



Instructions for Form CT-33-M

Insurance Corporation MTA Surcharge Return

Tax Law — Article 33, Section 1505-a

CT-33-M-I

Up-to-date information affecting your 2003 tax return

Visit the *Corporation Tax Up-to-Date Information* page on our Web site at www.nystax.gov for Tax Law changes or forms corrections that occurred after the forms and instructions were printed.

Summary of 2003 changes

MTA surcharge for non-life insurance corporations — For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the MTA surcharge for non-life insurance corporations has changed. The MTA tax surcharge is equal to 17% of the franchise tax based solely on premiums under section 1502-a of the Tax Law, after the deduction of any credits allowed under Article 33 of the Tax Law, and as allocated to the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District (MCTD) as described below.

MCTD allocation percentage for non-life insurance corporations — For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, the computation of the MCTD allocation percentage for non-life insurance corporations has changed. The MCTD allocation percentage for non-life insurance corporations is now calculated by dividing the direct premiums described as taxable premiums under section 1510 that are written on risks located or resident in the MCTD by the direct premiums described as taxable premiums under section 1510 that are written on risks located or resident in New York State.

Surcharge retaliatory tax credit for both life and non-life insurance corporations — The four million dollar limitation on the total amount of the surcharge retaliatory tax credit claimed in any *surcharge taxable year* has been repealed. Also, there is no longer a limitation date for the surcharge retaliatory tax credit, and this credit now may be claimed for taxes paid to other states regardless of the *limitation date for a surcharge taxable year*. The surcharge retaliatory tax credit, as provided by subdivision (d) of section 1505-a of the Tax Law, is still computed and claimed on Form CT-33-M.

Who must file

If you do business, employ capital, own or lease property, or maintain an office in the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District (MCTD), you must pay a metropolitan transportation business tax surcharge on business done in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority region (MTA surcharge). The MCTD includes the counties of New York, Bronx, Queens, Kings, Richmond, Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester.

If you file Form CT-33, Form CT-33-NL, or Form CT-33-A, use Form CT-33-M to report and pay the MTA surcharge.

Life insurance corporations filing on a combined basis are required to file only one return for the combined group. Use combined figures, as shown on your Form CT-33-A, to complete this form.

Installment payments — A taxpayer whose franchise tax is more than \$1,000 must file a declaration of estimated MTA surcharge and make quarterly installment payments on Form CT-400, *Estimated Tax for Corporations*.

MTA surcharge rate — The MTA surcharge rate is 17%.

When and where to file

If you are a calendar-year filer, check the box in the upper right corner on the front of the form. If you are a fiscal-year filer, complete the beginning and ending tax period boxes in the upper right corner on the front of the form.

File your return within 2½ months after the end of your reporting period. If you are reporting for the calendar year, file your return on or before March 15. If your filing date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, file your return on or before the next business day.

File with, but do not attach to, Form CT-33, Form CT-33-NL, or Form CT-33-A.

Mail your return to:

**NYS CORPORATION TAX
PROCESSING UNIT
PO BOX 22038
ALBANY NY 12201-2038**

See Form CT-33-NL-I, Form CT-33-I, or Form CT-33-A-I for an alternative address if you wish to use a private delivery service.

Also mail a copy to:

**THE NYS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
AGENCY BUILDING 1
EMPIRE STATE PLAZA
ALBANY NY 12257**

Amended return — If you are filing an amended return, please check the *Amended return* box on the top of Form CT-33-M.

Extension of time for filing MTA surcharge return — You may request additional time to file Form CT-33-M. To do this, file Form CT-5 or Form CT-5.3 on or before the due date of the return for which you are requesting the extension, and pay the MTA surcharge you estimate to be due.

Important identifying information — For us to process your corporation tax forms, it is important that we have the necessary identifying information. You will find your employer identification number and file number just above your printed corporation name and address. Keep a record of that information and include it on each corporation tax form mailed.

If you use a paid preparer or accounting firm, make sure they use your complete and accurate identifying information when completing all forms.

