

2004

ARKANSAS SHORT FORM - AR1000S INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN AND INSTRUCTIONS

Due Date for Filing: April 15, 2005

A Message to Arkansas Taxpayers

Your state return is due on April 15th, the same as your federal return.

For your security, the colored taxpayer identification label in this booklet no longer contains your Social Security Number. You must write your SSN(s) in the space provided on the form. Also this booklet contains an Arkansas Use Tax form for taxpayers to report out of state purchases made from catalogs or the Internet, and to pay the Arkansas tax on these purchases. Arkansas now participates in the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program. This allows the Revenue Division to submit any qualifying unpaid tax debt to be collected by offsetting your federal income tax refund.

Arkansas continues to be one of the more successful states for Electronic Filing. Last year, over 538,500 Arkansas taxpayers filed their Arkansas return electronically including more than 58,900 taxpayers who filed electronically using the Internet. Electronic filing (e-file) accounted for 50% of all Arkansas returns filed. Arkansas is now a member of the Free E-File Alliance. This means that many qualifying Arkansas taxpayers may file free over the Internet. Visit our web site at: www.arkansas.gov/dfa/ for information about on-line e-file opportunities. If you elect not to e-file from home, your tax preparer can e-file for you. You can also pay your income tax via credit card. This is available for both paper and electronic filed returns. See page 2 of this booklet for additional information.

Please use the helpful hints below when filing your tax return to speed up your refund and return processing.

- Use the 2004 income tax forms provided in this booklet.
- Use the peel-off label only if the information on it is correct.
- Enter your SSN(s) in the space provided on this form.
- Attach all W-2 forms and required state and federal forms or schedules.
- Sign and date your return before mailing.
- Both husband and wife must sign when filing on the same return.
- File electronically, or mail your return early to ensure a quicker refund.
- Make sure you mail your return to the proper address. An incorrect address will delay processing your return.

For your convenience, we are assisting the Secretary of State's office by including the Arkansas Voter Registration Application in this booklet. This form can be used for new voter registrations or to update current registration information. If needed, complete the form and send it to the Secretary of State's office. **Please do not mail it to the Revenue Division or enclose it with your tax return.**

We appreciate your suggestions and constructive criticism. We want to provide you the best service possible. Please mail your suggestions and comments to: Manager, Individual Income Tax Section, P.O. Box 3628, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-3628. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tim Leathers

Commissioner of Revenue

Important addresses for additional information and assistance:

Internet: www.arkansas.gov/dfa/

E-Mail: individual.income@rev.state.ar.us



Governor Mike Huckabee

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State of Arkansas
State Income Tax
P. O. Box 1000
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ELECTRONIC FILING

Last year over 538,500 taxpayers used an electronic filing option to file their Arkansas Individual Income Tax Return. Electronic filing allows you to file your Arkansas Tax Return with a tax professional or by telephone.

FEDERAL/STATE ELECTRONIC FILING

The State of Arkansas participates in the Federal/State Electronic Filing Program for Individual Income Tax. The benefits of Electronic Filing are:

- *Simultaneous Federal/State filing* Both your Federal and State of Arkansas Income Tax Returns are filed electronically in one transmission.
- *Processing* If you file a complete and accurate return, your refund will be issued within ten (10) days **after acknowledgment**. Taxpayers with Tax Due Returns will be sent billing notices on unpaid balances as of April 15th.
- *Accuracy* Computer programs catch 98% of tax return errors before your return is received and accepted.
- *Acknowledgment* The State of Arkansas notifies your transmitter within two (2) days that your return has been received and accepted.

This program is available to full year residents, certain qualifying nonresidents and part-year residents filing a 2004 Arkansas Individual Income Tax Return. However, filers claiming business and incentive tax credits are not eligible to file electronically. Electronic filing is available whether you prepare your own return or use a preparer. In addition to tax preparers, other firms are approved to offer electronic filing services. Please check with your tax preparer or electronic filing service to see if they are participating in the Federal/State program.

ON-LINE FILING

Over 58,900 taxpayers took advantage of On-Line Filing last year. The same advantages are obtained through on-line filing as through electronic filing but it does not require a preparer. For a nominal fee your federal and state returns are prepared and filed electronically .

TELEFILE

If you receive an Arkansas TeleFile Tax Package you may be able to file your form AR1000 over the telephone. Your filing status must be single or married and you must meet all the other requirements shown in the TeleFile tax package. **You must receive a preprinted TeleFile tax package from the Revenue Division to use this service.** The benefits of TeleFile are:

- *Convenient* TeleFile is available 24 hours a day (January 14 – April 15).
- *Easy* TeleFile adds up your W-2 Form(s) and calculates the amount of your refund or tax due during the call.
- *Free* TeleFile is a toll free call from a touch-tone telephone.

PAYING YOUR TAXES BY CREDIT CARD

Taxpayers who file an Arkansas Individual Income Tax Return may now pay their tax due by credit card. Credit card payments may be made by telephone, by calling 1-800-2PAY-TAXSM (1-800-272-9829), or over the Internet by visiting www.officialpayments.com and clicking on the "Payment Center" link.

Both options will be processed by Official Payments Corp, a private credit card payment services provider. A convenience fee will be charged to your credit card for the use of this service. The State of Arkansas does not receive this fee. You will be informed of the exact amount of the fee before you complete your transaction. After you complete your transaction you will be given a confirmation number to keep with your records.



IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR 2004

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE REFUND

TO: (1) ALL FEDERAL RETIREES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THAT FILED ARKANSAS STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS SINCE JULY 27, 1999; (2) ALL PERSONS REPORTING INCOME TO THE STATE, SINCE JULY 27, 1999, FROM NON-DEDUCTIBLE INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS; AND (3) ALL OTHER PERSONS REPORTING INCOME TO THE STATE, SINCE JULY 27, 1999, FROM A RETIREMENT PLAN TO WHICH THEY MADE AFTER-TAX CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Department of Finance and Administration has been ordered to refund illegally exacted taxes to all federal retirees who participated in the Civil Service Retirement System or Federal Employees Retirement System and who filed Arkansas state income tax returns since July 27, 1999; all persons reporting income to the state, since July 27, 1999 from non-deductible individual retirement accounts, and all other persons reporting income to the state from employer-sponsored retirement plans; in which they made after tax contributions. The court ordered the State to refund all illegally exacted taxes by recalculating each class member's respective tax liability since July 27, 1999, and mail the refund, less attorney's fees and costs, directly to the taxpayer. The State shall include a Notice of Calculation with the refund setting forth the taxpayer's name, address, social security number, the income adjustments, tax adjustments, amount of tax and interest refunded for each tax year since July 27, 1999, the amount of refund net of attorney's fees and costs, the right to request verification or correction of information contained therein, and enclosing a separate claim form to correct errors.

The court ruled that these class members are entitled to a refund of the tax paid on their after-tax contributions to the extent of the net retirement income reported on line 18 of the tax returns filed since July 27, 1999, plus interest of 10% from the due date of the tax return, less attorneys fees and costs. This refund arises from Orders of the Honorable Collins Kilgore in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Arkansas, 13th Division in the case of McFadden, et al. v. Weiss, No. OT-99-3939. Information regarding the Court ordered refund is available on the Department of Finance and Administration website at <http://www.arkansas.gov/dfa/>. The Department of Finance and Administration has appealed the refund calculation Order, and the Arkansas Supreme Court has granted a stay (delay) of the court's order until the appeal has been decided. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED UNTIL THE APPEAL HAS BEEN DECIDED.

As a result of this lawsuit, the Department of Finance and Administration has implemented Emergency Regulation No. 2003-4 for tax years 2003 and forward.

POSSIBLE REFUND OF STATE INCOME TAXES (Fulmer et al. v. Weiss)

If your Arkansas individual income tax refund was set off and paid to the IRS for your spouse's IRS debt, between 1991 and 1997, you may be entitled to your individual refund, plus interest. Call 800-882-9275 (outside Pulaski Co., inside Arkansas) or 501-682-1100 (inside Pulaski Co. or outside Arkansas), check www.arkansas.gov/dfa/taxes/ind_tax/IIT_index.html or see your local DFA Revenue Office to obtain information about the refund and to obtain a claim form. All refund claims must be submitted to DFA on or before August 15, 2005.

FORM AR1000S

There are three types of income tax returns for individuals. Form AR1000NR is used by nonresidents and part-year residents. Form AR1000 and Form AR1000S are used only by full year residents. All full year residents may use Form AR1000, but you may save time if you are able to use Form AR1000S instead. However, some people must use Form AR1000 as explained below.

