

February 25, 2015

The Department has re-promulgated the Apportionment of Income regulation, 830 CMR 63.38.1 (in particular section (9)(d) of the regulation). This has resulted in instructional changes for Schedule A, line 12 and also Schedule F. The instructional changes are highlighted on the 355 Instructions, pages 10, 13 and 14 and the 355S Instructions, pages 11, 14 and 15. Note that the changes are instructional only. Neither Schedule A nor Schedule F has changed.

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2014 Major Changes

Changes made to individual forms and schedules are highlighted on the PDFs.

Obvious changes (reference and year end changes) are highlighted on the PDFs and are considered to be self-explanatory.

Other changes which are highlighted are explained with sticky notes on the file.

S Corporation Rate Change

Due to the decrease in the personal income tax rate for 2014, the tax rates for S corporations with taxable income in Massachusetts of \$6 million or more has been increased.

The tax rate for corporations with income taxable in Massachusetts of \$6 million or more but less than \$9 million is now .0187, increased from .0183.

The tax rate for corporations with income taxable in Massachusetts of \$9 million or more is now .028, increased from .0275.

New Credits

The Refundable Community Investment credit is new in 2014. See Schedule RF (Forms 355 and 355S, page 8) and Schedules U-CS and U-IC.

The Certified Housing Development credit is being claimed for the first time in 2014. See Schedule CR (Forms 355 and 355S, page 8) and Schedules U-CS and U-IC.

Expired Form

Form P.S.1, Public Service Corporation Franchise Tax Return is now obsolete.