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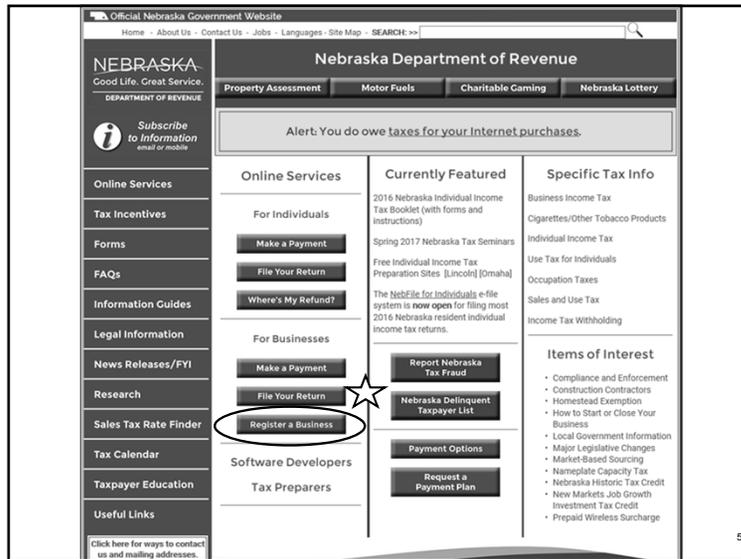
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Business Taxes

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“New Permit Holders” Register Your Business Online

Eligible tax programs

- Sales and Use Tax
- Income Tax Withholding
- Business Income Tax
 - Corporation
 - Fiduciary
 - Partnership
 - Financial institution
- Miscellaneous Taxes;
 - Litter Fee
 - Severance and Conservation;
 - Lodging Tax
 - Tire Fee
 - Prepaid Wireless Surcharge

Note: Electronic registration is not available when adding additional tax programs.

Business Income Tax

- Beginning with tax year 2016 and forward, Nebraska supports Fed/State MEF e-filing for the following business income tax programs
 - Nebraska Corporation Income Tax Return, Form 1120N
 - Nebraska S Corporation Income Tax Return, Form 1120-SN
 - Nebraska Return of Partnership Income, Form 1065N
- Ability to attach supporting documents as a PDF
- Electronic payment methods available ([Electronic Payment Options for State Taxes](#))
- Valid Nebraska ID number is required

Thank you for supporting e-file!

How many people are using e-file?	
Corporate	42%*
S-Corp	49%
Partnership	34%

*As of 10/31/17

What are the benefits of e-file?

- Faster refund, especially when direct deposit is also used
- More accurate return
- Confirmation that the return was received
- E-filing costs less to process so taxpayer money is saved

Proposed electronic filing mandate for business income tax returns

Due Dates for Business Returns

Nebraska law generally follows federal tax return due dates.

- Also applies to short period returns

Partnerships and S Corporations

- March 15 for calendar year returns
- 15th day of the third month after the close of the fiscal year

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Due Dates for Business Returns

C Corporations

- April 15 for calendar year returns
- The 15th day of the fourth month after the close of the fiscal year.

Special rule for C Corporations with a fiscal year ending June 30.

- The new law will not apply until tax years beginning after 2025.
- Due date will continue to be the 15th day of the third month after the close of the year (September 15) until the 2026 tax year.

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Extensions for Business Returns

A Nebraska extension to file may only be obtained by:

- Attaching a copy of a timely-filed Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File Certain Business Income Tax, Information, and Other Returns, Federal Form 7004, to the Nebraska return;
- Attaching to the Nebraska return a schedule listing the federal confirmation number and providing an explanation that the electronic request for automatic federal extension was not denied; or
- Filing a Nebraska Application for Extension of Time to File Corporation, Fiduciary, or Partnership Return, Form 7004N.
 - Generally, Nebraska allows the same number of extension months as allowed federally.
 - Fiduciary returns will be allowed a blanket six-month extension by Nebraska.

