

## Norwegian Tax Administration

#### Guidelines to completion of RF-1175 Income Statement 1 for 2013

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#### New in 2013:

No new items.

#### **Specification:**

Items 7000 – 7080 are only to be used for means of transport. Expenses relating to machinery and tools used in production (e.g. tractors, diggers, combine harvesters, forestry forwarders, front shovels etc.) must be entered under items 6200, 6695 and 7500.

## Who must submit Income Statement 1?

Self-employed persons etc. have a duty to submit income statements, cf. the Tax Assessment Act section 4-4 (1). Income Statement 1 is adapted for self-employed persons etc. who are not obliged to submit annual accounts pursuant to the Accounting Act section 1-2. Everyone that submits an income statement is subject to a bookkeeping duty pursuant to the Bookkeeping Act. If an enterprise/ a self-employed person not obliged to submit annual accounts pursuant to the Accounting Act voluntarily prepares full annual accounts in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting Act, Income Statement 2 2013 (form RF-1167) can be used instead of Income Statement 1.

Persons not considered to be selfemployed (not obliged to submit income statements), but who let real property, must use form RF-1189 Letting out etc. of real property 2013. This also applies to letting of agricultural land and dwelling houses on farms.

**Sole proprietorships** with more than 20 employees, or that have assets with a total value of more than NOK 20 million, must submit Income Statement 2.

Visual artists who only produce works of art as mentioned in Act No 58 of 19 June 2009 relating to value-added tax § 3-7 subsection 4, shall not submit Income Statement 1. They must submit form RF-1242 'Næringsoppgave for billedkunstner 2013' ('Income Statement for visual artists 2013' – in Norwegian only).

General partnerships and limited partnerships must as a rule submit Income Statement 1 (form RF-1175) as an enclosure with their partnership statements if their sales revenue is less than NOK 5 million and if they have less than five employees and less than six partners. The partnership can chose to submit Income Statement 2 (form RF-1167) instead. The partnership will be obliged to submit annual accounts unless all of the conditions mentioned above are met, or if one of the partners is a legal entity with limited liability. Partnerships that are obliged to submit annual accounts must submit Income Statement 2 as an enclosure with their partnership statements.

Cooperative enterprises that are engaged in business activities and whose sales revenues do not exceed NOK 2 million are only subject to a bookkeeping duty. Such enterprises can choose whether to submit Income Statement 1 or 2.

*Limited liability companies* must use Income Statement 2 (form RF-1167).

*Tax-exempt institutions* that are nonetheless liable to tax, and that are subject to a bookkeeping duty, can use Income Statement 1 (form RF-1175) as an enclosure with the tax return for limited liability companies etc. (form RF-1028).

Local authority undertakings that are part of the municipality as a legal entity and that comply with municipal principles in the preparation of their annual accounts, must as a rule submit Income Statement 1. If the local authority undertaking voluntarily prepares full annual accounts, settled and valued in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting Act, the undertaking can submit Income Statement 2 instead.

One income statement only!

Only one copy of Income Statement 1 shall be submitted, even if the operations comprise several types of business. This applies regardless of whether the form is submitted electronically or on paper.

# Who can be exempted from the obligation to submit an income statement?

A reporting system with exemption from the obligation to submit an income statement as an enclosure with the tax return is introduced for sole proprietorships engaged in business activities whose gross operating income (corresponding to item 9900 in the income statement) does not exceed NOK 50,000. For the time being, only certain enterprises can use this scheme. See RF-2003 'Start help for self-employed people etc. 2013' for details about this scheme and who can use it.

## Enclosures with the income statement

All self-employed persons etc. engaged in agriculture/horticulture, forestry, fur farming, reindeer husbandry, must submit an additional form, form RF-1177 "Agriculture 2013", with their income statements. Separate guidelines, RF-1178, have been prepared for this.

Everyone who submits Income Statement 1 (RF-1175), must as a rule also submit form RF-1084 'Avskrivning 2013' ('Depreciation 2013' – in Norwegian only) and, if relevant, form RF-1219 'Gevinst- og tapskonto 2013' ('Profit and loss account 2013' – in Norwegian only). Sole proprietorships that have business income must also submit form RF-1224, 'Personal income from sole proprietorship 2013'.

If deductions are claimed for expenses relating to estate cars, vans, lorries of less than 7.5 tonnes or passenger cars (driven more than 6,000 km as part of business activities), the form RF-1125 'Bruk av bil' ('Car use' – in Norwegian only) must be submitted with the tax return.

#### Fishermen and hunters at sea

who are engaged in business activities and are subject to a bookkeeping duty must submit Income Statement 1 and form RF-1213 'Fiske 2013' ('Fishing 2013' – in Norwegian only) with parts B and C completed as an enclosure with their tax returns. Those who are not themselves engaged in business activities (e.g. ordinary recipients of

shares of the catch/proceeds) are only obliged to submit form RF-1213.

Everyone engaged in *taxi* and heavy goods vehicle businesses must complete form RF-1223 'Drosje og lastebilnæring 2013' ('Taxi and heavy goods vehicle businesses 2013' – in Norwegian only) as an enclosure with their income statements.

Everyone who run *hotels, pubs, restaurants etc.* that serve beer, wine and spirits, must complete form RF-1122 'Overnattings- og serveringssted 2013' ('Hotels, pubs, restaurants etc. 2013' – in Norwegian only) and submit it as an enclosure with their income statement'.

## Information about the submission of income statements

Tax returns, income statements and other mandatory forms can be submitted online via Altinn, see guidelines to the tax return and the Tax Administration's website at www.skatteetaten.no.

