Instructions for Form FTB 3885F

Depreciation and Amortization

General Information

In general, California tax law conforms to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of January 1, 1998. However, there are continuing differences between California and federal tax law. California has not conformed to most of the changes made to the IRC by the federal Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-206) and has not conformed to any of the changes made by the Tax and Trade Relief Extension Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-277), the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-36), and the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-170).

A Purpose

Use form FTB 3885F to compute depreciation and amortization allowed as a deduction on Form 541, California Fiduciary Income Tax Return, or Form 109, California Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. Attach form FTB 3885F to Form 541 or Form 109.

Depreciation is a deduction the estate or trust can claim for reasonable exhaustion, wear and tear, and normal obsolescence of property used in business or held to produce income. Amortization is an amount the estate or trust can deduct for certain capital expenses over a fixed period.

In 1987, the California rates for depreciation were changed to conform to the federal Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS). The California MACRS applies to assets placed in service on or after January 1, 1987.

B Calculation Methods

Assets with a Federal Basis Different from California Basis — Some assets placed in service on or after January 1, 1987, will have a different basis for California purposes due to the credits claimed for accelerated write-offs of the assets. For more information about adjustments, get FTB Pub. 1001, Supplemental Guidelines to California Adjustments.

For California purposes, any grapevines replaced in vineyards in California as a direct result of the Phylloxera or Pierce's disease may use a recovery period of five years instead of ten.

Note: The expense election under IRC Section 179 does not apply to estates and trusts.

Line 1

Complete columns (a) through (i) for each asset or group of assets placed in service after December 31, 1999. Enter the column (f) totals on line 1(f). Enter the column (i) totals on line 1(i).

Line 2

Enter total California depreciation for assets placed in service before January 1, 2000, taking into account differences in asset basis or differences in California and federal tax law.

California did not allow depreciation under the federal Accelerated Cost Recovery System, (ACRS) for years prior to 1987.

Line 4

Enter total California amortization for intangibles placed in service before January 1, 2000, taking into account any differences in asset basis or differences in California and federal tax law.

California has conformed to IRC Section 197 relating to the amortization of intangibles as of January 1, 1994. No deduction is allowed under this section for any taxable year beginning prior to January 1, 1994. If a taxpayer made an election for federal purposes under the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-66), relating to the election to have amendments apply to property acquired after July 25, 1991, or relating to an elective binding contract exception, a separate election for state purposes is not allowed under R&TC Section 17024.5(e)(3). The federal election is binding. In the case of an intangible that was acquired in a taxable year beginning before January 1, 1994, and that is amortized under IRC Section 197, the amount to be amortized cannot exceed the adjusted basis of that intangible as of the first day of the first taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 1994. This amount must be amortized ratably over the period beginning on or after January 1, 1994, and ending 15 years after the month in which the intangible was acquired.

Line 6

Add line 3 and line 5. Enter the total on line 6. See the instructions to Form 541, line 3, for information on depreciation and amortization reported on federal Schedule C. **Note:** Attach a schedule if you need additional space.

Instructions for Schedule D (541)

Capital Gain and Loss

General Information

In general, California tax law conforms to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as of January 1, 1998. However, there are continuing differences between California and federal tax law. California has not conformed to most of the changes made to the IRC by the federal Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-206) and has not conformed to any of the changes made by the Tax and Trade Relief Extension Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-277), the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-36), and the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-170).

Note: California does not have a special capital gain tax rate.

California Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 18152.5 provides an exclusion (similar to the federal exclusion under IRC Section 1202) for 50% of the gain on the sale of qualifying small business stock originally issued after August 10, 1993, that was held for more than 5 years. However, for California purposes, 80% of the issuing corporation's payroll must be attributable to employment located within California, and at least 80% of the value of the corporation's assets must be used by the corporation to actively conduct one or more qualified trades or businesses in California.

The estate or trust (except a common trust fund) is eligible for the exclusion, however it may not pass through the exclusion to the beneficiary. See R&TC Section 18152.5(g)(4).

A Purpose

Use Schedule D (541) to report gains and losses from the sale or exchange of capital assets by an estate or trust. Generally, California law follows federal law.

To report sales or exchanges of property other than capital assets, including the sale or exchange of property used in a trade or business and involuntary conversions (other than casualties and thefts), get Schedule D-1, Sales of Business Property.

If property is involuntarily converted because of casualty or theft, complete federal Form 4684, Casualties and Thefts, using California amounts.