IF YOU ARE:

- Single
- Married
- Head of Household
- Married filing separately on the same return or
- Qualifying Widow(er) with dependent child

YOU MAY USE FORM AR1000S IF:

- You are a full year Arkansas resident, **and**
- Your income is only from wages, salaries, tips, interest, dividends and miscellaneous income (See Line 10 instructions for examples of miscellaneous income), **and**
- You do not itemize your deductions, **and**
- Your only credits are:
 - a) Personal tax credits (except for a developmentally disabled individual) and
 - b) Child and Dependent Care Expenses or Early Childhood Program Credits.

YOU MUST USE FORM AR1000 IF:

- You file as Married Filing Separately on Different Returns (Filing Status 5).
- You had income other than wages, salaries, tips, interest, dividends and miscellaneous income, such as pension or annuity income, gain from the sale of property, barter income, alimony, or self employment income (including farm income).
- You claim a \$6,000 exemption for military compensation pay.
- You claim a \$6,000 exemption for an employer pension plan, qualified IRA and/or military retirement.
- You are a minister claiming a housing allowance.
- You file Federal Schedules C or CE-Z, D, E, or F.
- You file Federal Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income.
- You must pay tax on an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and file Federal Form 5329, Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans and Other Tax-Favored Accounts.
- You claim adjustments to gross income for payments to a Keogh plan, forfeited interest penalty for premature withdrawal, alimony paid, border city exemption, moving expense, payments to an IRA or for a permanently disabled individual.
- You have capital gain income for 2004.
- You itemize your deductions.
- You file Form AR1000TD, Tax on Lump Sum Distributions.
- You claim credits against your tax for the:
 - a) Other States Tax Credit
 - b) State Political Contributions Credit
 - c) Adoption Expense Credit
 - d) Phenylketonuria Disorder Credit, or
 - e) Business and Incentive Tax Credit.
- You made estimated tax payments.
- You file Form AR2210, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals
- You use the federal form 2688 to extend your filing date past August 15, **or**
- You want to apply any part of your 2004 refund to your estimated taxes for 2005.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2004

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH ACT AND IS NOT INTENDED TO REPLACE A CAREFUL READING OF THE ACT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Return Filing Dates Changed (Act 774 of 2003)

1. Changes the due dates of state income tax returns to the due date for the corresponding federal income tax return, April 15 for calendar year filers.
2. Changes the dates that interest and penalty on unpaid income tax begins to accrue to the new return due dates.
3. Changes the dates that estimated tax payments are due to the corresponding federal due date for payments of estimated tax.

Income Tax Surcharge (Act 38 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2003)

For tax years beginning in 2003, the act imposes a 3% income tax surcharge on all Arkansas taxpayers. The 3% applies to the tax liability computed using existing rates. The surcharge also applies to residents of Texarkana who are otherwise exempt from Arkansas income tax.

Two New Check Offs Added for 2003 (Acts 279 and 1362 of 2003)

Baby Sharon Act (Act 279) - This act creates the Baby Sharon's Children's Catastrophic Illness Grant Program and Trust Fund. The program will provide funds to assist with the medical expenses incurred by the families of children with catastrophic illnesses or injuries.

Organ Donor Awareness Education (Act 1362) - This act provides for the creation of the Organ Donor Awareness Education Trust Fund to make grants to the Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency (ARORA) to educate the public about organ donation.

Working Taxpayer Credit Repealed (Act 1724 of 2003)

This act repeals the OASDI credit, also known as the Working Taxpayer Credit, for tax years beginning January 1, 2003.

List of Refund Set Off Entities Expanded (Acts 826, 1023, and 1800 of 2003)

1. Act 826 of 2003 makes money owed to the Employee Benefit Division of DFA eligible for the state income tax refund setoff program.
2. Act 1023 of 2003 makes money owed to Housing Authorities eligible for the state income tax refund setoff program.
3. Act 1800 of 2003 makes money owed due to any legal proceeding through county, district or city courts eligible for the state income tax refund setoff program. (This includes traffic fines, fines and court costs imposed under the Arkansas Hot Check Law and restitution ordered by a circuit, county, district, or city court.)

National Guard and Reservists Receive Extensions to File (Act 996 of 2003)

This act requires the Department of Finance and Administration to extend the expiration date of all licenses, permits and registrations of Arkansas residents who serve in Guard or Reserve units and who are stationed outside of Arkansas for a period not less than ninety days and up to one year after the person is released from active duty. The extension also applies to state taxes, fees and assessments, including income tax. The act permits each agency to establish by regulation the amount of time the extension of a license, permit, registration or tax payment may last after the person's active duty ends, provided the extension is at least ninety (90) days and not more than one year.

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR 2004

COLORED PEEL OFF LABEL

As a security measure, the colored peel off label containing your personal information no longer includes your Social Security Number(s). YOU MUST ENTER YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER(S) ON YOUR RETURN IN THE SPACE PROVIDED OR YOUR RETURN CANNOT BE PROCESSED AND WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.

EXTENSION TO FILE

Arkansas recognizes all valid Federal extensions. If you have filed an Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File, Federal Form 4868, or an Application for Additional Extension of Time to File, Federal Form 2688, it is no longer necessary to attach either of these forms to your Arkansas return. When the return is complete and ready to file, simply check the applicable boxes on the face of your Arkansas Return and mail the return prior to the final date stated on the latest Federal Extension. **Do not mail in an incomplete AR1000 to claim the extension to file.**

If you file a federal extension using the federal form 2688, you cannot file your return on the form AR1000S, you must use the long form.

PAYMENTS REQUIRED ON EXTENDED RETURNS

If you owe a tax due and the due date of your Arkansas return has been extended, you must pay at least ninety percent (90%) of the tax due by April 15, 2005 or be subject to a Failure to Pay Penalty of one percent (1%) of the unpaid tax per month.

SET OFF REFUNDS

If you owe a debt to one of the agencies listed below or if you have filed jointly with a spouse or former spouse who owes, all or part of your refund may be withheld to satisfy the debt. Agencies and other entities that may claim your refund are:

Dept. of Finance & Administration	Dept. of Human Services
State of Arkansas Supported Colleges	Dept. of Higher Education
Universities, & Technical Institutes	UAMS and Affiliated Clinics
Internal Revenue Service	Child Support
Arkansas Circuit, County, District	Employee Benefits Division
and City Courts	Housing Authorities

If your refund is withheld, you will receive a letter stating which agency claimed your refund and the appropriate telephone number. You must contact the agency claiming the refund to resolve any questions or differences. Income Tax personnel will be unable to assist you regarding these matters.

If you owe a debt for Arkansas income tax, your federal refund may be captured to satisfy this state debt.

NOTICE TO MARRIED TAXPAYERS

If only one of the married taxpayers owes the debt, the taxpayer who is not liable can avoid having his/her refund applied to the debt if both taxpayers file status 5, married filing separately on different returns. (See Instructions for filing Status 5).

The State of Arkansas' automated telephone information system allows taxpayers to listen to recorded information about general filing information. It is recommended that you have your tax information on hand as well as a pencil to write down important information. The different services and telephone numbers are listed below:

Automated Refund Inquiry

(501) 682-0200 or 1 800 438-1992 (In Arkansas only)

This service allows taxpayers with a touch tone telephone to check the current status of their refund. The system will ask for certain information from your tax return so have a copy of the return with you when you call. The average time to process a refund is approximately 6 to 8 weeks. This time can vary based on how early you filed your tax return or if you made any mistakes preparing the return. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is updated weekly.

Individual Income Tax Information Hot-Line

(501) 682-1100 or 1 800 882-9275 (In Arkansas only)

This system is designed to allow taxpayers to access general information about filing 24 hours a day. Personal assistance will be available during our normal business hours (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). The areas that can be reached by this system are as follows:

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| Taxpayer Assistance Branch | Refund Branch | Amended Branch |
| Audit and Examination Branch | Delinquent Income Tax Branch | Forms Branch |

Other Useful Telephone Numbers

Hearing Impaired Access for Information, Assistance and Forms(501) 682-4795

This number can only be reached by the use of a Text Telephone Device.

