Instructions for Form 8926
(December 2008)

Disqualified Corporate Interest Expense Disallowed Under Section 163(j) and Related Information

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

General Instructions

Purpose of Form
Corporations use Form 8926 to figure the amount of any corporate interest expense deduction disallowed by section 163(j). A corporation’s interest expense deduction may be disallowed if it paid or accrued disqualified interest during the tax year. However, if at least one of the following statements is true, disqualified interest paid or accrued in the current tax year will not be disallowed by section 163(j).

- The corporation’s debt to equity ratio at the end of the tax year does not exceed 1.5 to 1.
- The corporation does not have any excess interest expense for the tax year.

Corporations also use Form 8926 to figure the amount of any interest expense deduction disallowed by section 163(j) for a previous tax year that is allowed for the current tax year. If the corporation’s debt to equity ratio does not exceed 1.5 to 1, disqualified interest previously disallowed by section 163(j) may be allowed to the extent it exceeds the corporation’s excess interest expense for the tax year.

Who Must File
A corporation (other than an S corporation) must file Form 8926 if it paid or accrued disqualified interest during the current tax year or had a carryforward of disqualified interest from a previous tax year.

Disqualified Interest

Disqualified interest is:

- Interest paid or accrued (directly or indirectly) to a related person not subject to U.S. income tax on the interest,
- Interest paid or accrued on indebtedness held by an unrelated person if there is a disqualified guarantee of the indebtedness and the interest is not subject to a U.S. gross basis income tax (a tax figured on the gross amount of an item of income without reduction for any allowed deduction), and
- Interest paid or accrued (directly or indirectly) to a taxable real estate investment trust (as defined in section 856(c)) by a subsidiary of the trust.

Also, any disqualified interest disallowed as a deduction by section 163(j) in a tax year is carried forward and treated as disqualified interest paid or accrued in the next tax year.

Related Person

A related person is a person who is related to the corporation under sections 267(b) or 707(b)(1). For this purpose, the attribution rules of section 267(c) apply. In determining whether persons are related, the substance of ownership, rather than its form, controls.

You determine relatedness as of the date on which an item of interest expense accrues. Consequently, changes in the relationship between the payor corporation and the payee after the accrual date are irrelevant.

Partnerships. A partnership is not a related person if less than 10 percent of the profits and capital interest in the partnership are held by partners not subject to U.S. income tax on the interest. However, the partners may be related persons.

If a treaty between the United States and a foreign country reduces the rate of income tax imposed on the interest paid or accrued to a person, the interest is treated as paid or accrued to a person subject to U.S. income tax on the interest.

In this situation, figure the interest treated as paid or accrued to a person subject to U.S. income tax on the interest by multiplying the interest by:

- The rate of tax imposed without regard to the treaty, divided by the rate of tax imposed by the treaty, multiplied by
- The rate of tax imposed without regard to the treaty.

Pass-Through Entities

In the case of any interest paid or accrued to a partnership, the determination of whether any tax is subject to U.S. income tax is made at the partner level. A similar rule applies in the case of other pass-through entities and in the case of tiered partnerships and other entities.

Treaties

If a treaty between the United States and a foreign country reduces the rate of income tax imposed on the interest paid or accrued to a person, the interest is treated as paid or accrued to a person subject to and in part to a person not subject to U.S. income tax on the interest.

In this situation, figure the interest treated as paid or accrued to a person subject to U.S. income tax on the interest by multiplying the interest by:

- The rate of tax imposed without regard to the treaty, divided by the rate of tax imposed by the treaty, multiplied by
- The rate of tax imposed without regard to the treaty.

Disqualified Guarantee

A guarantee includes any arrangement under which a person (directly or indirectly through an entity or otherwise) assures, on a conditional or unconditional basis, the payment of another person’s obligation under any indebtedness.

A disqualified guarantee is generally a guarantee by a related person that is a tax-exempt organization or a foreign person, unless the corporation owns a controlling interest in the tax-exempt organization or foreign person. However, an additional exception may be provided by regulations. For details, see section 163(j)(6)(D)(ii)(I).
For this purpose, a controlling interest is direct or indirect ownership of at least 80% of the total voting power and value of all classes of stock of a corporation, or 80% of the profit and capital interests in any other entity. For this purpose, the rules of paragraphs (1) and (5) of section 267(c) apply to both corporations and entities other than corporations.

Affiliated Groups
All members of an affiliated group (described in section 1504(a)) are treated as one corporation.