Changes in business information — You must report any changes in your business name, ID number, mailing address, physical address, telephone number, or owner/officer information on Form DTF-95, *Business Tax Account Update*. If only your address has changed, you may use Form DTF-96, *Report of Address Change for Business Tax Accounts*, to correct your address for this and all other tax types. You can get these forms by fax, phone, or from our Web site. See *Need help?* on page 4 for the phone number and Web address.

Whole dollar amounts — You may elect to show dollar amounts in whole dollars rather than in dollars and cents. Round any amount from 50 cents through 99 cents to the next

higher dollar. Round any amount less than 50 cents to the next lower dollar.

Negative amounts — Show any negative amounts in parentheses.

Percentages — When computing allocation percentages, convert decimals into percentages by moving the decimal point two spaces to the right. Carry percentages to four decimal places.

Example: $5,000/7,500 = 0.6666666 = 66.6667\%$.

Specific instructions

Line A — Make your payment in United States funds. We will accept a foreign check or foreign money order only if payable through a United States bank or if marked **Payable in U.S. funds**.

Computation of MCTD allocation percentage

Non-life insurance corporations MCTD allocation percentage

Life insurance corporations skip lines 1a through 2.

Lines 1a through 2 — If all your direct premiums described as taxable premiums under section 1510 are written on risks located or resident in the 12 counties of the MCTD, skip lines 1a and 1b and enter 100% on line 2. Otherwise, compute your MCTD allocation percentage by completing lines 1a, 1b, and 2.

Line 1b — Enter your direct premiums described as taxable premiums under section 1510 that are written on risks located or resident in the MCTD. Also, include premiums written, procured, or received in the MCTD on business that cannot be specifically assigned as located or resident in an area outside the MCTD, or in another state(s). However, in the case of special risk premiums, include only those premiums written, procured, or received in the MCTD on property or risks located or resident in the MCTD.

Life insurance corporations MCTD allocation percentage

Non-life insurance corporations skip lines 3a through 9.

Lines 3a through 9 — If you do all of your New York State business within the 12 counties of the MCTD, skip lines 3a through 8 and enter 100% on line 9. Otherwise, compute your MCTD allocation percentage by completing lines 3a through 9.

Life insurance corporations taxable under Article 33 that are filing on a combined basis must use a combined MCTD allocation percentage.

Line 3b — Determine MCTD premiums included on line 3a using the same principles set out in sections 1504(a) and (b) of the Tax Law to determine New York State premiums.

Line 6b — Determine MCTD wages included on line 6a using the same principles set out in section 1504(a) of the Tax Law to determine New York State wages, salaries, commissions, and other compensation.

Line 9 — If the MCTD premium factor is missing from line 4, the MCTD allocation percentage is the MCTD wage factor percentage on line 7. If the MCTD wage factor is missing from line 7, the MCTD allocation percentage is the MCTD premiums factor percentage on line 4. A factor is missing if both its numerator and denominator are zero. If the numerator is zero

and the denominator has a positive figure, the factor has an allocation value of 0% and this percentage is included in the computation of the MCTD allocation percentage.

Computation of MTA surcharge

Line 10 — Section 1505-a of the Tax Law requires that life insurance corporations compute the MTA surcharge using the rates in effect immediately prior to tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2000, and it **may** be necessary to recompute your tax for the purposes of computing the MTA surcharge. The tax rate for allocated entire net income under 1502(a)(1) in effect immediately prior to tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2000, was 9%.

If the tax on line 1 is larger than **each** of the taxes on line 2, line 3, and line 4 of Form CT-33 or CT-33-A, **and** the tax on Form CT-33, line 7, or Form CT-33-A, line 8, is **larger** than the section 1505(b) floor limitation on tax on Form CT-33, line 8, or Form CT-33-A, line 9, complete the *Worksheet* below to determine the amount required to be reported on Form CT-33-M, line 10. Otherwise, enter the amount from Form CT-33, line 13, or Form CT-33-A, line 17, on line 10 of Form CT-33-M, and do **not** complete the *Worksheet*.

