Questionnaire 2018

Please check the appropriate box and include all necessary details

When in doubt, please check the "Not Sure" box so that we can discuss the issue with you.

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Name: _____ Spouse's Name _____

Contact Information

E-mail address(es):_____**or ☐ I don't use e-mail**

Phone Numbers (just enter the one(s) you would like us to use)

Home number: _____

Your Work or Cell number: _____ **Spouse's Work or Cell Number:**_____

How do you prefer to be contacted? ☐ E-mail ☐ Phone—circle best number.

How do you want your copy of your return? ☐ Paper copy ☐ PDF uploaded to our secure portal ☐ Both

Many states want us to give them your driver's license information to prevent fraud. You can decline to do so. If you have given it to us in the past and have not moved to a new state, please give us your

Issue Date: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Issue Date: _____Exp. Date: _____

You Your spouse

Personal Information

Did you marry, divorce, separate or become widowed during the year? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Did your address change from last year? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

New Address: _____ Date Moved: _____

Do you live with parents, relatives or friends or depend on them to pay your bills? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Do you want to **change** the bank account where any refund gets directly deposited? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, Bank Name _____ Account # _____

Is it a ☐checking or ☐savings account? (if not a local bank, please attach voided check)

Purchases, Sales and Debt Information

Did you start a **new business or purchase rental property** during the year? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Did you **sell, exchange, or purchase any real estate** during the year? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Did you **buy or sell stock** during the year? (We need the 1099) Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Did you **sell a business, rental, or other property** this year? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Did you have any debts canceled, such as credit card bills, or pay less than the full amount? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Did you pay any **student loan** interest this year? Please give us the 1098-E Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Did you **lend** $10,000 or more to anyone or lend any amount for a mortgage? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Other Income Information

Do you receive or pay Alimony? Received $_____ Paid $_____Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Do you have any income from hobbies or odd jobs? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Please check "Yes" or "Not Sure" if you sell produce or farm products (and you are not a farmer), sell items through home parties, get paid to teach classes, monitor tests, sell items online, or sell craft items. ALL INCOME GREATER THAN 49¢ (it gets rounded up to $1) MUST BE REPORTED. Describe briefly: _____

Did you win any **prizes (**not just **money)** from bingo, raffles, gambling or fantasy sports?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐ If yes or not sure, describe _____

Did you have any foreign income or pay any foreign taxes during the year? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
(Answer "NO" if you only have foreign stock through a US brokerage/investment account)
Did you withdraw or receive and money from any **retirement** account? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Did you withdraw money from an **education savings** (529) plan? We need 1099Q Yes ☐ No☐ Not Sure☐
Did you receive any **disability** income during the year? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Did you receive an **inheritance** recently or do you expect one this year? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Did you receive **tip income not reported to your employer**? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Did you cash in any life insurance policies or U. S. Savings Bonds? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Do you own a second residence or any other real estate? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Do you rent out a room, home or RV short-term such as through Airbnb? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Medical Insurance--Affordable Care Act--Obamacare

Did everyone in your household have medical insurance for all of 2018? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
If your insurance was through **your employer** or through **Medicare** or **Medicaid, Check here**: ☐

If your insurance was through Vermont Health Connect, the Healthcare Exchange or Marketplace, **please check here** ☐ **and make sure you bring us your form 1095A** which lists your premiums paid and any assistance you got.

Miscellaneous Information

Did you **make gifts** of more than $15,000 to any individual? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Did you change the deed on your home to give a share to anyone else (your children)? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Did you make any contributions to the Vermont (VHEIP) education savings plan (529)? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Did you retire, **start drawing social security** or change jobs in 2018? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Do you **plan to retire** or start drawing social security in the current year? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Did you purchase any solar energy panels or a geothermal pump in 2018? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
(If yes, please give us a copy of the receipt or tell us the total cost)
Did you lose property in a federally declared disaster area during the year? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Have you ever lived or worked in, or were you born in, or do you have any connection with any **foreign countries** (including Canada) such as bank accounts, real estate owned, relatives or close friends living abroad, or any interest in a foreign bank account, corporation or partnership or do you work somewhere (such as World Learning) and have signatory authority over accounts in another country? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

***If "No" initial here:** _____ and skip the foreign interest questions.
If you answered "Yes" or "Not Sure" please fill out the **foreign interest questions**.

