

2019 Instructions for Virginia Schedule A

Itemized Deductions

Generally, line items on Virginia Schedule A are defined in federal law and explained in the instructions for federal Schedule A (Form 1040). Some exceptions apply and are explained in these instructions.

Important Information Regarding 2019 Virginia Income Tax Returns

Under emergency legislation enacted by the 2020 General Assembly, Virginia's date of conformity to the terms of the Internal Revenue Code will advance from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

The legislation specifically deconforms Virginia from a federal provision that reduces the medical expense deduction threshold for Taxable Year 2019 and Taxable Year 2020.

Federal legislation also extends for three years tax provisions, commonly known as "extenders," which generally expired at the end of 2017. Advancing the date of conformity to December 31, 2019, will allow Virginia to conform to these extenders. One extender deals with the treatment of qualified mortgage insurance premiums as interest for purposes of the mortgage interest deduction. See the Line Item Exceptions section later in these instructions for more information on how to report the mortgage insurance premiums deduction.

What's New

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, taxpayers may claim a deduction for the actual amount of real and personal property taxes imposed by Virginia or any other taxing jurisdiction not otherwise deducted solely on account of the \$10,000 annual limitation on the federal deduction for state and local taxes paid.

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, Virginia deconforms from the increase in the medical expense deduction and the suspension of the overall limitation on itemized deductions, commonly known as the Pease limitation.

General Information

Use Virginia Schedule A to determine your itemized deductions. **You must claim the same type of deductions (standard or itemized) on your Virginia return as you claimed on your federal return. As a result, you may not claim itemized deductions on your Virginia return if you claimed the standard deduction on your federal return.**

Enclose the Virginia Schedule A with your return when filing Forms 760, 760PY, or 763.

If a joint federal return was filed and you are filing separate returns in Virginia, itemized deductions that cannot be accounted for separately must be allocated proportionately between spouses based on each spouse's share of the combined federal adjusted gross income.

Part-year residents should complete the computation using only the deductions for which the underlying expense payments were made during their period of residency in Virginia.

Do not include on Schedule A items deducted elsewhere, such as on Schedules ADJ, 760PY ADJ, or 763 ADJ. See the Form 760 Resident Individual Income Tax Booklet for information regarding additional deductions.

Fixed Date Conformity

If you have an addition (Schedule ADJ, Line 2a) or subtraction (Schedule ADJ, Line 6a) for Fixed Date Conformity, refer to the FDC Worksheet to compute your Fixed Date Conformity Federal Adjusted Gross Income. Complete the FDC Worksheet before completing the Virginia Schedule A. Use the amount on Line 5 of the FDC Worksheet, rather than your Federal Adjusted Gross Income, to compute your Virginia limitations. If you do not have any additions or subtractions related to Fixed Date Conformity, continue to use your Federal Adjusted Gross Income to compute your limitation for these deductions.

Line Item Exceptions

Medical Expense Deduction. For Virginia purposes, you are allowed a medical expense deduction only for qualified expenses that exceed 10 percent of federal adjusted gross income.

Taxes You Paid. For Virginia purposes, your deduction is generally not subject to the \$10,000 federal limitation for taxable year 2019 and thereafter. However, if you are claiming a deduction for general sales taxes instead of income taxes, fill in the oval and enter on Line 5a the smaller of the state and local sales taxes paid by you during the taxable year or \$10,000 (or \$5,000 if married filing separately).

Mortgage Insurance Premiums. For Taxable Year 2019, qualified mortgage insurance premiums reported in the Interest You Paid section of your federal Schedule A must be entered on Line 16b in the Other Itemized Deductions section of your Virginia Schedule A.

Total Itemized Deductions. For Virginia purposes, your total itemized deductions may be subject to an overall limitation on itemized deductions (Pease limitation) that has been suspended for federal purposes. If the amount on Line 1 of Forms 760, 760PY, or 763 exceeds \$326,050 if filing jointly or qualifying widow(er), \$298,850 if head of household, \$271,700 if

single, or \$163,025 if married filing a separate return, use the Limited Itemized Deduction Worksheet to compute your itemized deduction limitation and state and local income tax modification.

State and Local Income Taxes. Generally, enter on Line 18 the state and local income tax from Line 5a. If your total on Line 17 was limited, enter on Line 18 the amount from Part B, Line 15 of the limited itemized deduction worksheet. If you claimed a deduction for foreign income taxes on Line 6, enter on Line 18 the amount of such deduction, plus any amounts from Line 5a or, if applicable, any amounts from Part B, Line 15 of the limited itemized deduction worksheet.