If a taxpayer chooses to submit an income statement on paper, then a print-out can be submitted instead of Income Statement 1, cf. the regulations issued by the Directorate of Taxes on 24 October 1988. These regulations stipulate detailed requirements relating to the content, design and quality/format of the print-out

#### Information about accountants

Pursuant to the Authorisation of External Accountants Act, section 3, the name and address of external accountants must be noted on all documents that the accountant prepares for the client. There is a separate field at the top of page 1 for this. It must be stated whether the external accountant has kept the accounts and/or has completed the income statement.

The answer is no if the accounts have been kept and/or financial statements prepared by an auditor who is not a certified public accountant (see Temporary Regulations 24.11.2011 No. 1134. By these regulations the company does not need to register the company auditor as an accountant in the CCR.)

## Tax liability to more than one municipality

In the event of tax liability to more than one municipality, the tax return and all mandatory enclosures are submitted to one tax office. This also applies to businesses assessed as partnerships that submit partnership statements with mandatory enclosures. Sole proprietorships that are liable to tax to more than one municipality should submit form RF-1034 'Skjema for fordeling av stedbunden inntekt og formue mellom kommuner 2013' ('Form for the allocation of location-specific income and capital between municipalities' – in Norwegian only) as an enclosure with their tax returns.

#### Specific information about the use of plus and minus signs in front of the figures in the form

Main rules:

In principle, all figures shall be reported without the use of signs if it is clear from the heading whether they should be added or subtracted given the context in which they are entered. In other words, the figure should not be preceded by a minus sign if the text states that the figure concerns an expense, a deficit etc. and, conversely, a plus sign should not be used where the text states that the figure concerns income, profit etc.

An exception from this rule can be illustrated by the following example: During the income year, the letting of a property has resulted in expenses that exceed the income:

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Income} & 30,000 \\ \underline{\text{Expenses}} & 35,000 \\ \underline{\text{Loss}} & -5,000 \end{array}$ 

In order to transfer this loss of NOK 5,000 to an item entitled 'Income from letting', it must be preceded by a minus sign so that it can be deducted—it is, after all, an expense (and not income as the heading would indicate).

#### Reservations:

If a field contains a pre-printed sign (positive of negative), the reported figure shall be written without a preceding sign. A sign shall only be used for reporting amounts with the opposite sign to the pre-printed one. In fields showing totals and results, a minus sign shall always be used when the sum total is negative.

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The personal ID number (11 digits) must be entered for sole proprietorship, while partnerships etc. must provide their organisation number. If the enterprise is not located in the business person's municipality of residence, it is the address of the enterprise that must be entered in the form. The number of full-time equivalents worked by employees during the accounting year must also be stated. For example, two jobs of 50

per cent of full-time work are deemed to be one full-time equivalent.

#### Specification of stocks

The tax value of stocks of goods shall be set at the acquisition price. The value of stocks of goods produced by the enterprise are set at their production cost, i.e. the value of direct production costs such as raw materials, semi-manufactured goods, process materials (fuel, lubricant, production electricity etc.) and production wages.

Buildings and plant built for own accounts for resale are valued at production cost.

Book publishers and booksellers are, subject to certain conditions, permitted to deviate from production costs and acquisition price when valuing their stocks of books, cf. section 14-5 of the Ministry of Finance's Regulations No 1158 of 19 November 1999.

#### Items 0110 - 0170

Enter the tax value of stocks under items 0110 - 0165.

The total from item 0170 is transferred to item 1495 in the balance sheet and (except for agriculture, items 0150 and 0160) to item 4.4.3 in form RF-1030 Tax return for selfemployed persons etc. 2013. If it is not possible to individualise goods, the stocks will be valued using the FIFO principle. Items 0150 and 0160 shall only be used by selfemployed persons etc. in agriculture, see form RF-1178 'Rettledning til RF-1177 Landbruk og RF-1175 Næringsoppgave 1 2013' ('Guidelines to RF 1177 Agriculture etc. and RF-1175 Income Statement I 2013' - in Norwegian only).

## Gross profit on goods purchased for resale

The purpose of this specification is to determine the gross profit made by the enterprise (item 0260) from sales of goods for resale. The combined sales revenues from items 3000, 3100 and 3200 are entered under item 0240.

## Items 0270 and 0280 - for cooperative enterprises

These items must be completed by cooperative enterprises that operate in accordance with recognised cooperative principles. The total taxable business income before deductions is entered under item 0270 pursuant to the Taxation Act section 10-50. This income forms part of the basis for the calculation of taxable business income from trading with own members, see item 0280. The

amount in item 0280 is the maximum limit for provisions pursuant to the Taxation Act section 10-50.

In item 0270, the total taxable income is transferred from item 9940, and, if relevant, adjusted for income and deductions entered directly in the tax return (form RF-1028).

Income from trading with own members (the maximum special tax deduction for cooperative societies) is calculated using the following fraction:

Above the fraction line:
Total taxable business income
multiplied by gross turnover (sales or
purchases) to/from unit
owners/members.

Below the fraction line:

Regular gross turnover (sales to or purchases from)

Information about trading with unit owners/ own members and equivalent turnover is found in the tax return (form RF-1028) page 1, item 101 and 102.

Business income and turnover plus back payments (bonus) and other distributions are entered excl. VAT.

#### Tax value of trade debtors

The rules for the standard estimation of losses on trade debtors are set out in the Ministry of Finance's Regulations No 1158 of 19 November 1999 section 14-5 letter b.

#### Item 0300:

Newly established enterprises can choose to write down trade debtors by two per cent at the end of the year of formation and the two following income years, cf. the Taxation Act section 14-5 fourth paragraph. Such enterprises must tick item 0300. Do not fill in the boxes for confirmed losses on trade debtors and credit sales, but transfer the write-down of 2% to the field for deductions 2013 – item 0320.