Tele-Tax

(501) 682-0200 or 1 800 438-1992 (In Arkansas Only)

In addition to the Tax Information Hot-Line for recorded general filing information, the State of Arkansas has a Tele-Tax information service to access more specific information. Listed below are topics of additional information or explanation. Using a touch-tone telephone, you can enter the three-digit code to access additional information. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

TELE-TAX INFORMATION

Using a touch-tone telephone dial (501) 682-0200 or 1 800 438-1992 (In Arkansas only); when prompted, enter the subject number:

#	FILING REQUIREMENTS	#	TAX COMPUTATION (cont.)
100	Who Must File?	603	Tax credits, general
101	Which Form - AR1000, AR1000NR, AR1000S	604	Child care credit
102	When, where, and how to file	608	Income Tax Surcharge
103	Which filing status?		GENERAL INFORMATION
104	Dependents	700	Substitute forms
106	Amended returns	701	Refunds - how long to wait
	INCOME DEFINITIONS	702	How to request copies of tax returns
200	Wages, salaries and tips	703	Extensions of time to file
201	Interest received	704	Penalty for underpayment
202	Dividends received	705	W-2 forms - what to do if not received
301	Nontaxable income		NOTICES AND ERRORS
	TAX COMPUTATION	800	Taxpayer Bill of Rights
600	Choosing the correct tax table	801	Billing Procedures
601	Standard Deduction	802	Penalty and interest charges
		803	Collections procedures

ARKANSAS VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> This is a new registration. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a name change. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an address change. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a party change.		Office Use Only				
		Assigned ID				
1	Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Last Name	Jr. Sr. II. III. IV.	First Name	Middle Name		
2	Address Where You Live (See Section "C" Below) (Rural addresses must draw map.)	Apt. or Lot #	City/Town	County	State	Zip Code
3	Address Where You Receive Mail If Different From Above	Apt. or Lot #	City/Town	County	State	Zip Code
4	Date of Birth _____ Month / Day / Year	5	Home & Work Phone Numbers (Optional) (H) (W)	6	Party Affiliation (Optional)	
7	ID Number - Check the applicable box and provide the appropriate number. <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> If you do not have a driver's license provide the last 4 digits of social security number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I have neither a driver's license nor social security number.	8	Have you ever voted in a federal election in this State? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge. If I have provided false information, I may be subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 10 years under state and federal laws.			
9	(A) Are you a citizen of the United States of America and an Arkansas resident? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (B) Will you be eighteen (18) years of age before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (C) Are you presently adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (D) Have you ever pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or found guilty of a felony without your sentence having been discharged or pardoned? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (E) Do you claim the right to vote in another county or state? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you checked No in response to either questions A or B, do not complete this form. If you checked Yes in response to one or more of questions C, D or E, do not complete this form.		Signature of elector - Please sign full name or put mark. Date: _____ Month / Day / Year 10 If applicant is unable to sign his/her name , provide name, address and phone number of the person providing assistance: Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Phone#: _____			

Please complete the sections below if: **MAIL REGISTRANTS: PLEASE SEE SECTION D.**

- You were previously registered in another county or state, or
- You wish to change the name or address on your current registration.

Agency Code (For Official Use Only)

A	Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Previous Last Name	Jr. Sr. II. III. IV.	First Name	Middle Name(s)
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Date of Birth _____
 Month / Day / Year

B	Previous House Number and Street Name	Apt. or Lot #	City or Town	County	State	Zip Code
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If you live in a rural area but do not have a house or street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.

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- Write in the names of the crossroads (or streets) nearest where you live.
- Draw an "X" to show where you live.
- Use a dot to show any schools, churches, stores or other landmarks near where you live and write the name of the landmark.

Example

	• Grocery Store			NORTH ↑
Route #2	Woodchuck Road			
• Public School	X			

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT: If you are a first time registrant submitting this application by mail, a copy of a current and valid photo ID or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address **MUST** be submitted with this application in order to avoid additional ID requirements upon voting for the first time.

INSTRUCTIONS

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR GUIDANCE ONLY AND DO NOT STATE THE COMPLETE LAW

A. WHO MUST FILE A TAX RETURN

1. IF YOU LIVED IN ARKANSAS IN 2004 AND ANY OF THESE STATEMENTS DESCRIBE YOU:
 - (a) SINGLE (under 65) and your gross income is \$7,800 or more.
 - (b) SINGLE (65 or older) and your gross income is \$9,300 or more.
 - (c) HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD (under 65) and your gross income is \$12,100 or more.
 - (d) HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD (65 and older) and your gross income is \$13,000 or more.
 - (e) MARRIED FILING JOINT (both under 65) and your gross income is \$15,500 or more.
 - (f) MARRIED FILING JOINT (one 65 and older) and your gross income is \$15,600 or more.
 - (g) MARRIED FILING JOINT (both 65 and older) and your gross income is \$16,200 or more.
 - (h) QUALIFYING WIDOW(ER) (under 65) and your gross income is \$15,500 or more.
 - (i) QUALIFYING WIDOW(ER) (65 and older) and your gross income is \$16,000 or more.
 - (j) MARRIED FILING SEPARATELY (any age) and your gross income is \$3,999 or more.
2. THE EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF SOMEONE WHO DIED LAST YEAR must file a tax return for the person who died if any conditions listed below apply:
 - (a) The person was SINGLE (under 65) and earned a gross income of \$7,800 or more between January 1 and the time of death.
 - (b) The person was SINGLE (65 and older) and earned a gross income of \$9,300 or more between January 1 and the time of death.
 - (c) The person was MARRIED (both under 65) with a combined gross income of \$15,500 or more.
 - (d) The person was MARRIED (one under 65) with a combined gross income of \$15,600 or more.
 - (e) The person was MARRIED (both 65 and older) with a combined gross income of \$16,200 or more.
3. **Even if you do not have to file, to get a refund of Arkansas Income Tax withheld from any payments to you, you must file a tax return.**

B. WHEN TO FILE YOUR TAX RETURN

You can file your calendar year tax return any time after December 31, 2004, but NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2005, (unless an extension has been granted). PLEASE FILE EARLY. If the State owes you a refund and you wait until APRIL 15 to file, it will take longer for you to get your refund.

If April 15 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, the return shall be considered timely filed if it is postmarked on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

NOTE: *The date of the postmark stamped by the U.S. Postal Service is the date you filed your return. Be sure to apply enough postage or your return will not be delivered by the Postal Service. The Income Tax Section does not refuse mail; that is done at the Post Office.*

C. WHERE TO FILE

1. If you owe tax, mail your TAX DUE RETURN and check or money order to:

Arkansas State Income Tax
P.O. Box 2144
Little Rock, AR 72203-2144

2. Make your check or money order payable to:

Department of Finance and Administration.

Be sure to write your Social Security Number on the check.

3. If you do not owe tax, mail your NO TAX DUE RETURN to:

Arkansas State Income Tax
P.O. Box 8026
Little Rock, AR 72203-8026

4. If you are expecting a refund, mail your REFUND RETURN to:

Arkansas State Income Tax
P.O. Box 1000
Little Rock, AR 72203-1000

D. FORMS

The Department of Finance and Administration mails a tax booklet of forms and instructions to most taxpayers. If you need forms, you may get them at your county revenue office, or write:

State Income Tax Forms
P.O. Box 3628
Little Rock, AR 72203-3628

You may also obtain forms by visiting the DFA website at:

www.arkansas.gov/dfa/

If you wish to call for forms, the numbers are: (501) 682-1100 and Text Telephone Device (Hearing-Impaired Access): (501) 682-4795.

E. PENALTIES & INTEREST

1. If you owe any additional tax, you must mail your tax return by April 15, 2005. Any return not postmarked by April 15, 2005, unless you have a valid extension, will be considered delinquent. A penalty of one percent (1%) per month for failure to pay and five percent (5%) per month for failure to file, with a maximum of thirty-five percent (35%), will be assessed on the amount of tax due. Interest of ten percent (10%) per annum will also be assessed on any additional tax due, calculated from the original due date to the date you filed your return.

An extension to file is not an extension to pay. If you have filed an extension, you must pay at least ninety percent (90%) of the amount due by the original due date or be subject to a failure to pay penalty of 1% per month of the unpaid balance.

2. In addition to any penalty assessed, a penalty of \$500 will be assessed, if any taxpayer files what purports to be a return, but the return does not contain information on which the correctness of the return may be judged, and such conduct is due to a position which is frivolous, or an effort to delay or impede the administration of any State law.
3. If you owe additional tax in excess of \$1,000, a penalty for failure to make a declaration of Estimated Tax and pay on any quarterly due date the equivalent of ninety percent (90%) of the amount actually due, or an amount equal to or greater than the tax liability of the proceeding income tax year, a penalty of ten percent (10%) will be assessed.

F. DECEASED TAXPAYER'S RETURN

A tax return should be filed for a taxpayer who died during the taxable year as if the taxpayer had lived. The word "DECEASED" should appear after his/her name along with the date of death.

G. DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED INDIVIDUAL CREDIT

To claim a credit for a developmentally disabled individual you must file a certified AR1000RC5 every five (5) years. If the credit was received on a prior year's return, you do not have to file another AR1000RC5. The Income Tax Section will notify you when you need to recertify.

If you are claiming the Developmentally Disabled Individual Credit you must file using Form AR1000. You cannot claim the credit using Form AR1000S.

H. DEFINITIONS

1. DOMICILE

This is the place you intend to have as your permanent home, the place you intend to return to whenever you are away. You can have only one domicile. Your domicile does not change until you move to a new location and definitely intend to make your permanent home there. If you move to a new location but intend to stay there only for a limited time (no matter how long), your domicile does not change. This also applies if you are working in a foreign country.

