

# General Information for Filing 2015 Louisiana Nonresident Professional Athlete Individual Income Tax Return

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## WHO MUST FILE A RETURN? (FORM IT-540B-NRA)

1. A nonresident individual must file Form IT-540B-NRA if he or she is a professional athlete who earned income as a result of services rendered within Louisiana and is required to file a federal individual income tax return.
2. Any taxpayer who has overpaid their tax through withholding or declaration of estimated tax must file a return to obtain a refund or credit.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 47:1602.1, penalties will be imposed for failure to use Form IT-540B-NRA when filing and reporting Louisiana income. A \$500 penalty will be imposed for the first failure to file the correct form, a \$1,000 penalty for the second failure to file the correct form, and \$2,500 each additional failure to file the correct form within a three year period.

## ELECTRONIC FILING MANDATE

Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 61:III.1527 requires the electronic filing of all reports and returns related to the Sports Facility Assistance Fund. This rule requires all professional athletes that participate in athletic events within the state of Louisiana to file all tax returns, including extension requests, electronically. A \$1,000 penalty will be imposed for each failure to file electronically.

A nonresident professional athlete must file Form IT-540B-NRA electronically. Form IT-540B-NRA can be filed electronically through Louisiana File Online or through tax preparation software.

A resident professional athlete is required to file an IT-540 Louisiana income tax and must file electronically under LAC 61:III.1527.

## INCOME TO BE REPORTED ON THIS FORM

1. The Louisiana income of a nonresident individual who is a member of a professional athletic team should be reported to Louisiana. Louisiana income is the portion of the total compensation for services rendered as a member of a professional athletic team during the taxable year earned while in Louisiana. The reported income is proportional to the number of duty days spent within the state rendering services for the team in any manner, compared to the total number of duty days spent both within and without the state during the taxable year. This reporting requirement shall include all employees who are active players, players on the disabled list, and any other persons required to travel and perform services on behalf of a professional athletic team on a regular basis. This includes, but is not limited to, coaches, managers, and trainers.
2. The Louisiana income of a nonresident athlete who is NOT a member of a professional athletic team (e.g. PGA golfer) should be reported to Louisiana. The amount to be reported is the gross amount earned in the state less the ordinary and necessary business expenses directly attributable to the state, and a pro rata share of indirect business expenses not directly attributable to income from any particular source.

3. All other Louisiana-sourced income should be reported. Examples of such income items are amounts paid to the athlete for endorsements, royalties, promotional advertising, etc. The amount earned is calculated on a pro-rata basis for Louisiana.

## FORMS

Forms and instructions may be obtained from LDR's website, [www.revenue.louisiana.gov/taxforms](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov/taxforms).

## AMENDED RETURNS

If you file your Louisiana income tax return and later become aware of any changes you must make to income, deductions, or credits, you must file an amended Louisiana return. A corrected return, Form IT-540B-NRA must be electronically filed along with an explanation of the change(s) and a copy of the federal amended return if one was filed. The form should be clearly marked with an "X" in the "Amended Return" box. Do not make any adjustments for the refunds received or for payments made with the original return. This information is already on file.

## FEDERAL TAX ADJUSTMENTS

R.S. 47:103(C) requires taxpayers whose federal returns are adjusted to furnish a statement disclosing the nature and amounts of such adjustments within 60 days after the adjustments have been made and accepted.

## WHEN TO FILE AND PAY TAX

1. A calendar year return is due on or before May 15, 2016.
2. Returns for fiscal years are due on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of the taxable year.
3. If the due date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, the return is due the next business day.

## EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING A RETURN

The Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue may grant an extension of time for filing returns not to exceed six months from the date the Louisiana income tax return is due. Extensions must be electronically filed on or before the tax return's due date, May 15, 2016, for the 2015 return. An electronic option is available on LDR's website, [www.revenue.louisiana.gov/fileonline](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov/fileonline).

**By requesting an extension, you are only requesting additional time to file your tax return. An extension does not extend the time to pay the tax. Payments received after the due date will be charged interest and penalties.**

## Interest and Penalties

See Interest and Penalty Calculation worksheets, page 14.

## KEEP YOUR RECORDS

Taxpayers should keep copies of federal and state returns and W-2 statements for four years. Do not submit a copy of your federal return unless requested by the Department.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

You may make payment by credit card or electronic debit at [www.revenue.louisiana.gov/fileonline](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov/fileonline). You may also make payment by check or money order. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** Make your check or money order payable to the Louisiana Department of Revenue. Enter the last four digits of your Social Security Numbers on your check or money order and attach it to your payment voucher.

To pay by credit card, visit [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) or call 1.888.2PAY.TAX (1.888.272.9829)



**Instructions for Preparing Your  
2015 Nonresident Athlete Individual Income Tax Return, Form IT-540B-NRA**

**ABOUT THIS FORM**

If you are a nonresident individual who is a professional athlete and earned income as a result of services rendered within Louisiana, you must file IT-540B-NRA electronically.

- a. All numbers should be rounded to the nearest dollar.
- b. To avoid any delay, use this form for 2015 only.
- c. If you are filing an amended return, mark the "Amended Return" box.

**Name, Address, and Social Security Number** – Enter your name, address, daytime telephone number, Social Security Number, and date of birth on your return. On a joint return, list the names and Social Security Numbers in the same order that you listed them on your federal return.

**PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION OR LEAGUE**

Mark the box to indicate the professional sports association or league affiliated.

**Lines 1-5: Filing Status** – You must use the same filing status on your Louisiana return as you did on your federal return. In the box on the left, enter the number corresponding to your filing status: "1" for Single, "2" for Married Filing Jointly, "3" for Married Filing Separately, "4" for Head of Household, and "5" for Qualifying Widow. If your filing status is Head of Household, you must list the name of the qualifying person in the space provided if that person is not a dependent. Head of Household status is for unmarried people who paid over half the cost of keeping up a home for a qualifying person.

**Lines 6A and 6B** – Exemptions – Mark an "X" in the appropriate boxes. You must use the same number of exemptions on your Louisiana return as you did on your federal return, unless: you are listed as a dependent on someone else's return; you are age 65 or over; or, you are blind. You must claim an exemption for yourself on Line 6A, even if someone else claimed you on his or her federal tax return. This box has already been marked with an "X" for you.

**Line 6C** – Enter the names of the dependents listed on your federal return. Complete the required information. If you have more than 6 dependents, attach a statement to your return with the required information. In the box on Line 6C, enter the total number of dependents claimed.

**Line 6D** – Add Lines 6A, 6B, and 6C.

**Line 7** – Enter the amount of your Federal Adjusted Gross Income. This amount is taken from federal Form 1040, Line 37, or federal Form 1040A, Line 21, or federal Form 1040EZ, Line 4. If your Federal Adjusted Gross Income is less than zero, enter zero, "0".

**Line 8A** – Enter the amount from Schedule NRA-1, Line 5.

**Line 8B** – All other Louisiana-sourced income should be reported. Examples of such income items are amounts paid to the athlete for endorsements, royalties, promotional advertising, etc. The amount earned is calculated on a pro-rata basis for Louisiana.

**Line 8C** – Add Lines 8A and 8B.

**Line 9** – Divide Line 8C by Line 7. Carry out to two decimal places in the percentage; for example, 48.32 percent. DO NOT ROUND UP. The percentage can not exceed 100 percent.

**Lines 10A, 10B and 10C** – If you did not itemize your deductions on your federal return, skip Lines 10A, 10B and 10C and go to Line 10D.

**Line 10A** – If you itemized your deductions on your federal return, enter the amount of your federal itemized deductions, shown on Form 1040, Schedule A, Line 29.

**Line 10B** – If you itemized your deductions on your federal return, and your filing status is 1 or 3, enter \$6,300; 2 or 5, enter \$12,600; 4, enter \$9,250.

**Line 10C** – Subtract Line 10B from Line 10A. If less than zero, enter zero "0."

**Line 10D** – If you claimed a federal disaster relief credit on your federal return as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, you must complete Schedule H-NRA in order to determine your modified federal income tax deduction for Louisiana. The federal disaster relief credits utilized for this year and allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) could be credits that are carried forward from previous years. However, the credits must appear on your federal return. Attach a copy of your federal return which indicates the amount of the credit, a copy of Form 3800, and a copy of the appropriate IRS form in order to substantiate the amount of the credit.