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Extensions for Business Returns

When filing for an extension:

- Failure to attach the applicable extension document to the Nebraska return may result in a late filing penalty.
- An extension of time only extends the date to file the return.
- An extension does not extend the date to pay the tax.
- Any tax not paid by the original due date is subject to interest.

Note: See the instructions for Form 7004N for more information.

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Business Income Tax

Tax Credit for Employing a Parent or Caretaker Relative of a Unit that Received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
(LB 774 – Operative for taxable years on or after January 1, 2017)

- Beginning in tax year 2017
- Nonrefundable income tax credit is equal to 20% of an employer's expenditures on eligible employees for:
 - Tuition at Nebraska public institutions for postsecondary education;
 - Costs of a high school equivalency program; and
 - Transportation of eligible employees to and from work.

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Business Income Tax

- Tax credit for Employing a Parent or Caretaker Relative of a Unit that Received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
Clarified (LB 217 – Operative August 24, 2017)
 - Clarifies that the family member must be a caretaker relative for a unit that received TANF and must become employed during the taxable year for which the credit is claimed.

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Business Income Tax

School Readiness Tax Credit
(LB 889 – Operative for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, and before January 1, 2022)

- This legislation provides two separate income tax credits beginning with tax year 2017.
- General requirements for both income tax credits:
 - The program has a total allocation cap of \$5 million per year.
 - An application must be submitted and approved by the Department of Revenue before the credit is claimed.
 - Each application will require proper documentation from the accrediting agency verifying the level or step achieved.
 - The tax credits will be allocated in the order received.

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Business Income Tax

School Readiness Tax Credit

Credit for Eligible Program

- Available to persons who own or operate an eligible childcare or education program.
- The credit is a nonrefundable income tax credit.
- Must serve children who participate in the childcare subsidy program established in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-1202.
- This credit is available to individuals, corporations, and fiduciaries.

Nebraska Step Up to Quality Website
<https://www.education.ne.gov/StepUpToQuality/>

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School Readiness Tax Credit

Credit for Eligible Program

- The credit to the provider is equal to the average monthly number of subsidy children who attend the provider's program multiplied by a dollar amount based on the quality scale rating of the eligible program:
 - \$750 for a Step Five program;
 - \$500 for a Step Four program;
 - \$250 for a Step Three program; and
 - \$0 for a Step Two or a Step One program.

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State Tax Credit Act
Application for Childcare and Education Provider

Complete this application if you are the person who owns or operates an eligible program.

Applicant Name and Address: _____ Program Name and Address: _____

Applicant's Name: _____ Program Name: _____
Street or Other Mailing Address: _____ Street or Other Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant's Social Security Number (only if federal ID is not used): _____
 Federal ID # _____
 Nebraska ID # _____
 Other ID # _____

For the calendar year beginning _____ through _____ (December 31) and ending _____

Average Monthly Subsidized Children Calculation
 Note: For column (E), enter the total number of hours for which you were paid subsidy reimbursement for each month. Include six hours in the total for each day you were paid by the day.

(A) Month	(B) Number of Hours Paid	(C) Number of Child Days (Column (B) Divided by 12)	(D) Number of Days Providing Service	(E) Average Number of Children This Month (Divide column (C) by column (D))
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total				

1 Total average number of children who received a subsidy for each month. (Column (E) total divided by 12). Enter the total as a whole number. Round up any result that is .50 or higher to the next higher number. Round down any result that is .49 or less to the next lower number.

2 Amount of school readiness tax credit requested. Multiply line 1 by the dollar amount shown in the table below for your Nebraska Step Up to Quality rating.

Nebraska Step Up to Quality Rating	Amount of Credit Per Child
Step 1	\$0
Step 2	\$0
Step 3	\$250
Step 4	\$500
Step 5	\$750

Under penalty of law, I declare that I have described this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is correct and complete.

sign here _____ Title: _____

MAIL THIS FORM TO: Nebraska Department of Revenue, PO Box 94809, Lincoln, NE 68509-4809. 8.11.2017

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Income Tax Withholding

Circular EN was updated for 2017

- Withholding rate schedules and tables were updated to reflect changes to the individual income tax brackets.
- The 2017 Circular EN replaced the 2013 version.

