

# 2001

## North Carolina S Corporation Tax Return Instructions

### Important Legislative Changes Affecting 2001 Returns

#### 1. Royalty Reporting Option

Under new G.S. 105-130.7A, if the recipient of North Carolina royalty income is related to the payer, the North Carolina royalty payments may be reported in either of two ways. First, the recipient of the payments can include the payments in its North Carolina income and the company making the payments can deduct the payments from the company's North Carolina income. Second, the recipient of the payments can exclude the payments from its North Carolina income and the company making the payments can add the payments to the company's North Carolina income. Royalties from the use of trademarks in this State are income derived from doing business in this State and are subject to North Carolina income tax.

#### 2. Franchise Tax and Limited Liability Companies

New G.S. 105-114(c) requires a corporation that is a member of a limited liability company (LLC) and is entitled to receive at least 70% of the LLC's assets upon dissolution to include the LLC's assets in the corporation's franchise tax base.

#### 3. Subsidiary Dividends

G.S. 105-130.5(a)(7) and G.S. 105-130.7(b) were repealed. The repeal eliminates North Carolina's separate dividend received deduction. G.S. 105-130.5(b) was amended to add new provisions on foreign dividends. The result of these changes is that North Carolina allows the same dividend deduction as under federal law, net of expenses. For an acceptable means of computing related expenses, see 17 N.C.A.C. 5C .304, Attribution of Expenses, Nontaxable Income, and Nonbusiness Income and Property.

#### 4. Changes to Article 3A Tax Incentives for New and Expanding Businesses

Several changes effective for tax year 2001 were made to the tax incentives for new and expanding businesses, including new conditions for eligibility. For detailed information concerning these changes, check our website, [www.dor.state.nc.us](http://www.dor.state.nc.us), under 2001 Tax Law Changes. Detailed instructions for the NC-478 and the NC-478A-H series are also available on the Department's website.

## General Information

The information contained in this booklet is to be used as a guide in the preparation of the North Carolina S-Corporation tax return and is not intended to cover all provisions of the law.

### Corporations Required to File

Every S corporation doing business in North Carolina and every inactive S corporation chartered or domesticated here must file an annual franchise and income tax return using the name reflected on the corporate charter if incorporated in this State, or on the certificate of authority if incorporated outside this State. A franchise tax is imposed on corporations for the privilege of doing business in this State even though the activities are exempt from income tax under P.L. 86-272. For a corporation that is subject to both income tax and franchise tax, its apportionment factor is the same for both taxes. For a corporation that is subject to franchise tax but not income tax, its apportionment factor for computing the amount of franchise tax due is the same factor that would be used if its activities that are protected by P.L. 86-272 were subject to income tax in this State. **Important: Telephone companies previously subject to the gross receipts franchise tax under G.S. 105-120 are now subject to general business franchise tax under G.S. 105-122.**

### New S Corporations

A new S corporation (newly incorporated, newly domesticated out-of-state corporation, or other corporation commencing business in the State) is required to file a tax return with this Department within seventy-five (75) days following the close of its first income year of twelve (12) months or less. The taxable year for a new corporation in this State is presumed to end the calendar month preceding the month of incorporation unless otherwise established by the filing of the required return indicating the taxable year adopted. In no case may the first taxable year exceed 12 months unless it is clearly shown that the corporation has adopted a method of accounting using the 52-53 week reporting period. A tax return is due annually so long as the corporation remains incorporated, domesticated, or continues to do business in this State.

### Election to be S Corporation

There is no separate S election for North Carolina income tax purposes. There is no provision to elect a different filing method for State income tax purposes.

### Termination of S Election

The S corporation election will terminate for North Carolina purposes at the same time and for the same taxable period the termination is effective for federal tax purposes.

### Tax Rates

The franchise tax rate is \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of capital stock, surplus and undivided profits or other alternative tax base. The minimum franchise tax is \$35.00 with no maximum except for qualified holding companies. The corporate income tax rate for composite filers is based on the current individual income tax rates for single filers.

### Extensions

An extension of time to file the franchise and income tax return may be granted for seven (7) months if the extension application is received timely. Without a valid extension, a return filed after the statutory due date will be delinquent and subject to interest and all applicable penalties provided by law. **To receive an extension, taxpayers must file Form CD-419, Application for Extension, by the original due date of the return.** (For detailed information, see the separate instructions for this form available from the Department.)

**A properly filed federal extension does not constitute a N.C. extension.**

### Estimated Income Tax

Estimated income tax payments are not required on behalf of nonresident shareholders filing a composite tax return; however, if the S corporation makes any prepayments of income tax for nonresidents, the S corporation must claim these prepayments on Schedule B, Line 27b.

### When and Where to File

The S corporation tax return is due on the 15th day of the third month following the close of the income year. **Returns should be filed with the North Carolina Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 25000, Raleigh, NC, 27640-0530 or at one of the Department's local branch offices.**

### Specific Instructions for Filing Form CD-401S

#### Period Covered

File the 2001 return for calendar year 2001 and fiscal years that begin in 2001. For tax years of less than 12 months, fill in the circle at the top of the form.

