

In the Matter of the Protest of

Petitioner.

DECISION

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Idaho Code section 63-3030(a)(1) requires each individual who is a resident of Idaho to file an Idaho income tax return if required to file a federal return. Internal Revenue Code section 6012 states that the requirement to file a federal return is based on gross income. The Tax Commission's records indicate Petitioner was an Idaho resident in 2018 and based on her federal return, she received income exceeding the gross income threshold for filing an Idaho income tax return. Petitioner is required to file an Idaho return for 2018 and has yet to do so.

Petitioner argues the Bureau's calculation of her Idaho income tax due is not accurate because she is entitled to an additional dependent exemption deduction. However, deductions are a matter of legislative grace, and taxpayers bear the burden of proving that they are entitled to the deductions claimed. *INDOPCO, Inc. v. Commissioner*, 503 U.S. 79, 84, 112 S. Ct. 1039, 117 L.Ed.2d 226 (1992); *New Colonial Ice Co. v. Helvering*, 292 U.S. 435, 440, 54 S. Ct. 788, 78 L.Ed. 1348 (1934). If a taxpayer is unable to provide adequate proof of any material fact upon which a deduction depends, no deduction is allowed, and the taxpayer must bear its misfortune. *Burnet v. Houston*, 283 US. 223, 51 S.Ct. 413 (1931). Here, Petitioner has provided no documentation to show her entitlement to a deduction for a dependent not shown in the Notice, she has not met her burden.

In Idaho, it is well established that a Tax Commission Notice is presumed to be correct, and the taxpayer bears the burden of showing the deficiency is erroneous. See *Parsons v. Idaho State Tax Commission*, 110 Idaho 572, 574-575 n.2 (Ct. App. 1986) (citing *Albertsons's Inc. v. State, Dept. of Revenue*, 106 Idaho 810, 814 (1984)). The Tax Commission requires Petitioner to provide adequate evidence to establish that the amount asserted in the Notice is incorrect. Petitioner has failed to do so; therefore, the Notice must be upheld.

CONCLUSION

Petitioner has not provided any evidence or compelling argument that the return prepared by the Bureau is incorrect. The Tax Commission finds the return prepared by the Bureau to be an accurate representation of Petitioner's Idaho taxable income and related tax due for the year in question.

The Bureau added interest and penalty to Petitioner's tax deficiency. The Tax Commission reviewed those additions and found them to be appropriate and in accordance with Idaho Code sections 63-3045 and 63-3046, respectively.

THEREFORE, the Notice dated December 4, 2024, and directed to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is hereby AFFIRMED and MADE FINAL.

IT IS ORDERED that Petitioner pay the following tax, penalty, and interest calculated per Idaho Code section 63-3045:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAX</u>	<u>PENALTY</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2018	\$1,031	\$258	\$306	\$1,595

DEMAND for immediate payment of the foregoing amount is hereby made and given.

An explanation of Petitioner's right to appeal this decision is enclosed.

DATED this _____ day of _____ 2025.

IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____, 2025,
a copy of the within and foregoing DECISION was served by sending the same by United States
mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to:



Receipt No.
