2007

Connecticut Income Tax Booklet

This booklet contains information about Connecticut electronic filing and paper filing Form CT-1040EZ.

See Page T2 for more information and assistance in selecting the best filing method for you.

Enhanced electronic filing methods are now available through the new Taxpayer Service Center (*TSC*).

FILING
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CT-1040EZ



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Benefits of electronic filing:

- Refunds issued in 4 days
- Confidential filing 24 hours a day
- No calculations necessary
- Immediate proof of filing
- Optional direct deposit of refund
- Optional direct payment of tax

Visit our website at www.ct.gov/DRS for additional tax information and filing options.

Electronic filing on the TSC is available starting January 11, 2008.

File by Internet

Use our **free** and **secure Taxpayer Service Center** (*TSC*) to file your Connecticut income tax return (**Form CT-1040** or **Form CT-1040NR/PY**) over the Internet. No paper return or worksheet is required.

The *TSC* is an Internet-based program that enables you to use your computer to electronically file your Form CT-1040. To learn more about the *TSC*, visit the DRS website:



www.ct.gov/DRS

You are eligible to file your 2007 Connecticut income tax return over the Internet if **all** of the following are true:

- ☐ You filed a 2006 Connecticut income tax return; or You have never filed a Connecticut income tax return, but you have a valid Connecticut driver's license;
- ☐ Your filing status is the same as last year.
 - If your filing status changed from 2006, you may be able to file electronically through the *TSC-IND*. (For example, your filing status was single in 2006 but your filing status is head of household in 2007.) If the filing status you want to use is not displayed in the drop-down menu choice, you cannot file electronically through the *TSC-IND* this year, but you may be able to file electronically through e-file.
- ☐ You have no more than ten W-2 or 1099 forms that show Connecticut income tax withheld;
- ☐ You are **not** filing **Form CT-8379**, *Nonobligated Spouse Claim*, with your tax return; **and**
- ☐ You are not filing Form CT-1040CRC, Claim of Right Credit.

File by Telephone

File your Connecticut income tax return using your touch-tone telephone. It's fast and easy! Just fill in our simple Connecticut Telefile Tax Return.



You are eligible to *Telefile* your 2007 Connecticut income tax return if **all** of the following are true:

- ☐ You filed a 2006 Connecticut income tax return;
- ☐ Your filing status is the same as last year;
- ☐ You (and your spouse, if filing a joint return) were a Connecticut resident for the entire 2007 taxable year;
- ☐ You have no more than seven W-2 or 1099 forms that show Connecticut income tax withheld;
- Your name and address has not changed. However, if the label on the back of this book is not correct or if your name or address has changed, contact the DRS Registration Unit at 860-297-4962 (during business hours) one day prior to *Telefiling*;
- ☐ Your federal adjusted gross income is \$350,000 or less:
- ☐ You did **not** report federally taxable **Social Security benefits**:
- ☐ Your only Connecticut modification to federal adjusted gross income is a federally taxable refund of state and local income taxes;
- ☐ You did **not** make estimated Connecticut income tax payments or did **not** have an overpayment applied to the 2007 taxable year;
- ☐ You are **not** filing **Form CT-8379**, *Nonobligated Spouse Claim*, with your tax return;
- ☐ You are **not** claiming credit for income taxes paid to a qualifying jurisdiction;
- ☐ You are not filing Form CT-1040CRC, Claim of Right Credit;
- ☐ You do **not** have a federal alternative minimum tax liability; **and**
- ☐ You are **not** claiming an adjusted net Connecticut minimum tax credit.

If the label on the back cover of this booklet is not correct, contact the DRS Customer Service Center during business hours at 860-297-4962 one day prior to telefiling.

If you are not eligible to *Telefile*, you may qualify to file electronically using the Taxpayer Service Center (*TSC*). See *File by Internet*, at left.

To obtain a paper return, see Forms and Publications on the back cover of this booklet.

Steps to Electronically File

Step 1

Complete your federal income tax return.

Step 2

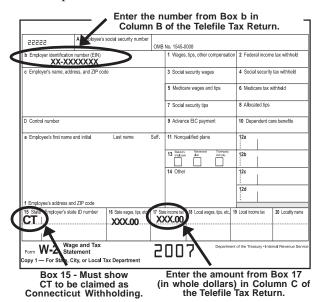
Enter the four-digit PIN assigned to you by DRS. A new PIN is assigned each year. When you access the *Telefile* or *WebFile* system through the Taxpayer Service Center (*TSC*), you will be advised where to find your PIN.