#### Items 0310 - 0332

Both invoiced and non-invoiced trade debtors are included here. Under item 0310, you enter trade debtors at their nominal value at 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012.

The tax write-down on trade debtors is entered under item 0320.

In certain cases the tax value in item 0330 may be negative.

Such write-downs must always be indicated by filling in the amounts in the form. The tax value under item 0330 is divided between items 0331

and 0332 and transferred to the balance sheet.

## Pages 2 and 3 of the income statement

## General information about profit/loss and balance sheet

The profit/loss and balance sheet show the tax profit/loss and tax values. As far as possible, the numbers are in line with Norwegian Standard NS 4102, second edition. However, a four-digit level is used.

#### Profit and loss account

## Item 3000 Sales revenues and withdrawals - liable to VAT

Here you enter revenues from sales liable to VAT and the value of withdrawals of goods and services for the period. The sales/withdrawals are entered excl. VAT. Internal transactions between entities in the same enterprise are not to be included.

For the sale of fish, price subsidies etc. that are part of the catch settlement are included, but after deducting fees to the sales cooperatives. Indirect taxes such as the fisheries product tax must be included, while discounts, returned goods etc. must be deducted. The product tax is deducted in item 3300.

Enterprises with non-VAT-liable sales enter sales revenues under item 3100 or 3200, see below.

## Item 3100 Sales revenues and withdrawals - not liable to VAT

Here you enter revenues from sales not liable to VAT and the value of withdrawals of goods and services for the period that falls within the scope of the VAT regulations. Sales of goods etc. that fall outside the scope of the VAT Act are entered under item 3200.

Withdrawals of e.g. fish from the enterprise to owners/partners or employees must be included here. Withdrawals for the owner/partner's benefit are valued at the price that could have been achieved from ordinary sale of the fish. Moreover, the owner/partner's withdrawal of the fish must be specified under item 2064.

# Item 3200 Sales revenues and withdrawals – outside the VAT area.

Here you enter revenues from sales not liable to VAT and the value of withdrawals of goods and services for the period outside the VAT area. Such revenues include medical practice, teaching services etc.

## Item 3300 Indirect taxes relating to sales

This item covers all special indirect taxes (special taxes) included in items 3000, 3100 and 3200, including the product tax for fisheries. This item is deducted from the operating revenues.

#### Item 3400 Public subsidies/ reimbursement

Here you enter public subsidies and reimbursements. Reimbursements paid from the National Insurance scheme to medical practitioners, dentists, physiotherapists etc. for treatment are entered here, as are apprenticeship subsidies, instructor subsidies etc. Extraordinary subsidies such as interest relief subsidies, liquidity subsidies, investment subsidies etc. are not entered here, but are included under item 3900, 'Other revenue relating to operations'.

## Item 3600 Rental income, real property

Here you enter rental income from letting and the value of your own use of all real capital (real property, housing, business premises etc.) that is not liable to VAT.

## Item 3605 Taxable rental income, real property, liable to VAT

Among other things, rental income from the letting of real property must be stated under this item when the person receiving the rent is registered in the VAT register.

## Item 3650 Letting of rights – hunting, fishing etc.

Income from the letting of various rights relating to real property is entered here.

#### Item 3695 Other rental incomes

Here you enter income from the letting of operating equipment etc. liable to VAT

#### Item 3700 Commission income

Here you enter income from commission sales, income pertaining to royalties, licence income etc.

## Item 3890 Taking to income from positive profit and loss account

A profit and loss account must be kept for each type of business. Under this item, you enter this year's share of taxable income from positive profit and loss accounts.

Each profit and loss account must be reported using form RF-1219 'Gevinstog tapskonto 2013' ('Profit and loss account 2013' – in Norwegian only).

## Item 3895 Taking to income from balance

Here you enter this year's taxable share of negative balance. Any compensation from realisation of operating assets that has been fully or partly taken to income in the realisation year is entered here. The figures are found under item 107 and/or item 110 of form RF-1084 'Avskrivning 2013' ('Depreciation 2013' – in Norwegian only).

## Item 3900 Other income relating to operations

Here you enter other operating income not included under the above items, including interest on trade debtors. Income from sale /realisation of not depreciable fixed assets must be entered here in item 3900. Shares of catches/proceeds of catches received by a fisherman from another master must be entered here. Sick pay received must be taken to income directly in the tax return under items 2.7.13 and 1.6.3/1.6.4. Sick pay received for self-employed persons engaged in a family day care centre in his/her own home must be entered under items 1.6.3 and 2.1.3. Sick pay is not entered in the profit and loss account. If the amount is entered in the accounts, it must be recognised as an equity adjustment under item 2058. For self-employed persons etc. who are members of a cooperative enterprise, back payments, bonuses and dividend on purchase will normally be taxable business income if the basis for the back payment and/or bonus payment is trading with the cooperative enterprise, and the trading is related to the member's business activities.

#### Item 4005 Cost of sales

Here you enter the purchase cost of goods sold (item 0250 page 1) for turnover included under items 3000, 3100 and 3200. Changes in value of the stocks of raw materials, semimanufactured goods purchased and goods purchased for resale must be included under this item. This amount is arrived at by adding up the changes in value of stock as entered under items 0110 and 0140 on page 1.

Write-downs for obsolescence and risk of a fall in prices cannot be included, as it is the tax value of the stocks that is to be used.

# Item 4295 Change in stocks of goods under production and self-produced finished goods

Here you enter the change in value of stocks of goods under production and self-produced finished goods. A reduction in stocks increases costs, which is entered as a positive amount with no preceding sign. An increase in stocks reduces costs, which is entered as a negative amount with a preceding minus sign. The amount of the change is based on the tax values found on page 1 under items 0120 and 0130.

