

5. Did the spouse receive retirement benefits from SSA exempt employment as a surviving spouse?

Yes: Check box 23F.

No: Stop. You are not eligible to check box 23F.

**Line 24: Michigan Standard Deduction.** If the older of you or your spouse (if married filing jointly) was born during the period January 1, 1946 through January 1, 1952, and reached the age of 67 on or before December 31, 2018, you are eligible for a deduction against all income and will no longer deduct retirement and pension benefits. The deduction is \$20,000 for a return filed as single or married filing separately, or \$40,000 for a married filing jointly return. If you checked either box 23C or 23F your standard deduction is increased by \$15,000. If you checked both boxes 23C and 23F your standard deduction is increased by \$30,000.

The standard deduction is reduced by any amounts reported on line 11 and any military pay included on line 14.

In most cases, taxpayers who are eligible to complete line 24 should not complete lines 25 or 26. However, if a taxpayer is the unremarried surviving spouse of a decedent born prior to 1946 who also died after reaching age 65, check the box below line 26 to claim the Michigan standard deduction on line 24 and a deduction for investment income on line 26 (if applicable).

**Line 25:** Qualifying retirement and pension benefits included in your AGI may be subtracted from income. Retirement and pension benefits are taxed differently depending on the age of the recipient. See “Which Benefits are Taxable” below.

You must include Form 4884. If you were born during the period January 1, 1946 through January 1, 1952, see line 24.

**Line 26: Senior citizens** born prior to 1946 (or the unremarried surviving spouse of a decedent born prior to 1946 who also died after reaching age 65) may subtract interest, dividends, and capital gains included in AGI. This subtraction is limited to a maximum of \$11,495 on a single return or \$22,991 on a joint return. The maximum is reduced by any deduction for:

- Military (including Michigan National Guard) retirement benefits from line 11
- Railroad retirement benefits from line 11
- Public and private retirement and pension benefits from line 25
- Amount used for the federal credit for the elderly and totally and permanently disabled from line 22.

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## General Information - Pension Schedule (Form 4884)

### What are Retirement and Pension Benefits

Under Michigan law, qualifying retirement and pension benefits include most payments that are reported on a 1099-R for federal tax purposes. This includes defined benefit pensions, IRA distributions, and most payments from defined contribution plans. Payments received before the recipient could retire under the provisions of the plan or benefits from 401(k), 457, or 403(b) plans attributable to employee contributions alone are not retirement and pension benefits under Michigan law, are taxable, and are subject to withholding.

**Qualifying benefits include distributions from the following sources:**

- Pension plans that define eligibility for retirement and set contribution and benefit amounts in advance
- Qualified retirement plans for the self-employed
- Retirement distributions from a 401(k) or 403(b) plan attributable to employer contributions or attributable to employee contributions that result in additional employer contributions (e.g., matching contributions)
- IRA distributions received after age 59½ or described by Section 72(t)(2)(A)(iv) of the IRC (series of equal periodic payments made for life)
- Benefits from any of the previous plans received due to a disability, or as a surviving spouse if the decedent qualified for the subtraction at the time of death and was born prior to January 1, 1953
- Benefits paid to a senior citizen (age 65 or older) from a retirement annuity policy that are paid for life (as opposed to a specified number of years)
- Foreign retirement and pension benefits that meet Michigan’s qualifications may also be eligible.

**Qualifying public benefits include distributions from the following sources:**

- The State of Michigan
- Michigan local governmental units (e.g., Michigan counties, cities, and school districts)
- Federal civil service.

Retirement and pension benefits that are transferred from one plan to another (rolled over) continue to be treated as if they remained in the original plan.

**For public and private retirement or pension benefits, you may not subtract (do not include on Form 4884):**

- Amounts received from a deferred compensation plan that lets the employee set the amount to be put aside and does not set retirement age or requirements for years of service. These plans include, but are not limited to, plans under Sections 401(k), 457, and 403(b) of the IRC
- Amounts received before the recipient could retire under the plan provisions, including amounts paid on separation, withdrawal, or discontinuance of the plan
- Amounts received as early retirement incentives, unless the incentives were paid from a pension trust.

### Which Benefits are Taxable

Retirement and pension benefits are taxed differently depending on the age of the recipient. Married couples filing a joint return should complete Form 4884 based on the year of birth of the older spouse. Military and Michigan National Guard pensions, railroad retirement benefits and Social Security benefits are exempt from tax and should be reported on the Schedule 1, line 11 or line 14.

## Who May Claim a Pension Subtraction

### Tier 1

• **Recipients born before 1946** may subtract all qualifying retirement and pension benefits received from federal or Michigan public sources, and may subtract qualifying private retirement and pension benefits up to \$51,570 if single or married filing separate, or \$103,140 if married filing a joint return. If your public retirement benefits are greater than the maximum amount you are not entitled to claim an additional subtraction for private pensions.

**NOTE:** In addition to the public retirement benefits listed above, the private pension limits are also reduced by the following from Schedule 1, line 11:

- Military retirement from the U.S. Armed Forces
- Retirement from the Michigan National Guard
- Railroad retirement.

### Tier 2

• **Recipients born during the period January 1, 1946 through January 1, 1952**, do not complete Form 4884. See Schedule 1, line 24.

