

2015 Virginia Form 765

Instructions for Filing Unified Nonresident Individual Income Tax Return (Composite Return)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Explanation of Forms

- Every pass-through entity (PTE) doing business in Virginia or having income from Virginia sources is required to file a return of income for each taxable year with the Department of Taxation (the Department). This is done on the Form 502. The Form 502 is not optional. It must be filed by every PTE doing business in Virginia or having income from Virginia sources.
- Every PTE doing business in Virginia or having income from Virginia sources is required to pay a withholding tax equal to five percent of its nonresident owners' shares of income from Virginia sources. This tax is reported on the Form 502W. Please see the Form 502W Instructions for more information.
- When a PTE is required to file a Virginia return of income, the owners of the entity will usually have a Virginia filing requirement also. For owners who are not residents of Virginia, filing may be simplified through the use of the Form 765. Form 765 is an optional "unified return" (henceforth referred to as a composite return) that is filed by the PTE on behalf of its qualified nonresident owners. All of the Virginia source income from the PTE that is passed through to the qualified nonresident owners is reported on a single return. These owners are thereby relieved of the requirement that each file a return and pay tax separately. The PTE is not required to pay the withholding tax for nonresident owners who are included on the Form 765.

Who May File

A partnership, S Corporation, LLC, or any other type of PTE that transacts business in Virginia and has two or more nonresident individual owners may file a composite nonresident individual income tax return on behalf of all of its qualified nonresident individual owners (participants) provided that certain conditions are met. In addition, certain estates and trusts which qualify and have income passed through to their nonresident beneficiaries may elect to file a composite return. These filers will complete Form 765 in a similar manner as a PTE filer. A composite return is an alternative to the filing of a nonresident individual income tax return by each nonresident individual owner of the PTE.

The composite return is filed in the name of the PTE, using the PTE's federal employer identification number

(FEIN) and Virginia account number. An owner, officer or employee of the PTE who is authorized to act on behalf of the PTE in tax matters (authorized representative) must sign the composite return. By signing the return, the signer is declaring that he or she is the authorized representative of the PTE and that each participant has signed a consent form authorizing the PTE to act on the participant's behalf in the matter of composite returns and acknowledging the participant's understanding and acceptance of all of the terms and conditions of participation in a composite return as described in these instructions. The consent form must continue in force indefinitely until revoked in writing by the participant and must permit the PTE to file amendments or to take other actions concerning the composite return without additional authorization from the participant. The consent forms must be maintained by the PTE and provided to the Department for inspection upon demand.

All owners of the PTE who qualify to participate must participate in the composite return, if the composite filing is elected. If any qualified owner declines to participate, the other qualified owners may **not** file a composite return.

By filing a composite return, the participants join in a collective return, which is prepared and submitted by the PTE on behalf of the participants. The composite return satisfies the requirement that each participant file a separate Virginia nonresident individual income tax return with respect to the PTE income, but it does not transform the PTE into a taxable entity or transfer the tax liability of the participants to the PTE.

A composite return may be filed without prior approval from the Department provided the PTE and the participants agree to comply with the Department's rules described in these instructions. If all of the rules described in these instructions cannot be met, the PTE must receive written approval from the Tax Commissioner **before** submitting a composite return.

All requests must be submitted in writing to:

**Tax Commissioner
Virginia Department of Taxation
P.O. Box 2475
Richmond, VA 23218-2475**

The Department may deny any PTE permission to file a composite return. In addition, the Department may refuse acceptance of any composite return not filed in a timely manner or in accordance with the prescribed rules and procedures. In such cases, the Department will

require each owner to file his or her own separate return in accordance with Virginia law and regulations.

Who Qualifies to Participate

A qualified owner is a natural person who is:

1. A direct owner of the PTE filing the return; and
2. A nonresident of Virginia with Virginia source income for the taxable year from the PTE filing the return. If an individual nonresident owner has other income from Virginia sources in addition to PTE income, he or she must file a Nonresident Individual Income Tax Return (Form 763) to account for that income. The individual may deduct income reported on Form 765.

