



Ohio Department of
TAXATION

Dealer in Intangibles Tax Return 2008

Reminders

Dealer In Intangibles

Am. Sub. House Bill 66 enacted by the 126th General Assembly in 2005 clarifies the definition of a “dealer in intangibles” by specifying that a person must be engaged “primarily” in the specific activities that distinguish dealers in intangibles from other types of business. The legislation also clarifies the procedures whereby dealers in intangibles may petition for review of penalties, and makes available the venture capital tax credit to “qualifying dealers in intangibles.” Explanations of these changes and the impact they have in completing the dealer in intangibles tax return are listed below.

Definition of “Primarily”

The tax commissioner has adopted a rule clarifying “primarily” as used in the definition of a dealer in intangibles. The definition has been posted on the department’s Web site. **See Administrative Code 5703-3-32.**

Notification of Dealer Status Form

Effective for tax year 2006 and future years, this form is now required to be completed and submitted with form 980.

Clarification of procedures for Review of Penalties

A penalty imposed on late filed returns may be abated when it is shown that the failure to file timely is due to reasonable cause. A dealer in intangibles must file a petition for abatement of penalty within 60 days after the mailing of the notice of a penalty assessment. The petition must be filed with the tax commissioner, either in person or by certified mail. The petition shall include a true copy of the notice of assessment complained of, shall indicate that the only objection is to the assessed penalty, and shall provide the reason for such objection. **See Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 5725.17(B) and 5711.28.**

Venture Capital Tax Credits for “Qualifying Dealers in Intangibles”

The existing tax credit for loans made to the program fund administered by the Venture Capital Authority now is

applicable to “qualifying dealers in intangibles.” Refundable and nonrefundable credits may be claimed by a “qualifying dealer in intangibles” against its dealer in intangible tax liability for the calendar year specified on the tax credit certificate issued by the Venture Capital Authority. A copy of the tax credit certificate must be submitted at the time of filing. **See R.C. 5725.19.**

Taxability of Dealers Wholly Owned By an Insurance Company or Financial Institution

Anyone meeting the definition of a dealer in intangibles must file a tax return regardless if they are affiliated with an insurance company or financial institution. All tax paid by such entities shall be credited only to the General Revenue Fund. **See R.C. 5725.24 and 5733.45.**

How Commissions Are Sitused Within and Without Ohio

In determining commissions for a broker-dealer, the billing address shall be used to determine where the commission should be sitused. **See R.C. 5725.14(C).**

“All Other Receipts” Are No Longer Considered When Situsing “Gross Receipts” for All Dealers in Intangibles

R.C. 5725.14 no longer requires that a dealer in intangibles include 1% of all other receipts when determining gross receipts.

Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit

Those dealers in intangibles that incur expenses in rehabilitating historic buildings and obtain the appropriate tax credit certificate are now eligible to claim a credit against their dealer in intangibles tax liability for the calendar year specified on the tax credit certificate issued by the Ohio Department of Development. **See R.C. 5725.151 and 149.311.**

General Information and Instructions Relating to Dealer in Intangibles Tax Return

Definition of a Dealer in Intangibles – R.C. 5725.01(B)

(1) "Dealer in intangibles" includes every person who keeps an office or other place of business in this state and engages at such office or other place in a business that consists primarily of lending money or discounting, buying or selling bills of exchange, drafts, acceptances, notes, mortgages or other evidences of indebtedness, or of buying or selling bonds, stocks or other investment securities, whether on his own account with a view to profit, or as agent or broker for others, with a view to profit or personal earnings. "Dealer in intangibles" excludes institutions used exclusively for charitable purposes, insurance companies and financial institutions. The investment of funds as personal accumulations or as business reserves or working capital does not constitute engaging in business within the meaning of this division; but a person who, having engaged in the business that consists primarily of lending money, or discounting, buying or selling bills of exchange, drafts, acceptances, notes, mortgages or other evidences of indebtedness on his own account, remains in business for the purpose of realizing upon the assets of such business is deemed a dealer in intangibles, though not presently engaged in a business that consists primarily of lending money or discounting or buying such securities.

