## TEST

## For Use in Preparing Tax Year 2004 Returns

## Student Testing Materials



## FOR USE IN IRS VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS <br> - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) <br> - Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)

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## Introduction to the Volunteer Assistor's Test

This test is an open-book test. You may use your course book or any other reference materials you will use as a volunteer. Please complete the test on your own. Taking the test in groups or with outside assistance could prove to be a disservice to the people you have volunteered to help.

The test is divided into four parts as outlined below.
You must pass the Basic and Wage Earner sections to be certified to prepare wage earner type returns such as Forms 1040EZ, 1040A and simple Form 1040.

You must pass the Basic and Pension Earner sections to be certified to prepare pension type returns and the more complex Form 1040.

You must pass the Basic, Wage Earner and Pension Earner sections to be certified to prepare all returns authorized under the VITA/TCE Program.

You must pass the Basic, Wage Earner and Military sections to be certified to prepare returns for members of the armed forces.

Part A-Basic $\quad$| Covers the general tax laws which apply |
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| to all taxpayers. This section is based on |
| lessons $1-7$ of your course book. |

## Part B—Wage Earner Covers credits and questions for the typical wage earner. This section is based on lessons 8-11 of your course book.

Part C—Pension Earner Covers credits and questions for the typical pension earner. This section is based on lessons 12-14 of your course book.

Part D—Military Returns Covers the unique questions for the typical member of the armed forces. This section is based on the military segment contained in the military course book.

## What to do when you complete your test:

After you have completed your test, please transfer all answers to the tear-out Test Answer Sheet located on the next page. Forward the completed Test Answer Sheet and the completed Volunteer Agreement/Certification Sheet to your sponsor or instructor as directed for grading. Do not send your entire test booklet unless otherwise directed.

You will receive your answer sheet back with your results. If you need to retake any part of the test, you will be provided the retest booklet.

You need to answer 70\% of the questions correctly. If you fail any part(s), you need only take and pass the retest on the part(s) of the test you failed in order to become certified to prepare the returns as noted on the previous page.

## Using Tax Software to take the Test

All social security numbers, employer identification numbers and routing/account numbers in this document are depicted as xxx-xx-xxxx, xx-xxxxxxx or xxxxxxxx accordingly. Volunteers using tax preparation software to complete the test should replace the x's as directed by the software. All taxpayer names and street addresses use names from a listing of colleges/ universities as provided by IRS manuals. Use your city, state, and zip code when completing any of the forms.

Volunteers who use tax preparation software to complete the test or retest need to be aware of their version of software. Only the final 2004 version of software will generate the correct answers for 2004 tax returns.

## Test Answer Sheet

Instructions: Record all of your answers on this sheet in the boxes provided below. Your instructor will tell you where you should send this sheet for grading. The grader will return this sheet to you. Be sure to include your completed Volunteer Agreement (see next page) with this sheet.

Name:
Address: $\qquad$
(This information is needed to return your results promptly.)

Part A - Basic (Requires 14 correct answers to pass)

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Part B - Wage Earner (Requires 14 correct answers to pass)

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Part C - Pension Earner (Requires 14 correct answers to pass)

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Part D - Military (Requires 28 correct answers to pass)

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Scoring and Certification - To be completed by the grader.

|  | Part A <br> Basic | Part B <br> Wage Earner | Part C <br> Pension <br> Earner | Part D <br> Military |
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| Pass (yes/no) |  |  |  |  |
| Certified (yes/no) |  |  |  |  |
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You may take the retest for the part(s) you failed. Please ask your instructor for additional information.

Form 13615A
(September-2004)

## Volunteer Agreement

The mission of the Volunteer Return Preparation Program is to provide free basic tax return preparation for eligible taxpayers. Volunteers are the program's most valuable resource. To establish the greatest degree of public trust Volunteers have a responsibility to provide high quality service and uphold the highest of ethical standards.

Participants in the Volunteer Return Preparation Program commit to the following standards of conduct:

- I will treat all taxpayers professionally, with courtesy and respect
- I will safeguard the confidentiality of taxpayer information
- I will apply the tax laws equitably and accurately to the best of my ability
- I will only prepare returns within the scope of my training and experience
- I will exercise reasonable care in the use and protection of equipment and supplies
- I will not solicit business from taxpayers I assist
- I will not accept payment for the services I provide

Volunteer Name (print)

Home Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Sponsoring Organization Name

Volunteer Signature and Date

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

This form is to be retained at the Site or Partner level.
Certification (IRS or Sponsor Use Only)

|  | Part A <br> Basic | Part B <br> Wage Earner | Part C <br> Pension Earner | Part D <br> Military |
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| Pass (yes/no) |  |  |  |  |
| Certified (yes/no) |  |  |  |  |
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Certified by: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

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Our legal right to ask for information is 5 U.S.C. 301.
We are asking for this information to assist us in contacting you relative to your interest and/or participation in the IRS volunteer income tax preparation and outreach programs. The information you provide may be furnished to others who coordinate activities and staffing at volunteer return preparation sites or outreach activities. The information may also be used to establish effective controls, send correspondence and recognize volunteers.

Your response is voluntary. However, if you do not provide the requested information, the IRS may not be able to use your assistance in these programs.

Record all answers on the tear-out Test Answer Sheet located in the front of the test booklet

## Part A - Basic

For questions A-1 through A-13, determine whether each of the following statements is true or false (select a or b) and record your answers on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.
a. True
b. False

A-1 Wages reported on Form W-2 and unemployment compensation reported on Form 1099-G are considered taxable income.

A-2 Tom is single, a full time student and 21 years old. He is claimed as a dependent by his parents. He earned $\$ 3,500$, and had $\$ 209$ withheld on his Form W-2. He had $\$ 988$ of dividends reported on Form 1099-DIV. Tom must file a federal income tax return.

A-3 Robert is single, 67 years of age, and blind. His standard deduction is $\$ 7,250$.
A-4 Henry and Louise are married, did not live together during 2004, and will file Married Filing Separately. Henry had Social Security benefits of \$13,000 and other income of $\$ 10,000$. Louise had Social Security benefits of $\$ 12,000$ and a Form $\mathrm{W}-2$ reporting wages of $\$ 10,000$. Both are required to file a federal income tax return.

A-5 David and Tracy have lived apart since April 11, 2004 and legally separated on July 21, 2004. Their son, Tom, lives with Tracy who maintains a home for the two of them. Tom is 22 years old, single, and a full time student. All are U.S. citizens. Tracy should file Married Filing Separately.

A-6 William's wife passed away in November, 2003. He has one child, Eric, who he can claim as a dependent. William kept up a home for himself and Eric for all of 2004. William filed a joint return in 2003, and remains unmarried. He should file as Single on his 2004 federal income tax return.

A-7 The 1040 series of forms provide a space to designate a "Third Party Designee." Because you prepared the tax return, the taxpayer asks you to be listed as the designee. You may agree to this request.

A-8 An employer determines the amount of federal income tax to withhold based on information submitted by the employee on a Form W-4.

A-9 Adjusted gross income is the total income minus adjustments to income.
A-10 Contributions to traditional IRAs may be deductible as adjustments to income on Form 1040 or Form 1040A.

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A-11 The following five tests must all be met to claim an exemption for a dependent: Member of Household or Relationship Test; Citizen or Resident Test; Joint Return Test; Gross Income Test; and Support Test.

A-12 Louise is single and turned 65 on January 1, 2005. She earned $\$ 8,150$ during 2004. Louise must file a federal tax return for 2004.

A-13 Katherine will file as Head of Household and has adjusted gross income of $\$ 34,525$. She has the following expenses: medical expenses of $\$ 4,500$; state and local income taxes of $\$ 3,000$; home mortgage interest of $\$ 5,300$; and cash donations to her church of $\$ 500$. She should take the standard deduction.

For questions A-14 through A-20, select the most correct response and record your answers on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.

A-14 Which of the following is taxable income?
a. Child support
b. Veterans' disability benefits
c. Federal income tax refunds
d. Wages, salaries, bonuses, and commissions
e. Workers' compensation

A-15 Which of the following statements is the best answer regarding contributions to traditional IRAs?
a. The maximum amount taxpayers under the age of 50 may contribute to an IRA is $\$ 3,000$.
b. For married filing joint returns, the maximum IRA contribution can not exceed \$7,000 when both taxpayers are age 50 or older.
c. The deadline for contributing into an IRA for the year 2004 is April 15, 2005.
d. All of the above
e. None of the above

A-16 Which of the following is not a deductible expense on Schedule A?
a. Prescription medicines and drugs
b. Real estate taxes
c. Home mortgage interest
d. Direct contributions to an individual
e. Union dues and fees

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A-17 John's taxable income is $\$ 18,000$. His filing status is single. Using the tax tables, what is John's federal income tax?
a. 0
b. $\$ 2,331$
c. $\$ 2,339$
d. \$2,346
e. $\$ 2,354$

A-18 Where does the Site Identification Number appear on the tax return?
a. Beside the signature block
b. Third party designee block
c. Paid preparer's section
d. Adjusted gross income block
e. None of the above

A-19 Sarah wants her refund deposited in her checking account. What information is needed?
a. Routing number
b. Account number
c. Name of bank
d. Both $a$ and b
e. None of the above

A-20 To ensure the most accurate information is used to prepare tax returns, which of the following questions should you ask a taxpayer?
a. Are you married or single?
b. Do you have children or anyone else who lives with you?
c. If others live with you, do you provide over half the cost of keeping up the home or do you provide more than $50 \%$ of their overall support?
d. Are any of the children full time students?
e. All of the above

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## PART B - Wage Earner

For questions B-1 through B-10, select the most correct response and record your answers on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.

