

# Offer in Compromise Booklet for Individuals

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# What You Need to Know Before You Prepare an Offer in Compromise

An Offer in Compromise (OIC) provides an alternative for individuals who are unable to pay their outstanding California income tax liabilities, and who won't be able to in the foreseeable future.

# Are You an OIC Candidate?

If you are an individual without the income, assets, or means to pay your tax liability now or in the foreseeable future, you may be eligible for an OIC. The OIC Program allows you to offer a lesser amount for payment of a **non-disputed final tax liability**.

Generally, we approve an OIC when the amount offered represents the most we can expect to collect within a reasonable period of time.

Each case is evaluated based on its own unique set of facts and circumstances. We give the following factors strong consideration in the evaluation:

- Ability to pay
- Value of your assets
- Present and future income
- Present and future expenses
- The potential for changed circumstances
- The offer is in the best interest of the state

# **Can We Process Your Application?**

We will only process your OIC application if you meet the following requirements:

- File all of the required tax returns. If you have no filing requirement, note it on the application.
- Fully complete the OIC application and provide all supporting documentation.
- Agree with the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) on the amount of tax you owe.
- Provide a signed and dated 4905 PIT Application.

## Will a Collateral Agreement be Required?

Upon approval, we may require you to enter into a collateral agreement for a term of five years. Generally, a collateral agreement will be required in cases when you have a significant potential for increased earnings. A collateral agreement requires you to pay to FTB a percentage of future earnings that exceed an agreed upon threshold.

# Is Collection Activity Suspended?

Submitting an offer does not automatically suspend collection activity. In most cases, collection action will be suspended until the OIC evaluation is completed. However, if delaying collection activity jeopardizes our ability to collect the tax, we may continue with collection efforts. Interest, fees, and penalties continue to accrue as prescribed by law.

## When Should Offered Funds be Submitted?

**Do not submit the offered funds until we request them by letter**. When we do ask for the funds, submit them by cashier's check, money order, or WebPay. The offer must be a lump sum payment. We are unable to accept installment payments toward the offer amount or include prior payments.



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# **Offer in Compromise Application**

You must submit the following documentation with your Offer in Compromise Application or we will return your application as incomplete. You must include the information for you and your spouse/registered domestic partner (RDP). Please submit copies only. We will not return any documents that you send us. Indicate if any of the items below are not applicable (N/A). Additional documentation may be required and requested as the evaluation of the OIC proceeds.

# **Checklist of Required Items**

N/A	Include	d
		Verification of Household Income Complete pay stubs for the past three months, or financial statements for the past two years if self-employed. Include any investment or ownership in any business entity or trust, and income derived from these sources (dividends, K-1 income, distributions, etc.).
		Verification of Expenses Billing statements for the last three months and proof that expenses are being paid. Include copies of revolving charge card statements, bills from other creditors (student loans, signature loans, medical bills, etc.), and personal loan statements.
		<ul> <li>Bank Accounts</li> <li>List all types of accounts, including checking, savings, mobile payment service (Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, etc.), certificates of deposits, etc., held during the past three years.</li> <li>Provide copies of the last six months of bank statements for every bank account and the closing statement for any account closed in the past two years.</li> <li>Provide copies of the last six months of mobile payment service history (Venmo, Paypal, Zelle, etc.).</li> <li>If self-employed, provide bank statements for the last twelve months. Include accounts that have been closed during that period.</li> </ul>
		Securities Investment account statements showing the most recent value of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, virtual currencies, and/or retirement or profit sharing plans (e.g., IRA, 401(k), Keogh, or annuity).
		Current Leases or Rental Agreements, Either as Landlord or Tenant
		<ul> <li>Real Estate Information</li> <li>Mortgage statements (including current balance owed and amount of monthly payment) for each property you own.</li> <li>Most recent property tax bill for each property you own.</li> <li>Escrow statements for each property you currently own, sold, or gifted in the last five years.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Information</li> <li>If applicable, copy of IRS OIC application and determination letter or other IRS arrangements.</li> <li>Copies of any notices of IRS adjustments or assessments that you have not reported to FTB.</li> <li>Copies of any notices regarding an IRS audit for any tax years if the audit is still open.</li> </ul>
		<b>Legal Documents</b> Marital settlement agreements, divorce decrees, marital property settlements, trust documents, and bankruptcy documents.
		<b>Medical Information</b> A signed physician's letter including diagnosis and prognosis and/or other documents to show any medical condition that should be considered.
		<b>Power of Attorney</b> Copy of FTB 3520 PIT, Individual and Fiduciary Power of Attorney Declaration, if this offer is submitted by a designated representative.
		Vehicle Information Copies of loan/lease statements for any vehicles.

