

GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING YOUR TAX RETURN

Nonresident aliens from Germany

Your federal tax return begins on the page with this header:

Form **1040-NR** Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service (99) **2021** OMB No. 1545-0074 IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.

Line	Description
1a	Reports your Form W-2 wages. If you have elected to claim the U.S./Germany income tax treaty, this amount has been reduced by \$9,000, the amount of the wage income exclusion allowed by article 20(3).
1c	An informational line that does not affect your tax return. It represents all income exempt by treaty. If you did not have taxable scholarship income, and you elected to claim the wage exemption this line is equal to \$9,000. If you did have taxable scholarship income, that income is included here and is not reported anywhere else in the federal return.
8	Will have an amount reported if you had a taxable state refund from your prior year tax return. This amount is taxable this year because it was used in 2020 as a deduction to reduce your tax liability, just as the amount withheld for state tax this year is used as a deduction in Line 12a.
12a	Represents your itemized deductions. This amount is equal to your state tax withholding from your W-2 form(s), plus any additional tax you paid last year on your state income tax return, plus any cash contributions you made to U.S. charities. Schedule A, on page 11 of the pdf file, provides the detail for this line item.
15	Is your taxable income.
16	Is your federal tax liability, based on your taxable income.
25a	Is your withholding (tax paid in advance) as reported in box 2 on your W-2 form(s)
35a	If your withholding (line 25a) exceeded your tax liability (line 16), then the amount of your refund is reported here.
37	If your withholding (line 25a) was less than your tax liability (line 16), then additional tax due is reported here.

Informational Schedules

Schedule A	Provides the detail for the amount reported as itemized deductions on line 12a.
Schedule OI	Provides the IRS with information concerning your Country and nationality; past history regarding Green Card, Legal Permanent Residence and US. Citizenship; U.S. visa information; U.S. entry and exit dates and estimated days in the U.S. for the past three years; prior filing tax years and applicable form types; and U.S. income tax treaty positions.
Form 8843	Is an informational statement that is required to be filed by all nonresident aliens present in the U.S. under F-1, J-1, F-2, or J-2 status.

Your state of Connecticut tax return begins on the page with this header:

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Form CT-1040 - 2021
 Connecticut Resident Income Tax Return
(Rev. 12/21)

Line	Description
1	Your state return starts with your Federal Adjusted Gross Income (the amount before deductions), Line 11 on form 1040-NR.
2	Represents the “add back” of your treaty income. As the state of Connecticut does not recognize federal tax treaties, NRAs are taxed on all income by the state. If you elected to claim the wage exemption, this line includes the \$9,000 wage exclusion as well as any excluded taxable scholarship income.
4	If you had a state refund last year, which was included in your federal taxable income on line 8 of Form 1040-NR, that amount is subtracted here because it is not taxable by the state.
5	Your CT adjusted gross income (AGI); the amount on which your tax liability is based.
6, 16	Is your state income tax liability, based on your CT AGI.
11	Only U.S. citizens over 65 and/or with a dependent qualify for the property tax credit.
18a-e	Reports information from Form(s) W-2
18	Is your state withholding (tax paid in advance) as reported in box 17 on your W-2 form(s)
25	If your withholding (line 18) exceeded your tax liability (line 16), then the amount of your refund is reported here.
37	If your withholding (line 18) was less than your tax liability (line 16), then additional tax due is reported here.

Pages 3 and 4 are supporting schedules.