



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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SC INFORMATION LETTER #18-2

SUBJECT: Interest Rate

DATE: March 8, 2018

REFERENCE: S.C. Code Ann. Section 12-54-25 (2014)  
2017 S.C. Act No. 97, Provisos 93.7 and 117.86

AUTHORITY: S.C. Code Ann. Section 12-4-320 (2014)  
SC Revenue Procedure #09-3

SCOPE: An Information Letter is a written statement issued to the public to announce general information useful in complying with the laws administered by the Department. An Information Letter has no precedential value.

The interest rate to be applied to underpayments and overpayments\* of taxes is listed below. The rate is compounded daily except simple interest applies to the underpayment of declaration of estimated tax.

| <u>Period</u>       | <u>Rate*</u> | <u>Period</u>       | <u>Rate*</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 09/01/85 – 12/31/85 | 11%          | 04/01/01 – 06/30/01 | 8%           |
| 01/01/86 – 06/30/86 | 10%          | 07/01/01 – 12/31/01 | 7%           |
| 07/01/86 – 09/30/87 | 9%           | 01/01/02 – 12/31/02 | 6%           |
| 10/01/87 – 12/31/87 | 10%          | 01/01/03 – 09/30/03 | 5%           |
| 01/01/88 – 03/31/88 | 11%          | 10/01/03 – 03/31/04 | 4%           |
| 04/01/88 – 09/30/88 | 10%          | 04/01/04 – 06/30/04 | 5%           |
| 10/01/88 – 03/31/89 | 11%          | 07/01/04 – 09/30/04 | 4%           |
| 04/01/89 – 09/30/89 | 12%          | 10/01/04 – 03/31/05 | 5%           |
| 10/01/89 – 03/31/91 | 11%          | 04/01/05 – 09/30/05 | 6%           |
| 04/01/91 – 12/31/91 | 10%          | 10/01/05 – 06/30/06 | 7%           |
| 01/01/92 – 03/31/92 | 9%           | 07/01/06 – 12/31/07 | 8%           |
| 04/01/92 – 09/30/92 | 8%           | 01/01/08 – 03/31/08 | 7%           |
| 10/01/92 – 06/30/94 | 7%           | 04/01/08 – 06/30/08 | 6%           |
| 07/01/94 – 09/30/94 | 8%           | 07/01/08 – 09/30/08 | 5%           |
| 10/01/94 – 03/31/95 | 9%           | 10/01/08 – 12/31/08 | 6%           |
| 04/01/95 – 06/30/95 | 10%          | 01/01/09 – 03/31/09 | 5%           |
| 07/01/95 – 03/31/96 | 9%           | 04/01/09 – 12/31/10 | 4%           |
| 04/01/96 – 06/30/96 | 8%           | 01/01/11 – 03/31/11 | 3%           |
| 07/01/96 – 03/31/98 | 9%           | 04/01/11 – 09/30/11 | 4%           |
| 04/01/98 – 12/31/98 | 8%           | 10/01/11 – 03/31/16 | 3%           |
| 01/01/99 – 03/31/99 | 7%           | 04/01/16 – 03/31/18 | 4%           |
| 04/01/99 – 03/31/00 | 8%           | 04/01/18 – 06/30/18 | 5%           |
| 04/01/00 – 03/31/01 | 9%           |                     |              |

\* **Note reduction of interest rate on refunds.** For fiscal year 2017-2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018), Budget Provisos 93.7 and 117.86 direct the Department to reduce the rate of interest paid on eligible refunds by a total of three percentage points from the above listed rates. 2017 S.C. Act No. 97, Sections 93 and 117.