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# Mail your completed and signed application to:

OFFER IN COMPROMISE PROGRAM MS A453
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
PO BOX 2966
RANCHO CORDOVA CA 95741-2966

If you have any questions, refer to the section, **What you need to know before you prepare an Offer in Compromise**, in this booklet, or contact the Offer in Compromise Program at 916.845.4787. You may also fax us at 916.845.0479.

# **Important Information**

Complete all areas that are not shaded. Write "n/a" in those fields that do not apply. If you filed a tax return with a spouse/registered domestic partner (RDP), make sure to include their social security number (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) if applicable.

Section 1 Personal Information	ation								
Taxpayer's First Name	M.I.	Taxpaye	Taxpayer's Last Name				Taxpayer's SSN or ITIN		
Other names and aliases ever used					Ta	Taxpayer's Date of Birth			
Taxpayer's Driver License Number	State	Taxpaye	er's Email		Ta	Taxpayer's Phone Number			
Spouse/RDP									
Spouse's/RDP's First Name	M.I.	Spouse'	s/RDP's Last Name		S	Spouse	s's/RDP's SSN or ITIN		
Other Names and Aliases Ever Used					S	Spouse	s's/RDP's Date of Birth		
Spouse's/RDP's Driver License Number	Spouse's/RDP's Driver License Number State Spouse's/RDP's Email						s's/RDP's Phone Number		
<b>Dependents</b> (Please attach addition	onal pag	les if n	eeded)						
Dependent 1 (First and Last Name)			Date of Birth	SSN/ITIN	R	Relationship			
Dependent 2 (First and Last Name)			Date of Birth	SSN/ITIN	R	Relationship			
Dependent 3 (First and Last Name)			Date of Birth	SSN/ITIN	R	Relationship			
Current Mailing Address									
Street Address (Number and Street) or PO Box					A	pt./Su	ite		
City					S	State	ZIP Code		
Physical Address					<u> </u>				
Street Address (Number and Street)						Apt./Suite			
City			S	State	ZIP Code				
Previous Address (If at current ad	ddress le	ess tha	an two vears)						
Street Address (Number and Street)			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		A	Apt./Suite			
City					S	State	ZIP Code		

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epresentative Information				
ttach a copy of FTB 3520 PIT, Individual or F		<del>-</del>		
mary Representative's Name (First Name, Middle Initial, and La	ast Name)	Title	Phone	Number
reet Address (Number and Street) or PO Box			Fax N	umber
ty	Email Address		State	ZIP Code
ection 2 Employment, Business	Income, a	and Education In	formation	
axpayer's Information  Current Employer or Business	,			
Taxpayer's Employer or Business Name			Busine	ess Phone Number
Do you have any ownership in the business?  Occ No	upation		How L	ong Employed (Years/Months)
Street Address (Number And Street) or PO Box		City	State	ZIP Code
☐ Weekly ☐ Biweekly ☐ Month  Employment History (Please attach an add	•	emi-monthly if needed. A resume	is also acceptable.)	
Taxpayer's Employer or Business Name 1	Do y	ou have any ownership in the l	ousiness? How Lo	ong Employed (Years/Months)
Occupation		City	State	ZIP Code
Taxpayer's Employer or Business Name 2			How Lo	ong Employed (Years/Months)
Occupation		City	State	ZIP Code
Taxpayer's Employer or Business Name 3			How Lo	ong Employed (Years/Months)
Occupation		City	State	ZIP Code
Education (Please select the highest level	of education	n completed and comp	oletion date.)	
Less than high school		Associate's degree	in	
High school graduate or equivalent		7		
Some college, no degree		Master's degree in		
		Doctorate degree ir	ı	
		Year highest level of	of education was com	npleted

