



2003

**NEW JERSEY
CORPORATION
BUSINESS TAX FORMS
FOR BANKING AND
FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS**

This Packet Contains:

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A Message to the Taxpayer

The 2003 New Jersey Corporation Business Tax Return for Banking and Financial Corporations, Form BFC-1, and instructions are included in this packet. As indicated on the top of page 1 of the tax form, this packet should be used only for accounting periods ending on and after July 31, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

As part of the Business Tax Reform Act, P.L. 2002, Chapter 40, a Study Commission has been created to review the Corporation Business Tax and to make recommendations to modernize it. As part of that process, the Division will be gathering additional statistical information from the returns filed, including information from Schedule A and Schedule A-4. All taxpayers are requested to fully complete these schedules on state forms rather than attaching separate schedules.

Taxpayers requesting an extension to file the BFC-1 must now complete the BFC-200-T, Tentative Return and Application for Extension of Time to File the New Jersey Banking and Financial Corporation Tax Return.

The Annual Report filing requirements have not changed for Financial Businesses filing the BFC-1 return. Their Annual Report and the related payment must be filed directly with the Business Support Services Bureau in the Division of Revenue. However, Banking Corporations, defined in NJSA 54:10A-36 filing the BFC-1 return, **are not** required to file the Annual Report since they are regulated by the Department of Banking and Insurance. General questions regarding the Annual Report filing requirements may be directed to (609) 292-5300.

If you need additional information or assistance in completing this return, please call the Special Audit Section at (609) 292-7193 for Banking Corporations or (609) 984-2918 for Financial Corporations or write to the Division of Taxation, Special Audit Section, PO Box 271, Trenton, NJ 08695-0271.

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DIVISION OF TAXATION - CORPORATION TAX

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BANKING AND FINANCIAL BUSINESS TAX RETURN (Form - BFC-1)

NOTE: These instructions are applicable only to taxpayers filing on form BFC-1.

1. Please read all instructions carefully before executing returns.

- (a) Statutory references are to New Jersey Statutes Annotated and indicate, unless otherwise designated, the section of the Corporation Business Tax Act, as amended and supplemented, on which the instruction is based. For information, forms, etc., address all requests to the Division of Taxation, PO Box 271, Trenton, New Jersey 08695-0271.
- (b) Every taxpayer must insert its **FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER** on page 1 of the return.
- (c) Provide the remaining information requested on the top portion of the return. The principal business activity code should be taken from the taxpayer's Federal tax return. Be sure to provide the location of the corporate books as well as a contact person and telephone number.

2. All schedules and questions, unless permission to omit or substitute for same is indicated on the return form, must be answered. If the answer to any item is "No" or "None", write "No or None". Do not merely leave the item blank. Failure to observe this rule will render the return incomplete and the same will not be considered filed until such information has been submitted.

3. (a) Schedule of Due Dates for Financial Corporations Only.

If accounting period ends on	July 31	August 31	Sept. 30	Oct. 31	Nov. 30	Dec. 31
Due Date for filing is:	Nov. 15	Dec. 15	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	March 15	April 15
If accounting period ends on:	Jan. 31	Feb. 28	March 31	April 30	May 31	June 30
Due date for filing is:	May 15	June 15	July 15	August 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15

BANKING CORPORATIONS MUST REPORT ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS - N.J.S.A. 54:10A-34.

Unless otherwise indicated, calendar or fiscal accounting or base year shall mean the same calendar, fiscal, or other accounting period upon which the taxpayer is required to report to the United States Treasury Department for Federal Income Tax purposes. All fiscal or accounting periods must end on the last day of the month, unless specific written authority is granted to taxpayer by the Federal Internal Revenue Service to use any other period-ending date. For taxpayers using a 52-53 week accounting year for Federal Income Tax purposes, see N.J.A.C. 18:7-2.3.

(b) NEW CORPORATIONS:

- (1) Every New Jersey Banking or Financial Corporation acquires a taxable status under the New Jersey Corporation Business Tax Act beginning on the date of its incorporation, regardless of whether it had assets or conducted any business activities. A tax return must be filed for each fiscal period, or part thereof beginning on

the date of incorporation in New Jersey and no return may cover a period exceeding twelve (12) months, even by a day. The appropriate due dates will be found in the schedule of due dates shown in paragraph (a) above.

A newly chartered banking corporation or a newly authorized foreign financial corporation which did not commence doing business in New Jersey during the period covered by its first return, must file form CBT-100 as a regular corporation. All others must file returns on Form BFC-1.

- (2) Every corporation that elects to be a New Jersey S Corporation must file a "New Jersey S Corporation or New Jersey QSSS Election" (Form CBT-2553) within one calendar month subsequent to the Federal S Corporation filing requirement.

- (3) Every corporation which incorporates, qualifies or otherwise acquires a taxable status in New Jersey and which has adopted a fiscal year other than December 31, shall advise the Division of Taxation promptly of the date of such accounting period. If no such advice is received on or before April 15, 2004 the taxpayer will be deemed "delinquent" if no return is filed on or before April 15, 2004.

- 4. (a) **PAYMENT OF TAX:** Make remittance payable to "State of New Jersey - BFC" and forward with return to Division of Taxation - BFC, Revenue Processing Center, PO Box 247, Trenton, NJ 08646-0247. **MAKE OUT A SEPARATE REMITTANCE FOR EACH RETURN. Do not remit the tax for two or more returns in one check.**

- (b) All corporations are required to make installment payments of estimated tax. Generally, these payments are remitted with the form BFC-150. Refer to instruction 47 for further information.

- 5. **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS:** The Division of Revenue has established procedures to allow the remittance of tax payments through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Taxpayers with a prior year's liability of \$20,000 or more in any one tax are required to remit all tax payments using EFT. If you have any questions concerning the EFT program, call (609) 984-9830 or write to N.J. Division of Revenue, EFT Section, PO Box 191, Trenton, NJ 08646-0191.

- 6. **PERSONAL LIABILITY OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:** Any officer or director of any corporation who shall distribute or cause to be distributed any assets in dissolution or liquidation to the stockholders without having first paid all corporation franchise taxes, fees, penalties and interest imposed upon said corporation, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 14A:6-12, N.J.S.A. 54:50-18 and other applicable provisions of law, shall be personally liable for said unpaid taxes, fees, penalties and interest. Compliance with N.J.S.A. 54:50-13 is also required in the case of certain mergers, consolidations and dissolutions.

7. EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RETURN/INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM BFC-200-T:

- (a) **AUTOMATIC EXTENSION:** Where a tentative return, Form BFC-200-T, and tax payment are timely and properly filed, it is the policy of the Division of Taxation to grant an extension of no more than five (5) months for filing the BFC-1.

The return must include the computation of tax liabilities on lines 1 and 2, the Key Corporation AMA and Throw Out payments on line 3 and line 4 and the Tentative Professional Fees on lines 5 and 6 and must be submitted with payment of the total amount due as reflected on line 9. The tentative return must be postmarked on or before the original due date of the tax return.

If a Key Corporation is remitting the AMA threshold amount for an affiliated group with the BFC-200-T, Form 401-T is required to be submitted electronically. Refer to www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/cbtelec.htm for filing instructions.

- (b) Request for extension of time for filing a return must be signed by an officer of the corporation, an accountant authorized to prepare this return, or any duly authorized agent of the taxpayer. Tax preparers who fail to sign the return and provide their assigned tax identification number shall be liable for a \$25 penalty for each failure. If the tax preparer is not self-employed, the name of the tax preparer's employer and the employer's tax identification number should also be provided.
- (c) Where a request for extension is duly made, it will be granted by the Division. Approved extensions will not be confirmed in writing.
- (d) **MINIMUM TAX:** see instruction 11(b).
- (e) **INSTALLMENT PAYMENT:** Any taxpayer with a tax liability of \$500 on line 1, may make a payment of 50% of line 1 in lieu of making the installment payments otherwise required. Taxpayers that report a tax liability greater than \$500 on line 1 should not make an entry on line 2 and are required to make installment payments as indicated in instruction 47. Any taxpayer with Professional Corporation Fee liabilities at line 5 must pay an installment payment of 50% of line 5.

(f) **PENALTIES AND INTEREST**

- (1) **Interest** - The annual interest rate is 3% above the average predominant prime rate. Interest is imposed each month or fraction thereof on the unpaid balance of tax from the original due date to the date of payment. At the end of each calendar year, any tax, penalties and interest remaining due will become part of the balance on which interest will be charged. The interest rates assessed by the Division of Taxation are published in the quarterly issues of the *New Jersey State Tax News*. To obtain a copy, refer to the instructions on page 14.