Filing Requirements

All persons, partnerships, associations and corporations that are engaged in business as a dealer in intangibles Jan. 1 must file a dealer in intangibles tax return. The return must be filed with the tax commissioner, Attn: Personal Property Tax Division, P.O. Box 530, Columbus, OH 43216-0530 no later than the second Monday of March, or as properly extended.

Extension of Time

The tax commissioner may, upon verified request and for good cause shown, extend for a period not exceeding 30 days, the period during which a dealer in intangibles shall file their tax form 980, R.C. 5725.10. A written request for extension of time must be received at the address listed above no later than the second Monday in March; be sure to include the proper business name, address, account number and stated cause. If requesting extensions for a consolidated return, each subsidiary and their FEIN number must be listed within the request.

Penalty for Late Filing

As provided by R.C. 5725.17, a penalty may be assessed equal to the greater of \$50 per month or fraction of a month, not to exceed \$500, or 5% per month or fraction of a month, not to exceed 50% of the tax required to be shown on the return for each month or fraction of a month elapsing between the due date and the date on which the return is filed.

Payment of Tax

No payment should be submitted with the return. For timely filed and properly extended returns, a statement of tax due will be issued by the Ohio Treasurer of State in early May.

Balance Sheet

The balance sheet on the reverse side of form 980 must be completed using a list date of Dec. 31st annually (R.C. 5725.14).

Consolidated Returns

An incorporated dealer in intangibles who owns or controls 51% or more of the common stock of another incorporated dealer in intangibles may by application request to file a consolidated return with the tax commissioner on or before the second Monday in March. If the application is granted, all subsidiary dealers in intangibles of 51% or more must be included. When a consolidated return is filed, it must include a list of the subsidiary dealers, FEIN, addresses and a consolidating balance sheet reflecting all subsidiaries and the intercompany eliminations (R.C. 5725.14).

Exhibit A

Exhibit A is used to adjust the net worth of the dealer to its fair value at Dec. 31. Items such as fixed assets, exchange memberships, stocks, investments, real estate and accounts receivable are examples of items listed on the balance sheet that need to be calculated at their fair value at Dec. 31. These items are netted against their book value and the result placed on line 2. The net addition or reduction is added or deducted from line 1. The result is the fair value, which is then carried to the front page of the return in the computation of tax section line 3, rounded to the nearest \$10.

Exhibit B

In case of a dealer principally engaged in the business of lending money or discounting loans, gross receipts will consist of the aggregate amount of loans effected, discounted and renewed.

Exhibit B is used to determine the Ohio percentage of business for dealers in intangibles who generate loan business both in the state of Ohio and everywhere. (Dealers who only operate within the state do not need to complete this section.) The total amount of loan business conducted for the year in Ohio is divided by the total of loan business for the year everywhere. This percentage is then multiplied by the total from line 3 of Exhibit A. This value is then forwarded to the front of the return (line 3) to compute the amount of tax due.

Business may not be allocated within and without Ohio unless the dealer maintains separate office locations both within and without Ohio. Independent agents who solicit business out of Ohio and forward it to an Ohio office must allocate that portion to Ohio. Employees of the dealer who solicit business out of state but report to the Ohio office must also allocate all business to Ohio.

Receipts from business originating in one office and consummated at another office shall be divided equitably between such offices, and a special memorandum or schedule must be furnished disclosing the amount of such receipts together with the office location.

Exhibit C

In the case of a dealer engaged primarily in the business of dealing in securities as principal, broker or both, gross receipts shall consist of the aggregate amount of commissions charged for business done at each office, divided by 100% of commissions charged everywhere. The billing address should be used to determine where the commission should be situated. Line 3, Exhibit A, is then multiplied by the percentage obtained from this calculation.

Exhibit D

A dealer in intangibles that predominately makes loans and carries a reserve on its books for receivables will use Exhibit D. It is used to establish a fair value for accounts receivable at Dec. 31 for those dealers that carry a reserve. The formula develops a uniform amount of reserves taken against the gross accounts receivable balance. The calculation first takes the total amount of bad debts charged off for the preceding five years, less total recoveries for the preceding five years. This total is divided by the total amount of loans affected, discounted and renewed for the preceding five years for which the dealer maintains a bad debt reserve. To the resulting percentage, add 1/2 of 1% as .5% or .005 as a correction factor. This total percentage will be applied to the gross amount of accounts and notes receivable listed on the current year's balance sheet. The calculated allowable bad debt reserve is compared to the bad debt reserve taken on the current year's balance sheet, and the difference between the two is carried to the summary sheet as an increase or decrease to fair value.