• **Recipients born after January 1, 1952 through December 31, 1952** will be able to deduct up to \$20,000 in qualifying retirement and pension benefits if single or married filing separate, or up to \$40,000 if married filing a joint return. Generally, all retirement or pension benefits (public and private) are treated the same unless the recipient also has significant benefits from service in the U.S. Armed Forces or Michigan National Guard, or receives taxable railroad retirement benefits. Recipients who deduct military retirement benefits due to service in the U.S. Armed Forces or Michigan National Guard, or taxable railroad retirement benefits on Schedule 1, line 11 may have lower deduction limits if these deductions total more than \$31,570 on a single return or \$63,140 on a joint return. See the instructions for line 17 or 28 of Form 4884, whichever applies, for more information.

### Tier 3

• **Recipients born on or after January 1, 1953 but before January 2, 1957 who have reached age 62 and receive retirement benefits from employment exempt from Social Security** may deduct up to \$15,000 in qualifying

retirement and pension benefits. If both spouses on a joint return receive Social Security exempt retirement benefits, the maximum deduction increases to \$30,000. See Form 4884, line 29 instructions for more information.

- **Recipients born after 1952, received retirement benefits from SSA exempt employment, and were retired as of January 1, 2013** may deduct up to \$35,000 in qualifying retirement and pension benefits if single or married filing separately or \$55,000 if married filing a joint return. If both spouses on a joint return qualify, the maximum deduction increases to \$70,000.
- **All other recipients born after 1952**, all retirement and pension benefits are taxable and you are not entitled to a pension subtraction.

For help calculating the retirement and pension subtraction, see “Which Section of Form 4884 Should I Complete?” on page 17.

### Retirement Benefits from a Deceased Spouse

Calculate the amount of deductible retirement benefits received as a survivor of a deceased spouse based on the birth year of the deceased spouse and the filing status of the surviving spouse. If the filer is in Tier 2 and has reached the age of 67, the deceased spouse’s benefits cannot be claimed on Form 4884 and the taxpayer is eligible for the Standard Deduction. Retirement benefits received as a survivor generally have a distribution code of 4 on the federal Form 1099-R. The 1099-R reports retirement benefits to the Internal Revenue Service and it is sent by the pension administrator paying the benefits.

**Example 1:** A married filer who receives retirement benefits as the surviving spouse of a decedent born in 1942 (Tier 1) would be able to subtract all public retirement benefits received from the deceased spouse and private retirement benefits received up to \$103,140, reduced by any public benefits received from the deceased spouse.

Generally, any retirement benefits deducted as a survivor reduce the amount of other retirement benefits that may be deducted.

**Example 2:** A single filer who receives retirement benefits as the surviving spouse of a decedent born in 1952 (Tier 2) would be able to subtract up to \$20,000 in qualified retirement benefits received from the deceased spouse.

Filing Status	Birth Year	Retirement Benefits Tier	Retirement Benefits Deduction Limits
Single/Separate	Before 1946	Tier 1	All public plus private benefits up to \$51,570 combined
Single/Separate	**1946 through 1952	Tier 2	\$20,000
Single/Separate	After 1952	Tier 3	***No deduction
*Joint	Before 1946	Tier 1	All public plus private benefits up to \$103,140 combined
*Joint	**1946 through 1952	Tier 2	\$40,000
*Joint	After 1952	Tier 3	***No deduction

\* On a joint return, determine the eligibility for deducting retirement benefits using the age of the older spouse.

\*\* Taxpayers born during the period January 1, 1946 through January 1, 1952 should not deduct retirement benefits; you are eligible for the Michigan Standard Deduction. See Schedule 1, line 24 instructions.

\*\*\*Taxpayers in Tier 3 who receive pension benefits from employment with governmental agencies not covered by the Social Security Act may be eligible for a pension deduction. See instructions for Form 4884, line 28 and line 29.

**Example 3:** If the filer in Example 2 was born in 1952 (Tier 2), any retirement benefits received from the deceased spouse that are deductible will reduce the filer’s maximum deduction for retirement benefits of \$20,000.

**NOTE:** Filers born after 1952 (Tier 3) receiving survivor benefits from a deceased spouse born in Tier 1 complete Section B of Form 4884. Filers born after 1952 (Tier 3) receiving survivor benefits from a deceased spouse born in Tier 2 complete Section C of Form 4884.

## Line-by-Line Instructions for *Pension Schedule (Form 4884)*

Visit [www.michigan.gov/incometax](http://www.michigan.gov/incometax) for help calculating the retirement and pension subtraction.

Before completing Form 4884, refer to “*Which Section of Form 4884 Should I Complete?*”

**NOTE:** For purposes of this form, single limits apply to taxpayers who are married filing separately.

*Lines not listed are explained on the form.*

**Lines 1, 2, and 3:** Enter your name(s) and Social Security number(s). If you are married filing separate returns, enter both Social Security numbers, but do **not** enter your spouse’s name.

**Lines 4 and 5:** Enter your year(s) of birth. If you are married and filing separately, do not enter your spouse’s year of birth.

**Line 6:** Check the box if all three criteria are met:

- You and your spouse (if filing a joint return) were born after 1952.
- You or your spouse (if filing a joint return) were retired as of January 1, 2013.
- You or your spouse (if filing a joint return) received retirement benefits from SSA exempt employment.