If you have not claimed federal disaster relief credits, enter your federal income tax liability on Line 10D. This amount is taken from your federal return.

Below are the federal returns and line numbers that indicate your federal income tax liability.

- Federal Form **1040EZ**, Line 10.
- Federal Form **1040A**, Line 37, minus the amount from Line 29.
- Federal Form **1040**, use the worksheet below.

**Optional deduction** – The federal tax deduction above may be increased by the amount of foreign tax credit associated with Louisiana income that was claimed on Federal Form 1040, Line 48. If this additional deduction is claimed, no special allowable credit may be claimed on Nonrefundable Tax Credits, Schedule G-NRA, Line 3.

**Federal Income Tax Deduction Worksheet**

1. Enter the tax from Federal Form 1040, Line 56 \$	_____
2. Net Investment Income Tax. Enter amount from Federal Form 8960, Line 17.	\$ _____
3. Federal Tax. Add lines 1 and 2.	\$ _____
4a. Enter the amount from Form 4972, Line 30.	\$ _____
4b. Enter the amount from Form 8962, Line 29.	\$ _____
5. Add lines 4a and 4b.	\$ _____
6. Subtract line 5 from line 3 and enter on line 9.	\$ _____
<b>If amount is negative enter zero.</b>	\$ _____

**Line 10E** – Add Lines 10C and 10D.

**Line 10F** – Multiply Line 10E by the percentage on Line 9. This amount of deduction is the portion applicable to your Louisiana income.

**Line 11** – Subtract Line 10F from Line 8C. If less than zero, enter zero, "0."

Calculate your Louisiana tax by using the Tax Computation Worksheet.  
**(DO NOT USE RESIDENT TAX TABLES—USE WORKSHEET BELOW.)**

TAX COMPUTATION WORKSHEET (Keep this worksheet for your records.)										
<b>A</b>	<b>Taxable Income:</b> Enter the amount from Form IT-540B-NRA, Line 11.							<b>A</b>		<b>.00</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>First Bracket:</b> If Line A is greater than \$12,500 (\$25,000 if filing status is 2 or 5), enter \$12,500 (\$25,000 if filing status is 2 or 5). If Line A is less than \$12,500 (\$25,000 if filing status is 2 or 5), enter amount from Line A.					<b>B</b>		<b>.00</b>		
<b>C1</b>	<b>Combined Personal Exemption – Standard Deduction:</b> If your filing status is 2, 4, or 5, enter \$9,000; if 1 or 3, enter \$4,500.		<b>C1</b>		<b>.00</b>					
<b>C2</b>	<b>Credit for Dependents:</b> Enter \$1,000 for taxpayers and/or spouses who are 65 or over, or blind, and for each dependent claimed on Line 6C of Form IT-540B-NRA.		<b>C2</b>		<b>.00</b>					
<b>C3</b>	<b>Total:</b> Add Lines C1 and C2.		<b>C3</b>		<b>.00</b>					
<b>D</b>	<b>Ratio:</b> Enter the ratio from Form IT 540B-NRA, Line 9.		<b>D</b>		<b>%</b>					
<b>E</b>	<b>Allowable Deduction:</b> Multiply Line C3 by the ratio on Line D.					<b>E</b>		<b>.00</b>	<b>TAX</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>Taxable First Bracket:</b> Subtract Line E from Line B. If the result is zero or less than zero, enter "0". Multiply balance by 2% (.02) and enter the result in the TAX column.					<b>F</b>		<b>.00</b>	<b>2% Rate</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Second Bracket:</b> Subtract Line B from Line A; and, if the balance is greater than zero, enter the balance or \$37,500 (\$75,000 if filing status is 2 or 5), whichever is less. Note: Reduce this amount by the amount that Line E exceeds Line B. Multiply balance by 4% (.04) and enter the result in the TAX column.					<b>G</b>		<b>.00</b>	<b>4% Rate</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Third Bracket:</b> Subtract \$50,000 (\$100,000 if filing status is 2 or 5) from Line A and enter balance. If less than zero, enter "0." Multiply the balance by 6% (.06) and enter the result in the TAX column.					<b>H</b>		<b>.00</b>	<b>6% Rate</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Total Tax:</b> Add the tax on Lines F, G, and H. Enter here and on of Form IT-540B-NRA, Line 12.							<b>I</b>		<b>.00</b>

**Line 12** – Enter the total tax amount from Line I of the tax computation worksheet shown above.

**Line 13** – Enter the amount from Schedule G-NRA, Line 14.

**Line 14** – Subtract Line 13 from Line 12. If less than zero, enter "0."

**Line 15** – Enter the amount of your Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance assessment that was included in your homeowner's insurance premium. You must attach a copy of the declaration page of your insurance policy in order to claim the credit. For additional information regarding this credit, visit [www.revenue.louisiana.gov](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov).

**Line 15A** – Multiply the amount on Line 15 by 72 percent (.72) and enter the result here.

**Line 15B** – Enter the amount of the total Refundable Tax Credits from Schedule F-NRA, Line 10.

**Line 15C** – Enter the amount of Louisiana income tax withheld in 2015. You must attach copies of all W-2 and 1099 forms that indicate tax was withheld. If the withholding amount exceeds 10 percent of the income shown on Form IT-540B-NRA, Line 7, you must attach a copy of your federal return.

**Line 15D** – Enter the total amount of estimated payments made for the 2015 tax year.

**Line 15E** – Enter the amount of any credit carried forward from 2014. This amount is shown on your 2014 Form IT-540, Line 34, or Form IT-540B-NRA, Line 21.

**Line 15F** – Enter the amount of the payment made with your 2015 extension request.

**Line 15G:** Add Lines 15A through 15F.

**Line 16** – Overpayment - If Line 15G is greater than Line 14, subtract Line 14 from Line 15G. **Your overpayment may be reduced by Underpayment of Estimated Tax Penalty.** If Line 15G is equal to Line 14, enter a zero on Lines 16 through 22 and go to Line 23. If Line 15G is less than Line 14, enter a zero on Lines 16 through 22 and go to Line 23.

**Line 17** – Although you may have an overpayment, if you failed to sufficiently pay income tax throughout the year, in accordance with R.S. 47:117.1, you may be subject to the underpayment penalty. Complete the 2015 Form R-210NRA and enter the amount from Line 19 of the form on this line. Attach the completed R-210NRA to your return. See Underpayment Penalty on page 14 for more information.

**Line 18** – If Line 16 is greater than Line 17, subtract Line 17 from Line 16. If Line 17 is greater than Line 16, enter a zero, subtract Line 16 from Line 17, and enter the balance on Line 23.

**Line 19** – You may donate all or part of your overpayment (Line 18) to various organizations or funds listed on Lines 2 through 24 of Schedule D-NRA. Enter the amount from Schedule D-NRA, Line 25. This amount cannot be greater than Line 18.

**Line 20** – Subtract Line 19 from Line 18 to determine the amount of overpayment available for credit or refund.

**Line 21** – Enter the amount of Line 20 that you wish to credit to 2015.

**Line 22** – Subtract Line 21 from Line 20. This amount is to be refunded. You must select how you want to receive your refund. Enter a "2" in the box if you want to receive your refund by paper check. Enter a "3" in the box if you want your refund directly deposited into your bank account. Carefully enter the information in the boxes to indicate the type of bank account, the routing number, and the account number. Your nine digit routing number appears under the memo line of your check; your bank account number will appear to the right of your routing number. **You are required to answer the question regarding the location of the bank account. If the information is unreadable or if you do not select a method to receive your refund, you will receive your refund by paper check.** Option 1 was omitted on purpose.

**Line 23** – If Line 14 is greater than Line 15G, subtract Line 15G from Line 14. If you entered an amount from Line 18 as the result of underpayment penalty exceeding an overpayment, complete Lines 24 through 27, enter zero "0" on Lines 28 through 31 and go to Line 32.

**Lines 24 through 27** – You may make an additional donation to the funds listed on Lines 24 through 27. You must include payment for the amount being donated with your return. The donation will not be made unless you make payment.

