Federal Law for 2004:

California law does not conform to federal law for:

- The tax incentives for "renewal communities." California law does, however, provide a variety of independent area tax incentives to encourage revitalization of specially designated areas. The Government Code provides for the designation of Enterprise Zones, Local Agency Military Base Recovery Areas (LAMBRAs), a Targeted Tax Area (TTA), and Manufacturing Enhancement Areas (MEAs). California law conforms to the general federal rules for expensing IRC Section 179 property with the exception that California law only allows a maximum deduction of \$25,000. In lieu of this deduction, the California Personal Income Tax Law allows a taxpayer with a business in an "Economic Development Area" to elect to expense \$20,000 to \$40,000 (depending on the designation) of certain specified equipment used in the business.
- The increased IRC Section 179 expense. Although federal law increased the IRC Section 179 expense to \$102,000, the maximum deduction amount under California law is \$25,000.
- Rebates or vouchers received from a local water agency, energy agency, or energy supplier. This includes a rebate, voucher or other financial incentive from the California Energy Commission, the Public Utility Commission, or a local publicly owned electric utility company for any expenses paid or incurred by a taxpayer for the purchase or installation of a thermal, solar or wind energy/fuel generating system.
- Interest deduction allowed for interest paid on any loan or indebtedness from a utility company to purchase energy efficient equipment and products for California residents.
- Net Operating Loss - Pierce's disease.
- The additional 30% or 50% first year depreciation allowance for qualified property.
- Educator Expense or the Tuition and Fees deduction.
- The Student loan interest deduction.
- The Clean Air Fuel first year deduction. You will need to report this adjustment on line 35, column B as part of your subtractions.
- Health Savings Account.

- Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials.
- Exemption of interest on any bond or other obligation issued by the Government of American Samoa.

California law is the same as federal law in the following areas:

Roth IRAs. The contribution rules and distribution rules are the same.

Self-employed health insurance deduction. The percentage for 2004 is 100%.

Note: For instructions regarding registered domestic partners, see page 4, line 31.

Holocaust Restitution Payments. An exclusion is provided for Holocaust reparations received by eligible individuals, their heirs or estate for Holocaust restitution payments, distributions or excludable trust.

Purpose

Use this schedule to make adjustments to your federal adjusted gross income and to your federal itemized deductions using California law.

Part I – Specific Line Instructions

Column A — Federal Amounts

Line 7 through Line 21 – Enter on line 7 through line 21 the same amounts you entered on your federal Form 1040, line 7 through line 21; Form 1040A, line 7 through line 14b; or Form 1040EZ line 1, line 2, and line 3.

Line 22 – Total

Combine the amounts on line 7 through line 21.

Line 23 through Line 33 – Enter the same amounts you entered on your federal Form 1040, line 23 through line 33 or Form 1040A, line 16 through line 19.

Line 34a and Line 34b – Enter on line 34a the same amount you entered on your federal Form 1040, line 34a. Enter on line 34b the social security number and last name of the person to whom you paid alimony.

Line 35 – Add line 23 through line 34a. However, if you made any of the adjustments described in the instructions for federal Form 1040, line 35 or if you claimed the foreign housing deduction from federal Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income, or Form 2555-EZ, Foreign Earned Income Exclusion, enter the amount from Form 1040, line 35 on this line.

Line 36 – Total

Subtract line 35 from line 22.

Column B and Column C — Subtractions and Additions

Use these columns to enter subtractions and additions to the federal amounts in column A that are necessary because of differences between California and federal law. Enter all amounts as positive numbers unless instructed otherwise.

You may need one of the following FTB publications to complete column B and column C:

- 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments;
- 1005, Pension and Annuity Guidelines;
- 1031, Guidelines for Determining Resident Status;
- 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel; or
- 1100, Taxation of Nonresidents and Individuals Who Changed Residency.

To get a publication or form visit our Website at www.ftb.ca.gov or see the back cover of your tax booklet.

Line 7 – Wages, Salaries, Tips, etc.

Generally, you will not make any adjustments on this line. If you did not receive any of the following types of income, make no entry on this line in either column B or column C.

Active duty military pay. Special rules apply to active duty military taxpayers. Get FTB Pub. 1032, Tax Information for Military Personnel, for more information.

Sick pay received under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act and Railroad Retirement Act. California excludes this item from income. Enter in column B the amount of these benefits included in the amount in column A.