If you use the *TSC*, you are prompted to press 1 to enter your PIN or 2 to enter last year's federal adjusted gross income in place of your PIN.

For assistance, visit the DRS website at **www.ct.gov/DRS** or call 1-800-382-9463 (Connecticut calls outside the Greater Hartford area only) or 860-297-5962 (from anywhere) for prerecorded information.

Step 3

Gather all your W-2 and 1099 forms. Generally, you will receive these forms on or before January 31. You will be asked for the Federal Employer Identification Number and Connecticut income tax withheld as shown on this sample W-2.



Step 4

Round off all amounts to the nearest whole dollar. Round to the next lowest dollar all amounts that include 1 through 49 cents. Round to the next highest dollar all amounts that include 50 through 99 cents. The *TSC* accepts only whole dollar entries.

Step 5

Expecting a refund? Receive it faster by selecting direct deposit. You will be asked for the routing number and account number as shown on this sample check.

Name of Depositor			No. 101
Street Address		Date	
City, State, Zip Code			
Pay to the Order of		\$	
Name of your Bank			
Street Address			
City, State, Zip Code			
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outing Number	Account Number		

Step 6

Expecting to owe tax? There are three options available to pay your Connecticut income tax:

- 1. Use our **direct payment** system. Direct Payment Have the amount of tax due automatically withdrawn from your bank account. This option is **only** available at the time of filing.
- 2. Pay by **credit card**.

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After filing, call toll-free:

1-800-2PAY-TAX (1-800-272-9829); or

Visit: www.officialpayments.com

A 2.49% convenience fee will be charged by the credit card service provider.

3. Mail your **check** with the 2007 Payment Voucher. Payment is due on or before **April 15, 2008**.

Step 7

File by Telephone. Fill in Items 1 and 3 through 10 of the *Connecticut Telefile Tax Return* before you call the *Telefile* number.

File by Internet. If you are going to file Forms CT-1040, CT-1040EZ, or CT-1040NR/PY over the Internet, go to **www.ct.gov/DRS** and click on *TSC* to file your tax return.

Step 8

Record the confirmation number. Once you officially submit the return, you should receive a confirmation number at the end of the filing. This number is your official acknowledgment that your Connecticut income tax return has been filed.

Step 9

Keep your completed Connecticut income tax return, W-2 forms, and other tax statements for your records.

Do not mail the return to the Department of Revenue Services.

Connecticut Telefile Tax Return

2007 Telefile

Use your telephone to file. Do not mail.

Yo	ur Name(s)						
•	Quick Start Chec Complete federal re Fill in Items 1 throu Call 860-289-4TA	tturn. gh 10. 1B. Spouse's Social Security Number (if filing a joint return) 2 Personal Identification Number (PIN)					
3.	3. Filing Status: Your filing status must be the same as your federal income tax filing status for the 2007 taxable year. Confirm your filing status. The <i>Telefile</i> system will provide your 2006 filing status. Single Married filing jointly Married filing separately Head of household Civil union filing jointly Civil union filing separately Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child						
	 4. Federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your federal Form 1040EZ, Line 4; Form 1040A, Line 21; or Form 1040, Line 37						
	federal Form 1040, enter the amount reported on federal Form 1040, Line 10						
	Column A W-2 or 1099	Column B Column C Employer Identification Number From W-2 or 1099 Forms Connecticut Income Tax Withheld					
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	2nd	.00					
	3rd	.00					
	4th	.00					
	5th	.00					
	6th	.00					
	7th	.00					
8.	Enter total amount of taxes paid to your to See instructions on	wn on:					
9.	9. Individual Use Tax: See instructions on Page T7. Enter the individual use tax due if you purchased taxable goods or services and did not pay Connecticut sales tax on the purchase. If none enter "0."						
10.	10. Want your refund directly deposited or your tax due automatically withdrawn? Fill in Items 10A, 10B, and 10C (and 10D for direct payment).						
	10A. Account Type	10B. Routing Number					
	1 – Checking 2 – Savings	10C. Account Number					
		Complete Item 10D only if you want your tax due withdrawn at a future date. See instructions on Page T7.					
		10D. Enter the date you want your tax due withdrawn from your account (no later than April 15, 2008)					

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You are now ready to call the *Telefile* phone number.