NOTE: The average predominant prime rate is the rate as determined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, quoted by commercial banks to large businesses on December 1st of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which payment was due or as redetermined by the Director in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:48-2.

- (2) **Insufficiency Penalty** - If the amount paid with the Tentative Return, Form BFC-200-T, is less than 90% of the tax liability computed on Form BFC-1, or in the case of a taxpayer whose preceding return covered a full 12

month period, is less than the amount of the tax computed at the rates applicable to the current accounting year but on the basis of the facts shown and the law applicable to the preceding accounting year, the taxpayer may be liable for a penalty of 5% per month or fraction thereof not to exceed 25% of the amount of underpayment from the original due date to the date of actual payment.

8. (a) **CONSOLIDATED RETURNS NOT PERMITTED:** A corporation which is included in a consolidated Federal Income Tax Return must complete **all schedules** on its own separate basis, and attach to its return, a copy of the Affiliations Schedule, Form 851, which it filed with U.S. Form 1120 for Federal Income Tax purposes.

- (b) **FEDERAL S CORPORATIONS:** Federal S Corporations which have not elected to be New Jersey S Corporations must complete this return as though no election had been made under Section 1362 of the Internal Revenue Code. Schedule S-1 must be completed and a copy of Form 1120S as filed must be submitted in lieu of completing lines 1 through 27 on Schedule A of the BFC-1. New Jersey S Corporations must file the New Jersey S Corporation Business Tax Return, CBT-100S.

9. **ACCOUNTING METHOD:** The return must be completed using the same basis, cash, accrual or other basis that was employed in the taxpayer's Federal Income Tax Return.

10. **RIDERS:** Where space is insufficient, attach rider in form of original typewritten sheets. Write only on one side of sheet.

11. **TAX RATES:**

- (a) For taxpayers with Entire Net Income (Page 1, line 1) greater than \$100,000, the tax rate is 9% (.09) on adjusted entire net income or such portion thereof as may be allocable to New Jersey.

For taxpayers with Entire Net Income (Page 1, line1) of \$100,000 or less, the tax rate is 7.5% (.075) on adjusted entire net income or such portion thereof as may be allocable to New Jersey. Tax periods of less than 12 months qualify for the 7.5% rate if the prorated entire net income does not exceed \$8,333 per month.

For taxpayers with Entire Net Income (Page 1, line1) of \$50,000 or less, the tax rate is 6.5% (.065) on adjusted net income or such portion thereof as may be allocable to New Jersey. Tax periods of less than 12 months qualify for the 6.5% rate if the prorated entire net income does not exceed \$4,166 per month.

- (b) **MINIMUM TAX:** The minimum tax is \$500, provided however that for a taxpayer that is a member of an affiliated or controlled group (as per sections 1504 or 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) which has a total payroll of \$5,000,000 or more for the return period, the minimum tax shall be \$2,000. Tax periods of less than 12 months are subject to the higher minimum tax if the prorated total payroll exceeds \$416,667 per month. Total payroll refers to the total payroll of the affiliated group rather than total New Jersey payroll of a single corporation. Taxpayers that are members of an affiliated or controlled group must submit a schedule of payroll per member and a copy of the taxpayer's federal affiliations schedule, Form 851, with the return. **The minimum tax cannot be prorated. Zero (0) returns are not permitted.**

12. **WHO MAY BE SUBJECT TO TAX:** Any domestic or foreign corporation, joint-stock company or association and any business conducted by a trustee or trustees wherein interest or

ownership is evidenced by a certificate of interest or ownership or similar written instrument is subject to tax. This includes limited partnership associations organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 42:3-1 et seq. and foreign limited partnership associations. No new limited partnership associations shall be formed in New Jersey after September 21, 1988. In general, limited liability companies are required to file for New Jersey purposes in the same manner that they report for Federal purposes.

13. CORPORATIONS REQUIRED TO FILE THIS RETURN:

Every corporation existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and every foreign corporation which (1) holds a general Certificate of Authority to do business in this State issued by the Secretary of State; or (2) holds a certificate, license or other authorization issued by any other State department or agency, authorizing the company to engage in corporate activity within this State; or (3) derives income in this State; or (4) employs or owns capital within this State; or (5) employs or owns property in this State; or (6) maintains an office in this State, who, in addition, qualifies as one of the following: (a) a banking corporation defined at N.J.S.A. 54:10A-36, or (b) a financial corporation defined at N.J.A.C. 18:7-1.16. Taxpayer must complete Schedule A-5 and submit it attached to the BFC-1. See instruction 21. A foreign corporation that is a partner of a New Jersey partnership is deemed doing business in the state and should file a return.

14. SIGNATURE: Each return must be signed by an officer of the corporation authorized to act to the effect that the statements contained therein are true. The fact that an individual's name is signed on the return shall be prima facie evidence that such individual is authorized to sign the return on behalf of the corporation. Tax preparers who fail to sign the return or provide their assigned tax identification number shall be liable for a \$25.00 penalty for each such failure. If the tax preparer is not self-employed, the name of the tax preparer's employer and the employer's tax identification number should also be provided. In the case of a corporation in liquidation or in the hands of a receiver or trustee, certification shall be made by the person responsible for the conduct of the affairs of such corporation.

15. FINAL DETERMINATION OF NET INCOME BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

Any change made by the Internal Revenue Service which is attributable to the net income of the taxpayer corporation, whether the change is made on examination of Corporation Income Tax Return Form 1120, Form 1120S, or any other form used for reporting income for Federal tax purposes or any stockholder's return in which the taxpayer's net income or any portion thereof is reported, is required to be reported to the Division on an amended return within ninety (90) days.

FEDERAL/STATE TAX AGREEMENT: The New Jersey Division of Taxation and the Internal Revenue Service have entered into a Federal/State agreement for the mutual exchange of tax information to verify the accuracy and consistency of information reported on Federal and New Jersey tax returns.

16. SCHEDULE A - COMPUTATION OF ENTIRE NET INCOME:

Every taxpayer must complete this schedule on the form provided. In lieu of completing lines 1 to 28, Federal S Corporations must submit a copy of the corresponding Federal Income Tax return. See Instruction 31. For New Jersey tax purposes, each such corporation will be taxed on the basis of its entire net income in the same manner and to the same extent as if no Federal income tax election were per-

missible or had been made. Refer to instruction 8.

(a) **(1) GENERAL:** Where the corporation has filed a Federal Income Tax Return on its own separate basis, the figures shown at lines 1 to 28 must be the same as lines 1 to 28 on page 1, U.S. Federal Income tax Return, Form 1120.

(2) Where the corporation has not filed a separate Federal Income Tax Return, or where the figures shown at lines 1 to 28 are not the same as lines 1 to 28 respectively, on page 1, U.S. Federal Income Tax Return, taxpayer must explain and reconcile on rider.

(3) CONSOLIDATED RETURNS ARE NOT PERMITTED: A corporation which is included in a consolidated Federal Income Tax Return must complete lines 1 to 39 on its own separate basis without consolidation with any other corporation.

(b) **Lines 8 and 9:** Add rider or schedules showing same information shown on Federal Form 1120, schedule D, and/or Form 4797.

(c) **Line 28:** This line must agree with line 28, page 1 of the taxpayer's unconsolidated Federal Form 1120 or 1120-A whichever is applicable. 1120S filers which have not elected to be New Jersey S Corporations must report the amount from line 7, Schedule S-1 of the BFC-1.

(d) **Line 29:** Include any interest income that was not taxable for Federal Income Tax purposes, and was not included in total income reported on line 28, Schedule A.

(e) **Line 30:** Enter the total amount of interest deducted on Schedule A that was paid to related members and reported on Schedule G, Part I.

(f) **Line 31:** Enter the total taxes paid or accrued to the United States, a possession or territory of the United States, a state, a political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia, or to any foreign country, state, province, territory or subdivisions thereof, on or measured by profits or income, business presence or business activity, including any foreign withholding tax, or any sales and use tax paid by a utility vendor, taken as a deduction in Schedule A and reflected in line 28. Refer to instruction 29.

(g) **Line 32:** Enter the depreciation and other adjustments from Schedule S. (Refer to instruction 44).

(h) **Line 33(a): DEDUCTION FOR IRC SECTION 78 GROSS-UP:** The portion of any IRC Section 78 gross-up included in dividend income on line 4, Schedule A that is not excluded from entire net income on line 37, may be treated as deduction. Attach a copy of federal foreign tax credit form 1118.

