

During the period you were deployed or mobilized for full time service, or
During the period your Indiana National Guard unit was federalized.

* Military income received due to service 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 this deduction.

What is qualified military income?

Qualified military income is military wages paid:

- to a member of a reserve component of the armed forces or the Indiana National Guard,
- for the period during the member's full-time service on involuntary orders in a reserve component of the armed forces or the period when Indiana National Guard unit was federalized.

Note. You cannot claim both this deduction and the *Military service deduction* (see page 19) based on the same income. See the following example.

Example. Brandon is a member of the Indiana National Guard.

- From January through Oct. 15, 2011, Brandon earned \$6,000 from the guard.
- His unit was federalized on Oct. 16, 2011. He earned \$7,000 from that point through Dec. 1, 2011.
- His unit was assigned to a combat zone on Dec. 2, 2011, and he earned \$3,000 from then until the end of the year.
- Brandon's military W-2 shows \$13,000 in *Box 1, Wages, tips, other compensation* (the combat zone income is not included in Box 1 because it is not taxable).

Brandon is eligible for both Indiana military deductions. First, he will claim the \$5,000 maximum military service deduction on Schedule 2, line 7, based on the \$6,000 income earned through October 15. Then, he will claim the National Guard and reserve components deduction of \$7,000 (full amount of income earned after his unit was federalized) under line 11. Note: He will not deduct the \$3,000 income earned while stationed in a combat zone because it was not taxed to begin with.

Military withholding statements must be attached to the tax return when claiming this deduction.

Enter code 621 on Schedule 2 under line 11 if claiming this deduction.

Private school/homeschool deduction 626

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 proceed-

ing 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 2011 your deduction is:

- (1) \$1,000; multiplied by
- (2) 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.

How to report the deduction. If the private school or homeschool is registered with the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), enter the school's name and identifying number assigned by the IDOE.

Examples.

- On Schedule 2 line 11a enter "XYZ Homeschool 019999Z" in the "Enter deduction name" box, followed by code no. 626 and the amount of the deduction.
- If the school is not registered with the IDOE, just enter the name "XYZ Homeschool" in the "Enter deduction name" box, followed by code no. 626 and the amount of the deduction.

- If the school has no designated name, enter “private school/home-school” in the “Enter deduction name” box, followed by code no. 626 and the amount of the deduction.

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

Qualified patents income exemption deduction 622

Some of the income from qualified patents included in federal taxable income may be exempt from Indiana adjusted gross income tax. A qualified patent is a utility patent or a plant patent issued after Dec. 31, 2007, for an invention resulting from a development process conducted in Indiana. The term does not include a design patent.

The exemption includes licensing fees or other income received for the use of the patent, royalties received for the infringement, receipts from the sale of a qualified patent, and income from the taxpayer’s own use of the patent to produce the claimed invention.

Complete Schedule IN-PAT and enclose with your tax return when claiming this deduction. You may get Schedule IN-Pat at www.in.gov/dor/4546.htm.

For more information about this deduction see Income Tax Information Bulletin #104 at www.in.gov/dor/3650.htm.

Enter code 622 on Schedule 2 under line 11 if claiming this deduction.

Railroad unemployment and sickness benefits 624

Benefits issued by the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board are not taxable to Indiana.

Deduct unemployment and/or sick pay benefits issued by the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board on this line if:

- You included these benefits as taxable income on your federal tax return, and
- You did not already deduct these benefits on Schedule 2, lines 5 and/or 6.

Do not include any supplemental sick pay benefits on this line.

Make sure to keep the statements (such as Form 1099G) issued by the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board as the Department may request them at a later date.

Enter code 624 on Schedule 2 under line 11 if claiming this deduction.

Recovery of deductions 616

You are not eligible for this deduction if you did not complete the “other income” line on your federal Form 1040.

Generally, Indiana **does not** allow you to claim itemized deductions from federal Schedule A. However, if you reported *recovered* itemized deductions as “other income” on line 21 of your federal Form 1040, enter that amount on this line.

A *recovery* is a return of an amount you deducted in an earlier year. The most common recoveries are refunds (see Schedule 2, line 3),

reimbursements and rebates of deductions previously itemized on federal Schedule A.

Enter code 616 on Schedule 2 under line 11 if claiming this deduction.

Solar powered roof vent or fan deduction 623

An Indiana resident may be eligible for a deduction up to \$1,000 if a solar powered roof vent or fan was installed on a building owned or leased by the individual. A *solar powered roof vent or fan* is a roof vent or fan that is powered by solar energy and used to release heat from a building.

The deduction must be claimed in the installation year, and is limited to the **smaller** of:

- One-half of the amount paid for labor and materials for the installation of a solar powered roof vent or fan, or
- \$1000.

Important. When claiming this deduction, maintain with your records the following information (as the Department can require you to provide this information at a later date):

- The installation date(s),
- Proof of your costs for the installation of a solar powered roof vent or fan, and
- A list of the persons or corporation that supplied labor or materials for the installation of the solar powered roof vent or fan.

Enter code 623 on Schedule 2 under line 11 if claiming this deduction.

Schedule 3: Exemptions

Important. Keep detailed information about the exemption(s) you are claiming, such as full name(s), age(s), Social Security number(s), etc. The Department can require you to provide this information at a later date.

Line 1 – Exemptions

You are allowed \$1,000 for each exemption claimed on your federal return. Enter in the box on line 1 the total number of exemptions claimed on your federal return. Multiply \$1,000 by that number, and enter the answer here.

Example. John and Lisa have a 12-year-old daughter. On John and Lisa’s joint federal return they claim themselves and their daughter as exemptions. They’ll enter 3 in the box on line 1 for a total of \$3,000.

If you do not have to file a federal return, you will need to complete a “sample” federal return to see how many federal exemptions you are allowed to claim.

Important. If no exemption is claimed on your federal return, you can still claim yourself (even if you are claimed on a parent’s or guardian’s return).

Line 2 – Additional exemption for dependent child

Important: The new Schedule IN-DEP must be filed when claiming this exemption. Keep reading to find instructions for this schedule.