

Instructions for Completing Form 502INJ

1. **Taxpayer information.** Enter the taxpayer information exactly as it appears on your original Maryland income tax return (Form 502, 503 or 505). The spouse's name and SSN shown first on the original tax return must be shown first on the Injured Spouse Claim Form.
2. **All questions must be answered**
3. **Allocation Items.** Enter the amounts from your joint return in the first column. Use the 2nd and 3rd columns to allocate these items as follows:
 - a. *Allocate individual income to the spouse who earned the income.* Joint income such as interest, investments, etc., should be divided equally between spouses. Adjustments to income on the federal return such as IRA deductions, alimony paid, etc. should be allocated to the spouse to whom the adjustment belongs.
 - b. *Additions.* Allocate individual Maryland addition modifications to the spouse to whom the additions are attributable. Joint additions should be divided equally between spouses.
 - c. *Subtractions.* Allocate individual Maryland subtraction modifications to the spouse to whom the subtractions are attributable. The subtraction for child and dependent care expenses must be claimed by the spouse who is claiming the exemption for the child or dependent. Joint subtractions (such as state income tax refunds, etc.) should be divided equally between spouses.
 - d. *Itemized or standard deduction.* Check the type of deduction you claimed on your original return and enter your deduction amount in the first column. The Comptroller's Office will allocate the deductions between spouses.
 - e. *Exemptions.* Exemptions must be allocated in whole numbers only (e.g., 3 exemptions cannot be allocated as 1½ and 1½). Each spouse must claim the exemptions he or she would be entitled to if separate returns had been filed.
 - f. *Earned income credit.* Enter the earned income credit as claimed on your joint Maryland return. The Comptroller's Office will allocate the earned income credit for you.
 - g. *Withholding taxes.* Each spouse must claim his or her own Maryland withholding taxes as shown on the wage & tax statements.
 - h. *Estimated tax payments.* Each spouse should claim his or her own estimated tax payments. If you are unable to allocate joint payments, the Comptroller's Office will allocate them for you.
 - i. *Credits.* Each spouse should claim his or her own credit for income taxes paid another state. The Enterprise Zone Credit must be allocated to the spouse to whom the business income is attributable.
4. Attach this form to the front of your tax return. Write "Injured Spouse" in the upper left-hand corner of return.