Tips for preparing Forms W-2 and 1099

- Verify the employee's Social Security number is correct,
- If the income is subject to Nebraska withholding, the employer or payor is required to list their Nebraska ID number on all Federal Forms W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, and 1099-MISC issued.
 - Be sure the Nebraska ID number is in the appropriate box on the Forms W-2 and 1099.
 - The Federal Employer ID number cannot be substituted for the Nebraska ID number.

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Income Tax Withholding

When filing wage and tax statements, any employer or payor who issues more than 50 wage and tax statements must e-file those statements with the Department.

- This includes Forms W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, and 1099-MISC.
- Nebraska Form W-3N and related federal wage and tax statements must be filed by January 31.
- If your payroll software does not support creating the proper file format, use the Nebraska W-2 File Creator to assist you with uploading Forms W-2 electronically. See the instructions on our website.

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Changes in Local Sales Tax

The following cities, villages, or counties have started a new local sales and use tax rate:

- Effective January 1, 2017
 - Meadow Grove 1.5%
- Effective April 1, 2017
 - Beaver Crossing 1.0%
 - Edison 1.0%
 - Greely 1.0%
 - Clarkson 1.5%
 - Fort Calhoun 1.5%
 - Pilger 1.5%

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Changes in Local Sales Tax

The following village has started a new local sales and use tax rate:

- Effective October 1, 2017
 - Lawrence 1.0%

The following city has discontinued its local sales and use tax rate:

- Effective October 1, 2017
 - Shelton

Note: Dakota County is currently the only county in Nebraska to impose a local sales and use tax. The tax was implemented on April 1, 2015, and the rate is 0.5%.

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Changes in Local Sales Tax

The following cities, villages, or counties have increased their local sales and use tax rate:

- Effective January 1, 2017
 - Weeping Water 1.5%
 - Wilber 1.5%
 - Papillion 2.0%
- Effective April 1, 2017
 - Blue Hill 1.5%
 - Central City 1.5%
 - Fairfield 1.5%
 - Chappell 2.0%
 - Crete 2.0%
 - Pawnee City 2.0%

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Individual Income Tax

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General

Nebraska Standard Deductions

	2017	2018
• Single taxpayers	\$ 6,350	\$ 6,500
• Head of household	\$ 9,350	\$ 9,550
• Married, filing jointly	\$12,700	\$13,000
• Married, filing separately	\$ 6,350	\$ 6,500
• Qualifying Widow(er)	\$12,700	\$13,000

Taxpayers Over Age 65 and/or Blind

- Taxpayers using married, filing jointly; married, filing separately; or qualifying widow(er) filing status, add \$1,250 per box checked.
- Taxpayers using single or head of household filing status, add \$1,550 per box checked.

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General

Individual Income Tax Brackets in 2017

Bracket Number	Married, Filing Jointly	Head of Household	Single Individuals	Tax Rate
1	\$0 – 6,170	\$0 – 5,760	\$0 – 3,090	2.46%
2	\$6,170 – 37,030	\$5,760 – 29,620	\$3,090 – 18,510	3.51%
3	\$37,030 – 59,660	\$29,620 – 44,230	\$18,510 – 29,830	5.01%
4	Over \$59,660	Over \$44,230	Over \$29,830	6.84%

Individual Income Tax Brackets in 2018

Bracket Number	Married, Filing Jointly	Head of Household	Single Individuals	Tax Rate
1	\$0 – 6,290	\$0 – 5,870	\$0 – 3,150	2.46%
2	\$6,290 – 37,760	\$5,870 – 30,210	\$3,150 – 18,880	3.51%
3	\$37,760 – 60,840	\$30,210 – 45,110	\$18,880 – 30,420	5.01%
4	Over \$60,840	Over \$45,110	Over \$30,420	6.84%

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High School District Code Changes

County	Prior Year District	Explanation for Change	Current Year District
Boyd	Lynch 36	Dissolved - merged into a new district	Boyd County School 51
Boyd	West Boyd 50	Dissolved - merged into a new district	Boyd County School 51
Holt	Lynch 36	Dissolved - merged into a new district	Boyd County School 51
Holt	West Boyd 50	Dissolved - merged with new district	Boyd County School 51
Knox	Lynch 36	Dissolved - merged with new district	Boyd County School 51

Personal Exemption Credit

2017 = \$132

2018 = \$134

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Thank you for supporting e-file!