2. FULL YEAR RESIDENT

You are a FULL YEAR RESIDENT if you lived in Arkansas all

of tax year 2004, or if you have maintained a domicile or Home of Record in Arkansas during the tax year.

3. DEPENDENTS

You may claim as a dependent any person who received over half of his or her support from you, and earned less than \$3,000 in gross income, and was your:

Child	Mother-In-Law
Stepchild	Father-In-Law
Mother	Brother-In-Law
Father	Sister-In-Law
Grandparent	Son-In-Law
Brother	Daughter-In-Law
Sister	
Grandchild	Or, if related by blood:
Stepbrother	Uncle
Stepsister	Aunt
Stepmother	Nephew
Stepfather	Niece

The term dependent includes a Foster Child if the child has his/her principle place of abode as the home of the taxpayer **and** is a member of the taxpayer's household for the taxpayer's entire tax year.

Arkansas has adopted Internal Revenue Code §151(c)(6) regarding the tax treatment of kidnapped children.

The term "dependent" does not apply to anyone who is a citizen, or subject of a foreign country UNLESS that person is a resident of the United States or a country that shares a United States border, such as Mexico or Canada. For the death of a dependent during the tax year, refer to Section F for instructions.

If your child/stepchild is under age 19 at the end of the year, the \$3,000 gross income limitation does not apply. Your child may have any amount of income and still be your dependent if the other dependency requirements in paragraph 3 are met.

4. STUDENT

If your child/stepchild is a student, under age 24 at the end of the calendar year, the \$3,000 gross income limitation does not apply. The other requirements in paragraph 3 still must be met.

To qualify as a student, your child must be a full-time student for five (5) months during the calendar year at a qualified school, as defined in current Internal Revenue Service directives.

5. GROSS INCOME

Gross income means any and all income (before deductions) that you receive except the kinds of income specifically described in Section I, except for items described in 7 and 8.

NOTE: If all or part of your income is described in Section I, the described portion is exempt. You do not pay tax on it. You must read this very carefully. **If any part of your income is listed in Section I, you may not use this form, you must file on Form AR1000/AR1000NR.**

I. INCOME EXEMPT FROM TAX

1. Money you receive from a life insurance policy, because of death of the person who was insured, is exempt from tax.

NOTE: *You must include any interest payments made to you from the insurer (the insurer is the insurance company that issued the policy) as taxable income.*

2. Money you receive from LIFE INSURANCE, an ENDOWMENT, or a PRIVATE ANNUITY CONTRACT for which you paid the premiums, is allowed cost recovery pursuant to Internal Revenue Code §72.
3. Amounts you receive as child support payments are exempt.
4. You do not pay taxes on a gift, inheritance, bequest or devise. **Scholarships, grants and fellowships are taxed pursuant to Internal Revenue Code §117.** Stipends are taxable in their entirety.
5. Interest you receive from direct United States obligations, its possessions, the State of Arkansas, or any political subdivision of the State of Arkansas is exempt from tax. Obligations include bonds and other evidence of debt issued pursuant to a government unit's borrowing power. (Interest due on tax refunds is not exempt income because it does not result from a debt issued by the United States, or the State of Arkansas or any political subdivision of the State of Arkansas.) Interest from government securities paid to individuals through a Mutual Fund is exempt from tax.
6. Social Security benefits, VA benefits, Worker's Compensation, unemployment compensation, railroad retirement benefits, and related supplemental benefits are exempt from tax.
7. Proceeds from a disability insurance policy in which you paid the premium are exempt from tax pursuant to Internal Revenue Code §104
8. If you receive U.S. military compensation pay, the first \$6,000 of gross income is exempt from tax.
9. If you receive income from an employment related retirement plan, including disability retirement (premiums paid by your employer), or if you receive a qualified IRA distribution, the first \$6,000, after cost recovery, is exempt from tax. The total exemption from all plans cannot exceed \$6,000 per taxpayer.

NOTE: *The \$6,000 exemption in 8 and 9 above cannot be claimed on Form AR1000S. To claim this exemption you must use AR1000/AR1000NR.*

J. IF YOU NEED MORE TIME TO FILE

A taxpayer who requests an extension of time to file his or her Federal income tax return (by filing Federal Forms 4868 or 2688 with the IRS) shall be entitled to receive the same extension on the taxpayer's corresponding Arkansas income tax return. In order to take advantage of the Federal Extension(s) for state purposes, the taxpayer must check the appropriate box on the face of the corresponding Arkansas return indicating that he or she has already filed a federal extension.

The Department no longer requires that a copy of Federal Form 4868 or approved 2688 be attached to the taxpayer's

state tax return as long as the appropriate box is checked on the front of the return. If you file a federal extension using the federal form 2688, you cannot file your return on the form AR1000S, you must use the long form.

The federal automatic extension extends the deadline to file until August 15th and the federal additional extension extends the deadline to file until as late as October 15th (for a calendar year taxpayer). When the return is complete and ready to file, simply check the appropriate box on the face of the return.

NOTE: *If the appropriate box on the front of the AR1000S is not checked, you will not receive credit for your federal extension(s).*

If you do not obtain a Federal Extension, you must file an Arkansas extension using Form AR1055 before the filing due date of April 15th.

Send your request to:

Manager
Income Tax Section
P.O. Box 3628
Little Rock, AR 72203-3628
ATTN: Extension

NOTE: *The maximum extension that will be granted on an AR1055 is ninety (90) days extending the due date until July 15th.*

Interest and Failure To Pay Penalty will be due if any tax due is not paid by April 15, 2005.

The date of the postmark stamped by the U.S. Postal Service is the date you filed your return or request for extension.

Attach a copy of your approved AR1055 extension to the face of your tax return WHEN YOU FILE. IF YOU DO NOT ATTACH YOUR EXTENSION, YOUR RETURN WILL BE CONSIDERED DELINQUENT AND PENALTIES WILL BE ASSESSED. **Inability to pay is not a valid reason to request an Arkansas Extension.**

K. HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR ARKANSAS RETURN

STAPLE all required W-2 Form(s) to your return. **Use only BLUE or BLACK ink, or type.**

If you received your income tax return through the mail and there is a colored peel off label inside the booklet, use the colored label only if all the information on the label is correct. **As a security measure, the label no longer includes your Social Security Number(s). You MUST enter your Social Security Number(s) on your return, in the space provided, or your return cannot be processed and will be returned to you.** Be sure that your name(s) and address are correct. Place the colored label in the identification block of the tax return only if it is correct. If it is not correct or you do not have a label, enter the name, address, and Social Security Number for you and your spouse. Be sure to enter the telephone number for your home and your work.

NOTE: *If you are married filing on the same form, and using different last names, you must separate the last names by use of a slash (/).*

EXAMPLE: John Q. and Mary M. Doe/Smith or
Mary M. and John Q. Smith/Doe

Be sure that the placement of the last name matches placement of the first name. You must be legally married to file in this manner.

FILING STATUS

DETERMINING YOUR FILING STATUS

LINE 1 Filing Status 1

Check this box if you are SINGLE or UNMARRIED and DO NOT qualify as Head of Household. (Read the section for "Line 3" to determine if you qualify for Head of Household.) Check the boxes on LINE 7A that describe you.

LINE 2 Filing Status 2

Check this box if you are MARRIED and are filing jointly. If you are filing a joint return, you must add both spouses' incomes together. Enter the total amount in "Column A" on Line 8 through Line 11 under "Your Income." Check the boxes on Line 7A that describe you.

LINE 3 Filing Status 3

To claim yourself as Head of Household you must have been unmarried or legally separated on December 31, 2004 and meet either 1 or 2 below. The term "Unmarried" includes certain married persons who live apart, as discussed below.

1. You paid over half the cost of keeping up a home for the entire year that was the main home of your parent whom you can claim as a dependent. Your parent did not have to live with you in your home, **or**
2. You paid over half the cost of keeping a home in which you lived and in which one of the following also lived for more than six (6) months of the year (temporary absences such as vacation or school are counted as time lived in the home):
 - a. Your unmarried child, grandchild, great-grandchild, etc., adopted child, or stepchild. (This child does not have to be your dependent, but your foster child must be your dependent.)
 - b. Your married child, grandchild, etc., adopted child or stepchild. (This child must be your dependent.)
 - c. Any other relative whom you can claim as a dependent.

Check the box on Line 3 and check any boxes on Line 7A that describe you.

MARRIED PERSONS WHO LIVE APART

Even if you were not divorced or legally separated in 2004, you may be considered unmarried and file as Head of Household. See Internal Revenue Service instructions for Head of Household to determine if you qualify.

MARRIED COUPLES READING THIS MAY SAVE MONEY

If you and your spouse have separate incomes, you will probably want to figure your tax separately. Couples OFTEN SAVE MONEY by figuring their tax this way. Explained below is the method to figure your taxes separately using Form AR1000S.