B Miscellaneous Information

See the instructions for federal Schedule D (Form 1041), Capital Gains and Losses, for the definition of capital assets.

In computing gross income, no distinction is made between gains and losses allocable to income account and those allocable to corpus account.

C Basis

California law generally follows federal law with respect to basis. In determining the basis of property acquired after December 31, 1920, by:

- Gift:
  1. Generally, use the donor's basis if the transaction results in a gain; or
  2. Use the lower of the donor's basis or the fair market value (FMV) on the date of the gift if the transaction results in a loss.
- Bequest, devise, or inheritance:
  Use the FMV at the date of death, unless an alternate valuation date election is made under IRC Section 2032.

In determining the basis of property acquired before March 1, 1913, use:

- The cost as adjusted or the FMV as of March 1, 1913, whichever is greater, in determining the gain; and
- The cost as adjusted in determining the loss.

For special cases involving property acquired from a decedent before 1987, see former R&TC Sections 18031 through 18033.

The basis of the decedent's one-half of community property is the FMV at date of death. The basis of the surviving spouse's one-half of community property is the original cost or adjusted basis except:

- If death occurred after April 7, 1953, and prior to January 1, 1976, and one-half of the whole of the community property was included in the determination of the State Inheritance Tax, the basis is the FMV at date of death; or
- If death occurred after December 31, 1975, and prior to June 8, 1982, and the surviving spouse does not receive any portion of the decedent's one-half of the community property, the basis is the FMV at date of death; or
- If death occurred after December 31, 1986, the basis of the surviving spouse's one-half of community property becomes the FMV on the date of the decedent's death.

For more information, get FTB Pub. 1039, Basis of Property Decedent and Surviving Spouse.

Specific Line Instructions

Note: If you file Form 109, California Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return, attach a copy of your completed Schedule D (541) to Form 109.

Part I

Line 1 – If the estate or trust qualifies for the R&TC Section 18152.5 (similar to IRC Section 1202) exclusion of gain on qualified small business stock, report 100% of the gain on line 1. Directly below the line on which you reported the gain, enter in column (a) "Section 18152.5 exclusion" and enter as a (loss) in column (g) 50% of the gain. Also report 50% of the exclusion as a positive number on Schedule P (541), line 4v.

Line 2 – If the estate or trust sold property at a gain this tax year and is to receive any payment in a later tax year, use the installment method and file form FTB 3805E, Installment Sale Income. If the estate or trust elects out of the installment method, report the gain or loss on line 1. Also use form FTB 3805E if a payment was received in 2000 from a sale made in an earlier year on the installment basis.

If the estate or trust elects not to use the installment method and is reporting a note or other obligation at less than face amount on line 1, state that fact in the margin and give the percentage of valuation. Get federal Publication 537, Installment Sales, and Publication 559, Survivors, Executors, and Administrators, for additional information.

Line 4 – Report the amount from Form 1099-DIV, box 2a, on line 4. If you received a Form 1099-DIV with a gain in box 2d, part of that gain (which is also included in box 2a) may be eligible for the R&TC Section 18152.5 exclusion (See "Note" under General Information). In column (a) of line 1, enter the name of the corporation whose stock was sold. In column (g) of line 1, enter the amount of your allowable exclusion as a loss.

Line 7 – Enter the amount of unused capital loss carryover from prior years.

Note: There is no capital loss carryover from a decedent to an estate.

Part II

Line 9 – Use line 9 to summarize the gain or loss computed in Part I.

Column (a) — Beneficiaries
Enter the amounts of capital gain or loss allocable to the beneficiaries. Do not allocate capital losses to beneficiaries unless the capital losses are required to offset capital gains. Refer to IRC Section 643(a). Any capital loss carryover for the final year is allowed to the beneficiaries, to the extent of their distributive shares.

Column (b) — Fiduciary
Enter the amounts of the gain or loss allocable to the fiduciary.

Note: Enter any capital gain paid or permanently set aside for charitable purposes (IRC Section 642(a)) in column (b).

Column (c) — The amount entered on line 9, column (c), should be the total of the amounts shown on line 9, column (a) and column (b).

Form 109 filers, see instructions for that form.

Part III

Line 10 – If line 9, column (c), shows a loss, the loss is limited at line 10 to the smaller of the amount of the loss or $3,000.

Form 109 filers, see instructions for that form.

Part IV

Complete the Capital Loss Carryover Worksheet in the instructions for federal Schedule D (Form 1041), Capital Gains and Losses, using California amounts to determine the capital loss carryover.