

Instructions for Form FTB 3539

Payment Voucher for Automatic Extension for Corporations and Exempt Organizations

General Information

Use form FTB 3539 **only** if:

- You cannot file your 2005 California (CA) tax return by the original due date; and
- You owe tax for the 2005 taxable year.

Use the worksheet on the following page to determine if you owe tax.

- If you do not owe tax, there is nothing to file at this time. **Do not** complete this voucher. However, you must file your return by the extended due date listed below.
- If you owe tax, complete the voucher and mail it along with your check or money order to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) by the original due date to avoid penalties and interest. See Penalties and Interest on next page for more information.

Note: All checks or money orders must be payable in US dollars and drawn against a US financial institution.

If a corporation (including real estate investment trusts (REITs), real estate mortgage investment conduits (REMICs), regulated investment companies (RICs), limited liability companies (LLCs) electing to be treated as corporations, or an exempt organization in good standing) cannot file its CA tax return by the original due date, a seven-month

Payment of Tax Due Dates:

To avoid late payment penalties and interest, 100% of the tax liability must be paid by the following due dates:

Form Filed

- Form 100, 100S, or 100W
- Form 100 for farmers' cooperative
- Form 199 or 109, generally
- Form 109 for employee's trust (IRC 401(a)), or IRA

Calendar Year Filers

- March 15, 2006
- September 15, 2006
- May 15, 2006
- April 17, 2006

Fiscal Year Filers: 15th day of the

- 3rd month following the close of the taxable year
- 9th month following the close of the taxable year
- 5th month following the close of the taxable year
- 4th month following the close of the taxable year

Extended Due Dates:

The extended due date for filing is as follows:

Form Filed

- Form 100, 100S, or 100W
- Form 100 for farmers' cooperative
- Form 199 or 109, generally
- Form 109 for employee's trust (IRC 401(a)) or IRA

Calendar Year Filers

- October 16, 2006
- April 16, 2007
- December 15, 2006
- November 15, 2006

Fiscal Year Filers: 15th day of the

- 10th month following the close of the taxable year
- 16th month following the close of the taxable year
- 12th month following the close of the taxable year
- 11th month following the close of the taxable year

Notes:

- An extension of time to file the CA tax return is **not** an extension of time to pay the tax.
- Save the completed worksheet as a permanent part of the corporation's or exempt organization's tax records along with a copy of the CA tax return.

___ DETACH HERE ___ IF NO PAYMENT IS DUE, DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM ___ DETACH HERE ___

(Calendar year corporations — Due March 15, 2006) (Fiscal year filers — see instructions)

(Employees' trust and IRA — Due April 17, 2006)

(Calendar year exempt organizations — Due May 15, 2006)

TAXABLE YEAR

2005

Automatic Extension for Corps and Exempt Orgs

CALIFORNIA FORM

3539 (CORP)

For calendar year 2005 or fiscal year beginning month ___ day ___ year 2005, and ending month ___ day ___ year ___

California corporation number _____ Federal employer identification number _____

Tax Due

Corporation/exempt organization name _____

Address _____

PMB no. _____

Entity will file.

- Form 100, Form 100W, or Form 100S
- Form 109
- Form 199

City _____

State _____

ZIP Code _____

Contact telephone no. _____

IF NO PAYMENT IS DUE, DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM

Where to File

If tax is due and the corporation or exempt organization is not paying through EFT, make a check or money order payable to "Franchise Tax Board" for the amount of the tax due. Write the California corporation number or FEIN and 2005 FTB 3539 on the check or money order. Enclose, but do **not** staple, the payment with the voucher and mail to:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
PO BOX 942857
SACRAMENTO CA 94257-0551

Note: All checks or money orders must be payable in US dollars and drawn against a US financial institution.

Private Mailbox (PMB) Number

If the corporation or exempt organization leases a private mailbox (PMB) from a private business rather than a PO box from the United States Postal Service, include the box number in the field labeled "PMB no." in the address area.

