2022 Software Provider Conference



eFile & Software Provider Support

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

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Agenda

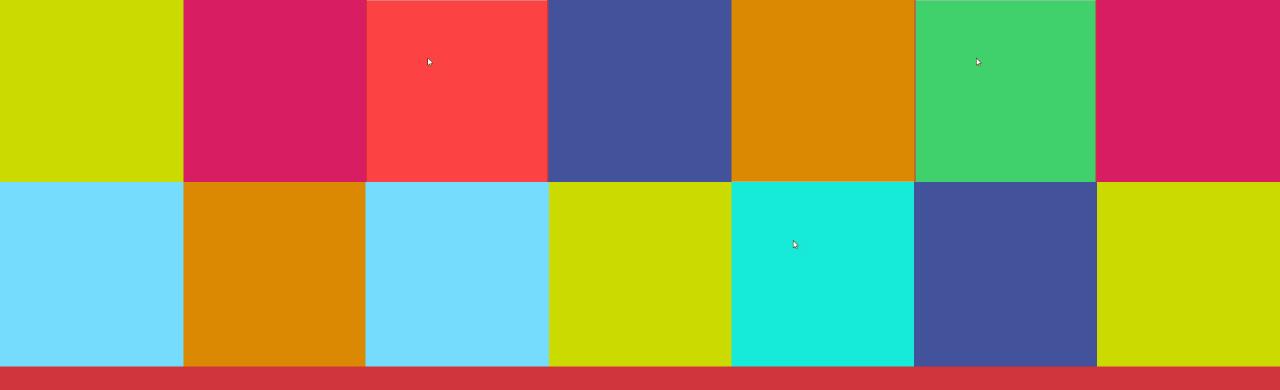
- Welcome
- Introductions
- Updates
 - Tax Legislation & Forms
 - General Information
 - Software Provider Support Unit (Substitute Forms)
 - eFile Unit (MeF, eNC3 & eNC5Q)
- Questions & Answers
- Conclude Conference

NCDOR Presenters and Attendees

- Submissions Processing Division
 - eFile Unit
 - Software Provider Support
 - Division Director and Assistant Director
- Tax Administration Division
 - Personal Tax Division (Individual Income, Partnership Income, Estates and Trusts, and Withholding)
 - Corporate Income and Franchise Tax
 - Sales and Use Tax
- Tax Schedule Implementation

Software & Payroll Service Provider Attendees

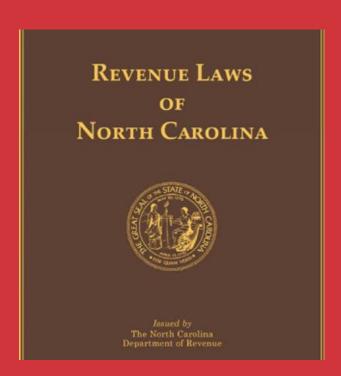
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ADP, Inc.	Drake Software	On-Line Taxes, Inc.
Advanced Tax Solutions, LLC	DuCharme, McMillen & Associates (DMA)	Paychex/Advantage
Asure Software	ezTaxReturn.com	Paycor
Business Software, Inc.	FileYourTaxes.com	Paylocity Payroll
CCH Incorporated	Greatland Corporation/Nelco	STF (Bloomberg Industry)
CCH Small Firm Services	Greenshades Software	Tax Technologies, Inc
Cash App Taxes	H&R Block	TaxAct, Inc
Ceridian Tax Service Inc	Intuit	TaxHawk, Inc.
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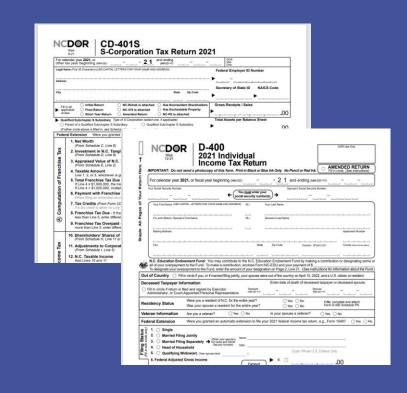


"Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep going; Tough situations build strong people in the end."

Roy T. Bennett

Updates







NOTE: Until the North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) adjourns, NCDOR cannot confirm all changes that will affect tax year 2022 tax forms. Information on proposed legislation can be found at the NCGA website https://ncleg.gov/.

