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## Major 2024 Changes for Individual Massachusetts Taxpayers

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### DUE DATE

The due date for Massachusetts Income Tax Returns is April 15, 2025.

### INCOME TAX RATE

The tax rate on most types of taxable income is 5%. The tax rate on long-term gains from the sale or exchange of collectibles is 12%. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, the tax rate on short term gains from the sale or exchange of capital assets is 8.5%.

### 4% SURTAX ON TAXABLE INCOME OVER \$1 MILLION STARTING WITH TAX YEAR 2023

Individual taxpayers must pay an additional 4% (4% surtax) on taxable income over \$1,000,000, increased annually for inflation. For the 2024 tax year, the threshold is \$1,053,750. [See Technical Information Release \(TIR\) 23-12.](#)

### CHANGES TO MASSACHUSETTS JOINT FILING REQUIREMENTS

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, married couples must file a joint personal income tax return for any year in which they file a joint federal income tax return, unless an exception applies. [See TIR 24-4.](#)

### REPEAL OF THE DEDUCTION OF INTEREST FROM MASSACHUSETTS BANKS

The deduction previously allowed for a deduction of up to \$100 (\$200 for joint filers) of interest from Massachusetts banks is repealed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

### ANNUAL UPDATE OF CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX CREDIT

Taxpayers aged 65 or older who own or rent residential property located in Massachusetts are allowed a credit equal to the amount by which their total real estate tax payments, or 25% of their rent in the case of a renter, exceeds 10% of the taxpayer's total income.

The maximum credit for tax year 2024 is \$2,730. The amount of the credit is subject to limitations based on the taxpayer's total income and the assessed value of the real estate. See our earlier blog for information on [income limitations and the maximum assessed value](#).

## CHILD AND FAMILY TAX CREDIT

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, the refundable, child and family tax credit for taxpayers who maintain a household that includes certain individuals increases from \$310 to \$440 for each such individual. There is no limit to the number of such individuals that may qualify for the credit. See [TIR 24-4](#).

In addition, starting with tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, a noncustodial parent may claim the credit with respect to a child dependent that is aged 13 or older and who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself or herself. See [TIR 24-13](#) for additional information.