

Line 7 – Military Service Deduction (including the National Guard and reserve component of the armed forces)

Important. The military service deduction and the military retirement income and/or survivor's benefits deduction are reported in two different places.

- You (and/or your spouse, if married filing jointly and both qualify) will report your active, National Guard and/or reserve military service income deduction here.
- You (and/or your spouse, if married filing jointly and both qualify) will report your military retirement income and/or survivor's benefits deduction on Schedule 2 under line 11, Other Deductions. See the instructions for *Military Retirement Income and Survivor's Benefits Deduction* on page 21.

The income on line 1 of Form IT-40 may include military pay from active duty, National Guard, and/or the reserve component of the armed forces (reserve). If it does, you may be eligible to take this deduction.

The deduction will be the actual amount of your active duty, National Guard, and/or reserve military income or \$5,000, whichever is less. If both you and your spouse received active, National Guard, and/or reserve military income, you may each claim the deduction for a maximum of \$10,000 (up to \$5,000 each).

Example 1. Louis earned \$25,000 from active service in the Army. Brooklynn, his wife, earned \$2,640 from the Indiana National Guard. Louis is eligible for the maximum \$5,000 deduction; Brooklynn is eligible for a \$2,640 deduction.

***Note.** If you served in the reserve or the Indiana National Guard during the tax year, and you were deployed and mobilized for full-time service, or during the period your Indiana National Guard unit was federalized, then you may be eligible to claim the *National Guard and Reserve Component Members Deduction*. See instructions for this deduction on page 22.

Example 2. Alec earned \$1,504 from his service in the National Guard. His unit was federalized in September of the year; he earned \$6,200 after being federalized. Alec is eligible to claim two deductions based on the income he earned. First, he will claim a \$1,504 military service deduction on his Schedule 2, Line 7. Second, he will claim the full \$6,200 income earned after his unit was federalized, on Line 11, using code #621.

Military income earned while in a combat zone is not taxable on your federal or state income tax returns. Since Indiana is not taxing this income, your combat zone income is not eligible for a deduction.

Example 3. Jim was on active duty the first month of the year. He was stationed in a combat zone the rest of the year. His military W-2 form shows the first month's regular military wage income of \$1,250 in Box 1. Only \$1,250 of his income is taxed on his federal (and Indiana) tax returns. Jim should claim a \$1,250 military deduction (the lesser of the income being taxed [\$1,250] or \$5,000).

Example 4. Mikayla is a member of the National Guard. She earned \$7,250 from service in the National Guard from Jan. 1 through Oct. 31. Her guard unit was federalized for full-time service on Nov. 1, and she earned an additional \$4,800 through Dec. 31 of the year.

Mikayla is eligible to claim both the *Military Service Deduction* and the *National Guard and Reserve Component Members Deduction*.

- First, she will claim the \$5,000 maximum military service deduction on Schedule 2, line 7, based on the \$7,250 income earned through Oct. 31.
- Second, she will claim the *National Guard and Reserve Components Deduction* of \$4,800 (full amount of income earned after her unit was federalized) under line 11.

Important. You **must** enclose your military W-2 form(s) if you are claiming this deduction.

For more information about this deduction see Income Tax Information Bulletin #27 at www.in.gov/dor/3650.htm.

Line 8 – Private School/Homeschool Deduction

You may be eligible for a deduction based on education expenditures paid for each dependent child who is enrolled in a private school or is homeschooled.

Dependent Child Qualifications

- Your dependent child must be eligible to receive a free elementary or high school education (K-12 range) in an Indiana school corporation;
- You must be eligible to claim the child as a dependent on your federal tax return; and
- The child must be your natural or adopted child or, if not, you must have been awarded custody of the child in a court proceeding making you the court appointed guardian or custodian of the child.

Education expenditure. This refers to any expenditures made in connection with enrollment, attendance, or participation of your dependent child in a private elementary or high school education program. The term includes tuition, fees, computer software, textbooks, workbooks, curricula, school supplies (other than personal computers), and other written materials used primarily for academic instruction or for academic tutoring, or both. The term does not include the delivery of instructional service in a home setting to your dependent child who is enrolled in a school corporation or a charter school.