**Line 28** – Interest is charged on all tax amounts that are not paid by the due date. Enter the amount from the Interest Calculation Worksheet, page 14, Line 5.

**Line 29** – If you fail to file your tax return by the due date – **on or before May 15, 2016 for calendar year filers**, or on or before your fiscal year due date, or on or before your approved extension date, you may be charged a Delinquent Filing Penalty. Enter the amount from the Delinquent Filing Penalty Calculation Worksheet, page 14, Line 7.



**Line 30** – If you fail to the pay tax due by the due date – **on or before May 15, 2016 for calendar year filers**, you may be charged delinquent payment penalty. Enter the amount from the Delinquent Payment Penalty Calculation Worksheet, page 14, Line 7.

**Line 31** – If you have a tax deficiency that is greater than \$1,000 (\$2,000 if married filing jointly), you may be charged an underpayment penalty. Complete the 2015 Form R-210NRA and enter the amount from Line 19 of the form on this line. Attach the completed R-210NRA to your return. See Underpayment Penalty on page 14 for more information.

**Line 32** – Balance Due Louisiana - Add Lines 23 through 31. You may make a payment by credit card or electronic debit through LDR's website at [www.revenue.louisiana.gov](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov). You may also make payment by check or money order. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** Make your check or money order payable to the Louisiana Department of Revenue. Print the last four digits of your Social Security Numbers on your check or money order and attach it to your payment voucher.

**FILING:** You must sign and date your return. On a joint return, your spouse must also sign in the space provided. If you paid someone to prepare your return, they must also sign in the appropriate space and enter their identification number.

## Instructions for Schedule D-NRA – Donations

**Line 1** – Enter the amount of adjusted overpayment from Form IT-540B-NRA, Line 18.

**Line 2** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to The Military Family Assistance Fund. This fund provides assistance to family members of activated Louisiana military personnel.

**Line 3** – You may donate all or a part of your adjusted overpayment to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund for the purposes of coastal restoration, conservation, and hurricane protection. For more information, visit [www.coastal.louisiana.gov](http://www.coastal.louisiana.gov).

**Line 4** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the SNAP Fraud and Abuse Detection and Prevention Fund. This fund provides fraud and abuse detection and prevention activities related to the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program.

**Line 5** – You may contribute an amount of your adjusted overpayment to the Louisiana Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) Savings Program. **IMPORTANT:** If filing a joint return, you or your spouse must be a registered account owner in the START Savings Program in order to contribute all or part of your overpayment. If you do not have an account, you may contact the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance at 1-800-259-5626, or go to [www.startsaving.la.gov](http://www.startsaving.la.gov) to enroll. All contributions of your overpayment will be equally distributed among the account holder's beneficiaries.

**Line 6** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Wildlife Habitat and Natural Heritage Trust Fund. This fund provides for the acquisition and management of lands used for state parks, state forests, and wildlife and fishery management areas.

**Line 7** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Fund (LCLTFB). This fund provides for resources to reduce the incidence, morbidity, mortality, and economic impact of all forms of cancer through education, prevention, research, and early detection. For more information, visit [www.lcltfb.org](http://www.lcltfb.org).

**Line 8** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission for the purpose of promoting the proper treatment and well-being of animals. For more information, visit [www.lawca.org](http://www.lawca.org).

**Line 9** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to promote unity among member food banks in Louisiana in support of their common mission to feed the hungry. For more information, visit [www.lafba.org](http://www.lafba.org).

**Line 10** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Gulf Coast & Louisiana. For more information, visit [www.texgulf.wish.org](http://www.texgulf.wish.org).

**Line 11** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Louisiana Association of United Ways/LA 2-1-1 for the purpose of the 2-1-1 helpline. For more information, visit [www.louisiana211.org](http://www.louisiana211.org).

**Line 12** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the American Red Cross. For more information, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

**Line 13** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Dreams Come True, Inc. for the purpose of fulfilling dreams of children with life-threatening illnesses. For more information, visit [www.dctofla.com](http://www.dctofla.com).

**Line 14** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc. (LCADV). The purpose of this fund is to promote and strengthen quality comprehensive services for all individuals affected by domestic violence. For more information, visit [www.lcadv.org](http://www.lcadv.org).

**Line 15** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment for maintaining decorative lighting on the Crescent City Connection.

**Line 16** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment for the operation and maintenance of the New Orleans ferries.

**Line 17** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Honor Guard for Military Funerals Fund. This fund provides for military funeral honors for members of Louisiana's military forces.

**Line 18** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Bastion Community of Resilience Fund. This fund provides for the development of innovative housing for recent war veterans and their families.

**Line 19** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Louisiana Youth Leadership Seminar Corporation, also known as Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. For more information, visit [www.hoby.org](http://www.hoby.org).

**Line 20** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans, Inc. For more information, visit [www.lighthouselouisiana.org](http://www.lighthouselouisiana.org).

**Line 21** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Louisiana Association for the Blind. This association is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the blind through training, services and employment. For more information, visit [www.lablind.com](http://www.lablind.com).

**Line 22** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Louisiana Center for the Blind. For more information, visit [www.louisianacenter.org](http://www.louisianacenter.org).

**Line 23** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Affiliated Blind of Louisiana, Inc., whose missions is to teach individuals who are blind and deaf-blind the skills that lead to independence, employment and community integration. For more information, visit [www.affiliatedblind.org](http://www.affiliatedblind.org).

**Line 24** – You may donate all or part of your adjusted overpayment to the Louisiana State Troopers Charities, Inc.

**Line 25** – Add Lines 2 through 24. This amount cannot be more than Line 1. Also, enter this amount on Form IT-540B-NRA, Line 19.

## General Information On All Credits

R.S. 47:1675 provides for general rules governing the application of tax credits. Credits should be applied in numerical order using the codes provided below. If a schedule is required in the instructions below, you must attach a separate schedule for each credit claimed. The schedule should clearly identify the credit, your name, and LDR account number. If documentation is required, you must submit the documentation with your return. For faster processing, you can upload all required information when you file your return electronically. Revenue Information Bulletins (RIB) are posted on [www.revenue.louisiana.gov/policies](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov/policies) under Policy Documents.

Note: If you are claiming a credit that is recorded in the Tax Credit Registry, you must attach a completed Credit Utilization Form (R-6140, Section 2) and a copy of the Credit Registration Form (R-6135) to the tax return. See RIB No. 14-005.

Certain income tax credits have been reduced according to Acts 109, 125 and 133 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Please refer to Revenue Information Bulletin 15-021 for information on the Act 125 reductions.

**Instructions for Refundable Tax Credits, Schedule F-NRA**

**Line 1** – R.S. 47:297.9 allows a refundable credit for 100 percent of the amount paid by an active or reserve military servicemember, the spouse of an active or reserve military servicemember, or the dependent of such servicemember for obtaining a Louisiana noncommercial hunting or fishing license. A copy of the noncommercial hunting and/or fishing license must be submitted to LDR in order to claim the credit. Complete all information requested in Lines 1A through 1D. Per Act 125 reduction, multiply Line 1D by 72 percent (.72) and enter results on Line 1E. The credit for the license is valid only during the time the servicemember is on active duty and does not apply to purchases of lifetime licenses. Please contact LDR for more information concerning this credit.

**Additional Refundable Tax Credits, Lines 2 through 6**

Additional refundable credits available for the tax year ending December 31, 2015 are referenced individually by a three-digit code. Please enter the credit description, identifying code, amount of credit prior to reduction as applicable and the dollar amount claimed in the appropriate spaces on Lines 2 through 6. Act 125 reductions noted in the instructions below refer to the reductions made by Act 125 of the 2015 Regular Legislative Session. See Revenue Information Bulletin No. 15-021 for more information. Unless otherwise stated in the instructions for each line, enter credit amounts in column labeled “amount of credit claimed”.

**NOTE: Use only the codes referenced in the table on Schedule F-NRA. The codes listed here are not interchangeable with other codes listed in this booklet.**

Example:

Credit Description	Code	Amount of Credit Claimed
Historic Residential	60F	400.00

**Lines 7 through 9** – Complete Lines 7 through 9 ONLY if a transferable credit is claimed. For Lines 7A, 8A and 9A, enter the LDR State Certification number from Form R-6135, if applicable.

