

2025 Dec. 8 Duck Book Errata & Updates

- Updated several old FTB Pub links
- removed mention of EFTPS for IRS payments, since it's going away some time next year
- small clarification for 1099-DIV Box 12 tax-exempt income in CA
- 1099-MISC income threshold remains \$600, will increase to \$2,000 for TY2026
- IRA contribution limits remain unchanged from 2024
- CTC: only 1 spouse must have a SSN, the other may have an ITIN, as long those ID #s were obtained prior to filing
- CA physical address is required by law (SB 592) on the CA return
- CA DFAS exclusion is allowed for each qualifying 1099-R on the return;
exclusion is allowed for any named beneficiary, not just a spouse

Got to State Section > Subtractions from Income > Other Subtractions,
use description: "Military Pension Exclusion"

Detailed Changes:

- pg. 19, Dependents and Other Qualifying Children, 3rd main bullet, delete "\$2,000"
- pg. 34, 1099-DIV Box 12, 2nd bullet, change 1st subbullet to:
If less than 50% of fund assets were invested in CA, then all box 12 interest **is taxable** by CA.
- pg. 53, 1099-MISC, 2nd bullet: change "total at least \$2,000" to "total at least \$600"
- pg. 64, Cancellation of Debt, 1st bullet, 2nd subbullet, 2nd sub-sub-bullet, change "box 1" to "box 2"
- pg. 70, IRA Deduction, 3rd bullet: change \$7500 to \$7000, change \$8500 to \$8000
- pg. 86, Child Tax Credit, 1st bullet, remove 1st subbullet ("New for TY2025")
- pg. 86, Child Tax Credit, 2nd bullet, replace 1st subbullet:
 - o *New for TY2025:* The taxpayer (or spouse if MFJ) *must* have a SSN; the other spouse may have an ITIN.
- pg. 92, Residential Energy Credits:
 - 1st bullet, change NTTC page to G-26 to 27
 - 2nd bullet, change pages to G-28 to 31
- pg. 102, Principal/Physical Address: If the TP is unwilling or unable to provide their physical address, ask if they can provide the address of a family member, trusted friend, or employer **that is in the same county where they normally reside**. A physical address is required by state law.
- pg. 104, Subtractions from Income, 1st main bullet, Military retirement income, add bullet:
The \$20,000 limit is per qualifying 1099-R, not per taxpayer or per return.

1st subbullet, change to:

AGI must be under \$250,001 if MFJ *or surviving spouse*, \$125,001 for all others.

2nd subbullet, change first sentence to:

The exclusion is only for *uniformed servicemembers* or their named beneficiary.

change last subbullet to:

Got to State Section > Subtractions from Income > Other Subtractions,
enter description “Military Pension Exclusion” and amount.