2025 Form NJ-1080-C Instructions

Qualified nonresident individuals who are members of general and limited partnerships, professional athletic teams, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies, New Jersey S corporations, estates, and trusts can participate in a composite return. Any composite return that is filed on behalf of 25 or more participants must be filed on diskette. See general diskette specifications.

Only individuals are eligible to file as part of a composite return. To qualify for participation in a composite return, the nonresident must be a member of one of the specified entities and satisfy all of the following conditions:

1. The individual was a nonresident for the entire tax year;
2. The individual did not maintain a permanent place of abode in New Jersey at any time during the tax year;
3. The individual was not a fiscal year filer;
4. The individual did not have income derived from or connected with New Jersey sources other than the income reported on composite return(s);
5. The individual waives the right to claim any New Jersey personal exemption, credit, or deduction and agrees to have the tax calculated directly on the individual's income reported on the composite return at the highest tax rate in effect for single taxpayers for the tax year; and
6. The individual elects to be included in a composite return by completing and delivering to the filing entity a Form NJ-1080E (Election to Participate in a Composite Return) prior to the filing of the composite return by the entity.

An individual can participate in other New Jersey Gross Income Tax composite returns, provided that the requirements of 1 through 6 above are satisfied. Once a nonresident elects to participate in a composite return, the election is binding on the individual's heirs, representatives, assigns, successors, executors, and administrators and constitutes an express consent to personal jurisdiction in New Jersey for New Jersey personal Income Tax purposes.

Election to Participate

Every participating member must make the election to be part of the composite return in writing each year by filing Form NJ-1080E with the filing entity. The elections must be maintained in the filing entity's files. When filed, the composite return must include a list of the members who are participating, as well as a list of those who have not elected, or are not qualified, to participate in the composite return. The list must include each member's name, address, and federal identification number. A qualified electing nonresident participant cannot revoke an election to be included in the composite return or make an election to be included in the composite return after April 15 following the close of the tax year.

Permission to File not Required

Written permission to file a composite return is not required. Any entity that is eligible to file a composite return can do so without first putting the Division on notice.

When to File

Returns for calendar year 2025 are due April 15, 2026. No fiscal composite returns will be accepted.

Postmark Date

All New Jersey Income Tax returns postmarked on or before the due date of the return are considered to be filed on time. Tax returns postmarked after the due date are considered to be filed late. When a return is postmarked after the due date, the filing date for that return is the date the return was received by the Division, not the postmark date of the return.

Extension of Time to File

An extension of time to file will be granted on a composite basis only. The request for an extension of time to file must be made on Form NJ-630 on or before the original due date of the return. The request must be made under the filing entity's federal identification number. A six-month extension of time to file the NJ-1080-C will be granted if at least 80% of the actual tax liability is paid in the form of estimated or other payments by the original due date of the return.

Taxpayers who file Form NJ-630 will not receive an approved copy. The Division will only send notification if the request for extension is denied.

If the requirements for extension are not satisfied, or if the return is not filed by the extended due date, the extension will be denied and penalties and interest will be imposed from the original due date of the return. See Penalty and Interest Charges.

Where to File

Mail Form NJ-1080-C to:

State of New Jersey
Division of Taxation
Revenue Processing Center
PO Box 188
Trenton, New Jersey 08646-0188

How to Pay

The balance of tax can be paid either electronically (e-check or credit card) or by check or money order. Payment must be made by April 15, 2026. If paying by check or money order, make payable to State of New Jersey – TGI and include the federal employer identification number. Complete a payment voucher (Form NJ-1040NR-V), and include the voucher and payment with your return. Do not include the payment voucher if you are paying electronically.

Penalties and Interest Charges

Penalties and interest should be included with the payment of any tax due. The Division may impose the following:

Late filing penalty: 5% per month (or part of a month) up to a maximum of 25% of the outstanding tax liability when a return is filed after the due date or extended due date. Also, a penalty of $100 per month for each month the return is late may be imposed.

Late payment penalty: 5% of the outstanding tax balance may be imposed.

