

# CAUTION:

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**Massachusetts Department of Revenue**  
**Schedule ABI**  
**Exceptions to the Add Back of Interest Expenses** **2021**

Enclose this schedule to claim an exception to the requirement under MGL ch 63, §§ 31J, 31K to add back to net income related member interest expenses and costs. Complete a separate schedule for each transaction with a related member as to which an exception is claimed.

Name of taxpayer	Federal Identification number	For tax year beginning	Ending
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Related member reporting the income	Federal Identification number	For tax year beginning	Ending
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Name of jurisdiction(s) in which related member is taxed on net income (if applicable)	Unitary business identifier
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Principal reporting corporation (if applicable)	Federal Identification number	For tax year beginning	Ending
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Deduction claimed is taken on:

- Form 355U, Schedule U-E  
  Form 355U, Schedule U-MTI  
  Form 355 or 355S, Schedule E  
  Other

**Total Exceptions Claimed**

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|--|----------|--|
| 1 Amount from Exception 1, line 7.....   | <b>1</b> |  |
| 2 Amount from Exception 2, line 15f.....   | <b>2</b> |  |
| 3 Amount from Exception 3, line 1.....   | <b>3</b> |  |
| 4 Total add back exception claimed. Add lines 1 through 3. Enter here and on appropriate corporate return..... | <b>4</b> |  |

**Exception 1.** Full exception for interest paid, accrued or incurred to a related member that is taxed at a similar rate.

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| 1 Amount of deductible interest expense or cost claimed by taxpayer.....  | <b>1</b>  |  |
| 2 Actual tax rate applied to taxpayer (from Forms 355, 355U, 355S or 63 F1).....  | <b>2</b>  |  |
| 3 Tax rate(s) applied to the corresponding interest income from the related member's return(s). Do not enter the tax rate of a jurisdiction in which the related member is filing with the taxpayer on a combined or unitary basis. |           |  |
| 3a Tax rate from related member's return.....   | <b>3a</b> |  |
| 3b Tax rate from related member's return.....   | <b>3b</b> |  |
| 3c Tax rate from related member's return.....   | <b>3c</b> |  |
| 3d Tax rate from related member's return.....   | <b>3d</b> |  |
| 3e Tax rate from related member's return.....   | <b>3e</b> |  |
| 4 Related member apportionment percentage(s) for the jurisdiction(s) referenced in line 3. Enter "1" if the related member is taxable in only one jurisdiction and therefore not subject to apportionment.                          |           |  |
| 4a Related member's apportionment percentage.....   | <b>4a</b> |  |
| 4b Related member's apportionment percentage.....   | <b>4b</b> |  |
| 4c Related member's apportionment percentage.....   | <b>4c</b> |  |
| 4d Related member's apportionment percentage.....   | <b>4d</b> |  |
| 4e Related member's apportionment percentage.....   | <b>4e</b> |  |

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Exception 1 (cont'd.)

5 Multiply line 3 by line 4. Where the related member is taxed in more than one jurisdiction, multiply the respective responses from lines 3 and 4.

5a 5b 5c 5d 5e Apportioned tax rate. 5f Add lines 5a through 5e. 6 Subtract line 5f from line 2. 7 Exception amount claimed. If line 6 is equal to or less than .03, enter the amount from line 1 here and in Total Exceptions Claimed, line 1. Otherwise, enter "0".

Exception 2. Partial exception for interest paid, accrued or incurred to a related member.

Do not complete this section if you have claimed Exception 1 as to the same interest expense or cost add back. Complete this section only if the interest expense or cost was reported as income by the related member and, if applicable, the tax reported by the related member on that return exceeded the minimum tax.

1 Amount of deductible interest expense or cost claimed by taxpayer. 2 Taxpayer's apportionment percentage from apportionment schedule, line 5. Enter "1" if an apportionment schedule was not filed. 3 Multiply line 1 by line 2. 4 Tax rate applied to taxpayer (from Forms 355, 355U, 355S or 63 F1). 5 Multiply line 3 by line 4. 6 Total interest expense or cost incurred to related member by all other related members including taxpayer. 7 Divide line 1 by line 6. 8 For each of the jurisdictions where the related member is taxed, enter the related member's net income. Do not enter any amount for a jurisdiction in which the related entity is filing with the taxpayer on a combined or unitary basis. 8a 8b 8c 8d 8e Related member's net income. 9 Multiply line 7 by line 8. Where the related member is taxed in more than one jurisdiction, multiply the respective responses from lines 7 and 8. 9a 9b 9c 9d 9e

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Exception 2 (cont'd.)