**Line 7:** Enter deceased spouse’s name, Social Security number and year of birth. If you are filing your final joint tax return because your spouse died during the tax year, do not complete line 7 or check box 8B.

**NOTE:** When completing Form 4884, surviving spouse means the deceased spouse died prior to the current tax year (e.g., when filing a 2018 return the spouse died in 2007). Deceased spouse benefits do not include benefits from a spouse who died in 2018.

**Line 8:** If you have more than ten qualifying entries, continue those entries on the *2018 Michigan Pension Continuation Schedule* (Form 4973).

**Line 8B:** For each qualifying retirement and pension benefit attributable to a deceased spouse put an “X” in column 8B. See instructions for line 7 for more information on deceased spouse benefits.

**Line 8C:** If an individual has multiple retirement and pension benefits from the same Payer FEIN and distribution code, combine those amounts on the same line.

**Line 8D:** List the distribution code from box 7 of the federal Form 1099-R.

**Line 8F:** Include the taxable amount of retirement or pension reported in federal AGI. Use these amounts when completing the applicable section in Part 3. If you are a part-year resident only use the portion from the Michigan Schedule NR, line 10 column B.

### Which Section of Form 4884 Should I Complete?

Using the information from line 8, complete Section A, Section B, Section C or Section D. To determine which section of the form to complete, answer the following questions.

1. Were retirement or pension benefits received by a filer or spouse (if married filing jointly) born prior to January 1, 1953, or were surviving spouse benefits received for a deceased spouse who was born prior to January 1, 1953 and died prior to January 1, 2018?  
Yes: Continue to question 2.  
No: Continue to question 5.
2. Was the older of filer or spouse (if married filing jointly) born during the period January 1, 1946 through January 1, 1952?  
Yes: Do not file Form 4884. Use Schedule 1, line 24 (see instructions, page 15).  
No: Continue to question 3.
3. Was the older of filer or spouse (if married filing jointly) born prior to January 1, 1946?  
Yes: Complete Section A of Form 4884.  
No: Continue to question 4.
4. Is filer or spouse (if married filing jointly) receiving benefits from a deceased spouse who was born prior to January 1, 1946 and died prior to January 1, 2018?  
Yes: Complete Section B of Form 4884.  
No: Complete Section C of Form 4884.
5. Were benefits from SSA exempt employment received by a filer or spouse (if married filing jointly) who was born after 1952 and retired as of January 1, 2013?  
Yes: Complete Section C of Form 4884.  
No: Continue to question 6.
6. Were benefits from SSA exempt employment received by a filer or spouse (if married filing jointly) who has reached age 62?  
Yes: Complete Section D of Form 4884.  
No: You are not eligible for a retirement or pension benefits subtraction. Do not file Form 4884.

**Line 9:** If you or your spouse reported any retirement and pension benefits from service in the U.S. Armed Forces, the Michigan National Guard or any taxable railroad retirement benefits reported on Schedule 1, line 11, these amounts should be subtracted from the allowable private pension deduction limits. For purposes of this line, single limits apply to taxpayers who are married filing separately.

Amounts deducted on Schedule 1, line 11, are not deducted again on Form 4884, and are only used to reduce the allowable deduction for private retirement and pension benefits. For example, if a joint filer born in 1945 received \$30,000 in retirement benefits from service in the U.S. Armed Forces the allowable private deduction limit reported on line 9 would be  $\$103,140 - \$30,000 = \$73,140$ .

**Line 13:** If you checked either SSA Exempt box 23C or 23F from Schedule 1, your maximum is increased by \$15,000. If you checked both boxes 23C and 23F your maximum is increased by \$30,000.

**Line 16:** Carry this amount to Schedule 1, line 25. Do not complete Section B, Section C or Section D.

**Line 17:** If you or your spouse received and reported any retirement and pension benefits from service in the U.S. Armed Forces or Michigan National Guard, or any taxable railroad retirement benefits reported on Schedule 1, line 11, these amounts should be subtracted from the allowable private pension deduction limit here.

Amounts deducted on Schedule 1, line 11, are not deducted again on Form 4884 and are only used to reduce the allowable deduction for private retirement and pension benefits.

**Line 23:** Do not include benefits received from a deceased spouse (who died prior to 2018).

**Line 24:** If you checked either SSA Exempt box 23C or 23F from Schedule 1, your maximum is increased by \$15,000. If you checked both boxes 23C and 23F your maximum is increased by \$30,000.

**Line 27:** Carry this amount to Schedule 1, line 25. Do not complete Section A, Section C or Section D.

**Line 28:** Taxpayers born after January 1, 1952, that are receiving benefits from a deceased spouse who was born during the period January 1, 1946 through January 1, 1952 should use Section C to calculate the deduction for retirement and pension benefits.

If you checked either SSA Exempt box 23C or 23F from Schedule 1, your maximum is increased by \$15,000. If you checked both boxes 23C and 23F your maximum is increased by \$30,000.

Taxpayers born after 1952, that were retired as of January 1, 2013 and received retirement benefits from SSA exempt employment should use Section C to calculate the deduction for retirement and pension benefits. These taxpayers may deduct up to \$35,000 in qualifying retirement and pension benefits if single or married filing separately or \$55,000 if married filing a joint return. If both spouses on a joint return qualify, the maximum deduction increases to \$70,000.