Interest: 3% above the prime rate for every month or part of a month the tax is unpaid, compounded annually. At the end of each calendar year, any tax, penalties and interest remaining due (unpaid) will become part of the balance on which interest is charged.

Estimated Tax

If the filing entity has filed a composite return in the previous years and the amount estimated to be the total Income Tax liability for the composite return for the current tax year exceeds $400, the filing entity must make quarterly estimated tax payments using Form NJ-1040-ES. Instructions for calculating the estimated tax and making the payments are included with that form. Failure to make estimated payments when required or pay all or part of an underpayment will result in interest charges on the underpayment.

Underpayment of Estimated Tax

If the filing entity failed to make the required estimated tax payments as described above, the entity must complete Form NJ-2210, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals, Estates, or Trusts. Completing Form NJ-2210 will allow you to determine if interest on the underpayment is due and if so, to calculate the amount. If you complete and enclose Form NJ-2210 with your return, check the box below line 19. **Credit will not be given on the composite return for estimated tax payments made by any of the qualified electing nonresident participants.**

Accounting Method

The accounting method used for Form NJ-1080-C must be the same as the accounting method used by the participants for federal income tax purposes.

Accounting Periods

The accounting period for a nonresident composite return is the calendar year.

Forms and Assistance

Forms are available on our website, by calling 1 (800) 323-4400, or by writing to the New Jersey Division of Taxation, 3 John Fitch Way, PO Box 269, Trenton, NJ 08695-0269, Attention: Forms Distribution Center.

Assistance is available by calling the Division's Customer Service Center at (609) 292-6400.

A composite return, Form NJ-1080-C, must be paper-filed. The directory information for a composite return filed on behalf of 25 or more participants **must** be submitted on diskette or rewritable CD. See general diskette specifications.

Rounding off to Whole Dollars

The money items on the return and schedules can be shown in whole dollars. This means that any amount under 50 cents can be eliminated and amounts of 50 cents or more should be increased to the next higher dollar.

Amended Returns

An amended Form NJ-1080-C must be filed if an amended federal return is filed for any filing entity, or if the Internal Revenue Service changes or corrects any item of income, gain, or loss previously reported. The amended New Jersey return must be filed within 90 days of the date the amended federal form is filed or, in the case of a federal audit, within 90 days after the final determination of the change. To amend the original composite return, use a blank Form NJ-1080-C for the tax year that is to be amended and write "Amended" across the top. Complete the form by entering the correct information and enclose an explanation of the changes.

An amended composite return should also be filed if the filing entity issues amended or corrected information returns (e.g., Form W-2, federal Schedule K-1, etc.) that affect Total New Jersey Taxable Income (line 17).

Signatures

Form NJ-1080-C is not considered to be a return unless it is signed and dated. If the filing entity is a general partnership, a limited partnership, or a limited liability partnership, the return must be signed by a general partner or the partner designated for tax matters. If the filing entity is a New Jersey S corporation, the return must be signed by an officer of the corporation; if a limited liability company, by an authorized member; if an estate, by

the executor or administrator; if a trust, by a trustee. If a receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, or assignee controls the organization's property or business, that person must sign the return. If the filing entity is a professional athletic team, the return must be signed as required above depending on the type of entity.

Anyone who prepares a composite return for a fee must sign the return as a "Paid Preparer" and must enter their Social Security number. The company or corporation name and federal employer identification number must be included, if applicable. The preparer required to sign the composite return must sign it by hand; signature stamps or labels are not acceptable. If someone prepares the return at no charge, the paid preparer's area does not need to be completed. A tax preparer who fails to sign the return or provide a correct tax identification number may incur a $25 penalty for each omission.

Privacy Act Notification

The Federal Privacy Act of 1974 requires an agency requesting information from individuals to inform them why the request is being made and how the information is being used.

Social Security numbers are used primarily to account for and give credit for tax payments. The Division of Taxation also uses Social Security numbers in the administration and enforcement of all tax laws for which it is responsible.

Federal/State Tax Agreement

The New Jersey Division of Taxation and the Internal Revenue Service have entered into a Federal/State Agreement to exchange income tax information in order to verify the accuracy and consistency of information reported on federal and New Jersey Income Tax returns.