## Demographic and Other Taxpayer Information

**Name, Address, and Identification Numbers.** Print or type the corporation's true legal name (as set forth in the corporate charter), address, federal identification number, and N.C. Secretary of State number on the appropriate lines. Include in this section the corporation's primary NAICS code as determined by the N.C. Employment Security Commission. *(For further information regarding the NAICS code, see the North American Industry Classification System as published by the Federal Office of Management and Budget)*

**If a change in address occurs after the return is filed, use Form NC-AC, Business Address Correction, to notify the Department of the new address.**

**Gross Receipts/Sales and Total Assets.** Enter the corporation's gross receipts or sales from all business operations for the tax year. Also enter the corporation's total assets (as determined by the accounting method regularly used in keeping the corporation's books and records) at the end of the tax year.

**Amended return.** If filing an amended return, fill in the appropriate circle. A complete explanation as to the reason(s) for filing an amended return, including specific schedule and line number references, must be included on Schedule J of the return. If any change is made to corporate net income by the Internal Revenue Service, taxpayers are required to file an amended return with N.C. within two (2) years after being notified of the correction or final determination. A penalty is imposed for failure to comply with this filing requirement.

**Initial return.** If this is the corporation's first return in N.C., fill in the appropriate circle.

**Final return.** If the corporation ceases to exist or leaves N.C. during the tax year, fill in the appropriate circle. Since franchise taxes are paid in advance or at the beginning of the income year, corporations are not subject to franchise tax after the end of the income year in which articles of dissolution or withdrawal are filed with the Secretary of State unless they engage in business activities not reasonably incidental to winding up their affairs. Although the final income tax return must be filed on a combination franchise and income tax return form, the schedules relating to franchise tax should be disregarded. This applies, however, only to those corporations officially filing articles of dissolution or withdrawal with the Secretary of State of North Carolina.

**Limited Liability Companies.** If a company is registered as a limited liability company, fill in the appropriate circle. **Important:** A corporation that is a member of a limited liability company and is entitled to 70% or more of the limited liability company's assets upon dissolution must include its percentage of the limited liability company's income, assets, liabilities, and equity in its computation of franchise tax. *(For more information, see 2001 Tax Law Changes available on the Department's website.)*

**CD-479 (Annual Report).** All domestic corporations and foreign corporations authorized to transact business in North Carolina except for insurance companies, limited liability companies, nonprofit corporations, professional corporations, and professional associations must, on an annual basis, complete Form CD-479 and remit a twenty dollar (\$20.00) fee. The annual report, Form CD-479, must be completed in its entirety and placed on the **front page** of the completed tax return. Failure to submit the Annual Report with the tax return may result in an administrative dissolution of the Corporate Articles or Certificate of Authority by the Secretary of State's Office as prescribed by statute. If the corporation's annual report has been attached to Form CD-401S, fill in the appropriate circle.

**NC-478.** Corporations claiming a credit limited by statute to 50% of tax must complete Form NC-478, Summary of Tax Credits Limited to 50% of Tax, and place it on the front of the completed Form CD-401S. If the corporation has attached Form NC-478 to Form CD-401S, fill in the appropriate circle.

**Check-the-Box and QSSS Requirements.** For corporate income tax purposes, N.C. follows the federal classification of entities under the federal check-the-box regulations. If the corporation meets these qualifications, fill in the appropriate circle. **Qualified Subchapter S Subsidiaries must file separate franchise tax returns (CTAM-97-13).**

**Escheatable (Abandoned or Unclaimed) Property.** Every corporation holding property of N.C. residents that is unclaimed and abandoned under General Statutes Chapter 116B must certify the holding of the escheatable property on its income tax return by filling in the appropriate circle. For questions about abandoned and unclaimed property, call (919) 508-5979 or write to: **Escheat Officer, Department of State Treasurer, Albemarle Building, 325 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603.**

## Computation Of Franchise Tax - Schedule A

### Lines 1 through 5 - Tax Bases

Franchise tax is computed by applying the tax rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 to the largest of the following three bases:

- (1) Capital stock, surplus, and undivided profits (Schedule C)
- (2) Actual investment in tangible property in N.C. (Schedule D)
- (3) Fifty-five percent of appraised ad valorem tax value of all tangible property in N.C. (Schedule E).

**The minimum franchise tax is thirty-five dollars, (\$35.00). Follow the specific instructions for each schedule to determine the amount of each tax base.**

**Inactive Corporations.** A corporation that is inactive and without assets is subject annually to a minimum franchise tax of \$35. A return containing a statement of the status of the corporation is required to be filed. Failure to file this return and pay the minimum tax will result in suspension of the articles of incorporation or certificate of authority. Any corporation that intends to dissolve or withdraw through suspension for nonpayment of franchise tax should indicate its intention in writing to the Department.

**Capital stock, surplus, and undivided profits.** Enter the amount of capital stock, surplus, and undivided profits from the book balance sheet as of the end of the tax year. Before making this entry, corporations must complete Schedule C of Form CD-401S *(See instructions on Page 6)*

**Qualified Holding Companies.** Franchise tax payable by qualified holding companies on its capital stock and surplus tax base is limited to an amount not to exceed \$75,000. There is no limitation on the amount of franchise tax payable where the alternative tax bases of investment in tangible property or appraised value of property apply. If the corporation qualifies as a holding company for franchise tax purposes, enter the amount of capital stock in the box and fill in the circle next to the box.