## Item 4500 External services and subcontracts

Here you enter the costs of hiring labour and subcontractors if they relate to items 4005, 4295 and 4995.

#### Item 4995 Change in stocks of selfproduced fixed assets

Here you enter the change in value of stocks of self-produced fixed assets. This item is also used for any carry back of capitalised costs, and therefore contains no pre-printed sign – this item could contain both positive and negative figures.

#### Item 5000 Pay, holiday pay etc.

All types of pay in employment are entered under this item. Amounts to be entered here are both reportable and liable to Employer's National Insurance contributions. Fishermen's wages are to be entered here, but wages paid to active fishermen are nonetheless not liable to Employer's National Insurance contributions. Premiums for individual annuities and endowment insurances where the employee is the beneficiary are entered here. Premiums for group annuities can be treated as deductible payroll expenses, and, in such cases, must be entered here. If premiums for group annuities are not treated as pay, they must be entered under item 5900. Premiums for annuities schemes and endowment insurances with employees as the beneficiaries are always liable to Employer's National Insurance contributions.

## Item 5300 Other reportable remuneration

Self-employed persons' expenses that are reportable, but not liable to Employer's National Insurance contributions, are entered here. Example: Payment of shares of a catch or of proceeds of sale of a catch to fishermen and hunters at sea.

## Item 5420 Reportable pension expenses

Here you enter expenses relating to current pension payments.

## Item 5600 Remuneration for work paid to partners in ANS/DA etc.

Any special remuneration (remuneration for work) to partners in businesses assessed as partnerships pursuant to the Partnerships Act section 2-25, cf. section 2-26 first paragraph, is entered here. Portions to each partner in businesses assessed as partnerships are included under this item. The amount must include any premiums covered for insurance packages agreed on in collective agreements.

## Item 5900 Other personnel expenses

Here you enter gifts to employees and expenses relating to free canteens, courses, company cabins, staff accommodation and company sports clubs etc. Premiums paid pursuant to the Act relating to Industrial Injury Insurance are entered here. However, additional premiums for health and accident insurances in excess of the statutory occupational injury insurance shall, when the employee is the beneficiary, be treated as pay and entered under item 5000.

Here you also enter premiums for occupational pension schemes and defined-contribution pension schemes and other pension costs relating to actual benefit plans.

Premiums and contributions to occupational pension schemes and defined-contribution pension schemes are always deductible. Moreover, pension expenses relating to securing future pension commitments will not be deductible from taxable income.

One-off premiums paid to insurance companies or one-off payments that replace current pension obligations to former employees are deductible.

#### Item 5950 Own pension scheme

Contributions made pursuant to the provisions of the Act relating to defined-contribution pensions section 2-3 second paragraph for self-employed persons and personal partners in businesses assessed as partnerships are entered here.

## Item 6000 Depreciation of tangible fixed assets and intangible rights

Here you enter tax depreciation from form RF-1084 'Avskrivning 2013' ('Depreciation 2013' – in Norwegian only).

Both diminishing-balance depreciation (incl. any depreciation on an empty positive balance) and straight-line depreciation must be included here.

## Item 6200 Energy, fuel etc. relating to production

Here you enter, among other things, fuel expenses relating to machinery and tools used in production (e.g. tractors, diggers, combine harvesters, forestry forwarders, front shovels etc.).

## Item 6600 Repairs to and maintenance of buildings

Here you enter expenses relating to repairs to and maintenance of buildings used in business activities. Expenses incurred in upgrading the condition of the building in relation to its original condition are not deemed to be maintenance expenses. Such expenses are deemed to be improvement costs, and must be capitalised.

## Item 6695 Other repairs and maintenance

Here you enter repairs to and maintenance of machinery, equipment etc. used in the enterprise's business activities. This also applies to tractors, diggers, combine harvesters, forestry forwarders, front shovels etc. Repairs to and maintenance of means of transport are entered under item 7020.

#### Item 6700 External services

Costs relating to, e.g., external accountants, lawyers and consultants etc. are entered here. Such costs and case costs may be deductible if the case that the assistance concerns has a direct connection with taxable income or deductible expenses. Non-deductible expenses are entered under item 2053.

# Item 6995 Office expenses, electronic communication expenses, postage etc.

Here you enter office expenses, including expenses relating to electronic communication (phone, mobile phone, internet etc.). This item must be seen in conjunction with item 7098 and these guidelines concern both items.

About electronic communication:

If you have one electronic means of communication and the expenses (including VAT) total NOK 5,000 or more, the 'standard amount' of NOK 4,000 shall be entered under item 7098.

If you have more than one electronic means of communication and the expenses (including VAT) total NOK 7,000 or more, the 'standard amount' of NOK 6,000 shall be entered under item 7098.

If the total expenses (including VAT) are below the above-mentioned limits, then the total expenses shall be reduced by NOK 1,000 (the non-deductible amount//business expense, NOK 800 + VAT NOK 200), and the remaining amount entered under item 7098.

In the case of sole proprietorships, the gross expenses (including VAT) for electronic means of communication used both for business purposes and privately must be entered under 6995, reduced by the amount of VAT that was paid on the 'business component'. The private component (standard amount) is then entered under item 7098.

#### Examples:

Two electronic means of communications were used for business purposes and privately. The total expenses are NOK 12,500 incl. VAT. The private benefit to be entered under item 7098 pursuant to the regulations is NOK 6,000. The gross amount (NOK 12,500), reduced by the VAT component (NOK 1,300) of the 'business expenses' (NOK 6,000), i.e. NOK 11,200, is entered under item 6995.

