

Line 19 through Line 22 – Job Expenses and Certain Miscellaneous Deductions

Under federal law, the deduction for miscellaneous itemized deductions subject to the 2% floor is suspended. California does not conform.

Line 19 – Unreimbursed Employee Expenses

Prepare federal Form 2106 reflecting your employee business expense using California amounts (i.e., following California law). Include your entertainment expenses, if any, on line 5 of federal Form 2106 for California purposes.

Enter the amount from line 10 of federal Form 2106 on line 19.

Line 20 – Tax Preparation Fees

Enter the fees you paid for preparation of your tax return, including fees paid for filing your return electronically. If you paid your tax by credit or debit card, include the convenience fee you were charged on line 21 instead of this line.

Line 21 – Other Expenses

Enter the total amount you paid to produce or collect taxable income and manage or protect property held for earning income.

List the type of each expense next to line 21 and enter the total of these expenses on line 21. If you are filing a paper return and you cannot fit all your expenses on the line next to line 21, attach a statement showing the type and amount of each expense.

Examples of expenses to include on line 21 are:

- Certain legal and accounting fees.
- Custodial fees (for example, trust account).
- Casualty and theft losses of property used in performing services as an employee from federal Form 4684, line 32 and line 38b, or federal Form 4797, line 18a.
- Deduction for repayment of amounts under a claim of right if \$3,000 or less.

Claim of right – If you had to repay an amount that you included in your income in an earlier year, because at the time you thought you had an unrestricted right to it, you may be able to deduct the amount repaid from your income for the year in which you repaid it. If the amount you repaid is less than \$3,000, the deduction is subject to the 2% AGI limit for California purposes. If you are deducting the repayment for California, enter the allowable deduction on line 21.

If the amount repaid was not taxed by California, no deduction is allowed.

Line 27 – Other Adjustments

Adoption-related expenses – If you deducted adoption-related expenses on your federal Schedule A (Form 1040) and are claiming the adoption cost credit for the same amounts on your Form 540, enter the amount of the adoption cost credit claimed as a negative number on line 27.

Nontaxable income expenses – If, on federal Schedule A (Form 1040), you claim expenses related to producing income taxed under federal law but not taxed by California, enter the amount as a negative number on line 27.

You may claim expenses related to producing income taxed by California law but not taxed under federal law by entering the amount as a positive number on line 27.

State legislator’s travel expenses – Under California law, deductible travel expenses for state legislators include only those incurred while away from their place of residence overnight. Figure the difference between the amount allowed using federal law and the amount allowed using California law. Enter the difference as a negative number on line 27.

Interest on loans from utility companies – Taxpayers are allowed a tax deduction for interest paid or incurred on a public utility company financed loan that is used to purchase and install energy efficient equipment or products, including zone-heating products for a qualified residence **located in California**. Federal law has no equivalent deduction. Enter the amount as a positive number on line 27.

Line 29 – California Itemized Deductions

Is the amount on Form 540, line 13 more than the amount shown below for your filing status?

- Single or married/RDP filing separately \$237,035
- Head of household \$355,558
- Married/RDP filing jointly or qualifying surviving spouse/RDP . . \$474,075

NO Transfer the amount from line 28 to line 29. Do not complete the Itemized Deductions Worksheet.

YES Complete the Itemized Deductions Worksheet at the end of this line instructions.

Note:

- If married or an RDP and filing a separate tax return, you and your spouse/RDP must either both itemize your deductions (even if the itemized deductions of one spouse/RDP are less than the standard deduction) or both take the standard deduction.
- Also, if someone else can claim you as a dependent, claim the greater of the standard deduction or your itemized deductions. See the instructions for “California Standard Deduction Worksheet for Dependents” within 540 Booklet to figure your standard deduction.

Itemized Deductions Worksheet	
1. Amount from Schedule CA (540), Part II, line 28	1 _____
2. Add the amounts on federal Schedule A (Form 1040), line 4, line 9, and line 15 plus any gambling losses included on line 16, if applicable	2 _____
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3 _____
If the result is zero, STOP. Enter the amount from line 1 on Schedule CA (540), Part II, line 29.	
4. Multiply line 3 by 80% (.80)	4 _____
5. Amount from Form 540, line 13	5 _____
6. Enter the amount from line 29 instructions for your filing status	6 _____
7. Subtract line 6 from line 5	7 _____
If the result is zero or less, STOP. Enter the amount from line 1 on Schedule CA (540), Part II, line 29.	
8. Multiply line 7 by 6% (.06)	8 _____
9. Compare line 4 and line 8. Enter the smaller amount here	9 _____
10. Total itemized deductions. Subtract line 9 from line 1. Enter the result here and on Schedule CA (540), Part II, line 29.	10 _____

Line 30 – Amount from Line 29 or Standard Deduction

If your filing status is married/RDP filing separately and your spouse itemizes, enter the amount from line 29 (even if the standard deduction is larger).

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