Line 33(b): Report amounts of (1) adjustments not otherwise specifically provided for, (2) gross income, less deductions and expenses in connection therewith, from sources outside the United States, not included in Federal taxable income, and (3) the add back of any deductions for research and experimental expenditures, to the extent that those research and experimental expenditures are qualified research expenses or basic research payments for which an amount of credit is claimed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1993,c.175 (C.54:10A-5.24) unless those research and experimental expenditures are also used to compute a federal credit claimed pursuant to section 41 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. s.41.. Attach separate riders explaining fully such items.

Line 33(c): Enter the net effect of the elimination of non-operational activity or non-unitary partnership income and expenses from Schedule O, Part I, line 36.

Line 33(d): Enter the total amount of interest and intangible expenses and costs deducted on Schedule A that was paid to related members and reported on Schedule G, Part II.

- (i) **Line 35:** A net operating loss for a taxable year may be carried forward as a net operating loss deduction to a succeeding year. A net operating loss is the excess of allowable deductions over gross income used in computing entire net income. Neither a net operating loss deduction nor the dividend exclusion is an allowable deduction in computing a net operating loss. The statute authorizes a carryover of the deduction for seven years. Report net operating loss information on Schedule A-1. Refer to instruction 17.

The deduction for a net operating loss carryover is prohibited for periods beginning in calendar years 2002 and 2003. Any net operating loss deduction that is disallowed due to this prohibition shall be extended by two years. A net operating loss in periods beginning in calendar years 2002 or 2003 does not stay a prior period net operating loss from expiration.

- (j) **Line 37:** Dividends from all sources must be included in Schedule A. However, an exclusion from entire net income for certain dividend income may be taken as indicated in Schedule R. Taxpayer may not include money market fund income as part of the dividend exclusion. The amount of the dividend exclusion allowed to be taken as a deduction is limited to the amount of income reported on line 36 of Schedule A for that tax year.
- (k) **Line 38: INTERNATIONAL BANKING FACILITY-ELIGIBLE NET INCOME MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM ENTIRE NET INCOME:** Effective January 5, 1984, a banking corporation which is operating as an International Banking Facility may exclude the eligible net income of the I.B.F. from its entire net income. Rules detailing the specific treatment have been published.
- (l) **RIGHT OF DIRECTOR TO CORRECT DISTORTIONS OF NET INCOME:** The Director is authorized to adjust and redetermine items of gross receipts and expenses as may be necessary to make a fair and reasonable determination of tax payable under the Corporation Business Tax Act. For details regarding the conditions under which this authority may be exercised, refer to regulation N.J.A.C. 18:7-5.10.

- 17. SCHEDULE A-1 - NET OPERATING LOSS DEDUCTION AND CARRYOVER:** Complete this schedule if a net operating loss has been carried forward from a previous tax year. Use lines 1 through 7, columns 1 through 4 to compute the net operating loss from a previous tax year or years. Determine the amount of the net operating loss by adding back to the income/loss reported on Schedule A, line 28, all New Jersey adjustments except for the dividend and I.B.F. exclusions for that tax year. The amount of a net operating loss allowed to be taken as a deduction is limited to the amount of income reported on line 34 of Schedule A for that tax year. Use lines 8 through 14 in columns 1 and 4 to report for each year a net operating loss deduction is taken, the amount of the previous year's net operating loss used to offset entire net income before the dividend exclusion. The net amount reported on

line 15 represents the unused net operating loss carryover available for future use. **The deduction for a net operating loss carryover is prohibited for periods beginning in calendar years 2002 and 2003.** Any net operating loss deduction that is disallowed due to this prohibition shall be extended by two years. If space is insufficient due to the filing of more than one tax return for the same tax year, attach a rider to report the required information.

- 18. SCHEDULE A-2 - COST OF GOODS SOLD:** The amounts reported on this schedule must be the same as the amounts reported on the taxpayer's Federal income tax return. When calculating the AMA, corporations must calculate the Cost of Goods Sold per the AMA instructions.
- 19. SCHEDULE A-3 - SUMMARY OF TAX CREDITS:** This schedule must be completed if one or more tax credits are claimed for the current tax period. The total on line 14 must equal the amount reported on page 1, line 12. Refer to instruction 46 for tax credit information.
- 20. SCHEDULE A-4 - SUMMARY SCHEDULE: Every corporation must complete this schedule.** Report the information on lines 1 through 12 from the return schedules indicated. The historical information is required for the current year and prior 3 years.
- 21. SCHEDULE A-5 - GROSS INCOME TEST FOR FINANCIAL BUSINESSES:** Financial businesses must derive 75% of their gross income from the financial activities enumerated at N.J.A.C. 18:7-1.16(a)1 through (a)7. Qualifying corporations must complete Schedule A-5 and file it along with the tax return form BFC-1. Taxpayers who do not meet the 75% gross income test must file the Corporation Business Tax Return, form CBT-100. If further information is required regarding this schedule, direct inquiries to: Special Audit Section, Division of Taxation, PO Box 271, Trenton, NJ 08695-0271, Telephone: (609) 292-5300.
- 22. SCHEDULE AM - ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM ASSESSMENT FOR BFC CORPORATIONS:** For privilege periods beginning on or after January 1, 2002, all New Jersey taxpayers are required to pay a New Jersey Corporate Tax computed pursuant to Section 5 of P.L. 1945, (C.54:10A-5), or the elected Alternative Minimum Tax, whichever is greater. There are two methods of determining the Alternative Minimum assessment; (a) based upon New Jersey Gross Receipts, and (b) based upon New Jersey Gross Profits.

PART I - computes New Jersey gross receipts, which equals the total of (1) sales of tangible personal property where shipment is made to points within this state, appropriation to the orders where shipment is made to points within this state, (2) services performed within the state, (3) rentals from properties situated, (4) royalties from the use of patents or copyrights, within the state, and (5) all other business receipts earned within the state. Investment income received by a taxpayer through ownership in a foreign or domestic entity is considered gross receipts for purposes of computing the taxpayer's alternative minimum assessment.

PART II - New Jersey gross receipts from Part I are used in Part II to compute New Jersey gross profits. This is calculated by subtracting New Jersey cost of goods sold from New Jersey gross receipts. New Jersey cost of goods sold is computed by multiplying the total cost of goods sold (from Schedule A-2, line 8) by, at the taxpayer's election, the New Jersey allocation factor (from Schedule J, Part III, line 5) or the receipts fraction (from Schedule J, Part III, Line 2(j)).

NJ Gross Receipts (from Schedule AM, Part I, line 6)

- NJ Cost of Goods Sold (from Schedule AM, Part II, line 4)

= New Jersey Gross Profits

PART III - reports the New Jersey Gross Receipts and the New Jersey Costs of Goods Sold historically for the current year and the past 3 years.

NOTE: For taxpayers who were not required to file New Jersey CBT returns for any or all of the three prior privilege periods, enter N/A on the appropriate line(s).

PART IV - Computing the Alternative Minimum Assessment based on Gross Profits: Enter amount of New Jersey Gross Profits (from Part II, line 5) on Schedule AM, Part IV, line 1. Complete lines 3(c) and 3(d) only if taxpayer is part of an affiliated or controlled group. If New Jersey Gross Profits are:

- (a) less than or equal to \$1,000,000, the Alternative Minimum Assessment based on Gross Profits will be zero;
- (b) greater than \$1,000,000, but not over \$10,000,000, the Alternative Minimum Assessment will be .0025 times the gross profits in excess of \$1,000,000, multiplied by the AM exclusion rate of 1.11111;
- (c) greater than \$10,000,000, but not over \$15,000,000, the Alternative Minimum Assessment will be the gross profits multiplied by .0035;
- (d) greater than \$15,000,000, but not over \$25,000,000, the Alternative Minimum Assessment will be the gross profits multiplied by .006;
- (e) greater than \$25,000,000, but not over \$37,500,000, the Alternative Minimum Assessment will be the gross profits multiplied by .007;
- (f) greater than \$37,500,000, the Alternative Minimum Assessment will be the gross profits multiplied by .008.

PART V - Computing the Alternative Minimum Assessment based on Gross Receipts: New Jersey gross receipts are used in Schedule AM, Part V to determine the amount of tax due under the gross receipts method. This method takes New Jersey gross receipts and multiplies them by a certain percentage based on the receipt amount. Complete lines 3(c) and 3(d) only if Taxpayer is part of an affiliated or controlled group.

