

GUIDELINES FOR ABSOLUTE POSITIONING FORM 540 2EZ

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Print Line Number	Identification	Begin Print Position	Maximum Field Length	End Print Position	Field Description
1-3	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
4	“Taxable Year” and “Underline”	6	8	13	Conventional form size/style
4	Title of Form	15	42	56	Conventional form size/style
4	Anchor Mark	59	2	60	Anchor mark, Conventional form size/style
4	“Form” and “Underline”	69	11	79	Conventional form size/style
5	Tax Year Area	7	6	12	Conventional form size/style
5	Title of Form	15	42	56	Conventional form size/style
5	Form Identifier (540 2EZ) Area	70	9	78	Conventional form size/style
6	Tax Year Area	7	6	12	Conventional form size/style
6	Title of Form	15	42	56	Conventional form size/style
6	Form Identifier (540 2EZ) Area	70	9	78	Conventional form size/style
6	Bold Line	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
7	Amended	6	7	12	“AMENDED” If Amended = Yes – print “AMENDED” If Amended = No – leave blank “1” If Amended = Yes – Print “1” If Amended = No – Leave blank
7	Amended Tax Return	16	1	16	“1” If Amended = Yes – Print “1” If Amended = No – Leave blank
7	Account Period Ending	37	3	39	“APE”
7	Fiscal Year Ending	42	6	47	MMYYYY or leave blank
7	Federal Return Attachment Area	52	29	80	LEAVE BLANK
8	ARRP Area	78	3	80	Conventional form size/style
9	Taxpayer’s SSN (or ITIN) (mandatory)	6	9	14	Numeric, “–”
9	Name Control (First 4 Letters of Last Name) (mandatory)	19	4	22	Alpha, No Embedded Spaces, No symbols or punctuation
9	If Joint or Separate Tax Return, Spouse’s/RDP’s SSN (or ITIN) (mandatory)	28	9	36	Numeric, “–”
9	Form Year Indicator (mandatory)	52	2	53	“23”
9	ARRP Area	78	3	80	Conventional form size/style
10	Taxpayer’s First Name (mandatory)	6	11	16	Alpha, No Embedded Spaces
10	Taxpayer’s Middle Initial	19	1	19	Alpha, or blank
10	Taxpayer’s Last Name (mandatory)	22	35	56	Alpha
10	Taxpayer’s Suffix	59	4	62	Alpha, or blank
10	Taxpayer – If Deceased, must Enter Date of Death, otherwise, leave blank	65	10	74	Numeric, “-”, mm-dd-yyyy (e.g., 08-01-2023), or blank
10	ARRP Area	78	3	80	Conventional form size/style

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11	If Joint Spouse's/RDP's First Name (mandatory)	6	11	16	Alpha, No Embedded Spaces
11	If Joint Tax Return, Spouse's/RDP's Middle Initial	19	1	19	Alpha, or blank
11	If Joint Tax Return, Spouse's/RDP's Last Name (mandatory)	22	35	56	Alpha
11	If Joint Tax Return, Spouse's/RDP's Suffix	59	4	62	Alpha, or blank
11	If Joint Tax Return, Spouse/RDP – If Deceased, must Enter Date of Death, otherwise, leave blank	65	10	74	Numeric, "-", mm-dd-yyyy (e.g., 08-01-2023), or blank
11	ARRP Area	78	3	80	Conventional form size/style
12	Additional Information for In-Care-Of Name or Supplemental Address Information	6	35	40	Alphanumeric, Embedded spaces, No punctuation, no symbols other than "/". If no "in-care-name" and supplemental address information, leave blank.
12	Executor/Guardian	43	35	77	Alphanumeric
12	ARRP Area	78	3	80	Conventional form size/style
13	Street Address (mandatory)	6	35	40	Alphanumeric, Embedded spaces, No punctuation, No symbols other than "/" or "-"
13	APT, STE, SP, RM, FL, BLDG, and UN	43	5	47	Alpha, "APT, STE, Sp, RM, FL, BLDG, or UN." Print only if there is a Number or Letter.
13	APT, STE, SP, RM, FL, BLDG, AND UN Number or Letter	49	5	53	Alphanumeric, no symbols
13	Private Mail Box (PMB)	56	3	58	Print "PMB" only when there is a "PMB" number or letter.
13	Private Mail Box Number or Letter	60	6	65	Alphanumeric, or blank
13	ARRP Area	78	3	80	Conventional form size/style
13	ARRP Area (continued) RP Codes:	79	2	80	Alpha only, Courier <u>New</u> 12-point font, any order, or blank D = Taxpayer deceased C = Spouse/RDP deceased
14	City (mandatory)	6	17	22	Alphanumeric, Embedded spaces
14	State (mandatory) Use the Standard Abbreviations in this publication.	25	2	26	Alpha. If foreign address, leave State field blank.
14	ZIP Code	29	10	38	Numeric, "-", If foreign address, leave Zip Code field blank.
14	ARRP Area	78	3	80	Conventional form size/style
14	ARRP Area (continued) RP Codes:	78	3	80	Alphanumeric, Courier <u>New</u> 12-point font, any order, or blank E = IRC 965 O = Outside the USA U = Military 9 = Disaster
15	If Foreign Country Name	6	19	24	Alphanumeric, Embedded spaces, or blank. 2-character County Abbreviation may be used.
15	If Foreign Province/State/County	27	17	43	Alphanumeric, Embedded spaces, or blank
15	If Foreign Postal Code	46	16	61	Alphanumeric, Embedded spaces, or blank