Worksheet

Recomputation of tax for life insurance companies when franchise tax base is on entire net income and not the section 1505(b) floor limitation on tax

A. Allocated entire net income (enter amount from Form CT-33, line 82, or CT-33-A, line 86)	A. _____
B. "As if" entire net income tax rate (9%)	B. <u> .09</u>
C. Recomputed tax on entire net income (multiply line A by line B)	C. _____
D. Allocated subsidiary capital tax (enter amount from line 5 of Form CT-33 or CT-33-A)	D. _____
E. Total tax on premiums (enter amounts from Form CT-33, line 6, or CT-33-A, line 7)	E. _____
F. Tax before EZ and ZEA tax credits (add lines C through E)	F. _____
G. EZ and ZEA tax credits claimed (enter amount from Form CT-33, line 9b, or CT-33-A, line 11a)	G. _____
H. Tax after EZ and ZEA tax credits (subtract line G from line F)	H. _____
I. Combined minimum tax for subsidiaries (Form CT-33 filers enter "0"; Form CT-33-A filers enter the amount from line 12 of that form)	I. _____
J. Total tax after EZ and ZEA tax credits (add lines H and I)	J. _____
K. Section 1505(a)(2) limitation on tax (enter amount from Form CT-33, line 10, or CT-33-A, line 14)	K. _____
L. Recomputed New York State franchise tax (enter amount from line J or K, whichever is less)	L. _____
M. Tax credits (enter amount from Form CT-33, line 12, or CT-33-A, line 16)	M. _____
N. Net recomputed New York State franchise tax (subtract line M from line L; enter here and on Form CT-33-M, line 10)	N. _____

Line 13 — Insurance corporations organized or domiciled in New York State may claim a credit on this line for 90% of retaliatory taxes paid to other states for the privilege of doing business in those states, resulting from the imposition of the MTA surcharge for the 2003 tax year. Enter the smaller of 90% of retaliatory taxes paid in 2003 attributable to the 2003 MTA surcharge or the amount of MTA surcharge shown on line 12. Attach computation. Enter "0" if you are not claiming a retaliatory tax credit. To claim a refund for retaliatory taxes paid in 2003 as a result of the imposition of the MTA surcharge for previous periods, see lines 29 through 38.

Line 15b — If you did not file Form CT-5 or Form CT-5.3, *Request for Six-Month Extension to File*, and your franchise tax on line 7 of Form CT-33-NL, line 13 of Form CT-33, or line 17 of Form CT-33-A exceeds \$1,000, then you must pay a mandatory first installment on line 15b.

Life insurance corporations: Enter 40% of the MTA surcharge shown on line 14 of Form CT-33-M.

Non-life insurance corporations: If your franchise tax on line 7 of Form CT-33-NL does not exceed \$100,000, enter 25% of the MTA surcharge shown on line 14 of Form CT-33-M. If your franchise tax on line 7 of Form CT-33-NL exceeds \$100,000, enter 30% of the MTA surcharge shown on line 14 of Form CT-33-M.

Line 20 — If you do not pay the MTA surcharge on or before the original due date (**without** regard to any extension of time), you must pay interest on the amount of the underpayment from the original due date to the date paid. Exclude from the interest computation any amount shown on line 15a or 15b, first installment of estimated tax for next period.

Line 21 — Compute additional charges for late filing and late payment on the amount of MTA surcharge required to be shown on the return after deduction of any payment made on or before the due date (**with** regard to any extension of time for filing). Exclude from the penalty computation any amount shown on line 15a or 15b, first installment of estimated tax for next period.

- A. If you do not file a return when due or if your request for extension is invalid, add to the MTA surcharge 5% per month up to 25% (section 1085(a)(1)(A)).
- B. If you do not file a return within 60 days of the due date, the addition to the MTA surcharge in item A above cannot be less than the smaller of \$100 or 100% of the amount required to be shown as the MTA surcharge (section 1085(a)(1)(B)).
- C. If you do not pay the MTA surcharge shown on a return, add to the MTA surcharge $\frac{1}{2}$ % per month up to 25% (section 1085(a)(2)).
- D. The total of the additional charges in items A and C above may not exceed 5% for any one month except as provided for in item B above (section 1085(a)).