Enter amount of New Jersey Gross Receipts (from Part I, line 5) on Schedule AM, Part V, line 1. If New Jersey gross receipts are:

- (a) less than or equal to \$2,000,000, the Alternative Minimum Assessment based on Gross Receipts will be zero;
- (b) greater than \$2,000,000, but not over \$20,000,000, the Alternative Minimum Assessment will be .00125 times the gross receipts in excess of \$2,000,000, multiplied by the AMA exclusion rate of 1.11111;
- (c) greater than \$20,000,000, but not over \$30,000,000, the Alternative Minimum Assessment will be the gross receipts multiplied by .00175;
- (d) greater than \$30,000,000, but not over \$50,000,000, the Alternative Minimum Assessment will be the gross receipts multiplied by .003;
- (e) greater than \$50,000,000, but not over \$75,000,000, the Alternative Minimum Assessment will be the gross receipts multiplied by .0035;
- (f) greater than \$75,000,000, the Alternative Minimum Assessment will be the gross receipts multiplied by .004.

PART VI - For the first privilege period, the taxpayer has the

option to select the computation method of the Alternative Minimum Assessment, either based on Gross Profits or Gross Receipts. However, once selected, the method must be employed for that privilege period, and for the next succeeding four privilege periods.

The maximum Alternative Minimum Assessment for an individual corporation for a privilege period will be \$5,000,000. Taxpayer will enter the lesser of the elected alternative minimum assessment (from Schedule AM, Part VI, line 4), or \$5,000,000, on Schedule AM, Part V, line 5. Taxpayer will enter amount from Schedule AM, Part IV, line 5, on Page 1 of BFC-1, line 14.

The amount of tax due for the privilege period will be the greater of the elected Alternative Minimum Assessment, or the traditional Corporate tax (computed pursuant to Section 5 of P.L. 1945, (C.54:10A-5)).

PART VII - Enter the name of the appointed Key Corporation of the affiliated group on line 1 if the group is claiming the AMA threshold limit of \$20,000,000. Enter the Federal Identification Number (FID) of the appointed Key Corporation on line 2. All members of an affiliated or controlled group who file Schedule AM must include the copy of Schedule AM-L prepared by the Key Corporation with their Schedule AM. Schedule AM-L lists all of the members of the group who file Schedule AM.

23. SCHEDULE AM-L - ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM ASSESSMENT - COMBINED GROUP EXCLUSION LIMITATION PERCENTAGE: All designated Key Corporations must complete this schedule. This schedule must include all members of an affiliated or controlled group who file Schedule AM. A copy of this schedule must also be attached to each members BFC-1, CBT-100 or CBT-100S.

24. SCHEDULE B - BALANCE SHEET: Every taxpayer must complete this schedule. The amounts reported must be the same as the year end figures shown on the taxpayer's books. A taxpayer that is included in a consolidated Federal income tax return must complete this schedule on its own separate basis.

25. SCHEDULE C - RECONCILIATION OF INCOME PER BOOKS WITH INCOME PER RETURN AND SCHEDULE C-1-ANALYSIS OF UNAPPROPRIATED RETAINED EARNINGS PER BOOKS:

- (a) Every corporation must complete these schedules or submit legible copies of Schedules M-1 and M-2 from their unconsolidated Federal Form 1120. For requirements relating to reproduction of Federal tax schedules, see instruction 30.
- (b) Line 8 of Schedule M-2 must correspond with the unappropriated retained earnings reported for the end of the tax year on Schedule B.

26. SCHEDULE E - GENERAL INFORMATION: All taxpayers must answer all questions on this schedule. In addition, riders must be submitted where necessary in answering the questions.

27. SCHEDULE F - CORPORATE OFFICERS - GENERAL INFORMATION AND COMPENSATION: All applicable information should be provided for each corporate officer regardless of whether or not compensation was received.

28. SCHEDULE G - PART I - INTEREST: Interest paid, accrued, or incurred to related members which was deducted in computing taxable net income on line 28 of Schedule A must be reported on Schedule G, Part I. Enter the total of such interest expense on line 30 of Schedule A. Do not include interest expenses and costs that were deducted directly or indirectly

for, related to, or in connection with the direct or indirect acquisition, maintenance, management, ownership, sale, exchange, or disposition of intangible property in Part I. These expenses and costs are, however, required to be included in Part II.

SCHEDULE G - PART II - INTEREST EXPENSES AND COSTS AND INTANGIBLE EXPENSES AND COSTS:

Interest expenses and costs and intangible expenses and costs directly or indirectly paid, accrued, or incurred to, or in connection directly or indirectly with one or more direct or indirect transactions with one or more related members which were deducted in computing taxable net income on line 28 of Schedule A must be reported on Schedule G, Part II. Enter the total of such intangible expenses and costs on line 33(d) of Schedule A.

Exceptions: If the taxpayer is claiming an exception to the disallowance of the expense reported in Part I or Part II, then the taxpayer must complete and attach Schedule G-2. This schedule may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.

Definitions:

Related member means a person that, with respect to the taxpayer during all or any portion of the privilege period is (1) a related entity, (2) a component member as defined in subsection (b) of section 1563, of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. s.1563, (3) a person to or from whom there is attribution of stock ownership in accordance with subsection (e) of section 1563 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. s.1563 or (4) a person that, notwithstanding its form of organization, bears the same relationship to the taxpayer as a person described in (1) through (3) of this definition.

Related entity means (1) a stockholder who is an individual or a member of the stockholder's family enumerated in section 318 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986 26 U.S.C. s.318, if the stockholder and the member's of the stockholder's family own, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, in the aggregate, at least 50% of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock; (2) a stockholder, or a stockholder's partnership, limited liability company, estate, trust or corporation, if the stockholder and the stockholder's partnerships, limited liability companies, estates, trusts and corporations own directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, in the aggregate, at least 50% of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock; or (3) a corporation, or a party related to the corporation in a manner that would require an attribution of stock from the corporation to the party or from the party to the corporation under the attribution rules of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. s.318, if the taxpayer owns, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, at least 50% of the value of the corporation's outstanding stock. The attribution rules of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. s.318, shall apply for purposes of determining whether the ownership requirements of this definition have been met.

Intangible expenses and costs includes (1) expenses, losses, and costs, for, related to, or in connection directly or indirectly with the direct or indirect acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership, sale, exchange, or any other disposition of intangible property to the extent such amounts are allowed as deductions or costs in determining taxable income before operating loss deduction and special deductions for the taxable year under the federal Internal Revenue Code of

1986, 26 U.S.C. s.1 et seq., (2) losses related to, or incurred in connection directly or indirectly with factoring transactions or discounting transactions, (3) royalty, patent, technical and copyright fees, (4) licensing fees, and (5) other similar expenses and costs.

Intangible Property means patents, patent applications, trade names, trademarks, service marks, copyrights, mask works, trade secrets and similar types of intangible assets.

Intangible Interest Expenses and Costs means amounts directly or indirectly allowed as deductions under section 163 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986 26 U.S.C. s.163, for purposes of determining taxable income under the code to the extent such expenses and costs are directly or indirectly for, related to, or in connection with the direct or indirect acquisition, maintenance, management, ownership, sale, exchange or disposition of intangible property.

29. SCHEDULE H - TAXES: Itemize all taxes which were in any way deducted in arriving at taxable net income, whether reflected at line 2 (Cost of goods sold and/or operations), line 17 (Taxes), line 26 (Other deductions) or anywhere else on Schedule A. Also refer to instruction 16(f).

30. SCHEDULE I - CERTIFICATION OF INACTIVITY: In lieu of completing the entire tax return, an inactive corporation may complete this schedule and attach it to a completed page 1 of the tax return. Payment for the related minimum tax and the installment payment (if applicable) must be submitted with page 1 of the BFC-1. An inactive corporation is a corporation that, during the entire period covered by the tax return, did not conduct any business, did not have any income, receipts or expenses, and did not own any assets.

31. OPTIONAL COPIES OF SCHEDULES C AND C-1: Any taxpayer that files an unconsolidated Federal Form 1120 with the Internal Revenue Service may submit copies of Schedules M-1 and M-2 of that return in lieu of completing Schedules C and C-1 of the BFC-1. Such copies or reproductions must be facsimiles of the complete schedules, they must be of good legibility and on paper of substantially the same weight and texture, and of a quality at least as good as that used in the official form, BFC-1. They must also be of the same size as that of the official schedules, both as to the overall dimensions of the paper and the image reproduced thereon.

Separate pages must be fastened together in proper order and must be attached to the return form. The taxpayer's full name and identifying number must be typed or printed on each reproduced page or copy.