**Line 10** – Add Lines 1E through 9 and enter total on Line 10. Also, enter this amount on Form IT-540BNRA, Line 15B.

**CODE CREDIT DESCRIPTION**

**50F – Inventory Tax** — R.S. 47:6006 allows a refundable credit for 100 percent of the ad valorem taxes paid to political subdivisions in Louisiana on inventory held by manufacturers, distributors, or retailers if the amount paid is less than \$10,000. If the amount you paid is less than \$10,000, enter that amount under the “amount of credit claimed” column. If the ad valorem taxes paid are \$10,000 or more, Act 133 of the 2015 Regular Legislative Session only allows 75 percent of the excess credit over tax to be refunded. You must use page 2 of Form R-10610 to calculate the amount of credit you can claim. Enter the amount paid under the “amount prior to reduction” column and the credit amount as calculated on Form R-10610 under the “amount of credit claimed” column. Refer to Revenue Information Bulletin 06-036 and 15-019.

**51F – Ad Valorem Natural Gas** — R.S. 47:6006 allows a refundable credit for 100 percent of the ad valorem taxes paid to political subdivisions in Louisiana on natural gas held, used, or consumed in providing natural gas storage services or operating natural gas storage facilities if the amount paid is less than \$10,000. If the amount you paid is less than \$10,000, enter that amount under the “amount of credit claimed” column. If the ad valorem taxes paid are \$10,000 or more, Act 133 of the 2015 Regular Legislative Session only allows 75 percent of the excess credit over tax to be refunded. You must use page 2 of Form R-10610 to calculate the amount of credit you can claim. Enter the amount paid under the “amount prior to reduction” column and the credit amount as calculated on Form R-10610 under the “amount of credit claimed” column. Refer to Revenue Information Bulletin 06-036 and 15-019.

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**52F – Ad Valorem Offshore Vessels** – R.S.47:6006.1 allows a refundable credit for 100 percent of the ad valorem taxes paid on vessels in Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Waters. You must attach to the return a copy of the inventory tax assessment, a copy of the cancelled check in payment of the tax, and a copy of a completed Form LAT 11A from the Louisiana Tax Commission.

**54F – Telephone Company Property** – R.S.47:6014 allows a refundable credit for up to 40 percent of the ad valorem taxes paid to Louisiana political subdivisions by a telephone company with respect to that company’s public service properties located in Louisiana. The credit may be passed through to individuals who are shareholders or members of certain legal entities. See Revenue Information Bulletin 01-004, on LDR’s website. A schedule must be attached stating which entity paid the tax and obtained the credit on the individual’s behalf.

**55F – Prison Industry Enhancement** – R.S.47:6018 allows a refundable credit for the state sales and use tax paid by a taxpayer on purchases of specialty apparel items from a private sector Prison Industry Enhancement (PIE) contractor. Contact LDR for further information regarding this credit. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).

**56F – Urban Revitalization** – R.S. 51:1801 et seq. allows a refundable credit for investing in certain economically depressed areas of the state. Taxpayers must apply to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to receive certification. A copy of the certification of the credit must be attached to the return.

**57F – Mentor-Protégé** – R.S. 47:6027 allows a refundable credit for a mentor business that fulfills the terms of a Mentor-Protégé Agreement as approved by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development. A copy of the certification of the credit must be attached to the return.

**58F – Milk Producers** – R.S. 47:6032 allows a refundable credit for a resident taxpayer engaged in the business of producing milk for sale. Those milk producers that have obtained permits under the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 51, and have met the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration, shall be certified by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals to receive the credit. Revenue Information Bulletin 08-014 provides information regarding the credit.

**59F – Technology Commercialization** – R.S.51:2351 et seq. allows a refundable credit for a qualifying individual or business that invests in the commercialization of Louisiana technology. Taxpayers must apply to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to receive certification. A copy of the certification of the credit must be attached to the return.

**60F – Historic Residential** – R.S. 47:297.6 allows a refundable credit for the amount of eligible costs and expenses incurred during the rehabilitation of an owner-occupied residential or owner-occupied mixed use structure located in a National Register Historic District, a cultural district, a local historic district, a Main Street District, or a downtown development district. The tax credit was limited to one credit per rehabilitated structure and can not exceed \$25,000 per structure. Taxpayers must apply to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Division of Historic Preservation for certification. A copy of the certification of the credit must be attached to the return. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 74 percent (.74).

**61F – Angel Investor** – R.S. 47:6020 et seq. allows a refundable credit for taxpayers who made third party investments in certified Louisiana entrepreneurial businesses between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2009. To earn the Angel Investor Credit, taxpayers must file an application with the

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- Louisiana Department of Economic Development. Refer to Revenue Information Bulletin 06-020 on LDR's website.
- 62F – Musical and Theatrical Productions – R.S. 47:6034** allows a refundable credit for the production expenses, transportation costs, employment of college and vocational-technical students, employment of residents, and for the construction, repair, or renovation of facilities related to live performance industry. Taxpayers must apply to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to receive certification. A copy of the certification of the credit must be attached to the return.
- 64F – Solar Energy Systems – Non-Leased – R.S. 47:6030** provides a refundable credit for taxpayers who purchased and installed a solar electric system at a single-family detached residence located in the state that serves as the primary residence. Taxpayers are also eligible for the credit when a resident has purchased a newly constructed home with such systems already installed. Only one credit is allowed per residence including prior installations for which a credit was received. The credit is equal to 50 percent of the first \$25,000 of the cost of a solar electric system if installed before July 1, 2015. If the system was purchased and installed on or after July 1, 2015, the credit is equal to the lesser of \$2.00 per watt or 50 percent of the first \$20,000 of the cost of purchase and installation. See Revenue Information Bulletin 13-026 and 15-026 on LDR's website. Form R-1086, available on LDR's website, must be attached to your return as documentation for this credit. When taking this credit, the taxpayer will not be eligible for any other state tax credit, exemption, exclusion, deduction, or any other tax benefit for that property.
- 65F – School Readiness Child Care Provider – R.S. 47:6105** allows a refundable credit for a child care provider who operates a facility or facilities where care is given to foster children in the custody of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or to children who participate in the Child Care Assistance Program administered by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE). The credit is based on the average monthly number of children who attended the facility multiplied by an amount based on the quality rating of the child care facility. For more information regarding this credit, contact LDE.
- 66F – School Readiness Child Care Directors and Staff – R.S. 47:6106** allows a refundable credit for eligible child care directors and eligible child care staff. The tax credit is based on certain attained qualifications for directors and staff members. The credit amount is variable and the 2015 amount is posted at [www.qrsloisiana.org](http://www.qrsloisiana.org). For more information regarding this credit, contact the Louisiana Department of Education.
- 67F – School Readiness Business-Supported Child Care – R.S. 47:6107** allows a refundable credit for a taxpayer who incurs eligible business-supported child care expenses. The percentage of eligible expenses allowed for the credit depends on the quality rating of the child care facility to which the expenses are related or the quality rating of the child care facility that the child attends. Copies of cancelled checks and other documentation to support the amount of eligible expenses must be maintained and provided upon request. For more information regarding this credit, contact the Louisiana Department of Education.
- 68F – School Readiness Fees and Grants to Resource and Referral Agencies – R.S. 47:6107** allows a refundable credit for a taxpayer whose business pays fees and grants to child care resource and referral agencies. The credit

