Spidell's California Taxletter®

2014 California Tax Rate Schedules

Schedule 1 — Single or Married/RDP Filing Separate

If the taxable income is.	If t	the tax	able	income	is
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Over	But not over	Tax is			Of amount over		
\$0	\$7,749	\$0.00	plus	1.00%	\$0		
\$7,749	\$18,371	\$77.49	plus	2.00%	\$7,749		
\$18,371	\$28,995	\$289.93	plus	4.00%	\$18,371		
\$28,995	\$40,250	\$714.89	plus	6.00%	\$28,995		
\$40,250	\$50,869	\$1,390.19	plus	8.00%	\$40,250		
\$50,869	\$259,844	\$2,239.71	plus	9.30%	\$50,869		
\$259,844	\$311,812	\$21,674.39	plus	10.30%	\$259,844		
\$311,812	\$519,687	\$27,027.09	plus	11.30%	\$311,812		
\$519,687	and over	\$50,516.97	plus	12.30%	\$519,687		

Schedule 2 — Married Filing Joint or Qualifying Widow(er) with Dependent Child

If the taxable income is...

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Over	But not over	Tax is			Of amount over
\$0	\$15,498	\$0.00	plus	1.00%	\$0
\$15,498	\$36,742	\$154.98	plus	2.00%	\$15,498
\$36,742	\$57,990	\$579.86	plus	4.00%	\$36,742
\$57,990	\$80,500	\$1,429.78	plus	6.00%	\$57,990
\$80,500	\$101,738	\$2,780.38	plus	8.00%	\$80,500
\$101,738	\$519,688	\$4,479.42	plus	9.30%	\$101,738
\$519,688	\$623,624	\$43,348.77	plus	10.30%	\$519,688
\$623,624	\$1,039,374	\$54,054.18	plus	11.30%	\$623,624
\$1,039,374	and over	\$101,033.93	plus	12.30%	\$1,039,374

Schedule 3 — Head of Household

If the taxable income is...

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Over	But not over	Tax is			Of amount over		
\$0	\$15,508	\$0.00	plus	1.00%	\$0		
\$15,508	\$36,743	\$155.08	plus	2.00%	\$15,508		
\$36,743	\$47,366	\$579.78	plus	4.00%	\$36,743		
\$47,366	\$58,621	\$1,004.70	plus	6.00%	\$47,366		
\$58,621	\$69,242	\$1,680.00	plus	8.00%	\$58,621		
\$69,242	\$353,387	\$2,529.68	plus	9.30%	\$69,242		
\$353,387	\$424,065	\$28,955.17	plus	10.30%	\$353,387		
\$424,065	\$706,774	\$36,235.00	plus	11.30%	\$424,065		
\$706,774	and over	\$68,181.12	plus	12.30%	\$706,774		

Individual Filing Requirements							
	California Gross Income			California Adjusted Gross Income			
Age as of		Dependents			Dependents		
December 31, 2014*	0	1	2 or more	0	1	2 or more	
Under 65 65 or older	16,047 21,447	27,147 29,772	35,472 36,432	12,838 18,238	23,938 26,563	32,263 33,223	
Under 65 (both spouses/RDPs) 65 or older (one spouse) 65 or older (both spouses/RDPs)	32,097 37,497 42,897	43,197 45,822 51,222	51,522 52,482 57,882	25,678 31,078 36,478	36,778 39,403 44,803	45,103 46,063 51,463	
Under 65 65 or older		27,147 29,772	35,472 36,432		23,938 26,563	32,263 33,223	
Under 65 65 or older	More than your standard deduction More than your standard deduction						
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2014 California Tax Rates, Exemptions, and Credits

The rate of inflation in California, for the period from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, was 2.2%. The 2014 personal income tax brackets are indexed by this amount.

Exemption credits

•	Married filing joint, RDP, and surviving spouse	\$216
•	Single, married filing separate, and HOH	\$108
•	Dependent	\$333
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•	Age 65 or older	\$108

Phaseout of exemption credits

Higher-income taxpayers' exemption credits are reduced as follows:

R	Reduce each	For	Federal AGI
	credit by:	each:	exceeds:
Single	\$6	\$2,500	\$176,413
Married filing separate	\$6	\$1,250	\$176,413
Head of household	\$6	\$2,500	\$264,623
Married filing joint	\$12	\$2,500	\$352,830
Surviving spouse	\$12	\$2,500	\$352,830

When applying the phaseout amount, apply the \$6/\$12 amount to each exemption credit, but do not reduce the credit below zero.

If a personal exemption credit is less than the phaseout amount, do not apply the excess against a dependent exemption credit.

Example of exemption credit phaseout

Joe is a single taxpayer with one dependent. His federal AGI is \$187,000. He must phase out each of his exemptions by \$30. That is, (\$187,000 – \$176,413) \div \$2,500 = 5 (always round up); 5 \times \$6 = \$30. His exemption credit for 2014 is \$381, calculated as follows:

Reduction in itemized deductions

Itemized deductions must be reduced by the lesser of 6% of the excess of the taxpayer's federal AGI over the threshold amount or 80% of the amount of itemized deductions otherwise allowed for the taxable year.

•	Single and married filing separate	\$176,413
•	Head of household	\$264,623
•	Married filing joint and surviving spouse	\$352,830

Standard deductions

The standard deduction amounts for:

- Single and married filing separate\$3,992
- Minimum standard deduction for dependents....\$1,000

Miscellaneous credits

- Qualified Senior Head of Household Credit is 2% of California taxable income, with a maximum California AGI of \$69,005, and a maximum credit of\$1,300
- Joint Custody Head of Household Credit and Dependent Parent Credit are each 30% of net tax, with a maximum credit of......\$425

Nonrefundable Renter's Credit

This nonrefundable, noncarryover credit for renters is available for:

- Single and married filing separate with a California AGI of \$37,768 or less.....\$60 credit
- Married filing joint, RDP, head of household, and surviving spouse with a California AGI of \$75,536 or less\$120 credit

Individual tax rates

•	The maximum rate for individuals is	12.3%
•	The AMT rate for individuals is	7%

The Mental Health Services Tax Rate is 1% for taxable income in excess of \$1,000,000 for all filing statuses.

AMT exemption

	Married tiling joint, RDP, and surviving spouse	\$86,502
•	Single and head of household	\$64,878
•	Married filing separate, estates, and trusts	\$43,250

AMT exemption phaseout

•	Married filing joint, RDP, and surviving	g spouse\$324,384
•	Single and head of household	\$243,288

• Married filing separate, estates, and trusts\$162,191

FTB cost recovery fees

	Bank and corporation filing enforcement fee	\$96
•	Bank and corporation collection fee	\$310
•	Personal income tax filing enforcement fee	\$76
•	Personal income tay collection fee	\$194

The personal income tax fees apply to individuals and partnerships, as well as limited liability companies that are classified as partnerships. The bank and corporation fees apply to banks and corporations, as well as limited liability companies that are classified as corporations. Interest does not accrue on these cost recovery fees.

Corporate tax rates

Corporate tax rates		
• Corporations other than banks and financials8.84%		
Banks and financials		
• AMT rate		
• S corporation rate		
• S corporation bank and financial rate		