



# TAX BULLETIN 10 - 12

## *Virginia Department of Taxation*

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### VIRGINIA'S FIRST QUARTER 2011 INTEREST RATES WILL CHANGE

**Federal Rates To Change:** State and certain local interest rates are subject to change every quarter due to changes in federal rates established pursuant to IRC § 6621. Federal rates for the first quarter of 2011 will be 3% for tax underpayments (assessments) and 3% for tax overpayments (refunds) by taxpayers other than corporations. *Virginia Code* § 58.1-15 provides that underpayment rates for Virginia taxes will be 2% higher than the corresponding federal rates and overpayment rates for Virginia taxes will be 2% higher than the federal rate.

Accordingly, the Virginia rates for the first quarter of 2011 will be 5% for tax underpayments (assessments) and 5% for tax overpayments (refunds).

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#### Rate for Addition to Tax for Underpayments of Estimated Tax

**Taxpayers whose taxable year ends on December 31, 2010:** For the purpose of computing the addition to the tax for underpayment of Virginia estimated income taxes on Form 500C (for corporations), Form 760C (for individuals, estates and trusts), or Form 760F (for farmers and fishermen), the first quarter 5% underpayment rate will apply through the due date of the return, April 15, 2011 (for corporations) and May 2, 2011 (for individuals and fiduciaries).

#### Local Tax

**Assessments:** Localities that assess interest on delinquent taxes under *Va. Code* § 58.1-3916 may impose interest at a rate not to exceed 10% for the first year of delinquency, and at a rate not to exceed 10% or the federal underpayment rate in effect for the applicable quarter, whichever is greater, for the second and subsequent years of delinquency. For the first quarter of 2011, the federal underpayment rate is 3%.

**Refunds:** Localities that charge interest on delinquent taxes are required to pay interest to taxpayers on all overpayments or erroneously assessed taxes at the same rate as they charge interest on delinquent taxes under *Va. Code* § 58.1-3916.

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**Recent Interest Rates**

Accrual Period		Overpayment	Underpayment
<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Through</u>	<u>(Refund)</u>	<u>(Assessment)</u>
1-Apr-00	31-Mar-01	11%	11%
1-Apr-01	30-Jun-01	10%	10%
1-Jul-01	31-Dec-01	9%	9%
1-Jan-02	31-Dec-02	8%	8%
1-Jan-03	30-Sep-03	7%	7%
1-Oct-03	31-Mar-04	6%	6%
1-Apr-04	30-Jun-04	7%	7%
1-Jul-04	30-Sep-04	6%	6%
1-Oct-04	31-Mar-05	7%	7%
1-Apr-05	30-Sep-05	8%	8%
1-Oct-05	30-Jun-06	9%	9%
1-Jul-06	31-Dec-07	10%	10%
1-Jan-08	31-Mar-08	9%	9%
1-Apr-08	30-Jun-08	8%	8%
1-Jul-08	30-Sep-08	7%	7%
1-Oct-08	31-Dec-08	8%	8%
1-Jan-09	31-Mar-09	7%	7%
1-Apr-09	31-Dec-10	6%	6%
1-Jan-11	31-Mar-11	5%	5%

**Additional Information:** Contact Customer Services, Virginia Department of Taxation, P. O. Box 1115, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1115, or call the following numbers for more information about interest rates and penalties.

Individual & Fiduciary Income Tax	(804) 367-8031
Corporation Income Tax	(804) 367-8037
Withholding Tax	(804) 367-8037
Soft Drink Excise Tax	(804) 786-2450
Aircraft Sales & Use Tax	(804) 786-2450
Other Sales & Use Taxes	(804) 367-8037

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