Form 937DI

The tax commissioner has prescribed composite annual allowances for computing the fair value of various depreciable property. For dealers in intangibles, property such as office furniture and equipment, leaseholds and autos have been designated as Class 3 property. Computers and their online peripheral equipment have been designated as having a five-year class life. Tax form 937DI is used to arrive at the fair value. The rates for those classes are listed below. The increase or decrease from book value to fair value is carried to the summary sheet.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Stand-Alone Computer Class</u>
1	93.2	75.0
2	82.8	60.0
3	72.4	45.0
4	62.0	30.0
5	51.5	15.0
6	42.2	15.0
7	36.3	15.0
8	30.5	15.0
9	24.6	15.0
10+	18.8	15.0

Fair Value Claim

In the event the fair value of any item of taxable property is less than the book value as reflected on the balance sheet,

a claim for deduction from book value must be submitted in writing at the time of filing the tax return. The claim should disclose the reasons and computations for determining the claimed fair value. The burden of substantiating the claimed fair value rests with the taxpayer.

Exchange Memberships

Memberships and stock exchange seats used in business must be returned at their fair value as of Dec. 31st annually. The difference between the book value and the fair value at Dec. 31 will be carried to the summary sheet.

Unincorporated Dealers in Intangibles

Unincorporated dealers in intangibles may deduct investments exempt under Ohio law from the value of capital employed, provided such investments are held on Dec. 31. Tax-exempt investments include obligations issued and backed by the federal government, territories or districts and the following Ohio bonds: Vietnam War Bonus, Turnpike, Major Thoroughfare Construction, Bridge Commission, Highway Improvement Construction, Underground Parking, Capital Improvement construction, General Obligation, Public Housing Authority, etc. Municipal bonds are not exempt.

When taxable property has been converted into nontaxable bonds and securities after Oct. 31 and is still held on Dec. 31, the value of the nontaxable bonds and securities as of the date of conversion must be reflected on line 2 of the computation of tax on the front page of form 980.

Form 982

Form 982 is to be submitted by each dealer in intangibles maintaining an office in more than one Ohio county. The taxpayer should list each county it maintains offices in and the total amount of gross receipts for that office. This form does not need to be filed by a qualifying dealer.

Form 984

Form 984 is to be submitted with form 980 for those taxpayers who list investments on line 2 of the balance sheet. This form must list the name of the investment, the book value and the market value of the investment at Dec. 31st. The difference between book and market should be listed on the summary sheet.

Leased Property

Any dealer in intangibles that leases tangible personal property to others or owns such property for the sole purpose of leasing it to others must separately list and return such property under the provisions of R.C. Chapter 5711. Form 920, prescribed by the tax commissioner, sets forth the instructions for filing the applicable personal property tax returns.

Credits

Credit for eligible employee training costs may be claimed against dealer in intangibles tax liability. See R.C. 5725.31.

Venture capital tax credits may be claimed by a "qualifying dealer in intangibles" against its dealer in intangibles tax liability. See R.C. 5725.19.

Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit

Historic preservation tax credit may be claimed against dealer in intangibles tax liability. See R.C. 5725.151.

Information

Any question relative to the filing of the dealer in intangibles tax return or the procurement of forms must be addressed

to the Department of Taxation, Attn: Personal Property Tax Division, P.O. Box 530, Columbus, OH 43216-0530 or call 888-644-6778. Visit the department's home page on the Internet at tax.ohio.gov for additional forms.

Notification of Dealer Status

Ohio Administrative Code 5703-3-32, effective Dec. 30, 2005, defines the term "primarily" as it is used in R.C. 5725.01(B) (1) for determining whether a taxpayer's business activities qualify that taxpayer as an Ohio dealer in intangibles. Please provide the information requested below in the category that pertains to your business situation to determine whether you qualify as an Ohio dealer in intangibles.