**Actual investment in tangible property in N.C.** Enter the amount of actual investment in tangible property in N.C. from the book balance as of the end of the tax year. Before making this entry, corporations must complete Schedule D of Form CD-401S *(See instructions on Page 7)*

**Appraised ad valorem tax value of all tangible property in N.C.** Multiply the appraised ad valorem tax value of all tangible property located in N.C. by 55%. Before making this entry, corporations must complete Schedule E of Form CD-401S *(See instructions on Page 8)*

### Line 6a - Application for Franchise Tax Extension

If the corporation filed an application for franchise tax extension, Form CD-419, enter the amount of **franchise tax paid** with the extension on Line 6a. *(See Form CD-419, Line 1)*

## Line 6b - Tax Credits

To claim a franchise tax credit on Line 6b, S corporations must complete Form CD-425, Corporate Tax Credit Summary, and file it with the tax return. Taxpayers claiming a credit limited by statute to 50% of tax must also complete Form NC-478, Summary of Tax Credits Limited to 50% of Tax, and place it on the front of the completed tax return. Computational worksheets for many of these tax incentives are available from the Department's website or by calling the Department at 919-715-0397.

The following is a list of the more utilized franchise tax credits:

- Short Period Franchise Tax Credit
- Machinery & Equipment Investment Tax Credit
- Job Creation Tax Credit
- Research and Development Tax Credit
- Worker Training Tax Credit
- Central Office or Aircraft Facility Property Tax Credit
- Business Property Tax Credit
- Investing in Renewable Energy Property Tax Credit
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit

(For specific information regarding each of these credits, refer to the Franchise Tax and Corporate Income Tax Rules and Bulletins.)

**Mergers.** Since franchise tax is prepaid, a special computation is sometimes required to prevent a duplication of tax when two or more corporations with different income years merge or otherwise transfer the entire assets from one corporation to the other. (For specific information and the procedure for making this computation, refer to the Franchise Tax and Corporate Income Tax Rules and Bulletins.)

## Lines 7 and 8 - Franchise Tax Due / Overpaid

Subtract Lines 6a and 6b from Line 5. If the total of Line 6a plus 6b is less than Line 5, **additional franchise tax is due.** Enter the amount of additional tax due on Line 7 and on Page 2, Line 31. If the total of 6a plus 6b is more than Line 5, **franchise tax is overpaid.** Enter the amount of overpayment on Line 8 and on Page 2, Line 31. **Fill in the circle located next to the box on Line 31 to indicate that the amount is an overpayment.**

(Overpaid franchise tax can offset underpaid income tax in the same tax year and vice versa. See Tax Due or Refund section for line-by-line instructions.)

## Schedule B - Computation of Income Tax

### Line 9 - Shareholders' Shares of Corporation Income (Loss)

Enter the total amount of income or loss for the S corporation on Line 9. Before making this entry, corporations must complete Schedules G and H of Form CD-401S. (See instructions on Page 7) **If the amount on Line 9 is negative, enter the amount in the box and fill in the circle located next to the box to indicate that the amount is negative. Do not use brackets or other symbols to indicate a negative number.**

### Line 10 - Adjustments to Federal Taxable Income

Taxpayers must make certain adjustment to federal taxable income in arriving at N.C. net income. Before making this entry, corporations must complete Schedule I of Form CD-401S. (See instructions on Page 7) **If the amount on Line 10 is negative, enter the amount in the box and fill in the circle located next to the box to indicate that the amount is negative.**

### Line 12 - Nonbusiness Income

When a corporation has income from sources within N.C. as well as sources outside N.C., a determination of business and nonbusiness

income must be made. Enter on Line 12 the total amount of the corporation's nonbusiness income. Before making this entry, corporations must complete Schedule N of Form CD-401S. (See instructions on Page 8) **If the amount on Line 12 is negative, enter the amount in the box and fill in the circle located next to the box to indicate that the amount is negative.**

### Line 14 - Apportionment Factor

Enter the apportionment factor percentage as calculated from Schedule O of Form CD-401S. **The apportionment factor must be calculated four places to the right of the decimal.** (See instructions on Page 9)

### Line 16 - Nonbusiness Income Allocated to N.C.

Enter on Line 16 the amount of nonbusiness income allocated directly to this State. Before making this entry, corporations must complete Schedule N of Form CD-401S. (See instructions on Page 8) **If the amount on Line 16 is negative, enter the amount in the box and fill in the circle located next to the box to indicate that the amount is negative.**

### Line 20 through 24 - Composite Tax Returns

Lines 20-24 are to be completed only by an S corporation filing a composite income tax return on behalf of its nonresident shareholders. A composite return is an income tax return that combines and reports the income and tax due of participating nonresident shareholders. A nonresident individual shareholder is not required to file a N.C. Individual Income Tax Return, Form D-400, if the shareholder's only income in N.C. is reported by the S corporation. If the nonresident shareholder is a trust or another S corporation, the entity must file a separate N.C. tax return.

To determine tax due for nonresidents filing composite, use the Tax Rate Schedule found in these instructions, and on page 3 of the CD-401S return. N.C. income tax must be separately computed for each nonresident shareholder filing composite. The S corporation must total the separate income tax for each participating nonresident shareholder and enter the total on Line 21.