If you deducted military retirement benefits, or taxable railroad retirement benefits on Schedule 1, line 11, your deduction for retirement or pension benefits received from a private source may be reduced.

If you have taxable railroad retirement benefits or qualifying retirement and pension benefits from service in the U.S. Armed Forces or Michigan National Guard, use Worksheet 2 to determine your allowable subtraction.

Carry this amount to Schedule 1, line 25. Do not complete Section A, Section B, or Section D.

**Line 29:** If you checked box 23C or 23F on Schedule 1 and the older of you or your spouse was born on or after January 1, 1953 but before January 2, 1957, enter all qualifying retirement and pension benefits you received, up to \$15,000. If you are receiving benefits as a surviving spouse, do not use your deceased spouse's year of birth. If 23C or 23F on Schedule 1 is checked, deduct all qualifying retirement and pension benefits up to \$15,000. If both boxes 23C and 23F on Schedule 1 were checked on a joint return, the maximum deduction is \$30,000.

Recipients who deduct taxable railroad retirement benefits or military retirement benefits due to service in the U.S. Armed Forces or Michigan National Guard on Schedule 1, line 11 may have lower deduction limits on this line if the Schedule 1, line 11 totals more than \$36,570. For additional information and to determine your allowable subtraction, refer to the "Worksheet for Filers with Taxable Railroad Retirement Benefits or Qualifying Retirement and Pension Benefits from Service in the U.S. Armed Forces or Michigan National Guard and Completing Section D of Form 4884" available on Treasury's Web site.

Carry this amount to Schedule 1, line 25. Do not complete Section A, Section B, or Section C.

**Worksheet 2 for Filers with Taxable Railroad Retirement Benefits or Qualifying Retirement and Pension Benefits from Service in the U.S. Armed Forces or Michigan National Guard and Completing Section C of Form 4884**

1. Enter military retirement benefits due to service in the U.S. Armed Forces or Michigan National Guard and taxable railroad retirement benefits reported on Schedule 1, line 11. ....	1.		00
2. Enter public retirement and pension benefits reported on Form 4884, line 8. ....	2.		00
3. Add lines 1 and 2. ....	3.		00
4. Enter private retirement and pension benefits reported on Form 4884, line 8. ....	4.		00
5. Enter \$51,570 if single or \$103,140 if filing jointly. ....	5.		00
6. Subtract line 3 from line 5. If less than zero, enter \$0. ....	6.		00
7. Enter the smaller of line 4 or line 6. ....	7.		00
8. Add line 2 and line 7. ....	8.		00
9. Enter \$20,000 if single or \$40,000 if filing jointly. Higher limits apply if you checked Schedule 1, box 23C or 23F (see line 11 below). ....	9.		00
10. Enter the smaller of line 8 or line 9 here and on Form 4884, line 28. ....	10.		00
<b>Calculation for filers with benefits from employment exempt from the Social Security Act</b>			
11. Enter \$20,000 if single or \$40,000 if filing jointly. ....	11.		00
12. If you checked box 23C or 23F on Schedule 1, enter \$15,000 for each box checked. ....	12.		00
13. Add line 11 and line 12. This is your maximum deduction for line 9 of this Worksheet. ....	13.		00

**Form 4884 Various Scenarios**

**Scenario 1: Single filer born after January 1, 1952 through December 31, 1952 (Tier 2) with retirement/pension benefits.**

Henry is filing as single. He was born on January 2, 1952 and is receiving a private pension of \$25,000 with a distribution code of 7.

Step 1: After completing lines 1 and 2, Henry enters 1952 on line 4.

Step 2: He completes row 1 of line 8 by entering an X in Private for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code 7 in 8D, the name of the payer in 8E, and \$25,000 in 8F. .... Line 8F, Row 1..... \$25,000

Step 3: Henry refers to the questionnaire on page 17 to determine which Section of Form 4884 is to be completed.

- Henry answers yes to question 1 as he was born prior to January 1, 1953.
- He answers no to question 2 because he was not born during the period January 1, 1946 through January 1, 1952.
- He answers no to question 3 because he was not born prior to January 1, 1946.
- He answers no to question 4 because he is not receiving benefits from a deceased spouse. Based on his answers he completes Section C of Form 4884.

Step 4: Since he is single and his total pension benefits are over the maximum allowed, Henry enters the maximum of \$20,000 on line 28 and on the Schedule 1, line 25. .... Line 28. .... \$20,000  
 Schedule 1, Line 25..... \$20,000

**Scenario 2: Joint filers, with the older spouse born prior to January 1, 1946 (Tier 1) who died during the tax year with private pension benefits.**

Bob and Mary are filing a joint return. Bob, born in 1944, has a private pension of \$55,000. Bob died on October 15, 2018. Bob received a 1099-R for \$50,000 with a distribution code of 7 and Mary received a 1099-R for \$5,000 with a distribution code of 4 for the remainder of Bob’s pension. Mary, born in 1952, is receiving a public pension of \$70,000 with a distribution code of 7.