Penalties and Interest

- If the corporation or exempt organization fails to pay its total tax liability by the original due date, a late payment penalty plus interest will be added to the tax due.
- If the corporation or exempt organization does not file its CA tax return by the extended due date, or the corporation's powers, rights, and privileges have been suspended or forfeited by the FTB or the California SOS, as of the original due date, the automatic extension will not apply and a delinquency penalty plus interest will be assessed from the original due date of the CA tax return.
- If the corporation or exempt organization is required to remit all of its payments through EFT and pays by another method, a 10% non-compliance penalty will be assessed.

Combined Reports

- If members of a combined unitary group have made or intend to make an election to file a combined unitary group single return, only

the key corporation designated to file the return should submit form FTB 3539. The key corporation must include payment of at least the minimum franchise tax for each corporation of the combined unitary group that is subject to the franchise tax in California.

- If members of a combined unitary group intend to file separate returns with the FTB, each member must submit its own form FTB 3539 if there is an amount entered on line 3 of the Tax Payment Worksheet.
- If any member of a combined unitary group meets the requirements for mandatory EFT, all members must remit their payments through EFT, regardless of their filing election.

Exempt Organizations

- **Form 100 filers:**
The due dates for corporations also apply to the filing of Form 100, California Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return, by political action committees and exempt homeowners' associations.
Political action committees and exempt homeowners' associations that file Form 100 should not enter the minimum franchise tax on line 1 of the Tax Payment Worksheet.
- **Form 199 Filers:**
Generally, Form 199, California Exempt Organization Annual Information Return, requires a \$10 filing fee to be paid with the return on the original or extended due date.
Use form FTB 3539 only if paying the fee early. Enter the amount of the fee on line 3 of the Tax Payment Worksheet.
- **Form 109 Filers:**
The due dates for filing Form 109, California Exempt Organization Business Income Return, depend on the type of organization filing the return. Employees' pension trusts and IRAs (including education IRAs) must file on or before the 15th day of the 4th month after the close of their taxable year. All other exempt organizations (except homeowners' associations and political organizations) must file on or before the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of their taxable year.

TAX PAYMENT WORKSHEET FOR YOUR RECORDS

1 Total tentative tax. Include alternative minimum tax if applicable. See instructions	1		
2 Estimated tax payments including prior year overpayment applied as a credit	2		
3 Tax Due. If line 2 is more than line 1, see instructions. If line 1 is more than line 2, subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter the result here and on form FTB 3539	3		

How to Complete the Tax Payment Worksheet

Line 1

Enter the total tentative tax, including the alternative minimum tax, if applicable, for the taxable year.

- If filing Form 100, Form 100W, or Form 100S, and subject to franchise tax, the tentative tax may not be less than the minimum franchise tax and Qualified Subchapter S Subsidiary (QSub) annual tax (S corporations only).
- If filing Form 100, Form 100W, or Form 100S, and subject to income tax, enter the amount of tax. Corporations subject to the income tax do not pay the minimum franchise tax.
- If a corporation incorporates or qualifies to do business in California on or after January 1, 2000, the corporation will compute its tax liability for the first taxable year by multiplying its state net income by the appropriate tax rate and will not be subject to the minimum franchise tax. The corporation will become subject to minimum franchise tax beginning in its second taxable year.
- If filing Form 109, enter the amount of tax. Form 109 filers are not subject to the minimum franchise tax.

Line 2

Enter the estimated tax payments, including prior year overpayment applied as a credit. S corporations include any QSub annual tax payments.

Line 3

Tax due. If the amount on line 1 is more than the amount on line 2, then the corporation's or exempt organization's tentative tax is more than its payments and credits. The corporation or exempt organization has tax due.

Subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter this amount on line 3 and on form FTB 3539.

If the amount on line 2 is more than the amount on line 1, the payments and credits are more than the tentative tax. The corporation or exempt organization has no tax due. **DO NOT SEND THE PAYMENT VOUCHER.** The corporation or exempt organization will automatically qualify for an extension if the California tax return is filed by the extended due date and the corporation or exempt organization is in good standing with the FTB and California SOS.