### Line 23 - Income Tax Credits Attributable to Nonresidents Filing Composite

In order for nonresidents filing composite to claim income tax credits, the S corporation must complete Form CD-425, Corporate Tax Credit Summary, and file it with the completed tax return. The S corporation must include only the amount of income tax credits allocated to nonresident shareholders on whose behalf a composite return is filed. In order for composite filers to claim an income tax credit limited by statute to 50% of tax, the S corporation must also complete Form NC-478, Summary of Tax Credits Limited to 50% of Tax, and place it on the front of the completed tax return. Forms for these credits, as well as the CD-425 and the NC-478, are available from the Department's website or by calling (919) 715-0397. **Important: If there is more than one nonresident shareholder filing composite and all shareholders are not subject to the same individual income tax rate, the "Nonresident Shareholder Filing Composite Income Tax Credit Worksheet" located at the top of Page 6 must be completed for each nonresident shareholder.**

The following are some of the more utilized income tax credits for corporations:

- Machinery & Equipment Investment Tax Credit
- Job Creation Tax Credit
- Research and Development Tax Credit
- Worker Training Tax Credit
- Central Office or Aircraft Facility Property Tax Credit
- Business Property Tax Credit
- Investing in Renewable Energy Property Tax Credit
- Credit for Supervisory Fees (savings and loan associations only)
- Credit for the Rehabilitation of Historic Structures
- Credit for Use of North Carolina Ports
- Credit for Real Property Donated for Conservation Purposes

| <b>Nonresident Shareholder Filing Composite Income Tax Credit Adjustment Worksheet</b><br><i>(Complete this worksheet <b>only</b> if all nonresident shareholders filing composite are not subject to the same individual income tax rate)</i> |  |
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| 1.   | Enter shareholder's share of income tax credits subject to G.S. 105-130.5(a)(10) adjustment<br><i>(From Form CD-425, Part 4, Line 25)</i> .....                        |
| 2.   | Enter shareholder's individual income tax rate used to calculate N.C. income tax<br><i>(See Form CD-401S, Schedule B, Line 21)</i> .....                               |
| 3.   | Shareholder's share of S corporation adjustment<br>Multiply Line 1 by Line 2 .....   |
| 4.   | <b>S Corporation Adjustment</b><br>Total the amount of Line 3 for all nonresident shareholders filing composite, enter here and on Form CD-425, Part 4, Line 26b ..... |

**Line 25 - Annual Report Fee**

Enter the amount of annual report fee due for the tax period on Line 25. *(For detailed information on the annual report fee, see the instructions on Page 4, CD-479, Annual Report.)*

**Line 27 - Tax Payments**

- a. **Application for Extension.** Taxpayers filing a Form CD-419 enter the amount of income tax paid on Line 5 of the CD-419 on Line 27a.
- b. **2001 Estimated Tax.** Enter any estimated income tax payments for 2001 (including any portion of the 2000 overpayment that was applied to the 2001 estimated income tax on Line 27b).
- c. **Partnerships** - If the corporation is a nonresident partner enter the amount of tax paid to North Carolina on behalf of the corporate partner on Line 27c.
- d. **Nonresident Withholding** - Enter the amount of tax withheld from a nonresident corporation for nonwage compensation during the taxable year on Line 27d.

**Lines 29 and 30 - Income Tax Due / Overpaid**

Subtract Line 28 from Line 26. If Line 28 is less than Line 26 **additional income tax is due**. Enter the amount of additional tax on Line 29 and on Line 32. If Line 28 is more than Line 26, **income tax is overpaid**. Enter the amount of overpayment on Line 30 and on Line 32. **Fill in the circle located next to the box on Line 32 to indicate that the amount is an overpayment.**

*(Overpaid franchise tax can offset underpaid income tax in the same tax year and vice versa. See Tax Due or Refund section for line-by-line instructions.)*

**Lines 31 through 34 - Tax Due, Refund, Penalties and Interest**

A corporation that overpays its franchise or income tax may elect to have its refund applied to an underpaid franchise or income tax liability in the same tax year. The netting of an overpaid tax to an underpaid liability is calculated by adding or subtracting Lines 31 and 32.

**Penalties.** Returns filed after the statutory due date or after the approved extended due date will incur a penalty for failure to file of five percent (5%) for each month or fraction of a month delinquent, with a maximum penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) of the tax and a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00). Additionally, a penalty of ten percent (10%) will be assessed for failure to timely pay any tax shown due with a return and on other remittances not made within thirty days after assessment.

**Interest.** Interest at the rate established by G. S. 105-241.1 is charged on taxes paid late even if an extension of time to file is granted. The rate is established semiannually by the Secretary and is listed on the Department's website.

**Line 35 - Total Due**

Add Lines 33 and 34 and enter the total on Line 35, but not less than zero. **This is the total tax, penalties, and interest due.** Mail the return and payment in U.S. currency only for the full amount of franchise and income tax to the NCDOR, P.O. Box 25000, Raleigh, NC 27640-0530.

**Important: If you owe tax, do not staple, tape, or otherwise attach your check to the completed tax return.**

**Line 36 - Overpayment**

If the total of Lines 33 and 34 is less than zero, the corporation has overpaid its tax. Enter the amount of overpayment on Line 36.

**Line 37 - Estimated Income Tax**

A corporation may elect to apply part or all of the overpayment shown on Line 36 to its estimated income tax for the following year by entering the amount to be applied on Line 37. This election cannot be changed after the return is filed.

**Line 38 - Amount to be Refunded**

Enter the amount of overpayment to be refunded on Line 38. The amount to be refunded cannot exceed Line 36 minus Line 37.

**Signature and Verification**

An authorized officer must sign and date the completed tax form and enter his or her corporate title. If a paid preparer is used, the preparer must also sign and date the return and enter the firm's federal employer ID number, social security number, or PTIN as assigned by the IRS.