1. Complete this section if you had an office or other place of business in Ohio at the end of calendar year 2005, 2006 and 2007.

a. 2005 dealer activity gross income _____ 2005 total gross income _____

b. 2006 dealer activity gross income _____ 2006 total gross income _____

c. 2007 dealer activity gross income _____ 2007 total gross income _____

You are a potential dealer in intangibles if your gross income from dealer activities exceeded fifty per cent (50%) of your total gross income in at least two of these three calendar years. If you do not meet this test, you may complete section 3.

2. Complete this section if you do not qualify under section 1 but had an office or other place of business in Ohio at the end of calendar year 2007 or were a new taxpayer in calendar year 2007.

a. 2007 dealer activity gross income _____ 2007 total gross income _____

You are a potential dealer in intangibles if your gross income from dealer activities exceeded fifty per cent (50%) of your total gross income in calendar year 2007. If you do not meet this test, you may complete section 3.

3. If you do not meet the test under section 1 or 2 and you had an office or other place of business in Ohio at the end of calendar year 2007, you may provide information on why you still should be considered a potential dealer in intangibles. Please provide the following:

a. A written statement demonstrating that your business consists primarily of dealer activities based upon the totality of your circumstances. The statement should contain **details of the specific circumstances** that demonstrate your business consists primarily of dealer activities. Failure to provide this information could result in the tax commissioner denying status as a dealer in intangibles.

If you have questions regarding the completion of this form, please contact Deborah Wilson (614) 466-8123.

Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31, 2007

Line No.	Assets	
1.	Cash on hand and in banks	\$ _____
2.	Investments (complete enclosed form 984)	_____
	a) Taxable	_____
	b) Nontaxable	_____
3.	Accounts and notes receivable	
	a) Accounts receivable Gross \$ _____	
	Less allowance for bad debts	_____
	b) Installment loans..... Gross \$ _____	
	Less allowance for bad debts	_____
	c) Lease receivables Gross \$ _____	
	Less allowance for bad debts	_____
	d) Real estate loans..... Gross \$ _____	
	Less allowance for bad debts	_____
	e) Other receivables Gross \$ _____	
	Less allowance for bad debts	_____
4.	Customers' debit balances	_____
5.	Due from other brokers.....	_____
6.	Real estate..... Cost \$ _____	
	Less accumulated depreciation	_____
7.	Leasehold improvements (enclose form 937DI)..... Cost \$ _____	
	Less accumulated depreciation	_____
8.	Furniture, fixtures and equipment (enclose form 937DI) . Cost \$ _____	
	Less accumulated depreciation	_____
9.	Leased equipment (see Exhibit E).....	_____
10.	Commissions receivable.....	_____
11.	Memberships (specify).....	_____
12.	Deferred charges	
	a) Prepaid expenses.....	_____
	b) Other	_____
13.	Accrued earnings.....	_____
14.	Other assets (specify).....	_____
15.	Total assets (lines 1 through 14).....	\$ _____
Line No.	Liabilities	
16.	Notes and accounts payable	\$ _____
17.	Due to other brokers.....	_____
18.	Customers' credit balances	_____
19.	Commissions payable.....	_____
20.	Accrued expenses	_____
21.	Deferred credits	_____
22.	Other liabilities	_____
23.	Total liabilities (lines 16 through 22).....	\$ _____
Line No.	Capital	
24.	Capital stock (less Treasury shares).....	\$ _____
25.	Capital investment (if not incorporated)	_____
26.	Surplus and undivided profits	_____
27.	Partners' credit balances	_____
28.	General reserves (without definite evidence of imminent loss or liability)	_____
29.	Book value of shares or invested capital (lines 24 through 28) (Carry amount to applicable Exhibit: Exhibit A, line 1; Exhibit B, line 3; or Exhibit C, line 3)	_____
30.	Total liabilities and capital	\$ _____

Exhibit A – Reconciliation of Book Value to the Market or Fair Value of Shares or Invested Capital (R.C. 5725.15)

Line No.	Item	
1.	Book value of shares or invested capital (B/S line 29)	\$ _____
2.	Increase or decrease to fair or market value (from summary sheet)	\$ _____
3.	Taxable value (carry to page 1, line 1, or line 3, Exhibit B or C below).....	\$ _____

Exhibit B – Ohio Proportion of Taxable Value of Shares or Invested Capital (for dealers other than brokers) Enter below the total of loans effected, discounted and renewed during the year ended Dec. 31, 2007.

