

CAUTION:

This tax return must
be filed electronically.

Paper versions of this return
will not be accepted.

If you have questions about filing electronically,
contact us at 617-887-6367.

See <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dor-e-filing-and-payment-requirements> for further information about our electronic filing and payment requirements.

Form 355SV Instructions

2023 Massachusetts Tax Changes

Filing due dates

Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) ch 62C, §§ 11 and 12 require C corporations to file their tax returns on or before the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of each taxable year. The filing due date for S corporation tax returns is the 15th day of the third month following the close of each taxable year. For more information, see Technical Information Release (TIR) 17-5. For calendar year filers, April 15, 2024, when 2023 returns and payments would normally be due, is Patriots' Day, a legal holiday in the Commonwealth, and April 16, 2024 is Emancipation Day, a legal day in Washington D.C. As a result, returns, payments made with returns, and estimated payments otherwise due on April 15, 2024, will be treated as timely if they are filed and/or paid on or before April 17, 2024.

Expansion of Mandatory Electronic Filing for Corporate Excise Returns

Effective for tax periods ending on or after December 31, 2021, electronic filing and payment of tax will be required of all business corporations and financial institutions subject to tax under MGL ch 63, with no income threshold. For more information, see TIR 21-9: Expansion of Certain Electronic Filing and Payment Requirements.

Revisions to Form 355SV

Form 355SV allows for entry of multiple ships and vessels on a single form. The taxpayer will enter data for multiple ships or vessels, from which the total value of interest in all ships or vessels and the total tax due will be calculated.

Ship and Vessel Excise Tax

Massachusetts business corporations holding an interest in ships or vessels engaged in interstate or foreign carrying trade, or engaged exclusively in fishing, and documented and carrying papers under U.S. law are subject to the special ship and vessel excise tax measured by the value of such interest pursuant to MGL ch 63, § 67.

The Commissioner shall annually assess as of the last day of the taxable year, as defined in MGL ch 63, § 30.6, an excise tax upon the interest of every corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and having a place of business therein, in any ship or vessel which has, during the period of its business in the year preceding such day, been engaged in interstate or foreign carrying trade or engaged

exclusively in fishing and documented and carrying papers under U.S. law, which tax shall be one-third of one percent upon the value of such interest as determined by him. If the Commissioner is satisfied of the truth of the return filed pursuant to MGL ch 62C, § 12, he shall deduct said value from the value of its corporate franchise, if it is taxable under MGL ch 63, § 58.

Corporations subject to the ship and vessel excise tax must file Form 355SV, together with payment in full of tax due, on or before the 15th day of the fourth month after the close of the taxable year. See **Filing due dates** for 2024 return and payment dates.

Amended Return

New-Supporting Statement. If you are filing an amended return for any reason you must attach a statement to the amended return with an explanation of why you are filing the amended return, including the basis for submitting it.

If you need to change a line item on your return, complete a return with the corrected information and fill in the Amended Return oval. An amended return can be filed to either increase or decrease your tax. Generally, an amended return must be filed within three years of the date that your original return was filed. Electronic filing requirements apply to amended returns and disputes. See TIR 21-9 for further information.

Line Instructions

Ship or Vessel Excise Computation

The taxpayer must report the value of the corporation's interest in all ships or vessels engaged in interstate or foreign carrying trade, or engaged exclusively in fishing, and documented and carrying papers under U.S. law during the period of its business in the year preceding the last day of its taxable year.

Column c

Value of interest, in U.S. dollars.

Column d

Accumulated depreciation on such ship or vessel. Column d must be reported as a positive amount and must not exceed the value of interest.

File Only
Paper returns with no e-file
See TIRs 16-9 and 21-9 for more information.