If you think you are not liable for these additional charges, attach a statement to your return explaining the delay in filing, payment, or both (section 1085).

Note: You may compute the interest and penalty by accessing our Web site at

www3.tax.state.ny.us/PAIC/PAICHomeServlet

or you may call 1 800 972-1233, and we will compute the interest and penalty for you.

Lines 23 through 26 — You may apply all or part of your overpayment to your New York State franchise tax, next year's MTA surcharge, or request a refund. Indicate the amount to be credited to New York State franchise tax on line 24, the amount to be credited to next year's MTA surcharge on line 25, and the amount to be refunded on line 26.

Line 28 — Collection of debts from your refund — We will keep all or part of your refund if you owe a past-due legally enforceable debt to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or to a New York State agency. This includes any state department, board, bureau, division, commission, committee, public authority, public benefit corporation, council, office, or other entity performing a governmental or proprietary function for the state or a social services district. We will refund any amount over your debt.

If you have any questions about whether you owe a past-due legally enforceable debt to the IRS or to a state agency, contact the IRS or that particular state agency.

For New York State tax liabilities **only**, call 1 800 835-3554. From areas outside the U.S. and outside Canada, call (518) 485-6800. You can write to NYS Tax Department, Tax Compliance Division, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227.

Claim for refund of MTA surcharge retaliatory tax credit

Insurance corporations organized or domiciled in New York State must use lines 29 through 38 to claim a refund for retaliatory taxes paid to other states as a result of the imposition of the metropolitan transportation business tax (MTA surcharge). The surcharge credit available for a given year may not exceed the MTA surcharge payable for that year as computed under section 1505-a of the Tax Law. The credit is claimed in the year paid, but is attributed to the year in which the retaliatory taxes were imposed or assessed.

Attach a separate sheet to the refund claim, identifying the recipients of the retaliatory tax and the amount paid to each recipient, broken down to reflect the year to which the taxes are attributable.

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Line 29 — Enter MTA surcharge payable for each year for which you are claiming a credit.

Line 30 — Enter retaliatory tax credits allowed in prior years that are attributable to the MTA surcharge. Include all credits claimed on Form CT-33-M.

Lines 32 through 36 — Do not include on these lines any amounts attributable to retaliatory taxes that were previously claimed on Form CT-33-M for any year.

Line 37 — Enter in the appropriate column, for the correct year, the total MTA surcharge retaliatory tax credits allowed to date. Include any credits previously allowed on Form CT-33-M as well as amounts claimed in Columns A through E on lines 32 through 36.

Lines 39 through 45 — Composition of prepayments claimed on line 17

If you need more space, write **see attached** in this section and attach a separate sheet showing all relevant prepayment information. Transfer the total shown on the attached sheet to line 17.

Privacy notification — The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may collect and maintain personal information pursuant to the New York State Tax Law, including but not limited to, sections 171, 171-a, 287, 308, 429, 475, 505, 697, 1096, 1142, and 1415 of that Law; and may require disclosure of social security numbers pursuant to 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(i).

This information will be used to determine and administer tax liabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.

Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees is provided to certain state agencies for purposes of fraud prevention, support enforcement, evaluation of the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs and other purposes authorized by law.

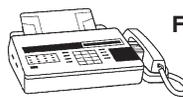
Failure to provide the required information may subject you to civil or criminal penalties, or both, under the Tax Law.

This information is maintained by the Director of Records Management and Data Entry, NYS Tax Department, W A Harriman Campus, Albany NY 12227; telephone 1 800 225-5829. From areas outside the United States and outside Canada, call (518) 485-6800.

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Business Tax Information Center: 1 800 972-1233
From areas outside the U.S. and outside Canada: (518) 485-6800



Hotline for the hearing and speech impaired: If you have access to a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), contact us at 1 800 634-2110. If you do not own a TDD, check with independent living centers or community action programs to find out where machines are available for public use.



Persons with disabilities: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will ensure that our lobbies, offices, meeting rooms, and other facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have questions about special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call 1 800 972-1233.



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NYS TAX DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS TAX INFORMATION CENTER
W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS
ALBANY NY 12227