32. SCHEDULE J PART I - GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ALLOCATION OF ADJUSTED ENTIRE NET INCOME:

(a) **WHO IS PERMITTED TO ALLOCATE:** No domestic or foreign corporation is permitted to allocate less than 100% of its adjusted entire net income to New Jersey, unless, during the period covered by the return, it **actually maintained a regular place of business outside of New Jersey** other than a statutory office.

(b) **DEFINITION OF REGULAR PLACE OF BUSINESS:** A "regular place of business" is any bona fide office (other than a statutory office), factory, warehouse, or other space of the taxpayer which is regularly **MAINTAINED, OCCUPIED** and **USED** by the taxpayer in carrying on its business and in which one or more regular employees are in attendance. To maintain a place of business, the taxpayer must either own or rent the premises. That cost must be

borne directly by the taxpayer and not by some related entity or person.

- (c) **ALLOCATION PERCENTAGES:** In computing the allocation factor in Schedule J, division must be carried to six decimal places, e.g., .123456.
- (d) **ELECTION TO ALLOCATE:** If the taxpayer is entitled to allocate, the election should be made with the filing of the BFC-1 return regardless of the amount of income reported on line 39 of Schedule A. Schedule J must be completed to validate the election.
- (e) Only the receipts, property and payroll expenses attributable to operational activity are to be used in computing the allocation factor denominators.

33. SCHEDULE J PART II - AVERAGE VALUES: Average value is generally computed on a quarterly basis where the taxpayer's accounting practice permits such computation. At the option of the taxpayer or the State, a more frequent basis (monthly, weekly or daily) may be used. Where the taxpayer's accounting practice does not permit computation of average value on a quarterly or more frequent basis, semi-annual or annual frequency may be used only where no distortion of average value results. If any basis other than quarterly is used, state the basis and reasons for use thereof on a rider.

The average values of real and tangible personal property owned which are used in determining the property fraction of the allocation factor are based on book value. The numerator and denominator must take into account accumulated depreciation deferred for net income purposes where the taxpayer accounts for its property on its books on a Federal income tax basis. Rented or leased property is valued at eight times its annual rent, including any amounts (such as taxes) paid or accrued in addition to or in lieu of rent during the period covered by the return. All other property which is used by the taxpayer but is neither owned, rented or leased, should be valued at book value, however, if no such book value exists, the market value of the property should be used.

34. SCHEDULE J PART III - COMPUTATION OF ALLOCATION FACTOR: This schedule may be omitted if the taxpayer does not maintain a regular place of business outside this State other than a statutory office, in which case the tax law requires the allocation factor to be 100%.

- (a) However, if the allocation factor is 100% but the taxpayer in fact pays tax to another state based on or measured by income which is included on Schedule A of this return, it may compute a reduction in its N.J. Corporation Business Tax under certain conditions. Refer to N.J.A.C. 18:7-8.3 for eligibility and the method of computing such reduction. A copy of this regulation can be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.
- (b) **Line 1 - PROPERTY FRACTION:** For general information regarding method of valuation in arriving at average values, see instruction 32. Tangible personal property is within New Jersey if and so long as it is physically situated or located here. Property of the taxpayer held in New Jersey by an agent, consignee or factor is (and property held outside New Jersey by an agent, consignee or factor is not) situated or located within New Jersey. Property, while in transit from a point outside New Jersey to a point in New Jersey or vice versa does not have a fixed situs either within or outside the State and, therefore, will not be deemed to be "situated" or "located" either within or outside New Jersey and accordingly the average value of such proper-

ty should be omitted from both the numerator and the denominator of the property fraction. Ships, aircraft, satellites used in the communications industry, and other mobile or movable property are subject to the specific rules defined in N.J.A.C. 18:7-8.4.

- (c) **Line 2(a) - RECEIPTS FRACTION:** Receipts from sales of tangible personal property are allocated to New Jersey where the goods are shipped to points within New Jersey. Receipts from the sale of goods are allocable to New Jersey if shipped to a New Jersey or a non-New Jersey customer where possession is transferred in New Jersey. Receipts from the sale of goods shipped to a taxpayer from outside of New Jersey to a New Jersey customer by a common carrier are allocable to New Jersey. Receipts from the sale of goods shipped from outside of New Jersey to a New Jersey location where the goods are picked up by a common carrier and transported to a customer outside of New Jersey are not allocable to New Jersey. Receipts from the following are allocable to New Jersey; services performed in New Jersey; rentals from property situated in New Jersey; royalties from the use in New Jersey of patents or copyrights; all other business receipts earned in New Jersey.

(d) **Lines 2(e) and 2(g)**

(1) **RECEIPTS FROM SALES OF CAPITAL ASSETS:** Receipts from sales of capital assets (property not held by the taxpayer for sale to customers in the regular course of business), either within or outside New Jersey, should be included in the numerator and the denominator based upon the net gain recognized and not upon gross selling prices. Where the taxpayer's business is the buying and selling of real estate or the buying and selling of securities for trading purposes, gross receipts from the sale of such assets should be included in the numerator and the denominator of the receipts fraction.

(2) **DIVIDEND INCOME:** The amount of dividends excluded from entire net income at line 37, Schedule A, must not be included in the numerator or denominator of the receipts fraction.

(3) **INTERNATIONAL BANKING FACILITY INCOME:** The amount of International Banking Facility income excluded from adjusted entire net income at Item 38, Schedule A, should be included in the numerator or denominator of the receipts fraction.

- (e) Receipts, including IBF receipts, that have not been included in the numerator of apportionment factor of another taxing jurisdiction's tax return based on income or measured by profits, business presence or business activity, either on its own separate entity base or as part of a consolidated return, shall be excluded from the denominator. Receipts that are "throwback sales" in another jurisdiction also shall be excluded from the denominator.
- (f) **Lines 2(j) and 2(k)** - The percentage of receipts in New Jersey should be entered on both lines 2(j) and 2(k) to effect a double-weighted receipts fraction in the computation of the allocation factor.
- (g) **Line 3 - PAYROLL FRACTION:** In general, a taxpayer reporting to the Division of Employment Security in the New Jersey Department of Labor will allocate to New Jersey all wages, salaries and other personal service compensation, etc., reportable to that Division, including the

portions thereof, in individual cases, in excess of taxable wages. All executive salaries are includible in both the numerator and denominator. See N.J.S.A. 54:10A-7 for the definition of wages, salaries and other personal services compensation allocable to New Jersey.

- (h) **ALLOCATION FACTOR - GENERAL:** The allocation factor is computed by adding together the percentages shown at lines 1(c), 2(h), 2(i) and 3(c) of Schedule J, Part III for the period covered by the return, and dividing the total of the percentages by four (4). However, if the property or payroll fraction is missing, the remaining percentages are added and the sum is divided by three. If the receipts fraction is missing, the other two percentages are added and the sum is divided by two. If two of the fractions are missing, the remaining percentage may be used as the allocation factor. A fraction is not missing merely because its numerator is zero, but is missing if its denominator is zero.

If there is a declaration of nonoperational income, expenses, or assets from Schedule O, those items attributable to the non-operational activity should be excluded from the denominator of all three fractions of the allocation factor.

- 35. SCHEDULE J PART IV:** Provide the name of the jurisdiction for which the receipts have not been included in a tax return apportionment numerator and the total amount of those receipts.
- 36. SCHEDULE J PARTS V and VI:** Only corporations claiming the affiliated group throw out limitation must complete Schedule J, Parts V and VI. Part V must be completed to identify the Key Corporation of the affiliated group who will be reporting and remitting the increase tax effect limitation (\$5,000,000). Part VI is a schedule for the computation of the Throw Out Tax to be completed if the taxpayer is a member of an affiliated or controlled group whose aggregate combined change in tax liability exceeds \$5,000,000 due to the throw out of receipts.

Taxpayers claiming the throw out limitation must use the allocation factor reported on Schedule J, Part VI, line 15, to compute their individual tax liability. Enter this number on page 1, line 2 of the BFC-1 Return. Taxpayers NOT claiming the throw out limitation must use the allocation factor reported on Schedule J, Part III, line 5. Enter this number on page 1, line 2 of the BFC-1 Return.

- 37. SCHEDULE L - ALLOCATION OF NEW JERSEY CORPORATION BUSINESS TAX FOR BANKING AND FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS AMONG NEW JERSEY MUNICIPALITIES:**
- (a) Column I - Taxpayer must list all offices maintained in this State, by first indicating the exact taxing district (municipality) and secondly the county. NOTE: The mailing address of an office is not necessarily the taxing district.
- (b) Column II - (1) In the case of banking corporations, the deposit balances are to be used; (2) and in the case of financial corporations, the receipts allocable to such location are to be used.
- (c) Column III - The percentage indicated is based on the individual deposit balances for banking corporations or receipts for financial corporations divided by total deposit balances in New Jersey, or total receipts in New Jersey, respectively.
- (d) Totals required at bottom of Columns II and III are the sum of the individual taxing district amounts and percentages. Total percentage reported at Column III must equal 100%.

