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TIR 11-2: Interest Rate on Overpayments and Underpayments

The Department of Revenue is issuing this Technical Information Release (TIR) to announce the quarterly interest rate on overpayments and underpayments determined by the Department of Revenue pursuant to G.L. c. 62C, §§ 32 and 40, as amended. The interest rate on overpayments and underpayments was the same for periods prior to July 1, 2003. An amendment to G.L. c. 62C, § 40, contained in the FY '04 Budget, St. 2003, c. 26, § 196, reduces the interest rate paid by the Department on overpayments. Effective July 1, 2003, the interest rate on overpayments is the Federal short-term rate determined under § 6621(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended and in effect for the taxable year ("Federal short-term rate") plus \underline{two} percentage points, simple interest. The rate for underpayments pursuant to G.L. c. 62C, § 32, remains at the Federal short-term rate plus \underline{four} percentage points, compounded daily.

2011	First quarter Overpayments 2%	Underpayments 4%
	Second quarter Overpayments 3%	Underpayments 5%
2010 (entire year)	Overpayments 3%	Underpayments 5%
2009	First quarter Overpayments 4%	Underpayments 6%
	Second quarter Overpayments 3%	Underpayments 5%
	Third quarter Overpayments 3%	<u>Underpayments</u> 5%
	Fourth quarter Overpayments 3%	Underpayments 5%
2008	First quarter Overpayments 6%	Underpayments 8%
	Second quarter Overpayments 5%	Underpayments 7%
	Third quarter Overpayments 4%	Underpayments 6%
	Fourth quarter Overpayments 5%	Underpayments 7%
2007 (entire year)	Overpayments 7%	Underpayments 9%
2006	First quarter Overpayments 6%	Underpayments 8%

	Second quarter Overpayments 6%	Underpayments 8%
	Third quarter Overpayments 7%	Underpayments 9%
	Fourth quarter Overpayments 7%	Underpayments 9%
2005	First quarter Overpayments 4%	Underpayments 6%
	Second quarter Overpayments 5%	Underpayments 7%
	Third quarter Overpayments 5%	Underpayments 7%
	Fourth quarter Overpayments 6%	Underpayments 8%
2004	First quarter Overpayments 3%	Underpayments 5%
	Second quarter Overpayments 4%	Underpayments 6%
	Third quarter Overpayments 3%	Underpayments 5%
	Fourth quarter Overpayments 4%	Underpayments 6%
2003	First quarter 6%	
	Second quarter 6%	
	Third quarter Overpayments 4%	Underpayments 6%
	Fourth quarter Overpayments 3%	Underpayments 5%
2002 (entire year)	7%	
2001	First quarter 10%	
	Second quarter 9%	
	Third quarter 8%	
	Fourth quarter 8%	

The above rates may change quarterly. *See* TIR 92-6 for an explanation of statutory changes in interest and penalties effective January 1, 1993 and 830 CMR 62C.33.1: Interest, Penalties, and Application of Payments.

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