



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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SC INFORMATION LETTER #26-19

SUBJECT: Interest Rate

DATE: August 24, 2026

REFERENCE: S.C. Code Ann. Section 12-54-25 (2014)
2025 S.C. Act No. 69, Provisos 41.2 and 117.81

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>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Rate*</u>
09/01/85 – 12/31/85	11%	04/01/98 – 12/31/98	8%	01/01/09 – 03/31/09	5%
01/01/86 – 06/30/86	10%	01/01/99 – 03/31/99	7%	04/01/09 – 12/31/10	4%
07/01/86 – 09/30/87	9%	04/01/99 – 03/31/00	8%	01/01/11 – 03/31/11	3%
10/01/87 – 12/31/87	10%	04/01/00 – 03/31/01	9%	04/01/11 – 09/30/11	4%
01/01/88 – 03/31/88	11%	04/01/01 – 06/30/01	8%	10/01/11 – 03/31/16	3%
04/01/88 – 09/30/88	10%	07/01/01 – 12/31/01	7%	04/01/16 – 03/31/18	4%
10/01/88 – 03/31/89	11%	01/01/02 – 12/31/02	6%	04/01/18 – 12/31/18	5%
04/01/89 – 09/30/89	12%	01/01/03 – 09/30/03	5%	01/01/19 – 06/30/19	6%
10/01/89 – 03/31/91	11%	10/01/03 – 03/31/04	4%	07/01/19 – 06/30/20	5%
04/01/91 – 12/31/91	10%	04/01/04 – 06/30/04	5%	07/01/20 – 03/31/22	3%
01/01/92 – 03/31/92	9%	07/01/04 – 09/30/04	4%	04/01/22 – 06/30/22	4%
04/01/92 – 09/30/92	8%	10/01/04 – 03/31/05	5%	07/01/22 – 09/30/22	5%
10/01/92 – 06/30/94	7%	04/01/05 – 09/30/05	6%	10/01/22 – 12/31/22	6%
07/01/94 – 09/30/94	8%	10/01/05 – 06/30/06	7%	01/01/23 – 09/30/23	7%
10/01/94 – 03/31/95	9%	07/01/06 – 12/31/07	8%	10/01/23 – 12/31/24	8%
04/01/95 – 06/30/95	10%	01/01/08 – 03/31/08	7%	01/01/25 – 03/31/26	7%
07/01/95 – 03/31/96	9%	04/01/08 – 06/30/08	6%	04/01/26 – 06/30/26	6%
04/01/96 – 06/30/96	8%	07/01/08 – 09/30/08	5%	07/01/26 – 12/31/26	7%
07/01/96 – 03/31/98	9%	10/01/08 – 12/31/08	6%		

***Note: reduction of interest rate on refunds.** The General Assembly ratified a budget bill for fiscal year 2026-27, H.R. 5126 (126th Leg. 2d Sess. (2026), on August 11, 2026. The Governor vetoed certain items on August 17, 2026. The General Assembly has not acted on these vetoes, therefore the budget is not final. Until the budget becomes final, the effective dates of the provisos in the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 are extended pursuant to Joint Resolution R128, S769. Accordingly, 2025 S.C. Act No. 69, Provisos 41.2 and 117.81 direct the Department to continue to reduce the rate of interest paid on eligible refunds by a total of three percentage points from the listed rates.