Also, each individual computation should be carried to six decimal places.

- (e) Insert name and Federal I.D. number at top of page.

- 38. SCHEDULE N - NEXUS - IMMUNE ACTIVITY DECLARATION:** Foreign corporations that claim their income is immune from taxation pursuant to Public Law 86-272, 15 U.S.C. §381 et seq., must complete Schedule N and file it with the BFC-1. This schedule may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.
- 39. SCHEDULE O - NONOPERATIONAL ACTIVITY:** Corporations that claim to have nonoperational activity, non-operational assets or non-unitary partnership investments must complete Schedule O and file it with the BFC-1. This schedule may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.
- 40. SCHEDULE P - SUBSIDIARY INVESTMENT ANALYSIS:** Itemize the investment in each subsidiary company, showing the name of each subsidiary, the percentage of interest held in each company, the individual book value included in the balance sheet for each subsidiary investment and the amount of dividends received from each subsidiary which is included in gross income on Schedule A. Do not include advances or other receivables due to subsidiaries in the book value reported at Column 3.
- 41. SCHEDULE P-1 - PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT ANALYSIS:** Itemize the investment in each partnership, limited liability company and any other entity which is treated for Federal tax purposes as a partnership. List the name, the Federal Identification Number, and the date and state where organized for each partnership. Also, check the type of ownership (general or limited), the tax accounting method used to reflect your share of partnership activity on this return (flow through method or separate accounting) and whether or not the partnership has nexus in New Jersey. Itemize in Column 7 the amount of tax payments made on behalf of the taxpayer by partnership entities. Carry the total amount of taxes paid on behalf of taxpayer to page 1, line 21(a). Attach a copy of schedule NJ-K-1 from form NJ-1065 if the partnership is filing in New Jersey, or the Federal Schedule K-1 if not. Any one member limited liability company should be included on this schedule. Corporations who claim that their partnership investments are non-unitary and therefore are utilizing the Separate Tax Accounting Method must complete Schedule O to report this activity and compute the appropriate amount of tax.
- 42. SCHEDULE PC - PER CAPITA LICENSED PROFESSIONAL FEE:**
- (a) Professional Corporations (PC) formed under NJSA 14A:17-1 et. seq. or any similar laws of a possession or territory of the US, a state, or political subdivision thereof, are liable for a fee on Licensed Professionals.
- (b) Per NJSA 14A:17-3, examples of licensed professionals are: certified public accountants, architects, optometrists, professional engineers, land surveyors, land planners, chiropractors, physical therapists, registered professional nurses, dentist, osteopaths, physicians and surgeons, doctors of medicine, doctors of dentistry, podiatrists, chiroprodists, veterinarians and, subject to the Rules of the Supreme Court, attorneys-at-law.
- (c) The fee is assessed provided there are more than 2 pro-

professionals in the PC. The fee is assessed on professionals that are owners, shareholders, and/or employees of the Professional Corporation. The number of professionals should be calculated using a quarterly average. The fee for each resident and non-resident professional with physical nexus with New Jersey is \$150. The fee for each non-resident professional without physical nexus with New Jersey is \$150 multiplied by the allocation factor of the corporation. The fee is limited to \$250,000 per year.

- (d) In the event of a period shorter than a year, the fee and limit may be prorated by months. A fraction of a month is deemed to be a month.
- (e) Line 2 - Installment Payment: A fifty percent (50%) prepayment towards the subsequent year's fee is required with the current year's return.
- (f) Line 6 - Credit: Amount to be credited towards next year's fee. This fee is not eligible for refund.

43. SCHEDULE R - DIVIDEND EXCLUSION: Taxpayers may exclude from entire net income 100% of dividends from qualified subsidiaries, if such dividends were included in the taxpayer's gross income on Schedule A. A qualified subsidiary is defined as ownership by the taxpayer of at least 80% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote and at least 80% of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock, except non-voting stock which is limited and preferred as to dividends. With respect to other dividends, the exclusion shall be limited to 50% of such dividends included in the taxpayer's gross income on Schedule A, provided the taxpayer owns at least 50% of voting stock and 50% of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock. Taxpayers shall not include money market fund income as part of the dividend exclusion. Refer to instruction 16(j).

44. SCHEDULE S - DEPRECIATION AND SAFE HARBOR LEASING: All taxpayers except for gas, electric and gas and electric utilities (who must complete Schedule S, Part III), must complete this schedule and must submit a copy of a completed Federal Depreciation Schedule, Form 4562 even if it is not required for Federal purposes. Schedule S provides for adjustments to depreciation and certain safe harbor leasing transactions.

SCHEDULE S - PART I

Line 11 Additions:

- (a) Add any depreciation or cost recovery (ACRS and MACRS) which was deducted in arriving at federal taxable income on recovery property placed in service on or after January 1, 1981 and prior to taxpayers' accounting periods beginning on and after July 7, 1993.
- (b) Add any 30% bonus depreciation amounts and federal depreciation calculations which were deducted in arriving at Federal taxable income on recovery property placed in service during accounting periods beginning on and after January 1, 2002, for which federal 30% bonus depreciation was taken. Include the initial 30% bonus amount and the regular depreciation on the adjusted basis.
- (c) Add distributive share of ACRS and MACRS from a partnership.
- (d) Add any interest, amortization or transactional costs, rent, or any other deduction which was claimed in arriving at Federal taxable income as a result of a "safe harbor leasing" election made under Section 168(f)(8) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code; provided, however, any such

amount with respect to a qualified mass commuting vehicle pursuant to the Federal Internal Revenue Code Section 168(f)(8)(D)(v) need not be added back to net income.

Line 12 Deductions:

- (a) Deduct depreciation on property placed in service after 1980 and prior to taxpayers' fiscal or calendar accounting periods beginning on and after July 7, 1993, on which ACRS and MACRS has been disallowed under 10(a) of this instruction using any method, life and salvage value which would have been allowable under the Federal Internal Revenue Code at December 31, 1980, but using the Federal basis for depreciation on the date the property was placed in service.
- (b) Deduct recomputed depreciation for assets placed in service during accounting periods beginning on and after January 1, 2002, and for which federal 30% bonus depreciation was taken under 11(b) of this instruction using the same method and life which would have been allowable for Federal purposes, but using the Federal basis for depreciation on the date the property was placed in service and not as provided after taking the 30% first-year depreciation allowance.
- (c) Deduct recomputed depreciation attributable to distributive share of recovery property from a partnership.
- (d) Deduct any item of income included in arriving at Federal taxable income solely as a result of a "safe harbor leasing" election made under Section 168(f)(8) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code provided, however, that any such income which relates to a qualified mass commuting vehicle pursuant to Federal Internal Revenue Code Section 168(f)(8)(D)(v) cannot be deducted from net income.
- (e) Where the user/lessee of qualified lease property which is precluded from claiming a deduction for rent under 10(c) of this instruction would have been entitled to cost recovery on property which is subject to such "safe harbor lease" election in the absence of that election, it may claim depreciation on the property in accordance with 12(a) of this instruction.
- (f) Gain or loss on property sold or exchanged is the amount properly to be recognized in the determination of Federal taxable income. However, on the physical disposal of recovery property, whether or not a gain or loss is properly to be recognized under the Federal Internal Revenue Code, there shall be allowed as a deduction any excess, or there must be restored as an item of income, any deficiency of depreciation disallowed at line 11(a) and (b) over related depreciation claimed on that property at line 12(a) and (b). A statutory merger or consolidation shall not constitute a disposal of recovery property.

NOTE: Uncoupling of ACRS and MACRS is not required for property placed into service during accounting periods beginning on or after July 7, 1993.

SCHEDULE S - PART II (B)

All taxpayers must complete this schedule in order to compute their New Jersey depreciation allowable for assets placed in service during accounting periods beginning on and after January 1, 2002, and for which federal 30% bonus depreciation was taken. The basis is to be determined at the date property is placed in service and not as provided after taking the 30% first-year depreciation allowance.