Ridesharing fringe benefit differences. Under federal law, qualified transportation benefits are excluded from gross income. Under the Revenue and Taxation Code, there are no monthly limits for the exclusion of these benefits and California's definitions are more expansive. Enter the amount of ridesharing benefits received and included in federal income on line 7, column B.

Exclusion for Medical Expenses. California allows an exclusion from gross income for employer-provided accident, health insurance, and medical expense reimbursement for registered domestic partners and the partner's dependents if expenses were not previously deducted. Self-employed individuals may also claim a deduction for health insurance costs paid for themselves, their spouses, and dependents. In addition, self-employed individuals may also claim this deduction for health insurance costs paid for registered domestic partner and the domestic partner's dependents. Enter the amount included in federal income in column B.

Employer-Provided Adoption Assistance Exclusion. With regard to adoption of children with special needs, California has not conformed to the federal provisions providing for a potential increase in the exclusion for the year in which the adoption becomes final or the limitation based upon the aggregate amount paid in all years. For more information, get form FTB 5123, Employer Provided Adoption Assistance Exclusion, or FTB Pub. 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments (2004).

Exclusion for compensation from exercising a California Qualified Stock Option (CQSO). To claim this exclusion, your earned income from the corporation granting the CQSO must be \$40,000 or less; the market value of the options granted to you must be \$100,000 or less; the total number of shares must be 1,000 or less; and the corporation issuing the stock must designate that the stock issued is a California qualified stock option at the time the option is granted. If you included in federal income an amount qualifying for this exclusion, enter that amount in column B.

Line 8 – Taxable Interest Income

If you did not receive any of the kinds of income listed below, do not make an entry on this line in either column B or column C.

Enter in column B the interest you received from:

- U.S. savings bonds (except for interest from series EE U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989 that qualified for the Education Savings Bond Program exclusion);
- U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and bonds; or
- Any other bonds or obligations of the United States and its territories.

Enter in column C the interest you identified as tax-exempt interest on your federal Form 1040 (or Form 1040A), line 8b, **and** which you received from:

- Non-California state bonds;
- Non-California municipal bonds issued by a county, city, town, or other local government unit;
- Obligations of the District of Columbia issued after December 27, 1973; and

- Non-California bonds if the interest was passed through to you from S corporations, trusts, partnerships, or Limited Liability Companies (LLCs).
- Interest or other earnings earned from a Health Savings Account (HSA) are not treated as taxed deferred. Interest or earnings in a HSA are taxable in the year earned.
- Internet on any bond or other obligation issued by the Government of American Samoa.

Note: Do not make entries in either column B or column C for interest you earned on Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) Bonds, Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) Bonds, and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporations (FHLMC) securities, or grants paid to low income individuals.

Get FTB Pub. 1001 if you received interest income from the following sources:

- Loans made in an enterprise zone (EZ); or
- Items listed above passed through to you from S corporations, trusts, partnerships, or LLCs.

Line 9 – Ordinary dividends

Generally, you will not have a difference between the amount of dividends reported in Column A and the amount reported using California law. However, California taxes dividends that are derived from other states and their municipal obligations. In addition, certain mutual funds pay "exempt-interest dividends". If the mutual fund has at least 50% of its assets invested in tax-exempt U.S. obligations and/or in California or its municipal obligations, that amount of dividend is exempt from California tax. The proportion of dividends that are tax-exempt will be shown on your annual statement or statement issued with Form 1099.

Add dividends received from the following and enter in column B:

- The portion of exempt interest dividends from mutual funds that meets the 50% rule above and were included in column A.
- Non-cash patronage dividends from farmers' cooperatives or mutual associations.

Add dividends received from the following and enter in column C:

- The federally exempt interest dividends from other states, or their municipal obligations and/or from mutual funds that do not meet the 50% rule above.
- Controlled foreign corporation dividends in the year distributed;
- Regulated investment company (RIC) capital gains in the year distributed;
- Distributions of pre-1987 earnings from an S corporation;
- Non-cash patronage dividends from farmers' cooperatives or mutual associations.

Get FTB Pub. 1001 if you received dividends from:

- Non-cash patronage dividends from farmers' cooperatives or mutual associations;
- A controlled foreign corporation;
- Distributions of pre-1987 earnings from S corporations; or
- Undistributed capital gains for regulated investment company (RIC) shareholders.

Line 10 – Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes

California does not tax the state income tax refund you received in 2004. Enter in column B the amount of state tax refund you entered in column A.