If the PTE files a composite return, all owners of the PTE who meet **both** conditions listed above must participate in the composite return.

How Taxable Income and Amount of Tax are Determined

For the composite return, Virginia taxable income is the aggregate of each participant's income from the PTE, as allocated and apportioned to Virginia, adjusted by any modifications applicable to Virginia individual income tax, without benefit of any personal exemptions, or itemized or standard deductions. Virginia taxable income cannot be reduced by carryovers from any other taxable years or returns of the PTE or any participant for net operating losses, charitable contributions, Internal Revenue Code §179 expenses, or other deductions. In addition, Virginia taxable income cannot be reduced by deductions or subtractions nor may any tax be offset by credits that did not flow through from the PTE to the participants. Only Virginia modifications and credits reported on the participants' Schedules VK-1 that are applicable to individual income tax may be claimed on the composite return.

Although Virginia credits may not be carried over to other taxable years on the PTE's return (Form 502), the owners may be able to carryover unused credits on their Virginia returns. Refer to the section titled **What Forms and Schedules to Use** for instructions on claiming Virginia credits and carryover credits on the composite return.

The amount of tax is computed on the Virginia Taxable Income by applying the tax rates for individual income tax specified in *Va. Code* § 58.1-320 or by reference to the tax tables published by the Department, without regard to the number of participants.

NOTE: The composite return is an option the Department provides to qualifying nonresident individual owners of a PTE to simplify the return filing process. Its use may result in the loss of certain benefits and tax advantages available to nonresident individuals filing separate Virginia

returns. In addition, the amount of tax computed on a composite filing basis may exceed the aggregate of the participants' tax liabilities had each participant filed his or her own return. The qualifying owners of each PTE must decide whether to file a composite return. If the composite return option is not elected, each nonresident owner should consult a tax professional to determine if he or she is required to file a separate Virginia return.

When the Return is Due

If the PTE's taxable year is:

- **Calendar year** (January 1 - December 31), then the composite return for 2015 taxable year must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2016, to avoid late filing penalties and interest; or
- **Fiscal year or short year**, then the composite return is due on or before the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the PTE's taxable year.

The composite return must be submitted to the Department at the same time or **after** the PTE submits its Virginia return (Form 502).

Automatic Extension to File

An automatic extension of time to file is granted to the date six months after such due date or 30 days after the extended date for filing the federal income tax return, whichever is later, provided the full amount estimated as the tax due has been paid on or before the original due date. If sufficient payments have been made, no further action is required to obtain the extension to file. If an additional tax payment is needed to ensure the tax liability has been paid, use Form 770-IP, Virginia Fiduciary and Composite Nonresident Extension Payment, to remit the payment. The request must be made in the name of the PTE, using the PTE's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). Mail Form 770-IP to:

**Virginia Department of Taxation
P.O. Box 760
Richmond, VA 23218-0760**

An automatic six month extension is likewise granted to the PTE (Form 502). Penalties are assessed for returns filed after the extended due date. See the Form 502 instructions for further information.

How to Make Estimated Payments

The rules and procedures for payment of estimated individual income tax apply to composite returns. Use Form 770ES, Estimated Tax Payment Voucher, to submit estimated tax payments.

Payments of the estimated tax must be made in the name of the PTE, using the PTE's FEIN. The estimated tax is computed using the estimated Virginia taxable income

Schedule L Example
 2015 Virginia Schedule L (Form 765)
 Unified Nonresident Income Tax Return (Composite Return)
 List of Participants

Name of Pass-Through Entity: _____

Federal Employer ID Number: _____

Identify the Participants

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
SSN	Name / Address	Allocation %	Guaranteed Payment Amt.
111-22-3344	John Doe 123 Main Street Richmond, VA 23220	10.00%	\$1.00

for the composite return, without regard to the number of participants. Estimated tax paid by a participant to his or her own account may not be applied to a composite return, and estimated tax paid by a PTE for use on a composite return may not be applied to a participant's individual account.

