

GEMINI ACCOUNTING PAYROLL SETUP PROCEDURE

ARKANSAS STATE WITHHOLDING TAX TABLES AND MASTER DEDUCTION

As of 01/16/2009, replaces all previous documents.

The information which follows provides the minimum information required for setting up Arkansas state tax withholding. It has been tested and appears to be substantially correct. **The end user is responsible for obtaining updated state tax changes, updating state tax tables and rates information, and verifying that calculation results are correct.**

You may also need to create the Arkansas state unemployment tax deduction (ARSUTA). It is available for download on the Prosoft website (download the document titled *Multi-State SUTA Deduction*).

The Arkansas State Income Tax Withholding Deduction was created from the following document(s). You may need some or all of them in order to test and verify this deduction is working properly and to update/enter correct withholding information for your employees:

| <u>DOCUMENT</u> | <u>SOURCE</u> |
|--|---|
| Pub, <i>Income Tax Withholding Tables and Instructions For Employers (Revised 12/07/1998)</i> | Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration |
| Form, <i>AR4EC, Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate</i> | Same as above, must be <u>completed by employee</u> |
| Form, <i>AR4ECSP, Employee's Special Withholding Exemption Certificate</i> | Same as above, must be <u>completed by employee</u> |
| Letter, No Subject or Date, Rev 3-18-03, Instruction for calculating employee taxes when the Form AR4EC low income tax rates option on line 5 is selected by the employee. | Same as above (not available on website) |

Please review your existing Deduction Tables and/or Master Deductions to see if the table(s) and/or the deduction which follows already exists in your system. If they do, you may need to simply update existing information. If they do not, you will need create new tables and/or a new deduction. Please proceed to Step 1, below, to begin.

STEP 1 – PAYROLL TAX TABLE(S): Add/Change Arkansas State Income Tax Tables. Select **PR | Payroll Setup | Tax Tables**: If the tables shown, below, do not presently exist, select **Insert**. If tables do exist, select the appropriate table and then select **Change**. Enter/update/verify the state tax table data as necessary. Select **OK | Close** to return to the main Gemini window.

Table Name: **ARSITT**
Description: **AR State Income Tax Table**

| <u>Lower Limit</u> | <u>Fixed Amount</u> | <u>Variable Rate</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.0000 |
| 3,000.00 | 30.00 | 2.5000 |
| 6,000.00 | 105.00 | 3.5000 |
| 9,000.00 | 210.00 | 4.5000 |
| 15,000.00 | 480.00 | 6.0000 |
| 25,000.00 | 1,080.00 | 7.0000 |

Table Name: **ARSLITTHH**
Description: **AR State Low Income Tax Table - HoH**

| <u>Lower Limit</u> | <u>Fixed Amount</u> | <u>Variable Rate</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 12,100.00 | 33.33 | 0.0000 |
| 15,200.00 | 66.66 | 0.0000 |
| 16,200.00 | 100.00 | 0.0000 |

Table Name: **ARSLITTMFJ**

Table Name: **ARSLITTS**

Description: [AR State Low Income Tax Table - MFJ](#)

Description: [AR State Low Income Tax Table - Single](#)

| <u>Lower Limit</u> | <u>Fixed Amount</u> | <u>Variable Rate</u> | <u>Lower Limit</u> | <u>Fixed Amount</u> | <u>Variable Rate</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 15,500.00 | 33.33 | 0.0000 | 7,800.00 | 33.33 | 0.0000 |
| 16,000.00 | 66.66 | 0.0000 | 9,300.00 | 66.66 | 0.0000 |
| 16,200.00 | 100.00 | 0.0000 | 11,400.00 | 100.00 | 0.0000 |

STEP 2 – UPDATE RELATED PAYROLL MASTER DEDUCTION(S):

a. Arkansas follows federal tax guidelines concerning “pre-tax” deductions which reduce the annual income amount on which taxes are paid on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Certain approved savings and health care insurance plan deductions fall into this category (for example, 401K, SIMPLE, SEP, and Cafeteria 125-type plans are the most common). If you have any of these deductions, please check with your Plan Administrator to determine which plans are tax exempt.

b. If you have approved pre-tax deductions, please review the **PRETAX** line in the formula shown in Step 3d. Each of the indicated deductions relies on calculations in deductions specifically for them and which may already exist in your system. If so, you may need to verify/change the pre-tax deduction variable names shown in the PRETAX line to match variable names presently in use for those deductions. If you are uncertain about what needs to be done, please contact Prosoft Support.