Line 11 – Alimony Received

If you are a nonresident alien and received alimony that was not included in your federal income, enter the alimony on this line in column C. Otherwise, make no entry on this line.

Line 12 – Business Income or (Loss)

Adjustments to federal business income or loss you reported in column A generally are necessary because of the difference between California and federal law relating to depreciation methods, special credits, and accelerated write-offs. As a result, the recovery period or basis you use

to figure California depreciation may be different from the amount used for federal purposes.

Adjustments are figured on form FTB 3885A, Depreciation and Amortization Adjustments, and are most commonly necessary because of the following:

- **Before January 1, 1987**, California did not allow depreciation under the federal accelerated cost recovery system. You must continue to figure California depreciation for those assets in the same manner as prior years.
- **On or after January 1, 1987**, California provides special credits and accelerated write-offs that affect the California basis of qualifying assets. Refer to the bulleted list below.

Use form FTB 3801, Passive Activity Loss Limitation, to figure the total adjustment for line 12 if you have:

- One or more passive activities that produce a loss; or
- One or more passive activities that produce a loss **and** any nonpassive activity reported on federal Schedule C.

Use form FTB 3885A to figure the total adjustment for line 12 if you have:

- Only nonpassive activities which produce either gains or losses (or combination of gains and losses); or
- Passive activities that produce gains.

Get FTB Pub. 1001 for more information about:

Income related to:

- Business, trade, or profession carried on within California that is an integral part of a unitary business carried on both within and outside California; or
- Pro-rata share of income received from a controlled foreign corporation by a U.S. shareholder.

Basis adjustments related to:

- Property acquired prior to becoming a California resident;
- Sales or use tax credit for property used in an EZ, Local Agency Military Base Recovery Area (LAMBRA), Targeted Tax Area (TTA), or former LARZ;
- Reduced recovery periods for fruit-bearing grapevines replaced in a California vineyard on or after 1/1/92 as a result of phylloxera infestation; or on or after 1/1/97 as a result of Pierce's disease;
- Expenditures for tertiary injectants;
- Property placed in service on an Indian reservation after 1/1/94 and before 1/1/05;
- Amortization of pollution control facilities;
- Discharge of real property business indebtedness;
- Employer-paid child care program;
- Employer-paid child care plan;
- Vehicles used in an employer-sponsored ridesharing program;
- An enhanced oil recovery system;
- Joint Strike Fighter property costs;
- The cost of making a business accessible to disabled individuals;
- Property for which you received an energy conservation subsidy from a public utility on or after 1/1/95 and before 1/1/97; or
- Research and experimental expenditures.

Business expense deductions related to:

- Wages paid in an EZ, LAMBRA, Manufacturing Enhancement Area (MEA), or TTA;
- Certain employer costs for employees who are also enrolled members of Indian tribes;
- Abandonment or tax recoupment fees for open-space easements and timberland preserves;
- Business located in an EZ, LAMBRA, or TTA;
- Research expense;
- Employer wage expense for the Work Opportunity Credit and Welfare-to-Work Credit;
- Pro-rata share of deductions received from a controlled foreign corporation by a U.S. shareholder;

- Interest paid on indebtedness in connection with company-owned life insurance policies; or
- Premiums paid on life insurance policies, annuities, or endowment contracts issued after 6/8/97 where the owner of the business is directly or indirectly a policy beneficiary.

Line 13 – Capital Gain or (Loss)

Generally, you will not make an adjustment on this line. However, the California basis of the assets listed below may be different from the federal basis due to differences between California and federal laws. If there are differences, use Schedule D (540), California Capital Gain or Loss Adjustment, to calculate the amount to enter on this line.

- Gain on the sale of qualified small business stock which qualifies for the gain exclusion under IRC Section 1202;
- Basis amounts resulting from differences between California and federal law in prior years;
- Gain or loss on stock and bond transactions;
- Installment sale gain reported on form FTB 3805E, Installment Sale Income;
- Gain on the sale of personal residence where depreciation was allowable;
- Flow-through gain or loss from partnerships, fiduciaries, S corporations, or LLCs; or
- Capital loss carryover from your 2003 California Schedule D (540).

Get FTB Pub. 1001 for more information about:

- Disposition of S corporation stock acquired before 1987;
- Gain on sale or disposition of qualified assisted housing development to low-income residents or to specified entities maintaining housing for low-income residents;
- Undistributed capital gain for RIC shareholders;
- Gain or loss on the sale of property inherited before 1/1/87; or
- Capital loss carrybacks.