List your income separately under Column A (Your Income). List spouse's income separately under Column B (Spouse Income). Figure your tax separately and then add your taxes together. See the instructions for LINE 4, Filing Status 4 below. Your net result will be either a COMBINED REFUND or a COMBINED TAX DUE.

LINE 4 Filing Status 4

Check this box if you are Married and filing SEPARATELY ON THE SAME TAX RETURN. This is a method of tax computation which may reduce the tax liability if both spouses have income. The net result will be either a COMBINED REFUND or a COMBINED TAX DUE.

LINE 5 Filing Status 5

You cannot use the AR1000S form for filing status 5. (married filing separately on different returns). Use Form AR1000/AR1000NR for this filing status.

LINE 6 Filing Status 6

Check this box if you are a QUALIFYING WIDOW(ER). Check any boxes on Line 7A that describe you.

You are eligible to file as a QUALIFYING WIDOW(ER), if your spouse died in 2002 or 2003, you have not remarried **and** you meet the following tests:

1. You were entitled to file a MARRIED FILING JOINT RETURN or MARRIED FILING SEPARATELY ON THE SAME RETURN, with your spouse for the year your spouse died. (It does not matter whether you actually filed a joint return.) (See instructions for Line 5.)
2. You did not remarry before the end of the tax year.
3. You have a child, stepchild, adopted child or a foster child who qualified as your dependent for the year.
4. You paid more than half the cost of keeping up your home, which is the main home of that child for the entire year except for temporary absences.

PERSONAL TAX CREDITS

LINE 7A. You can claim additional Personal Tax Credits if you can answer "Yes" to any of these questions:

- On January 1, 2005, were you 65 or older?
- On December 31, 2004, were you deaf?
- On December 31, 2004, were you blind?

Any taxpayer sixty-five (65) or older not claiming a retirement income exemption, is eligible for an additional \$20 (per taxpayer) tax credit. Check the block marked "65 Special" if this additional credit applies to you.

Check the box or boxes that apply to you and/or your spouse. You **CANNOT** claim any of these credits for your children or dependents. Blindness is defined as any person who cannot tell light from darkness or whose eyesight in the better eye does not exceed 20/200 with corrective lens, or whose field of vision is limited to an angle of 20 degrees. You can claim the Deaf Credit only if the average loss in speech frequencies (500 to 2000 Hertz) in the better ear is 86 decibels, I.S.O., or worse.

Add the number of boxes you checked on Line 7A. Write the total in the box provided. Multiply the number by \$20 and write your final answer in the space provided.

LINE 7B. List the names of your dependent(s) in the spaces provided on this line. The people you can claim as dependents are described in SECTION H, number 3, of these instructions.

Add the number of boxes you checked on Line 7B. Write the total in the box
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provided. Multiply the number by \$20 and write your final answer in the space provided on Line 7B.

LINE 7C. Total the tax credits from Lines 7A and 7B. Enter the total on this line and on Line 18.

INCOME

Please round off all figures to the nearest dollar amounts where zeros are printed on the lines of the AR1000S. For example, if your W-2 Form shows \$10,897.50, round to \$10,898.00. If the amount on the W-2 Form is \$10,897.49, round to \$10,897.00.

LINE 8. Add the wages, salaries, tips, etc. listed on your W-2 Form(s). Write the total on this line. Be sure you staple the state copy of each of your W-2 Form(s) to the front left margin of the return.

LINE 9. List interest and dividend income. If you have interest from bank deposits, notes, mortgages, corporation bonds, savings and loan association deposits, and on credit union deposits, enter all interest received or credited to your account during the year on the line provided. If the interest amount is over \$1,500, fill out the schedule on the back of AR1000S. List the name of the payer(s) and the amount(s).

If you have dividends and other distributions, enter amounts received as dividends from stocks in any corporation in the space provided. If the dividend amount is over \$1,500, fill out the schedule on the back of AR1000S. List the name of the payer(s) and the amount(s).

LINE 10. If you have miscellaneous income, enter the amount in the space(s) provided. Attach a statement explaining the source and amount of the income. Examples of income to be reported on this line are: prizes, awards, T.V. and radio contest winnings (cash or merchandise) and gambling winnings. You must report reimbursement of medical expenses from a previous year, if you itemized deductions and it reduced your tax. Include amounts you recovered on bad debts that you deducted in an earlier year. If the miscellaneous income requires the use of a federal schedule, you must file on Form AR1000/AR1000NR.

LINE 11. Add Lines 8 through 10 and enter the totals in the appropriate columns on this line.

TAX COMPUTATION

LINE 12 SELECT THE PROPER TAX TABLE

You will fall into one of the two categories listed below:

- (1) You qualify for the Low Income Table
- (2) You do not qualify for the Low Income Table

YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LOW INCOME TABLE:

If your adjusted gross income from all sources falls within the limits listed below, you qualify for the Low Income Table:

- \$ 0 - \$11,400 - Filing Status 1 - (Single)
- \$ 0 - \$16,200 - Filing Status 2 - (Married Filing Joint) or Filing Status 6 - (Qualifying Widow(er) with dependent child)
- \$ 0 - \$16,200 - Filing Status 3 - (Head of Household)

Taxpayers filing Status 4 or 5 **MAY NOT** use the Low Income Table

NOTE: If you qualify for the Low Income Table, enter zero (0) on Line 12A, then go to Line 13.

YOU DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THE LOW INCOME TABLE:

If you do not use the Low Income Tax Table, enter your standard deduction as shown below:

- Single - \$2,000 or amount of Total Income on Line 11 if less than \$2,000.
- Married Filing Joint - \$4,000 or amount of Total Income on Line 11 if less than \$4,000.
- Head of Household - \$2,000 or amount of Total Income on Line 11 if less than \$2,000.
- Married Filing Separately - \$2,000 each or amount of Total Income on the Same Return on Line 11 if less than \$2,000.
- Qualifying Widow(er) - \$2,000 or amount of Total Income on Line 11 if less than \$2,000.

NOTE: The \$2,000 Standard Deduction does not apply to taxpayer's dependents.

LINE 13. Subtract Line 12 [either zero (0) or the amount of your standard deduction] from Total Income Line 11 to determine your Taxable Income. Enter on Lines 13A & 13B.

LINE 14. IF YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LOW INCOME TAX TABLE, find the amount of your income on Low Income Tax Table 1, under the column that describes your Filing Status. Locate the tax on your income. Enter the tax you owe on this line.

IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THE LOW INCOME TAX TABLE, find the amount of your taxable income on Regular Tax Table 2. Locate the tax amount and enter on Line 14A if Filing Status is 1, 2, 3, or 6. Use Lines 14A and 14B if Filing Status 4, Married Filing Separately on the same return.

NOTE: If you use this form, you cannot file married filing separately on different returns (Filing Status 5).

LINE 15. Add Lines 14A and 14B together. Enter the total in the space provided.

LINE 16. Multiply the amount in Line 15 by three percent (.03) and enter the result in the space provided.

LINE 17. Add Lines 15 and 16 together. Enter the total in the space provided.

TAX CREDITS

LINE 18. Enter the total personal tax credits from Line 7C in the space provided.

LINE 19. Child Care Credit allowed on the Arkansas Return is computed by taking TWENTY PERCENT (.20) of the amount taken on your Federal Return. A copy of the "Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses" Federal Form 2441 or a copy of your 1040A, Schedule 2 must be attached to your Arkansas Return. If this credit is for approved early childhood credit, see instructions for Line 23.

LINE 20. Add Lines 18 and 19. Enter the amount in the space provided.

LINE 21. Subtract Line 20 from Line 17. This is your net tax. If Line 20 is greater than Line 17 enter zero (0).

PAYMENTS

LINE 22. Arkansas State Income Tax withheld is listed on your W-2 Form(s). You have already paid this amount of tax during the year. Write the total in the space provided. Attach State copy(s) of your W-2 Form(s).

If you and your spouse are filing on the same return, add the Arkansas State Income Tax withheld on all your W-2 Form(s). Enter combined total in the space provided. Attach State copy(s) of your W-2 Form(s).

WHAT TO DO IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A W-2 FORM(S)

If you do not receive (or lost) your W-2 Form(s) and if Arkansas Tax was withheld from your income, ask your employer(s) for copies of your W-2 Form(s). If you have made a reasonable effort to get your W-2 Form(s) and you still do not have one, complete Federal Form 4852. On the Federal Form 4852, write the amount of State Income Tax withheld. Attach it securely to your State Return. You will also need to attach a copy of your payroll stub or other documentation to support your figures.

CAUTION: You WILL NOT receive credit for tax withheld or receive a tax refund, unless you attach the CORRECT AND LEGIBLE W-2 Form(s) or explanations to your tax return.

DO NOT include FICA, Federal Income Tax, or tax paid to another state in the amount you write on Line 22.