**Capital Stock, Surplus, and Undivided Profits - Schedule C**

In addition to the items listed on the schedule, include stock subscribed, deferred taxes, and all other surplus, reserves, deferred credits, and inventory valuation reserves, including amounts deferred as result of a LIFO valuation method (LIFO reserves), and liabilities except: (a) reserve for depreciation permitted for income tax purposes; (b) accrued taxes; (c) dividends declared; (d) definite and accrued legal liabilities (accounts, notes, mortgages payable, etc.). Deferred income resulting from customer advances for goods or services may be excluded from this base provided: (1) there exists a definite legal liability to render the service or deliver the goods; (2) no part of the advances has been reported or is reportable for income tax purposes; and (3) all related costs and expenses are reflected in the balance sheet as assets. Deferred income net of related deferred income taxes arising from the usual installment sale is not deductible because the corresponding liability would have been discharged at the time of delivery.

Indebtedness owed to a parent, subsidiary, or affiliated corporation is considered a part of the debtor corporation's capital and must be added to the debtor corporation's capital stock, surplus, and undivided profits. If the creditor corporation has borrowed a part of its capital from outside sources (i.e., sources other than a parent, subsidiary, or affiliated corporation), the debtor corporation may exclude a proportionate part of the debt determined on the basis of the ratio of the creditor corporation's capital borrowed from outside sources to the creditor corporation's total assets.

The creditor corporation, if subject to the tax, can deduct from its capital stock, surplus, and undivided profits the amount of indebtedness owed to it by a parent, subsidiary, or affiliated corporation to the extent that the indebtedness has been added by the debtor corporation on a return filed with this State. **The exclusion permitted the debtor corporation and the deduction permitted the creditor corporation are applicable only to indebtedness owed to or due from a parent, subsidiary, or affiliated corporation.**

The term "indebtedness" includes all loans, credits, goods, supplies, or other capital of whatsoever nature furnished by a parent, subsidiary, or affiliated corporation. The terms "parent," "subsidiary," and "affiliate" have the meanings specified in G. S. 105-130.6. The capital stock base may be reduced by the excess of assets of an international banking facility employed outside the United States over liabilities of the corporation owed to foreign persons.

**Cash Basis Corporations.** Corporations using the cash basis method of accounting for income tax purposes cannot compute the capital stock, surplus, and undivided profits base by this method. Assets and liabilities must be accrued and reported for franchise tax purposes.

### Investment in Tangible Property in N.C. - Schedule D

Include all tangible assets located in North Carolina at book value (original purchase price less reserve for depreciation permitted for income tax purposes). In addition to the types of property listed in the schedule, include all other tangible property owned such as supplies and tools. **LIFO valuation is not permitted for inventories.**

A deduction from the tangible property base is allowed for indebtedness incurred and existing by virtue of the purchase or permanent improvement of real estate located in North Carolina. The deductible amount cannot exceed the book value (cost less depreciation) of the real estate acquired or improvements made. Debts incurred in the purchase of personal property are not deductible even though the funds borrowed are secured by a lien against real estate. Indebtedness owed to a parent, subsidiary, or affiliated corporation constitutes a part of the debtor corporation's capital and, therefore, cannot be deducted from the tangible property tax base (except to the extent explained below) even though the indebtedness was incurred in the purchase or permanent improvement of real estate. The extent to which the indebtedness can be deducted is the amount of the total debt excluded by the debtor corporation from its capital stock, surplus, and undivided profits base by application of the creditor corporation's borrowed capital ratio.

### Air or Water Pollution Abatement and Recycling Resource Recovering Facilities

A corporation may deduct from Schedule C and Schedule D the cost of any air cleaning device or sewage or waste treatment plant and pollution abatement equipment described in G. S. 105-122(b). The cost of purchasing and installing equipment or constructing facilities for the purpose of recycling or resource recovering of or from solid waste or for the purpose of reducing the volume of hazardous waste generated may also be deducted from these bases. **A deduction is allowed only upon certification from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.**

### Appraised Valuation of Property in N.C. - Schedule E

Enter 55% of the appraised value, not book value, of all property listed for county ad valorem tax in North Carolina. This value includes the appraised value of all vehicles for which the county tax assessor has issued a billing during the income tax year. **Values are to be determined as of the dates specified on Schedule E of the return.**

### Other Information - Schedule F

**MUST BE COMPLETED  
BY ALL TAXPAYERS**

### Income Tax Rate Schedule

An S corporation that fails to timely file NC-NA agreement(s) for its nonresident shareholders will become liable for income tax at the individual income tax rates for single individuals on the portion of N.C. income attributed to those shareholders not complying with the filing requirement. For nonresident shareholders filing composite, the S corporation must separately compute each shareholder's state taxable income and pay any income tax due.

#### 2001 individual income tax rates for nonresident shareholders filing composite are:

- 6% of the first \$12,750
- 7% of the amount over \$12,750 but less than \$60,000
- 7.75% of the amount over \$60,000 but less than \$120,000
- 8.25% of the amount over \$120,000

### Ordinary Income (Loss) From Trade or Business - Schedule G

The computation of net income from trade or business activities follows the determination of ordinary income as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, effective January 1, 2001. S corporations must transfer the information from federal Form 1120S, U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation (Lines 1 through 21), to Schedule G, or attach a copy of the federal form along with all supporting schedules.