Line 14 – Other Gains or (Losses)

Generally, you will not make any adjustments on this line. However, the California basis of your other assets may be different from the federal basis due to differences between California and federal law. Therefore, you may have to adjust the amount of other gains or losses. Get Schedule D-1, Sales of Business Property.

Line 15 – Total IRA Distributions

Generally, you will not make any adjustments on this line. However, there may be significant differences in the taxable amount of a distribution (including a distribution from conversion of a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA), depending on when you made your contributions to the IRA. Differences may also occur if your California IRA deductions were different from your federal deductions because of differences between California and federal self-employment income.

If the taxable amount using California law is:

- Less than the amount taxable under federal law, enter the difference in column B; or
- More than the amount taxable under federal law, enter the difference in column C.

Get FTB Pub. 1005 for more information and worksheets for figuring the adjustment to enter on this line, if any.

Caution: If you have an IRA basis and were a nonresident in prior years, you may need to restate your California IRA basis. Get FTB Pub. 1100, Taxation of Nonresidents and Individuals Who Change Residency.

Coverdell ESA formerly known as Education (ED) IRA – If column A includes a taxable distribution from an ED IRA, you may owe additional tax on that amount. Get form FTB 3805P, Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (Including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts. Report only the taxable amount of the distribution on line 21f.

Line 16 – Total Pensions and Annuities

Generally, you will not make any adjustments on this line. However, if you received Tier 2 railroad retirement benefits or partially taxable distributions from a pension plan, you may need to make the following adjustments.

If you received a federal Form RRB 1099-R for railroad retirement benefits and included all or part of these benefits in taxable income in column A, enter the taxable benefit amount in column B.

If you began receiving a retirement annuity between 7/1/86 and 1/1/87 and elected to use the three-year rule for California purposes and the annuity rules for federal purposes, enter in column C the amount of the annuity payments you excluded for federal purposes.

Caution: You may have to pay an additional tax if you received a taxable distribution from a qualified retirement plan before reaching age 59½ and the distribution was not rolled over into another qualified plan. See Form 540, line 36 instruction; or Form 3805P, Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (Including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts.

Line 17 – Rental Real Estate, Royalties, Partnerships, S Corporations, and Trusts, etc.

Adjustments to federal income or loss you reported in column A generally are necessary because of the difference between California and federal law relating to depreciation methods, special credits, and accelerated write-offs. As a result, the recovery period or basis you use to figure California depreciation may be different from the recovery period or amount used for federal purposes, and you may need to make an adjustment to your income or loss. For more information, see the instructions for column B and column C, line 12.

Note: California law does not conform to federal law for material participation in rental real estate activities. Beginning in 1994, and for federal purposes only, rental real estate activities conducted by persons in real property business are not automatically treated as passive activities. Get form FTB 3801, Passive Activity Loss Limitations, for more information.

Use form FTB 3801, Passive Activity Loss Limitations, to figure the total adjustment for line 17 if you have:

- One or more passive activities that produce a loss; or
- One or more passive activities that produce a loss **and** any nonpassive activity reported on federal Schedule E.

Use form FTB 3885A, Depreciation and Amortization Adjustments, to figure the total adjustment for line 17 if you have:

- Only nonpassive activities which produce either gains or losses (or combination of gains and losses); or
- Passive activities that produce gains.

Note: LLCs that are classified as partnerships for California purposes and limited liability partnerships (LLPs) are subject to the same rules as other partnerships. LLCs report distributive items to members on Schedule K-1 (568), Member's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc. LLPs report to partners on Schedule K-1 (565), Partner's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.

Get FTB Pub. 1001 for more information about accumulation distributions to beneficiaries for which the trust was not required to pay California tax because the beneficiary's interest was contingent.

Line 18 – Farm Income or (Loss)

Adjustments to federal income or loss you report in column A generally are necessary because of the difference between California and federal law relating to depreciation methods, special credits, and accelerated write-offs. As a result, the recovery period or basis you use to figure California depreciation may be different from the amount used for federal purposes, and you may need to make an adjustment to your farm income or loss.

Use form FTB 3801, Passive Activity Loss Limitation, to figure the total adjustment for line 18 if you have:

- One or more passive activities that produce a loss; or
- One or more passive activities that produce a loss **and** any nonpassive activity reported on federal Schedule F.

Use form FTB 3885A, Depreciation and Amortization Adjustments, to figure the total adjustment for line 18 if you have:

- Only nonpassive activities which produce either gains or losses (or combination of gains and losses); or
- Passive activities that produce gains.