Where the Department will Mail Refunds, Assessments, and Correspondence

The Department will issue correspondence and all assessments of tax, penalty, and interest in the name of the PTE. Although the PTE is required to make all payments of tax, penalty, and interest, and is authorized to act on the participants' behalf, each participant remains liable for his or her respective share of any tax, penalty and interest owed. The Department will refund overpaid tax to the PTE.

What Forms and Schedules to Use

Form 765 may not be filed unless the entity has also filed Form 502. Form 502 is a separate return and not an attachment. Do not mail Form 765 with Form 502.

A composite return filing must include:

- A completed and signed Form 765, Composite Nonresident Individual Income Tax Return; and
- A Schedule L, List of Participating Owners, which includes the name, home address, social security number, allocation percentage and guaranteed payment amount of each participant.

Schedule L can be replaced by a spreadsheet or word processing document in either portrait or landscape orientation on 8.5" x 11" paper. The document should be in table format with grid lines, including the same four columns and the same information in the same order as shown on Schedule L. The substitute form cannot contain additional columns of data. The year, the title "Schedule L," the name of the PTE and the

FEIN of the PTE must be clearly printed at the top of the substitute version. The data must be in 10 point font or larger. An example of a substitute Schedule L is provided above.

If any Virginia credits are claimed on the composite return, then the composite return must also include:

- A Schedule CR, Credit Computation Schedule; and
- The required forms and documentation, as described in the Schedule CR instructions, for each credit claimed; and
- If any carryover credit is claimed, a reconciliation of the available carryover credit accounting for any change in the participants from the prior year.

Credits: When claiming an original credit, sum the credit amount allocated to each participant (from the participants' Schedules VK-1) and enter it on the appropriate line on Schedule CR. If a credit reported on the participants' Schedules VK-1 is not listed on the Schedule CR, it may not be used as a credit to lower an individual income tax liability. For instance, a credit limited by the *Code of Virginia* to corporations may not be used to reduce individual income tax, either on a composite return or on a separate individual income tax return. Credit for income tax paid to another state may not be claimed on a composite return.

If any credit is unused and the credit allows for carryover, report the carryover on Schedule CR. Unused credits may be carried over in accordance with each credit's specific carryover provisions. If a participant who did not previously qualify to participate in a composite filing has carryover credit, that participant's carryover credit may be included on the composite return, provided such credit was originally passed through to the participant by the PTE and the carryover credit is within the carryover period allowed for that credit. Conversely, any portion of a carryover credit allocated to an owner who qualified to

participate in a composite filing for a prior taxable year but who no longer qualifies may not be included on the composite return, as that portion of the carryover credit may only be used by that owner when filing his or her separate Virginia return.

If any carryover credit is claimed, attach to the Schedule CR, along with all required forms and documentation, a reconciliation of the available carryover credit accounting for any change in the participants from the prior year. The reconciliation must include the type of credit, amount and taxable year earned, and amount(s) and taxable year(s) used or partially used for each participant having a carryover.

Amended Returns: When filing an amended composite return, always provide an amended return reconciliation and a statement substantiating the reason for the amendment. Refer to the instructions for filing an amended composite return provided below.

When and How to File an Amended Return

If the PTE files an amended federal return reflecting changes to the taxable income amount or any other amounts that flow through to the owners, the PTE is required to file an amended Form 502 and issue each owner an amended Schedule VK-1 within one year of filing the amended federal return. If the PTE's federal return is adjusted by the Internal Revenue Service, the PTE is required to file an amended Form 502 and issue each owner an amended Schedule VK-1 within one year following the final determination of such federal change, correction, or renegotiation.

In addition, the PTE must amend the composite return, Form 765, within one year of filing its amended federal return or within one year following the final determination of such federal change, correction or renegotiation. When amending a composite return, whether the amendment is the result of the PTE filing an amended return, a federal change or any other reason, always attach a statement to the amended composite return substantiating the reason for the amendment.

