

U.S. "CLOSER CONNECTION" QUESTIONNAIRE - FOR 2009 CALENDAR YEAR

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(Husband and wife must each complete a separate questionnaire).

FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDED _____ CURRENT DATE _____

Name _____
First Last

U.S. Taxpayer identification number, if any _____

Permanent "home country" foreign address _____

Address in United States _____

1. Type of U.S. Immigration visa, (i.e. B, F, J, M, etc.) _____ (Visitors for pleasure are usually Type "B2".)

1a. Date you first entered the U.S. in year listed above _____ 2. Citizenship _____

3. Country issuing your passport _____ 4. Passport number _____

5. Number of days present in the United States in: 2009 _____ 2008 _____ 2007 _____

14. Did you have a permanent home in your home country, available to you at all times, continuously, every day during the tax year: [] Yes [] No (explain)

(It is sufficient for the home to be either owned or rented, and the ownership or lease can be in the name of either you or your spouse with whom you lived provided you lived with the spouse the entire year. The home can be a house, an apartment, or a rented room, provided it was genuinely available to you continuously throughout the year and not solely for stays of short duration).

15. Did you also have a permanent home in the United States available to you at all times, continuously, every day, during the calendar year: [] Yes [] No

16. Do most of your family members reside in your home country: [] Yes [] No (explain)

17. Did you have a car(s) in both your home country and the U.S. during the year: [] Yes [] No

18. Your car(s) is (are) registered in: [] home country only [] Both U.S. and home country

19. Did you have more personal belongings (furniture, clothing, etc) located in your home country than the United States: [] Yes [] No

20. Is it correct to state you conducted your routine personal banking activities mainly through a bank in your home country: [] Yes [] No (explain)

21. Is it correct to state you did not conduct business activities outside your home country: [] Yes [] No

22a. Do you hold a driver's license from your home country: [] Yes [] No

22b. Is your home country the only country where you hold a driver's license If you have a license from another country - which country _____ [] Yes [] No

23. Are you qualified to vote in national & local general elections in your home country: [] Yes [] No

24. When completing various forms, documents, applications, etc., do you list your home country as your country of residence: Yes No
25. Have you ever completed any of the following U.S. forms or documents:
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| IRS Form W-8BEN (relating to foreign status) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| IRS Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer I.D. Number) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| IRS Form 1078 (Certificate of Alien Claiming U.S. Residence): | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Did you complete any other U.S. forms: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If you completed others, please explain _____ | | |
26. Do you keep your personal, financial, and legal documents mainly in your home country: Yes No
27. Did you receive the majority of your 2009 income from your home country: Yes No
28. Did you have any income from U.S. sources, (including dividends from U.S. stocks): Yes No
If yes, check which type(s)
- | | | |
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| Bank interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Dividends from U.S. stocks | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Pensions from the U.S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Social Security from the U.S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Real Estate Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Other - describe _____ | | |
29. Were any investments you owned located mainly in your home country: Yes No
30. Did you qualify for a government health plan in your home country: Yes No
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31. Are your credit cards mainly from home country issuers: Yes No
32. Excluding homeowner's insurance on your U.S. residence, were your insurance policies (or the policies of the spouse with whom you lived all year if they are in his/her name) purchased predominantly from carriers in your home country: Yes No
- 33a. Was your Will drafted in your home country: Yes No
- 33b. Does your Will indicate you are resident and/or domiciled in your home country: Yes No
- 33c. Do all the Executors in your Will reside in your home country: Yes No
34. Is it correct to state you have a cemetery plot available in your home country only: Yes No
35. Were you a resident of your home country for income tax purposes: Yes No
36. Did you file, (or will you file) an income tax return in your home country: Yes No
If you answered "no", is it because your spouse filed (or will file) an income tax return and you do not have sufficient income in your own name to require an income tax return: Yes No
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- 37. Were you a lawful permanent resident of the United States under the U.S. immigration laws, (did you hold a "green card"), during the current year: [] Yes [] No
- 38. During the year did you apply for or take other affirmative steps to apply for, lawful permanent resident status in the United States or did you have an application pending to change your status to that of a lawful permanent resident of the U.S.: [] Yes [] No
- 39. Were you ever a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident: [] Yes [] No
If yes, please explain.
- 40. Did you sell U.S. real estate during the year: [] Yes [] No

Please check the address for mailing your "Closer Connection" filing to you, assuming it is mailed to you in the next 5 weeks:

Foreign "home country" address listed above, or U.S. address listed above

I acknowledge that The Brunton – McCarthy CPA Firm Chartered’s sole responsibility is to prepare my U.S. residency "Closer Connection Exception Statement" from the above information. I understand the deadline for filing the Statement for a calendar year taxpayer is June 15 (April 15 if there were wages subject to U.S. withholding) and I agree to immediately contact The Brunton – McCarthy CPA Firm Chartered if I have not received my Statement at least two weeks before the deadline.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone numbers: U.S. _____ Home Country _____

Cell: _____ Email _____

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Please include the US \$250 preparation fee with questionnaire.

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