B-1 Which of the following is not considered earned income for Earned Income Credit purposes?
a. Wages from Form W-2
b. Strike benefits paid by the taxpayer's union
c. Alimony
d. Disability paid by an employer prior to minimum retirement age
e. Form 1099 MISC non-employee compensation

B-2 Tom and Brenda are John's parents and claim him as a dependent on their joint return. John's grandmother Mary made the payment for his tuition and fees directly to a qualified college. John is a full-time student in his junior year and received no scholarship or grant. Who has the right to claim the education credit?
a. John
b. Tom and Brenda
c. Mary
d. Tom, Brenda, and John
e. John and Mary

B-3 In the above scenario can the Hope Scholarship Credit be claimed if all other rules are met?
a. Yes
b. No

B-4 Bethany and Tim are divorced. Their daughter, Lynette, is 12 and has lived with Bethany for 2 years. Bethany and Tim's divorce decree gives Tim the right to claim Lynette as a dependent. Who can claim Lynette for Earned Income Credit?
a. Bethany
b. Tim
c. Both Bethany and Tim
d. Neither Bethany nor Tim
e. Lynette

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B-5 Mary and her two children, both under 19 years of age, lived with her boyfriend, Derrick for all of 2004. The children are not Derrick's children, but he provides support for them. Mary did not earn any income in 2004, but Derrick made $\$ 20,000$ at his job. Can Derrick claim the children for EIC?
a. Yes
b. No

B-6 Jessica is a 23 year-old single mother with a two-year-old child. They lived together in their Boston apartment for all of 2004. Jessica made $\$ 15,000$ at her job and had no other income. Does she qualify for EIC?
a. Yes
b. No

B-7 Martino has three children, all under the age of 19. Martino and the children all lived with his mother, Charlotta, during 2004. Martino and Charlotta both have earned income under $\$ 23,000$. Who can claim the children for EIC?
a. Martino
b. Charlotta
c. Martino and Charlotta may agree to each claim different children
d. Any of the above
e. Neither Martino nor Charlotta

B-8 Which is not an eligibility requirement for claiming the EIC with a qualifying child?
a. Age of the child
b. Claiming the child as a dependent
c. Relationship to the child
d. Taxpayer having earned income
e. Child must live with taxpayer in United States

B-9 What is the maximum per child amount for Child Tax Credit?
a. $\$ 400$
b. $\$ 600$
c. $\$ 1,000$
d. $\$ 1,200$
e. $\$ 1,500$

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B-10 Ellen is divorced. She lives with her two daughters, 7-year-old Terri and 16-year-old Jennie. Which of the following is a qualifying expense for the Child and Dependent Care Credit?
a. Sending Terri to a private elementary school
b. Sending Terri to an overnight summer camp
c. Paying Jennie to care for Terri
d. Paying for after school care at the Learning Center Day Care for Terri
e. Paying for after school care at the Learning Center Day Care for Jennie

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For questions B-11 through B-13, use the following scenario to complete a Form 1040 through line 62 and complete a Form 8863. Do not calculate a tuition and fees deduction on Form 1040, line 27. Select the most correct response and record your answers on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.

Brenda Bradford is a single mother with a son, Franklin, who is a full time student at the local university. He lives at home and is in his second year of college. The university classifies him as a sophomore.

You ask if Franklin had income to contribute to his support. Brenda tells you he did not.

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sOCIAL SECURITY
xxx-xx-xxxx

This number has been established for
FRANKLIN BRIAN BRADFORD

Date of Birth:
Brenda, November 14, 1960
Franklin, January 19, 1982
You ask Brenda if she wants to contribute to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund, and she says no.

When asked, Brenda states she is a custodian at Hamilton High School and has no other income.

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Brenda also gives you a statement she received from the University of Hartford and asks you what she should do with it.


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B-11 What is the amount of tentative education credits (Form 8863, line 8)?
a. \$340
b. $\$ 640$
c. $\$ 988$
d. $\$ 1,349$
e. $\$ 1,500$

B-12 What is amount of total tax (Form 1040, line 62)?
a. 0
b. \$333
c. $\$ 633$
d. $\$ 803$
e. $\$ 973$

B-13 Does Franklin qualify Brenda for the EIC?
a. Yes
b. No

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For questions B-14 through B-19, use the following scenario to complete a Form 1040 and appropriate worksheets, forms and schedules. Select the most correct response and record your answers on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.

Miguel is a single parent. He provides all the support for his children, Pedro and Tina, who live with him.


## sOCIAL SECURITY <br> xxx-xx-xxxx

This number has been established for
TINA ANNE AMARILLO

Dates of Birth:
Miguel, May 4, 1960
Pedro, April 6, 1998
Tina, May 17, 2000
Miguel says he is a journalist. His states that his current address is the same as the one on his check and would like his refund directly deposited in the bank.

He gives you all the information documents he's received. He says that he has no other income. After looking at his documents, you ask him if his EIC was disallowed or reduced in the past two years and he tells you it was not.

After being asked, he also states he did not receive any distributions from his retirement plan.
Miguel tells you he does not want to contribute to the Presidential Election Campaign.
During the interview, you determine he does not qualify for any adjustments to his total income. You also review his expenses and determine he cannot itemize and therefore will take the standard deduction.

Miguel states he did not forfeit any of his dependent care benefits.

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Copy B—To Be Filed With Employee's FEDERAL Tax Return.
This information is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

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| PAYER'S name, street address, city, state, ZIP code, and telephone no. <br> Bank of Asbury <br> 1255 E 18th Street <br> Your City, State ZIP |  | Payer's RTN (optional) |  |  |
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| PAYER'S Federal identification number $\mathbf{X X}-\mathbf{X X X X X X X}$ | RECIPIENT'S identification number XXX-XX-XXXX | 1 Interest income not included in box 3 <br> $\$$ 65.71 |  | Copy B <br> For Recipient <br> This is important tax information and is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service. If you are required to file a return, a negligence penalty or other sanction may be imposed on you if this income is taxable and the IRS determines that it has not been reported. |
| RECIPIENT'S name <br> Miguel I Amarillo |  | 2 Early withdrawal penalty <br> \$ |  |  |
| Street address (including apt. no.) 155 W First Street |  | 4  <br> Federal income tax withheld  <br> $\$$ 0.00 | 5 Investment expenses \$ |  |
| City, state, and ZIP code <br> Your City, State ZI |  | 6 Foreign tax paid | 7 Foreign country or U.S. possession |  |
| Account number (optional) 11111222334 |  |  |  |  |
| Form 1099-INT (keep for your records) | (keep for your records) |  | Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service |  |

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> Post Child Care
> 5540 Wilson Dr
> Your City, State ZIP
> XX-XXXXXXX

Amounts Received:
January 1, $2004 \quad \$ 1,000$
April 1, $2004 \quad \$ 1,000$
July 1, $2004 \quad \$ 1,000$
October 1, $2004 \quad \$ 1,000$
Total amount received from Miguel Amarillo for the care of Pedro and Tina is: $\$ 4,000$

Miguel I. Amarillo
155 W. First Street
Your City, State ZIP
Date $\qquad$
(512) 444-5555

Pay to the
Order of $\qquad$ \$
$\qquad$ Dollars
Bank Of Asbury
For:
XXXXXXXXX: 00111112223341234


Internal Revenue Service (99)
Child and Dependent Care Expenses

- Attach to Form 1040.
- See separate instructions.
Before you begin: You need to understand the following terms. See Definitions on page 1 of the instructions. - Dependent Care Benefits • Qualifying Person(s) • Qualified Expenses • Earned Income
Part I Persons or Organizations Who Provided the Care-You must complete this part. (lf you need more space, use the bottom of page 2.)

| $1 \text { (a) Care provider's } \begin{gathered} \text { name } \end{gathered}$ | (b) Address <br> (number, street, apt. no.,. city, state, and ZIP code) (c) Identifying number <br> (SSN or EIN) | (d) Amount paid (see instructions) |
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## Part II Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses

2 Information about your qualifying person(s). If you have more than two qualifying persons, see the instructions.


## Part III Dependent Care Benefits

14 Enter the total amount of dependent care benefits you received in 2004. Amounts you received as an employee should be shown in box 10 of your Form(s) W-2. Do not include amounts reported as wages in box 1 of Form(s) W-2. If you were self-employed or a partner, include amounts you received under a dependent care assistance program from your sole proprietorship or partnership
15 Enter the amount forfeited, if any (see the instructions)
16 Subtract line 15 from line 14
17 Enter the total amount of qualified expenses incurred in 2004 for the care of the qualifying person(s)
18 Enter the smaller of line 16 or 17
19 Enter your earned income
20 Enter the amount shown below that applies to you.

- If married filing jointly, enter your spouse's earned income (if your spouse was a student or was disabled, see the instructions for line 5).
- If married filing separately, see the instructions for the amount to enter.
- All others, enter the amount from line 19 .

21 Enter the smallest of line 18, 19, or 20


22 Enter the amount from line 14 that you received from your sole proprietorship or partnership. If you did not receive any such amounts, enter -0-
23 Subtract line 22 from line 16
24 Enter $\$ 5,000$ ( $\$ 2,500$ if married filing separately and you were required to enter your spouse's earned income on line 20)
25 Deductible benefits. Enter the smallest of line 21, 22, or 24. Also, include this amount on the appropriate line(s) of your return (see the instructions)
26 Enter the smaller of line 21 or 24
27 Enter the amount from line 25


28 Excluded benefits. Subtract line 27 from line 26. If zero or less, enter -0-
29 Taxable benefits. Subtract line 28 from line 23. If zero or less, enter -0-. Also, include this amount on Form 1040, line 7. On the dotted line next to line 7, enter "DCB"

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To claim the child and dependent care credit, complete lines 30-34 below.

30 Enter $\$ 3,000$ ( $\$ 6,000$ if two or more qualifying persons)
31 Add lines 25 and 28
32 Subtract line 31 from line 30. If zero or less, stop. You cannot take the credit. Exception. If you paid 2003 expenses in 2004, see the instructions for line 9
33 Complete line 2 on the front of this form. Do not include in column (c) any benefits shown on line 31 above. Then, add the amounts in column (c) and enter the total here.
34 Enter the smaller of line 32 or 33 . Also, enter this amount on line 3 on the front of this form and complete lines 4-13

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## Line 51-Child Tax Credit

## What Is the Child Tax Credit?

This credit is for people who have a qualifying child (defined below). It is in addition to the credit for child and dependent care expenses on Form 1040, line 46, and the earned income credit on Form 1040, line 65.

## Three Steps To Take the Child Tax Credit!

Step 1. Make sure you have a qualifying child for the child tax credit (defined below).
Step 2. Make sure you checked the box on Form 1040, line 6 c , column (4), for each qualifying child.
Step 3. Answer the questions on this page to see if you may use the worksheet on page 41 to figure your credit or if you must use Pub. 972, Child Tax Credit. If you need Pub. 972, see page 7.

## Qualifying Child for Child Tax Credit

A qualifying child for purposes of the child tax credit is a child who:

1. Is claimed as your dependent on line 6 c , and
2. Was under age 17 at the end of 2004 , and
3. Is your (a) son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild, or a descendant of any of them (for example, your grandchild);
(b) brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, or a descendant of any of them (for example, your niece or nephew), whom you cared for as you would your own child; or (c) foster child (any child placed with you by an authorized placement agency whom you cared for as you would your own child), and
4. Is a U.S. citizen or resident alien.


The above requirements are not the same as the requirements to be a qualifying child for the earned income credit.

An adopted child is always treated as your own child. An adopted child includes a child placed with you by an authorized
placement agency for legal adoption even if the adoption is not final. An authorized placement agency includes any person or court authorized by state law to place children for legal adoption.

Questions
Who Must Use Pub. 972


1. Are you excluding income from Puerto Rico or are you filing any of the following forms?

- Form 2555 or 2555 -EZ (relating to foreign earned income)
- Form 4563 (exclusion of income for residents of American Samoa)No. ContinueYes. sTop
You must use Pub. 972 to figure your credit.