SCHEDULE S - PART III

(a) All gas, electric, and gas and electric utilities must complete this schedule in order to compute their New Jersey depreciation allowable for the single asset account which is comprised of all depreciable property placed in service prior to January 1, 1998. The basis of this asset account will be the total Federal depreciable basis as of December 31, 1997, plus the excess of the book depreciable basis over the Federal tax basis as of December 31, 1997. This basis will be reduced yearly by the Federal basis of these assets sold, retired or disposed of from January 1, 1998 to date.

(b) All taxpayers must complete Schedule S, Part I, lines 11(b), 12(b), 12(f), and 13 as well as Schedule S, Part II (B) in order to compute their New Jersey depreciation allowable for assets placed in service during accounting periods beginning on and after January 1, 2002, and for which federal 30% bonus depreciation was taken. The basis is to be determined at the date property is placed in service and not as provided after taking the 30% first-year depreciation allowance.

45. SCHEDULE S-1 - MODIFICATION OF FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME FOR S CORPORATIONS: This schedule must be completed by S Corporations which have not elected to be New Jersey S Corporations to modify the Federal income (loss) reported on form 1120S to a C Corporation basis. Certain items of income and expense which pass through to the individual shareholders on the Federal Schedule K must be reported on Schedule S-1. A copy of form 1120S, including Schedule K, must be submitted with the BFC-1. Complete this schedule in lieu of completing lines 1 through 27 on Schedule A.

Distributive income items are to be reported on lines 2(a) through (d) and distributive expense items are to be reported on lines 4(a) through (d). Deductible contributions are limited to 10% of taxable income for New Jersey purposes and should be computed without regard to the amount of contributions deducted for Federal purposes. Use lines 2(d) and 4(d) to report amounts of income and deductions not otherwise specifically provided for. Attach riders explaining fully such items.

46. TAX CREDITS: (Refer to instruction 19)

(a) **HMO ASSISTANCE FUND TAX CREDIT:** A member organization may offset against its corporation business tax liability an amount of not more than 10% of any assessment for each of the five privilege periods beginning on or after the third calendar year commencing after the assessment was paid, except that no member organization may offset more than 20% of its corporation business tax liability in any one year.

To claim this credit, the taxpayer must complete Form 310 and attach it to the tax return. This form and related information may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.

(b) **NEW JOBS INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT:** This tax credit is available for investment in new or expanded business facilities that create new jobs in New Jersey. The investment must create at least 5 new jobs (50 for large businesses), and meet the median annual compensation requirement for the current tax year. New investment is not eligible for the credit unless the average value of all real and tangible personal property in this State has increased over the prior year.

The facilities must have been purchased from an unrelated party during or after the taxpayer's accounting period beginning on or after July 7, 1993, the effective date of this legislation. It must be employed by the taxpayer in a taxable activity and must not have been in use during the 90 day period prior to purchase. Investments which qualify for the Manufacturing Equipment and Employment Investment Tax Credit cannot also qualify for this credit.

A new employee means a New Jersey resident, hired to fill a regular, permanent position in this State which did not exist prior to the qualified investment, and would not exist but for the qualified investment. The employee must be unrelated to the taxpayer and must not have been employed by the taxpayer during the six months prior to the date the investment was placed in service or use.

The taxpayer cannot claim a credit for a number of new employees that exceeds either the increase in the taxpayer's average employment for the tax year, or one-half the taxpayer's average employment for the year. Also, individuals counted in determining the New Jobs Factor must not be ones for whom the taxpayer is allowed an Urban Enterprise Zone or Urban Development Project Employees Tax Credit.

A small or mid-sized business taxpayer must also meet the annual payroll and annual gross receipts requirements for the current tax year to qualify.

To claim this credit, the taxpayer must complete Form 304 and attach it to the tax return. This form and related information may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.

(c) **URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX CREDITS:** A taxpayer that has been designated as a "qualified business" as defined in the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zones Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27H-60 et seq., may qualify for either an employee tax credit or an investment tax credit. To be eligible, the taxpayer must have been certified as a qualified business by the Urban Enterprise Zones Authority. Certification is renewable annually. The urban enterprise zones are located in Asbury Park, Bayonne City, Bridgeton, Camden, Carteret, East Orange, Elizabeth, Guttenberg, Hillside, Irvington, Jersey City, Kearny, Lakewood, Long Branch, Millville, Mount Holly, Newark, North Bergen, Orange, Passaic, Paterson, Pemberton Township, Perth Amboy, Phillipsburg, Plainfield, Pleasantville, Roselle Borough, Trenton, Union City, Vineland, West New York, and the Joint Wildwoods. Further information can be obtained from the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zones Authority, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, PO Box 829, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0829, phone (609) 292-1912.

The forms required to validate the employee tax credit (Form 300) and the investment tax credit (Form 301) are available from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14. Specific information on these tax credits can be obtained from the Regulatory Services Branch, phone (609) 292-5994.

(1) **Employees Tax Credit:** This credit is available to a taxpayer that was certified as a qualified business in the preceding tax year as well as the current tax year. Qualifying employees must have been hired after certification and must have worked six consecutive months in the tax year following the tax year in which employ-

ment began. To claim the credit, a completed Form 300 must be attached to the tax return.

(2) **Investment Tax Credit:** A qualified business which is not entitled to an employee tax credit may be entitled to the investment tax credit. This credit is only available to an employer with less than 50 employees. The investment must be at least \$5,000 if there are 10 or fewer employees, and increases by \$500 for each additional employee. To qualify for the credit, the investment must be approved by the Urban Enterprise Zones Authority. A completed Form 301 must be attached to the tax return to validate the investment tax credit claim.

(d) **REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROJECT TAX CREDIT:** Any taxpayer that is actively engaged in the conduct of business at a location within a project as defined in N.J.S.A. 55:19-1 et seq., and whose business at that location consists primarily of manufacturing or other business that is not retail sales or warehousing oriented, may be entitled to claim the Redevelopment Authority Project Tax Credit. This credit is allowed in the tax year next following the tax year of qualification. To claim the credit, the taxpayer must complete Form 302 and attach it to the tax return. This form and related information may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14. Inquiries regarding the projects should be directed to the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority, PO Box 790, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0790, phone (609) 292-3739.

(e) **RECYCLING EQUIPMENT TAX CREDIT:** A taxpayer that purchased qualified recycling equipment on or after October 1, 1987 and received a certification for this equipment from the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection may be eligible to claim the Recycling Equipment Tax Credit. The recycling equipment must have been used exclusively within New Jersey, except for vehicles which must have been used primarily within New Jersey.

The legislation governing this tax credit expired on December 31, 1996, however, any unused credits claimed prior to January 1, 1997, can be taken on the current tax return subject to the limitations set forth on Form 303.

To claim this credit, the taxpayer must complete Form 303 and attach it to the tax return. This form and related information may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.

(f) **MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT:** Investments in qualified manufacturing equipment made in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1994, may be eligible for the Manufacturing Equipment and Employment Investment Tax Credit. Such investment has the benefit of allowing a tax credit computation for the tax year in which the investment was made as well as each of the following two tax years. The tax credit computation for the first year is based on the cost of the qualified manufacturing equipment placed in service in New Jersey during that tax year. The computations for the two following tax years are based on the average increase in New Jersey residents employed in New Jersey subject to a limitation based on the cost of the investment made in the first year.

The manufacturing equipment portion is limited to 2% of the investment credit base of qualified equipment placed in

service in the tax year, up to a maximum allowed credit for the tax year of \$1,000,000. The employment investment portion is valid for each of the two tax years next succeeding the tax year for which the manufacturing equipment credit is allowed, but is limited to 3% of the investment credit base, not to exceed a maximum allowable amount for each of the two tax years of \$1,000 multiplied by the increase in the average number of qualified employees.

To claim this credit, the taxpayer must complete Form 305 and attach it to the tax return. This form and related information may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.

(g) **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT:** A taxpayer that has performed qualified research activities in New Jersey may be eligible to claim the Research and Development Tax Credit. A credit for increased research activities is allowed based on qualified expenditures made in taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1994. It provides a credit of 10% of the excess qualified research expenses over a base amount plus 10% of the basic research payments.

Qualified research is limited to scientific experimentation or engineering activities designed to aid in the development of a new or improved product, process, technique, formula, invention, or computer software programs held for sale, lease, or license, or used by the taxpayer in a trade or business. For in-house research expenses (see Section 41(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code), this trade or business requirement will be met if the taxpayer's principal purpose for conducting the research is to use the results of the research in the active conduct of a future trade or business (see Section 41(b)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code).

To claim this credit, the taxpayer must complete Form 306 and attach it to the tax return. This form and related information may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.