How many people are using E-File?

2017	90.8%*
2016	91.2%
2015	90.7%

*As of 11/1/2017

What are the benefits of e-file?

- Faster refund, especially when direct deposit is also used
- More accurate return
- Confirmation that the return was received
- E-filing costs less to process so taxpayer money is saved

Nebraska plans to begin accepting e-filed returns on the same date as the IRS.

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Income Tax

Individual Income Tax Credit for Volunteer Emergency Responders

(LB 886 – Operative for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017)

- Beginning with tax year 2017.
- Refundable income tax credit is equal to \$250.
- Available to qualified active volunteer
 - emergency responders;
 - rescue squad members; and
 - firefighters.

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Individual Income Tax Credit for Volunteer Emergency Responders (continued)

- Credit is available beginning with the second taxable year in which the qualified active volunteer is included on a certified list (see below).
- Qualified active volunteers accumulate points for service and emergency service-related training and activities.
- Each city, village, or rural or suburban fire protection district must file a certified list of those volunteers who have qualified for the immediately preceding calendar year by each February 15.

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Income Tax

School Readiness Tax Credit

(LB 889 – Operative for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, and before January 1, 2022)

- This legislation provides two separate income tax credits beginning with tax year 2017.
- General requirements for both income tax credits:
 - The program has a total allocation cap of \$5 million per year.
 - The provider or staff member will be required to submit an application to the Department of Revenue.
 - Each application will require proper documentation from the accrediting agency verifying the level or step achieved.
 - The tax credits will be allocated in the order received.

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Income Tax

School Readiness Tax Credit Credit for Eligible Childcare and Program

- Available to persons who own or operate an eligible childcare and education program.
- The credit is a nonrefundable income tax credit.
- Must serve children who participate in the childcare subsidy program established in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-1202.
- This credit is available to individuals, corporations, and fiduciaries.

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E-file Mandate

No Change to the Tax Preparer E-file Mandate

- Applies to tax preparers who filed 25 or more Nebraska individual income tax returns during calendar year 2017.
- All individual income tax returns they are paid to prepare during calendar year 2018 must be e-filed.
- The penalty is \$100 for each return not e-filed.

For more information, see the [Tax Preparer E-file Mandate FAQs](#) on the Department's website or [Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1784](#).

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Review Wage and Tax Statements Forms W-2 and 1099

When preparing individual income tax returns, verify each of the Forms W-2 and 1099 to ensure completeness and accuracy.

- If the Nebraska Employer ID number is blank and there is Nebraska withholding, a corrected form must be obtained.
- Verify the employee's Social Security number is correct on each Form W-2 or 1099.

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Documentation

The Department may request documentation to verify credits and adjustments during processing. Some examples of documents requested include:

- Forms W-2 and 1099
- Railroad Retirement Board, Forms W-2 and 1099
- Schedule K-1N, Form 1041N
- Schedule K-1N, Form 1065N
- Schedule K-1N, Form 1120-SN
- Nebraska Child and Dependent Care Expenses, Form 2441N
- Nebraska Refund for Deceased Taxpayers, Form 1310N-supporting documentation as indicated on the form

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Documentation

- Nebraska Incentives Credit Computation, Form 3800N, and supporting worksheets and schedules
 - Form 3800N may be e-filed with your return if your software supports it; however, all supporting documentation must be sent as a PDF attachment, or it will be requested later during processing
 - Review and processing can take 6 weeks or more
- NOL worksheet
 - If you do not have a Federal NOL, you do not have a Nebraska NOL under Nebraska law.
 - See [Form NOL Worksheet](#) instructions or [Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2716\(2\)](#) for more information.
- Statement of Nebraska Financial Institution Tax Credit, Form NFC

For more information, see [Current Year Individual Income Tax Forms](#) on the Department's website.