2. Is the amount on Form 1040, line 37, more than the amount shown below for your filing status?

- Married filing jointly - \$110,000
- Single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) \$75,000
- Married filing separately - \$55,000


You must use Pub. 972 to figure your credit.

Are you claiming any of the following credits?

- Retirement savings contributions credit, Form 8880 (see the instructions for Form 1040, line 52, on page 42)
- Adoption credit, Form 8839 (see the instructions for Form 1040, line 53 , on page 42 )

No. Use the
worksheet on page 38 to figure your child tax credit.

Yes. You must use Pub. 972 to figure your child tax credit. You will also need the form(s) listed above for any credit(s) you are claiming.

- To be a qualifying child for the child tax credit, the child must be under age $\mathbf{1 7}$ at the end of 2004 and meet the other requirements listed on page 40 .

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1. Number of qualifying children: $\qquad$ $\times \$ 1,000$.

2. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 45.

3. Add the amounts from Form 1040:

4. Are the amounts on lines 2 and 3 the same?Yes. STTOP
You cannot take this credit because there is no tax
to reduce. However, you may be able to take the
additional child tax credit. See the TIP below.No. Subtract line 3 from line 2 .

5. Is the amount on line 1 more than the amount on line 4 ?Yes. Enter the amount from line 4. TIP below.

Also, you may be able to take the additional child tax credit. See the

This is your child tax credit.
 on Form 1040, line 67, if you answered "Yes" on line 4 or line 5 above.

- First, complete your Form 1040 through line 66.
- Then, use Form 8812 to figure any additional child tax credit.


## Line 65 <br> Earned Income Credit (EIC)

## What Is the EIC?

The EIC is a credit for certain people who work. The credit may give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax.

## To Take the EIC:

- Follow the steps below.
- Complete the worksheet that applies to you or let the IRS figure the credit for you.
- If you have a qualifying child, complete and attach Schedule EIC.


If you take the EIC even though you are not eligible and it is determined that your error is due to reckless or intentional disregard of the EIC rules, you will not be allowed to take the credit for 2 years even if you are otherwise eligible to do so. If you fraudulently take the EIC, you will not be allowed to take the credit for 10 years. You may also have to pay penalties.

## Step 1 All Filers

1. If, in 2004:

- 2 children lived with you, is the amount on Form 1040, line 37 , less than $\$ 34,458$ ( $\$ 35,458$ if married filing jointly)?
- 1 child lived with you, is the amount on Form 1040, line 37, less than $\$ 30,338$ ( $\$ 31,338$ if married filing jointly)?
- No children lived with you, is the amount on Form 1040, line 37, less than $\$ 11,490$ ( $\$ 12,490$ if married filing jointly)?


2. Do you, and your spouse if filing a joint return, have a social security number that allows you to work or is valid for EIC purposes (see page 47)?

3. Is your filing status married filing separately?
No. Continue

You cannot take the credit.
4. Are you filing Form 2555 or $2555-E Z$ (relating to foreign earned income)?
$\square$ Yes. stopNo. Continue
You cannot take the credit.
5. Were you a nonresident alien for any part of 2004 ?Yes. See NonresidentNo. Go to Step 2. aliens on page 47.

## Step 2 Investment Income

1. Add the amounts from Form 1040:

| Line 8a |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Line 8b | + |
| Line 9a | + |
| Line 13* | $+\square$ |

## Investment Income =

$\square$
*Do not include if line 13 is a loss.
2. Is your investment income more than $\$ 2,650$ ?Yes. Continue
No. Skip question 3; go to question 4.
3. Are you filing Form 4797 (relating to sales of business property)?Yes. See Form 4797
No. STOP
filers on page 46 .
You cannot take the credit.
4. Do any of the following apply for 2004?

- You are filing Schedule E.
- You are reporting income or a loss from the rental of personal property not used in a trade or business.
- You are reporting income on Form 1040, line 21, from Form 8814 (relating to election to report child's interest and dividends).
$\square$ Yes. You must use
No. Continue
Worksheet 1 in Pub.
596 to see if you can
take the credit. To get
Pub. 596, see page 7.

5. Did a child live with you in 2004 ?
$\square$ Yes. Go to Step 3
No. Go to Step 4 on page 45 .
(Continued on page 45)

Need more information or forms? See page 7.

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## Step 3 Qualifying Child

## A qualifying child is a child who is your...

Son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild, or a descendant of any of them (for example, your grandchild)
or
Brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, or a descendant of any of them (for example, your niece or nephew), whom you cared for as you would your own child or
Foster child (any child placed with you by an authorized placement agency whom you cared for as you would your own child)

was at the end of 2004...
Under age 19
or
Under age 24 and a student (see page 47)
or
Any age and permanently and totally disabled (see page 47)

who...
Lived with you in the United States for more than half of 2004.
If the child did not live with you for the required time, see Exception to "time lived with you" condition on page 46.


If the child was married, see page 47.

1. Look at the qualifying child conditions above. Could you, or your spouse if filing a joint return, be a qualifying child of another person in 2004?

2. Does the child meet the conditions to be a qualifying child of any other person (other than your spouse if filing a joint return) for 2004?

Yes. SeeQualifying child of more than one person on page 47.

## Step 4 Filers Without a Qualifying Child

1. Look at the qualifying child conditions in Step 3. Could you, or your spouse if filing a joint return, be a qualifying child of another person in 2004?

2. Can you, or your spouse if filing a joint return, be claimed as a dependent on someone else's 2004 tax return?
Yes.
You cannot take the
credit.
3. Were you, or your spouse if filing a joint return, at least age 25 but under age 65 at the end of 2004?
$\square$ Yes
No. sтор
You cannot take the credit.

Was your home, and your spouse's if filing a joint return, in the United States for more than half of 2004? Members of the military stationed outside the United States, see page 47 before you answer.
Yes. Go to Step 5

No. sto

You cannot take the credit. Put "No" on the dotted line next to line 65 .
2. Do you have at least one child who meets the above conditions to be your qualifying child?
$\square$ Yes. Go to question 3.No. Skip the next two questions; go to Step 4, question 2.

## Step 5 Earned Income

1. Are you filing Schedule SE because you were a member of the clergy or you had church employee income of $\$ 108.28$ or more?

Yes. See Clergy or Church employees, whichever applies, on this page.
2. Figure earned income:

Form 1040, line 7
Subtract, if included on line 7, any:

- Taxable scholarship or fellowship grant not reported on a Form W-2.
- Amount paid to an inmate in a penal institution for work (put "PRI" and the amount subtracted on the dotted line next to Form 1040, line 7).
- Amount received as a pension or annuity from a nonqualified deferred
compensation plan or a nongovernmental section 457 plan (put "DFC" and the amount subtracted on the dotted line next to Form 1040, line 7). This amount may be shown in Form W-2, box 11. If you received such an amount but box 11 is blank, contact your employer for the amount received as a pension or annuity.


3. Were you self-employed, or are you filing Schedule SE because you were a member of the clergy or you had church employee income, or are you filing Schedule C or C-EZ as statutory employee?

Yes. Skip question 4No. Continue
and Step 6; go to
Worksheet B on
page 49.
4. If you have:

- 2 or more qualifying children, is your earned income less than $\$ 34,458$ ( $\$ 35,458$ if married filing jointly)?
- 1 qualifying child, is your earned income less thân $\$ 30,338$ ( $\$ 31,338$ if married filing jointly)?
- No qualifying children, is your earned income less than \$11,490 (\$12,490 if married filing jointly)?Yes. Go to Step 6.No. sтоि
You cannot take the credit.


## Step 6 How To Figure the Credit

1. Do you want the IRS to figure the credit for you?
$\square$ Yes. See Credit
No. Go to Worksheet A on page 48. this page.

## Definitions and Special Rules

(listed in alphabetical order)
Adopted child. An adopted child is always treated as your own child. An adopted child includes a child placed with you by an authorized placement agency for legal adoption even if the adoption is not final. An authorized placement agency includes any person or court authorized by state law to place children for legal adoption.

Church employees. Determine how much of the amount on Form 1040, line 7, was also reported on Schedule SE, line 5a. Subtract that amount from the amount on Form 1040, line 7, and enter the result in the first space of Step 5 , line 2 . Be sure to answer "Yes" on Step 5, line 3.
Clergy. The following instructions apply to ministers, members of religious orders who have not taken a vow of poverty, and Christian Science practitioners. If you are filing Schedule SE and the amount on line 2 of that schedule includes an amount that was also reported on Form 1040, line

1. Put "Clergy" on the dotted line next to Form 1040, line 65. Determine how much of the amount on Form 1040, line 7, was also reported on Schedule SE, line 2.
2. Subtract that amount from the amount on Form 1040, line 7. Enter the result in the first space of Step 5, line 2. 4. Be sure to answer "Yes" to question 3 in Step 5.

Credit figured by the IRS. To have the IRS figure the credit for you:

- Put "EIC" on the dotted line next to Form 1040, line 65.

If you have a qualifying child, complete and attach Schedule EIC. If your EIC for a year after 1996 was reduced or disallowed, see Form 8862, Who must file below.

Exception to "time lived with you" condition. A child is con-- sidered to have lived with you for all of 2004 if the child was born or died in 2004 and your home was this child's home for the entire time he or she was alive in 2004. Temporary absences, such as for school, vacation, medical care, or detention in a juvenile facility, count as time lived at home. If your child is presumed to have been kidnapped by someone who is not a family member, see Pub. 596 to find out if that child is a qualifying child for the EIC. To get Pub. 596 , see page 7. If you were in the military stationed outside the United States, see Members of the military on page 47.

Form 4797 filers. If the amount on Form 1040, line 13, includes an amount from Form 4797, you must use Worksheet 1 in Pub. 596 to see if you can take the EIC. To get Pub. 596, see page 7. Otherwise, stop; you cannot take the EIC.
Form 8862, Who must file. You must file Form 8862 if your EIC for a year after 1996 was reduced or disallowed for any reason other than a math or clerical error. But do not file Form 8862 if either of the following applies.

1. After your EIC was reduced or disallowed in an earlier year (a) you filed Form 8862 (or other documents) and your EIC was then allowed, and (b) your EIC has not been
reduced or disallowed again for any reason other than a math or clerical error.
2. You are taking the EIC without a qualifying child and the only reason your EIC was reduced or disallowed in the earlier year was because it was determined that a child listed on Schedule EIC was not your qualifying child.
Also, do not file Form 8862 or take the credit for 2 years if it was determined that your error was due to reckless or intentional disregard of the EIC rules (10 years if due to fraud).
Married child. A child who was married at the end of 2004 is a qualifying child only if (a) you can claim him or her as your dependent on Form 1040, line 6c, or (b) this child's other parent claims him or her as a dependent under the rules in Pub. 501 for children of divorced or separated parents.
Members of the military. If you were on extended active duty outside the United States, your home is considered to be in the United States during that duty period. Extended active duty is military duty ordered for an indefinite period or for a period of more than 90 days. Once you begin serving extended active duty, you are considered to be on extended active duty even if you serve fewer than 90 days.