Step 1: After completing lines 1 through 3, Mary enters 1944 on line 4 and 1952 on line 5. Mary does not complete line 7 or check 8B because Bob died during the current tax year.

Step 2: Mary completes row 1 of line 8 by entering an X in Private for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code 7 in 8D, the name of payer in 8E, and \$50,000 in 8F.....

Line 8F, Row 1. .... \$50,000

She completes row 2 of line 8 by entering an X in Private for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code 4 in 8D, the name of payer in 8E, and \$5,000 in 8F .....

Line 8F, Row 2. .... \$5,000

She completes row 3 of line 8 by entering an X in Public for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code 7 in 8D, the name of payer in 8E, and \$70,000 in 8F .....

Line 8F, Row 3. .... \$70,000

Step 3: Mary refers to the questionnaire on page 17 to decide which Section of Form 4884 is to be completed. She answers yes to question 1, no to question 2, yes to question 3 and completes Section A of Form 4884.

Step 4: She enters \$103,140 on line 9 as she is filing jointly .....

Line 9..... \$103,140

Step 5: She enters \$70,000, her public pension, on line 10.....

Line 10..... \$70,000

Step 6: She subtracts line 10 from line 9 and enters \$33,140 on line 11....

Line 11. .... \$33,140

Step 7: She enters \$55,000, the total private pension benefits, on line 12.

Line 12..... \$55,000

Step 8: Mary leaves line 13 blank as Bob is not considered a deceased spouse for purposes of this return; Mary is filing a joint return...

Line 13..... leave blank

Step 9: Mary enters \$55,000 on line 14, the total of lines 12 and 13.....

Line 14..... \$55,000

Step 10: She enters \$33,140, the smaller of lines 11 or 14. ....

Line 15..... \$33,140

Step 11: She adds lines 10 and 15, enters \$103,140 on line 16 and carries this amount to Schedule 1, line 25. ....

Line 16..... \$103,140  
Schedule 1, Line 25. .... \$103,140

**Scenario 3: Married filing separately with filer born after January 1, 1952 through December 31, 1952 (Tier 2) and separated spouse born prior to January 1, 1946 (Tier 1).**

James and Phyllis are married filing separately. James was born on January 2, 1952 and is receiving a public pension of \$50,000. Phyllis was born in 1941 and is receiving a public pension of \$45,000.

Step 1: As James is married filing separately, he completes lines 1 and 2, leaves the spouse’s name line blank, and includes the spouse’s Social Security number on line 3.

Step 2: James enters 1952 on line 4 and skips line 5.

Step 3: He completes row 1 of line 8 by entering an X in Public for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code in 8D, the name of the payer in 8E, and \$50,000 in 8F.....

Line 8F, Row 1..... \$50,000

Step 4: James refers to the questionnaire on page 17 to decide which Section of Form 4884 is to be completed. He answers yes to question 1, no to question 2, no to question 3 because the separated spouse’s year of birth is not relevant, no to question 4 and completes Section C of Form 4884.

Step 5: Since he is married filing separately and his total pension benefits are over the maximum allowed, James enters the maximum of \$20,000 on line 28 and on the Schedule 1, line 25.....

Line 28..... \$20,000  
Schedule 1, Line 25..... \$20,000

**Scenario 4: Joint filer with the older spouse born prior to January 1, 1946 (Tier 1) with private and public retirement/pension benefits.**

Jerry and Beverly are filing a joint return. Jerry was born in 1943 and is receiving a public pension of \$40,000 with a distribution code of 7. Beverly was born in 1946 and is receiving a private pension of \$70,000 with a distribution code of 7.

Step 1:	After completing lines 1 through 3, Jerry and Beverly enter 1943 on line 4 and 1946 on line 5.		
Step 2:	They complete row 1 of line 8 by entering an X in Public for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code 7 in 8D, the name of the payer in 8E and \$40,000 in 8F.....	Line 8F, Row 1.....	\$40,000
	They complete row 2 of line 8 by entering an X in Private for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code 7 in 8D, the name of the payer in 8E and \$70,000 in 8F .....	Line 8F, Row 2.....	\$70,000
Step 3:	Jerry and Beverly refer to the questionnaire on page 17 to decide which Section of Form 4884 is to be completed. They answer yes to question 1, no to question 2, yes to question 3 and complete Section A of Form 4884.		
Step 4:	They enter \$103,140 on line 9 as they are married filing jointly.....	Line 9.....	\$103,140
Step 5:	They enter \$40,000 on line 10, the total of their public pension benefits.....	Line 10.....	\$40,000
Step 6:	They subtract line 10 from line 9 and enter \$63,140 on line 11.....	Line 11.....	\$63,140
Step 7:	They enter \$70,000 on line 12, the total of their private pension benefits.....	Line 12.....	\$70,000
Step 8:	They leave line 13 blank as it does not apply to them.....	Line 13.....	leave blank
Step 9:	They enter \$70,000 on line 14, the total of lines 12 and 13.....	Line 14.....	\$70,000
Step 10:	They enter \$63,140, the smaller of lines 11 or 14.....	Line 15.....	\$63,140
Step 11:	They add lines 10 and 15, enter \$103,140 on line 16 and carry this amount to Schedule 1, line 25.....	Line 16..... Schedule 1, Line 25.....	\$103,140 \$103,140

**Scenario 5: Single filer born after January 1, 1952 through December 31, 1952 (Tier 2) with benefits from SSA exempt employment.**

Monique is filing as single. She was born on January 2, 1952 and is receiving a pension of \$25,000 as a retired firefighter.

