

Lookback Periods for States Participating in National Nexus Program

The lookback period includes the prior complete tax filing periods for which a taxpayer applying for voluntary disclosure relief must generally file returns and pay the past-due tax liability plus interest in return for the state's waiver of tax liability for periods prior to the lookback period and penalties. The lookback period also includes the current incomplete tax filing period, the return for which must be timely filed and tax paid when due. The prior and current tax filing periods are determined based on the date that the application is received by National Nexus Program staff. Each state determines its own lookback period. Lookback periods may vary between states. The lookback periods published below are provided for guidance purposes only to assist taxpayers seeking voluntary disclosure relief in estimating the amount of past-due tax liability payment that may be required. As each state makes the final determination of the lookback period, following review of the taxpayer's application, the guidance below does not constitute specific advice and accordingly should not be relied upon without further confirmation from the state(s). Please note that withholding tax retained from employee salaries and sales and use tax collected from others must be remitted in its entirety, without regard to the lookback period, and may involve non-waivable penalties.

See the Frequently Asked Question "What is the lookback period, and how is it determined?" for further information and calculation examples.

STATE LOOKBACK PERIODS			
Nexus Program States	Income/franchise tax	Sales/Use Tax	NOTES
	Lookback Period (complete prior tax years)	Lookback Period (complete prior months)	
Alabama	3	36	
Arizona	4	48	Lookback period for TPT/use tax is 48 months.
Arkansas	3	36	
Colorado	4	36	
Connecticut	3	36	
Delaware	5	n/a	Delaware has no sales/use tax.
D.C.	3	36	Lookback period for franchise tax is 3 prior tax years.
Florida	3	36	Lookback period includes the 3 years immediately preceding the postmark date of the VDA request.
Georgia	3	36	Lookback period may be reduced/eliminated if no liability or refunds/losses exist.
Hawaii	3	n/a	The lookback period for both the general excise (gross income) tax and corporation net income tax is 3 complete prior tax years plus the current year.
Idaho	3	36	Lookback period may vary depending on the specific facts and circumstances of each request.
Iowa	5	60	Lookback period is one-half the periods normally due, with maximum of 5 years (20 quarters, 60 months).
Kansas	3	36	Kansas will consider allowing a longer lookback period if requested.
Kentucky	4	48	
Louisiana	3	36	
Maryland	4	48	
Massachusetts	3	36	Lookback period can be 7 years for an in-state entity.
Michigan	4	48	
Minnesota	4	36	Lookback-period for Minnesota corporate franchise tax, S corporation tax, and partnership tax is generally 4 years (3 lookback years and 1 current year that is ready and available to be filed).
Missouri	3	36	Lookback period is 3 prior tax years plus the current year. For both taxes, it could be up to 4 years or 48 months.
Montana	5	n/a	Montana has no state sales/use tax.
Nebraska	3	36	
New Hampshire	3	36	
New Jersey	3	36	
New Mexico	SEE MANAGED AUDIT PROCEDURES		
North Carolina	3	36	
North Dakota	3	36	While the general lookback period is 3 years, a longer lookback period may apply to circumstances where it is clear a significant taxable presence in the state existed prior thereto.
Oklahoma	3	36	
Oregon	3	n/a	Oregon has no sales/use tax.
South Carolina	3	36	
South Dakota	3	36	Lookback period is 3 prior tax years for bank franchise tax.
Tennessee	3	36	Lookback period is 3 prior tax years plus the current year. For both taxes, it could be up to 4 years or 48 months.
Texas	4	48	
Utah	3	36	
Vermont	3	36	
Washington	4	48	Lookback period is the prior 4 calendar years plus the current year through the end of the last completed calendar quarter.
West Virginia	3	36	The franchise tax ceased for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, under W. Va. Code Section 11-23-6(b)(11).
Wisconsin	4	48	