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- cannot exceed \$5,000 per tax year. For more information regarding this credit, contact the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE).
- 70F – Retention and Modernization – R.S. 51:2399.1 et seq.** allows a refundable credit for an employer who incurs qualified expenditures to modernize existing operations in Louisiana to retain the business in the state. Taxpayers must apply to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to receive certification. A copy of the certification of the credit must be attached to the return.
- 71F – Conversion of Vehicle to Alternative Fuel – R.S. 47:6035** allows a refundable credit for the purchase of, or conversion of a vehicle designed to run on an alternative fuel. See Revenue Information Bulletin No. 13-023 for definition of alternative fuel. The credit is not allowed for the costs associated with the purchase or conversion of a flexible fuel vehicle, designed to run on both alternative fuel and gasoline or diesel. The purchased vehicle must be properly registered with the Louisiana Department of Public Safety. You must attach documentation verifying the conversion or purchase of the vehicle. Prior to Act 125, the credit was equal to 50 percent of the cost of the qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property that has been purchased and installed. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent. If the taxpayer is unable to determine the exact cost attributable to the qualified clean-burning motor vehicle, prior to Act 125, the credit was equal to 10 percent of the cost of the motor vehicle registered in this state or \$3,000, whichever is less. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is equal to 7.2 percent of the cost or \$1,500, whichever is less.
- 73F – Digital Interactive Media & Software – R.S. 47:6022** provides a credit to individuals for the investment in businesses specializing in digital interactive media and software. Taxpayers must apply to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to receive certification. A copy of the certification of the credit must be attached to the return. See Revenue Information Bulletin 12-017 on LDR's website.
- 74F – Solar Energy Systems- Leased –** The credit is for taxpayers who purchased and installed, through a lease with the residence owner, a solar electric system at a single-family detached residence located in the state. Only one credit is allowed per residence including prior installations for which a credit was received. The credit is equal to 38 percent of the first \$20,000 of the cost of such system. For the purpose of determining the amount of the credit on leased systems, the cost of a system is limited to no more than \$3.50 per watt for a system purchased and installed after December 31, 2014 and \$2 per watt for a system purchased and installed on or after July 1, 2015. Since the system is limited to providing for no more than six kilowatts of energy, the maximum credit base for leased systems is \$12,000. Form R-1086, available on LDR's website, must be attached to your return as documentation for this credit. When taking this credit, the taxpayer will not be eligible for any other state tax credit, exemption, exclusion, deduction, or any other tax benefit for that property. See Revenue Information Bulletin 15-026 on LDR's website. (R.S. 47:6030)
- 80F – Other Refundable Credit –** Reserved for future credits.



## Instructions for Nonrefundable Tax Credits, Schedule G-NRA

**Line 1 – Credit for certain disabilities** – A credit of \$72 is allowed for the taxpayer, spouse, or dependent who is deaf, has lost the use of a limb, is mentally incapacitated, or is blind (R.S. 47:297(A)). Only one credit is allowed per person. The disability must exist at the end of the taxable year, or if death occurred during the taxable year, at the date of death. If you are claiming this credit for the first time, a physician's statement is required certifying the disability. For purposes of this credit:

- DEAF is defined as one who cannot understand speech through auditory means alone (even with the use of amplified sound) and must either use visual means or rely on other means of communication.
- LOSS OF LIMB is defined as one who has lost one or both hands at or above the wrist or one or both feet at or above the ankle. This credit also applies if use of the limb or limbs has been permanently lost.
- MENTALLY INCAPACITATED is defined as one who is incapable of caring for himself or performing routine daily health requirements due to his mental condition.
- BLIND is defined as one who is totally blind or whose central field of acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses or whose visual acuity is limited to a field no greater than 20 degrees.

The name of the qualifying dependent must be entered on Line 1C. Enter on Line 1D the total number of qualifying individuals. Multiply Line 1D by \$72 and enter the result on Line 1E.

**Line 2 – Credit for contributions to educational institutions**

Taxpayers who donate computer or other technological equipment to educational institutions in Louisiana are allowed a credit of 29 percent of the value of the property donated (R.S. 47:37). The recipient certifies the donation of property by using Form R-3400 the Certificate of Donation available on LDR's website. You must attach the completed certification form to your return. On Line 2A, enter the value of the property donated to an educational institution in Louisiana. Multiply the amount on Line 2A by 29 percent and enter the result on Line 2B. Round to the nearest dollar.

**Line 3 – Credit for certain federal credits** – Taxpayers are allowed a credit of 7.2 percent of the following federal credits: a credit for the elderly computed on Federal Schedule R; a foreign tax credit found on Federal Form 1040, Line 47; a residential energy credit found on Federal Form 1040, Line 52; plus 7.2 percent of any investment tax credit or jobs credit computed on Federal Form 3800 (R.S. 47:297(B)). If the credit was not used on the federal return because of the alternative minimum tax, you must reduce this amount by the portion of the credit that was not used. Enter the total federal credit on Line 3A. Multiply Line 3A by 7.2 percent and enter the result or \$18, whichever is less on Line 3B.

**Additional Nonrefundable Credits, Lines 4 through 9**

Additional nonrefundable credits available for the tax year ending December 31, 2015 are referenced individually by a three-digit code. Enter the credit description, identifying code, and the dollar amount claimed in the appropriate spaces on Lines 4 through 9. Act 125 reductions noted in the instructions below refer to the reductions made by Act 125 of the 2015 Regular Legislative Session. See Revenue Information Bulletin No. 15-021 for more information. Unless otherwise stated in the instructions for each line, enter credit amounts in column labeled "amount of credit claimed".

Example:

Credit Description	Code	Amount of Credit Claimed
New Jobs Credit	224	500.00

**Lines 10 through 13** – Complete Lines 10 through 13 only if a transferable credit is claimed. For Lines 10A, 11A, 12A and 13A, enter the LDR State Certification number from Form R-6135, if applicable.

**Line 14** – Add Lines 1E, 2B, 3B through 13 and enter total on Line 14. Also, enter the result on Form IT-540BNRA, Line 13.

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**100 – Premium Tax** — R.S. 47:227 provides a credit for premium taxes paid during the preceding 12 months by an insurance company authorized to do business in Louisiana. The credit may be passed to individuals through certain legal entities (e.g. partnership). A schedule must be attached stating what entity(ies) paid the premium tax and generated the credit on behalf of the individual. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).

**105 – Commercial Fishing** — R.S. 47:297(C) provides a credit for the amount of gasoline and special fuels taxes paid for operating or propelling any commercial fishing boat. Attach a schedule listing all invoices and taxes paid. Do not claim the credit if you have already received a fuel tax refund. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).

**110 – Family Responsibility** — R.S. 47:297(F) provides a credit for the amount contributed in a family responsibility program under the provisions of R.S. 46:449. The amount of this credit was equal to 33.3 percent of the contribution not to exceed \$200. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72). The credit cannot exceed \$144.

**115 – Small Town Doctor/Dentist** — R.S. 47:297(H) provides a credit for certified medical doctors and dentists licensed to practice in certain areas of Louisiana. The credit was limited to \$5,000. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72). The credit is now limited to \$3,600.

**120 – Bone Marrow** — R.S. 47:297(I) provides a credit to employers authorized to do business in the state who incur bone marrow donor expense by developing a bone marrow donation program, educating employees related to bone marrow donations, making payments to a health care provider for determining tissue types of potential donors, and paying wages to an employee for time related to tissue typing and bone marrow donation. If the wage expense is used to obtain the credit, it cannot be deducted as an expense for income tax purposes. The amount of the credit was equal to 25 percent of the bone marrow donor expense paid or incurred by the employer during the tax year. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).

**125 – Law Enforcement Education** — R.S. 47:297(J) provides a credit for certain law enforcement officers and specified employees of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for specific post-secondary educational expenses incurred in the pursuit of an undergraduate degree related to law enforcement. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72). The credit is limited to \$540.