Nonresident aliens. If your filing status is married filing jointly, go to Step 2 on page 44. Otherwise, stop; you cannot take the EIC.

Permanently and totally disabled child. A child who cannot engage in any substantial gainful activity because of a physical or mental condition and a doctor has determined that this condition:

- Has lasted or can be expected to last continuously for at least a year, or
- Can lead to death.

Qualifying child of more than one person. If the child meets the conditions to be a qualifying child of more than one person, only one person can take the EIC based on that child. The other person(s) cannot take the EIC for people without a qualifying child, but may take the EIC based on a different qualifying child. If you and the other person(s) cannot agree who will take the EIC, then the following rules apply.

- If only one of the persons is the child's parent, the child will be treated as the qualifying child of the parent.
- If both persons are the child's parents, the child will be treated as the qualifying child of the parent with whom the child lived for the longer period of time during 2004. If the child lived with each parent for the same amount of time, the child will be treated as the qualifying child of the parent who had the higher adjusted gross income (AGI) for 2004.
- If none of the persons is the child's parent, the child will be treated as the qualifying child of the person who had the highest AGI for 2004.
The child must have a valid social security number as defined on this page unless the child was born and died in 2004. If you do not have a qualifying child, stop; you cannot take the EIC. Put "No" on the dotted line next to line 65 . If you have a qualifying child, skip Step 4; go to Step 5 on page 46.

Example. You and your 5 -year-old daughter moved in with your mother in April 2004. You are not a qualifying child of your mother. Your daughter meets the conditions to be a qualifying child for both you and your mother. If you and your mother cannot agree on who will treat your daughter as a qualifying child, the rules above apply. Under these rules, you are entitled to treat your daughter as a qualifying child because you are the child's parent. Your mother would not be entitled to claim any EIC unless she has a different qualifying child.

Social security number (SSN). For purposes of taking the EIC, a valid SSN is a number issued by the Social Security Administration unless "Not Valid for Employment" is printed on the social security card and the number was issued solely to apply for or receive a federally funded benefit.

To find out how to get an SSN, see page 15. If you will not have an SSN by April 15, 2005, see What if You Cannot File on Time? on page 12 .
Student. A child who during any 5 months of 2004:

- Was enrolled as a full-time student at a school, or
- Took a full-time, on-farm training course given by a school or

Ca state, county, or local government agency.
A school includes technical, trade, and mechanical schools. It does not include on-the-job training courses, correspondence schools, or night schools.
Welfare benefits, effect of credit on. Any refund you receive as a result of taking the EIC will not be used to determine if you are eligible for the following programs or how much you can receive from them. But if the refund you receive because of the EIC is not spent within a certain period of time, it may count as an asset (or resource) and affect your eligibility.

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- Medicaid and supplemental security income (SSI).
- Food stamps and low-income housing.

Before you begin: $\sqrt{ }$ Be sure you are using the correct worksheet. Do not use this worksheet if you were self-employed, or you are filing Schedule SE because you were a member of the clergy or you had church employee income, or you are filing Schedule C or C-EZ as a statutory employee. Instead, use Worksheet B that begins on page 49.

## Part 1

All Filers Using
Worksheet A

1. Enter your earned income from Step 5 on page 46. $\square$
2. Look up the amount on line 1 above in the EIC Table on pages 51-55 to find the credit. Be sure you use the correct column for your filing status and the number of children you have. Enter the credit here.


If line 2 is zero,


You cannot take the credit.
Put "No" on the dotted line next to line 65.
3. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 37.

4. Are the amounts on lines 3 and 1 the same?Yes. Skip line 5; enter the amount from line 2 on line 6.No. Go to line 5 .

## Part 2

Filers Who
Answered
"No" on
Line 4
5. If you have:

- No qualifying children, is the amount on line 3 less than $\$ 6,400$ ( $\$ 7,400$ if married filing jointly)?
- 1 or more qualifying children, is the amount on line 3 less than $\$ 14,050$ ( $\$ 15,050$ if married filing jointly)?Yes. Leave line 5 blank; enter the amount from line 2 on line 6.No. Look up the amount on line 3 in the EIC Table on pages $51-55$ to find the credit. Be sure you use the correct column for your filing status and the number of children you have. Enter the credit here.


Look at the amounts on lines 5 and 2 .
Then, enter the smaller amount on line 6.
6. This is your earned income credit.

## Part 3

Your Earned Income Credit


If your EIC for a year after 1996 was reduced or disallowed, see page 46 to find out if you must file Form 8862 to take the credit for
2004.


## Before you begin:

See the instructions for Form 1040A, line 41, or Form 1040, line 65, to make sure that (a) you can take the EIC and (b) you have a qualifying child.

- If you take the EIC even though you are not eligible, you may not be allowed to take the credit for up to 10 years. See back of schedule for details.
- It will take us longer to process your return and issue your refund if you do not fill in all lines that apply for each qualifying child.
- Be sure the child's name on line 1 and social security number (SSN) on line 2 agree with the child's social security card. Otherwise, at the time we process your return, we may reduce or disallow your EIC. If the name or SSN on the child's social security card is not correct, call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213.

| Qualifying Child Information | Child 1 |  | Child 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Child's name | First name | Last name | First name | Last name |
| If you have more than two qualifying children, you only have to list two to get the maximum credit. |  |  |  |  |
| 2 Child's SSN <br> The child must have an SSN as defined on page 43 of the Form 1040A instructions or page 47 of the Form 1040 instructions unless the child was born and died in 2004. If your child was born and died in 2004 and did not have an SSN, enter "Died" on this line and attach a copy of the child's birth certificate. |  |  |  |  |
| 3 Child's year of birth |  |  | Year <br> If born and $4 b$ | 985, skip lines $4 a$ line 5. |
| 4 If the child was born before 1986a Was the child under age 24 at the end of 2004 and a student? $\qquad$ <br> b Was the child permanently and totally disabled during any part of 2004? | $\square$ <br> Go to | $\square$ No. <br> Continue | $\square$ Ye <br> Go to lin | No. <br> Continue |
|  | $\square$ Y Contin | No. <br> The child is not a qualifying child. |  | No. <br> The child is not a qualifying child. |
| 5 Child's relationship to you (for example, son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew, foster child, etc.) |  |  |  |  |
| 6 Number of months child lived with you in the United States during 2004 <br> - If the child lived with you for more than half of 2004 but less than 7 months, enter " 7 ". <br> - If the child was born or died in 2004 and your home was the child's home for the entire time he or she was alive during 2004, enter " 12 ". | Do n | $\qquad$ months <br> than 12 months. | Do not | $\qquad$ months <br> re than 12 months. |

You may also be able to take the additional child tax credit if your child (a) was under age 17 at the end of 2004, (b) is

Schedule EIC (Form 1040A or 1040) 2004 or 1040 instructions.


## Part II Certain Filers Who Have Three or More Qualifying Children

7 Enter the total of the withheld social security and Medicare taxes from Form(s) W-2, boxes 4 and 6. If married filing jointly, include your spouse's amounts with yours. If you worked for a railroad, see the instructions on back
$8 \mathbf{1 0 4 0}$ filers: Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 30 and 58, plus any uncollected social security and Medicare or tier 1 RRTA taxes included on line 62.
1040A filers: Enter -0 -

9 Add lines 7 and 8
101040 filers: Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 65 and 66.
1040A filers: Enter the total of the amount from Form 1040A, line 41, plus any excess social security and tier 1 RRTA taxes withheld that you entered to the left of line 43 (see the instructions on back).

11 Subtract line 10 from line 9. If zero or less, enter -0-


12 Enter the larger of line 6 or line 11 here
12
Next, enter the smaller of line 3 or line 12 on line 13.
Part III Your Additional Child Tax Credit

13 This is your additional child tax credit
13


Enter this amount on Form 1040, line 67, or Form 1040A, line 42.

## Instructions

## Purpose of Form

Use Form 8812 to figure your additional child tax credit.

The additional child tax credit may give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax.

## Who Should Use Form 8812

First, complete the Child Tax Credit Worksheet that applies to you. See the instructions for Form 1040, line 51, or Form 1040A, line 32. If you meet the condition given in the $T I P$ at the end of your Child Tax Credit Worksheet, use Form 8812 to see if you can take the additional child tax credit.

## Effect of Credit on Welfare Benefits

Any refund you receive as a result of taking the additional child tax credit will not be used to determine if you are eligible for the following programs, or how much you can receive from them.

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- Medicaid and supplemental security income (SSI).
- Food stamps and low-income housing.


## Taxable Earned Income

1. Did you, or your spouse if filing a joint return, have net earnings from self-employment and use either optional method to figure those net earnings?
$\square$ No. Go to question 2 .Yes. Use Pub. 972 to figure the amount to enter on Form 8812, line 4.
2. Are you claiming the earned income credit (EIC) on Form 1040, line 65, or Form 1040A, line 41 ?


Yes. Use the following chart to find the amount to enter on Form 8812, line 4.

| IF you are filing Form . . . | AND you completed . . . | THEN enter on Form 8812, line 4 , the amount from . . |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1040 | Worksheet B on page 49 of your 1040 instructions | Worksheet B, line 4b.* |
|  | Step 5 on page 46 of your 1040 instructions (but not Worksheet B) | Step 5, Earned Income |
| 1040A | Step 5 on page 42 of your 1040A instructions | Step 5, Earned Income |

* If you were a member of the clergy, subtract the following from the amount on line 4b: (a) the rental value of a home or the nontaxable portion of an allowance for a home furnished to you (including payments for utilities) and (b) the value of meals and lodging provided to you, your spouse, and your dependents for your employer's convenience.

No. 1040 filers: Go to question 3. 1040A filers: Skip question 3 and go to question 4.
3. Were you, or your spouse if filing a joint return, self-employed, or are you filing Schedule SE because you were a member of the clergy or you had church employee income, or are you filing Schedule C or C-EZ as a statutory employee?


No. Go to question 4.Yes. Use Pub. 972 to figure the amount to enter on Form 8812, line 4.
4. Does the amount on line 7 of Form 1040 or Form 1040A include any of the following amounts?

- Taxable scholarship or fellowship grants not reported on a Form W-2.
- Amounts paid to an inmate in a penal institution for work (enter
"PRI" and the amount paid in the space next to line 7 of Form 1040 or 1040A).
- Amounts received as a pension or annuity from a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or a nongovernmental section 457 plan (enter "DFC" and the amount received in the space next to line 7 of Form 1040 or 1040A). This amount may be reported in box 11 of your Form W-2. If you received such an amount but box 11 is blank, contact your employer for the amount received as a pension or annuity.
- Amounts from Form 2555, line 41, or Form 2555-EZ, line 18.

