Alabama Department of Revenue

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Income Tax Filing Reminder: Reporting the Federal Income Tax Deduction

Montgomery—The Alabama Department of Revenue reminds individuals that the method used to calculate the federal income tax deduction on the Alabama Form 40 A and Form 40 was changed for the 2000 tax year.

"As every year, we encourage taxpayers to take a few extra moments to review their returns before mailing to avoid unnecessary errors that can delay their refunds, and this year is no exception," said State Revenue Commissioner Michael L. Patterson. "Although the 2000 tax year did not result in any tax law changes for individuals, there were several changes in the 2000 Alabama return format which we need to remind taxpayers of throughout the filing season."

The department offers these helpful tips in preparing your return when calculating the federal income tax deduction:

- Report any federal income tax refund received during Jan. 1, through Dec. 31, 2000, on Line 8 of the Alabama Form 40A and on Line 8 of the Alabama Form 40.
- Report the federal tax liability shown on your 2000 FEDERAL return on Line 11a of the Alabama Form 40A, or if itemizing, on Line 14a of the Alabama Form 40.

The federal tax liability amount will be found on federal line number

- if you file the federal form 1040EZ; 33 if you file the federal form 1040A; 51 plus line 54 if you file federal form 1040.
- Report any amount paid with your 1999 federal return during 2000. If you paid any income tax due for tax years other than 1999 during 2000, report that

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amount also. Report these amounts on Line 11b of the Form 40A, or if itemizing, on Line 14b of the Alabama Form 40. NOTE: THE FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAX SHOWN ON THE 2000 W-2 IS NO LONGER USED IN CALCULATING THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION ON THE ALABAMA RETURN.

• If you telefile your 2000 federal return, be sure to keep a record of the amount of your 2000 federal tax liability because you will need the federal tax liability amount to complete your Alabama return.

For more information concerning Alabama's income tax filing requirements, contact the Alabama Department of Revenue Individual and Corporate Tax Division at (334) 242-1000, or any one of the department's ten taxpayer service centers. Call or visit the nearest taxpayer service center (TSC) listed below.

Auburn TSC	3300 Skyway Drive	(334) 887-9549
Birmingham TSC	2024 3 rd Ave., North	(205) 323-6387
Decatur TSC	1403A Beltline Rd., SW	(256) 353-2932
Dothan TSC	344 North Oates St.	(334) 793-5803
Gadsden TSC	235 College St.	(256) 547-0554
Huntsville TSC	994 Explorer Blvd.	(256) 922-1082
Mobile TSC	857 Downtowner Blvd. Suite E	(334) 344-4737
Montgomery TSC	1021 Madison Ave	(334) 242-2677
Muscle Shoals TSC	3005 S. Wilson Dam Hwy.	(256) 383-4631
Tuscaloosa TSC	518 19 th Ave.	(205) 759-2571

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