Pursuant to the regulations, if the total expenses (incl. VAT) for use as mentioned above amount to less than NOK 7,000 (for example NOK 4,500), NOK 1,000 shall be regarded as a 'business expense' and the amount in excess shall be transferred to item 7098 as a private benefit. The total expenses (NOK 4,500), reduced by the VAT component (NOK 200) of the 'business expense' of NOK 800, i.e. NOK 4,300, is entered under item 6995. The difference between the total expenses (NOK 4,500) and the 'business expense' +VAT (NOK 800 + 200), i.e. NOK 3,500, shall then be entered as a private benefit under item 7098.

## Items 7000, 7020 and 7040 Expenses relating to means of transport

Under items 7000, 7020 and 7040, expenses are entered that relate to vehicles used in business activities (estate cars, vans, lorries and passenger cars that are driven more than 6,000 km per year as part of business activities). Form RF-1125 'Opplysninger om bruk av bil' ('Information about use of vehicle' – in Norwegian only) must be enclosed if you are claiming a deduction for car expenses. Those who are engaged in taxi and heavy goods vehicle businesses must enclose form RF-1223 'Tilleggsskjema for drosje- og

lastebilnæring' ('Supplementary form for taxi and heavy goods vehicle businesses' – in Norwegian only) instead. Tax depreciation of means of transport must be entered under item 6000. Road toll payments, parking and ferry expenses etc. are entered under item 7155 or 7165 as travel expenses.

# Item 7080 Car expenses, the use of a private vehicle in business activity

If the use of the vehicle in business activities has been accurately recorded, a sole proprietor can claim a deduction for the use of his or her private vehicle in business for up to 6,000 km in accordance with the car allowance rates. For 2013, the rate is NOK 4.05 per kilometre.

The amount must be entered as a equity correction in item 2057 on page 4.

No duty to submit a car form applies in such cases.

This item cannot be used for partnerships (ANS/KS/DA). Disbursement of remuneration to a partner for use of his/her own car in the business must be entered as a rental expense under item 6400.

## Item 7098 Private use of electronic communication

See the guidelines to item 6995.

The amount entered under item 7098 must also be entered as a private withdrawal under item 2068 on page

### Item 7099 Private use of a business vehicle

The benefit of private use of a business vehicle is entered here. The benefit is calculated as 30 per cent of the car's list price as new up to NOK 275,700, and 20 per cent of the amount in excess of this is added. If the vehiclesis registered for the first time before 1 January 2010, or the taxpayer can document that the use as business vehicle exeeds 40,000 kilometetres per year, the calculation will be based on only 75 per cent of the list price of the vehicle at the time of its initial registration. For electric car the calculation is based on 50 per cent of the car's list price as new. The recognition of private use cannot exceed 75 per cent of the estimated total costs of the upkeep of the vehicle.

The costs of the upkeep of the vehicle consist of the actual operating expenses plus a calculated annual diminishing-balance depreciation of 17 per cent calculated on the basis of the list price of the vehicle at the time of its initial registration.

The amount must also be entered as a private withdrawal under item 2075 on page 4.

#### Item 7155 Reportable travel/ subsistence and car allowances

Here you enter all reportable expenses for travel, subsistence and car allowances. Non-reportable travel expenses are entered under item 7165.

## Item 7350 Expenses relating to entertaining (deductible)

This part of entertaining expenses, cf. the Directorate of Taxes' Tax Regulations section 6-21, shall be entered under item 2051.

## Item 7495 Deductible membership fees

Non-deductible membership fees are entered under item 2052.

#### Item 7500 Insurance premiums

Insurance expenses are entered here, with the exception of vehicle and personnel insurance, which are entered under items 7040 and 5900, respectively.

(Voluntary supplementary National Insurance for self-employed persons is entered directly as a deduction in the tax return and is included in item 2078.)

## Item 7565 Warranty and service expenses

Accrued/confirmed expenses for warranty and service work are entered here. Provisions for warranty and service expenses are not deductible.

## Item 7600 License and patent expenses, royalties etc.

Expenses relating to patents, licences and royalties in connection with own production/sales are entered here.

## Item 7700 Other deductible expenses

Operating expenses that do not belong under the other items are entered here.

## Item 7890 Deduction from negative profit and loss account

Here you deduct this year's share of the loss from negative profit and loss account.

The amount is taken from form RF-1219 'Gevinst- og tapskonto 2013' ('Profit and loss account 2013' – in Norwegian only).

## Item 7895 Confirmed losses on trade debtors

Finally confirmed losses on trade debtors are entered here. Only losses

on claims in business activities are deductible.

## Item 7896 Other confirmed losses All other deductible losses, such as

All other deductible losses, such as losses on contracts, are entered here.

#### Item 7897 Changes to tax writedown of trade debtors

Changes to tax write-down of trade debtors are entered here. The amount is found under item 0320 as the difference between this year's and last year's write-downs.

If this year's write-down exceeds last year's write-down, the difference is entered as a positive amount (with no preceding sign). If this year's write-down is smaller than last year's write-down, the difference is entered as a negative amount (with a preceding minus sign).

#### Capital items

## Item 8060/8160 Exchange gains/losses

Exchange gains/losses on outstanding claims and debt in foreign currencies are entered here. Gains/losses must be calculated using the tax rules for gain/loss calculation.

# Item 8099 Other capital income not specified in form RF-1084 "Avskrivning 2013" ('Depreciation 2013' – in Norwegian only) and/or RF-1219 "Gevinst- og tapskonto 2013" ('Profit and loss account 2013' – in Norwegian only).