**Attach a copy of federal Form 1120S along with all supporting schedules only if the N.C. return is not completed in its entirety.**

### Computation of Income (Loss) - Schedule H

**Line 1.** Enter the ordinary income from trade or business activities as taken from federal Form 1120S, Line 21 or from N.C. Schedule G, Line 21.

**Line 2 - 6.** Add income or deduct losses on Lines 2 through 6 that are directly passed to the shareholders as shown on federal Schedule K, Lines 2 through 6.

**Line 7.** Add Lines 1 through 6 and enter total on Schedule H, Line 7 and on Schedule B, Line 9.

### Adjustments to Income (Loss) - Schedule I

Taxpayers must make certain adjustments to federal taxable income in arriving at North Carolina net income. Schedule I provides some of the adjustments required by statute but is not an all-inclusive list. The instructions for filing C Corporation tax returns, available from the Department's website, list all the provisions of G.S. 105-130.5.

**Note: In situations where differences exist between corporate income tax law and individual income tax law relative to the tax liability of any taxpayer, the requirements of the levying statute, i.e. individual income tax, will normally prevail over the law requiring informational reporting.**

**Deductions which are subject to personal limitations such as IRC Section 179, charitable contributions, and net economic losses are not deductible in the calculation of North Carolina Income Subject to Tax. Both resident and nonresident taxpayers wishing to deduct their pro rata share of these flow-through items must do so by filing a North Carolina personal income tax return, Form D-400.**

## Shareholders' Share of Income, Adjustments, and Credits - Schedule K

This schedule is provided primarily as a worksheet to the S corporation to summarize all the shareholders' shares of income, N.C. adjustments, and N.C. tax credits, and to show the amount of these items that are apportioned or allocated to nonresident shareholders. The name, address, and percentage of ownership of each shareholder must be listed on Schedule K. A North Carolina resident is required to report its full share of corporate income or loss. A nonresident shareholder, however, is only required to report to N.C. its share of apportioned and allocated income or loss.

The S corporation must give each shareholder a copy of Form NC K-1. The NC K-1 is the form used to report each shareholder's share of these items. The cumulative total of a given line on all of the shareholders' NC K-1s must equal the amount that the corporation reports in the Shareholders' Total column of Schedule K. A nonresident shareholder filing a composite income tax return must be provided with its share of net tax paid on its behalf by the S corporation.

## Shareholder's Share of North Carolina Income, Adjustments, and Credits - Schedule NC K-1

Schedule NC K-1 is the form used by the S corporation to report to each shareholder its share of the S corporation's income, adjustments, tax credits, etc. Prepare and give a Schedule NC K-1 to each entity that was a shareholder in the S corporation at any time during the year. Schedule NC K-1 must be provided to each shareholder on or before the due date of the S corporation tax return.

Shareholders that are **residents of N.C.** must be provided with the total amount of their proportionate share of the following items (Lines 1 - 5):

1. N.C. adjustments to federal taxable income, NC K-1, Lines 2 and 3.
2. Shareholder's distributive share of tax credits, NC K-1, Line 4. When reporting the distributive share of tax credits, a list of the amount and type of each tax credit must be provided to the shareholder.
3. Any tax withheld from nonwage compensation for personal services in N.C. by the S corporation, NC K-1, Line 5.

Shareholders that are **nonresidents of N.C.** must be provided with their share of the same items listed above for N.C. residents, along with the following items (Lines 6 and 7):

1. N.C. net income apportioned and allocated for business activities occurring outside of N.C., NC K-1, Line 6.
2. Any N.C. income tax paid by the S corporation on behalf of the nonresident shareholder, NC K-1, Line 7.

## Balance Sheet - Schedule L

### Federal Schedule M-1

Complete these schedules only if you do not attach a copy of federal 1120S, Schedule L and Schedule M-1, along with all supporting schedules.

## Analysis of N.C. Accumulated Adjustments Account, N.C. AAA - Schedule M-2

All corporations must maintain an "accumulated adjustments account" (AAA) for federal and state purposes. The N.C. accumulated adjustments account, N.C. AAA, may be different than the federal AAA for S-Corporations that were in existence prior to 1989 and for S-Corporations making adjustments under G.S. 105-130.5. The computation of the N.C. AAA and N.C. other adjustments account is made using the same procedures as the federal computation applying the North Carolina

amounts. See instructions for federal Form 1120S and IRC §1368.

**N.C. Other Adjustments Account.** The N.C. other adjustments account, N.C. OAA, is increased by N.C. tax-exempt income and reduced by N.C. nondeductible expenses related to N.C. tax-exempt income.

## Schedule N - Nonbusiness Income

Rents and royalties from real or tangible personal property, gains and losses, interest, dividends, patent and copyright royalties, and other kinds of income, if these income items are nonbusiness income, less related expenses are required to be allocated. (A detailed explanation of nonbusiness income is contained in the Franchise Tax and Corporate Income Tax Rules and Bulletins.)

**Rents and Royalties from Real and Tangible Property.** Net rents and royalties from **real property** located in this State are allocable to this State. Net rents and royalties from **tangible personal property** are allocable to this State:

- (1) if and to the extent that the property is utilized in this State, or
- (2) in their entirety if the corporation's commercial domicile is in this State and the corporation is not organized under the laws of, or is not taxable in, the state in which the property is utilized.