Line 19 – Unemployment Compensation

California does not tax unemployment compensation. Enter on line 19, column B the amount of unemployment compensation shown in column A.

Paid Family Leave Insurance (PFL) benefits, also known as Family Temporary Disability Insurance. If you received payments from the PFL Program in 2004, enter the amount reported on your Form 1099-G in Column B, line 19. For additional information, get FTB Pub. 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments.

Line 20 – U.S. Social Security Benefits

California does not tax U.S. social security benefits or equivalent Tier 1 railroad retirement benefits. Enter in column B the amount of U.S. social security benefits or equivalent Tier 1 railroad retirement benefits shown in column A.

Line 21 – Other Income

a. California Lottery Winnings. California does not tax California lottery winnings. Enter in column B the amount of California lottery winnings included in the federal amount on line 21 in column A.

Note: Do not make an adjustment for lottery winnings from other states. They are taxable by California. California and federal laws allow gambling losses only to the extent of reported gambling income. If you reduced your gambling income for California lottery income, you may need to reduce the losses included in the federal itemized deductions on line 37. Enter these losses on line 40 as a negative number.

b. Disaster Loss Carryover from form FTB 3805V, line 6. If you have a California disaster loss carryover from your 2003 form FTB 3805V, Net Operating Loss (NOL) Computation and NOL and Disaster Loss Limitations, enter that amount as a positive number in column B.

c. Federal NOL deduction from Form 1040, line 21. If the amount on line 21 in column A includes a federal NOL, enter the amount of the federal NOL deduction as a positive number in column C. Get form FTB 3805V, Net Operating Loss (NOL) Computation and NOL and Disaster Loss Limitations – Individuals, Estates, and Trusts, to figure the allowable California NOL deduction.

d. NOL Carryover from form FTB 3805V, Part III, line 5. The allowable NOL carryover under California law is different from the allowable NOL carryover under federal law. Use form FTB 3805V to figure the allowable California NOL deduction and enter it as a positive number in column B.

e. NOL deduction from form FTB 3805D, FTB 3805Z, FTB 3806, FTB 3807, or FTB 3809. Enter in column B the total NOL deduction figured on the following forms.

- FTB 3805D, Net Operating Loss (NOL) Computation and Limitation – Pierce's Disease;
- FTB 3805Z, Enterprise Zone Deduction and Credit Summary, line 4b;
- FTB 3806, Los Angeles Revitalization Zone Deduction and Credit Summary, line 2b,
- FTB 3807, Local Agency Military Base Recovery Area Deduction and Credit Summary, line 4b; or
- FTB 3809, Targeted Tax Area Deduction and Credit Summary, line 3b.

f. Other (describe).

Reward from a crime hotline. Enter in column B the amount of a reward authorized by a government agency that you received from a crime hotline established by a government agency or nonprofit organization and that is included in the amount on line 21 in column A.

Note: You may not make this adjustment if you are an employee of the hotline or someone who sponsors rewards for the hotline.

Federal foreign earned income or housing exclusion. Enter in column C the amount deducted from federal income on Form 1040, line 21.

Beverage container recycling income. Enter in column B the amount of this type of income that you included in the amount on line 21 in column A.

Rebates or vouchers from a local water agency, energy agency, or energy supplier. California law allows an income exclusion for rebates or vouchers from a local water agency, energy agency, or energy

supplier for the purchase and installation of water conservation appliances and devices. Enter in column B the amount of this type of income that you included in the amount on line 21 in column A.

Original issue discount (OID) for debt instruments issued in 1985 and 1986. In the year of sale or other disposition, you must recognize the difference between the amount reported on your federal return and the amount reported for California purposes. **Issuers:** Enter the difference between the federal deductible amount and the California deductible amount on line 21f in column B. **Holders:** Enter the difference between the amount included in federal gross income and the amount included for California purposes on line 21f in column C.

Foreign income of nonresident aliens. Adjust federal income to reflect worldwide income computed under California law. Enter losses from foreign sources in column B. Enter foreign source income in column C.

Cost-share payments received by forest landowners. Enter in column B the cost-share payments received from the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection under the California Forest Improvement Act of 1978 or from the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, under the Forest Stewardship Program and the Stewardship Incentives Program, pursuant to the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act.

Compensation for False Imprisonment. California excludes compensation for false imprisonment from income. Enter the amount of compensation on line 21f, column B.