10 For each jurisdiction referenced in line 8, enter amount from line 1 or line 9, whichever is lesser.

10a 10b 10c 10d 10e

11 Provide related member apportionment percentages for jurisdiction(s) referenced in line 8. Enter "1" if the related member is taxable in only one jurisdiction and therefore not subject to apportionment.

11a 11b 11c 11d 11e

12 Multiply line 10 by line 11. Where the related member is taxed in more than one jurisdiction, multiply the respective responses from lines 10 and 11.

12a 12b 12c 12d 12e

13 For each jurisdiction referenced in line 8, enter tax rate(s) applied to the related entity.

13a 13b 13c 13d 13e

14 Divide each rate in line 13 by line 4. Do not enter more than "1".

14a 14b 14c 14d 14e

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**Exception 2** (cont'd.)

**15** Exception amount claimed. Multiply line 12 by line 14. Where the related member is taxed in more than one jurisdiction, multiply the respective responses from lines 12 and 14. Enter here and in Total Exceptions Claimed, line 2.

- 15a** ..... **15a**
- 15b** ..... **15b**
- 15c** ..... **15c**
- 15d** ..... **15d**
- 15e** ..... **15e**
- 15f** Add lines 15a through 15e. .... **15f**

**Exception 3.** Exception based on supporting statement.

Taxpayer must prepare with its tax return and make available to the Commissioner upon request a supporting statement prepared in accordance with the Department's public written statements. All double tax exception claims must be made by answering the questions in Exception 1 or 2.

Basis for this claim (fill in only one):  Business purpose or economic substance  Section 31K foreign treaty exception

- 1** Amount of deductible interest claimed by taxpayer. Enter here and in Total Exceptions Claimed, line 3. .... **1**
- 2** Name of the related member to which the taxpayer paid, accrued or incurred the interest expense or cost ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3** Federal Identification number of the related member to which taxpayer paid, accrued or incurred the interest expense or cost. .... **3**
- 4** Date the underlying debt or liability was originally incurred (if the expense or cost was paid, accrued or incurred pursuant to a note or similar obligation, date of the note or instrument). .... **4**
- 5** Dollar amount of the underlying debt or liability as originally incurred. .... **5**
- 6** Outstanding dollar amount of debt or liability at the end of tax year covered by this return. .... **6**
- 7** If the underlying debt or liability has a fixed term, enter the termination date. .... **7**
- 8** Interest rate on the underlying debt or liability (if a variable rate, enter effective date for the period covered by this return) **8**
- 9** If the taxpayer is seeking section 31K exception, enter name of the foreign nation in which the related member is resident. .... **9**
- 10** Fill in if interest expense or cost paid, accrued or incurred was pursuant to a note or similar instrument. ....
- 11** Fill in if answer to line 10 is Yes and the interest expense or cost paid, accrued or incurred was in connection with a dividend note or similar instrument ....
- 12** Fill in if taxpayer asserted an add back exception in connection with the debt or liability on its Massachusetts tax return for a prior year. ....
- 13** Fill in if interest expense or cost was actually paid (e.g., as opposed to accrued). ....
- 14** Fill in if answer to line 13 is Yes and the amount paid was substantially returned to the taxpayer, either directly or indirectly, during the tax year (e.g., through the means of a dividend, loan, etc.) ....
- 15** Fill in if underlying transaction was entered into in whole or in part on the advice of a tax advisor. ....
- 16** Fill in if reduction of tax was a principal purpose for the underlying transaction. ....
- 17** Fill in if interest expense or cost was result of the taxpayer participating in a cash management, cash sweep or similar arrangement or system. .
- 18** Fill in if amount of interest expense or cost was the result of or supported by a written study or appraisal. ....
- 19** Provide greater detail, if necessary, concerning Exception 3 claim \_\_\_\_\_

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