A “private elementary or high school education program” means attendance at a nonpublic school (including a private school, a parochial school and a homeschool) in Indiana that satisfies a child’s obligation for compulsory attendance at a school.

The obligation for “compulsory attendance” means a child must be in attendance in a school (public and/or private) for a minimum of 180 days in a calendar year.

Note. No deduction will be available based on a child who is enrolled in school for a period of less than 180 days in a calendar year.

Figure your deduction. If you made an unreimbursed education expenditure during the year your deduction is:

- \$1,000; multiplied by
- the number of qualified dependent children for whom you made education expenditures.

Example. Greg and Constance have three children ages 7, 9 and 11. The two oldest children attend a private school. The youngest child attends the neighborhood public school. The parents purchased schoolbooks for all three children. They will be eligible for a \$2,000 deduction (the youngest does not qualify as he attends a public school).

Note. A qualifying child may be claimed for this deduction only once per year. For example, if a husband and wife are married and filing separately, whichever parent is eligible to claim the child as a dependent for exemption purposes is eligible to claim this deduction.

For more information about this deduction, see Income Tax Information Bulletin #107 at www.in.gov/dor/3650.htm.

Line 9 – Indiana Net Operating Loss Deduction

You may take a deduction for the Indiana portion of the federal net operating loss deduction (NOL) you added back on line 2 of Schedule 1. (This will be a net operating loss deduction from an earlier year(s) carried forward to 2019.)

Complete Schedule IT-40NOL to determine the amount available to be deducted this year. Make sure to enter the amount you are eligible to deduct as a positive figure.

Note. It is possible to have an Indiana NOL without also having a federal NOL. See Schedule IT-40NOL, which can be found at www.in.gov/dor/6524.htm, for more information.

Enclose Schedule A from federal Form 1045 and a completed Indiana Schedule IT-40NOL when claiming this deduction.

Also, maintain with your records a copy of the federal Form 1040/1040SR from the loss year as the department can require you to provide this information at a later date.

Line 10 – Nontaxable Portion of Unemployment Compensation

You may be eligible for a deduction if you reported unemployment compensation on your federal income tax return. Complete the worksheet on the next page to see if you are eligible. Make sure to enclose your 1099G(s) if you claim the deduction.

Important. Do not include any unemployment compensation issued by the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board on line 1 of the worksheet. Instead, see the instructions for the *Railroad Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Deduction* on page 23 for more information.

Line 11 – Other Deductions

Each of the following deductions has been assigned a 3-digit code number. When claiming the deduction on Schedule 2 under line 11, write the name of the deduction, the three-digit code number and the amount claimed.

Civil Service Annuity Deduction 601

The income on line 1 of Form IT-40 may include federal civil service annuity income. If it does, you may be eligible to take a deduction if you were at least 62 years of age by the end of the tax year and/or a surviving spouse of a civil service annuitant.

For each civil service annuitant, the deduction is limited to:

- the lesser of the amount of taxable civil service annuity income included in federal adjusted gross income or \$16,000,
- less all amounts of Social Security income and tier 1 and tier 2 Railroad Retirement income (issued by the Railroad Retirement Board) received by the civil service annuitant.

Example. The taxable amount of your civil service annuity is \$6,000. You received \$1,200 in Social Security income. You are age 67.

Here is how to figure your deduction.

Lesser of the taxable amount of the annuity or \$16,000.....	\$6,000
Total of Social Security/tier 1 & tier 2 Railroad Retirement income.....	- \$1,200
Allowable deduction	\$4,800

If you and your spouse both received a civil service annuity, you may each be eligible to take this deduction for a maximum of up to \$16,000 per qualifying person. Each of you must figure your deduction separately.

Example. Matthew and Claire, both age 68, file a joint federal and state income tax return. They each receive a civil service annuity and Social Security income.

Matthew’s taxable civil service annuity is \$13,700; he also received \$17,500 in Social Security income. Since the Social Security income he received is greater than the taxable amount of his annuity, he is not eligible for a deduction.