Coverdell (ESA) Distributions. If you received a distribution from a Coverdell ESA, report only the taxable amount of the distribution on line 21f.

Grants paid to low-income individuals. California excludes grants paid to low-income individuals to construct or retrofit buildings to make them more energy efficient. Federal has no similar exclusion. Enter on line 21f, column B the amount of this type of income.

Vehicle License Fee (VLF) Refund. If you paid a VLF and included the fee in itemized deductions in 2003, the VLF refund received in 2004 is treated as a recovery of the amount you deducted as an itemized deduction. Generally, the amount of the refund is included in income in the year received and taxed the same by federal and California. If the taxable amount is smaller for California than federal, enter the difference in column B, line 21f. If the taxable amount is larger for California than federal, enter the difference in column C, line 21f. For additional information, get FTB Pub. 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments.

Caution: If you itemized for California in 2003 and used the standard deduction for federal, report the taxable portion of the refund in column C, line 21f. If you itemized for federal and used the standard deduction for California, the refund is not taxable for California. Enter the amount of the refund included in federal income in column B, line 21f.

Line 22 – Total

Add line 7 through line 21f in column B and column C. Enter the totals on line 22.

Line 23 through Line 33 – California law is the same as federal law with the exception of the following:

- Line 23 (Educator expense), transfer the amount from column A, line 23, to column B, line 23.
- Line 24 (Certain business expenses of fee-basis government officials), transfer the amount from column A, line 24, to column B, line 24.

Note: If you filed a federal Form 2106, Employee Business Expense, or Form 2106-EZ, Unreimbursed Employee Business Expense, you may have an adjustment in column C.

- Line 25 (IRA deduction) – If you are an active duty military domiciled outside of California, you may have an adjustment. See line 35 instructions.
- Line 26 (Student Loan Interest Deduction), California only allows a deduction for interest required to be paid in the first 60 months. California also has a different phase-out deduction amount. If you

claimed the student loan interest deduction on your federal return, complete the worksheet to compute the amount to enter on line 26, column B.

Student Loan Interest Deduction Worksheet

1. Enter the total amount from Schedule CA, (540), line 26, Column A 1. _____

Caution: If the amount on line 1 is zero. STOP. Enter zero on Schedule CA (540), line 26, column B. You are not allowed a deduction for California.

2. Enter the total interest you paid in 2004 on qualified student loans. Do not include interest that was required to be paid after the first 60 months or interest for voluntary payments 2. _____

3. Enter the smaller of line 2 or \$2,500 3. _____

4. Enter the amount from Form 540, line 13 (**Note:** Use the federal AGI NOT California AGI) 4. _____

5. Add line 1 and line 4 5. _____

6. Did you file federal Form 2555, 2555-EZ, or 4563, or are you excluding income from sources within Puerto Rico or American Samoa from your federal income?

No. Skip line 6a through 6d. Enter the amount from line 5 on line 7 and go to line 8.

Yes. Continue to line 6a.

6a. Enter any foreign earned income exclusion (federal Form 2555, line 40 or Form 2555-EZ, line 18) 6a. _____

6b. Enter any housing exclusion and/or deduction (federal Form 2555, line 34 and line 48) 6b. _____

6c. Enter the amount of income from Puerto Rico that you are excluding from federal income 6c. _____

6d. Enter the amount of income from American Samoa that you are excluding (federal Form 4563, line 15) 6d. _____

7. Add line 5 through line 6d. 7. _____

8. Enter the amount shown below for your filing status

- Single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) – \$40,000
- Married filing jointly – \$60,000

8. _____

9. Is the amount on line 7 more than the amount on line 8?

No. Skip lines 9 and 10, enter -0- on line 11, and go to line 12.

Yes. Subtract line 8 from line 7 9. _____

10. Divide line 9 by \$15,000. Enter the result as a decimal (rounded to at least three places). Do not enter more than "1.000" 10. _____

11. Multiply line 3 by line 10 11. _____

12. Student loan interest deduction. Subtract line 11 from line 3 12. _____

13. Student loan interest adjustment. Subtract line 12 from line 1. Enter the result here and on Schedule CA (540), line 26, column B 13. _____

- Line 27 (Tuition and Fees deductions), transfer the amount from column A, line 27, to column B, line 27.
- Line 28 (Health Savings Account Deduction) – Federal law allows a deduction for contributions to an HSA account. California does not conform to this provision. Transfer the amount from column A, line 28, to column B, line 28.