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16	Taxpayer's Date of Birth	6	10	15	or blank
16	If Joint or Separate Tax Return, Spouse's/RDP's Date of Birth	18	10	27	Numeric, "-", mm-dd-yyyy (eg., 06-13-1948), or blank
16	Taxpayer's Prior Name (if applicable)	30	17	46	Alpha, Last name only, or leave blank (e.g., Marriage/RDP in the current tax year changes spouse's/RDP's maiden name)
16	If Joint Tax Return, Spouse's/RDP's Prior Name (if applicable)	49	17	65	Alpha, Last name only, or leave blank (e.g., Marriage/RDP in the current tax year changes spouse's/RDP's maiden name)
17-32	Blank lines	-	-	-	-
33-34	Form area	6	-	80	Conventional form, size/style
35-56	Form area with absolute position data fields	-	-	-	Conventional form size/style with absolute position data fields
35	County	13	17	29	Alphanumeric, Embedded spaces or blank
36	Address above same as principle/ physical address	79	1	79	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
37	Blank line	-	-	-	-
38-39	Form area	6	-	80	Conventional form, size/style
40	Street address	13	35	47	Alphanumeric, Embedded spaces, No punctuation, no symbols other than "/" or "-"
40	APT, STE	58	5	62	Alphanumeric, no symbols
41	Blank line	-	-	-	-
42	Form area	6	-	80	Conventional form, size/style
43	City	13	17	29	Alphanumeric, Embedded spaces
43	State	58	2	59	Alpha. If foreign address, leave State field Blank.
43	Zip Code	65	10	74	Numeric, "-"; If foreign address, leave Zip Code field blank.
44-45	Blank lines	-	-	-	-
46-48	Form area	6	-	80	Conventional form, size/style
49	Line 1. Single	11	1	11	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
49	Line 5. Qualifying surviving spouse/RDP	38	1	38	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
50	Blank line	-	-	-	-
51	Line 2. Married/RDP filing jointly	11	1	11	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
52	Blank line	-	-	-	-
53	Line 4. Head of household	11	1	11	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
54-55	Blank lines	-	-	-	-
56	Line 6. Another person can claim you (or your spouse/RDP) as a dependent	78	1	78	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
57-61	Blank lines	-	-	-	-

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62-63	Bottom Registration Mark, Anchor Mark, and conventional Form 540 2EZ	–	–	–	End of bottom registration mark, anchor mark, and conventional form size/style
63	CTP ID (mandatory)	32	3	34	Numeric, replace “613” with your assigned CTP ID
63	Doc ID (mandatory)	40	7	46	Numeric, “3111234”
					Print Reason Codes, Numeric “1” = I believe there is an extra cost to e-file “2” = I believe e-filing is not secure “3” = I do not want 3 rd party software to have my data “4” = I do not want Franchise Tax Board to have my data “5” = My Federal e-file return was rejected “6” = I have no Internet connection Or blank
63	Paper Return Survey	53	1	53	