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Sp	oouse's/RDP's Information							
D.	Current Employer or Business							
	Spouse's/RDP's Employer or Business Name		Business Phone Number					
	Do you have any ownership in the business?  Occupation  No		How Long Employed (Years/Mo					
	Street Address (Number And Street) or PO Box City	,	State	ZIP Code				
	Position:  Wage Earner Salaried Wage Earner Hourly	☐ Partner ☐ Officer		Sole Proprietor				
	Paid:  Weekly Biweekly Monthly Semi-m	onthly						
Ε.	. Employment History (Please attach an additional page if nee	ded. A resume is also accepta	ble.)					
	Spouse's/RDP's Employer or Business Name 1 Do you have a Yes	any ownership in the business?	How Long Employed (Years/Months)					
	Occupation City		State	ZIP Code				
	Spouse's/RDP's Employer or Business Name 2		How Long Employed (Years/Months)					
	Occupation City		State	ZIP Code				
	Spouse's/RDP's Employer or Business Name 3		How Lor	g Employed (Years/Months)				
	Occupation City		State	ZIP Code				
F.	Education (Please select the highest level of education compl	eted and completion date.)		I				
	☐ Less than high school ☐ Asso	ociate's degree in						
		nelor's degree in						
	☐ Doc	torate degree in						
	Year	highest level of education was	s com	pleted				

# Section 3 General Financial Information

## Part A — Bank Accounts

List **all** types of accounts, including individual retirement accounts (IRAs) and retirement plans, checking, savings, mobile payment services (Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, etc.) certificates of deposits, etc., held during the past three years. Provide copies of the last six months of bank statements for every bank account and the closing statement for any account closed in the past two years. If self-employed, provide bank statements for the last twelve months. Include accounts that have been closed during that period. Attach additional pages if needed.

Institution Name	Type of Account Checking/Saving	Account Number	Balance
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
Total. Enter this amount on Section 4, line 2,	(Asset and Liability A	nalysis) of this application	\$

## Part B — Automobiles, Trucks, and Other Vehicles

Provide the following information for any cars, trucks, boats, RVs, etc. that you own. Attach additional pages if needed.

Year, Make, Model	License Plate Number	Lender/ Pink Slip Holder	Current Market Value	Current Payoff	Available Equity
		Lease Own	\$	\$	\$
		Lease Own	\$	\$	\$
		Lease Own	\$	\$	\$
		Lease Own	\$	\$	\$
Total. Enter this amou	unt on Section 4, line 3, (A	.sset and Liability Ana	lysis) of this appli	cation▶	\$

# Part C — Life Insurance Policies

Provide the following information for any term life insurance, whole life insurance, universal life insurance, etc. in your name. Attach additional pages if needed.

Insurance Name	Policy Number	Туре	Policy Amount	Loan/Cash Surrender Value
			\$	\$
			\$	\$
			\$	\$
Total. Enter this amount on Section 4, line	4, (Asset and Liability Ana	llysis) of this appli	cation	\$

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## Part D — Securities

Provide the following information for stocks, bonds, mutual funds, money market funds, virtual currency, etc. Attach additional pages if needed.

Туре	Location/Digital Currency Exchange Number	Quantity or Denomination	Current Value
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
Total. Enter this amount on Section 4, line	lication ▶	\$	

# Part E — Safe Deposit Boxes

Provide the following information for all deposit boxes rented or accessed by you. Attach additional pages if needed.

Institution Name and Address	List of Contents	Current Value of Assets
		\$
		\$
Total. Enter this amount on Section 4, line 6, (Asset and Liability	\$	

# Part F — Real Estate (Residential, Commercial, and Undeveloped Land)

Provide the following information for all property you own. Attach additional pages if needed.

