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Income Tax Fact Sheet 1

Fact Sheet

This fact sheet explains Minnesota residency and how income is taxed by Minnesota.

Minnesota residents must pay Minnesota tax on taxable income received from all sources, regardless of where it's earned. Exceptions include:

- Individuals who are nonresidents under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act
- Individuals eligible for reciprocity

You are required to file a Minnesota income tax return if your Minnesota gross income meets the minimum filing requirement (\$10,300 for 2015)*. File electronically or use Form M1, *Individual Income Tax* to file your return. For more information, see Fact Sheet 12, *Filing Returns*.

*You should file a Minnesota return to claim a refund if you had any Minnesota withholding or made estimated tax payments even if your Minnesota gross income is lower than the minimum filing requirement.

Your Minnesota Residency Status

Minnesota residency is generally defined by two rules:

- Domicile (permanent residency), or
- The 183-day rule.

Domicile (Permanent Residency)

“Domicile” is the place you intend to make your home permanently or for an indefinite period of time.

Once you establish domicile in Minnesota, it continues until you take action to change it. If you move out of Minnesota, but do not intend to permanently remain in another state or country, you continue to be a Minnesota resident.

Criteria Used to Determine Domicile

Your domicile, or permanent residence, is determined by the following factors. No single factor will determine your domicile.

Physical Presence

- Where you spend a majority of your time

Family and Community Connections

- Location of your spouse*, children, dependents, and other relationships
- Location of keepsakes
- Location of memberships, clubs, and other organizations
- Where you attend church

- Where you and/or family members attend school (face-to-face or online)

Professional and Business

- Location and status of professional licenses
- Location of union membership
- Location of employment (permanent or temporary)
- Location of real and personal property
- Business relationships

Housing

- Location of newly acquired living quarters
- Status of former living quarters
- Size and value of residences
- Address change notifications

Statements and Declarations of Legal Residence

- Location of domicile for prior years
- State that issued driver's license
- Voting registration and history
- Location where financial transactions occur
- Address on military records
- Address on legal documents
- Statements to insurance companies
- Where resident or nonresident hunting/fishing licenses were purchased
- Location of jury duty
- Statements to other taxing authorities

Note: Your donations to charities are not considered in determining your residency. The department will not ask for this information and you do not have to provide it.

*Spousal Presumption

Your spouse is generally assumed to be a resident of the same state as you, except in the following situations:

- You're legally separated or divorced
- You're a member of the military
- There is evidence to the contrary

Example: You moved to another state for work. Your spouse remained in Minnesota to sell your house and to see your children through the rest of the school year. The intent is they will join you.

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The 183-Day Rule

You're considered a Minnesota resident for tax purposes (even if you have permanent residency in another state) if you meet both of the following conditions:

- You spend at least 183 days in Minnesota during the year (any part of a day counts as a full day), and
- You or your spouse rent, own, maintain, or occupy a residence in Minnesota suitable for year-round use that is equipped with its own cooking and bathing facilities

If both conditions apply for the entire year, you must follow the filing requirements for a full year Minnesota resident.

If you meet the first condition, but the second condition applies for less than the full year, you are considered a part-year resident for the time the second condition applies. You must follow the filing requirements for a part-year Minnesota resident.

Exceptions to the 183-Day Rule

The 183-day rule does not apply in the following situations:

- Members of the military (or their spouses) who are stationed in Minnesota but are permanent residents of other states.
- Residents of Michigan and North Dakota. These states have tax reciprocity agreements with Minnesota

Changing Residency

Changing legal residence requires:

- Physical presence in a new location, and
- Intent to remain there permanently or indefinitely

If you maintain a home in Minnesota, but claim residency elsewhere, you must keep adequate records to verify that you spent more than half of the year out of state. Records include planners, calendars, plane tickets, canceled checks, credit card statements, and other receipts.

Part-year Residents

You are considered a part-year resident, if during the year, you moved:

- into Minnesota with the intention of remaining, or
- out of Minnesota and have established a permanent residence elsewhere.

See Fact Sheet 2, *Part-Year Residents*.

Nonresidents

You are considered a nonresident if you earn income in Minnesota, but are a permanent resident of another state or country. See Fact Sheet 3, *Nonresidents*.

Special cases

Reciprocity

Minnesota has reciprocity agreements with Michigan and North Dakota. These agreements cover only personal service income such as wages, salaries, tips, commissions, and bonuses. See Fact Sheet 4, *Reciprocity*.

Foreign Income

If you earned income in a foreign country, you may qualify for the federal foreign earned income exclusion. If you qualify and your foreign earned income is excluded on your federal return, this income will not be taxed by Minnesota. However, you must still file a Minnesota return.

Some taxpayers (federal employees, for example), may not qualify for the federal earned income exclusion. Others may have earned income above the federal threshold or have unearned income that doesn't qualify for the federal exclusion.

If you are one of these individuals, you may be able to exclude income on your Minnesota return by qualifying as a nonresident. You are considered a nonresident if you:

- do not homestead property in Minnesota, and
- have been outside the United States for at least 330 days during a 12-month period.

You will pay tax only if you have income derived from Minnesota sources. For details on what income Minnesota taxes, see Fact Sheet 2, *Part-Year Residents*, or Fact Sheet 3, *Nonresidents*.

Military Personnel

Members of the military and their spouses remain permanent residents of the state where they have established permanent residency until they take the necessary steps to change their residency. See Fact Sheet 5, *Military Personnel*.

Students

Students remain residents of the states in which they have established permanent residency (even if they attend school full-time in another state), unless they take steps to establish a new residency. If you are a resident of another state attending school in Minnesota, you may be considered a Minnesota resident under the 183-day rule. Note: The 183-day rule does not apply to students who are residents of a reciprocity state – Michigan or North Dakota. See Fact Sheet 4, *Reciprocity*.

If you are a nonresident, you must pay Minnesota tax on any income earned from work performed in Minnesota. See Fact Sheet 3, *Nonresidents*.

Information and Assistance

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