Fraudulent Return

Any person who willfully fails to file a return, files a fraudulent return, or attempts to evade the tax in any manner may be liable for a penalty not to exceed $7,500 or imprisonment for a term between three and five years, or both.

General Instructions for Form NJ-1080-C

General Information

Enter the exact legal name, trade name, if any, and address of the entity filing the return on behalf of its participating members. The legal name is the name in which the business owns property or acquires debt. Enter the trade name or d/b/a (doing-business-as) name if different from the entity's legal name.

Enter the entity's federal employer identification number (EIN).

Enter the number of nonresident individuals participating in the composite return in the space provided.

Check the appropriate box to indicate the type of entity that is filing the return.

Do not include withholdings reported on Form 1099-NEC provided by a production company to a loan-out company or post-production company. These withholdings can only be claimed on the individual Income Tax returns of the employees of the loan-out company or post-production company. See the Garden State Film and Digital Media Jobs Act Credit FAQ for more information.

Gubernatorial Elections Fund

If you want to designate $1 to go to help candidates for governor pay expenses, check the "Yes" box in the Gubernatorial Elections Fund section of the return. Checking the "Yes" box will not in any way increase your tax liability or reduce your refund.

For more information on the Gubernatorial Public Financing program, contact the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission at (609) 292-8700 or online.

Enclosures

For each qualified electing nonresident participant, a copy of the following must be enclosed with Form NJ-1080-C:

- Schedule NJK-1, Form NJ-1065, if the filing entity is a partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company;
- Form W-2, if the filing entity is a professional athletic team;
- Schedule NJ-K-1, Form CBT-100S, if the filing entity is a New Jersey S corporation;
- Schedule NJK-1, Form NJ-1041;
- Schedule PTE-K-1, Form PTE-100, if the filing entity is a pass-through entity that filed an election to pay the Pass-Through Business Alternative Income Tax.

Instructions for Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies, and Limited Liability Partnerships

The income entered on line 12, Distributive Share of Partnership Income, will be the combined income reported in column B of Schedule NJK-1, Form NJ-1065, for each qualified electing nonresident partner.

Lines 8 through 11. Enter "0" (zero) on each of these lines.

Line 12 – Distributive Share of Partnership Income. Enter the composite amount of income from the partnership that was reported on line 4, column B, Schedule NJK-1, Form NJ-1065, for all participating partners. If the composite amount is a loss, enter "0" (zero).

Lines 13 through 16. Enter "0" (zero) on each of these lines.

Line 17 – Total New Jersey Taxable Income. Enter the total of lines 8 through 16.

Line 18 – Tax. Calculate the tax by multiplying the amount on line 17 by 10.75%.

Line 19 – Interest on Underpayment of Estimated Tax. New Jersey's Income Tax is a "pay-as-you-go" tax. You must pay the tax as you earn or receive income throughout the year. If you do not pay enough tax on the income you received, you may owe interest (see Estimated Tax).

To determine the amount of interest for the underpayment of estimated tax, complete Form NJ-2210, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals, Estates, or Trusts. Enter on line 19 the amount of interest due from **line 19, Form NJ-2210.** Check the box at line 19 and enclose Form NJ-2210 with your return.

Line 20 – Total Tax Due. Enter the total of lines 18 and 19.

Line 21 – Total New Jersey Tax Withheld. Enter "0" (zero) on this line.

Line 22 – Estimated Payments/Credit from 2024 Composite Return. Enter the total of:

- Estimated tax payments made by the partnership for 2025;
- Credit, if any, applied from the partnership's 2024 composite return;
- Amount, if any, paid to qualify for an extension of time to file.

Credit will not be given on the composite return for estimated tax payments made on an individual basis by any of the participating partners during the tax year.

Line 23 – Tax Paid on Partners' Behalf by Partnership. Enter the total amount of New Jersey Income Tax paid on participating partners' behalf by the partnership, as shown on line 1, Part III of Schedule NJK-1s. Enclose a copy of Schedule NJK-1 for each participating partner for which a credit is being claimed.