Among other things, the amount to be taken to income when a taxpayer has not complied with the reinvestment conditions stipulated in the Taxation Act section 14-70 (conditional tax exemption in cases of involuntary realisation) is entered under item 8099. Any share of profits and any taxable share of gains from the realisation of any unit that an ANS/KS/DA owns via participation in another ANS/KS/DA are also entered here. Amounts relating to the realisation of units that are not liable to tax or are not deductible are only entered under items 2054/2053 on page 4 – for reconciliation of the equity.

**NOTE:** A personal participant (sole proprietorship) who has entered a gain/loss on the realisation of a unit and/or part of a gain/loss in a business assessed as a partnership must enter this under item 0416, see this item.

#### Item 8199 Other capital expenses not specified in form RF-1219 "Gevinst- og tapskonto 2013" ('Profit and loss account 2013' – in Norwegian only).

Costs, losses and deficits relating to income under item 8099 are entered here. See the guidelines to item 8099.

#### Item 9930 Profit/loss

Business income or any loss to be transferred to page 4 is calculated here. In the case of a sole proprietorship, the amount is transferred to item 0401. Partnerships (ANS/KS/DA), cooperative enterprises and other legal entities that use Income Statement 1 (form RF-1175) transfer the amount to item 0410.

#### Balance sheet - tax values

The Tax Assessment Act chapter 4 requires all enterprises involved in business activities to prepare annual accounts for tax purposes in accordance with the realisation principle. The balance sheet in the income statement must therefore be completed in accordance with the Taxation Act's provisions, and it shall be based on the tax values.

Example: Balance group a is entered under balance sheet item 1280 with the group's balance value at 31 December.

If an enterprise that has been obliged to submit annual accounts becomes subject to a bookkeeping obligation alone, the enterprise must submit Income Statement 1 instead of Income Statement 2.

This could have a bearing on what is to be entered as the opening balance. See items 9996 – 9998 for more details.

# Items 1080, 1105, 1115, 1120, 1205, 1221, 1225, 1239 and 1280 – operating equipment balances

Here you enter the total balance value for each balance group. These amounts are taken from form RF-1084 'Avskrivning 2013' ('Depreciation 2013'.- in Norwegian only), which must be enclosed with the income statement. The balance value of commercial premises, which was written up on 1 January 1984 in accordance with section 1-2 of the Ministry of Finance's Regulations of 29 August 1984, is the difference between the balance basis at 31 December and the lower limit for depreciation. Any empty positive balance (balance value without operating equipment) must

also be included here and entered in the balance sheet as the asset's value.

#### Item 1130 Buildings, plant, machinery under construction – for own use

This item is used when the operating equipment under construction is intended for use in own activities.

#### Item 1131 Buildings, plant, machinery under construction – for sale

This item is used when the object under construction is intended for sale.

## Item 1295 Depreciable assets outside the balance system

Here you enter depreciable assets for which straight-line depreciation is used, and which are found in form RF-1084 'Avskrivning 2013' ('Depreciation 2013'.- in Norwegian only).

## Item 1299 Negative profit and loss account

Here you enter amounts from item 16 in form RF-1219 'Gevinst- og tapskonto' ('Profit and loss account' – in Norwegian only).

#### Item 1495 Stocks

Here you enter the tax value of stocks – the amount is found under item 0170. The value of any fish in fish farming facilities is also entered here. For fur-farming and reindeer husbandry, see the special guidelines RF-1178 'Rettledning til RF-1177 Landbruk og RF-1175 Næringsoppgave 1 2013' ('Guidelines to RF-1177 Agriculture etc., and RF-1175 Income Statement 1 2013' – in Norwegian only) item 0165.

#### Item 1500 Trade debtors

Here you enter the tax value of trade debtors found under item 0331 (after deduction for any write-downs).

## Item 1530 Earned, not invoiced trade debtors

Here you enter the value of earned, not invoiced trade debtors found under item 0332 (after deducting any writedowns).

# Item 1595/2275 Long-term receivables/debts in foreign currency

The tax values of long-term receivables and debt in foreign currencies are arrived at pursuant to the provisions of the Taxation Act section 14-5 (5), where it is stated that receivables cannot be valued at a lower exchange rate than the lower of the exchange rates at the time of the

annual accounts and the time of acquisition. Correspondingly, debt cannot be valued at more than the higher of the values on the date of the closing of the annual accounts and the date when the loan was taken up. Unrealised exchange losses must be offset against unrealised exchange gains.

#### Item 1599 Other receivables

Here you account i.e. outstanding value added tax

#### Tax equity

Tax equity is the tax value of the enterprise. After reconciliation of the equity account on page 4, the amount in item 0425 must tally with item 9960 in the balance sheet, tax equity.

#### **Untaxed** equity

#### Item 2095 Negative balance

Here you enter the total negative balance at 31 December for the balance group(s) that has/have such balance according to form RF-1084 'Avskrivningsskjema' ('Depreciation form' – in Norwegian only). The amount is untaxed income.

## Item 2096 Positive profit and loss account

Here you enter amounts from form RF-1219 'Gevinst- og tapskonto' ('Profit and loss account' – in Norwegian only). The amount is untaxed income.

#### Debt

## Item 2220 Enterprise debt to financial institutions

Here you enter the debt that is deemed to be 'enterprise debt' pursuant to the regulations for estimated personal income.

You will find a more detailed description of what is deemed to be 'enterprise debt' under item 2.10 in RF-1225 'Rettledning til RF-1224 Personinntekt fra enkeltpersonforetak 2013' (Guidelines to RF-1224 'Personal income from sole proprietorship' – in Norwegian only).

## Item 2600 Tax withholdings and other deductions

Tax deducted from wage payments to employees are entered here. Maintenance payment deductions owed etc. are also entered here.