If your W-2 Form(s) is incorrect, DO NOT correct the W-2 Form(s) yourself. Your employer must issue you a corrected W-2 Form(s). If ARKANSAS State Tax was withheld in error, your employer must refund it to you.

LINE 23. Enter approved Early Childhood Credit equal to twenty percent (.20) of the Federal Child Care Credit to individuals with a dependent child which is placed in an approved child care facility so that the parent or guardian may seek gainful employment. An approved child care facility is a facility approved by the Arkansas Department of Education as having an appropriate Early Childhood Program as defined by Arkansas law. Enter the certification number on this line where indicated and attach Federal Form 2441 or 1040A and Certification Form AR1000EC. **Contact your child care facility for Form AR1000EC.**

LINE 24. Add Lines 22 and 23. Enter the amount in the space provided.

FIGURE YOUR TAX DUE OR TAX REFUND

LINE 25. If Line 24 is greater than Line 21 of the AR1000S you overpaid your tax. Write the difference on this line. This is your overpayment. If you want a refund only, skip Line 26 and enter the amount of refund on Line 27.

LINE 26. If you wish to contribute a portion or all of your overpayment to the Arkansas Disaster Relief Program, the U.S. Olympic Fund, the AR Schools for the Blind and Deaf, the Baby Sharon's Children's Catastrophic Illness Program, and/or the Organ Donor's Awareness Education Program, complete Schedule AR1000-CO. Enter the amount of your donation(s) on this line and attach the completed AR1000-CO to your return, otherwise the amount will be refunded to you.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AMOUNT ENTERED ON LINE 26 WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE AMOUNT OF OVERPAYMENT LISTED ON LINE

25. Your net refund (if any) after this contribution will be mailed to you. The amount(s) contributed to these funds may be deducted as a charitable contribution if you itemize your deductions for tax year 2005.

LINE 27. Subtract Line 26 from Line 25 and enter on this line. This is the amount to be refunded to you. If your refund is less than one dollar (\$1), you must write a letter requesting the refund.

SET OFF REFUNDS

If you, your spouse or former spouse owes a debt to the Department of Finance and Administration, State supported colleges, universities and technical institutes, Child Support, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Higher Education, Arkansas circuit, county, district, or city courts, the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration, or to any Housing Authority and you have filed an Arkansas State Income Tax return, your refund is subject to being withheld in order to satisfy the debt. You may have all or part of your Income Tax Refund withheld.

If your refund has been applied to a debt to one of these agencies, you will receive a letter reporting which agency has claimed all or part of your refund. If the debt has already been satisfied, it is the agency's responsibility to refund any Set Off amount paid to the agency in error. Contact the agency at the telephone number furnished to you on your "Adjustment Letter" to resolve any questions or differences.

IF YOU OWE A DEBT FOR ARKANSAS INCOME TAX, YOUR FEDERAL REFUND MAY BE CAPTURED TO SATISFY THIS STATE DEBT.

NOTICE TO MARRIED TAXPAYERS

If only one of the married taxpayers owes the debt, the taxpayer who is not liable can avoid having his/her refund applied to the debt if both taxpayers file Status 5, married filing separately on different returns.

LINE 28. If not enough tax was withheld, the amount on Line 21 will be larger than the amount on Line 24. Subtract Line 24 from Line 21 and enter the result on this line. This is the amount you owe. If Line 28 is less than one dollar (\$1), you do not have to pay it.

Attach a check or money order to your return. Make your check payable to: Department of Finance and Administration. **Write your Social Security Number, daytime phone number, and "2004 Form AR1000S" on your check or money order before you mail it.**

NOTE: Do not send currency or coin by mail. Postage stamps are not accepted.

There is a penalty for not paying enough tax during the year. You may have to pay a penalty if:

The amount you owe (Line 28) is \$1,000, or more, and

The amount of Arkansas income tax withheld (Line 22) is less than ninety percent (90%) of the amount of your net tax (Line 21).

You may choose to have our office figure the penalty for you. If you owe a penalty, we will send you a bill. However, if you want to figure the penalty yourself, you must use Form AR1000 and Form AR2210 to do so. The penalty may be waived under certain conditions. (See Form AR2210 instructions for details.)

DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN AND DATE YOUR TAX RETURN

Your tax return will not be legal and cannot be processed unless you SIGN IT. Write in the DATE. If you and your spouse are filing a joint return or filing separately on the same return, both of you must sign it. If someone prepares your return, that person must complete the Preparer Information section on the bottom of the form.

IN CASE THE IRS AUDITS YOU

If the Internal Revenue Service examines your return for any tax year and changes your net taxable income, you must, within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the notice and demand for payment by the Internal Revenue Service, report to the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration on an amended Arkansas Income tax return the corrected federal tax, taxable income, or taxable estate for the taxable period covered by the change. File an amended return for the year(s) involved. The tax due or refund due must be shown on Form AR1000A. Attach a copy of the Federal Changes to your amended return.

If you fail to notify this Department in thirty (30) days and do not file the required amended return, the Statute of Limitations will remain open for eight (8) years on the year(s) in question. Additional interest will be added on any tax you owe the State of Arkansas.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TAX RETURN OR REFUND

If you have any questions when you fill out your Individual Income Tax Return, please let us know. Here are some addresses and phone numbers you can use:

TAX OR REFUND INFORMATION

IF YOU LIVE IN PULASKI COUNTY

Phone (501) 682-0200 or come by our office:

Joel Y. Ledbetter Building, Room 2300
7th and Wolfe
Little Rock, Arkansas

IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE PULASKI COUNTY

Phone (at no cost to you) 1-800-438-1992

This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Income Tax Section does not accept collect calls.

Correspondence about your AR1000 must be addressed to:

Individual Income Tax
P.O. Box 3628
Little Rock, AR 72203-3628

Include your Social Security Number when making any inquiry about your return.

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX INFORMATION HOT-LINE

(501) 682-1100 or 1-800-882-9275 (In Arkansas Only)

This system is designed to allow taxpayers to access general information about filing 24 hours a day. Personal assistance will be available during our normal business hours (Monday through Friday – 8:00 am to 4:30 pm). The areas that can be reached by this system are as follows:

- Taxpayer Assistance Branch
- Refund Group
- Audit & Examination Branch
- Forms Group
- Amended Group
- Delinquent Income Tax Group

Hearing Impaired Access for Information, Assistance, and Forms (501) 682-4795

This number can only be reached by use of a Text Telephone Device.

ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX SECTION TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Estate Tax Information (501) 682-7230
- Estimated Tax Branch (501) 682-7272
- Withholding Tax Branch (501) 682-7290

OTHER USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Corporate Income Tax Information (501) 682-4775
- Franchise Tax Information, Corporate (501) 682-3409
- Internal Revenue Service
 - Assistance 1-800-829-1040
 - Forms 1-800-829-3676
- Sales & Use Tax Information (501) 682-7104

2004 Low Income Tax Table

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Your total income from all sources must fall within the limits of this table based on your filing status.
2. Married couples must file a joint return (Filing Status 2) to qualify to use this table.
3. Find your **total income from Line 11, AR1000S** in the table below. Your tax is to the right of this amount. Enter the tax amount on Line 14, AR1000S.
4. If you use the \$6,000 exclusion for military compensation pay or any employment related pension income, you do not qualify.
5. If you take the standard deduction, you must use Regular Tax Table 2.
6. Be sure to multiply tax entered on Line 15 by the 3% tax surcharge (tax amount X .03) and enter result on Line 16. Add Lines 15 and 16 together and enter result on Line 17.