Property Address	Purchase Price	Fair Market Value	Balance Due on Mortgage	Equity Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$

# Part G — Affiliated Business and Trusts

Investment or affiliation in any business entity or trust, and income derived from these sources (dividends, K-1 income, distributions, etc.).

Name of Business or Trust		FEIN/FTB ID	Affiliation or Position
Outstanding loans from business or trust			
Loan Amount	_ Loan Date		
How were the loans used?			

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# Part H — Lines of Credit and Credit Cards

Provide the following information for all your lines of credit and credit cards. Attach additional pages if needed.

Type of Account	Name of Credit Grantor	Minimum Monthly Payment	Credit Limit	Credit Availability	Amount Owed
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$	\$
To	otal Payments. Enter total of payments on		Total Owed.	Enter total owed on	
	Section 5, Line 32 of this application. ▶	\$	Section 4, Line 22 of	this application.	\$

Part I — Additional Financial Information Provide the following information relating to you dates, explanation, and documentation.		spouse's/l	RDP's financial condition. If you check yes, provide
Court Orders (alimony, child support, and restitution)	Yes	□No	
Repossessions	Yes	□No	
Anticipated increase in income	Yes		
Bankruptcies/receiverships	Yes	□No	
Recent transfer of assets	Yes	□No	
Beneficiary to trust, estate, profit sharing, etc	Yes	□No	
Last California income tax return filed	Year		
Total exemptions you claim from return			
Adjusted gross income from return			

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# Section 4 **Asset and Liability Analysis Assets** Real Estate Enter from Section 3, Part F. Other Assets 16 Other assets \_\_\_\_\_ ..... 16 \_\_\_\_\_\_ **17** Other assets 18 Other assets ...... 18 Other assets \_\_\_\_\_..... 19 \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Liabilities** Enter your current liabilities, including judgments, notes, and other charge accounts. Do not include vehicle or home loans. 24 Other liabilities 25 Other liabilities \_\_\_\_\_\_ ...... **25** \_\_\_\_\_ ...... **26** \_\_\_\_\_ 26 Other liabilities 27 Other liabilities \_\_\_\_\_..... 27 \_\_\_\_\_

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# Section 5 Monthly Household Net Income and Expense Analysis

		Monthly Net (NOT Gross) Income	FTB use only
1	Wages/salaries, tips, etc. (Taxpayer)		
2	Pension (Taxpayer)		
3	Overtime/bonuses/commissions (Taxpayer) 3		
4	Wages/salaries, tips, etc. (Spouse/RDP) 4		
5	Pension (Spouse/RDP)		
6	Overtime/bonuses/commissions (Spouse/RDP) 6		
7	Business income		
8	Rental income		
9	Interest/dividends/royalties		
10	Payments from trust/partnerships/entities		
11	Child support		
12	Alimony		
13	Unemployment		
14	Disability		
15	Social Security		
16	Other household income 16		
17	Total Income		
		Expenses Amount	
18	Rent/mortgage		
19	Real estate taxes19		
20	Home insurance & Association fees 20		
21	Groceries, number of people 21		
22	Utilities a. Cable & Internet 22a		
	b. Electric & Phone 22b		
	c. Gas & Water 22c		
	d. Trash & Sewer 22d		
23	Auto payments		
24	Auto insurance		
25	Gasoline, number of miles to work25		
26	Life/health insurance (if not deducted from paycheck) $\dots$ 26		
27	Medical payments (not covered by insurance) 27		
28	Estimated tax payments (if not deducted from paycheck) 28		
29	Court-ordered payments (alimony, child support, restitution) . 29		
30	Garnishments (if not deducted from your paycheck)30		
31	Delinquent tax (taxes not owed to FTB)		
32	Credit card payments		
33	Other expenses 33		
34	Other expenses 34		
35	Total Monthly Expenses ▶ 35		
36	Difference Between Total Monthly Net Income and Total Monthly Expenses		

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# **Section 6 Three-Year Income Summary**

Please provide an income summary of the current year and the two preceding years.

