

TAXABLE YEAR

FORM

2020

California e-file Return Authorization for Corporations

8453-C

Corporation name

California Corporation No., CA SOS file no., or FEIN

Part I Tax Return Information (whole dollars only)

Table with 2 columns: Line number and Amount. Lines 1-5: Total income, Taxable income, Total tax, Tax due, Overpayment.

Part II Settle the Account Electronically for Taxable Year 2020

6 Direct deposit of refund (For Forms 100, 100S, and 100W only.)
7 Electronic funds withdrawal 7a Amount 7b Withdrawal date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part III Schedule of Estimated Tax Payments for Taxable Year 2021 (These are NOT installment payments for the current amount the corporation owes.)

Table with 5 columns: Line number, Amount, First Payment, Second Payment, Third Payment, Fourth Payment. Lines 8-9: Amount, Withdrawal Date.

Part IV Banking Information (Have you verified the corporation's banking information?)

10 Routing number
11 Account number
12 Type of account: Checking Savings

Part V Declaration of Officer

I authorize the corporate account to be settled as designated in Part II. If I check Part II, Box 6, I declare that the bank account specified in Part IV for the direct deposit refund agrees with the authorization stated on my return.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above corporation and that the information I provided to my electronic return originator (ERO), transmitter, or intermediate service provider and the amounts in Part I above agree with the amounts on the corresponding lines of the corporation's 2020 California income tax return.

Sign Here Signature of officer Date Title

Part VI Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer. See instructions.

I declare that I have reviewed the above corporation's return and that the entries on form FTB 8453-C are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. (If I am only an intermediate service provider, I understand that I am not responsible for reviewing the corporation's return.)

ERO Must Sign ERO's signature Date Check if also paid preparer Check if self-employed ERO's PTIN Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) and address Firm's FEIN ZIP code

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above corporation's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I make this declaration based on all information of which I have knowledge.

Paid Preparer Must Sign Paid preparer's signature Date Check if self-employed Paid preparer's PTIN Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) and address Firm's FEIN ZIP code

# 2020 Instructions for Form FTB 8453-C

## California e-file Return Authorization for Corporations

### General Information

#### A Purpose

Form FTB 8453-C, California e-file Return Authorization for Corporations, is the signature document for corporate e-file returns. By signing this form, the corporation, electronic return originator (ERO), and paid preparer declare that the return is true, correct, and complete. Additionally, the signatures authorize the electronic transmission of the return to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) and the execution of any designated electronic account settlement. This form **does not** serve as proof of filing an electronic return. The acknowledgement containing the date of acceptance for the return is that proof.

#### B ERO and Paid Preparer Responsibilities

As an authorized e-file provider, you must:

- Review the corporation's return, plus entries, and banking information on form FTB 8453-C.
- Obtain the corporate officer's signature after you prepare the return, but before you transmit it.
- Sign form FTB 8453-C.
- Provide the corporate officer with:
  - A signed original or copy of form FTB 8453-C.
  - A copy of the corporation return and associated forms and schedules.
- Retain the original or copy of signed form FTB 8453-C with a copy of the return in your records.

#### C Corporation Responsibilities

Before the corporation's ERO can e-file the return, the corporation must:

- Verify all information on the form FTB 8453-C, including employer identification number and banking information.
- Inspect a copy of the return and ensure the information is correct.
- Sign form FTB 8453-C after the return is prepared but before it is transmitted.
- Submit the signed form FTB 8453-C to the corporation's ERO.

After the corporation's return is e-filed, the corporation should retain the following documents for the California statute of limitations period:

- Form FTB 8453-C (signed original or copy of the form).
- A paper copy of Form 100, California Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return; Form 100W, California Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return - Water's-Edge Filers; or Form 100S, California S Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return, and all supporting schedules.
- A paper copy of the corporation's federal tax return.

The general California statute of limitations is the later of four years from the due date of the return or four years from the date the return is filed.

**Exception:** An extended statute of limitations period may apply if the corporation's California or federal tax returns are related or subject to a California or federal audit.

#### D Refund Information

If the corporation wants their refund directly deposited into the corporate bank account, the corporation must complete Part II, Settle the Account Electronically for Taxable Year 2020, and Part IV, Banking Information, before transmitting the return. Direct deposit is only available for FTB Forms 100, 100S, and 100W.

**To cancel the direct deposit of refund,** call FTB e-Programs Customer Service at 916.845.0353.

#### E Paying Your Taxes

When the corporation e-files their tax return, the corporation can choose from the following payment options:

- **Pay by Electronic Funds Withdrawal (EFW):** Corporations can have all or part of their balance due withdrawn electronically from their bank account on the date the corporation chooses. Be sure the account information is correct. If the bank or financial institution rejects the EFW due to an error in the routing number or account number, we will send you a notice that may include penalties and interest.