No. Enter the amount from line 7 of Form 1040 or Form 1040A on Form 8812, line 4.
$\square$ Yes. Subtract the total of those amounts from the amount on line 7 of Form 1040 or Form 1040A. (If an amount is included in more than one of the above categories, include it only once in figuring the total amount to subtract.) Enter the result on Form 8812, line 4.

## Railroad Employees

If you worked for a railroad, include the following taxes in the total on Form 8812, line 7

- Tier 1 tax withheld from your pay. This tax should be shown in box 14 of your Form(s) W-2 and identified as "Tier 1 tax."
- If you were an employee representative, $50 \%$ of the total tier 1 tax and tier 1 Medicare tax you paid for 2004.


## 1040A Filers

If you, or your spouse if filing a joint return, had more than one employer for 2004 and total wages of over $\$ 87,900$, figure any excess social security and tier 1 railroad retirement (RRTA) taxes withheld. See the instructions for Form 1040A, line 43. Include any excess on Form 8812, line 10.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice. We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us the information. We need it to ensure that you are complying with these laws and to allow us to figure and collect the right amount of tax.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by Internal Revenue Code section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is: Recordkeeping, 6 min .; Learning about the law or the form, 5 min .; Preparing the form, 28 min .; Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS, 20 min .

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the Instructions for Form 1040 or Form 1040A.


You cannot take this credit if either of the following applies.

- The amount on Form 1040, line 37, or Form 1040A, line 22, is more than $\$ 25,000$ ( $\$ 37,500$ if head of household; $\$ 50,000$ if married filing jointly).
- The person(s) who made the qualified contribution or elective deferral (a) was born after January 1, 1987, (b) is claimed as a dependent on someone else's 2004 tax return, or (c) was a student (see instructions).

1 Traditional and Roth IRA contributions for 2004. Do not include rollover contributions
2 Elective deferrals to a 401(k) or other qualified employer plan, voluntary employee contributions, and 501(c)(18)(D) plan contributions for 2004 (see instructions)
3 Add lines 1 and 2
4 Certain distributions received after 2001 and before the due date (including extensions) of your 2004 tax return (see instructions). married filing jointly, include both spouses' amounts in both columns. See instructions for an exception
5 Subtract line 4 from line 3 . If zero or less, enter -0
6 In each column, enter the smaller of line 5 or $\$ 2,000$
7 Add the amounts on line 6. If zero, stop; you cannot take this credit
8 Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 37*, or Form 1040A, line 22.
9 Enter the applicable decimal amount shown below:

| If line 8 is- |  | And your filing status is- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Over- | But not <br> over- | Married <br> filing jointly <br> Enter on line 9- | Head of <br> household | Single, Married filing <br> separately, or <br> Qualifying widow(er) |
| -- | $\$ 15,000$ | .5 | .5 | .5 |
| $\$ 15,000$ | $\$ 16,250$ | .5 | .5 | .2 |
| $\$ 16,250$ | $\$ 22,500$ | .5 | .5 | .1 |
| $\$ 22,500$ | $\$ 24,375$ | .5 | .2 | .1 |
| $\$ 24,375$ | $\$ 25,000$ | .5 | .1 | .1 |
| $\$ 25,000$ | $\$ 30,000$ | .5 | .1 | .0 |
| $\$ 30,000$ | $\$ 32,500$ | .2 | .1 | .0 |
| $\$ 32,500$ | $\$ 37,500$ | .1 | .1 | .0 |
| $\$ 37,500$ | $\$ 50,000$ | .1 | .0 | .0 |
| $\$ 50,000$ | --- | .0 | .0 | .0 |

Note: If line 9 is zero, stop; you cannot take this credit.

10 Multiply line 7 by line 9
11 Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 45, or Form 1040A, line 28
12 Enter the total of your credits from Form 1040, lines 46 through 51, or Form 1040A, lines 29 through 32
13 Subtract line 12 from line 11. If zero, stop; you cannot take this credit
14 Credit for qualified retirement savings contributions. Enter the smaller of line 10 or line 13 here and on Form 1040, line 52, or Form 1040A, line 33

*See Pub. 590 for the amount to enter if you are filing Form 2555, 2555-EZ, or 4563 or you are excluding income from Puerto Rico.

Record all answers on the tear-out Test Answer Sheet located in the front of the test booklet

B-14 What is the amount on Form 2441 Line 3?
a. $\$ 1,500$
b. $\$ 2,000$
c. $\$ 3,000$
d. $\$ 4,000$
e. $\$ 5,000$

B-15 What is the amount on Form 2441 Line 8?
a. 0.35
b. 0.31
c. 0.28
d. 0.25
e. 0.20

B-16 Which of Miguel's children qualify him for the Child Tax Credit?
a. Pedro
b. Tina
c. Both Pedro and Tina
d. Neither Pedro nor Tina

B-17 What is the total tax amount (Form 1040, Line 62)?
a. 0
b. $\$ 470$
c. \$565
d. \$660
e. $\$ 710$

B-18 What is the Earned Income Tax Credit amount (Form 1040, Line 65)?
a. $\$ 2,839$
b. $\$ 2,829$
c. $\$ 2,808$
d. $\$ 2,797$
e. $\$ 2,787$

B-19 What is the Additional Child Tax Credit amount (Form 1040, Line 67)?
a. $\$ 470$
b. $\$ 1,034$
c. $\$ 1,059$
d. $\$ 1,530$
e. $\$ 2,000$

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For question B-20, complete a Form 8863 and select the correct response. Record your answer on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.

B-20 Cassandra Jacobs tells you that she just finished her last year of a four-year accounting degree in 2004. That last year cost her $\$ 3,000$ in tuition expense. She received a Pell grant to cover \$1,000 of her tuition cost and paid the remaining \$2,000 in 2004.
If all other requirements are met, how much is her tentative education credit (Form 8863, line 8)?
a. $\$ 600$
b. $\$ 1,500$
c. $\$ 400$
d. $\$ 800$
e. 0


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## PART C - Pension Earner

For questions C-1 through C-3, select the most correct response and record your answers on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.

C-1 Allen sold 125 shares of Carthage Box Co. stock on July 17, 2004. His gross proceeds were $\$ 12,500$. He purchased his shares through a company investment program in the 1980's. He has a letter from his company indicating his total cost of the shares is $\$ 750$. His letter also states he paid a commission on the sale of $\$ 35$. What is his taxable profit?
a. $\$ 11,715$
b. $\$ 11,750$
c. $\$ 0$
d. $\$ 12,500$
e. $\$ 750$

C-2 Barry tells you he purchased 100 shares of Itasco, Inc. stock for \$5 per share in 1985. There were no adjustments to the basis since the stock was purchased. What is the basis of Barry's stock?
a. 0
b. $\$ 100 \mathrm{c}$.
$\$ 500$
d. $\$ 535$
e. None of the above

C-3 John hands you a Form 1099-B for the sale of 31 shares of Glendale Life Insurance Company stock with net proceeds of $\$ 612$. When you question John, he states he never bought any shares of Glendale Life, but he's had a Glendale Life Insurance policy since he got married 43 years ago. Which answer best describes John's circumstance?
a. John does not have to report this transaction because it is not reported on a Form 1099-DIV.
b. John must report this transaction and his taxable gain is $\$ 0$.
c. John must report this transaction and his taxable short-term gain is $\$ 612$.
d. John must report this transaction and his taxable long-term gain is $\$ 612$.
e. None of the above

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For question C-4, complete the simplified method worksheet. Select the most correct response and record your answers on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.

C-4 Julio is single and retired from the Penn Corp on December 31, 2003 at age 55. He gives you his Form 1099-R. Julio states he began receiving his pension in January, 2004, and has received monthly payments ever since.

What is the taxable portion of Julio's pension (Simplified Method Worksheet, line 9)?
a. $\$ 16,448$
b. $\$ 15,800$
c. $\$ 3,052$
d. $\$ 19,500$
e. None of the above


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Before you begin: $\sqrt{ }$ If you are the beneficiary of a deceased employee or former employee who died before August 21, 1996, see Pub. 939 to find out if you are entitled to a death benefit exclusion of up to $\$ 5,000$. If you are, include the exclusion in the amount entered on line 2 below.
Note. If you had more than one partially taxable pension or annuity, figure the taxable part of each separately. Enter the total of the taxable parts on Form 1040, line 16b. Enter the total pension or annuity payments received in 2004 on Form 1040, line 16a.

1. Enter the total pension or annuity payments received in 2004. Also, enter this amount on Form 1040, line 16a
2. 


$\qquad$
2. Enter your cost in the plan at the annuity starting date $\qquad$
3. Enter the appropriate number from Table 1 below. But if your annuity starting date was after 1997 and the payments are for your life and that of your beneficiary, enter the appropriate number from Table 2 below
3.

4. Divide line 2 by the number on line 3
4.

5. Multiply line 4 by the number of months for which this year's payments were made. If your annuity starting date was before 1987, skip lines 6 and 7 and enter this amount on line 8 . Otherwise, go to line 6
5.
$\qquad$
6. Enter the amount, if any, recovered tax free in years after 1986
6.
7. Subtract line 6 from line 2
7.
$\qquad$ . 8.
8. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 7 $\qquad$
9. Taxable amount. Subtract line 8 from line 1. Enter the result, but not less than zero. Also, enter this amount on Form 1040, line 16b. If your Form 1099-R shows a larger amount, use the amount on this line instead of the amount from Form 1099-R
\(\left.\begin{array}{l}Table 1 for Line 3 Above <br>
AND your annuity starting date was- <br>
after November 18, <br>

enter on line 3 ···\end{array}\right\}\)| 360 |
| :---: |
| before November 19, 1996, |
| enter on line 3... |

Table 2 for Line 3 Above
IF the combined ages at annuity starting date (see page 27) were . . .

| 110 or under | 410 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $111-120$ | 360 |
| $121-130$ | 310 |
| $131-140$ | 260 |
| 141 or older | 210 |

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## For questions C-5 through C-10, select the most correct response and record your answers on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.

C-5 Dorothy brings you the following information to prepare her tax return: her Form SSA-1099, two Forms 1099-INT, and a Form 1099-DIV. Dorothy's date of birth is April 1, 1932. While you are preparing her tax return, what other information is essential to correctly prepare Dorothy's return?
a. Dorothy's filing status and number of dependents
b. Whether she is legally blind
c. Whether she has any IRA or 401 K accounts
d. Answers $a$ and $b$ above
e. Answers a, b, and c above

C-6 Under which of the following circumstances should you recommend the taxpayer adjust the amount of withholding and/or estimated payments they will have for 2005?
a. Taxpayer had no tax liability for 2004 and has $\$ 50$ per month withheld from his/her pension during 2004.
b. Taxpayer had dividend and interest income in addition to his pension and had no withholding during 2004. His tax liability was $\$ 1,997$. Upon completing his return, you discover he must pay an Estimated Tax Penalty.
c. Taxpayer had withholding of $\$ 120$ and estimated tax payments of $\$ 700$ in 2004. He had a total tax liability in 2004 of $\$ 900$.
d. Taxpayer had a Federal Tax Liability for 2003 of $\$ 0$. In 2004, taxpayer had no withholding, paid no estimated taxes, and sold all his Series E savings bonds with a resulting tax liability of $\$ 1,500$.
e. Both $a$ and $b$.