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- 130 – First Time Drug Offenders** — R.S. 47:297(K) provides a credit for a taxpayer who provides full-time employment to an individual who has been convicted of a first time drug offense, and who is less than 25 years of age at the time of initial employment. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).
- 135 – Bulletproof Vest** — R.S. 47:297(L) provides a credit for the purchase of a bulletproof vest for certain law enforcement personnel, as designated in the statute. The amount of this credit was equal to 100 percent of the purchase price, not to exceed \$100. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72). The credit cannot exceed \$72.
- 140 – Nonviolent Offenders** — R.S. 47:297(O) provides a credit for a taxpayer who provides full-time employment to an individual who has been convicted of a first-time nonviolent offense, has completed a court-ordered program certified by the employee's probation officer, and has worked 180 days. A statement signed by both the employer and employee certifying the employee's fulltime work status for the year must be attached to the return. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).
- 145 – Owner of Newly Constructed Accessible Home** — R.S. 47:297(P) provides a credit for a taxpayer who owns a newly constructed one or two-family dwelling on which the homestead exemption is claimed. The dwelling must include certain accessible and barrier free design elements. The credit was for the lesser of \$1,000 or tax, and is taken in the taxable year that the construction of the dwelling completed. Form R-1089, available on LDR's website, must be attached to your return as documentation for this credit. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72). The credit is the lesser of \$720 or tax.
- 150 – Qualified Playgrounds** — R.S. 47:6008 provides a credit for donations to assist qualified playgrounds. The credit was for the lesser of \$1,000 or one-half of the value of the cash, equipment, goods, or services donated. For more information on this credit, see Revenue Ruling 02-020 posted on LDR's website. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72). The credit is the lesser of \$720 or 36 percent of the value of the cash, equipment, goods, or services donated.
- 155 – Debt Issuance** — R.S. 47:6017 provides a credit for the filing fee paid to the Louisiana State Bond Commission, which is incurred by an economic development corporation in the preparation and issuance of bonds. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).
- 175 – Donations of Materials, Equipment, Advisors, Instructors** — R.S. 47:6012 provides a credit for employers within the state for donations of the latest technology available in materials, equipment, or instructors to public training providers, secondary and postsecondary vocational-technical schools, community colleges, or apprenticeship programs registered with the Louisiana Workforce Commission assist in the development of training programs designed to meet industry needs. The credit was equal to 50 percent of the value of the donated

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- materials, equipment, or services rendered by the instructor. When taken with other applicable credits, this credit cannot exceed 20 percent of the employer's tax liability for any taxable year. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).
- 199 – Other** — Reserved for future credits.
- 200 – Atchafalaya Trace** — R.S. 25:1226.4 provides a credit to certain heritage-based cottage industries that have entered into a contract with the State Board of Commerce and Industry. A copy of the contract must be attached to the return. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 80 percent (.80).
- 202 – Organ Donation** — R.S. 47:297(N) provides a credit to offset certain expenses incurred by an individual and/or spouse for a living organ donation. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).
- 204 – Household Expense for Physically and Mentally Incapable Persons** — R.S. 47:297.2 provides a credit for a person who maintains a household that includes one or more dependents who are physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves. The credit is equal to the applicable percentage of employment-related expenses allowable pursuant to Section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 208 – Previously Unemployed** — R.S. 47:6004 provides a credit for hiring a previously unemployed person who participates in the Family Independence Work Program in a newly created full-time job. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).
- 210 – Recycling Credit** — R.S. 47:6005 provides a credit for the purchase of certain equipment and/or service contracts related to recycling. The credit must be certified by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and a copy of the certification must be attached to the return. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).
- 212 – Basic Skills Training** — R.S. 47:6009 provides a credit against Louisiana income tax for employers who pay for training to bring employees' reading, writing, or mathematical skills to at least the 12th grade level. The credit was limited to \$250 per participating employee, not to exceed \$30,000 for the tax year. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72). The credit cannot exceed \$180 per participating employee and cannot exceed \$21,600 for the tax year.
- 224 – New Jobs Credit** — R.S. 47:34 and R.S. 47:287.749 provide a credit to employers who establish or expand a business in the state. A schedule that includes the calculation of the credit must be attached to the return and must include the name, address, and Social Security Number of each new employee; highest number of full-time and qualified part-time employees during the previous year; highest number of full-time and part-time employees during the current year; number of new employees hired for new jobs created during this taxable year; and amount of credit carried forward from the previous year. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to



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- Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).
- 226 – Refund by Utilities** — R.S. 47:287.664 provides a credit against Louisiana income tax for certain court ordered refunds made by utilities to its customers. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).
- 228 – Eligible Re-entrants** — R.S. 47:287.748 provides a credit to a taxpayer who employs an eligible re-entrant in Louisiana. An eligible re-entrant is defined as one who has been convicted of a felony and who have successfully completed the Intensive Incarceration Program as provided for in R.S. 15:574.4. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).
- 230 – Neighborhood Assistance** — R.S. 47:35 and R.S. 47:287.753 provide a credit for an entity engaged in the activities of providing neighborhood assistance, job training, education for individuals, community services, or crime prevention in the state of Louisiana. The tax credit was limited to 70 percent of the actual amount contributed for investment in programs approved by the Commissioner of Administration and the credit shall not exceed \$250,000 annually. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72). The credit is equal to 50 percent of the amount contributed and can not exceed \$180,000 annually.
- 231 – Research and Development** — R.S. 47:6015(K) allows a credit for any taxpayer who claims a federal income tax credit under 26 U.S.C. §41(a) for increasing research activities. Use this code for Research and Development credits earned for expenditures made beginning January 1, 2015. The credit is obtained through the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and documentation from that agency must be attached to the return. See Revenue Information Bulletin 15-019 on LDR’s website.
- 232 – Cane River Heritage** — R.S. 47:6026 provides a credit for a heritage-based cottage industry located or to be located in the Cane River Heritage Area Development Zone. The taxpayer must enter into a contract with the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, and a copy of the contract must be attached to the return. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is calculated by multiplying the amount by 72 percent (.72).
- 234 – LA Community Economic Development** — R.S. 47:6031 provides a credit for the amount of money donated, contributed, or represented by a sale below cost by the taxpayer to a certified community development corporation or a certified community development financial institution. The credit must be certified by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and a copy of the certification must be attached to the return.
- 236 – Apprenticeship** — R.S. 47:6033 provides a credit to employers for one dollar for each hour of employment of an eligible apprentice, limited to 1,000 hours for each eligible apprentice. An eligible apprentice is a person who has entered into a written apprentice agreement with an employer or an association of employers pursuant to a registered apprenticeship program or who is enrolled in a training program accredited by the National Center for Construction Education and Research. For more information regarding this credit, contact the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

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- 238 – Ports of Louisiana Investor** — R.S. 47:6036(C) provides a credit to individuals to encourage investment in state port facilities in Louisiana. Taxpayers must apply to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to receive certification. A copy of the certification of the credit must be attached to the return.
- 240 – Ports of Louisiana Import Export Cargo** — R.S. 47:6036(I) provides a credit to individuals to encourage the use of state port facilities in Louisiana. The credit is based on the number of tons of qualified cargo imported and exported from or to manufacturing, fabrication, assembly, distribution, processing or warehousing facilities located in the state. Taxpayers must apply to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to receive certification. A copy of the certification of the credit must be attached to the return.
- 251 – Motion Picture Investment** — R.S. 47:6007(C)(1) provides a credit for an individual taxpayer residing in Louisiana who invests in a state-certified, motion picture production. Taxpayers taking this credit may attach Form R-10611, available on LDR’s website, as documentation for this credit. See Revenue Information Bulletin 15-033 for more information.
- 252 – Research and Development** — R.S. 47:6015 provides a credit for any taxpayer who claims a federal income tax credit under 26 U.S.C. §41(a) for increasing research activities. Use this code for Research and Development credits earned for expenditures made in tax years beginning before January 1, 2009. See Revenue Information Bulletin 09-020 for more information.
- 253 – Historic Structures** — R.S. 47:6019 provides a credit if the taxpayer incurs certain expenses during the rehabilitation of a historic structure that is located in a Downtown Development District or cultural product district. For information on qualifying for this credit, please refer to Revenue Information Bulletin 06-002 on LDR’s website. Refer to Revenue Information Bulletin 14-007 on LDR’s website.
- 254 – Digital Interactive Media** — R.S.47:6022 provides a credit to individuals for the investment in businesses specializing in digital interactive media. Use this code for Digital Interactive Media credits earned for expenditures made prior to January 1, 2012. Taxpayers must apply to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to receive certification. A copy of the certification of the credit must be attached to the return. See Revenue Information Bulletin 12-017 on LDR’s website.
- 256 – Motion Picture Employment of Resident** — R.S. 47:1125.1 provides a credit for the employment of residents of Louisiana in connection with the production of a motion picture. The credit may flow to an individual via a partnership, limited liability company, Subchapter S Corporation, or other entities. Refer to Revenue Information Bulletin 05-005 on the Department’s website.
- 257 – Capital Company** — R.S. 51:1924 provides a credit for any person who invests in a certified Louisiana Capital Company. This credit must be approved by the Commissioner of the Office of Financial Institutions. A copy of your certification must be attached to the return.
- 258 – LA Community Development Financial Institution (LCDFI)** — R.S. 51:3081 et seq. provides a credit to encourage the expansion of businesses in economically distressed areas. The Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions administers this program. Enter credit amount as allowed prior to Act 125 reduction. The credit amount currently allowed is limited to 54 percent of the investment.

