

SP WORKSHEET

1996

This worksheet **MUST** be completed before you can claim tax forgiveness on PA Schedule SP
You do not need to submit this worksheet with your 1996 PA tax return. If the Department has any questions, however, we may request it at a later date.

Name(s) as shown on your PA tax return:	Social Security Number:
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CAREFULLY READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS WORKSHEET

DO NOT USE CENTS – ROUND TO WHOLE DOLLARS

STEP 1. PA TAXABLE INCOME

	A. YOUR Column	B. SPOUSE Column	C. JOINT Column
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1. From your PA tax return:	1. \$	1. \$	1. \$
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STEP 2. NONTAXABLE INCOME

	A. YOUR Column	B. SPOUSE Column	C. JOINT Column
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2. Cash Payments and Support Received	2. \$	2. \$	2. \$
3. Nontaxable Interest, Dividends and Gains	3. \$	3. \$	3. \$
4. Alimony	4. \$	4. \$	4. \$
5. Insurance Proceeds and Inheritances	5. \$	5. \$	5. \$
6. Gifts, Awards and Prizes	6. \$	6. \$	6. \$
7. Nonresident Income	7. \$	7. \$	7. \$
8. Nontaxable Military Income	8. \$	8. \$	8. \$
9. Gain Excluded on Sale of a Personal Residence (Not applicable for PA-40EZ Filers)	9. \$	9. \$	9. \$
10. Nontaxable Educational Assistance	10. \$	10. \$	10. \$
11. TOTAL NONTAXABLE INCOME. Add lines 2 through 10.	11. \$	11. \$	11. \$

STEP 3. ELIGIBILITY INCOME

	A. YOUR Column	B. SPOUSE Column	C. JOINT Column
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12. Add line 1 and line 11. Enter the total here and on PA Schedule SP. Also enter the total on PA tax return	12. \$	12. \$	12. \$
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STEP 4. EXEMPT SP INCOME

	A. YOUR Column	B. SPOUSE Column	C. JOINT Column
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13. Social Security and Railroad Retirement Benefits	13. \$	13. \$	13. \$
14. Retirement, Pension, IRA and Annuity Benefits	14. \$	14. \$	14. \$
15. Welfare Benefits	15. \$	15. \$	15. \$
16. Workers' Compensation Benefits	16. \$	16. \$	16. \$
17. Unemployment Compensation Benefits	17. \$	17. \$	17. \$
18. Child Support Payments	18. \$	18. \$	18. \$
19. Cash or Property from Other Household Members	19. \$	19. \$	19. \$
20. TOTAL EXEMPT SP INCOME. Add lines 13 through 19.	20. \$	20. \$	20. \$

STEP 5. TOTAL INCOME

	A. YOUR Column	B. SPOUSE Column	C. JOINT Column
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21. Add line 12 and line 20.	21. \$	21. \$	21. \$
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Enter the TOTAL INCOME from the JOINT Column on line 1, PART III of PA Schedule SP.

STEP 6. AVERAGE SUPPORT COST

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22. Number of Household Members. (You, your spouse and dependent children)	22.	
23. Average Support Cost. Divide line 21 JOINT Column by line 22.	23.	\$
24. Minimum Support Cost. Multiply line 23 by 50% (0.5)	24.	\$

STEP 7. DETERMINING CLAIMANT AND/OR DEPENDENT STATUS

25. IS **YOUR** line 21 equal to or more than line 24? **YES** **NO**

If **YES**, you are a claimant, not a dependent. Complete PA Schedule SP to determine if you qualify for tax forgiveness.

If **NO**, you are a dependent of another person. If that person is eligible for tax forgiveness, you are also eligible. You must file a separate PA tax return and PA Schedule SP. **You may not claim any dependents.** You must complete Section A, Box 2 on your PA Schedule SP.

26. IS **SPOUSE** line 21 equal to or more than line 24? **YES** **NO**

If **YES**, your spouse is a claimant, not a dependent. Your spouse should complete PA Schedule SP to determine if he or she qualifies for tax forgiveness.

If **NO**, your spouse is a dependent. If you answered line 25 **YES**, your spouse is your dependent. Your spouse may still be eligible for tax forgiveness **if you are eligible.** Your spouse must complete a separate PA tax return and PA Schedule SP.

IMPORTANT: Your dependent spouse may not claim any dependents.

NOTE: If **BOTH** you and your spouse answered **YES**, you are **BOTH** claimants and may elect to file separately or jointly.
Read the instructions to determine which filing method is best for you and your spouse.