To amend the composite return, complete a new composite return using the corrected figures, **as if the return were the original return**. Mark the amended return check box located on the top left of Form 765, Page 1. In addition, attach a reconciliation of any tax due amounts paid or refunds received based on the original return filing to the amount of tax due or refund computed for the amended composite return.

If the amended composite return increases the tax liability and results in a net tax due, attach a check or money order for the net tax due to the return and mail it to the Department with the amended composite return.

If the amended composite return reduces the tax liability and results in a net overpayment of tax, by law, the Department may issue a refund only if the amended return is filed within:

- three years from the due date of the original return, including valid filing extensions;
- one year from the final determination of the amended federal return or federal change, whichever is later, provided that the allowable refund is not more than the decrease in Virginia tax attributable to the federal change or correction;
- two years from the filing of an amended Virginia return resulting in the payment of additional tax, provided that the current amended return raises issues relating solely to the prior amended return and that the refund does not exceed the amount of tax payment made as a result of the prior amended return; or
- two years from the payment of an assessment, provided the amended return raises issues relating only to the prior assessment and the refund does not exceed the amount of tax paid on the prior assessment.

Where to Mail the Composite Return

Submit the return with payment of any tax due to:

**Virginia Department of Taxation
P.O. Box 760
Richmond, VA 23218-0760**

Make your check payable to the Virginia Department of Taxation and staple it to the left front of Form 765.

Do not mail the composite return with the PTE's return to the Department in the same envelope. Follow the instructions for mailing the PTE return, Form 502, provided in the Form 502 instructions.

How to Contact Customer Services

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For forms, instructions, and information, or to email the Department a question, pay a bill, or file an extension, visit the Department's website at www.tax.virginia.gov or call (804) 367-8031.

Customer Service Inquiries

**Department of Taxation
P. O. Box 1115
Richmond, VA 23218-1115
Phone: (804) 367-8031**

RETURN PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1

Fiscal or Short Year Filer: The taxable period for the composite return is the same as the taxable period for the

PTE. If the taxable period is other than a calendar year, enter the beginning and ending dates of the PTE's taxable year.

Name and Address: Enter the name and address of the PTE.

FEIN: Enter the PTE's Federal Employer Identification Number.

Virginia Account Number: Enter the PTE's Virginia Account Number.

Change in Address or Legal Name Change: If the PTE's legal name or address has changed, check the appropriate box.

Amended Return: Refer to the instructions provided in the **When and How to File an Amended Composite Return** section.

Form 760C: If Form 760C is attached claiming an exception or providing the addition to tax computation, check the appropriate box.

Step 2

Complete Page 2, the summary of the participants' income and Virginia modifications, as reported on each participant's Schedule VK-1.

Determine the Participants' Income: Complete Lines 1 through 5. Line 1 and Line 4 are aggregate amounts, computed by totaling the corresponding amounts reported on the participants' Schedules VK-1. Line 2 is not an aggregate number; it is the Virginia Apportionment Percentage reported to each participant on Schedule VK-1, Line 7. Follow the line instructions on Form 765.

Determine the Participants' Additions to Income: Complete Lines 6 through 11. For each line item, enter the aggregate amount in Column A, computed by totaling the corresponding amounts reported on the participants' Schedules VK-1. Multiply any amount reported in Column A by the Virginia Apportionment Percentage, Line 2, and enter the result in Column B. Enter guaranteed payments to partners on Line 10, using Code 99, and attach an explanation to the return. Only those additions that flow through from the PTE to the participants and are required by Virginia in the computation of individual income tax may be reported on the composite return.

The additions applicable to individual income tax are listed on Form 765 (Lines 6, 7, and 9) or reported on the Form 765 (Line 10) using the addition codes listed below. If you have more than two additions on Lines 10a and 10b, enter the code "00" and the total amount on 10a and attach an explanation of each addition to your return.