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Individual Income Tax New for 2017

- Nebraska Net Operating Loss Worksheet (NOL)
 - Begin with Federal NOL and increase or decrease based on adjustments allowed by Nebr. Rev. Stat. §77-2716
 - Other allowable adjustments.
- For tax years prior to 2017, Form NOL will continue to be used

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NEBRASKA Nebraska Net Operating Loss Worksheet To Compute Loss Incurred During Tax Years 2017 and After Indicate year of net Operating Loss beginning		FORM NOL Worksheet
Name of filer (Last, first, middle initial) Social Security Number		Spouse's Social Security Number
1 Enter your federal net operating loss for this year. Do not complete this worksheet if you do not have a federal net operating loss.		
Adjustments increasing the Federal Net Operating Loss		
2 State income tax refund deduction	3	0.00
3 Total U.S. government obligations	3	0.00
4 Total benefits paid by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) included in federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)	4	0.00
5 Nebraska College Savings Program contributions	5	0.00
6 Nebraska Long-Term Care Savings Plan contributions	6	0.00
7 Nebraska Long-Term Care Savings Plan amounts	7	0.00
8 Total Nebraska Enable plan contributions	8	0.00
9 S corporation and Limited Liability Company (LLC) Non-Nebraska income	9	0.00
10 Nonservant military servicemember's basic pay	10	0.00
11 Native American Indian Resignation income	11	0.00
12 Claim of right payments	12	0.00
13 Nebraska governmental savings bond interest	13	0.00
14 Interest from Federally taxable Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (IFA) bonds	14	0.00
15 Interest from Federally taxable United States Bonds issued by Nebraska governments	15	0.00
16 Social security income included in federal AGI	16	0.00
17 Military retirement income	17	0.00
18 Total adjustments increasing the federal net operating loss (enter the sum of lines 2 through 17)	18	0.00
19 Federal net operating loss after all increasing adjustments (enter the result of line 1 minus line 18)	19	0.00
Adjustments decreasing the Federal Net Operating Loss		
20 Total state and local tax payments received	20	0.00
21 Financial institution's Cancellation	21	0.00
22 Nebraska College Savings Program amounts	22	0.00
23 Long-Term Care Savings Plan amounts	23	0.00
24 Nebraska Enable plan amounts	24	0.00
25 S corporation or LLC Non-Nebraska loss	25	0.00
26 Total adjustments decreasing the federal net operating loss (enter the sum of lines 20 through 25)	26	0.00
27 Nebraska net operating loss incurred for the current tax year (enter the sum of lines 19 and line 26) (note: if the result is zero or greater, you do not have a Nebraska net operating loss)	27	0.00

Attach this page to your original Form 1040 or to Amended Nebraska Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040EN. Nonresidents and partial-year residents—Also complete and attach Schedule 1.

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NEBRASKA Nebraska Schedule 1 — Nebraska NOL Computation for Nonresidents or Partial-Year Residents		FORM NOL Worksheet
28 Income derived from Nebraska sources, including Nebraska income from wages, interest, and dividends, business, farming, partnerships, limited liability companies, S corporations, estates and trusts, gain or loss, rents and royalties, and any other Nebraska source income (see line 1, Schedule 1040)	28	0.00
29 Adjustments as applied to Nebraska income, if any (see line 2, Schedule 1040)	29	0.00
30 Nebraska income after adjustments (line 28 minus line 29) (enter line 2, Schedule 1040)	30	0.00
31 Enter the amount from line 27	31	0.00
32 Enter the amount from line 30 or 31, whichever is smaller. This is your Nebraska net operating loss. Note: If line 32 is zero or greater, you do not have a Nebraska net operating loss.	32	0.00

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Balance Due Payment Options

If the taxpayer owes tax and is not able to pay the entire balance by the due date, encourage them to pay as much as possible by the due date to avoid interest charges.