- Line 31 (Self-Employed Health Insurance Deduction), most people do not have an entry in column B or column C. For the purposes of this deduction, California allows you to treat your registered domestic partner as your spouse.

Enter on column C, line 31, the amount paid for health insurance coverage (established under your business) for your registered domestic partner and their dependents. Your total California deduction cannot exceed the limitations explained in the federal instructions. Do not include health insurance costs for any month you were eligible to participate in any subsidized health plan maintained by your or your domestic partner's employer.

Enter on column B, line 31, the amount of health insurance cost included in column A, line 31, for any month you were eligible to participate in any subsidized health plan maintained by your registered domestic partner's employer.

Line 34a – Alimony Paid

Enter the social security number and last name of the person to whom you paid alimony.

Note: If you are a nonresident alien and did not deduct alimony on your federal return, enter the amount you paid in column C.

Line 35 – Add line 23 through line 34a in column B and column C. If you claimed the clean fuel deduction, include that amount in the total you enter in column B, line 35. Enter the amount and "Clean Fuel" on the dotted line next to line 35. If you claimed the foreign housing deduction, include that amount in the total you enter in column B, line 35. Enter the amount and "Form 2555" or "Form 2555-EZ" on the dotted line next to line 35. If you're an active duty military and you're not domiciled in California and your IRA deduction was limited because of a federal AGI limitation, recalculate your deduction excluding your active duty military pay. If the recalculated amount is larger than the amount on line 25, column A, enter the difference between the two amounts in Column C, line 35. Enter the amount and "MPA Adjustment" on the dotted line next to line 35.

Line 36 – Total

Subtract line 35 from line 22 in column B and column C.

Also, transfer the amount from:

- Line 36, column B to Form 540, Side 1, line 14

Caution: If column B is a negative number, transfer the amount as a positive number to line 16.

- Line 36, column C to Form 540, Side 1, line 16

Caution: If column C is a negative number, transfer the amount as a positive number to line 14.

Note: If you plan to itemize deductions, go to Part II.

Part II – Specific Line Instructions

Line 37 – Federal Itemized Deductions

Enter the total amount of itemized deductions from your federal Form 1040, Schedule A, lines 4, 9, 14, 18, 19, 26, and 27. **Important:** If you did not itemize deductions on your federal tax return but will itemize deductions on your California tax return, first complete federal Schedule A. Then complete Schedule CA (540), Part II, line 37 through line 43.

Line 38 – State, Local, and Foreign Income Taxes; General Sales Tax

Enter the state and local income tax from federal Form 1040, Schedule A, line 5 and only the portion relating to foreign income taxes from line 8. Include state disability insurance (SDI), limited partnership tax, and income or franchise tax paid by S corporations.

If you are deducting general sales taxes on your federal Schedule A, line 5, enter this amount on Schedule CA, line 38.

Note: For tax years beginning in 2004 and 2005, the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 allows taxpayers to elect to claim state and local general sales and use taxes as an itemized deduction, instead of claiming an itemized deduction for state and local income taxes. The Act gives taxpayers a choice of deducting actual taxes or a tabular

amount, increased by certain actual taxes. California has not conformed to this Act.

Line 40 – Other Adjustments

Adoption-Related Expenses. If you deducted adoption-related expenses on your federal Form 1040, Schedule A and are claiming the adoption cost credit for the same amounts on your Form 540, enter the amount of the adoption cost credit claimed as a negative number on line 40.

Mortgage Interest Credit. If you reduced your federal mortgage interest deduction by the amount of your mortgage interest credit (from federal Form 8396, Mortgage Interest Credit), increase your California itemized deductions by the same amount. Enter the amount of your federal mortgage interest credit as a positive number on line 40.

Nontaxable Income Expenses. If, on federal Schedule A, you claim expenses related to producing income taxed under federal law but not taxed by California, enter the amount as a negative number on line 40. You may claim expenses related to producing income taxed by California law but not taxed under federal law by entering the amount as a positive number on line 40.

Employee Business Expense. If you completed federal Form 2106, Employee Business Expense, or Form 2106-EZ, Unreimbursed Employee Business Expense, prepare a second set of forms reflecting your employee business expense using California amounts (i.e., following California law).

Compare lines 10 on the federal form and the form completed using California amounts. If the federal amount is larger, enter the difference as a negative number on line 40 (bracket the number). If the California amount is larger, enter the difference as a positive number on line 40.