Did you receive correspondence from a state tax department or the IRS ? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
If yes, please give us a copy or explain: _____

If you live in **New Hampshire,** sign here: (Others keep going!)

Signature _____Date _____

Vermont Residents Only

Charitable Contributions: $_____ (Vermont now allows a deduction even if you don't itemize. The same rules apply for documenting donations as before.)

Property Tax Assistance or Renter's Rebate:

1. If you live in a **rented** house or apartment and your income is (or might be) less than $47,000 check this box ☐ Make sure you give us your landlord cerificate and go to **Household Income**, below.
2. If you **own** your Vermont home please give us a **copy of your property 2018 tax bill**, check this box ☐ and go to **Household Income**, below.
3. If you know you don't qualify for either, check this box and go to **Use Tax** below. ☐

Household Income: (Skip this section if you do not want property tax assistance or a renter's rebate.)

Please list <u>everyone</u> (other than you and your spouse) **who lived in your home at any time during 2018:**

_____ Name _____ Relationship _____ Income Please give us a copy of their income tax

_____ Name _____ Relationship _____ Income if they filed one.

_____ Name _____ Relationship _____ Income

Include <u>kids</u> and <u>roommates</u> (but not pets) and <u>friends</u> and <u>family members</u> even if they did not live with you all year.

<u>Snow Birds</u>: did you RENT OUT your VT home during 2018? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Do <u>you or any household members</u> receive or pay child support? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Did <u>you or any household members</u> receive any of the following: (check any that might apply) or ☐NONE

☐ Veterans Benefits ☐ Military allowance ☐ Hobby income ☐ Gifts over $6500

☐Workers Compensation ☐ Welfare (not including food stamps or fuel assistance) ☐ Lottery or other prize (of any amount)

Did any of your dependent children **earn** (from a job) more than $6,500? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Did any of your dependent children have **unearned income** (social security, bank interest) **of any amount**? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Use Tax:

Use tax is due on items you purchase without paying sale tax and then USE in Vermont. This includes items purchased in NH or online or from a catalogue where the seller doesn't collect sales tax. **If you shop at Walmart in Hinsdale or Target in Keene for anything other than clothes, prescriptions and food, you owe use tax.** Amazon is now collecting sales tax from Vermont customers but not all of their vendors do.

Adjusted Gross Inc		Tax
Up to	$10,000	$5
$10,000	$20,000	$10
$20,001	$30,000	$20
$30,001	$40,000	$30
$40,001	$50,000	$40
$50,001	$60,000	$50
$60,001	$70,000	$60
70,001	$80,000	$70
$80,001	$90,000	$80
$90,001	$100,000	$90
Over $100,000 0.1% of AGI		

Here are your choices:

- ☐ I CERTIFY that I NEVER buy anything which would require me to pay use tax (we will enter $0)
- ☐ I kept track and here is the total amount I spent on which I owe use tax: $_____
- ☐ I estimate that I bought $_____ worth of stuff on which I owe use tax.
- ☐ Please use the "safe harbor" chart at the left to figure my use tax.

If you use the safe harbor, you add any single item that cost $1,000 or more. Check here if you bought any one thing costing $1,000 or more in a sales-tax-free situation. ☐

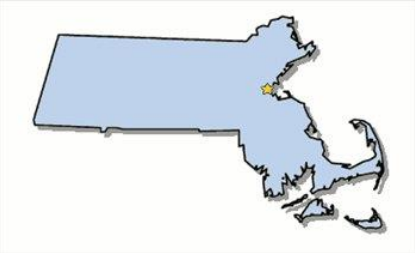
Would you like to contribute to any of the following (to be deducted from your refund or added tax due)?