Keep this return in front of you during the call. *Telefile* will calculate the next section for you. Be prepared to fill in the amounts calculated by *Telefile*.

Call 860-289-4TAX to Telefile 24 hours a day.

Telefile will compute your:	
11. Property tax credit	.00
12. Total 2007 Connecticut tax: Includes individual use tax and property tax credit, if any 12.	.00
13. Total Connecticut income tax withheld	.00
14. Tax due: See <i>Payment Options</i> below	.00
15. Overpayment of tax	.00
If you have an overpayment in Item 15, you may contribute all or a portion of your ove the designated funds listed below.	rpayment to one or more of
AIDS Research \$	
16. Total contributions	.00
17. Refund	.00
18. Confirmation number Telefile will assign you a 13-digit confirmation number. Do not hang up until you receive this number.	
Keep this 2007 Connecticut income tax return for your records. Write the date you successfully telefiled your return.	/ / 2008
Payment Options See Page T7 for more information.	

- 1. Pay by **direct payment** during your *Telefile* call by completing Items 10A, 10B, 10C, and 10D of the *Connecticut Telefile Tax Return*.
- 2. Pay by **credit card** by visiting: **www.officialpayments.com** or calling toll-free: **1-800-2PAY-TAX** (1-800-272-9829). You will be asked to enter the Connecticut Jurisdiction Code: 1777. A convenience fee will be charged by the service provider. The fee is 2.49% of your total tax payment.
- 3. Pay by **check** using the 2007 Connecticut Telefile Payment Voucher below.

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3. To ensure	e proper posting of your	payment, write SSN(s) (option	onal) and "2007 Telefile	" on your check.								U
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Individual Use Tax Schedule

Complete this schedule if you have a Connecticut individual use tax liability. You owe use tax if you purchased taxable goods or services during the taxable year and did not pay Connecticut sales tax on the purchases. Individual items with the purchase price of \$300 or more must be listed separately below. Although you do not need to list separately any individual item with a purchase price of less than \$300, the items are subject to tax and the total of the purchase prices of these items should be reported on Line A. Multiply the sales and use tax rate by the purchase price of the item and enter the result in Column E. You must enter "0" in Item 9 if no Connecticut use tax is due.

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column (G
Date of purchase	Description of goods or services	Retailer or service provider	Purchase price	CT tax due (.06 X Column D)		Balance due (Col. E – Col. F not less than ze	, but
A. Total of individual purchases under \$300 not listed above							00
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Total Individual Use Tax: Add amounts in Column G. Enter here and in Item 9 of the *Connecticut Telefile Tax Return* See **Informational Publication 2007(27)**, Q & A on the Connecticut Individual Use Tax, for more information.

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Completing the Connecticut Telefile Tax Return

- **1A.** Social Security Number (SSN): Enter your SSN.
- **1B. Spouse's SSN:** For a married filing joint return, enter your spouse's SSN. Enter your SSN and your spouse's SSN in the order your names appear on the label on the back of this booklet.
- **2. Personal Identification Number (PIN):** Enter the four-digit PIN assigned to you by DRS. Anew PIN is assigned each year. When you access the *Telefile* system, you will be advised where to find your PIN. If you do not know your PIN you may be able to access it during your *Telefile* call by pressing 2 when prompted for your PIN. You must provide your prior year federal adjusted gross income from Form CT-1040EZ or Form CT-1040, Line 1, or Connecticut Telefile Tax Return. Item 4.
- **3. Filing Status:** Check the **same** filing status box that you checked on your 2007 **federal** income tax return. If you are a civil union partner, your filing status for Connecticut income tax purposes will not match your federal income tax filing status. Any reference in this document to a spouse also refers to a party to a civil union recognized under Connecticut law.
- **4. Federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI):** Enter your federal **AGI** from your 2007 **federal** income tax return. This is the amount reported on **federal** Form 1040EZ, Line 4; **federal** Form 1040A, Line 21; or **federal** Form 1040, Line 37.
- **5. Refunds of State and Local Income Taxes:** Enter the amount of taxable refunds of state and local income taxes you **reported on Line 10** of your 2007 **federal** Form 1040. If Line 10 is blank or if you filed **federal** Forms 1040A or Form 1040EZ, **enter "0."**
- **6. Number of W-2 and 1099 Forms:** Enter the total number of W-2 and 1099 forms you received for the 2007 taxable year that show **Connecticut income tax withheld**. Include your spouse's W-2 and 1099 forms if you are filing a joint return.