Line 24 – Pass-Through Business Alternative Income Tax Credit. Enter the total shares of tax for participating members from Schedule PTE-K-1s received from the pass-through entity, as well as the total shares of tax for participating partners from line 4, Part III of Schedule NJK-1s. Enclose a copy of Schedule PTE-K-1 and Schedule NJK-1 for each member for which a credit is being claimed.

Line 25 – Total Payments/Credits. Enter the total of lines 21 through 24.

Line 26 – Amount Due. If line 20 is more than line 25, there is a balance due. Make your check for the total amount payable to "State of New Jersey – TGI."

Line 27 – Overpayment. If line 20 is less than line 25, there is an overpayment.

Line 28 – Refund. Enter the amount from line 27 that you want refunded to the partnership.

Line 29 – Credit to 2026 Tax. Subtract line 28 from line 27. Enter the result on line 29. This is the amount that will be credited to the 2026 composite tax liability.

Instructions for New Jersey S Corporations

Lines 8 through 12. Enter "0" (zero) on each of these lines.

Line 13 – Net Pro Rata Share of S Corporation Income. Enter the combined amount of S Corporation Income that was reported on line 1, Part II, Schedule NJ-K-1, Form CBT-100S for all participating shareholders. If the combined amount of S Corporation Income is a loss, enter "0" (zero).

Lines 14 through 16. Enter "0" (zero) on each of these lines.

Line 17 – Total New Jersey Taxable Income. Enter the total of lines 8 through 16.

Line 18 – Tax. Calculate the tax by multiplying the amount on line 17 by 10.75%.

Line 19 – Interest on Underpayment of Estimated Tax. New Jersey's Income Tax is a "pay-as-you-go" tax. You must pay the tax as you earn or receive income throughout the year. If you do not pay enough tax on the income you received, you may owe interest (see Estimated Tax).

To determine the amount of interest for the underpayment of estimated tax, complete Form NJ-2210, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals, Estates, or Trusts. Enter on line 19 the amount of interest due from **line 19, Form NJ-2210.** Check the box at line 19 and enclose Form NJ-2210 with your return.

Line 20 – Total Tax Due. Enter the total of lines 18 and 19.

Line 21 – Total New Jersey Tax Withheld. Enter "0" (zero) on this line.

Line 22 – Estimated Payments/Credit from 2024 Composite Return. Enter the total of:

- Estimated tax payments made by the New Jersey S corporation for 2025;
- Amount, if any, paid to qualify for an extension of time to file;
- In addition, the total on line 22 must include any payments made by an S corporation on behalf of any nonresident nonconsenting shareholders who have elected to participate in the composite return. If a nonresident nonconsenting shareholder elects to participate in a composite return, the shareholder's Social Security number reported on Form NJ-1040-SC (Payment on Behalf of Nonconsenting Shareholders) must be the same as the number shown on Form NJ-1080-C as the entity's federal identification number. If the shareholder's Social Security number and the entity's identification number are not the same, credit will not be given on Form NJ-1080-C. Credit will not be given on the composite return for estimated tax payments made on an individual basis by any of the participating shareholders during the tax year.

Line 23 – Tax Paid on Partners' Behalf by Partnership. Enter "0" (zero) on this line.

Line 24 – Pass-Through Business Alternative Income Tax Credit. Enter the total shares of tax for participating members from Schedule PTE-K-1s received from the pass-through entity, as well as total shares of tax for participating shareholders from line 8, Part II of Schedule NJ-K-1s. Enclose a copy of Schedule PTE-K-1 and Schedule NJ-K-1 for each member for which a credit is being claimed.

Line 25 – Total Payments/Credits. Enter the total of lines 21 through 24.

Line 26 – Amount Due. If line 20 is more than line 25, there is a balance due. Make your check for the total amount payable to "State of New Jersey – TGI."

Line 27 – Overpayment. If line 20 is less than line 25, there is an overpayment.

Line 28 – Refund. Enter the amount from line 27 that you want refunded to the S corporation.

Line 29 – Credit to 2026 Tax. Subtract line 28 from line 27. Enter the result on line 29. This is the amount that will be credited to the 2026 composite tax liability.