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C-7 Gordon has the following sources of income for 2004:

- fully taxable annuity reported on Form 1099-R;
- fully taxable IRA distribution reported on Form 1099-R;
- Social Security Benefits reported on Form SSA-1099;
- Form 1099-INT with Box 1, Interest Income;
- Form W-2 with $\$ 2,100$ in wages; and
- Form 1099-MISC with $\$ 339$ in Non-Employee Compensation.

Which statement is correct?
a. He should report his pension and IRA distribution on the same line on his return because they were both reported on Form 1099R.
b. He should report his pension and IRA distribution on his return because they were both fully taxable. He will need to complete the Social Security Benefits worksheet to determine if any of his benefits are taxable.
c. He does not have to report his wages because they are less than the amount that he is allowed to earn and still receive his full Social Security benefit.
d. He does not have to report his Form 1099MISC income because it is under $\$ 400$.
e. None of the above.

C-8 Dana Curry is married and has elected to file as married filing separately even though she lived with her spouse for the whole year. She received a Form SSA-1099 with a Box 5 amount of $\$ 7,000$. Which of the following statements is correct?
a. $100 \%$ of her Social Security is taxable because she's elected to file as Married Filing Separate.
b. The amount to be entered on Line 8 of the Social Security Benefits Worksheet is $\$ 32,000$.
c. Line 8 of the Social Security Benefits Worksheet is left blank and $85 \%$ of her Social Security Benefit is subject to tax.
d. The amount to be entered on Line 8 of the Social Security Benefits Worksheet should be $\$ 25,000$.
e. None of the above.

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C-9 Which of the following statements correctly describe the minimum distribution rules?
a. Taxpayers are required to receive minimum distributions from qualified employee retirement plans, qualified annuity plans, deferred compensation plans, tax-sheltered annuity plans and traditional IRA's.
b. A taxpayer is subject to an excise tax of $100 \%$ on required minimum distributions that are not taken.
c. A taxpayer may avoid the excise tax on minimum distributions not taken by taking at least $90 \%$ of the required minimum distribution.
d. All of the above.
e. None of the above.

C-10 Steve is 43 and on disability from his job as a forklift driver. He has a non-work related illness and is receiving disability income from his employer. Which of the following statements is correct?
a. If Steve's employer issued a Form W-2 for his disability income, it should be reported on Form 1040, Line 7.
b. Steve must include in income any disability pension received under a plan paid for by his employer.
c. If Steve's employer issued a Form 1099-R with Code 3 in Box 7 for Steve's disability income, the income should be reported on Form 1040, Line 7, if Steve has not reached minimum retirement age.
d. All of the above.
e. None of the above.

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For questions C-11 through C-13, use the following scenario to complete a Form 1040 through Line 36 and appropriate worksheets. Either fill-in the blank or select the most correct response and record your answers on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.

Ray (born December 7, 1921) and Susan Parks (born July 4, 1929) are retired and filing a joint tax return. Ray retired from a railway career in 1984 when contributions were recovered in the first one to three years of retirement. They both have Forms RRB-1099/1099R from the railroad. Susan's RRB-1099 is blank. Susan has a Form 1099-R from her banking career and a Form SSA-1099 from Social Security.

They received \$3,200 interest from Pomona Savings Bank. They also brought in a year-end statement from the Waldorf Tax-Exempt Fund which shows tax-exempt interest received during the year of $\$ 1,300$. They have no other income.

| $\square$ CORRECTED (if checked) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PAYER'S name, street address, city, state, and ZIP code First National Savings Bank <br> 25 N. 35th Street <br> Your City, State and Zip Code |  | 1 Gross distribution$\$ \quad 6,942.00$2a Taxable amount <br> $\$$$\quad 6,942.00$ |  | OMB No. 1545-0119 <br> 2004 <br> Form 1099-R | istributions From sions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc. |
|  |  | 2b Taxable amount not determined |  | Total distribution $\square$ | Copy B <br> Report this <br> income on your Federal tax return. If this form shows Federal income tax withheld in box 4, attach this copy to your return. |
| PAYER'S Federal identification number <br> XX-XXXXXXX | RECIPIENT'S identification number $x x x-x x-x x x x$ | 3 Capital gain (included in box 2a)$\$ \quad 0.00$ |  | ```4 Federal income tax withheld $ 0.00``` |  |
| RECIPIENT'S name 5Employee contributions <br> or insurance premiums <br> Susan Parks $\$$ <br>   |  |  |  | 6 Net unrealized appreciation in employer's securities <br> \$ |  |
| Street address (including apt. no.) <br> 2241 East 54th St. <br> City, state, and ZIP code <br> Your City, State, and Zip |  | 7 Distribution code(s) 7 | IRA/ SEP/ SIMPLE $\square$ | 8 Other  <br> $\$$ $\%$ | This information is being furnished to the Internal |
|  |  | 9a Your percentage of total distribution \% |  | 9b Total employee contributions \$ | Revenue Service. |
| Account number (optional) |  | 10 State tax withheld$\$$ |  | 11 State/Payer's state no. | 12 State distribution \$ |
|  |  | \$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 13 Local tax withheld <br> $\$$  |  | 14 Name of locality | 15 Local distribution \$ |
|  |  |  | \$ |  |  |  |
| Form 1099-R |  |  |  | Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service |  |

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| PAYER'S NAME, STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE UNITED STATES RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD 844 N RUSH ST CHICAGO IL 60611-2092 | $2004$ | PAYMENTS BY THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3. Gross Social Security Equivalent Benefit Portion of Tier 1 Paid in 2004 | 11,340.00 |  |
| PAYER'S FEDERAL IDENTIFYING NO. 36-3314600 |  |  |  |
| 1. Claim Number and Payee Code | 4. Social Security Equivalent Benefit Portion of Tier 1 Repaid to RRB in 2004 | 0.00 |  |
| 2. Recipient's Identification Number $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}$ | 5. Net Social Security Equivalent Benefit Portion of Tier 1 Paid in 2004 | 11,340.00 | COPY C - <br> FOR |
| Recipient's Name, Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code <br> Ray Parks <br> 2241 East 54th St. <br> Your City, State, and Zip Code | 6. Workers' Compensation Offset in 2004 | 0.00 | RECIPIENT'S RECORDS |
|  | 7. Social Security Equivalent Benefit Portion of Tier 1 Paid for 2003 |  | THS |
|  | 8. Social Security Equivalent Benefit Portion of Tier 1 Paid for 2002 |  | INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED |
|  | 9. Social Security Equivalent Benefit Portion of Tier 1 Paid for Years Prior to 2000 |  | TO THE <br> INTERNAL <br> REVENUE <br> SERVICE. |
|  | 10. Federal Income Tax Withheld 120.00 | 11. Medicare Premium Total 799.00 |  |

FORM RRB-1099
DO NOT ATTACH TO YOUR INCOME TAX RETURN

| PAYERS' NAME, STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE UNITED STATES RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD |  |  | ANNUITIES OR PENSIONS BY THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| 844 N RUSH ST CHICAGO IL 60611-2092 | 3. Employee Contributions |  |  |
| PAYER'S FEDERAL IDENTIFYING NO. 36-3314600 |  |  |  |
| 1. Claim Number and Payee Code |  | 4. Contributory Amount Paid | 9,646.00 | COPY B - |
| 2. Recipient's Identification Number $\mathbf{x x x}-\mathbf{x x}-\mathbf{x x x x}$ | 5. Vested Dual Benefit |  | REPORT THIS INCOME ON YOUR FEDERAL TAX |
| Recipient's Name, Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code <br> Ray Parks <br> 2241 East 54th St. <br> Your City, State, and Zip Code | 6. Supplemental Annuity | 542.00 | RETURN. IF THIS FORM SHOWS FEDERAL INCOME |
|  | 7. Total Gross Paid | 10,188.00 | TAX WITHHELD IN BOX 9 ATTACH THIS COPY TO |
|  | 8. Repayments |  | YOUR RETURN. |
|  | 9. Federal Income Tax Withheld |  | THIS INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. |
|  | 10. Rate of Tax |  | 11. Country ${ }^{\text {a }}$ 12. Medicare Premium Total |

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| PAYERS' NAME, STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE UNITED STATES RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD |  |  | ANNUITIES OR PENSIONS BY THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 844 N RUSH ST CHICAGO IL 60611-2092 | 3. Employee Contributions |  |  |
| PAYER'S FEDERAL IDENTIFYING NO. 36-3314600 |  |  |  |
| 1. Claim Number and Payee Code | 4. Contributory Amount Paid | 3,086.00 | COPY B - |
| 2. Recipient's Identification Number $\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x x} \mathbf{- x} \mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}$ | 5. Vested Dual Benefit |  | REPORT THIS INCOME ON <br> YOUR FEDERAL TAX |
| Recipient's Name, Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code <br> Susan Parks <br> 2241 East 54th St. <br> Your City, State, and Zip Code | 6. Supplemental Annuity | 0.00 | RETURN. IF THIS FORM SHOWS FEDERAL INCOME |
|  | 7. Total Gross Paid | 3,086.00 | TAX WITHHELD IN BOX 9 ATTACH THIS COPY TO |
|  | 8. Repayments |  | OUR RETUR |
|  | 9. Federal Income Tax Withheld | 1,260.00 | THIS INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. |
|  | 10. Rate of Tax |  | 11. Country ${ }^{\text {a }}$ 12. Medicare Premium Total |

FORM RRB-1099-R

## FORM SSA-1099 - SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT STATEMENT

- PART OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS SHOWN IN BOX 5 MAY BE TAXABLE INCOME.
- SEE THE REVERSE FOR MORE INFORMATION.


Box 1. Name
Susan Parks
Box 2. Beneficiary's Social Security Number

Box 3. Benefits Paid in 2004 Box 4. Benefits Repaid to SSA in 2004
0.00

Box 5. Net Benefits for 2003 (Box 3 minus Box 4) 9,185.00

DESCRIPTION OF AMOUNT IN BOX 3
Paid by check or direct
deposit: $\$ 8,386.00$
Medicare premiums deducted: \$799.00

Total: \$9,185.00





Before you begin: $\sqrt{ }$ Complete Form 1040, lines 21, 23 through 25, and 28 through 34a, if they apply to you.
$\checkmark$ Figure any write-in adjustments to be entered on the dotted line next to line 35 (see page 33 ).
$\checkmark \quad$ If you are married filing separately and you lived apart from your spouse for all of 2004, enter "D" to the right of the word "benefits" on line 20a.
$\checkmark$ Be sure you have read the Exception on page 27 to see if you can use this worksheet instead of a publication to find out if any of your benefits are taxable.