#### Items 9996 – 9998, transition from duty to submit annual accounts to bookkeeping duty

If an enterprise goes from being obliged to submit annual accounts to being subject to a bookkeeping duty, the mandatory income statement for this enterprise changes to Income Statement 1. The closing balance for the previous year will have been settled in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting Act. This could imply that there exist temporary differences. This will be evident from form RF-1217 'Spesifikasjon av forskjeller mellom regnskapsmessige og skattemessige verdier' ('Specification of differences between accounting and tax values' - in Norwegian only), which would in that case have been an enclosure with the previous year's income statement. In such cases, a corrected opening balance must be prepared. The corrected tax equity (item 9960) must be evident from item 9998.

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#### <u>Items 0401 - 0403</u>

These items are for the use of sole proprietorships only, for the specification of items to be transferred to the tax return and to form RF-1224 "Personal income from sole proprietorship 2013".

Item 0401 shows the total business income (or loss) transferred from item 9930 on page 2. The type(s) of business activity is/are stated under item 0402, column A. In the column with the heading 'ID', each type of business (if more than one) must be numbered. The same number is to be entered in the 'ID' field in form RF-1224 'Personlig inntekt fra enkeltpersonforetak 2013' (Personal income from sole proprietorship 210 – in Norwegian only)'.

NOTE: The same number must be used for business activities for which the personal income is to be calculated combined pursuant to the Ministry of Finance's Regulations to the Taxation act, section 12-20-1, cf. section 10-42-3. Example: If activities include a riding centre, real estate business and letting of real property, and the latter two are closely related in terms of their content and finances, the numbering will be as follows: Riding centre (1). Real estate agency (2), Letting of real property (2).

The figure from item 0410 is transferred to column B. If more than one type of business is operated, the

figure is split up and divided between the respective businesses.

Column C applies to agriculture, forestry and reindeer husbandry only – see RF-1178 'Rettledning for RF-1177 Landbruk og RF-1175 Næringsoppgave 1 2013' (Guidelines to RF-1177 Agriculture etc., and RF-1175 Income Statement 1 2013' – in Norwegian only).

All self-employed persons must fill in column E. If more than one line is used under item 0402 (if profit/loss from more than one type of business is entered), each profit must be transferred to the tax return (form RF-1030) item 2.7. Each loss is transferred to item 3.2.19 of the tax return. The full field number for the field under items 2.7 and 3.2.19, respectively, to which each amount (profit/loss) is transferred must be entered in the column 'transferred to item no in the tax return'.

The amounts in column E under item 0402 are to be transferred to form RF-1224 item 1.1. The amounts from businesses with the same 'ID' must be added up and transferred to a shared RF-1224. In form RF-1224, corrections must be made for the capital items that are not to be included in the basis for the calculation of personal income. See the guidelines to the form for the calculation of personal income (RF-1225) for details.

Columns F and G are used if allocation between spouses or registered partners is being claimed. In principle and as a rule, the allocation must correspond to the spouses' work effort and participation in the business activities. Losses must be allocated to the enterprise's responsible proprietor or to both if both spouses are liable for the enterprise. The allocation of estimated personal income is carried out in form RF-1224, and the spouses jointly fill in one copy of this form.

# For sole proprietorships, items 0410 – 9940 are to be used for the reconciliation of equity.

In order for the reconciliation to be correct, only the figures recorded in the accounts are to be entered under these items.

If a sole proprietorship has recognised income/gains or deficits/losses relating to holding(s) in businesses assessed as partnerships in their accounts, the amounts must be entered under item 0416.

The actual reporting of any taxable income from participation in a partnership (ANS/KS/DA) is done by

transferring the amounts from RF-1221 'Deltakers oppgave over formue og inntekt i deltakerliknet selskap 2013' ('Partner statement of capital and income in businesses assessed as partnerships 2013' – in Norwegian only) directly to the tax return.

#### For partnerships (ANS/KS/DA) and cooperative enterprises, items 0410 – 9940 are to be used to calculate profit/loss for the year

## Item 0411 Taxable dividend on shares etc.

Dividends are often tax-free for businesses assessed as partnerships and cooperative enterprises that are covered by the exemption method (cf. the Taxation Act section 2-38). This is conditional on the dividend being lawfully distributed and not originating from a company covered by one or more of the exemptions mentioned below. If the dividend is tax-free, it is not to be entered under item 0411.

Dividends from companies located in low-tax countries outside the EEA Area are not tax-free. Nor does the tax exemption apply to dividends from portfolio investments in other companies located in countries outside the EEA Area. In this context, the holding is deemed to be a portfolio investment if the shareholder has at any time during a two-year period owned less than ten per cent of the capital or had less than ten per cent of the votes at the annual general meeting of the company that distributes the dividend. This rule applies to dividends earned during the above-mentioned two-year period. The earning date will normally be the date on which the annual general meeting decides to declare a dividend.

Businesses assessed as partnerships and cooperative enterprises are not entitled to a risk-free return (cf. the Taxation Act section 10-12) for taxable dividend reported under item 0411.

# Item 0414 Taxable gains/Deductible losses on the realisation of shares etc.

Here, businesses assessed as partnerships and cooperative enterprises enter only losses and gains resulting from the realisation of shares, securities funds and/or primary capital certificates that are liable to tax and found in form RF-1059 'Aksjer og fondsandeler mv. 2013' ('Shares and units in funds etc. 2013' – in Norwegian only). Businesses assessed as partnerships and cooperative enterprises that have

realised shares that are covered by the exemption method, cf. the Taxation Act section 2-38, are **not liable to tax** for gains on the realisation of shares etc. and must ensure that the loss or gain is **not entered** here.

If the enterprise has entered dividends and/or gains that are tax-free or losses that are not deductible in the accounts, these amounts must be entered in the correction items 2053 and 2054 in order for the reconciliation to be correct.