Instructions for Estates and Trusts

Lines 8 through 14. Enter "0" (zero) on each of these lines.

Line 15 – Net Gains or Income Derived Through Estates or Trusts. Enter on this line the combined amount of estate or trust income that was distributed to all participating beneficiaries, but only to the extent that those items were attributable to New Jersey sources and included in the amounts reported on Schedule E, Form NJ-1041. If no estate or trust income was distributed, enter "0" (zero).

Line 16 – Other Income. Enter "0" on this line.

Line 17 – Total New Jersey Taxable Income. Enter the total of lines 8 through 16.

Line 18 – Tax. Calculate the tax by multiplying the amount on line 17 by 10.75%.

Line 19 – Interest on Underpayment of Estimated Tax. New Jersey's Income Tax is a "pay-as-you-go" tax. You must pay the tax as you earn or receive income throughout the year. If you do not pay enough tax on the income you received, you may owe interest (see Estimated Tax).

To determine the amount of interest for the underpayment of estimated tax, complete Form NJ-2210, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals, Estates, or Trusts. Enter on line 19 the amount of interest due from **line 19, Form NJ-2210.** Check the box at line 19 and enclose Form NJ-2210 with your return.

Line 20 – Total Tax Due. Enter the total of lines 18 and 19.

Line 21 – Total New Jersey Tax Withheld. Enter "0" (zero) on this line.

Line 22 – Estimated Payments/Credit from 2024 Composite Return. Enter the total of:

- Estimated tax payments made by the estate or trust for 2025;
- Amount, if any, paid to qualify for an extension of time to file.

Credit will not be given on the composite return for estimated tax payments made on an individual basis by any of the participating beneficiaries during the tax year.

Line 23 – Tax Paid on Partners' Behalf by Partnership. Enter the total shares of tax for participating beneficiaries from Schedule NJK-1s, Form NJ-1041. Enclose a copy of Schedule NJK-1 for each beneficiary for which a credit is being claimed.

Line 24 – Pass-Through Business Alternative Income Tax Credit. Enter the total shares of tax for participating beneficiaries from Schedule NJK-1s, Form NJ-1041. Enclose a copy of Schedule NJK-1 for each beneficiary for which a credit is being claimed.

Line 25 – Total Payments/Credits. Enter the total of lines 21 through 24.

Line 26 – Amount Due. If line 20 is more than line 25, there is a balance due. Make your check for the total amount payable to "State of New Jersey – TGI."

Line 27 – Overpayment. If line 20 is less than line 25, there is an overpayment.

Line 28 – Refund. Enter the amount from line 27 that you want refunded to the estate or trust.

Line 29 – Credit to 2026 Tax. Subtract line 28 from line 27. Enter the result on line 29. This is the amount that will be credited to the 2026 composite tax liability.

Instructions for Professional Athletic Teams

Line 8 – Wages, salaries, tips and other employee compensation. Enter on this line the combined amount of wages that was paid by the team to the participating athletes as a result of duty days spent in New Jersey during the tax year.

Lines 9 through 16. Enter "0" (zero) on each of these lines.

Line 17 – Total New Jersey Taxable Income. Enter the total of lines 8 through 16.

Line 18 – Tax. Calculate the tax by multiplying the amount on line 17 by 10.75%.

Line 19 – Interest on Underpayment of Tax. New Jersey's Income Tax is a "pay-as-you-go" tax. You must pay the tax as you earn or receive income throughout the year. If you do not pay enough tax on the income you received, you may owe interest (see Estimated Tax).

To determine the amount of interest for the underpayment of estimated tax, complete Form NJ-2210, Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals, Estates, or Trusts. Enter on line 19 the amount of interest due from **line 19, Form NJ-2210.** Check the box at line 19 and enclose Form NJ-2210 with your return.

Line 20 – Total Tax Due. Enter the total of lines 18 and 19.

Line 21 – Total New Jersey Tax Withheld. Enter the total New Jersey Income Tax withheld.