Ratio of Debt to Equity
A corporation's ratio of debt to equity is the ratio of the total indebtedness of the corporation to the sum of its money and the adjusted basis of all other assets (both corporations and entities other than corporations) in any one of its tax years plus any excess limitation carryforward.

Corporate Partners
If a corporation owns (directly or indirectly) an interest in a partnership, the following rules apply:
- The corporation's distributive share of interest income paid or accrued to the partnership is treated as interest income paid or accrued to the corporation.
- The corporation's distributive share of interest paid or accrued by the partnership is treated as interest paid or accrued by the corporation.
- The corporation's share of the liabilities of the partnership is treated as liabilities of the corporation.

Passive Activity and At-Risk Rules
Section 163(j) is applied before the passive activity and at-risk rules.

Specific Instructions

Affiliated Group
A single form must be filed for all members of an affiliated group as defined in section 163(j)(6)(C), including those that are not members of the same consolidated group.

Affiliated Group
Checkbox

Line 1d
Enter the total amount of the corporation's indebtedness as of the last day of the tax year. Enter all indebtedness owed to related parties and all indebtedness owed to third parties. For more information, see Ratio of Debt to Equity, earlier.

Line 1f. Debt to Equity Ratio
Divide line 1d by line 1e.

Example 1.
A corporation A is a calendar year corporation. At the end of 2008, Corporation A's money totaled $300,500. The adjusted basis of the corporation's other assets totaled $574,500. Corporation A's total indebtedness at the end of 2008 is $525,000. The debt to equity ratio for Corporation A is 1.50000.

Example 2.
A corporation B is a calendar year corporation. At the end of 2008, Corporation B's money totaled $400,000. The adjusted basis of the corporation's other assets totaled $399,950. Corporation B's total indebtedness at the end of 2008 is $600,020. The debt to equity ratio for Corporation B is 1.50031.
Calculation of Corporation B’s debt to equity ratio:

Corporation B’s total indebtedness .......................... $600,020
Divided by: Corporation B’s equity .......................... 399,930

Corporation B’s debt to equity ratio (Form 8926, line 1f) .......................... 1.50031

Note. Since the debt to equity ratio exceeds 1.5 to 1, disqualified interest paid or accrued in the current tax year will be disallowed by section 163(j) to the extent it does not exceed the corporation’s excess interest expense for the tax year.

Line 1i
Enter all assets that are directly owned by the corporation, including assets held through a partnership or trust.

Note. Partnerships and simple trusts are treated as aggregates.

Line 3f
Enter any additional adjustments the corporation has made to its taxable income (loss) in arriving at its adjusted taxable income under section 163(j)(6).

Attach to your return a separate sheet showing:
• A list of each adjustment item and the amount for each adjustment item, and
• The total of all adjustments at the bottom.

Enter the total of all adjustments on line 3f.

Line 4b
Enter the amount of any unused excess limitation carried forward (if any) from the corporation’s first preceding tax year and, to the extent not previously taken into account in a prior tax year, the second and third preceding tax years.

Line 7. Amount of Interest Deduction Disallowed Under Section 163(j) and Carried Forward to the Next Tax Year

Subtract the amount entered on line 7 from the interest the corporation would have otherwise deducted on its tax return. A corporation filing Form 1120 will reduce the amount reported on page 1, line 18. A corporation filing Form 1120-F will reduce the amount reported on Schedule I (Form 1120-F), line 24b. A corporation filing another tax return will reduce the amount reported on the appropriate interest deduction line.

The corporation may be allowed by section 163(j) to deduct the disallowed amount in a subsequent year. If not, it can be carried forward indefinitely.

Also, any amount reported on line 5e is allowed as an additional interest expense deduction in the current tax year to the extent it exceeds the amount on line 7. Include the excess as an interest expense deduction on the corporation’s tax return on the lines referenced above.

Line 8c. Excess Limitation Carryforward to the Next Tax Year

If the corporation has an excess limitation for any taxable year, the amount of such excess limitation shall be an excess limitation carryforward to the first succeeding tax year and to the second and third succeeding tax years to the extent not previously taken into account in a prior tax year.

Add lines 8a and 8b. This is your excess limitation carryforward to your next tax year. Generally, this will be the amount you will enter on line 4b of Form 8926 in the following tax year.

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The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

Recordkeeping .......................... 10 hrs., 16 min.
Learning about the law or the form .......................... 2 hrs., 17 min.
Preparing and sending the form to the IRS .......................... 2 hrs., 33 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for the tax return with which this form is filed.