

## Private School Choice Programs

### DOR Income Determination Method Frequently Asked Questions

**What year will the Department of Revenue (DOR) use to determine if I am income eligible?**

If the DOR has completed its review of your 2016 Wisconsin income tax return, it will use your 2016 Wisconsin income tax return. Otherwise, the 2015 Wisconsin income tax return will be used. If you have received a Wisconsin tax refund for 2016, the 2016 income will likely be used. Applicants should consider using the DPI method if they do not qualify based on 2015 income.

**What if I filed a joint return and no longer live with my spouse/ex-spouse?**

The DOR method will include all income on your tax return, including that of your spouse/ex-spouse, even if they are not on the choice application. Applicants should consider using the DPI method if you filed a joint return and no longer live with the other individual on your return.

**Will the DOR be able to determine my income?**

The following table summarizes the situations where you will generally be able to use the DOR method to determine income eligibility. In order to determine if the DOR method is available to you, identify the type of form you filed and the method you used to file it in the left column. An explanation of each form is included under the chart. Please note that if you filed an amended return, you must use the last column no matter the type of form you filed.

	Form Filed					
	Form 1- without a Schedule I	Form 1- with a Schedule I	Form 1A	Form WI- Z	Form 1- NPR	Amended Return (Form 1X)
<b>Filed by paper</b>	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Filed by software or a preparer</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Filed using DOR's e-file application</b>	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No

**Explanation of forms**

**Form 1:** Income Tax Return long form

**Form 1A:** Income Tax Return short form

**Schedule I:** “Adjustments to Convert 2015 Federal Adjusted Gross Income and Itemized Deductions to the Amounts Allowable for Wisconsin” schedule

**Form WI-Z:** Income Tax Return easy form

**Form 1-NPR:** Nonresident and Part-year Resident Income Tax Return

**What happens if the DOR is not able to determine my income?**

You will be required to return to your online parent application and use the DPI income determination method prior to the end of the application period in which you applied.