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1-3	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
4	Anchor Mark	59	2	60	Anchor mark, Conventional form size/style
5-6	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
7	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
8	Blank line	–	–	–	–
9-58	Form area with absolute position data fields	–	–	–	Conventional form size/style with absolute position data fields
9	Line 7. Senior Exemption Count	78	1	78	“0” “1” “2”
10	Blank line	–	–	–	–
11	Line 8. Dependent Exemption Count	77	2	78	Numeric, For Example “1” “2” “3” ... “99”
12	Blank line	–	–	–	–
13	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
14	Line 8. Dependent 1 First Name If entry made in this field, there must be entries in “Dependent 1 Last Name” field, “Dependent 1 SSN” field, and “Dependent 1 Relationship” field. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.	20	11	30	Alpha, No Embedded Spaces. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in “Dependent 1 Last Name” field at print line 16, “Dependent 1 SSN” field at print line 18, “Dependent 1 Relationship” field at print line 20. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.
14	Line 8. Dependent 2 First Name If entry made in this field, there must be entries in “Dependent 2 Last Name” field, “Dependent 2 SSN” field, and “Dependent 2 Relationship” field. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.	42	11	52	Alpha, No Embedded Spaces. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in “Dependent 2 Last Name” field at print line 16, “Dependent 2 SSN” field at print line 18, “Dependent 2 Relationship” field at print line 20. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.
14	Line 8. Dependent 3 First Name If entry made in this field, there must be entries in “Dependent 3 Last Name” field, “Dependent 3 Relationship” field, and “Dependent 3 SSN” field. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.	63	11	73	Alpha, No Embedded Spaces. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in “Dependent 3 Last Name” field at print line 16, “Dependent 3 SSN” field at print line 18, “Dependent 3 Relationship” field at print line 20. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank. (Exception: If more than three dependents, leave blank.)
15	Blank line	–	–	–	–
16	Line 8. Dependent 1 Last Name If entry made in this field, there must be entries in “Dependent 1 First Name” field, “Dependent 1 Relationship” field and “Dependent 1 SSN” field. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.	20	17	36	Alpha. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in “Dependent 1 First Name” field at print line 14, “Dependent 1 SSN” at print line 18, and “Dependent 1 Relationship” field at print line 20. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.
16	Line 8. Dependent 2 Last Name If entry made in this field, there must be entries in “Dependent 1 First Name” field, “Dependent 1 Relationship” field and “Dependent 1 SSN” field. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.	42	17	58	Alpha. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in “Dependent 2 First Name” field at print line 14, “Dependent 2 SSN” at print line 18, and “Dependent 2 Relationship” field at print line 20. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.

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16	Line 8. Dependent 3 Last Name If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 1 First Name" field, "Dependent 1 Relationship" field and "Dependent 1 SSN" field. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.	63	17	79	Alpha. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 3 First Name" field at print line 14, "Dependent 3 SSN" at print line 18, and "Dependent 3 Relationship" field at print line 20. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank. (Exception: If more than three dependents, leave blank.)
17	Blank line	–	–	–	–
18	Line 8. Dependent 1 SSN If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 1 First Name" field, "Dependent 1 Last Name" field and "Dependent 1 Relationship" field. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.	20	9	28	Numeric. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 1 First Name" field at print line 14, "Dependent 1 Last Name" field at print line 16 and "Dependent 1 Relationship" field at print line 20. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.
18	Line 8. Dependent 2 SSN If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 2 First Name" field, "Dependent 2 Last Name" field and "Dependent 2 Relationship" field. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.	42	9	50	Numeric. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 2 First Name" field at print line 14, "Dependent 2 Last Name" field at print line 16 and "Dependent 2 Relationship" field at print line 20. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.
18	Line 8. Dependent 3 SSN If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 3 First Name" field, "Dependent 3 Last Name" field and "Dependent 3 Relationship" field. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.	63	9	71	Numeric. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 3 First Name" field at print line 14, "Dependent 3 Last Name" field at print line 16 and "Dependent 3 Relationship" field at print line 20. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank. (Exception: If more than three dependents, leave blank.)
19	Blank line	–	–	–	–
20	Line 8. Dependent 1 Relationship If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 1 First Name" field, "Dependent 1 Last Name" field and "Dependent 1 SSN" field. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.	20	12	31	Alpha. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 1 First Name" field at print line 14, "Dependent 1 Last Name" field at print line 16, and "Dependent 1 SSN" field at print line 18. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.
20	Line 8. Dependent 2 Relationship If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 2 First Name" field, "Dependent 2 Last Name" field and "Dependent 2 SSN" field. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.	42	12	53	Alpha. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 2 First Name" field at print line 14, "Dependent 2 Last Name" field at print line 16, and "Dependent 2 SSN" field at print line 18. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.
20	Line 8. Dependent 3 Relationship If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 3 First Name" field, "Dependent 3 Last Name" field and "Dependent 3 SSN" field. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.	63	12	74	Alpha. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in "Dependent 3 First Name" field at print line 14, "Dependent 3 Last Name" field at print line 16, and "Dependent 3 SSN" field at print line 18. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank. (Exception: If more than three dependents, print "SEE ATTACHED".
21	Blank line	–	–	–	–
22	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style