Single Taxpayer (FILING Status 1)		
IF YOUR ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME IS		
FROM	TO	TAX
0	7,800	0
7,801	7,900	21.00
7,901	8,000	22.00
8,001	8,100	33.00
8,101	8,200	35.00
8,201	8,300	36.00
8,301	8,400	38.00
8,401	8,500	39.00
8,501	8,600	41.00
8,601	8,700	42.00
8,701	8,800	44.00
8,801	8,900	45.00
8,901	9,000	47.00
9,001	9,100	48.00
9,101	9,200	50.00
9,201	9,300	51.00
9,301	9,400	79.00
9,401	9,500	81.00
9,501	9,600	83.00
9,601	9,700	85.00
9,701	9,800	87.00
9,801	9,900	89.00
9,901	10,000	91.00
10,001	10,100	94.00
10,101	10,200	96.00
10,201	10,300	98.00
10,301	10,400	100.00
10,401	10,500	102.00
10,501	10,600	104.00
10,601	10,700	106.00
10,701	10,800	108.00
10,801	10,900	110.00
10,901	11,000	112.00
11,001	11,100	115.00
11,101	11,200	118.00
11,201	11,300	120.00
11,301	11,400 *	123.00

*Above \$11,400, use Standard or Itemized Deductions and Regular Tax Table 2

Head of Household (FILING STATUS 3)		
IF YOUR ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME IS		
FROM	TO	TAX
0	12,100	0
12,101	12,200	42.00
12,201	12,300	43.00
12,301	12,400	44.00
12,401	12,500	45.00
12,501	12,600	46.00
12,601	12,700	47.00
12,701	12,800	48.00
12,801	12,900	49.00
12,901	13,000	50.00
13,001	13,100	84.00
13,101	13,200	85.00
13,201	13,300	87.00
13,301	13,400	88.00
13,401	13,500	90.00
13,501	13,600	91.00
13,601	13,700	93.00
13,701	13,800	94.00
13,801	13,900	96.00
13,901	14,000	97.00
14,001	14,100	99.00
14,101	14,200	100.00
14,201	14,300	102.00
14,301	14,400	103.00
14,401	14,500	105.00
14,501	14,600	106.00
14,601	14,700	108.00
14,701	14,800	109.00
14,801	14,900	111.00
14,901	15,000	112.00
15,001	15,100	114.00
15,101	15,200	115.00
15,201	15,300	203.00
15,301	15,400	205.00
15,401	15,500	208.00
15,501	15,600	210.00
15,601	15,700	213.00
15,701	15,800	215.00
15,801	15,900	218.00
15,901	16,000	220.00
16,001	16,100	223.00
16,101	16,200 *	225.00

*Above \$16,200, use Standard or Itemized Deductions and Regular Tax Table 2

Married Filing Joint/Qualifying Widow(er) (FILING STATUS 2 or 6)		
IF YOUR ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME IS		
FROM	TO	TAX
0	15,500	0
15,501	15,600	80.00
15,601	15,700	81.00
15,701	15,800	83.00
15,801	15,900	84.00
15,901	16,000	86.00
16,001	16,100	116.00
16,101	16,200 *	118.00

*Above \$16,200, use Standard or Itemized Deductions and Regular Tax Table 2

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Instructions:

1. Find your net taxable income from Line 13, AR1000S in the table below. Your tax is to the right of this amount. Enter tax amount on Line 14.
2. Married couples must use the same filing status and tax table. If one spouse uses Regular Tax Table 2 then both must use Regular Tax Table 2.
3. Be sure to subtract your standard deduction from Line 11 and enter result on Line 13 before using the tax table.
4. Be sure to multiply the tax entered on Line 15 by the 3% tax surcharge (tax amount X .03) and enter result on Line 16. Add Lines 15 and 16 together and enter result on Line 17.
5. Current year indexed tax brackets are available on the Individual Income Tax website at www.arkansas.gov/dfa/taxes/ind_tax/2004forms/index.html.

If Your Income on Line 13 is		YOUR TAX IS	If Your Income on Line 13 is		YOUR TAX IS	If Your Income on Line 13 is		YOUR TAX IS
As Much As	But Less Than		As Much As	But Less Than		As Much As	But Less Than	
			5,000			10,000		
0	100	1	5,000	5,100	75	10,000	10,100	233
100	200	2	5,100	5,200	78	10,100	10,200	236
200	300	3	5,200	5,300	80	10,200	10,300	240
300	400	4	5,300	5,400	83	10,300	10,400	244
400	500	5	5,400	5,500	85	10,400	10,500	248
500	600	6	5,500	5,600	88	10,500	10,600	253
600	700	7	5,600	5,700	90	10,600	10,700	257
700	800	8	5,700	5,800	93	10,700	10,800	262
800	900	9	5,800	5,900	95	10,800	10,900	266
900	1,000	10	5,900	6,000	98	10,900	11,000	271
			6,000			11,000		
1,000	1,100	11	6,000	6,100	100	11,000	11,100	275
1,100	1,200	12	6,100	6,200	103	11,100	11,200	280
1,200	1,300	13	6,200	6,300	105	11,200	11,300	284
1,300	1,400	14	6,300	6,400	108	11,300	11,400	289
1,400	1,500	15	6,400	6,500	110	11,400	11,500	293
1,500	1,600	16	6,500	6,600	113	11,500	11,600	298
1,600	1,700	17	6,600	6,700	115	11,600	11,700	302
1,700	1,800	18	6,700	6,800	118	11,700	11,800	307
1,800	1,900	19	6,800	6,900	121	11,800	11,900	311
1,900	2,000	20	6,900	7,000	124	11,900	12,000	316
			7,000			12,000		
2,000	2,100	21	7,000	7,100	128	12,000	12,100	320
2,100	2,200	22	7,100	7,200	131	12,100	12,200	325
2,200	2,300	23	7,200	7,300	135	12,200	12,300	329
2,300	2,400	24	7,300	7,400	138	12,300	12,400	334
2,400	2,500	25	7,400	7,500	142	12,400	12,500	338
2,500	2,600	26	7,500	7,600	145	12,500	12,600	343
2,600	2,700	27	7,600	7,700	149	12,600	12,700	347
2,700	2,800	28	7,700	7,800	152	12,700	12,800	352
2,800	2,900	29	7,800	7,900	156	12,800	12,900	356
2,900	3,000	30	7,900	8,000	159	12,900	13,000	361
			8,000			13,000		
3,000	3,100	31	8,000	8,100	163	13,000	13,100	365
3,100	3,200	32	8,100	8,200	166	13,100	13,200	370
3,200	3,300	33	8,200	8,300	170	13,200	13,300	374
3,300	3,400	34	8,300	8,400	173	13,300	13,400	379
3,400	3,500	35	8,400	8,500	177	13,400	13,500	383
3,500	3,600	38	8,500	8,600	180	13,500	13,600	388
3,600	3,700	40	8,600	8,700	184	13,600	13,700	392
3,700	3,800	43	8,700	8,800	187	13,700	13,800	397
3,800	3,900	45	8,800	8,900	191	13,800	13,900	401
3,900	4,000	48	8,900	9,000	194	13,900	14,000	406
			9,000			14,000		
4,000	4,100	50	9,000	9,100	198	14,000	14,100	410
4,100	4,200	53	9,100	9,200	201	14,100	14,200	415
4,200	4,300	55	9,200	9,300	205	14,200	14,300	419
4,300	4,400	58	9,300	9,400	208	14,300	14,400	424
4,400	4,500	60	9,400	9,500	212	14,400	14,500	428
4,500	4,600	63	9,500	9,600	215	14,500	14,600	433
4,600	4,700	65	9,600	9,700	219	14,600	14,700	437
4,700	4,800	68	9,700	9,800	222	14,700	14,800	442
4,800	4,900	70	9,800	9,900	226	14,800	14,900	446
4,900	5,000	73	9,900	10,000	229	14,900	15,000	451