Line No.	Item	(1) Ohio	(2) Total
1.	Total of loans effected, discounted and renewed.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
2.	Percentage allocable to Ohio (column 1 ÷ by column 2)		_____ %
3.	Taxable value of shares or invested capital (B/S line 29 or line 3 of Exhibit A).....		\$ _____
4.	Ohio proportion of taxable value of shares or invested capital (line 2 x line 3. Carry to page 1, computation of tax, line 3)		\$ _____

Exhibit C – Ohio Proportion of Taxable Value of Shares or Invested Capital (for brokers only) Enter below the aggregate amounts of all commissions charged during the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 2007.

Line No.	Item	(1) Ohio	(2) Total
1.	Aggregate amount of commissions charged	\$ _____	\$ _____
2.	Percentage allocable to Ohio (column 1 ÷ column 2)		_____ %
3.	Taxable value of shares or invested capital (line 3 of Exhibit A)		\$ _____
4.	Ohio proportion of taxable value of shares or invested capital (line 2 x line 3. Carry to page 1, computation of tax, line 3)		\$ _____

Exhibit D – Each Dealer in Intangibles, Other Than Brokers, Must Furnish the Following Information Relative to Aggregate Amount of Loans Effected, Discounted and Renewed

Calendar Year	Aggregate Amount of Loans Effected, Discounted & Renewed	Bad Debts Charged Off	Recovery of Bad Debts Charged Off
2003			
2004			
2005			
2006			
2007			
Totals			

Dealer in Intangibles

Summary Worksheet for Exhibit A, Line 2

Instructions

This worksheet is a tool to be used to capture all adjustments to fair value at Dec. 31. It is a gathering worksheet to list the financial book value for all accounts that have an adjustment to bring it to its fair value at Dec. 31. Compare the financial

book value to the fair value and place the increase or decrease in the difference column. This total is the value that is placed on line 2 of Exhibit A as a company-wide increase or decrease to arrive at a taxable value.

Account	Balance Sheet Value	Fair Value	Difference
Investments			
Accounts Receivable			
Real Estate			
Total Fixed Assets			
Memberships			
Net Worth			
Other Fair Value Adjustments			
Carry total to line 2, Exhibit A.			
Total			

True Value Computation – Stand-Alone Computers

Form 937DI, True Value Computation, provides a consistent method for determining the aggregate fair value for dealers in intangibles' total depreciable assets, company-wide, inside and outside Ohio.

Costs of depreciable property at the end of the previous year are to be shown by year of acquisition for the entire entity (column 2). Additions and disposals occurring during the year are to be entered at cost, across the year in which they were acquired (column 3, column 4). The resulting costs remaining at year-end are then listed (column 5); their total must equal the beginning of the year total plus additions, less disposals. The valuation percentages for the specified class of property are listed in column 6. Each year-end cost is then multiplied by the corresponding valuation percentage and the product

placed in column 7. Total column 7 and that will be the fair value of the depreciable assets. Compare the total fair value of the depreciable assets to the book value of those same assets on the Dec. 31 balance sheet and place the increase or decrease to fair value on line 2 in Exhibit A of form 980.

For dealers in intangibles, depreciable property under this class life consists mainly of office computers.

Full costs must be shown. Cost column totals must reconcile with ledger accounts, except that property written off the records but still physically on hand must be included in the computation, and properly disposed of but not written off the records should be deducted. These exceptions should be separately identified in the computation.