The extent of utilization of tangible personal property in a state is determined by multiplying the rents and royalties by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days of physical location of the property in the state during the rental or royalty period in the income year and the denominator of which is the number of days of physical location of the property everywhere during all rental or royalty periods in the income year. If the physical location of the property during the rental or royalty period is unknown or unascertainable by the corporation, tangible personal property is utilized in the state in which the property was located at the time the rental or royalty payer obtained possession.

**Gains or Losses on Disposition of Property.** Gains and losses from sales or other dispositions of **real property** located in this State are allocable to this State. Gains and losses from sales or other dispositions of **tangible personal property** are allocable to this State if:

- (1) the property had a situs in this State at the time of the sale, or
- (2) the corporation's commercial domicile is in this State and the corporation is not taxable in the state in which the property had a situs.

Gains and losses from sales or other dispositions of **intangible personal property** are allocable to this State if the corporation's commercial domicile is in this State.

**Interest and Dividend Income.** Interest income and dividend income, net of any dividends deducted in computing State net income or loss pursuant to G.S. 105-130.7, are allocable to this State if the corporation's commercial domicile is in this State.

**Royalties and Similar Income from Intangible Property.** Royalties or similar income received from the use of patents, copyrights, secret processes, and other similar intangible property are allocable to this State:

- (1) if and to the extent that the patent, copyright, secret process, or other similar intangible property is utilized in this State, or
- (2) if and to the extent that the patent, copyright, secret process, or other similar intangible property is utilized in a state in which the taxpayer is not taxable and the taxpayer's commercial domicile is in this State.

A patent, secret process, or other similar intangible property is utilized in a state to the extent that it is employed in production, fabrication, manufacturing, processing, or other use in the state or to the extent that

a patented product is produced in the state. If the basis of receipts from this intangible property does not permit allocation to states or if the accounting procedures do not reflect states of utilization, the intangible property is utilized in the state in which the taxpayer's commercial domicile is located.

A copyright is utilized in a state to the extent that printing or other publication originates in the state. If the basis of receipts from copyright royalties does not permit allocation to states or if the accounting procedures do not reflect states of utilization, the copyright is utilized in the state in which the taxpayer's commercial domicile is located.

## **Computation of Apportionment Factor - Schedule O**

All corporations, domestic or foreign, doing business in North Carolina must complete Schedule O in order to compute North Carolina taxable income.

### **Domestic Corporations - Part 1**

Domestic corporations and other corporations not apportioning franchise or income outside of N.C. must enter 100% in the area provided. Domestic corporations are those corporations or associations created or organized under the statutory laws of N.C. Foreign corporations doing business in N.C. but not taxable in another state must also enter 100% for its apportionment factor.

### **Multistate Corporations - Part 2**

A corporation having "business income" from business activity that is taxable both within and without N.C. is required to apportion its State net income or net loss. For purposes of allocation and apportionment, a corporation is taxable in another state if (i) the corporation's business activity in that state subjects it to a net income tax or a tax measured by net income, or (ii) that state has jurisdiction based on the corporation's business activity in that state to subject the corporation to a tax measured by net income regardless of whether that state exercises its jurisdiction. For purposes of this section, "business activity" includes any activity by a corporation that would establish a taxable nexus pursuant to 15 United States Code § 381.

All business income of corporations other than public utilities and excluded corporations must be apportioned to this State by multiplying the income by a fraction, the numerator of which is the property factor plus the payroll factor plus twice the sales factor, and the denominator of which is four. If the sales factor does not exist, the denominator is the number of existing factors. If a property or a payroll factor does not exist, the denominator is the number of existing factors plus one. **Calculate the apportionment factor to four places to the right of the decimal.**

### **Lines 1 through 8 - Property Factor**

The property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the average value of the corporation's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used in this State during the income year and the denominator of which is the average value of all the corporation's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used during the income year. The numerator includes not only inventories actually located in North Carolina but also inventories in transit with a North Carolina destination.

Property owned by the corporation is valued at its original cost. Property rented by the corporation is valued at eight times the net rent paid during the current income year. Net annual rent is the annual rent paid by the corporation less any annual rent received by the corporation from subrentals except that subrentals are not deductible when they constitute business income. Any property under construction or any property not actually used or operated in the corporation's business during the income year and any property the income from which constitutes nonbusiness income are excluded in the computation of the property factor.

The average value of property is determined by averaging the values at the beginning and end of the income year, but in all cases the Secretary may require the averaging of monthly or other periodic values during the income year if required to reflect properly the average value of the corporation's property. A corporation that ceases its operation in this State before the end of its income year for any reason whatsoever must use property values as of the first day of the income year and the last day of its operations in this State in determining the average value of property; however, the Secretary may require the averaging of monthly or other periodic values during the income year.

### **Lines 9 through 11 - Payroll Factor**

The payroll factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total compensation paid in this State during the income year by the corporation and the denominator of which is the total compensation paid everywhere during the income year. All compensation paid to general executive officers and all compensation paid in connection with nonbusiness income shall be excluded in computing the payroll factor. General executive officers include the chairman of the board, president, vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, comptroller, and any other officer serving in similar capacities.

Compensation is paid in this State if any of the following applies:

- (1) The individual's service is performed entirely within the State; or
- (2) The individual's service is performed both within and without the State, but the service performed without the State is incidental to the individual's service within the State.
- (3) Some of the service is performed in this State and the base of operations, or, if there is no base of operations, the place from which the service is directed or controlled, is in this State.
- (4) Some of the service is performed in this State and the base of operations or the place from which the service is directed or controlled is not in any state in which some part of the service is performed, but the individual's residence is in this State.