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23	Line 9. Total wages from Form(s) W-2	63	15	77	Numeric
24	Blank line	–	–	–	–
25	Line 10. Total interest income	63	15	77	Numeric
26	Blank line	–	–	–	–
27	Line 11. Total dividend income	63	15	77	Numeric
28	Blank line	–	–	–	Conventional form, size/style
29	Line 12. Taxable pension amount	63	15	77	Numeric
30	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
31	Line 13. Total capital gains distributions from mutual funds	63	15	77	Numeric
32	Blank line	–	–	–	–
33	Line 16. Add lines 9 to 13	63	15	77	Numeric
34-35	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
36	Line 17. Tax from tax table	69	9	77	Numeric
37	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
38	Line 18. Senior exemption	73	5	77	Numeric
39	Blank line	–	–	–	–
40	Line 19. Nonrefundable renter's credit	73	5	77	Numeric
41-43	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
44	Line 21. Tax	73	5	77	Numeric
45	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
46	Line 22. Total tax withheld	71	7	77	Numeric
47	Blank line	–	–	–	–
48	Line 23a. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	73	5	77	Numeric
49	Blank Line	–	–	–	–
50	Line 23b. Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC)	71	7	77	Numeric
51	Blank Line	–	–	–	–
52	Line 23c. Foster Youth Tax Credit (FYTC)	71	7	77	Numeric
53	Blank Line	–	–	–	–
54	Line 25. Total payments	68	10	77	Numeric
55	Blank Line	–	–	–	–
56	Line 26. Use tax	48	6	53	Numeric
57	Blank line	–	–	–	–
58	Line 26. No use tax is owed	30	1	30	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
58	Line 26. You paid your use tax obligation directly to CDTFA	48	1	48	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
59-61	Blank lines	–	–	–	–

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62-63	Bottom Registration Mark, Anchor Mark, and conventional Form 540 2EZ	–	–	–	End of bottom registration mark, anchor mark, and conventional form size/style
63	CTP ID (mandatory)	32	3	34	Numeric
63	Doc ID (mandatory)	40	7	46	Numeric, "3112234"
					Print Reason Codes, Numeric "1" = I believe there is an extra cost to e-file "2" = I believe e-filing is not secure "3" = I do not want 3 rd party software to have my data "4" = I do not want Franchise Tax Board to have my data "5" = My Federal e-file return was rejected "6" = I have no Internet connection Or blank
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5-9	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
10-57	Form area with exact position data fields	–	–	–	Conventional form size/style with exact position data fields
10	Line 27. full-year health care coverage	79	1	79	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
11	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
12	Line 27. Individual Shared Responsibility (ISR) Penalty	63	15	63	Numeric
13	Blank Line	–	–	–	–
14	Line 28. Payments balance	63	15	77	Numeric
15	Blank line	–	–	–	–
16	Line 29. Use Tax balance	63	15	77	Numeric
17	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
18	Line 30. Payments after Individual Shared Responsibility Penalty	63	15	77	Numeric
19	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
20	Line 31. Individual Shared Responsibility Penalty balance	63	15	77	Numeric
21	Blank line	–	–	–	–
22	Line 32. Overpaid tax	63	15	77	Numeric
23	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
24	Line 33. Tax due	63	15	77	Numeric
25-26	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
27	Code 400. California Seniors Special Fund.	63	15	77	Numeric
28	Blank line	–	–	–	–
29	Code 401. Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
30	Blank line	–	–	–	–
31	Code 403. Rare and Endanger Species Preservation Voluntary Tax Contribution Program	63	15	77	Numeric
32	Blank line	–	–	–	–
33	Code 405. California Breast Cancer Research Voluntary tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
34	Blank line	–	–	–	–
35	Code 406. California Firefighters' Memorial Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
36	Blank line	–	–	–	–
37	Code 407. Emergency Food for Families Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
38	Blank line	–	–	–	–
39	Code 408. California Peace Officer Memorial Foundation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric

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40	Blank line	-	-	-	-
41	Code 410. California Sea Otter Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
42	Blank line	-	-	-	-
43	Code 413. California Cancer Research Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
44	Blank line	-	-	-	-
45	Code 422. School Supplies for Homeless Children Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
46	Blank line	-	-	-	-
47	Code 423. State Parks Protection Fund/Parks Pass Purchase	63	15	77	Numeric
48	Blank line	-	-	-	-
49	Code 424. Protect Our Coast and Oceans Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
50	Blank line	-	-	-	-
51	Code 425. Keep Arts in Schools Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
52	Blank line	-	-	-	-
53	Code 438. California Senior Citizen Advocacy Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
54	Blank line	-	-	-	-
55	Code 439. Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
56	Blank line	-	-	-	-
57	Code 440. Rape Kit Backlog Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
58-61	Blank lines	-	-	-	-
62-63	Bottom Registration Mark, Anchor Mark, and conventional Form 540 2EZ	-	-	-	End of bottom registration mark, anchor mark, and conventional form size/style
63	CTP ID (mandatory)	32	3	34	Numeric
63	Doc ID (mandatory)	40	7	46	Numeric, "3113234"
63	Paper Return Survey	53	1	53	Print Reason Codes, Numeric "1" = I believe there is an extra cost to e-file "2" = I believe e-filing is not secure "3" = I do not want 3 rd party software to have my data "4" = I do not want Franchise Tax Board to have my data "5" = My Federal e-file return was rejected "6" = I have no Internet connection Or blank

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Absolute Positioning Form 540 2EZ Specifications (Side 4)

Definitions	ALPHA = A-Z (MUST BE ALL CAPS)	Use Courier New 12-point font, not bold, for taxpayer data (print lines 5–60) and CTP ID, Doc ID and Paper Return Survey. (print line 63). All printed text and data must be Left Aligned unless specific instruction is provided in Field Description column.
	NUMERIC = 0-9	
	ALPHANUMERIC = A-Z, (MUST BE ALL CAPS) 0-9	

Print Line Number	Identification	Begin Print Position	Maximum Field Length	End Print Position	Field Description
1-3	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
4	Anchor Mark	59	2	60	Anchor mark, Conventional form size/style
5-8	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
9-51	Form area with absolute position data fields	–	–	–	Conventional form size/style with absolute position data fields
9	Code 444. Suicide Prevention Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund	63	15	77	Numeric
10	Blank line	–	–	–	
11	Code 445. Mental Health Crisis Prevention Voluntary Contribution Fund	63	15	77	→
12	Blank line	–	–	–	
13	Line 34. total contribution	63	15	77	Numeric
14-18	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
19-21	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
22	Line 35. Amount You Owe	63	15	77	Numeric
23-27	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
28	Line 36. Refund or no Amount due	63	15	77	Numeric
29-33	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
34	1 Checking Check Box If entry in this field, there must be entries in "Routing Number" Field and "Account Number" Field. Otherwise, all three fields must be blank.	29	1	29	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
35	1 Routing Number If entry in this field, there must be entries in "Account Number" Field and "Checking or Savings" Check Box. Otherwise, all three fields must be blank.	12	9	20	Numeric. First two positions must be 01 through 12 or 21 through 32. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in the "DDR Account Number" Field at print line 35 and "Checking" Check box at print line 34 or "Savings" Check box at print line 36. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.
35	1 Account Number If entry in this field, there must be entries in "Routing Number" Field and "Checking or Savings" Check Box. Otherwise, all three fields must be blank.	38	17	54	Numeric; "-" If entry made in this field, there must be entries in the "Routing Number" Field at print line 35 and "Checking" Check box at print line 34 or "Savings" Check box at print line 36. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.
35	Line 37. 1 Direct Deposit Amount	63	15	77	Numeric
36	1 Savings Check Box	29	1	29	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
37-39	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style