1. Enter the total amount from box 5 of all your Forms SSA-1099 and Forms RRB-1099
2. Enter one-half of line 1
3. $\square$
4. Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 7, 8a, 9a, 10 through 14, 15b, 16b, 17 through 19, and 21
5. Enter the amount, if any, from Form 1040, line 8b
6. 
7. 
8. Add lines 2,3 , and 4
9. Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 23 through 25 , and 28 through 34a, plus any write-in adjustments you entered on the dotted line next to line 35
10. Is the amount on line 6 less than the amount on line 5 ?
$\square$ No. STOP None of your social security benefits are taxable.
$\square$ Yes. Subtract line 6 from line 5
11. If you are:

- Married filing jointly, enter $\$ 32,000$
- Single, head of household, qualifying widow(er), or married filing separately and you lived apart from your spouse for all of 2004, enter \$25,000
- Married filing separately and you lived with your spouse at any time in 2004, skip lines 8 through 15 ; multiply line 7 by $85 \%$ (.85) and enter the result on line 16. Then go to line 17

9. Is the amount on line 8 less than the amount on line 7 ?No. STOP
None of your social security benefits are taxable. You do not have to enter any amounts on line 20a or 20b of Form 1040. But if you are married filing separately and you lived apart from your spouse for all of 2004, enter -0 - on line 20 b . Be sure you entered "D" to the right of the word "benefits" on line 20a.
Yes. Subtract line 8 from line 7
10. 
11. Enter: $\$ 12,000$ if married filing jointly; $\$ 9,000$ if single, head of household, qualifying widow(er), or married filing separately and you lived apart from your spouse for all of 2004
12. Subtract line 10 from line 9 . If zero or less, enter -0-
13. Enter the smaller of line 9 or line 10

10 .
10.
13. Enter one-half of line 12
. .
14. Enter the smaller of line 2 or line 13

15. Multiply line 11 by $85 \%$ (.85). If line 11 is zero, enter $-0-$
16. Add lines 14 and 15 (.85) (.85)
17. Multiply line 1 by $85 \%$ (.85
18. Taxable social security benefits. Enter the smaller of line 16 or line 17

- Enter the amount from line 1 above on Form 1040, line 20a.
- Enter the amount from line 18 above on Form 1040, line 20b.

TIP
If part of your benefits are taxable for 2004 and they include benefits paid in 2004 that were for an earlier year, you may be able to reduce the taxable amount. See Pub. 915 for details.

Need more information or forms? See page 7.

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C-11 How much taxable pension income will be reported on Form 1040 Line 16b?
a. $\$ 20,216$
b. $\$ 31,556$
c. $\$ 40,741$
d. $\$ 19,674$
e. None of the above

C-12 What is the total tax exempt interest reported on Form 1040, Line 8b? $\qquad$
C-13 How much of their combined Social Security and RRB Social Security-equivalent benefits will be reported on form 1040, Line 20b? $\qquad$

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For questions C-14 through C-20, use the following scenario to complete a Form 1040 and appropriate schedules and worksheets. Either fill-in the blank or select the most correct response. Record your answers on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.

Joe and Shirley Coker arrive at your site with documents needed to prepare their tax return. They are retired. Joe was born on June 13, 1935 and Shirley was born on May 21, 1944. They provide their Social Security cards and the information returns shown below. Joe and Shirley live at 2325 Third Ave. and their telephone number is (555) 111-1212.

Estimated tax payments of $\$ 150$ per quarter were made on the 15 th of April, June, and September of 2004. The fourth payment was made on the 15th of January 2005. Shirley has started taking an IRA withdrawal from the bank. She withdrew her IRA funds in December 2004.

Joe accumulated 688 stock shares of Gannon Corporation (GC) over a ten year period ending in 1997. His total investment in stock was \$603.20. The Baylor-Holmes Bank (BHB) stock was purchased on September 23, 2002.

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| PAYER'S name, street address, city, state, and ZIP code Gannon Corporation Pension Fund 123 Erskine Blvd. <br> Your City, State, and Zip Code |  | 1 Gross distribution$\$ \quad 16,412.00$2a Taxable amount$\$ 16,412.00$ |  | OMB No. 1545-0119 <br> 2004 <br> Form 1099-R |  | istributions From nsions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc. |
|  |  | 2b Taxable amount not determined |  | Total distribution $\square$ |  | Copy B <br> Report this income on your Federal tax return. If this form shows Federal income tax withheld in box 4, attach this copy to your return. |
| PAYER'S Federal identification number <br> XX-XXXXXXX | RECIPIENT'S identification number $x x x-x x-x x x x$ | 3 Capital gain (included in box 2a)$\$$ |  | 4 Federal income tax withheld |  |  |
| RECIPIENT'S name Joseph Coker |  | 5 Employee contributions or insurance premiums <br> \$ |  | 6 Net unrealized appreciation in employer's securities |  |  |
| Street address (including apt. no.) 2325 Third Ave. |  | 7 Distribution <br> code(s) $\quad$IRA/ <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> 7 |  | 8 Other <br> \$ | \% | This information is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service. |
| City, state, and ZIP code Your City, State, | Zip Code | 9a Your percentage of total distribution \% |  | 9b Total employee contributions \$ |  |  |
| Account number (optional) |  | 10 State tax withheld <br> $\$$  |  | 11 State/Payer's state no. |  | 12 State distribution \$ |
|  |  |  |  | \$ |  |
|  |  |  |  | 13 Local tax withheld \$ |  | 14 Name of locality |  | 15 Local distribution \$ |
|  |  | \$ |  |  |  | \$ |
| Form 1099-R |  |  |  | Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service |  |  |


|  | $\square \mathrm{CO}$ | CTED (if check |  |  | Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PAYER'S name, street address, city, state, and ZIP code Doane Savings Bank <br> 321 2nd St. <br> Your City, State, and Zip Code |  | 1 Gross distrib <br> 2a Taxable am <br> \$ 3,62 |  | OMB No. 1545-0119 <br> 2004 <br> Form 1099-R |  |
|  |  | 2b Taxable amount not determined |  | Total distribution | Copy B <br> Report this <br> income on your Federal tax return. If this form shows Federal income tax withheld in box 4, attach this copy to your return. |
| PAYER'S Federal identification number <br> $\mathbf{x x}-\mathbf{x x x x x x x}$ | RECIPIENT'S identification number $\mathbf{x x x}-\mathbf{x x}-\mathbf{x x x x}$ | 3 Capital gain (included in box 2a)$\$$ |  | 4 Federal income tax withheld |  |
| RECIPIENT'S name Shirley Coker |  | 5 Employee contributions or insurance premiums$\$$ |  | 6 Net unrealized appreciation in employer's securities $\$$ |  |
| Street address (including apt. no.) <br> 2325 Third Ave. <br> City, state, and ZIP code <br> Your City, State, and Zip Co |  | 7 Distribution code(s) 7 | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { IRA/ } \\ \text { SEP/ } \\ \text { SIMPLE } \\ \mathbf{X} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 8 Other  <br> $\$$ $\%$ | This information is being furnished to the Internal |
|  |  | 9a Your percentage of total distribution |  | 9b Total employee contributions \$ | Revenue Service. |
| Account number (optional) |  | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline 10 \text { State tax withheld } \\ \$ \\ \hline \$ \end{array}$ |  | 11 State/Payer's state no. | 12 State distribution \$ |
|  |  | 13 <br> $\$$ <br> $\$$ |  | 14 Name of locality | 15 Local distribution \$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | \$ |
| Form 1099-R |  |  |  | Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service |  |



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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PAYER'S name, street address, city, state, ZIP code, and telephone no. <br> Irvine National Savings and Loan <br> 64 S. 17th Ave. <br> Your City, State, and Zip Code |  | Payer's RTN (optional) | Interest Income <br> Form 1099-INT |  |
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| PAYER'S Federal identification number $\mathbf{x x} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x x} \mathbf{x x x x}$ | RECIPIENT'S identification number $\mathbf{x x x}-x x-x \times x x$ | 1 Interest income not included in box 3  <br> $\$$ 403.00 |  | Copy B <br> For Recipient |
| RECIPIENT'S name Joseph Coker |  | 2 Early withdrawal penalty $\$ \quad 25.00$ | ```3 Interest on U.S. Savings Bonds and Treas. obligations $``` | This is important tax information and is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service. If you are required to file a return, a negligence penalty or other sanction may be imposed on you if this income is taxable and the IRS determines that it has not been reported |
| Street address (including apt. no.) 2325 Third Ave. |  | 4 Federal income tax withheld \$ 0.00 | 5 Investment expenses \$ |  |
| City, state, and ZIP code Your City, State, an | Zip Code | 6 Foreign tax paid <br> $\$$ | 7 Foreign country or U.S. possession |  |
| Account number (optional) |  |  |  |  |
| Form 1099-INT (keep f | (keep for your records) |  | Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service |  |

Account Number: C4321A



2004 Proceeds from Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions - 1099B
2004 Non-Reportable Dividends/Interest
Your City Bond




| SCHEDULE D <br> (Form 1040) <br> Department of the Treasury <br> Internal Revenue Service | Capital Gains and Losses <br> Attach to Form 1040. See Instructions for Schedule D (Form 1040). <br> Use Schedule D-1 to list additional transactions for lines 1 and 8. | OMB No. 1545-0074 $2004$ <br> Attachment <br> Sequence No. 12 |
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| Name(s) shown on Form 1040 |  | Your social security number |

## Part I Short-Term Capital Gains and Losses—Assets Held One Year or Less



## Part II Long-Term Capital Gains and Losses-Assets Held More Than One Year



## Part III <br> Summary

16 Combine lines 7 and 15 and enter the result. If line 16 is a loss, skip lines 17 through 20, and go to line 21. If a gain, enter the gain on Form 1040, line 13
. . . . . . . . . . . .
17 Are lines 15 and 16 both gains?Yes. Go to line 18.No. Skip lines 18 through 21, and go to line 22.

18 Enter the amount, if any, from line 7 of the $\mathbf{2 8 \%}$ Rate Gain Worksheet on page D-7 of the instructions.

19 Enter the amount, if any, from line 18 of the Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gain Worksheet on page D-8 of the instructions

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- The loss on line 16 or
- ( $\$ 3,000$ ), or if married filing separately, $(\$ 1,500)\}$

Note. When figuring which amount is smaller, treat both amounts as positive numbers.
22 Do you have qualified dividends on Form 1040, line 9b?
$\square$ Yes. Complete Form 1040 through line 42, and then complete the Qualified Dividends and Capital Gain Tax Worksheet on page 37 of the Instructions for Form 1040.No. Complete the rest of Form 1040.