You may not *telefile* this return if you received more than seven W-2 or 1099 forms that show Connecticut income tax withheld.

7. W-2 and 1099 Information: Verify that Box 15 of each W-2 shows Connecticut income tax withheld. See sample W-2 on Page T3.

Column B: Enter from each W-2 form the nine-digit Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) located in **Box b**. For each 1099, enter the payer's nine-digit FEIN. For unemployment compensation, this number is located directly below the address

for the Department of Labor. If the number is unclear or missing, contact your employer or payer.

Column C: Enter the Connecticut income tax withheld shown on each W-2 or 1099 form (from Form W-2, Box 17; Form W-2G, Box 14; Form 1099-R, Box 10; Form 1099-MISC, Box 16; or Form UC-1099G, Box 5).

8. Property Tax Paid

Auto 1 - Enter the **total** amount of property tax due and paid during 2007 to a Connecticut municipality on your motor vehicle.

Auto 2 - If your filing status is married filing jointly, civil union filing jointly, or qualifying widow(er) with dependent child, enter the **total** amount of property tax due and paid during 2007 to a Connecticut municipality on your second motor vehicle, if any.

Primary Residence - Enter the **total** amount of property tax due and paid during 2007 to a Connecticut municipality on your primary residence.

You may take credit against your 2007 Connecticut income tax liability for property tax payments you made on your primary residence and privately owned or leased motor vehicle to a Connecticut political subdivision. Generally, property tax bills due and paid during 2007 qualify for this credit. This includes any installment payments you made during 2007 that were due in 2007 and any installments you prepaid during 2007 due in 2008. Supplemental property tax bills due during 2007 or 2008 also qualify if paid during 2007. However, the late payment of any property tax bills or the payment of any interest, fees, or charges related to the property tax bill do not qualify for the credit. The maximum credit allowed is \$500 per return, regardless of your filing status, and may be limited based upon your Connecticut adjusted gross income. A husband and wife or civil union partners who file a joint Connecticut income tax return may include property tax bills for which each spouse is individually or jointly liable.

You may take credit for a leased motor vehicle if you had a written lease agreement for a term of more than one year and the property tax became due and was paid during 2007 (either by the leasing company or by you). Refer to your January 2008 billing statement from the leasing company to determine the amount of property taxes that may be eligible for the credit.

The *Telefile* System automatically calculates your allowable credit. See **Informational Publication 2007(21)**, *Q&A: Income Tax Credit for Property Taxes Paid to a Connecticut Political Subdivision*.

- **9. Individual Use Tax:** If you purchased taxable goods or services during 2007 and did not pay Connecticut sales tax, complete the *Individual Use Tax Schedule* on Page T6. Generally, this is for purchases made or shipped from outside of Connecticut. Enter the total individual use tax due in Item 9. **If none, enter "0."** See **Informational Publication 2007(27)**, *Q&A on the Connecticut Individual Use Tax*.
- **10. Direct Deposit or Direct Payment:** You can elect to have your refund directly deposited or your tax due automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account.

Expecting a refund? By completing Items 10A, 10B, and 10C, you can have your refund directly deposited into your checking or savings account.

If any of the bank information you supply for direct deposit does not match, a paper check will automatically be issued to you. Some financial institutions do not allow a joint refund to be deposited into an individual account.

Expecting to owe tax? By completing Items 10A, 10B, 10C, and 10D, you can have the funds automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. See *Pay by Direct Payment* below. Before calling *Telefile*, check with your financial institution to make sure an automatic withdrawal is allowed and to verify the correct routing and account numbers.

Enter your nine-digit bank routing number and your bank account number in Items 10B and 10C. Your bank routing number is the first nine-digit number printed on your check or savings withdrawal slip. Your bank account number generally follows the bank routing number. Do not include the check number as part of your account number. Bank account numbers can be up to 17 digits and must be numeric. See sample check on Page T3.