#### Item 0415 Three per cent of taxfree income in accordance with the exemption method

Here you enter three per cent of the enterprise's net tax-free income in accordance with the exemption method for taxation. With effect from and including 7 October 2008, this will apply to the following enterprise income:

- dividend on shares etc.,
- distribution/shares in the profit from businesses assessed as partnerships (KS, ANS etc.).

The income is reduced by nondeductible losses pursuant to the exemption method for the same period.

#### Item 0416 NOTE: To be filled in by sole proprietorships only

This item is not to be used by businesses assessed as partnerships. If the business is a partner in another business assessed as a partnership, the taxable/deductible amount in this context must be entered under items 8099/8199 – see these items.

Non-deductible losses or income not liable to tax relating to the realisation of holdings are entered under items 2053/2054 – for reconciliation of equity.

#### Item 9940 Profit/loss for the year

If the statement was submitted by a partnership of the ANS/DA or KS type, this item shall be transferred to item 110 in form RF-1215 'Selskapsoppgave for deltakerlignet selskap 2013' ('Partnership statement for businesses assessed as partnerships 2013' – in Norwegian only).

In the case of cooperative enterprises that are registered as cooperative enterprises (SA) in the Register of Business Enterprises, or that operate in accordance with recognised cooperative principles (cf. the transitional rules in the Act relating to

cooperative enterprises section 163), the aggregate item 9940 shall show the total taxable business income before any deductions for back payments pursuant to the Taxation Act section 10-50. This means that disbursements and/or provisions for back payments (bonus) and other distributions to unit owners/members adopted by the cooperative enterprise shall not be deducted before the profit/loss in item 9940 is determined. See also guidelines to items 0270 and 0280 on page 1.

Cooperative enterprises that are not entitled to make deductions for back payments (bonus) shall transfer the amount to if income to item 201 and if deficit to item 222 in RF-1028 'Tax return for limited liability companies etc. 2013'.

#### Items 9980 and 9985 apply to cooperative enterprises only – deductions for back payments (bonus)

Some cooperative enterprises can claim a deduction from their business income for back payments (bonus), cf. the Taxation Act section 10-50. This applies to the following types of enterprises:

- consumer cooperative societies
- purchasing cooperatives that distribute pre-ordered goods among their members
- enterprises that are exclusively or primarily engaged in: 1) purchasing raw materials or operating equipment for use in agriculture, forestry or fisheries 2) selling products from its members agricultural, forestry or fisheries activities, or 3) processing products from its members' agricultural or fisheries activities.

In the case of these types of cooperative enterprises, the aggregate item 9940 will show the total taxable business income before any deductions for distributions to unit owners/members. This means that disbursements and/or provisions for back payments (bonus) and other distributions to unit owners/members adopted by the cooperative enterprise

will be excluded when the profit/loss in item 9940 is determined. See also the guidelines to items 0270 and 0280 on page 1.

Business income, turnover, discounts, bonuses and other distributions are stated excl. VAT in this context.

Deductions for provisions or distributions to unit owners/members shall be entered under item 9980 and will reduce the cooperative enterprise's taxable business income in item 9985.

Any dividends on purchases benefits/discounts that a consumer cooperative society has guaranteed in advance are not deemed to be back payments, cf. the Act relating to cooperative enterprises sections 31 and 27. Consumer cooperative societies must deduct any dividends on purchases /discounts that are guaranteed in advance from their business income before calculation of the profit/loss in item 9940. Dividends on purchases /discounts in consumer cooperative societies that are guaranteed in advance shall not be included under item 9980.

If the cooperative enterprise has adopted distributions and provisions for back payments (bonuses) that exceed the maximum special tax deduction for cooperative societies pursuant to the Taxation Act section 10-50, see item 0280, the amount in excess of this must be entered under item 233 in the tax return (form RF-1028).

The amount under item 9985 shall be transferred if income to item 201 and if deficit to item 222 in form RF-1028 'Tax return for limited liability companies etc. 2013'.

#### Items 2051 - 2079

These items are primarily intended for sole proprietorships, but must also be used by discretionary judgement by businesses assessed as partnerships and by cooperative enterprises insofar as this is necessary in order to document correct reconciliation. As an example the total of withdrawals/distributions to partners in businesses assessed as partnerships (except remuneration for work, which

is entered in item 5600) must be entered here.

#### Specification of a private account

This is a specification of item 0422 under changes in equity. The proprietor's withdrawals and private expenses entered in the enterprise's accounts are entered here. The private expenses are not to be entered in the profit and loss account, but recognised in the private account.

#### Example:

Tax-deductible electronic communication expenses are entered under item 6995 'Office expenses, electronic communication expenses, postage etc.' If private electronic communication expenses have been paid via the operating budget, they are entered under item 2068. If an amount has been entered under item 7099 'Private use of a business vehicle', the same amount is entered under item 2075.

#### Non-deductible business expenses/ equity adjustment

Here you enter expenses/income that may be recorded in the accounts, but that should not influence the taxable income, e.g. non-deductible membership fees and gifts, tax-free income, sick pay for self-employed persons etc.

Adjustments must also be made here for other items in pages 2 and 3 of the income statement that influence the tax profit/loss without involving changes in equity or vice versa. This applies, among other things, to:

- Deducted home office xpenses
- Deducted use of a private vehicle in business activity
- Change during the year in the value of fish in fish-farming facilities. Any increase in value in this area is entered under item 2058 and any decrease in value under item 2059. For fur farming and reindeer husbandry, see RF-1178 'Rettledning til RF-1177 Landbruk og RF-1175 Næringsoppgave 1 2013' ('Guidelines to RF-1177 Agriculture etc. and RF-1175 Income Statement I 2013' in

Norwegian only).