Line 22 – Estimated Payments/Credit from 2024 Composite Return. Enter on line 22 the total of:

- Estimated tax payments, if any, made by the team for 2025;
- Amount, if any, paid to qualify for an extension of time to file;
- Credit, if any, applied from the team's 2024 composite return. Credit will not be given on the composite return for estimated tax payments made on an individual basis by any of the participating nonresident athletes during the tax year.

Line 23 – Tax Paid on Partners' Behalf by Partnership. Enter "0" (zero) on this line.

Line 24 – Pass-Through Business Alternative Income Tax Credit. Enter "0" (zero) on this line.

Line 25 – Total Payments/Credits. Enter on line 25 the total of lines 21 through 24.

Line 26 – Amount Due. If line 20 is more than line 25, there is a balance due. Make your check for the total amount payable to "State of New Jersey – TGI."

Line 27 – Overpayment. If line 20 is less than line 25, there is an overpayment.

Line 28 – Refund. Enter the amount from line 27 that you want refunded to the team.

Line 29 – Credit to 2026 Tax. Subtract line 28 from line 27. Enter the result on line 29. This is the amount that will be credited to the 2026 composite tax liability.

Instructions for Schedules A and B

Schedule A
Participant Directory
List all participants. Be sure to include their name, principal address, and Social Security number. Indicate each participant's share of New Jersey taxable income and the amount of New Jersey Gross Income Tax liability. Enclose additional sheets if necessary.

Any composite return that is filed on behalf of 25 or more participants must be filed on diskette. See general diskette specifications.

Schedule B
Nonparticipant Directory
List all members of the filing entity, including partnerships and corporations, that have not elected to or are not qualified to participate in the composite return. Be sure to include each member's name, principal address, and Social Security number or EIN. Enclose additional sheets if necessary.

If Schedule A is required to be submitted on diskette because there are 25 or more participants, Schedule B must also be submitted on diskette.

Instructions for Completing Form NJ-1080E

Every qualified nonresident who chooses to participate in a composite return must read and complete Form NJ-1080E (or a form substantially similar), and return it to the filing entity. Form NJ-1080E must be completed and returned to the filing entity no later than April 15 following the close of the tax year. The election to participate cannot be revoked after April 15.

General Diskette Specifications for Participant and Nonparticipant Directory

The New Jersey Division of Taxation requires Participant and Nonparticipant Directory information (Schedules A and B of Form NJ-1080-C) to be filed on diskette or rewritable CD when there are 25 or more participants. Form NJ-1080-C (composite return) cannot be filed on a diskette or rewritable CD, but must be filed on the paper return. A filing entity with less than 25 participants can also file on diskette or rewritable CD, but is not required to do so.

In addition to the standard format, Form NJ-1080-C Participant and Nonparticipant Directory information can be filed using an EXCEL spreadsheet. (**Note:** An EXCEL spreadsheet must be saved as a 'Formatted Text (Space Delimited)' file (prn).

To be compatible, a diskette file must meet the following specifications:

(a) Only one "A" record and one "T" record must exist per file. The "A" record identifies the entity for which the participant and nonparticipant directories are being reported and must be the first record on the file. A "D" record for each individual must follow the "A" record. A "D" record must be written for each participant and nonparticipant. The "T" record contains the number of "D" records reported and must be written after the last "D" record.

(b) If a diskette was used previously for other data, reformat it before using it for an NJ-1080-C Participant/Nonparticipant Directory submittal.

(c) All diskettes and rewritable CDs should be virus scanned before submission to the New Jersey Division of Taxation. If the Division of Taxation detects a virus, the diskette(s) may be returned unprocessed.

(d) Data must be recorded in UPPERCASE.

(e) Each file must contain composite return information for a single tax year only. A file containing multiple tax years will be rejected.

(f) The external label must indicate the file name, return year, federal EIN, name of the entity submitting the file, and personal computer operating system/software package used (Example: Windows 10/Excel 2013).

(g) A diskette file can consist of multiple diskettes. The external diskette label must indicate the proper sequence (e.g., VOL 1 of 3). If a file consists of multiple diskettes the "A" record must be the first record on the first diskette in the sequence. The "T" record must be the last record on the last diskette in the sequence.

(h) Use the column width indicated for each column for the entire file.