### **Lines 12 and 13 - Sales Factor**

The sales factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total sales of the corporation in this State during the income year, and the denominator of which is the total sales of the corporation everywhere during the income year. Receipts from any casual sale of property, receipts exempt from taxation, and the portion of receipts realized from the sale or maturity of securities or other obligations that represent a return of principal are excluded from both the numerator and the denominator of the sales factor. If a corporation is not taxable in another state on its business income but is taxable in another state only because of nonbusiness income, all sales are treated as having been made in this State.

Sales of tangible personal property are in this State if the property is received in this State by the purchaser. In the case of delivery of goods by common carrier or by other means of transportation, including transportation by the purchaser, the place at which the goods are ultimately received after all transportation has been completed is considered the place at which the goods are received by the purchaser. Direct delivery into this State by the taxpayer to a person or firm designated by a purchaser from within or without the State constitutes delivery to the purchaser in this State.

Other sales are in this State if any of the following applies:

- (1) The receipts are from real or tangible personal property located in this State.
- (2) The receipts are from intangible property and are received from sources within this State.
- (3) The receipts are from services and the income-producing activities are in this State.

**Excluded Corporations and Public Utilities - Part 3**

Special apportionment provisions apply to the business income of public utility corporations and excluded corporations. The respective tax statutes should be consulted for specific allocation requirements.

**Excluded Corporation.** Any corporation engaged in business as a building or construction contractor, a securities dealer, a loan company, or a corporation that receives more than fifty percent (50%) of its ordinary gross income from intangible property apportions its business income by using one sales factor only.

**Contractors.** A multistate building or construction contractor must use a one factor sales (gross receipts) formula to apportion its business income to this State. A building or construction contractor is a business so classified under the North American Industry Classification System.

**Air and Water Transportation.** All business income of an air or water transportation company is apportioned by the ratio of revenue-ton miles in North Carolina to total revenue-ton miles. A revenue-ton mile is one ton of passenger, freight, mail, or other cargo carried one mile; each passenger is deemed to weigh 200 pounds.

**Telephone Companies and Motor Carriers - Part 4**

**Telephone Companies.** All business income of a telephone company must be apportioned by multiplying the income by a fraction, the numerator of which is gross operating revenues earned in this State plus other revenue items attributed to this State specifically listed in G.S. 105-130.4(n) and the denominator of which is the total gross operating revenue from all business done by the company everywhere less uncollectible revenue.

**Motor Carriers.** All business income of a motor carrier of property or passengers must be apportioned by multiplying the income by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of vehicle miles in this State and the denominator of which is the total number of vehicle miles of the company everywhere. The words "vehicle miles" mean miles traveled by vehicles owned or operated by the company hauling property for a charge, carrying passengers for a fare, or traveling on a scheduled route.

Telephone companies and motor carriers complete the following worksheet and enter the factor computed on Schedule O, Part 4.

| <b>Computation of Apportionment Factor for Telephone Companies and Motor Carriers</b>   |          |
|---|----------|
| <b>A. Vehicle Miles Factor (For corporations whose business is the operation of a motor carrier of property or passengers)</b>        |          |
| 1. Number of vehicle miles traveled in N.C. ....  | _____    |
| 2. Total number of vehicle miles traveled everywhere .....  | _____    |
| <b>3. Percentage of Mileage to N.C. Factor</b><br><i>(Divide Line 1 by Line 2; enter amount here and on Schedule O, Part 4) .....</i> | _____ %  |
| <b>B. Gross Operating Revenue Factor (For corporations whose income is derived from the operation of a telephone company)</b>         |          |
| <b>1. Gross Operating Revenues in North Carolina</b>  |          |
| a. Gross operating revenue from local service in N.C. ....  | _____    |
| b. Gross operating revenue from toll services within N.C. ....  | _____    |
| c. N.C. portion of revenue from interstate toll services .....  | _____    |
| d. Gross operating revenues in N.C. from other services .....   | _____    |
| e. Total gross operating revenues assignable to N.C. <i>(Add Lines 1a - 1d)</i> .....   | _____    |
| f. N.C. uncollectible revenue .....   | (      ) |
| g. Total adjusted gross operating revenues assignable to N.C. <i>(Line 1e minus Line 1f)</i> .....                                    | _____    |
| <b>2. Gross Operating Revenues Everywhere</b>   |          |
| a. Total gross operating revenues .....   | _____    |
| b. Total uncollectible revenue .....  | _____    |
| c. Total adjusted gross revenues everywhere <i>(Line 2a minus 2b)</i> .....   | (      ) |
| <b>3. Gross Operating Revenue Factor</b><br><i>(Divide Line 1g by Line 2c; enter amount here and on Schedule O, Part 4) .....</i>     | _____ %  |

**Instructions and Forms for the NC-478 Series**

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**Specific Instructions for Schedule NC-NA, Nonresident Shareholder Agreement Form**

S corporations with nonresident shareholders are required to submit with the first North Carolina S corporation return an agreement from each nonresident shareholder. In the agreement, Schedule NC-NA, the nonresident agrees to be subject to the individual income tax laws of this State and to be liable for the tax on its pro rata share of S corporation income attributable to such individual in this State. A separate agreement is required for each nonresident including a separate agreement for each owner if the stock is jointly owned. Additional forms are available from the Department or from the Department's website.