Sample Computation for 2008 Return Illustrating Application of Stand-Alone Computers

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Year Acquired	Cost at End of 12-31-06	Additions	Disposals	Cost at End of 12-31-07	Percent	True Value Amount \$
2007		\$641,310		\$641,310	75%	\$480,983
2006	\$434,040			434,040	60%	260,424
2005	301,032		\$201,032	100,000	45%	45,000
2004	277,736			277,736	30%	83,321
2003	2,393,633		444,943	1,948,690	15%	292,304
2002 and prior					15%	
Total	3,406,441	\$641,310	645,975	\$3,401,776	Fair Value	= \$1,162,032

Carry Total True Value to Summary Sheet.

True Value Computation – Class Life III

Form 937DI, True Value Computation, provides a consistent method for determining the aggregate fair value for dealers in intangibles' total depreciable assets, company-wide, inside and outside Ohio.

Costs of depreciable property at the end of the previous year are to be shown by year of acquisition for the entire entity (column 2). Additions and disposals occurring during the year are to be entered at cost, across the year in which they were acquired (column 3, column 4). The resulting costs remaining at year-end are then listed (column 5); their total must equal

the beginning of the year total plus additions, less disposals. The valuation percentages for the specified class of property are listed in column 6. Each year-end cost is then multiplied by the corresponding valuation percentage and the product placed in column 7. Total column 7 and that will be the fair value of the depreciable assets. Compare the total fair value of the depreciable assets to the book value of those same assets on the Dec. 31 balance sheet and place the increase or decrease to fair value on summary sheet.

Sample Computation for 2008 Return Illustrating Application of Class III Percentages

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Year Acquired	Cost at End of 12-31-06	Additions	Disposals	Cost at End of 12-31-07	Percent	True Value Amount \$
2007		\$641,310		\$ 641,310	93.2%	\$ 597,701
2006	\$434,040			434,040	82.8%	359,385
2005	301,032		\$201,032	100,000	72.4%	72,400
2004	277,736			277,736	62.0%	172,196
2003	201,033			201,033	51.5%	103,532
2002	147,001			147,001	42.2%	62,034
2001	421,066			421,066	36.3%	152,847
2000	234,175			234,175	30.5%	71,423
1999	148,622			148,622	24.6%	36,561
1998 and prior	2,010,836		333,421	1,677,415	18.8%	315,354
Total	\$4,175,541	\$641,310	\$534,453	\$4,282,398	Fair/True Value = \$1,943,433	

Carry Total Fair/True Value to Summary Sheet.

Name of dealer _____

Address _____

This form must be executed by each dealer in intangibles maintaining an office in more than one county in Ohio. For an explanation of gross receipts, see General Information and Instructions.

Gross Receipts Within the State of Ohio					
1	Adams		45	Licking	
2	Allen		46	Logan	
3	Ashland		47	Lorain	
4	Ashtabula		48	Lucas	
5	Athens		49	Madison	
6	Auglaize		50	Mahoning	
7	Belmont		51	Marion	
8	Brown		52	Medina	
9	Butler		53	Meigs	
10	Carroll		54	Mercer	
11	Champaign		55	Miami	
12	Clark		56	Monroe	
13	Clermont		57	Montgomery	
14	Clinton		58	Morgan	
15	Columbiana		59	Morrow	
16	Coshocton		60	Muskingum	
17	Crawford		61	Noble	
18	Cuyahoga		62	Ottawa	
19	Darke		63	Paulding	
20	Defiance		64	Perry	
21	Delaware		65	Pickaway	
22	Erie		66	Pike	
23	Fairfield		67	Portage	
24	Fayette		68	Preble	
25	Franklin		69	Putnam	
26	Fulton		70	Richland	
27	Gallia		71	Ross	
28	Geauga		72	Sandusky	
29	Green		73	Scioto	
30	Guernsey		74	Seneca	
31	Hamilton		75	Shelby	
32	Hancock		76	Stark	
33	Hardin		77	Summit	
34	Harrison		78	Trumbull	
35	Henry		79	Tuscarawas	
36	Highland		80	Union	
37	Hocking		81	Van Wert	
38	Holmes		82	Vinton	
39	Huron		83	Warren	
40	Jackson		84	Washington	
41	Jefferson		85	Wayne	
42	Knox		86	Williams	
43	Lake		87	Wood	
44	Lawrence		88	Wyandot	

Total receipts in Ohio _____

Total receipts without Ohio _____