Step 1:	After completing lines 1 and 2, Monique enters 1952 on line 4.		
Step 2:	She completes row 1 of line 8 by entering an X in Public for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code in 8D, the name of the payer in 8E, and the \$25,000 in 8.....	Line 8F, Row 1.....	\$25,000
Step 3:	She refers to the questionnaire on page 17 to decide which Section of Form 4884 is to be completed. She answers yes to question 1, no to question 2, no to question 3, no to question 4 and completes Section C of Form 4884.		
Step 4:	Since she is single and receiving benefits from SSA exempt employment, her maximum allowable pension deduction is increased from \$20,000 to \$35,000. She would enter \$25,000, the lesser of her total retirement and pension benefits or the maximum allowable pension deduction, on line 28 and on the Schedule 1, line 25.....	Line 28..... Schedule 1, Line 23 23A..... 23B..... 23C..... Schedule 1, Line 25.....	\$25,000  1952 66 X \$25,000
	<b>NOTE:</b> It is important for taxpayers with benefits from SSA exempt employment to check the box(es) on line 23 of the Schedule 1.		

**Scenario 6: Joint filers born after 1952 (Tier 3) with retirement/pension benefits and receiving surviving benefits from a deceased spouse born in 1944 (Tier 1).**

Howard and Georgia are filing a joint return. Howard, born in 1953, is receiving a private pension of \$40,000. Georgia was born in 1955. Howard's deceased spouse, Edith, was born in 1944 and died in 2006. Howard is receiving \$30,000 in surviving spouse pension benefits from Edith's private pension.

Step 1:	After completing lines 1 through 3, Howard and Georgia enter 1953 on line 4 and 1955 on line 5. Howard is receiving pension benefits from a deceased spouse so he then completes line 7. He enters Edith's full name on line 7a, her Social Security number on line 7b, and 1944 on line 7c.		
Step 2:	As Howard and Georgia were both born in Tier 3 their pension benefits are not deductible and should not be listed on line 8 of Form 4884.  They complete row 1 of line 8 by entering an X in Private for 8A, an X in 8B, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code in 8D, the name of payer in 8E, and \$30,000 in 8F. ....	Line 8F, Row 1. ....	\$30,000
Step 3:	They refer to the questionnaire on page 17 to decide which Section of Form 4884 is to be completed. They answer yes to question 1, no to question 2, no to question 3, yes to question 4 and complete Section B of Form 4884.		
Step 4:	They enter \$103,140 on line 17 as they are filing jointly. ....	Line 17. ....	\$103,140
Step 5:	They leave line 18 blank because they are not receiving public benefits from Edith. ....	Line 18. ....	leave blank
Step 6:	They subtract line 18 from line 17 and enter \$103,140 on line 19. ....	Line 19. ....	\$103,140
Step 7:	They enter \$30,000, private benefits received from Howard's deceased spouse, Edith, on line 20. ....	Line 20. ....	\$30,000
Step 8:	They enter the smaller of lines 19 or 20, \$30,000, on line 21. ....	Line 21. ....	\$30,000
Step 9:	Howard and Georgia add lines 18 and 21 and enter \$30,000 on line 22. ....	Line 22. ....	\$30,000
Step 10:	Since Howard and Georgia are born in Tier 3 and do not have deductible benefits they would leave line 23 blank. ....	Line 23. ....	leave blank
Step 11:	They enter \$40,000 on line 24 as they are filing jointly. ....	Line 24. ....	\$40,000
Step 12:	Since line 22 is less than line 24 they enter \$10,000 on line 25. ....	Line 25. ....	\$10,000
Step 13:	They enter the smaller of lines 23 or 25, zero, on line 26. ....	Line 26. ....	\$0
Step 14:	They add lines 22 and 26 and enter \$30,000 on line 27 and Schedule 1, line 25. ....	Line 27. .... Schedule 1, Line 25. ....	\$30,000 \$30,000

**Scenario 7: Single filer born after January 1, 1952 through December 31, 1952 (Tier 2) receiving surviving benefits from a deceased spouse born in 1939 (Tier 1).**

Alice, born on January 2, 1952, is a surviving spouse filing a single return. Her deceased husband Miguel was born in 1939 and died in 2010. Alice has public pension benefits of \$37,500 and is also receiving surviving spouse benefits from Miguel’s public pension of \$69,000.

Step 1: After completing lines 1 and 2, Alice enters 1952 on line 4. Alice is receiving pension benefits from a deceased spouse so she then completes line 7. She enters Miguel’s full name on line 7a, his Social Security number on line 7b, and 1939 on line 7c.

Step 2: She completes row 1 of line 8 by entering an X in Public for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code in 8D, the name of payer in 8E, and \$37,500 in 8F..... Line 8F, Row 1 ..... \$37,500  
 She completes row 2 of line 8 by entering an X in Public for 8A, entering an X in 8B, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code of 4 in 8D, the name of payer in 8E, and \$69,000 in 8F..... Line 8F, Row 2 ..... \$69,000

Step 3: Alice refers to the questionnaire on page 17 to decide which Section of Form 4884 is to be completed. She answers yes to question 1, no to question 2, no to question 3, yes to question 4 and completes Section B of Form 4884.