Gro	ss Household Income	Income Year	Income Year	Current Year
1	Wages/salaries, tips, etc. (Taxpayer)			
2	Pension (Taxpayer)			
3	Overtime/bonuses/commissions (Taxpayer)			
4	Wages/salaries (Spouse/RDP)			
5	Pension (Spouse/RDP)5			
6	Overtime/bonuses/commissions (Spouse/RDP) 6			
7	Business income			
8	Rental income 8			
9	Interest/dividends/royalties			
10	Payments from trust/partnerships/entities 10			
11	Child support			
12	Alimony			
13	Unemployment			
14	Disability			
15	Social Security			
16	Ecommerce Sales			
17	Other income 17			
18	Other income 18			
19	Other income 19			
20	Total Gross Household Income ▶ 20			

# Section 7 Basis for the Offer

The following facts and reasons are submitted as grounds for acceptance of this offer. Attach additional pages if needed.

			FIBacc	count number:			
Section 8	Offer in Compre	omise Payment Information					
AMOUNT OV	VED						
Total Amount of	al Amount owed to FTB \$ Tax Year(s):						
OFFER AMO	UNT						
The lump-sum amount. <b>Do no</b>	he lump-sum of \$ is offered in compromise. An FTB representative will instruct you when to mail the offer mount. <b>Do not send any funds now</b> .						
Select which of	the following you would	d like FTB to do if this OIC is denied.					
Retain any amounts deposited and credit those amounts to the undersigned's liabilities.							
Return the amount deposited.							
SOURCE OF	FUNDS						
Please provide the source of funds, loan, gift, or other.							
a. Please attach the loan agreement and provide the following information if either box has been checked.							
☐ Is all	of the offer a loan?						
OR Is par	rt of the offer a loan?						
Name of Lender				Amount Borrowed			
b. Please provide the following information if either box has been checked.							
☐ Is all	of the offer a gift?						
OR 🗌 Is par	t of the offer a gift?						
Name of Donor				Amount of Gift			
Donor's Relationshi	p to You						

c. Describe sources of offered funds other than those listed in a or b.

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# Section 9 Statement of Agreement

It is understood this offer will be considered and acted upon in due course, and that it does not relieve you from the liability sought to be compromised, unless and until the offer is accepted by the Franchise Tax Board and there has been full compliance with the terms of the agreement, including any collateral agreement.

It is agreed, except for any amounts deposited in connection with this offer, the Franchise Tax Board will keep all payments and other credits made to your account for the periods covered by this offer, and that the Franchise Tax Board will keep any and all amounts to which you may be entitled under the Revenue and Taxation Code, due through overpayments of any tax, penalty or interest, for any periods ending before the end of the calendar year in which this offer is accepted.

It is further agreed, upon the mailing of notice to you of the acceptance of the offer, you shall have no right to contest in court or otherwise the amount of the liability sought to be compromised. No compromise of any liability in this offer is final, until all the obligations you have under the compromise agreement and collateral agreement are completely performed. In the event of a default by you on the compromised agreement, including any collateral agreement, it is agreed that the Franchise Tax Board may:

- Rescind the compromise.
- Re-establish all compromised liabilities.
- Retain all amounts previously deposited under the offer.
- Proceed to collect the remaining balance of the re-established liabilities.

The compromise agreement may also be rescinded for one or more of the following reasons:

- Failure to disclose any property information.
- Failure to file future required tax returns.
- Failure to pay final tax liabilities timely.
- Providing false records or statements relating to your assets or financial condition, by or on behalf of you or any other person liable for the tax.

Additionally, I authorize FTB to obtain my consumer credit report and to investigate and verify the information I provided on this application.

## Signature

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of California, that all information supplied on this form including any attachment is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Taxpayer's Signature	Date
X	
Spouse's/RDP's Signature	Date
X	

# **Frequent Topics**

#### Fair Offer

Generally, an offer will be accepted when the amount offered is the most we can expect to collect within a reasonable period of time.

#### **OIC Decision Time Frame**

Generally, we will have a decision within 120 days of your account being assigned to a specialist. If your account is more complex, it may take longer than 120 days.