The *Telefile* System will provide you with the amounts to enter in Items 11 through 17.

- **11. Property Tax Credit:** This is the amount of credit you are allowed for property taxes you paid during 2007 on your motor vehicle, primary residence, or both.
- **12. Total 2007 Connecticut Tax:** This is your total Connecticut tax liability which includes individual use tax and property tax credit, if applicable.
- **13. Total Connecticut Income Tax Withheld:** This is the total Connecticut income tax withheld as shown on your W-2 and 1099 forms.
- **14. Tax Due:** This is the amount of tax you owe. Pay the amount in full with your return. If the amount you owe is \$1,000 or more, you may be subject to interest on the underpayment of estimated income tax.

You have until April 15, 2008, to pay by direct payment, credit card, or check. The 2007 Connecticut Telefile Payment Voucher must accompany all payments sent by mail.

Payment Options

Pay by Direct Payment:



Complete Items 10A, 10B, 10C, and 10D. By completing Item 10D, you can request to have the tax you owe withdrawn at a future date, but no later than April 15, 2008. **Direct Payments are accepted only during your** *Telefile* **call.**

Pay by Credit Card:









- Call Official Payments Corporation toll-free at 1-800-2PAY-TAX (1-800-272-9829). You will be asked to enter the Connecticut Jurisdiction Code: 1777; or
- Visit: www.officialpayments.com and select *Payment Center*.

A convenience fee will be charged by the credit card service provider. The fee is 2.49% of your total tax payment. You will be informed of the amount of the fee and you may elect to cancel the transaction. At the end of the transaction, you will be given a confirmation number for your records.

Your payment will be effective on the date you make the charge.

Pay by Mail: Make your check payable to **Commissioner of Revenue Services**. To ensure proper posting of your payment, write "2007 Telefile" and your SSN(s) (optional) on the front of your check. DRS may submit your check to your bank electronically. Mail the 2007 Connecticut Telefile Payment Voucher along with your payment to:

Department of Revenue Services PO Box 5088 Hartford CT 06102-5088

Failure to file or **failure to pay** the proper amount of tax when due **will result in penalty and interest charges**. It is to your advantage to file when your return is due whether or not you are able to make full payment.

- **15. Overpayment of Tax:** If you have an overpayment in Item 15, the *Telefile* System will ask if you would like to contribute all or a portion of the overpayment to one or more of the six designated funds. You may not know if you have overpaid your taxes until you make your *Telefile* call. If you wish to make a contribution, you should be prepared to identify the fund(s) and the amount of your contribution(s).
- **16. Total Contributions:** If you make contributions, the *Telefile* System will total the amount of contributions made to the six designated funds.
- **17. Refund:** This is the amount of your refund. You may choose to have this amount deposited directly into your bank account or have a check mailed to you.
- **18. Confirmation Number:** You **must** stay on the line for your 13-digit confirmation number. The *Telefile* system will provide you with a confirmation number. Write this number in Item 18. Once you have this confirmation number, your tax return is filed.

If you have a change or correction to your Connecticut income tax liability after you receive your confirmation number, you must complete **2007 Form CT-1040X**, *Amended Connecticut Income Tax Return*.

CONN-TAX

If you have a touch-tone phone, you can obtain important tax information anytime from CONN-TAX, the Department of Revenue Services' information line. Call **1-800-382-9463** (Connecticut calls outside the Greater Hartford calling area only) or **860-297-5962** (from anywhere), press **4** to be connected to the recorded tax information menu, then press **1** to select *Recorded Income Tax Information*. Enter the three-digit number next to the topic of your choice (listed below), or follow the prerecorded instructions. Visit our *Taxpayer Answer Center* online at **www.ct.gov/DRS** and select the *FAQ's - Taxpayer Answer Center* link on the left toolbar.

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Completing Form CT-1040 or Form CT-1040NR/PY

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Extended Telephone Hours for the Filing Season:

Monday, January 28...... until 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 4..... until 6:00 p.m.

Extended Telephone Personal Assistance and Walk-In Hours:

(25 Sigourney Street, Hartford Only)
Tuesday, April 15 until 7:00 p.m.