STEP 3 – CREATE PAYROLL MASTER DEDUCTION: Select **PR | Payroll Setup | Master Deductions**. If the deduction does not presently exist, select **Insert**. If it does exist, select **Change**. Enter/update/verify the state withholding tax deduction shown, below, and then select **OK | Close** to return to the main Gemini window. You may change the Deduction Code and Description if desired.

a. **General tab:**

Deduction Code: [ARSITW](#)

Description: [AR St Tax W/H](#)

Deduction Group: Normally left blank. See **NOTE**, below.

Withholding GL Acct: Enter a *liability* account number. This is the *liability* account to which SIT will accrue and from which it will be paid out through Accounts Payable. Select the search button to the right of the field to search for/Insert/Change the appropriate account number.

Allow Withholding Override: Ver 19 and higher checkbox. We recommend it be unchecked for this deduction.

Variable Name: Not applicable/leave blank.

Union ID: Not applicable/leave blank.

Deduction Type: [SIT](#)

Deduction Type ID: Not applicable/leave blank.

Employee/Employer: Select the **Employee Deduction** option button.

Expense Acct: Inactive field (not applicable for employee deduction)

In State ID: [AR](#)

Load Sequence: [230](#)

Default Deduction: We recommend this box be checked if all your employees work in-state. If some employees work out-of-state, select and check if desired. When this box is checked, Gemini automatically adds this deduction to all new employees and, if it is a new deduction, allows you to automatically add the deduction to all existing employee's list of deductions when you click on **OK** to accept it.

Reset at End-of-Year: Select and check.

NOTE: The maximum number of deductions that can be shown on a check stub/voucher is nine. When the number of deductions exceeds the maximum, **Deduction Groups** allows multiple similar deductions to be consolidated and totaled under a single group heading (for example, **Union Dedns**). Select the “search button” to the right of the Deduction Groups field to select a deduction group from an existing list of groups. The list can be updated “on-the-fly” if/as necessary and can also be updated by selecting **PR | Payroll Setup | Deduction Groups**.

b. **Labels tab:**

Labels for User Amounts: Enter the following definitions in the appropriate fields provided to the right of Amt1 through Amt4 labels (**WARNING:** At this point you are simply **defining** the variable user amount fields, **DO NOT ENTER EMPLOYEE DATA INTO THEM**):

Amt1: **Exemptions**

Amt2: **Addtnl Tax**

Amt3: **Low Inc Tx**

Amt4: **SIT Exempt**

Labels for Tables: Not applicable/leave blank

Help Text: Either type or copy and paste the following information into the Help Text Box. Help information to be typed/copied is shown in 12 pitch **Times New Roman Bold** blue font.

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The user is responsible for updating and verifying user-defined variables, if any, and the calculations made by the formula for this deduction are correct and for updating all internal and external variable references which the formula may access in the employee's data file, other formulas, tables, tasks, and so on.

Optional User Amts: Enter the following information from the employee's Arkansas Forms AR4EC/AR4ECSP as follows:

Amt 1 (Exemptions): Enter the employee's total number of exemptions/children/dependents claimed on AR4EC line 3. NOTE: Enter 0.00 if employee has failed to provide an AR4EC/AR4ECSP.

Amt 2 (Addtnl Tax): Enter any additional withholding tax amount to be deducted per AR4EC line 4.

Amt 3 (Low Inc Tx): Enter the following information from AR4EC line 5:

0.00 - Employee DOES NOT qualify for Low Income Tax rates (line 5 "No" checkbox is checked or employee has failed to provide an AR4EC/AR4ECSP).

1.00 - Employee claims Single Low Income Tax status.

2.00 - Employee claims Married Filing Jointly Low Income Tax status. NOTE FOR MARRIED EMPLOYEES: When claiming the 'Married Filing Jointly' Low Income option, the income of both spouses must be considered in order to qualify for the reduced tax rates.

3.00 - Employee claims Head of Household Low Income Tax status.

Amt4 (SIT Exempt): Enter the following:

0.00 - Employee IS NOT exempt from AR SIT withholding.

1.00 - Employee claims exemption from all state income taxes per AR4ECSP (see NOTICE and WARNING, below).

*****NOTICE***** If an employee claims exemption from AR SIT, DO NOT check the "Deduction is Inactive" box to deactivate the deduction, you must still accrue taxable pay totals for quarterly and W-2 reports.

*****WARNING***** DO NOT use this option to exempt an AR resident of Texarkana unless he/she earns 100 percent of his/her income within the city limits of Texarkana. If you employ an AR Texarkana resident who earns income both inside and outside the city limits of Texarkana, you will need a special deduction to deal with AR income tax exemption. Please contact Prosoft Support for assistance.

c. **Vendor Link tab:** If desired, enter the vendor to whom this accrued payroll deduction element will be paid. If you use a vendor link at this level, a single Accounts Payable batch entry will be created to be posted into AP. The batch invoice amount will be equal to the total deducted from all employees with this deduction.

d. **Formula tab:** Either type or copy and paste the following information into the Deduction Formula text box over any existing formula text. Formula information to be typed/copied is shown in 12 pitch **Times New Roman Bold** blue font.

