

Use Tax

Every state that has a sales tax has a companion tax for purchases made outside that state by catalog, telephone, or Internet. In Michigan, that companion tax is called “use tax,” but might be described as a remote sales tax because it is a 6 percent tax owed on purchases made outside of Michigan.

Use tax is due on catalog, telephone, or Internet purchases made from out-of-state sellers as well as purchases while traveling in foreign countries when the items are to be brought into Michigan. Use tax must be paid on the total price (including shipping and handling charges).

Many Internet retailers charge tax on sales to Michigan residents. Beginning October 1, 2018, additional Internet retailers will be required to pay Michigan sales tax and may collect tax on sales to Michigan residents. However, buyers using third-party platforms or marketplaces are less likely to have paid tax at the time of purchase and may still owe use tax. Taxpayers should review their records to determine if the retailer charged tax at the time of sale. If the Michigan tax was paid at 6 percent, no additional tax would be due.

How to Report Use Tax

Use Worksheet 1 to calculate your use tax and enter the amount of use tax due on MI-1040, line 23.

Worksheet Calculation

Line 1: For purchases of \$0 to \$1,000, multiply your total purchases times 6 percent (0.06) and enter the amount on Line 1, **or**, if you have incomplete or inaccurate receipts to calculate your purchases, you may use “Table 1 - Use Tax” to estimate your taxes (see the following example).

WORKSHEET 1 - USE TAX

Line 1: Itemized purchases of \$0 to \$1,000 x 6 percent (0.06) **OR** “Table 1 - Use Tax” amount..... \$ _____

Line 2: Single purchases \$1,000 or more x 6 percent (0.06)..... \$ _____

Line 3: Total Use Tax Due (add Lines 1 and 2)..... \$ _____

Enter amount from Line 3 above on your 2018 MI-1040, line 23. If the amount on Line 3 is 0, enter “0” on your 2018 MI-1040, line 23.

Line 1 should contain a number unless you made no purchases under \$1,000 subject to the use tax.

Line 2: In all cases, if a single purchase is \$1,000 or more and tax is not collected by the seller, you must pay 6 percent use tax on that purchase.

Example: Ed ordered a computer from a catalog retailer in New York for \$1,437.50. Ed also purchased items over the Internet for less than \$1,000 during the year, but lost his receipts. He is sure he did not pay Michigan sales tax. Ed’s AGI is \$46,500. Ed would complete Worksheet 1 as follows:

Line 1: Ed selects \$32 from Table 1 \$32

Line 2: Ed enters \$1,437.50 x 6 percent \$86.25

Line 3: Total use tax due \$118.25

Ed would enter \$118 (rounding down because the amount is 49 cents or less) on his MI-1040, line 23.

Estimating your taxes does not preclude Treasury from auditing your account. If additional tax is due, you may receive an assessment for the amount of the tax owed, plus applicable penalty and interest.

Use Tax on the Difference

If you paid at least 6 percent to another state on your purchase, you do not owe use tax to Michigan. If you paid less than 6 percent, you owe the difference.

NOTE: The full 6 percent use tax is also owed on purchases made in a foreign country.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/taxes.

TABLE 1 - USE TAX

<u>AGI*</u>	<u>Tax</u>
\$0 - \$10,000	\$4
\$10,001 - \$20,000	\$11
\$20,001 - \$30,000	\$18
\$30,001 - \$40,000	\$25
\$40,001 - \$50,000	\$32
\$50,001 - \$75,000	\$44
\$75,001 - \$100,000	\$61
Above \$100,000	Multiply AGI by 0.07% (0.0007)

* AGI from MI-1040, line 10.