Code

10 Interest on Federally Exempt U.S. Obligations. Enter the amount of interest or dividends exempt from federal income tax, but taxable in Virginia, less related expenses. (*Va. Code* § 58.1-322 B.2)

16 Telework Expenses

Individuals or companies that claim the Virginia Telework Expenses Tax Credit are not allowed to exclude those expenses from Virginia income. To the extent excluded from federal adjusted gross income, any expenses incurred by a taxpayer in connection with the Telework Expenses Tax Credit must be added to the Virginia return.

18 Income from Dealer Disposition of Property

Enter the amount that would be reported under the installment method from certain dispositions of property. If, in a prior year, the taxpayer was allowed a subtraction for certain income from dealer dispositions of property made on or after January 1, 2009, in the years following the year of disposition, the taxpayer is required to add back the amount that would have been reported under the installment method. Each disposition must be tracked separately for purposes of this adjustment. (*Va. Code* § 58.1-322 H)

99 Other (Attach Explanation)

Enter the amount of any other income not included in federal adjusted gross income that is taxable in Virginia. Attach an explanation of the addition. Refer to the Form 760 instructions for further information.

Determine the Participants' Subtractions from Income:

Complete Lines 12 through 17. For each line item, enter the aggregate amount, computed by totaling the amounts reported on the participants' Schedules VK-1. Multiply any amount reported in Column A by the Virginia Apportionment Percentage, Line 2, and enter the result in Column B. Only those subtractions that flow through from the PTE to the participants and are allowed by Virginia in the computation of individual income tax may be reported on the composite return.

The subtractions applicable to individual income tax are listed on Form 765 (Lines 12, 13, and 15) or reported on Form 765 (Line 16) using the subtraction codes listed below. If you have more than three subtractions on Lines 16a-16c, enter the code "00" and the total amount on 16a and attach an explanation of each subtraction to your return.

Code

20 **Income from Virginia Obligations**

Enter the amount of income from Virginia obligations included in your federal adjusted gross income. (*Va. Code* § 58.1-322 C.2)

21 **Federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit Wages**

Enter the amount of wages or salaries eligible for the Federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit that is included in federal adjusted gross income. Do not enter the federal credit amount. (*Va. Code* § 58.1-322 C.6)

41 **Tobacco Settlement Fund Income**

Enter the amount of payments received under the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement and the National Tobacco Grower Settlement Trust provided they have not been deducted for federal tax purposes. (*Va. Code* § 58.1-322 C.27)

51 **Gains from Land Preservation**

Enter the amount of gain or loss recognized on the sale or transfer of a Land Preservation Tax Credit that was included in federal adjusted gross income. (*Va. Code* § 58.1-513(D))

52 **Long-Term Capital Gain**

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, enter any income taxed as a long-term capital gain for federal income tax purposes, or any income taxed as investment services partnership interest income (otherwise known as investment partnership carried interest income) for federal income tax purposes. To qualify for this subtraction, the income must be attributable to an investment in a “qualified business,” as defined in *Va. Code* § 58.1-339.4, or in any other technology business approved by the Secretary of Technology, provided the business has its principal office or facility in the Commonwealth and less than \$3 million in annual revenues in the fiscal year prior to the investment. The investment must be made between the dates of April 1, 2010, and June 30, 2020. No taxpayer who has claimed a tax credit for an investment in a “qualified business” under *Va. Code* § 58.1-339.4 shall be eligible for this subtraction under this subdivision for an investment in the same business. (*Va. Code* 58.1-402 C.24)

53 **Gains from Historic Rehabilitation**

To the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, any amount of gain or income recognized by a taxpayer in connection with the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit is allowed as a subtraction on the Virginia return.

Code

99 **Other** (Attach Explanation)

Enter the amount of any other subtractions from federal adjusted income as allowed for Virginia individual income tax purposes. Attach an explanation and supporting documentation for each subtraction. Refer to the Form 760 instructions for further information.

Step 3

Complete Form 765, Page 1, Lines 1 through 17. Lines not listed below are explained on Form 765.