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259	<b>New Markets</b> — R.S. 47:6016 provides a credit if the taxpayer makes certain qualified low-income community investments, as defined in Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code. The taxpayer must be certified by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and approved by LDR. Information on the program investment limits are frequently posted as Revenue Information Bulletins on LDR's website.
260	<b>Brownfields Investor Credit</b> — R.S. 47:6021 provides a credit to individuals to encourage the cleanup, redevelopment, and productive reuse of brownfields sites in the state. The credit is obtained through the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.
261	<b>Motion Picture Infrastructure</b> — R.S. 47:6007(C)(2) provides a credit for an approved state-certified infrastructure project for a film, video, television, or digital production or postproduction facility. Taxpayers must apply to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to receive certification. A copy of the certification of the credit must be attached to the return. Refer to Revenue Information Bulletin 06-004 on LDR's website.
262	<b>Angel Investor</b> — R.S. 47:6020 provides a credit for taxpayers who make third party investments in certified Louisiana entrepreneurial businesses on or after January 1, 2011. To earn the Angel Investor Credit, taxpayers must file an application with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development. See Revenue Information Bulletin 12-009 on LDR's website.
299	<b>Other</b> — Reserved for future credits.

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300	<b>Biomed/University Research</b> — R.S. 17:3389 provides a credit to persons who establish research activities either in a Biomedical or a University Research and Development Park. The taxpayer must enter into a contract with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and a copy of the contract showing the credit granted must be attached to the return.
305	<b>Tax Equalization</b> — R.S. 47:3201 et. seq. provides a credit for tax equalization for certain businesses locating in Louisiana. The taxpayer must enter into a contract with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and a copy of the contract showing the credit granted must be attached to the return.
310	<b>Manufacturing Establishments</b> — R.S. 47:4301 et seq. provides a credit to certain manufacturing establishments that have entered into a contract with the Department of Economic Development. A copy of the contract showing the credit granted must be attached to the return.
315	<b>Enterprise Zone</b> — R.S. 51:1781 et seq. provides a credit against the Louisiana individual income tax for private sector investments in certain areas that are designated as "Enterprise Zones." The taxpayer must enter into a contract with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and a copy of the contract showing the credit granted must be attached to the return.
399	<b>Other</b> — Reserved for future credits.

### General Information about Disaster Relief Credits

#### FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF CREDITS

Louisiana provides a deduction for federal income taxes paid on Louisiana income. Generally, when the federal income tax liability is decreased by federal credits, the amount of the Louisiana income tax liability increases.

R.S. 47:293(4)(b) expands the relief granted to Louisiana taxpayers who claimed certain disaster credits granted for Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita. To avoid paying additional income tax, Louisiana taxpayers who received these federal credits may increase the amount of their Louisiana federal income tax deduction by the amount of certain disaster relief credits claimed on the 2015 federal income tax form. Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 61:I.601 designated the following federal credits as disaster relief credits:

1. Employee Retention Credit
2. Work Opportunity Credit

3. Rehabilitation Tax Credit
4. Employer-Provided Housing Credit
5. Low Income Housing Credit
6. New Markets Tax Credit

For complete information about disaster relief credits, review LAC 61:I.601 on the LDR website, [www.revenue.louisiana.gov/policies](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov/policies).

Consult your tax advisor or contact the IRS for information concerning the federal credits. If you claimed federal disaster relief credits on your federal return, complete Schedule H-NRA and attach a copy of the appropriate federal forms to your return to substantiate your modified Louisiana federal income tax deduction.

## Instructions for Schedule H-NRA

**Line 1** – Enter the amount of your federal income tax liability from the Federal Income Tax Deduction worksheet on page 2.

**Line 2** – Enter the amount of federal disaster relief credits claimed on your federal return. The federal disaster relief credits utilized for this year and allowed by the IRS could be credits that are carried forward from previous years. Attach a copy of your federal return which indicates the amount of the credit, a copy of Form 3800,

and a copy of the appropriate IRS form in order to substantiate the amount of the credit.

**Line 3** – Add the amounts from Lines 1 and 2 and enter the result. Mark the box on Line 10D to indicate that your income tax deduction has been increased by the amount of federal disaster credits.

## Instructions for Schedule NRA-Duty Day Detail

The Louisiana income tax of a nonresident professional athlete is attributable to the Sports Facility Assistance Fund, as created by R.S. 39:100.1. Schedule NRA - 1 and Schedule NRA-Duty Day Detail must be attached to Form IT-540B-NRA in order to comply with the statute.

A professional athlete is defined as an athlete that either plays for a professional sports franchise or who is a member of a professional sports association or league. This reporting requirement includes all employees who are active players, players on the disabled list, and any other persons required to travel and who do travel with and perform services on behalf of a professional athletic team on a regular basis. This includes, but is not limited to, coaches, managers, and trainers.

### NAME AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Enter your name and Social Security Number in the spaces provided.

### PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION OR LEAGUE

In the space provided, indicate the professional sports association or league you are affiliated with.

“Professional sports association or league” means any of the following:

1. Professional Golfers Association of America (PGA Tour);
2. National Football League (NFL);
3. National Basketball Association (NBA);
4. National Hockey League (NHL);
5. East Coast Hockey League (ECHL);
6. Pacific Coast League (PCL).

**SPORTS FRANCHISE AFFILIATION** – In the column designated “Name of Professional Sports Franchise” enter the name of the professional sports franchise you are affiliated with. “Professional sports franchise” means a member team of a professional sports association or league.

In **Section I** of Schedule NRA-Duty Day Detail – Complete a single line of Schedule NRA-Duty Day Detail for each event where income was earned in Louisiana.

In **Section II** of Schedule NRA-Duty Day Detail – Complete a single line of Schedule NRA-Duty Day Detail for each team of which you were a member and that had no activity in Louisiana.

In **Section III** of Schedule NRA-Duty Day Detail – Enter the total duty days associated with each team in Section I and II above. Total duty days should not be more than 365.

### An explanation of each column follows:

**TOTAL DUTY DAYS** – In the column designated “Total Duty Days,” enter the total duty days associated with the team.

**DUTY DAYS IN LOUISIANA** – In the column designated “Number of Duty Days in Louisiana,” enter the total duty days associated with the event.

Duty Days are defined as follows:

“**Duty days**” means all days during the taxable year from the beginning of the professional athletic team’s official preseason training period through the last game in which the team competes or is scheduled to compete.

- I. Duty days shall also include days on which a member of a professional athletic team renders a service for a team on a date that does not fall within the period described in the general definition of duty days above, for example, participation in instructional leagues, the Pro Bowl, or other promotional caravans. Rendering a service includes conducting training and rehabilitation activities, but only if conducted at the facilities of the team.
- II. Included within duty days shall be game days, practice days, days spent at team meetings, promotional caravans, and preseason training camps, and days served with the team through all postseason games in which the team competes or is scheduled to compete.
- III. Duty days for any person who joins a team during the season shall begin on the day that person joins the team, and for a person who leaves a team shall end on the day that person leaves the team. If a person switches teams during a taxable year, a separate duty day calculation shall be made for the period that person was with each team.
- IV. Days for which a member of a professional athletic team is not compensated and is not rendering services for the team in any manner, including days when the member of a professional athletic team has been suspended without pay and prohibited from performing any services for the team, shall not be treated as duty days.
- V. Days for which a member of a professional athletic team is on the disabled list shall be presumed not to be duty days spent in the state. They shall, however, be included in total duty days spent within and without the state.
- VI. Travel days that do not involve either a game, practice, team meeting, promotional caravan, or other similar team event are not considered duty days spent in the state, but shall be considered duty days spent within and without the state.