Investment Interest Expense. Your California deduction for investment interest expense may be different from your federal deduction. You must use form FTB 3526, Investment Interest Expense Deduction, to figure the amount to enter on line 40.

Interest Expense Deduction. Your California interest expense deduction may be different from your federal deduction. A deduction is allowed for interest paid on any loan or financed indebtedness from a utility company to purchase energy efficient equipment and products for California residences. Enter as a positive number on line 40.

Gambling Losses. California lottery losses are not deductible for California. Enter the amount of California lottery losses shown on federal Schedule A as a negative number on line 40.

Federal Estate Tax. Federal estate tax paid on income in respect of a decedent is not deductible for California. Enter the amount of federal estate tax shown on federal Schedule A as a negative number on line 40.

Generation Skipping Transfer Tax. Tax paid on generation skipping transfers is not deductible under California law. Enter the amount of expenses shown on federal Schedule A as a negative number on line 40.

State Legislator's Travel Expenses. Under California law, deductible travel expenses for state legislators include only those incurred while away from their place of residence overnight. Figure the difference between the amount allowed using federal law and the amount allowed using California law. Enter the difference as a negative number on line 40.

Charitable Contribution Carryover Deduction. If you are deducting a prior year charitable contribution carryover, and the California carryover is larger than the federal carryover, enter the additional amount as a positive number on line 40.

Carryover Deduction Appreciated Stock Contributed to a Private Foundation prior to 1/1/02. If you are deducting a charitable contribution carryover of appreciated stock donated to a private operating foundation prior to 1/1/02, and the fair market value allowed for federal purposes is larger than the basis allowed for California purposes, enter the difference as a negative number on line 40.

Interest on loans from utility companies. Taxpayers are allowed a tax deduction for interest paid or incurred on a public utility company financed loan that is used to purchase and install energy efficient equipment or products, including zone-heating products for a qualified residence **located in California**. Federal law has no equivalent deduction. Enter the amount as a positive number on line 40.

Medical benefits paid on behalf of registered domestic partners. Taxpayer benefits are extended to include the taxpayer's registered domestic partner and their dependent(s) for medical expenses and health insurance benefits that occur on or after January 1, 2002. Federal law does not include this provision. Enter the amount as a positive number on line 40.

Claim of Right. If you claimed a credit for the repayment on your federal return and are deducting the repayment for California, enter the allowable deduction, as a positive amount on Schedule CA, line 40. Deductions of \$3,000 or less are subject to the 2% federal AGI limit. If you deducted the repayment on your federal return and are taking a credit for California, enter the amount of the federal deduction as a negative amount on Schedule CA, line 40.

To help you determine whether to take a credit or deduction, see the Repayment section of federal Pub 525, Taxable and Nontaxable Income. Remember to use the California tax rate in your computations. If you choose to take the credit instead of the deduction for California, add the credit amount on line 46, the total payment line of Form 540. To the left of the total, write "IRC 1341" and the amount of the credit.

Line 42 – California Itemized Deductions

Is the amount on Form 540, line 13 more than the amount shown below for your filing status?

Single or married filing separately	\$139,921
Married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)	\$279,846
Head of household	\$209,885

NO Transfer the amount from line 41 to line 42. Do not complete the worksheet.

YES Complete the Itemized Deductions Worksheet.

Note:

- If you are married and filing a separate return, you and your spouse must either both itemize your deductions or both take the standard deduction.
- Also, if someone else can claim you as a dependent, you may claim the greater of the standard deduction or your itemized deductions. See instructions for the "California Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents" to figure your standard deduction.

Itemized Deductions Worksheet

1. Amount from Schedule CA (540), line 41	1	_____
2. Using California amounts, add the amounts on federal Form 1040, Schedule A, line 4, line 13, and line 19 plus any gambling losses included on line 27	2	_____
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	_____
Note: If -0-, stop. Enter the amount from line 1 on Schedule CA (540), line 42.		
4. Multiply line 3 by 80% (.80)	4	_____
5. Amount from Form 540, line 13	5	_____
6. Enter the amount shown above for your filing status	6	_____
7. Subtract line 6 from line 5	7	_____
Note: If -0- or less, stop. Enter the amount from line 1 on Schedule CA (540), line 42.		
8. Multiply line 7 by 6% (.06)	8	_____
9. Compare line 4 and line 8. Enter the smaller amount here	9	_____
10. Total itemized deductions. Subtract line 9 from line 1. Enter here and on Schedule CA (540), line 42	10	_____