- Interest will accrue on any unpaid tax until it is fully paid.
- If the taxpayer is unable to pay the entire balance by the due date, the Department offers several payment options.

Pay by credit card.

- Payments are made online at officialpayments.com.
 - A convenience fee of 2.35% will be charged by Official Payments.
 - Use Jurisdiction Code 3700.

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Balance Due Payment Options

Pay entire amount within 90 days.

- No forms are required to be filed.
- Make four equal payments.
 - Pay either electronically or by check or money order.
 - Send the remaining three payments every 30 days.

Pay entire amount in more than 90 days.

- Complete Form 27D, Payment and Authorization Agreement.
- Payments must be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT).
 - The Department will respond and either approve or deny the payment proposal.
 - If approved, payments will automatically be withdrawn from the bank account as the taxpayer has scheduled.
- Contact the Department if you have questions

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Balance Due Payment Options

Other helpful hints:

- Payments can be made prior to the return being submitted.
 - If mailing in a payment, attach the proper form.
 - If you have questions, contact Taxpayer Assistance.
- If you set up a payment plan and make the payments as agreed, no further collection action will be taken.
- Discuss with the taxpayer ways to avoid a balance due in the future.
 - Is a sufficient amount of income tax being withheld from the taxpayer's paycheck?
 - Do they need to make or increase estimated income tax payments?

For more information, see [How to Pay Your Individual Income Tax Balance Due](#) on our website, or contact Taxpayer Assistance at 800-742-7474 (NE and IA), or 402-471-5729.

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Use Tax

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Use Tax

NEBRASKA <small>Good Life, Great Service.</small> <small>DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE</small>	Nebraska Individual Income Tax Return <small>for the taxable year January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 or other taxable year: 2017 through</small>	FORM 1040N 2017
<small>41 Use tax due on taxable purchases where applicable sales tax was not collected. (see instructions). Enter purchases subject to state tax 91 \$ _____ State tax 92 \$ _____ (purchases x 5.5%); Enter purchases subject to local tax 93 \$ _____ Local tax 94 \$ _____ (purchases x local rate of _____ %) 95 Local code _____ (see local rate schedule); Add state and local taxes and enter on line 41. If no use tax is due, enter -0- on line 41. 41</small>		

- Report individual use tax on line 41 of Form 1040N.
- If the taxpayer has a credit for tax paid to another state, along with use tax, report both the credit and tax on Form 2.
- If the taxpayer needs to report use tax to multiple local jurisdictions, report it on Form 3.
- Report business use tax on Form 10 or Form 2.
- Businesses that hold a Nebraska Sales and Use Tax Permit, must use Form 10.

Note: Do not report business use tax on Form 1040N.

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Legislative Changes

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Sales and Use Tax

Exemption for Political Events Limited
([LB 63](#) – Operative for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016)

Low-Income Home Energy Conservation Act Repealed (LB217-Operative August 24, 2017)

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Income Tax

- Filing Deadlines for Forms W-3N Changed (LB-217-Operative August 24, 2017)
 - Changes the filing deadline for filing Forms W-3N and all related wage and tax statements with the Department from February 1 to January 31.
 - Consistent with federal due dates.
- Credit for Employing a Parent or Relative of a Family that Received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Clarified ([LB 217](#) – Operative August 24, 2017)
 - Clarifies that the family member must be a caretaker relative for a unit that received TANF and must become employed during the taxable year for which the credit is claimed.

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Income Tax

Notify the Legislature of Changes to the Internal Revenue Code with a Large Fiscal Impact on Nebraska ([LB 217](#) – Operative April 28, 2017)

- Requires the Department of Revenue to issue a report to the Governor and the Legislature within 60 days after a change in the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) that details the changes to the IRC and the impact of the changes on state income tax revenue and on various classes and types of taxpayers. This requirement does not apply if the impact on state income tax revenue in the calendar year of enactment is less than \$5 million.

