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**TECHNICAL INFORMATION RELEASE
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Interest Rates Set For Calendar Year 2016

The purpose of this Technical Information Release is to advise taxpayers and tax preparers of the annual underpayment and overpayment interest rates for calendar year 2016 as established by RSA 21-J:28. Effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, the State of New Hampshire interest rates applicable on taxes administered by the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration will be **5%** for underpayments and **2%** for overpayments. The interest rates listed below apply to the number of days during the period that the payment remains unpaid or the refund is owed.

The New Hampshire statutes governing interest rates were amended in 1995 (Chp. 268, Laws of 1995) to require that, starting on January 1, 1998 and determined annually thereafter, the New Hampshire interest rates would be based upon the rates set by the federal government under Internal Revenue Code § 6621(a)(2). RSA 21-J:28, II provides that the “annual underpayment rate” (the interest rate on tax due) is tied to the underpayment rate specified in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as in effect on the September 1 immediately preceding such calendar year, plus 2 percentage points. The underpayment rate specified in the Internal Revenue Code § 6621(a)(2) for the period from July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 is **3%**. RSA 21-J:28, III provides that the “annual overpayment rate” (the interest rate paid on refunds) is to be 3 percentage points less than the rate set in RSA 21-J:28, paragraph II.

| Period | Interest Rate for Underpayment of Tax | Interest Rate for Overpayment of Tax |
|----------------------|--|---|
| 1/1/2016 -12/31/2016 | 5% | 2% |
| 1/1/2013 -12/31/2015 | 5% | 2% |
| 1/1/2010 -12/31/2012 | 6% | 3% |
| 1/1/2009 -12/31/2009 | 7% | 4% |
| 1/1/2007 -12/31/2008 | 10% | 7% |
| 1/1/2006 -12/31/2006 | 8% | 5% |
| 1/1/2005 -12/31/2005 | 6% | 3% |

For the interest rates for the underpayment and overpayment of tax *prior to* 1/1/2005 please visit the “Taxpayer Assistance” webpage at the Department’s website at www.revenue.nh.gov.

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