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	NUMERIC = 0-9	
	ALPHANUMERIC = A-Z, (MUST BE ALL CAPS) 0-9	

Print Line Number	Identification	Begin Print Position	Maximum Field Length	End Print Position	Field Description
	2Checking Check Box If entry in this field, there must be entries in "Routing Number" Field and "Account Number" Field. Otherwise, all three fields must be blank.	29	1	29	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
40					
41	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
	2Routing Number If entry in this field, there must be entries in "Account Number" Field and "Checking or Savings" Check Box. Otherwise, all three fields must be blank.	12	9	20	Numeric. First two positions must be 01 through 12 or 21 through 32. If entry made in this field, there must be entries in the "DDR Account Number" Field at print line 42 and "Checking" Check box at print line 40 or "Savings" Check box at print line 42. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.
42					
	2Account Number If entry in this field, there must be entries in "Routing Number" Field and "Checking or Savings" Check Box. Otherwise, all three fields must be blank.	38	17	54	Numeric; "-" If entry made in this field, there must be entries in the "Routing Number" Field at print line 42 and "Checking" Check box at print line 40 or "Savings" Check box at print line 42. Otherwise, all four fields must be blank.
42					
42	2Savings Check Box	29	1	29	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
42	Line 38. 2Direct Deposit Amount	63	15	77	Numeric
43-50	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
51	Do you want information on no-cost or low-cost health coverage - Yes	65	1	65	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
51	Do you want information on no-cost or low-cost health coverage - No	72	1	72	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
52-61	Form area				
62-63	Bottom Registration Mark, Anchor Mark, and conventional Form 540 2EZ	–		–	End of bottom registration mark, anchor mark, and conventional form size/style
63	CTP ID (mandatory)	32	3	34	Numeric
63	Doc ID (mandatory)	40	7	46	Numeric, "3114234"
63	Paper Return Survey	53	1	53	Print Reason Codes, Numeric "1" = I believe there is an extra cost to e-file "2" = I believe e-filing is not secure "3" = I do not want 3 rd party software to have my data "4" = I do not want Franchise Tax Board to have my data "5" = My Federal e-file return was rejected "6" = I have no Internet connection Or blank

Absolute Positioning Form 540 2EZ Specifications (Side 5)

Definitions	ALPHA	=	A-Z (MUST BE ALL CAPS)	Use Courier New 12-point font, not bold, for taxpayer data (print lines 5–60) and CTP ID, Doc ID and Paper Return Survey. (print line 63). All printed text and data must be Left Aligned unless specific instruction is provided in Field Description column.
	NUMERIC	=	0-9	
	ALPHANUMERIC	=	A-Z, (MUST BE ALL CAPS) 0-9	

Print Line Number	Identification	Begin Print Position	Maximum Field Length	End Print Position	Field Description
1-3	Blank lines	–	–	–	–
4	Anchor Mark	59	2	60	Anchor mark, Conventional form size/style
5-17	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form size/style
18-29	Form area with absolute position data fields	–	–	–	Conventional form size/style with absolute position data fields
18	Email address	17	42	58	Alphanumeric
18	Preferred phone number	60	13	72	Numeric; “-”
19-23	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
24	PTIN	63	9	71	Numeric
25-26	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
27	FEIN	63	9	71	Numeric
28	Blank line	–	–	–	–
29	Yes – Discuss Return Check Box	65	1	65	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
29	No – Discuss Return Check Box	72	1	72	Upper X = marked check box Blank = unmarked check box
30-61	Form area	6	–	80	Conventional form, size/style
62-63	Bottom Registration Mark, Anchor Mark, and conventional Form 540 2EZ	–	–	–	End of bottom registration mark, anchor mark, and conventional form size/style
63	CTP ID (mandatory)	32	3	34	Numeric
63	Doc ID (mandatory)	40	7	46	Numeric, “3115234”
63	Paper Return Survey	53	1	53	Print Reason Codes, Numeric “1” = I believe there is an extra cost to e-file “2” = I believe e-filing is not secure “3” = I do not want 3 rd party software to have my data “4” = I do not want Franchise Tax Board to have my data “5” = My Federal e-file return was rejected “6” = I have no Internet connection Or blank