**To cancel an EFW,** the corporation must call FTB e-Programs Customer Service at 916.845.0353 at least **two working days** before the date of the withdrawal.

- **Pay by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):** If the corporation is enrolled in our EFT program the corporation can pay their estimate payments, extension payments, and balance due through this program. For more information, go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **eft**, or call 916.845.4025.

Corporations that remit an estimated tax payment or extension payment in excess of \$20,000 or that have a total tax liability in excess of \$80,000 must remit all of their payments through EFT. Once a corporation meets the threshold, all subsequent payments regardless of amount, tax type, or taxable year must be remitted electronically to avoid the 10% noncompliance penalty. Corporations required to remit payments electronically may use EFW, Web Pay or credit card and be considered in compliance with that requirement. The FTB notifies corporations that are subject to this requirement. Those that do not meet these requirements and wish to participate on a voluntary basis may do so.

- **Pay Online:** The corporation can pay the amount owed using Web Pay, our secure online payment service. Go to [ftb.ca.gov/pay](http://ftb.ca.gov/pay).
- **Pay by Credit Card:** The corporation can pay the amount owed by Discover, MasterCard, Visa, or American Express Card. Go to [officialpayments.com](http://officialpayments.com). Official Payments Corporation charges a convenience fee for using this service.
- **Pay by Check or Money Order:** Get form FTB 3586, Payment Voucher for Corporations and Exempt Organizations e-filed Returns. Mail form FTB 3586, with payment to:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 942857  
SACRAMENTO CA 94257-0531

Using blue or black ink, make all checks or money orders payable in U.S. dollars and drawn against a U.S. financial institution.

**Note:** If the corporation remits its payment by EFT, EFW, Web Pay, or by credit card, **do not** mail form FTB 3586.

#### Specific Instructions

##### Date of Acceptance

Enter the date the FTB accepts the return in the space at the top of form FTB 8453-C.

##### Part III – Schedule of Estimated Tax Payments for Taxable Year 2021

When the corporation e-files their tax return, the corporation may opt to schedule the electronic payment of estimated tax payments for taxable year 2021. The amount the corporation designates will be withdrawn from the bank account listed in Part IV on the date the corporation selects. Be sure to select a date on or before the due date of the estimated tax payment to avoid penalties and interest charges.

**To cancel a scheduled estimated tax payment,** the corporation must call FTB e-Programs Customer Service at 916.845.0353 at least **two working days** before the date of the withdrawal.

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## Part IV – Banking Information

The corporation can find the routing and account numbers on a check or bank statement, or by contacting their financial institution. **Do not** use a deposit slip as it may contain internal routing numbers.

**Line 10** – The routing number must be nine digits. The first two digits must be between 01 and 12 or 21 and 32.

**Line 11** – The account number can be up to 17 characters and can include numbers and letters. Include hyphens, but omit spaces and special symbols.

**Caution:** Check with the corporation’s financial institution to make sure the deposit will be accepted and to get the correct routing and account numbers. The FTB is not responsible for a lost refund due to incorrect account information entered by the corporation or its representative. Also, if the bank or financial institution rejects the electronic funds withdrawal due to an error in the routing number or account number, we will send the corporation a notice that may include penalties and interest.

## Part V – Declaration of Officer

An electronically transmitted tax return is not considered complete or filed unless form FTB 8453-C is signed by the officer **before** the return is transmitted.

**Bulk e-file authorization (multiple corporations)** – It is acceptable to provide one signed form FTB 8453-C for multiple related corporations with the same signing officer. Enter “Multiple – see attached schedule” as the corporation name and enter “Multiple” for Part I, Tax Return Information, lines 1 through 5. Leave Parts II, III and IV blank. Attach a schedule listing the corporation names, corresponding identifying numbers, total income, taxable income, total tax, tax due, and overpayment included in the bulk e-file return authorization to form FTB 8453-C. The signing officer must initial on the schedule next to each entity validating the entity’s inclusion in the bulk e-file return authorization.

## Part VI – Declaration of ERO and Paid Preparer

The ERO must sign and complete Part VI. Handwritten signatures, or approved alternatives are acceptable as noted in FTB Pub. 1345, 2020 Handbook for Authorized e-file Providers. If the ERO is also the paid preparer, the ERO must check the box labeled, “Check if also paid preparer.” If the ERO is not the paid preparer, the paid preparer must sign in the space for “Paid Preparer Must Sign.”

## General Phone Service

Telephone assistance is available year-round from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Hours subject to change.

Telephone: 800.852.5711 from within the United States  
916.845.6500 from outside the United States

TTY/TDD: 800.822.6268 for persons with hearing or speech disability  
711 or 800.735.2929 California relay service

### Asistencia en español:

Asistencia telefónica está disponible durante todo el año desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 5 p.m. de lunes a viernes, excepto días feriados. Las horas están sujetas a cambios.

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