Before you begin: $\sqrt{ }$ Complete Form 1040, lines 21, 23 through 25, and 28 through 34a, if they apply to you.
$\checkmark$ Figure any write-in adjustments to be entered on the dotted line next to line 35 (see page 33).
$\checkmark \quad$ If you are married filing separately and you lived apart from your spouse for all of 2004, enter "D" to the right of the word "benefits" on line 20a.
$\checkmark$ Be sure you have read the Exception on page 27 to see if you can use this worksheet instead of a publication to find out if any of your benefits are taxable.


TIP If part of your benefits are taxable for 2004 and they include benefits paid in 2004 that were for an earlier year, you may be able to reduce the taxable amount. See Pub. 915 for details.

Before you begin: $\sqrt{ }$ See the instructions for line 43 on page 36 to see if you can use this worksheet to figure your tax.
$\checkmark$ If you do not have to file Schedule D and you received capital gain distributions, be sure you checked the box on line 13 of Form 1040.

1. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 42
2. Enter the amount from Form 1040, line $9 b$
3. $\square$
. 1. $\square$
4. Are you filing Schedule D?Yes. Enter the smaller of line 15 or 16 of Schedule D, but do not enter less than -0-
5. $\square$
6. Add lines 2 and 3
.4.
7. If you are claiming investment interest expense on Form 4952, enter the amount from line 4 g of that form. Otherwise, enter -0-
. 5.
8. Subtract line 5 from line 4 . If zero or less, enter -0-
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.6.
9. Subtract line 6 from line 1 . If zero or less, enter $-0-$
. 7.
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10. Enter the smaller of:

- The amount on line 1 or
- $\$ 29,050$ if single or married filing separately, $\$ 58,100$ if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er), or $\$ 38,900$ if head of household.

9. Is the amount on line 7 equal to or more than the amount on line 8 ?
$\square$ Yes. Skip lines 9 through 11; go to line 12 and check the "No" box.
No. Enter the amount from line 7 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9.
10. Subtract line 9 from line 8 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10.
11. Multiply line 10 by $5 \%$ (.05) $\qquad$
12. Are the amounts on lines 6 and 10 the same?Yes. Skip lines 12 through 15 ; go to line 16 .No. Enter the smaller of line 1 or line 6
13. 
14. Enter the amount from line 10 (if line 10 is blank, enter $-0-$ )..
. 13.
15. Subtract line 13 from line 12
.14.
16. Multiply line 14 by $15 \%$ (.15)

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16. Figure the tax on the amount on line 7. Use the Tax Table or Tax Computation Worksheet, whichever applies
15. $\qquad$
17. Add lines 11,15 , and 16
.16.
11. $\qquad$
18. Figure the tax on the amount on line 1. Use the Tax Table or Tax Computation Worksheet, whichever applies
17. $\qquad$
19. Tax on all taxable income. Enter the smaller of line 17 or line 18 . Also include this amount on Form 1040, line 43
18. $\qquad$
.19. $\qquad$

Need more information or forms? See page 7.

Record all answers on the tear-out Test Answer Sheet located in the front of the test booklet

C-14 What is the amount of taxable interest reported on Form 1040, Line 8a?
a. $\$ 1,250$
b. $\$ 1,608$
c. $\$ 2,317$
d. $\$ 2,780$
e. $\$ 1,914$

C-15 What is the amount of the net long term capital gain or (loss) reported on Schedule D, Line 15 ?
a. $\$ 7,996$
b. $(\$ 918)$
c. $\$ 8,311$
d. $\$ 7,397$
e. None of the above

C-16 What is the amount of the penalty on early withdrawal of savings reported on Form 1040, Line 33?
a. $\$ 403$
b. $\$ 25$
c. $\$ 378$
d. $\$ 1,171$
e. None of the above

C-17 What is the amount of total social security benefits reported on Form 1040, Line 20a?
a. $\$ 10,281$
b. $\$ 0$
c. $\$ 8,739$
d. $\$ 9,482$
e. None of the above

C-18 What is the amount of total payments reported on Form 1040, Line 70?
a. \$0
b. $\$ 1,104$
c. $\$ 1,121$
d. $\$ 1,033$
e. $\$ 1,254$

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C-19 What is the amount of tax exempt interest reported on Form 1040, Line 8 b ?

C-20 What is the amount of qualified dividends reported Form 1040, Line 9b?

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## Part D - Military Returns

For questions D-1 through D-28 determine whether each of the following statements is true or false and record your answers on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.
a. True
b. False

D-1 The President of the United States must designate combat zones. A combat zone is an area in which the U.S. Armed Forces are engaging or have engaged in combat.

D-2 Private Brown cannot deduct moving costs associated with a permanent change of duty station.

D-3 Uniform expenses exceeding any allowances or reimbursements may be deducted by active duty personnel if the uniforms are worn only on duty.

D-4 To avoid processing and refund (if applicable) delays, it is extremely important that taxpayers use the correct social security number, report all income and select the correct filing status.

D-5 If a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces travels more than 100 miles away from home in connection with his or her performance of services as a member of the reserves, he/she can deduct the travel expenses.

D-6 Members of the Armed Forces who served in a combat zone are allowed additional time to take care of tax matters.

D-7 Active duty personnel serving outside of the United States and Puerto Rico are granted an automatic three-month extension to file.

D-8 Armed Services personnel receive an automate extension to file their tax return if they are in a combat zone.

D-9 The180-day rule starts the first day in a combat zone or in a hospital.
D-10 If travel and transportation costs are fully covered by the military, you need not report all of the transactions on the tax return.

D-11 If excess travel funds are reimbursed to the Government, those funds are not reported as income.

D-12 In order to be deductible, travel expenses must exceed any advance, allowance, or reimbursement.

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D-13 For purposes of the determination of "away from home," the taxpayer's main place of business or post of duty is generally considered the taxpayer's home.

D-14 Rental income and expenses are frequent occurrences since Armed Forces personnel are not able to sell their home when they get orders to relocate.

D-15 Military pay attributable to active service in a combat zone that is excluded from gross income will not appear on your Form W-2 in the box marked "Wages, tips, other compensation."

D-16 Student loan repayments (amounts that the armed forces pays on behalf of the service member) attributable during periods of service in the combat zone are excludible from income.

D-17 Morris is 18 and has been in the military all year. His mother cannot claim him as a dependent.

D-18 Captain Clarke can claim his mother, who is a citizen and resident of Spain, on his tax return.

D-19 A re-enlistment bonus signed while assigned to a combat zone is not taxable income.
D-20 Special tax forgiveness provisions apply to individuals who die while serving in a combat zone or from wounds, disease, or injury incurred while serving in a combat zone.

D-21 If illness occurs due to service in a combat zone, the income exclusion continues during the time spent in a hospital inside or outside the combat zone.

D-22 If, as a result of serving in a combat zone, a service person becomes a prisoner of war, the combat zone exclusion continues.

D-23 If a member of the armed forces serves in a combat zone from March 1 to November 1, they cannot deduct all eight months of combat zone pay.

D-24 Taxpayers must include all taxable income on their return even if they do not receive a Form 1099.

D-25 Airman Hanna cannot file Schedule C-EZ to report business income of \$40,000 and business expenses of $\$ 3,000$.

D-26 Private Howard has net income of $\$ 390$ on his Schedule C-EZ and needs to file Schedule SE to calculate self-employment tax.

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D-27 Spellman sold his main home on July 12, 2004 and had a capital gain of $\$ 26,000$. The home which was purchased in 1995, was his main residence until October 1998 when he went on qualified official extended duty. His qualified extended duty ended on February 14,2004 . He lived in his residence until he sold it. Spellman can have the 5 -year test period suspended.

D-28 Publication 3, Armed Forces' Tax Guide, covers the special tax situations of active members of the U.S. Armed Forces and is available on the IRS web site at www.irs.gov.

For questions D-29 through D-40, select the most correct response and record your answers on the answer sheet located in the front of the test booklet.

D-29 Which of the following permanent change of station expenses are qualified moving expenses?
a. Transportation of household goods
b. Travel from the old home to the new home
c. Lodging while traveling from the old home to the new home
d. All of the above
e. None of the above

D-30 Which of the following excess expenses are not deductible?
a. Packing of household goods
b. Renting a trailer to transport household goods
c. Meals en-route from one permanent change of station to another
d. Automobile expenses from one permanent change of station to another
e. None of the above

D-31 Seaman Morris Brown and his wife moved from Naval Station, San Diego to Naval Station, Norfolk. He received a dislocation allowance of $\$ 1,400$, mileage an allowance of $\$ 500$, and per diem allowance of $\$ 300$. The allowances were not reported on his W-2. His expenses included: dislocation ( $\$ 1,500$ ), travel ( $\$ 350$ ), and meals ( $\$ 500$ ). Compute his moving expense deduction.
a. 0
b. $\$ 100$
c. $\$ 1,400$
d. $\$ 1,500$
e. $\$ 1,600$

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D-32 Deadline extensions for combat zone are arrived at:
a. 30 days after return
b. 180 days after return
c. 180 days plus any days that were left for the taxpayer to take action with the IRS before entering the combat zone.
d. There is no extension
e. None of the above

D-33 Which of the following is not a designated combat zone?
a. Yemen
b. Djibouti
c. Germany
d. Jordan
e. None of the above

D-34 To claim a personal exemption for a spouse that is a non-resident alien, the following must be true:
a. The spouse's world-wide income must be reported
b. The spouse must be treated as a resident alien
c. A joint return must be filed the first year
d. All of the above
e. None of the above

D-35 Box 1 on what form indicates includible income?
a. W-7
b. W-5
c. W-4
d. W-2
e. None of the above

D-36 What agency makes the determination whether a medical disability is approved?
a. Veterans' Administration
b. Department of Defense
c. Internal Revenue Service
d. Social Security Administration
e. Department of Health and Human Services

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D-37 What item is not a qualifying item in a combat zone?
a. Active Duty pay
b. Student loan repayments
c. Awards for suggestions
d. Retirement pay
e. None of the above

D-38 What tax year is used when claiming business income?
a. The year in which the income is used
b. Whatever tax year is most beneficial to the taxpayer
c. The year when the income was received
d. The year in which the business declares a profit
d. None of the above

D-39 If a mortgaged residence is rented out for part of the year, what form(s) is (are) used to claim mortgage interest and property taxes?
a. Mortgage interest is not allowable while the residence is rented
b. Only Schedule A
c. Only Schedule E
d. Both Schedule A and E
e. None of the above

D-40 Which of the following military compensations do not met the definition of "earned income" for purposes of the EITC?
a. Excludable combat zone compensation
b. The Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)
c. The Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS)
d. All of the above
e. None of the above

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