Green Up Vermont $_____Children's Trust Fund $_____ Nongame Wildlife Fund $_____Vermont Veterans Fund $_____

Would you like any refund you get applied to your property tax?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Signature _____**Date** _____



Massachusetts Residents Only

Rent Credit:

Do you pay rent for your home? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, how much for the year? _____
What is the name and address of your landlord(s) _____
Does anyone else (other than your immediate family) live with you? _____

Use Tax:

Use tax is tax due on items you purchase without paying sale tax and then USE in Massachusetts. This includes items purchased in NH or online or from a catalogue where the seller doesn't collect sales tax. **If you shop at Walmart in Hinsdale or Target in Keene for anything other than clothes, prescriptions and food, you owe use tax.** Amazon is now collecting sales tax from Massachusetts customers but not all of their vendors do. (For more information about this ask your preparer or go to: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/individual-use-tax)

Mass AGI Per Return*	Use Tax liability
$0 - $25,000	$0
$25,001 - $40,000	$20
$40,001 - $60,000	$31
$60,001 - $80,000	$44
$80,001 - $100,000*	$56

If the Massachusetts AGI per return* is above $100,000, multiply by .000625.

Here are your choices:

- ☐ I CERTIFY that I NEVER buy anything which would require me to pay use tax (we will enter $0)
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- ☐ I estimate that I bought $_____ worth of stuff on which I owe use tax.
- ☐ Please use the "safe harbor" chart at the left to figure my use tax.

If you use the safe harbor, you add any single item that cost $1,000 or more. Check here if you bought any one thing costing $1,000 or more in a sales-tax-free situation. ☐

Charitable Contributions:

Would you like to contribute to any of the following? (to be deducted from your refund or added tax due)

Organ Transplant Fund $_____ AIDS Fund $_____ US Olympic Fund $_____
Endangered Wildlife Fund $_____ Military Family Relief Fund $_____ Homeless Animal Care $_____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Residents of All **Other** States
(Not VT, NH or MA)

In which state do you live? _____
(This is not always a simple question. If you are not sure, talk with your preparer about this.)

We are familiar with other states' income tax requirements and able to prepare returns from most states.

Although we will research your state's requirements before completing the return, if you aware of any particular quirk or benefit available, please let us know about it.

_____
_____
_____
_____

If you are a resident of any state OTHER THAN

- Alaska.
- Delaware.
- Montana.
- New Hampshire.
- Oregon.

Please complete the following:

Use Tax

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Here are your choices:

- I CERTIFY that I NEVER buy anything which would require me to pay use tax (we will enter $0)
- I kept track and here is the total amount I spent on which I owe use tax: $_____
- I estimate that I bought $_____ worth of stuff on which I owe use tax.
- Please tell me more about the "safe harbor" in my state to figure my use tax.

If you are self-employed, and you bought anything in a sales-tax-free situation, check here ☐

Signature _____**Date** _____

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If you initialed the bottom of page 2
(because you have no foreign connections.)

Foreign Interest Questionnaire-2018 tax year

Please check the appropriate box and include all necessary details.

Please note that these questions do not apply if your only foreign interest is THROUGH A U.S. BASED investment firm.

Do you have a bank account in any country other than the United States? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
If "Yes," did the total assets exceed $10,000 at any time during the year?Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
If "Yes," please gather records of bank names and addresses and account numbers and maximum balances and ask for the foreign issue worksheet to see what information we will need.

Can you sign checks for any accounts that were opened in any country other than the United States?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Do you have any relatives or close friends who live abroad? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
If "yes," is it possible that they have added your name to a bank account? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Is it possible that you have been given Power of Attorney or a similar authority for them?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Do you receive a foreign pension or other benefits or payments from a foreign country?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Are you the beneficiary of a trust located in a foreign country? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Did you receive a gift or inheritance from anyone living in a foreign country?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Do you own (or have a share in) real estate in a foreign country? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Do you have a life insurance policy or own an annuity in a foreign country?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐
Do you have an interest in a corporation or other business entity located in a foreign country
other than through a US based investment company? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure☐

Please note that the penalties for failure to disclose foreign interests are severe and can include forfeiture of the account and jail though there may be amnesty programs available. Please ask us for additional information.