#### **Payments**

You cannot make payments toward the offered amount, we require a lump-sum payment of the offered amount. We cannot apply prior payments toward the offered amount. However, we consider prior payments and the offered amount compared to the total liability when evaluating your offer.

#### **IRS OIC Accepted**

We will make a separate determination about whether to accept your offer, independent of the IRS.

#### We Will Contact You about Your OIC

We contact you to discuss your account and to determine the most appropriate resolution. For example, if we determine that you will have the ability to make monthly payments that exceed the amount you offer, we will work with you to establish an installment agreement.

#### **State Tax Liens**

We release FTB state tax liens upon final approval of your OIC.

#### **Power of Attorney or Representative**

We do not require that you have representation, but you do have the right to representation. The OIC Program is available to all taxpayers, whether or not they have representation.

#### **Bankruptcy**

If this is a consideration, you may want to seek your own legal advice. However, your application will not be accepted if you are in a current, open bankruptcy.

#### No Funds for OIC

We will not accept a zero dollar offer. Your offer must represent the most we can expect to collect over a reasonable period of time and be in the state's best interest to accept.

#### **Collateral Agreement**

A collateral agreement is a contractual agreement between you and FTB. By signing the agreement, you agree to pledge to us a percentage of your income that exceeds an agreed-upon threshold. Generally, the collateral agreement period is five years. We will make that determination in reviewing your application and financial information provided to us.

Generally, we do not require a collateral agreement if you are on a fixed income or have limited potential for an increase in income.

#### **OIC for Multiple State Agencies**

To relieve some of the paperwork burden for taxpayers or their representatives, the state's three taxing agencies developed a single offer in compromise application. Individual taxpayers can use Multi-Agency Form for Offer in Compromise (DE 999CA) to apply with any or all of the three agencies. Go to edd.ca.gov to locate DE 999CA.

# Franchise Tax Board Privacy Notice on Collection

The privacy and security of your personal information is of the utmost importance to us. We want you to have the highest confidence in the integrity, efficiency, and fairness of our state tax system.

#### Your Rights and Responsibilities

You have a right to know what types of information we gather, how we use it, and to whom we may provide it. Information collected is subject to the California Information Practices Act, Civil Code Sections 1798-1798.78, except as provided in Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 19570.

If you meet certain requirements, you must file a valid tax return and related documents. You must provide your social security number or other identifying number on your tax return and related documents for identification. (R&TC Sections 18501, 18621, and 18624)

#### **Reasons for Information Requests**

We may request additional information to verify and collect the correct amount of tax. (R&TC Section 19504) You must provide all requested information, unless indicated as "optional."

#### **Consequences of Noncompliance**

We charge penalties and interest if you:

- Meet income requirements but do not file a valid tax return.
- Do not provide the information we request.
- Provide false information.

We may also disallow your claimed exemptions, exclusions, credits, deductions, or adjustments. If you provide false information, you may be subject to civil penalties and criminal prosecution. Noncompliance can increase your tax liability or delay or reduce any tax refund.

#### Disclosure of Information

We will not disclose your personal information unless authorized by law. We may disclose your tax information to:

- The Internal Revenue Service.
- Other states' income tax officials.
- California government agencies and officials.
- Third parties to determine or collect your tax liabilities.
- Your authorized representative(s).

If you owe taxes, we may disclose your balance due as part of our collection process to employers, financial institutions, county recorders, process agents, or other asset holders.

## Responsibility for the Records

The director of the Processing Services Bureau maintains Franchise Tax Board's records. You may review your records and bring any inaccuracies to our attention.

You can obtain information about your records by:

Phone: 800.852.5711 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, except state holidays

916.845.6500 from outside of the United States

California Relay Service: 711 or 800.735.2929 for persons with hearing or speaking limitations

Mail: DISCLOSURE OFFICER MS A181

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD

PO BOX 1468

**SACRAMENTO CA 95812-1468** 

To learn more about our Privacy Policy Statement, go to **ftb.ca.gov/privacy**.