Step 4: She enters \$51,570 on line 17 because she is filing single..... Line 17 ..... \$51,570

Step 5: She enters \$69,000, public benefits received from her deceased spouse, Miguel, on line 18. .... Line 18..... \$69,000

Step 6: Since line 18 is more than line 17, she enters zero on line 17..... Line 17 ..... \$0

Step 7: She leaves line 20 blank because she is not receiving private benefits from her deceased spouse. .... Line 20..... leave blank

Step 8: She enters the smaller of lines 19 or 20, she enters zero on line 21 . Line 21 ..... \$0

Step 9: Alice adds lines 18 and 21 and enters \$69,000 on line 22..... Line 22..... \$69,000

Step 10: She enters \$37,500 on line 23, the total of her benefits ..... Line 23..... \$37,500

Step 11: Alice enters \$20,000 on line 24 as she is filing single ..... Line 24..... \$20,000

Step 12: Since line 22 is more than line 24 she enters zero on line 25..... Line 25..... \$0

Step 13: She enters the smaller of lines 23 or 25, zero, on line 26. .... Line 26..... \$0

Step 14: Alice adds lines 22 and 26 and enters \$69,000 on line 27 and Schedule 1, line 25 ..... Line 27..... \$69,000  
 Schedule 1, Line 25 ..... \$69,000

**Scenario 8: Filer and spouse both born in Tier 2 with the older spouse born in 1948 and receiving surviving benefits from a deceased spouse born in 1945 (Tier 1).**

William and Betty are Michigan residents and are filing a joint return. William, born in 1948, is receiving public pension benefits of \$10,000 and wages from a part-time job. Betty, born in 1951, is receiving private pension benefits of \$20,000. William’s deceased spouse, Johanna, was born in 1945 and died in 2015. William is receiving \$7,500 in surviving spouse pension benefits from Johanna’s private pension.

Step 1: As the older of William and Betty was born in 1948 (age 70 in 2018), they do not complete Form 4884 and instead complete Schedule 1, lines 23 and 24 for the Michigan Standard Deduction. Once William reached the age of 67, William and Betty no longer qualify for a pension deduction. This includes benefits from an older deceased spouse. Instead, they qualify for the standard deduction against all income (pension, wages, interest, etc.)..... Do not file Form 4884.

**Scenario 9: Joint filers born after 1952 (Tier 3) with retirement/pension benefits and receiving surviving benefits from a deceased spouse born in 1949 (Tier 2).**

Mark and Nancy are filing a joint return. Mark, born in 1953, is receiving a private pension of \$25,000. Nancy was born in 1953. Nancy’s deceased spouse, Eduardo, was born in 1949 and died in 2008. Nancy is receiving \$35,000 in surviving spouse pension benefits from Eduardo’s private pension.

Step 1: After completing lines 1 through 3, Mark and Nancy enter 1953 on line 4 and 1953 on line 5. Nancy is receiving pension benefits from a deceased spouse so she then completes line 7. She enters Eduardo’s full name on line 7a, his Social Security number on line 7b, and 1949 on line 7c.

Step 2: As Mark and Nancy were both born in Tier 3 Mark’s pension is not deductible and should not be listed on line 8 of Form 4884.

They complete row 1 of line 8 by entering an X in Private for 8A, an X in 8B, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code in 8D, the name of payer in 8E, and \$35,000 in 8F.....

Line 8F, Row 1 ..... \$35,000

Step 3: They refer to the questionnaire on page 17 to decide which Section of Form 4884 is to be completed. They answer yes to question 1, no to question 2, no to question 3, no to question 4 and complete Section C of Form 4884.

Step 4: They are married filing jointly and enter the total of their benefits from line 8 of \$35,000, since it is less than the maximum of \$40,000, on line 28 and on the Michigan Schedule 1, line 25.....

Line 28..... \$35,000  
Schedule 1, Line 25 ..... \$35,000

**Scenario 10: Single filer born after 1952 (Tier 3), received retirement benefits from SSA exempt employment and was retired as of January 1, 2013.**

Matt is filing as single, was born in 1960 and retired April 30, 2012 and is receiving benefits from SSA exempt employment of \$12,000 and a private pension of \$30,000.

Step 1: After completing lines 1 and 2, Matt enters 1960 on line 4.

Step 2: Since Matt was born after 1952, was retired as of January 1, 2013, and received benefits from SSA exempt employment, he checks the box on line 6.....

Line 6..... X

Step 3: Matt completes row 1 of line 8 by entering an X in Public for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code in 8D, the name of the payer in 8E and \$12,000 in 8F.

Line 8F, Row 1 ..... \$12,000

Matt completes row 2 of line 8 by entering an X in Private for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code in 8D, the name of the payer in 8E and \$30,000 in 8F.....

Line 8F, Row 2 ..... \$30,000

Step 4: Matt refers to the questionnaire on page 17 to decide which section of Form 4884 is to be completed. Matt answers no to question 1 and continues to question 5. After answering yes to question 5, Matt completes Section C of Form 4884.