"ARKANSAS STATE INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING DEDUCTION FORMULA"

"VARIABLES"

ARASD = 2000.00;

ARPTC = 20.00;

PRETAX = PRECAF + PRECAFAHI + PRECAFOHI + PREK4 + PRESEP + PRESIMP;

"FORMULA"

BASIS = TAXABLEPAYS - PRETAX;

GROSS = BASIS;

IF AMT1 = 0.00;

ARATP = (BASIS * PAYFREQ);

ELSEIF;

ARATP = (BASIS * PAYFREQ) - ARASD;

ENDIF;

ARAAT = TABLE(ARSITT, ARATP);

IF AMT3 = 0.00;

ARLITM = 100.00;

ENDIF;

IF AMT3 = 1.00;

ARLITM = TABLE(ARSLITTS, ARATP);

ENDIF;

IF AMT3 = 2.00;

ARLITM = TABLE(ARSLITTMFJ, ARATP);

ENDIF;

IF AMT3 = 3.00;

ARLITM = TABLE(ARSLITTHH, ARATP);

ENDIF;

ART = (((ARAAT * (ARLITM / 100)) - (AMT1 * ARPTC)) / PAYFREQ) + AMT2;

IF AMT4 = 1.00;

ART = 0.00;

ELSEIF;

ART = ART;

ENDIF;

IF ART <= 0.00;
ART = 0.00;
ELSEIF;
ART = ART;
ENDIF;
RESULT = ART;

e. Testing the formula:

(1) Verify the formula, above, is typed/copied/entered in correctly by clicking on the 'Test Formula' button. If you get a formula definition error of any type as soon as you click on the *Test Formula* button, you **must** find and correct the formula entry error before proceeding further (the error message window will display the offending text area to help you locate and correct the error). If you do not receive a formula error, a window titled 'Formula Test:' will appear.

(2) Although we have thoroughly tested the deduction formula for correct operation, you may wish to verify it yourself. You can manually create a scenario whereby you test the formula by filling in the various formula data fields. Alternatively, you may wish to use the example deduction scenario outlined in your state tax publication(s) and/or forms noted at the beginning of this document. After test data has been entered in the various formula data fields, click on the 'Calculate' button to obtain the **Result**, **Basis**, and **Gross** amounts. The **Result** you obtain should be very close to your manual calculations, example deduction scenario amount, or the standard table amount if your state uses periodic tax tables (weekly, monthly, etc). Please note that periodic tax table amounts are for an income "range" and may be off by a few dollars whereas, unless your state requires rounding, Gemini calculates to the penny.

(3) Click on **Done** to return to the *Formula* tab and, if you are finished with the formula, click on **OK** to save your deduction; the system will return you to the *Master Payroll Deductions* window. Click on **Close**.

STEP 4 – UPDATE EMPLOYEE DATA FILE(S):

a. Select **PR | Employee Maintenance**:

b. Select an employee and click on **Change**; the **Update Records** window should appear for the selected employee. At the bottom of the window, select **Deductions** to display the "Deductions for" window.

c. If you did *not* check the **Default Deduction** box in Step 3a, above, either click on the **Insert** button or press the **Insert** key on your keyboard to display the **Deduction will be Added** window. Either type in **ARSITW** in the **Deduction** field or click on the search button to the right of it to display and select the **ARSITW** deduction from the **Master Payroll Deductions** window.

d. You should now be on the window titled either **Deduction will be Changed** or **Deduction will be Added** – it makes no difference which.

(1) Enter an AP vendor number in the **Vendor Link** field if desired. If there is a vendor number in this field, it takes precedence over a vendor number entered in the PR Master Deduction (Vendor Link tab). Please note that any Vendor Link activated at this level produces a single AP batch invoice entry for each employee with this deduction.

(2) Verify the **Show on Check Stub** box is checked.

(3) Update the **Optional User Amts** on the right-hand side of the window as necessary. If you don't know what information to enter, either refer to the **Help Text** in Step 3, above, or simply click on the **Deduction Help** button.

e. When finished, click on **OK** at the bottom of the screen to save the information and return to the "Deductions for" window. If this is a new deduction, it should appear at the bottom of the employee's list of deductions and should be highlighted. It may be left where it is or, if desired, click on the "Up Arrow" box below the deductions list to move the deduction up in the employee's list of deductions.

f. Click on **Close** to get back to the **‘Update records’** window and then select **OK** to update employee data; the system should return you to the window titled **Employee List**. Select and update the next employee’s deductions list as necessary.

This concludes the setup of Arkansas State Tax Withholding.