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Income Tax

Clerical Error Correction

([LB 217](#) – Operative August 24, 2017)

- Modifies the language regarding error correction by the Department on income tax returns.

Affordable Housing Tax Credit

([LB 884](#) – Operative for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019)

- The project must be placed in service after January 1, 2018.
 - Apply to Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) for approval of nonrefundable tax credits.
 - See [2016 Major Legislative Changes](#) on our website for additional information.

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Tax Incentives

Eligibility for Property Tax Exemptions

Clarified ([LB 217](#) – Operative August 24, 2017)

- Clarifies that personal property is eligible for exemption under the Nebraska Advantage Act when placed in service after the application date, rather than when it is acquired.

Carryover Period for Tier 6 Projects Extended

([LB 161](#) – Operative for all applications)

- Extends the carryover period for a Tier 6 Nebraska Advantage Act project from one year past the end of the entitlement period to 16 years past the end of the entitlement period.

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Tax Incentives

Distressed Areas Requirement Stricken

([LB 217](#) – Operative August 24, 2017)

- Amends the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act to remove references to “distressed area”.
- Amends the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act to strike this same definition of “distressed area” and to strike references to distressed area in that Act.
 - Information about the qualified small business is no longer confidential, although information about the investor remains confidential.

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Lottery/ Charitable Gaming

Requirement for Local Authorization

Repealed ([LB 217](#) – Operative August 24, 2017)

- Repeals the requirement that nonprofits wishing to run a lottery or raffle in certain counties or cities must have specific authorization of the city or county by ordinance or resolution.

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Property Assessment

Homestead Exemption

- LB 20 , removes the annual disability certification for veterans totally disabled by a nonservice connected accident or illness (currently, the Department's category 2).
- LB 217, authorizes the delivery of homestead forms for prior-year applicants in the manner approved by the Tax Commissioner; and authorizes that interest does not accrue on property that has had its homestead exemption rejected or reduced until 30 days after certification by the county board of equalization.

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Property Assessment

Nebraska Advantage Act

- LB 217, provides that the amount of value exempted, when using Nebraska net book value under the Nebraska Advantage Act, is based on the year placed in service. It was previously based on year acquired.

Real Property includes Aground

- LB 217, requires that whether a parcel of land is primarily used for agricultural or horticultural purposes will be determined without regard to whether some or all of the parcel is platted and subdivided into separate lots or developed with certain improvements.

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Property Assessment

Rent Restricted Housing

- LB 217, requires owners of rent-restricted projects to file income and expense statements on a form prescribed by the Tax Commissioner by July 1 of each year, instead of October 1. The Tax Commissioner must distribute the income and expense statements to the county assessor where the rent-restricted housing projects are located on or before August 15 of each year.

Real Estate Transfer Statement

- LB 535 amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 76-214 to provide that the Real Estate Transfer Statement, Form 521, is not required for oil, gas, or mineral leases. Instruments submitted for recording in the office of the register of deeds, with certain exceptions, may have a digital signature instead of an ink signature.

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Other Property Assessment Process Changes

LB 624 provides that the residential addresses of law enforcement officers will be withheld from the public if the law enforcement officer files an application with the county assessor. The application may be renewed every five years. However, the address will be provided if requested in writing.

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Property Assessment

Other Property Assessment Process Changes

LB 253 authorizes intergovernmental service agreements under the County Industrial Sewer Construction Act and provides for a tax levy.

LB 317 provides that any time a special assessment in any city or village against any parcel of real property is found invalid, uncollectable, or void, because of any defect in the proceedings used to levy the special assessment, the mayor and city council (or chairperson and board of trustees) may relevy or reassess the special assessment without regard to whether the defects have been subsequently cured.

For more information, see [2017 Nebraska Legislative Changes Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division](#) on our website.

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Property Assessment

Other Property Assessment Process Changes

County Records (LB 624-Operative.....01/02/2018)

Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities

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