Line 6 Amount of Tax: Use the amount on Line 5, Virginia Taxable Income, to compute the tax amount as follows:

If Line 5 is not over \$3,000, the tax is 2% of Line 5.

If Line 5 is over \$3,000 but not over \$5,000, the tax is \$60 plus 3% of the excess over \$3,000.

If Line 5 is over \$5,000 but not over \$17,000, the tax is \$120 plus 5% of the excess over \$5,000.

If Line 5 is over \$17,000, the tax is \$720 plus 5.75% of the excess over \$17,000.

Tax tables can be downloaded at
www.tax.virginia.gov

Line 7 Estimated Payments: Enter the total of the estimated tax payments, if any, made by the PTE on behalf of the participants.

Line 8 Extension Payment: Enter the extension payment, if any, made by the PTE on behalf of the participants.

Line 9 Total Credits: Attach a completed Schedule CR and all required documentation. Refer to the Schedule CR instructions for details and read the section in these instructions titled **What Forms and Schedules to Use**. Enter the total of all allowable credit amounts from Section 5, Part 1, Line 1A of Virginia Schedule CR.

Line 13 Overpayment Credited to Next Year: Enter the amount of overpayment the PTE would like credited to next year’s estimated taxes.

Line 15a Addition to Tax: An addition to tax is not owed if:

- All estimated tax payments for the taxable year were made timely;
- The amount, if any, on Form 765, Line 11, is less than \$150; and
- Total estimated payments were at least 90% of the composite filers’ 2015 tax liability after nonrefundable

credits or 100% of the 2014 tax liability after nonrefundable credits.

Use Form 760C to compute the Addition to Tax, if applicable. Be sure to check the box in the upper left corner of Form 765 if Form 760C is attached.

Line 15b Late Filing Penalty or Extension Penalty:

Late Filing Penalty. If a tax due return is filed after the extended due date, it is subject to a late filing penalty. The penalty is 30% of the tax due.

Extension Penalty. If the return is filed on or before the extended due date, an extension penalty is assessed if the tax due (Form 765, Line 11) is greater than 10% of the tax amount (Form 765, Line 6). The extension penalty is 2% per month or part of a month from the original due date of the return until the date the tax is paid. The maximum extension penalty is equal to 12% of the tax due. If a tax due return is submitted after the extended due date, the extension is invalid and the late filing penalty is assessed.

NOTICE: A late payment penalty may be assessed if a tax due return is filed and full payment is not made when the return is filed. The late payment penalty is 6% per month or part of a month during which any tax due amount remains unpaid, not to exceed 30%. For any month that the late filing penalty applies, the late payment penalty will not apply. The total of any late filing penalty and late payment penalty cannot exceed 30% of the tax due.

Line 15c Interest: If a tax due return is filed after the original due date, interest is assessed on the amount of tax due from the original due date to the date the return is filed. Interest is assessed even if the return is submitted by the extended due date. To obtain the daily interest factor, visit www.tax.virginia.gov or call (804) 367-8031.

Line 17 Refund: Refunds are paid to the PTE, except that (1) the Department may apply the overpayment to any outstanding amounts related to composite returns filed by the same PTE, without regard to the identities of the

participants; and (2) an overpayment may be applied to the estimated tax for the following taxable year.

Step 4

Complete Schedule L, List of Participants (see instructions for Schedule L on page 3 under the heading “What Forms and Schedules to Use”). Schedule L is a required attachment and must include the name, home address, Social Security Number, allocation percentage and guaranteed payment amount of each participant.

Step 5

Assemble the composite return as follows:

- Form 765, Composite Return
- Schedule CR, Credit Computation Schedule, if applicable, along with all supporting documentation and the carryover reconciliation
- Schedule L, List of Participants

For a tax due composite return, make the check payable to the Virginia Department of Taxation and staple it to the front left of the return.

**Mail the return to:
Virginia Department of Taxation
P.O. Box 760
Richmond, VA 23218-0760**