Step 5: Since Matt is single, he enters \$35,000, which is the lesser of his total retirement and pension benefits (\$42,000) or the maximum allowable pension deduction (\$35,000) on line 28 and on the Schedule 1, line 25.....

Line 28..... \$35,000  
Schedule 1, Line 23  
23A. .... 1960  
23B. .... 58  
23C. .... X  
Schedule 1, Line 25 ..... \$35,000

**NOTE:** It is important for taxpayers with benefits from SSA exempt employment to check the box(es) on line 23 of the Schedule 1.

**Scenario 11: Filer and spouse both born after December 31, 1952 (Tier 3).**

Scott and Lisa are filing a joint return. Scott, born in 1954, is receiving private pension benefits of \$30,000. Lisa, born in 1957, is receiving an IRA distribution (private pension) of \$20,000.

Step 1: As both Scott and Lisa were born after December 31, 1952 and did not check box 23C or 23F on Schedule 1, they are not entitled to a pension subtraction. Do not complete Form 4884.....

Do not file Form 4884.

## Scenario 12: Single filer born on or after January 1, 1953 but before January 2, 1957 (Tier 3) with benefits from SSA exempt employment and who retired after January 1, 2013

Leigh is filing as single, was born in 1953, and is receiving pension of \$8,000 from SSA exempt employment and a private pension of \$10,000. She retired in 2014.

Step 1: After completing lines 1 and 2, Leigh enters 1953 on line 4.

Step 2: Leigh completes row 1 of line 8 by entering an X in Public for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code in 8D, the name of the payer in 8E and \$8,000 in 8F.

Line 8F, Row 1 ..... \$8,000

Leigh completes row 2 of line 8 by entering an X in Private for 8A, the payer FEIN in 8C, the distribution code in 8D, the name of the payer in 8E and \$10,000 in 8F.....

Line 8F, Row 2 ..... \$10,000

Step 3: Leigh refers to the questionnaire on page 17 to decide which section of Form 4884 is to be completed. She answers no to question 1 and skips to question 5. She answers no to question 5 because she did not retire on or before January 1, 2013. She answers yes to question 6 and completes Form 4884, Section D.

Step 4: Since Leigh is single, she enters \$15,000, which is the lesser of her total retirement and pension benefits (\$18,000) or the maximum allowable pension deduction (\$15,000) on line 29 and on the Schedule 1, line 25.....

Line 29..... \$15,000

Schedule 1, Line 23

23A..... 1953

23B..... 65

23C..... X

Schedule 1, Line 25..... \$15,000

**NOTE:** It is important for taxpayers with benefits from SSA exempt employment to check the box(es) on line 23 of the Schedule 1.

## General Information - Homestead Property Tax Credit (MI-1040CR)

The request for your Social Security number is authorized under USC Section 42. Social Security numbers are used by Treasury to conduct matches against benefit income provided by the Social Security Administration and other sources to verify the accuracy of the home heating and property tax credit claims filed for mandatory federal reporting requirements and to deter fraudulent filings.

### Who May Claim a Property Tax Credit

You may claim a property tax credit if all of the following apply:

- Your homestead is located in Michigan
- You were a Michigan resident at least six months of 2018
- You own your Michigan homestead and property taxes were levied in 2018, or you paid rent under a rental contract.

You can have only one **homestead** at a time, and you must be the occupant as well as the owner or renter. Your homestead can be a rented apartment or a mobile home on a lot in a mobile home park. A vacation home or income property is **not** considered your homestead.

Your homestead is in your state of **domicile**. Domicile is the place where you have your permanent home. It is the place to which you plan to return whenever you go away. College students and others whose permanent homes are not in Michigan are **not** Michigan residents. Domicile continues until you establish a new permanent home.

Property tax credit claims may **not** be submitted on behalf of minor children. Filers claimed as a dependent on someone else's return see instructions for line 24 on page 31 to correctly report support received.

**You may not claim a property tax credit if your total household resources are over \$60,000.** In addition, you may not claim a property tax credit if your taxable value exceeds \$135,000 (excluding vacant farmland classified as agricultural). The computed credit is reduced by 10 percent for every \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) that total household resources exceed \$51,000. If filing a part-year return, you must annualize total household resources to determine if the income limitation applies. See "Annualizing Total Household Resources" on page 28.

### Which Form to File

Most filers should use the MI-1040CR in this booklet. If you are blind and own your homestead, are in the active military, are an eligible veteran, or an eligible veteran's surviving spouse, complete forms MI-1040CR and MI-1040CR-2 (available on Treasury's Web site.) **Use the form that gives you a larger credit.**

If you are blind and rent your homestead, you cannot use the MI-1040CR-2. Claim your credit on the MI-1040CR and check box 5b if you are age 65 or younger. Check boxes 5a and 5b if you are blind and age 65 or older.

### When to File

If you are not required to file an MI-1040, you may file your credit claim as soon as you know your 2018 total household resources and property taxes levied in 2018. If you file a Michigan income tax return, your credit claim should be included with your MI-1040 return and filed by April 15, 2019 to be considered timely. To avoid penalty and interest, if you owe tax, postmark your return no later than April 15, 2019. The filing deadline to receive a 2018 property tax credit is April 15, 2023.