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If Your Income on Line 13 is		YOUR TAX IS	If Your Income on Line 13 is		YOUR TAX IS	If Your Income on Line 13 is		YOUR TAX IS
As Much As	But Less Than		As Much As	But Less Than		As Much As	But Less Than	
15,000			21,000			27,000		
15,000	15,100	455	21,000	21,100	785	27,000	27,100	1,145
15,100	15,200	460	21,100	21,200	791	27,100	27,200	1,151
15,200	15,300	464	21,200	21,300	797	27,200	27,300	1,157
15,300	15,400	469	21,300	21,400	803	27,300	27,400	1,163
15,400	15,500	473	21,400	21,500	809	27,400	27,500	1,169
15,500	15,600	478	21,500	21,600	815	27,500	27,600	1,175
15,600	15,700	482	21,600	21,700	821	27,600	27,700	1,181
15,700	15,800	487	21,700	21,800	827	27,700	27,800	1,187
15,800	15,900	491	21,800	21,900	833	27,800	27,900	1,193
15,900	16,000	496	21,900	22,000	839	27,900	28,000	1,199
16,000			22,000			28,000		
16,000	16,100	500	22,000	22,100	845	28,000	28,100	1,205
16,100	16,200	505	22,100	22,200	851	28,100	28,200	1,211
16,200	16,300	509	22,200	22,300	857	28,200	28,300	1,217
16,300	16,400	514	22,300	22,400	863	28,300	28,400	1,223
16,400	16,500	518	22,400	22,500	869	28,400	28,500	1,229
16,500	16,600	523	22,500	22,600	875	28,500	28,600	1,235
16,600	16,700	527	22,600	22,700	881	28,600	28,700	1,242
16,700	16,800	532	22,700	22,800	887	28,700	28,800	1,249
16,800	16,900	536	22,800	22,900	893	28,800	28,900	1,256
16,900	17,000	541	22,900	23,000	899	28,900	29,000	1,263
17,000			23,000			29,000		
17,000	17,100	545	23,000	23,100	905	29,000	29,100	1,270
17,100	17,200	551	23,100	23,200	911	29,100	29,200	1,277
17,200	17,300	557	23,200	23,300	917	29,200	29,300	1,284
17,300	17,400	563	23,300	23,400	923	29,300	29,400	1,291
17,400	17,500	569	23,400	23,500	929	29,400	29,500	1,298
17,500	17,600	575	23,500	23,600	935	29,500	29,600	1,305
17,600	17,700	581	23,600	23,700	941	29,600	29,700	1,312
17,700	17,800	587	23,700	23,800	947	29,700	29,800	1,319
17,800	17,900	593	23,800	23,900	953	29,800	29,900	1,326
17,900	18,000	599	23,900	24,000	959	29,900	30,000	1,333
18,000			24,000			30,000		
18,000	18,100	605	24,000	24,100	965	30,000	30,100	1,340
18,100	18,200	611	24,100	24,200	971	30,100	30,200	1,347
18,200	18,300	617	24,200	24,300	977	30,200	30,300	1,354
18,300	18,400	623	24,300	24,400	983	30,300	30,400	1,361
18,400	18,500	629	24,400	24,500	989	30,400	30,500	1,368
18,500	18,600	635	24,500	24,600	995	30,500	30,600	1,375
18,600	18,700	641	24,600	24,700	1,001	30,600	30,700	1,382
18,700	18,800	647	24,700	24,800	1,007	30,700	30,800	1,389
18,800	18,900	653	24,800	24,900	1,013	30,800	30,900	1,396
18,900	19,000	659	24,900	25,000	1,019	30,900	31,000	1,403
19,000			25,000			31,000		
19,000	19,100	665	25,000	25,100	1,025	31,000	31,100	1,410
19,100	19,200	671	25,100	25,200	1,031	31,100	31,200	1,417
19,200	19,300	677	25,200	25,300	1,037	31,200	31,300	1,424
19,300	19,400	683	25,300	25,400	1,043	31,300	31,400	1,431
19,400	19,500	689	25,400	25,500	1,049	31,400	31,500	1,438
19,500	19,600	695	25,500	25,600	1,055	31,500	31,600	1,445
19,600	19,700	701	25,600	25,700	1,061	31,600	31,700	1,452
19,700	19,800	707	25,700	25,800	1,067	31,700	31,800	1,459
19,800	19,900	713	25,800	25,900	1,073	31,800	31,900	1,466
19,900	20,000	719	25,900	26,000	1,079	31,900	32,000	1,473
20,000			26,000			32,000		
20,000	20,100	725	26,000	26,100	1,085	32,000	32,100	1,480
20,100	20,200	731	26,100	26,200	1,091	32,100	32,200	1,487
20,200	20,300	737	26,200	26,300	1,097	32,200	32,300	1,494
20,300	20,400	743	26,300	26,400	1,103	32,300	32,400	1,501
20,400	20,500	749	26,400	26,500	1,109	32,400	32,500	1,508
20,500	20,600	755	26,500	26,600	1,115	32,500	32,600	1,515
20,600	20,700	761	26,600	26,700	1,121	32,600	32,700	1,522
20,700	20,800	767	26,700	26,800	1,127	32,700	32,800	1,529
20,800	20,900	773	26,800	26,900	1,133	32,800	32,900	1,536
20,900	21,000	779	26,900	27,000	1,139	32,900	33,000	1,543

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If Your Income on Line 13 is		YOUR TAX IS	If Your Income on Line 13 is		YOUR TAX IS	If Your Income on Line 13 is		YOUR TAX IS
As Much As	But Less Than		As Much As	But Less Than		As Much As	But Less Than	
33,000			39,000			45,000		
33,000	33,100	1,550	39,000	39,100	1,970	45,000	45,100	2,390
33,100	33,200	1,557	39,100	39,200	1,977	45,100	45,200	2,397
33,200	33,300	1,564	39,200	39,300	1,984	45,200	45,300	2,404
33,300	33,400	1,571	39,300	39,400	1,991	45,300	45,400	2,411
33,400	33,500	1,578	39,400	39,500	1,998	45,400	45,500	2,418
33,500	33,600	1,585	39,500	39,600	2,005	45,500	45,600	2,425
33,600	33,700	1,592	39,600	39,700	2,012	45,600	45,700	2,432
33,700	33,800	1,599	39,700	39,800	2,019	45,700	45,800	2,439
33,800	33,900	1,606	39,800	39,900	2,026	45,800	45,900	2,446
33,900	34,000	1,613	39,900	40,000	2,033	45,900	46,000	2,453
34,000			40,000			46,000		
34,000	34,100	1,620	40,000	40,100	2,040	46,000	46,100	2,460
34,100	34,200	1,627	40,100	40,200	2,047	46,100	46,200	2,467
34,200	34,300	1,634	40,200	40,300	2,054	46,200	46,300	2,474
34,300	34,400	1,641	40,300	40,400	2,061	46,300	46,400	2,481
34,400	34,500	1,648	40,400	40,500	2,068	46,400	46,500	2,488
34,500	34,600	1,655	40,500	40,600	2,075	46,500	46,600	2,495
34,600	34,700	1,662	40,600	40,700	2,082	46,600	46,700	2,502
34,700	34,800	1,669	40,700	40,800	2,089	46,700	46,800	2,509
34,800	34,900	1,676	40,800	40,900	2,096	46,800	46,900	2,516
34,900	35,000	1,683	40,900	41,000	2,103	46,900	47,000	2,523
35,000			41,000			47,000		
35,000	35,100	1,690	41,000	41,100	2,110	47,000	47,100	2,530
35,100	35,200	1,697	41,100	41,200	2,117	47,100	47,200	2,537
35,200	35,300	1,704	41,200	41,300	2,124	47,200	47,300	2,544
35,300	35,400	1,711	41,300	41,400	2,131	47,300	47,400	2,551
35,400	35,500	1,718	41,400	41,500	2,138	47,400	47,500	2,558
35,500	35,600	1,725	41,500	41,600	2,145	47,500	47,600	2,565
35,600	35,700	1,732	41,600	41,700	2,152	47,600	47,700	2,572
35,700	35,800	1,739	41,700	41,800	2,159	47,700	47,800	2,579
35,800	35,900	1,746	41,800	41,900	2,166	47,800	47,900	2,586
35,900	36,000	1,753	41,900	42,000	2,173	47,900	48,000	2,593
36,000			42,000			48,000		
36,000	36,100	1,760	42,000	42,100	2,180	48,000	48,100	2,600
36,100	36,200	1,767	42,100	42,200	2,187	48,100	48,200	2,607
36,200	36,300	1,774	42,200	42,300	2,194	48,200	48,300	2,614
36,300	36,400	1,781	42,300	42,400	2,201	48,300	48,400	2,621
36,400	36,500	1,788	42,400	42,500	2,208	48,400	48,500	2,628
36,500	36,600	1,795	42,500	42,600	2,215	48,500	48,600	2,635
36,600	36,700	1,802	42,600	42,700	2,222	48,600	48,700	2,642
36,700	36,800	1,809	42,700	42,800	2,229	48,700	48,800	2,649
36,800	36,900	1,816	42,800	42,900	2,236	48,800	48,900	2,656
36,900	37,000	1,823	42,900	43,000	2,243	48,900	49,000	2,663
37,000			43,000			49,000		
37,000	37,100	1,830	43,000	43,100	2,250	49,000	49,100	2,670
37,100	37,200	1,837	43,100	43,200	2,257	49,100	49,200	2,677
37,200	37,300	1,844	43,200	43,300	2,264	49,200	49,300	2,684
37,300	37,400	1,851	43,300	43,400	2,271	49,300	49,400	2,691
37,400	37,500	1,858	43,400	43,500	2,278	49,400	49,500	2,698
37,500	37,600	1,865	43,500	43,600	2,285	49,500	49,600	2,705
37,600	37,700	1,872	43,600	43,700	2,292	49,600	49,700	2,712
37,700	37,800	1,879	43,700	43,800	2,299	49,700	49,800	2,719
37,800	37,900	1,886	43,800	43,900	2,306	49,800	49,900	2,726
37,900	38,000	1,893	43,900	44,000	2,313	49,900	50,000	2,733
38,000			44,000			PLEASE NOTE: For \$50,000 and over, your tax is \$2,733 + 7% of the excess over \$49,999.		
38,000	38,100	1,900	44,000	44,100	2,320			
38,100	38,200	1,907	44,100	44,200	2,327			
38,200	38,300	1,914	44,200	44,300	2,334			
38,300	38,400	1,921	44,300	44,400	2,341			
38,400	38,500	1,928	44,400	44,500	2,348			
38,500	38,600	1,935	44,500	44,600	2,355			
38,600	38,700	1,942	44,600	44,700	2,362			
38,700	38,800	1,949	44,700	44,800	2,369			
38,800	38,900	1,956	44,800	44,900	2,376			
38,900	39,000	1,963	44,900	45,000	2,383			

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