

FORM **503 MARYLAND TAX RETURN 1997**
 RESIDENT (OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 1997, ENDING 1998) \$



Your first name Initial	Last name	Social security number	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you use a paid preparer and do not want Maryland forms mailed to you next year.	
Spouse's first name Initial	Last name	Social security number		
Present address (No. and street)		City or town	State	Zip code
Name of county and incorporated city, town, or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland county	City, town or taxing area	

ATTACH LABEL

YOUR FILING STATUS—See Instruction 1 to determine if you are required to file.

1. Single (If you can be claimed on another person's tax return, use Filing Status 7)

2. Married filing joint return or spouse had no income

▶ 4. Married filing separately SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

5. Head of household

6. Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child

7. Dependent taxpayer (Enter 0 in Exemption Box (A)—See Instruction 7)

EXEMPTIONS—See Instruction 10

(A) Yourself Spouse Enter No. Checked (A) × \$1,200 \$ _____

Check here if you are: 65 or over Blind Spouse is: 65 or over Blind Enter No. Checked (B) × \$1,000 \$ _____

(B) ▶ ▶ ▶ ▶ Enter No. Checked (B) × \$1,000 \$ _____

(C) Dependent Children _____ Enter No. (C) × \$1,200 \$ _____

(D) Other Dependents Regular 65 or over Enter No. (D) × \$1,200 \$ _____

Name(s) _____ Relationship(s) _____

(E) Total Exemptions (Add A, B, C and D) ▶ (E) Total Exemption Amount \$ _____

Carefully enter all amounts in the appropriate boxes. Use the tick marks as a guide in separating the digits of your numbers.

	Dollars	Cents
55. Total income from federal return (Copy the amount from line 22 if you use Form 1040. Copy the amount from line 14 if you use Form 1040A. Copy the amount from line 4 if you use Form 1040EZ.)	▶ 55	
56. Standard deduction (See Instruction 16)	▶ 56	
57. Net income (Subtract line 56 from line 55)	57	
58. Exemption amount as computed above	58	
59. Taxable net income (Subtract line 58 from line 57. GO TO TAX TABLE, page 18.)	59	
60. Maryland tax (from Tax Table or Computation Worksheet)	60	
61. Earned income credit (1/2 of the federal earned income credit)	▶ 61	
62a. Adjusted Maryland tax (Subtract line 61 from line 60)	62a	
62b. Local income tax (See Instruction 19) Enter ____% of line 62a. State will remit local tax to your county of residence.	62b	
62c. Total Maryland and local income tax (Add lines 62a and 62b)	62c	
63. Contribution to: Chesapeake Bay & Endangered Species Fund Fair Campaign Financing Fund	▶ 63	
63a. ▶ <input type="text"/> 63b. ▶ <input type="text"/> Enter total contributions	64	
64. Total Maryland income tax, local income tax and contributions (Add lines 62c and 63)	▶ 64	
65. Total Maryland tax withheld (Enter total from your W-2 and 1099 forms if MD tax is withheld)	▶ 65	
66. 1997 estimated tax payments, amount applied from 1996 return and payment made with an extension request, Form 502E...	▶ 66	
69. Total payments (Add lines 65 and 66)	69	
70. Balance due (If line 64 is more than line 69, subtract line 69 from line 64)	▶ 70	
71. Overpayment (If line 64 is less than line 69, subtract line 64 from line 69)	71	
72. Amount of line 71 TO BE APPLIED TO 1998 ESTIMATED TAX	▶ 72	
73. Amount of line 71 TO BE REFUNDED TO YOU (Subtract line 72 from line 71)	REFUND ▶ 73	
74. Interest charges from Form 502UP (for persons who paid too little estimated tax) or for late filing	▶ 74	
75. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Add lines 70 and 74) IF \$1 OR MORE, PAY IN FULL WITH THIS RETURN	75	

Place your check or money order on top of your wage and tax statements and fasten here with one staple.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete. If prepared by a person other than taxpayer, the declaration is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Make checks payable to: **COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY.**
 Write social security no. on check using blue or black ink.
 Mail to: **Comptroller of the Treasury, Revenue Administration Division,**
Annapolis, Maryland 21411-0001

Your signature	Date	Signature of preparer other than taxpayer	Date
Spouse's signature	Date	Address and telephone number of preparer	
Daytime telephone no.	Home telephone no.		

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CODE NUMBER				FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			

WHO MAY USE THIS FORM?



You may use this short form (Form 503) if you answer "No" to ALL of these questions:

- | YES | NO | | YES | NO | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you have any business income (that is, did you file Form 1040, Schedule C)? | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you claiming a tax credit on Maryland Form 500CR or 502CR? |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did your income include any losses? | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Were you a nonresident of Maryland? |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you have any adjustments to income on federal Form 1040 or 1040A? | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Were you a part-year resident of Maryland? |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Will you have any Additions to Income or Subtractions from Income on your Maryland return? If you are eligible for a subtraction, such as the pension exclusion, it will be to your benefit to use Form 502. | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your return cover less than a 12 month period? |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you want to itemize your deductions? | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Were you a fiscal year taxpayer? |

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions you may not use this form. Go to Instruction 3 in the instruction booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM 503

- A. Be sure that you are required to file a Maryland tax return. See Instruction 1 in the instruction booklet.
- B. Be sure that you can use this form. Use the checklist at the top of this page.
- C. Complete your federal tax return first. You cannot fill out this form until you have the numbers from your federal return.
- D. Attach the mailing label contained in your tax booklet.
DO NOT USE THE LABEL IF:
 - Your name, address, or social security number is wrong, **OR**
 - You and your spouse are filing separate returns and both names are on the label, **OR**
 - You and your spouse are filing a joint return and only one name is on the label.
- E. Fill in the blanks for MARYLAND COUNTY and CITY, TOWN OR TAXING AREA, based on your residence on December 31, 1997.
BALTIMORE CITY RESIDENTS:
 - Leave the MARYLAND COUNTY box blank.
 - Write "Baltimore" in the CITY, TOWN OR TAXING AREA box.**ALL OTHERS:**
 - Write the name of your county in the MARYLAND COUNTY box.
 - If you lived in one of the CITY, TOWN OR SPECIAL TAXING AREAS listed on Page 2, write its name in the CITY, TOWN OR TAXING AREA box.
 - If you did not live in one of the areas listed, leave the CITY, TOWN OR TAXING AREA box blank.
- F. If you use a paid preparer and do not want Maryland forms mailed to you next year, check the appropriate box.
- G. Check the correct filing status. See Instruction 7 in the instruction booklet.
- H. Check the exemptions you qualify for. See Instruction 10 in the instruction booklet.
- I. Complete lines 55-75 following the directions on the form. You may round all numbers to the nearest dollar.
- J. Sign and date your return. Both husband and wife must sign a joint return. Your signature(s) signify that your return, including all attachments, is, to the best of your knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete, under the penalties of perjury. If someone else prepared your return, the preparer must also sign. Complete the telephone number boxes at the bottom of the form.
- K. Be sure to attach wage and tax statements (W-2 and 1099 forms) if Maryland tax is withheld and enclose your check or money order, if required.
- L. Mail Form 503 by April 15, 1998. Use the envelope that came with your packet. If you don't have that envelope, mail the form to:

Comptroller of the Treasury
Revenue Administration Division
Annapolis, MD 21411-0001