(h) **SMART MOVES FOR BUSINESS PROGRAMS TAX CREDIT (FORMERLY THE EMPLOYER TRIP REDUCTION PLAN-RIDE SHARE TAX CREDIT):** A taxpayer that has registered with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and has an authorized report/plan to provide commuter transportation benefits may claim a tax credit based on the direct expenditures attributed to the plan.

The credit may be taken for expenditures attributed to authorized plans approved after January 1, 1994. Taxpayers subject to more than one tax for which the credit can be applied must prorate the credit amount available based on the amount that each liability has to the total of the liabilities in the reporting period.

The ride share credit is equal to 10% of the cost of commuter transportation benefits provided during the reporting period. The maximum calculation equals the per employee limit multiplied by the number of participating employees. The per employee limit is adjusted annually in proportion to the consumer price index.

To claim this credit, the taxpayer must complete Form 307 and attach it to the tax return. This form and related information may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services,

which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.

- (i) **SMALL NEW JERSEY-BASED HIGH-TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT:** A taxpayer may claim a tax credit in an amount equal to 10% of the qualified investment made by the taxpayer during the tax year in a small-New Jersey-based high-technology business. The maximum allowable credit for each tax year is \$500,000 for each qualified investment made by the taxpayer. The small high-technology business must employ less than 225 employees, of which 75% must have jobs in New Jersey. The small high-technology business must conduct pilot scale manufacturing or qualified research in New Jersey in the fields of advanced computing, advanced materials, biotechnology, electronic device technology, environmental technology, and medical device technology. P.L. 1997, c. 349 (N.J.S.A. 54:10A-5.24b) expired for privilege periods beginning on and after July 1, 2001.

To claim this credit, the taxpayer must complete Form 308 and attach it to the tax return. This form and related information may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.

- (j) **NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STATE TAX CREDIT:** A taxpayer that contributes financial assistance to a nonprofit sponsor may be granted a certificate authorizing a tax credit which may be used to offset their corporation business tax liability. The tax credit may be granted in an amount up to 50% of the approved assistance provided to a nonprofit organization to implement a qualified project that is part of an approved neighborhood preservation and revitalization plan. The credit may not exceed \$500,000 for any taxable year.

To claim this credit, the taxpayer must complete Form 311 and attach it to the tax return. This form and related information may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.

NOTE: As of this printing, this credit is not available.

- (k) **EFFLUENT EQUIPMENT TAX CREDIT:** A taxpayer that purchases treatment or conveyance equipment for use in treatment of effluent for reuse in an industrial process exclusively within New Jersey may be able to take a tax credit. The credit is equal to 50% of the cost of the treatment equipment or conveyance equipment less the amount of any loan received and excluding the amount of sales and use tax. The amount of credit claimed for the privilege period in which the purchase is made and the amount of credit claimed therefor in each privilege period thereafter shall not exceed 20% of the amount of the total credit allowable. A copy of the determination of environmentally beneficial operation issued by the Department of Environmental Protection along with an affidavit affirming the equipment will only be used in New Jersey must be filed with the tax return.

To claim this credit, the taxpayer must complete Form 312 and attach it to the tax return. This form and related information may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.

- (l) **ECONOMIC RECOVERY TAX CREDIT:** A taxpayer that is

engaged in the conduct of business within a qualified municipality and who is not receiving a benefit under the "New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zones Act" may claim a tax credit equal to \$2,500 for each new full-time position at that location in credit year one and \$1,250 for each new full-time position at that location in credit year two.

To claim this credit, the taxpayer must complete Form 313 and attach it to the tax return. This form and related information may be obtained from Taxpayer Forms Services, which can be contacted by following the instructions on page 14.

- (m) **OTHER TAX CREDITS:** Line 13 on Schedule A-3 provides for any valid tax credit(s) allowable in accordance with the New Jersey Corporation Business Tax Act that were not enacted at the time that this packet was printed. Any tax credit(s) claimed on this line must be documented with a valid New Jersey Corporation Business Tax Credit Form, which is required to be submitted with the tax return. This line should not include the credit for taxes paid to other jurisdictions which should properly be reported on page 1, line 10.

- 47. INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS:** Taxpayers are required to make installment payments of estimated tax. The requirement for making these payments is based on the amount of the total tax liability shown on the most recent return.

- (a) **If the 2003 Total Tax Liability is greater than \$500,** the taxpayer must make installment payments towards 2004. These payments are to be made on form BFC-150 and are due on or before the 15th day of the 4th, 6th, 9th and 12th months of the tax year. Details for making these payments can be found in the BFC-150 instructions.
- (b) **If the 2003 Total Tax Liability is \$500,** installment payments may be made as indicated in (a) above **OR** in lieu of making installment payments, the taxpayer may make a payment of 50% of the 2003 total tax liability. For taxpayers who qualify and wish to take advantage of this option, enter on line 16, 50% of the amount on line 15. This will become part of the payment to be made with the 2003 return and installment payments will not be required. This payment should be claimed as a credit when filing the 2004 return.

- 48. PAYMENTS AND CREDITS:** Credit for the total amount of the payments and credits listed below should be taken on page 1, line 21:

- (a) Include installment tax payments made with form BFC-150 as well as any payment made on line 21 of the 2002 tax return.
- (b) Include the payment, if any, that was remitted with the tentative return, form BFC-200-T.
- (c) Include any overpayment from the preceding tax return which the taxpayer elected to have credited to the current year's tax. Do not include any amount of the overpayment which the taxpayer elected to have refunded.
- (d) Include any payments remitted electronically through the Electronic Funds Transfer Program.
- (e) **Line 21(a)-**Include the total payments made by partnerships on behalf of the taxpayer that are reported in Column 7 on Schedule P-1. Submit copies of the K-1's reflecting payments made by each partnership entity.

- 49. LINE 21 - DELINQUENT FILING AND/OR TAX PAYMENT-COMPUTATION OF PENALTY AND INTEREST:**

Late Filing Penalty - 5% per month or fraction thereof on the amount of underpayment not to exceed 25% of that underpayment, except if no return has been filed within 30 days of the date on which the first notice of delinquency in filing the return was sent, the penalty shall accrue at 5% per month or fraction thereof of the **total** tax liability not to exceed 25% of such tax liability. Also, a penalty of \$100 for each month the return is delinquent may be imposed.

Late Payment Penalty - 5% of the balance of tax due paid after the due date for filing the return may be imposed.

Interest - The annual interest rate is 3% above the average predominant prime rate. Interest is imposed each month or fraction thereof on the unpaid balance of tax from the original due date to the date of payment. At the end of each calendar year, any tax, penalties and interest remaining due will become part of the balance on which interest will be charged. The interest rates assessed by the Division of Taxation are published in the quarterly issues of the *New Jersey State Tax News*. To obtain a copy, refer to the instructions on page 14.

NOTE: The average predominant prime rate is the rate as determined by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, quoted by commercial banks to large businesses on

December 1st of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which payment was due or as redetermined by the Director in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:48-2.

Civil Fraud - If any part of an assessment is due to civil fraud, there shall be added to the tax an amount equal to 50% of the assessment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:49-9.1.

50. LINE 23 - UNDERPAYMENT OF ESTIMATED TAX: Form BFC-160 must be used by taxpayers to determine whether an underpayment exists in any of the installment payment periods and if the corporation is subject to an interest charge on such underpayment, the amount of interest. If the taxpayer qualifies for any of the exceptions to the imposition of interest for any of the installment payments, Part II must be completed and should be filed with the taxpayer's return, form BFC-1, as evidence of such exception. The BFC-160 must be attached to the return and any interest due entered on line 23, Page 1 of the form BFC-1.

51. AMENDED RETURNS: To amend BFC-1 returns, use the BFC-1 form for the appropriate tax year and write "AMENDED RETURN" clearly on the front page of the form. Mail to: State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation, Special Audit Group, PO Box 271, Trenton, NJ 08695-0271.

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TAX FORMS AND INFORMATION

Requests for forms should be addressed to the New Jersey Division of Taxation, Taxpayer Forms Services, PO Box 269, Trenton, NJ 08695-0269. To listen to prerecorded information or to order forms and publications, dial 1-800-323-4400 from touch-tone phones within New Jersey, or 609-826-4400 from touch-tone phones anywhere. If you wish to speak to a Division representative, contact the Division of Taxation's Customer Service Center at 609-292-6400. To request a subscription to the New Jersey State Tax News write to: New Jersey Division of Taxation, Information and Publications Branch, PO Box 281, Trenton, NJ 08695-0281 or send an e-mail to [Contact Us](#)

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