**Dates of Duty Days From (MM/DD)** – In this column enter the dates duty days begin in Louisiana.

**Dates of Duty Days To (MM/DD)** – In this column enter the dates duty days end in Louisiana.

**NAME OF SPORTS FACILITY** – In the column designated “Sports Facility at Which Income Was Earned” enter the name of the arena /stadium/course where the event was held. For example: Louisiana Superdome, Baton Rouge River Center, Zephyr Field. Also include the name of the Louisiana city in which the facility is located.



**2015 Schedule NRA – Duty Day Detail for Professional Sports Association or League**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number or TIN \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Professional Sports Association or League \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Professional Sports Franchise	Total Duty Days	Number of Days in Louisiana	Dates of Duty Days From (MM/DD)	Dates of Duty Days To (MM/DD)	Location of Sports Facility at Which Income was Earned
<i>I. Sports Franchise with events in Louisiana</i>					
<i>II. Sports Franchise with no events in Louisiana</i>					
<i>III. Totals</i>					

**This form must be attached to Form IT-540B-NRA along with Form Schedule NRA-1 (page 13).**

**Schedule NRA-1**

1. Total **Louisiana** Duty Days - See Instructions. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
2. Total Duty Days **EVERYWHERE** - See Instructions. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
3. Divide Line 1 by Line 2 and enter result here.  
Carry out to two decimal places in the percentage. (e.g. 24.19%) . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
4. Total compensation - See instructions. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
5. Multiply Line 4 by the ratio on Line 3. See instructions. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be attached to Form IT-540B-NRA along with Schedule NRA-Duty Day Detail (page 12).**

**Instructions for Schedule NRA-1**

**Line 1:** Total **Louisiana** Duty Days – Enter the amount from Section III Schedule NRA - Duty Day Detail.

**Line 2:** Enter Total Duty Days **Everywhere** – This is the total of all “Duty Days” associated with the athletic season during this taxable year. See definition of “Duty Days” on page 11.

**Line 3:** Ratio of Louisiana Duty Days to Total Duty Days – Divide Line 1 by Line 2 and enter result here. Carry out to two decimal places in the percentage; for example, 24.19 percent. Do not round up.

**Line 4:** Total Compensation – Enter the amount of total compensation received for services rendered as a member of the team. The amount(s) to include are defined below.

Total compensation includes salaries, wages, bonuses, and any other type of compensation paid during the taxable year to a member of a professional athletic team for services performed in that year.

- I. Total compensation shall not include strike benefits, severance pay, termination pay, contract or option-year buyout payments, expansion or relocation payments, or any other payments not related to services rendered to the team.
- II. For purposes of this rule, “bonuses” subject to the allocation procedures described in this Subsection, are:
  - (a) bonuses earned as a result of play during the season, including performance bonuses, bonuses paid for championship, playoff or bowl games played by a team, or for selection to all-star league or other honorary positions; and
  - (b) bonuses paid for signing a contract, unless all of the following conditions are met:

- (i) the payment of the signing bonus is not conditional upon the signee playing any games for the team, or performing any subsequent services for the team, or even making the team;
- (ii) the signing bonus is payable separately from the salary and any other compensation; and
- (iii) the signing bonus is nonrefundable.

Total compensation for services rendered as a member of a professional athletic team means the total compensation received during the taxable year for services rendered

- I. from the beginning of the official preseason training period through the last game in which the team competes or is scheduled to compete during that taxable year; and
- II. during the taxable year on a date that does not fall within the period in clause “I” above; for example, participation in instructional leagues, the Pro Bowl, or promotional caravans.

**Line 5:** Louisiana Income - Multiply Line 4 by the percentage on Line 3. Enter the amount on Line 8A of Form IT-540B-NRA. This is the amount of your “total compensation” earned in Louisiana.

## Interest and Penalty Calculation Worksheets

In general, you will be charged interest and penalties if you do not pay all amounts due on or before the due date.

1. A 2015 calendar year return is due on or before May 15, 2016.
2. Returns for fiscal years are due on or before the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of the taxable year.
3. If the due date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, the return is due the next business day.

**Important: An extension does not relieve you of your obligation to pay all tax amounts due by the original due date.**

**Interest** – If your income tax is not paid by the due date, you will be charged interest on the unpaid tax until the balance is paid in full. The interest rate is variable and the 2016 interest rate is posted on LDR’s website on Form R-1111, Interest Rate Schedule Collected on Unpaid Taxes. To compute the DAILY INTEREST RATE, multiply the 2016 monthly interest rate by 12 then divide the result by 365 and carry out to seven places to the right of the decimal. Example: Assume the 2016 monthly interest rate is 0.5833 percent, multiply 0.005833 by 12 then divide the result by 365 to get the daily interest rate of 0.0001917.

Interest Calculation Worksheet		
<b>1</b>	Number of days late from the due date.	
<b>2</b>	Interest rate per day (See instructions above.)	<b>0.</b>
<b>3</b>	Interest rate (Multiply Line 1 by Line 2.)	
<b>4</b>	Amount you owe (Form IT-540B-NRA, Line 23.)	<b>.00</b>
<b>5</b>	Total interest due (Multiply Line 4 by Line 3, and enter the result on Form IT-540B-NRA, Line 28.)	<b>.00</b>

**Delinquent Filing Penalty** – A delinquent filing penalty will be charged for failure to file a timely return on or before your due date or your approved extension date. The penalty is five percent of the tax for each 30 days or fraction thereof during which the failure to file continues. By law, the maximum delinquent filing penalty that can be imposed is 25 percent of the tax due.

Delinquent Filing Penalty Calculation Worksheet		
<b>1</b>	Number of days late from your due date, or your approved extension date.	
<b>2</b>	Divide Line 1 by 30 (days).	<b>÷30</b>
<b>3</b>	Number of 30-day periods (If fraction of days remain, increase to nearest whole number.)	
<b>4</b>	30-day penalty percentage	<b>.05</b>
<b>5</b>	Total penalty percentage (Multiply Line 3 by Line 4. The result cannot exceed 25 percent [.25].)	
<b>6</b>	Amount you owe (Form IT-540B-NRA, Line 23.)	<b>.00</b>
<b>7</b>	Total amount of delinquent filing penalty due (Multiply Line 6 by Line 5 and enter the result on Form IT-540B-NRA, Line 29.)	<b>.00</b>

**Important Notice:** The sum of BOTH the delinquent filing and delinquent payment penalties cannot exceed 25 percent of the tax due. Thirty day increments are used for the calculation of the delinquent filing and delinquent payment penalties. These penalties are based on the date the Department receives the return or payment. In addition to the delinquent penalties mentioned above, you may also incur a negligence penalty if circumstances indicate willful negligence or intentional disregard of rules and regulations.

**Delinquent Payment Penalty** – If you fail to pay the tax due by the due date, or fiscal year due date, a delinquent payment penalty will be assessed. A penalty of 0.5 percent of the tax not paid by the due date will accrue **for each 30 days, or fraction thereof**, during which the failure to pay continues. This penalty cannot exceed 25 percent of the tax due. Use the worksheet below to calculate that penalty.

Delinquent Payment Penalty Calculation Worksheet		
<b>1</b>	Number of days late from the due date.	
<b>2</b>	Divide Line 1 by 30 days.	<b>÷30</b>
<b>3</b>	Number of 30-day periods (If fraction of days remain, increase the amount to the nearest whole number.)	
<b>4</b>	30-day penalty percentage	<b>.005</b>
<b>5</b>	Total penalty percentage (Multiply Line 3 by Line 4. The result cannot exceed 25 percent [.25].)	
<b>6</b>	Amount you owe (Form IT-540B-NRA, Line 23.)	<b>.00</b>
<b>7</b>	Total amount of Delinquent Payment Penalty (Multiply Line 6 by Line 5 and enter the result on Form IT-540B-NRA, Line 30.)	<b>.00</b>

**Underpayment Penalty** – You may be charged an Underpayment Penalty if: (A) your tax deficiency is greater than \$1,000; and (B) your filing status is either single, married filing separately, head of household, or qualifying widow(er). If your filing status is married filing jointly, you may be charged an Underpayment Penalty if your tax deficiency is greater than \$2,000. In order to determine if an underpayment penalty is due and to compute the amount of the underpayment penalty, you must obtain Form R-210NRA, Nonresident Professional Athlete Underpayment Return.