- Sales Tax
- Withholding Taxes
- Partnership Income Tax
- Corporate Income and Franchise Tax
- Estates and Trusts Tax
- Individual Income Tax

- General
 - Session Law 2021-180 was signed into law on November 18, 2021
 - Withholding, Partnership, Estates and Trusts, Corporate Income and Franchise Tax, and Individual Income tax are impacted by this law
- Graduated Failure to Pay Penalty
 - Applies to Sales & Use, Withholding, Partnership, Estates and Trusts, Corporate Income and Franchise Tax (C- Corp & S-Corp), and Individual Income tax schedules
 - Legislation affecting the graduated failure to pay penalty has been proposed (HB Bill 83), but not passed and signed into law.
 - Proposes to change the graduated penalty date to July 1, 2024
 - Proposes to reduce the current failure to pay penalty from 10 percent to 5 percent.
 Effective date January 1, 2023
- Sales and Use Tax
 - Form E-536 and Form E-536R are being modified to incorporate 2.25% rate change effective October 1, 2022 for Alleghany County

- Withholding Taxes
 - Reduces the Individual Income tax rate to 4.75% for 2023
 - Rate change will impact withholding tables and withholding allowance certificates

 Several provisions, in separate bills, are being considered by the General assembly which may impact the withholding allowance certificates

- Partnership Income Tax
 - Allow certain partnerships to elect to pay North Carolina income tax at the entity level
 - Main partnership income tax return form and many other ancillary partnership income tax forms will need to be updated
 - New estimated income tax payment form will be created to allow taxed partnerships to pay the required estimated income tax payments

- Corporate Income and Franchise Tax
 - Allow certain S Corporations to elect to pay North Carolina income tax at the entity level
 - Main S Corporation income tax return form and many ancillary S Corporation income tax forms will need to be updated
 - New estimated income tax payment form will be created to allow S Corporations to pay the required estimated income tax payments
- Franchise Tax Law Change
 - Eliminate two (2) franchise tax bases
 - Investment in NC Tangible Property
 - Appraised Value of NC Tangible Property
 - Franchise tax is now computed on the Net Worth base only
 - Effective for tax returns beginning on or after 1/1/22

- Estates and Trusts Tax
 - As a result of election to pay income tax at the entity level by S corporations and partnerships, estates and trusts may be required to report certain additional adjustments on their tax returns
 - Some ancillary estates and trusts tax forms will need to be updated

- Individual Income Tax Tax Year 2022
 - Individual Income tax rate decreased to 4.99%
 - Standard Deduction amounts for each filing status has been increased as follows:

Filing Status	Standard Deduction
Married, filing jointly/surviving spouse	\$25,500
Head of Household	\$19,125
Single	\$12,750
Married, filing separately	\$12,750

- Individual Income Tax
 - Child deduction amount has been increased as follows:



Filing Status	AGI	Deduction Amount	
	Up to \$40,000	\$3,000.00	
	Over \$40,000	¢2 500 00	
	Up to \$60,000	\$2,500.00	
	Over \$60,000	\$2,000.00	
	Up to \$80,000		
Marriad filingiainth/Sun/ivingenousa	Over \$80,000	\$1,500.00	
Married, filing jointly/Surviving spouse	Up to \$100,000	31,300.00	
	Over\$100,000	\$1,000.00	
	Up to \$120,000	31,000.00	
	Over \$120,000	\$500.00	
	Up to \$140,000	3300.00	
	Over\$140,000	\$0.00	
	Up to \$30,000	\$3,000.00	
	Over \$30,000	\$2,500,00	
	Up to \$45,000	\$2,500.00	
	Over \$45,000	\$2,000.00	
	Up to \$60,000	32,000.00	
Head of Household	Over \$60,000	\$1,500.00	
Head of Household	Up to \$75,000	\$1,300.00	
	Over \$75,000	\$1,000.00	
	Up to \$90,000	\$1,000.00	
	Over \$90,000	\$500.00	
	Up to \$105,000	3300.00	
	Over\$105,000	\$0.00	
	Up to \$20,000	\$3,000.00	
	Over \$20,000	\$2,500.00	
	Up to \$30,000	32,300.00	
Single/Married, filing separately	Over \$30,000	\$2,000.00	
	Up to \$40,000		
	Over \$40,000	\$1,500.00	
	Up to \$50,000	\$1,300.00	
	Over \$50,000	\$1,000.00	
	Up to \$60,000	31,000.00	
	Over \$56,000	\$500.00	
	Up to \$70,000		
	Over \$70,000	\$0.00	

- Individual Income Tax
 - Separate State Net Operating Loss Calculation
 - Separate calculation at the State level for determining the net operating loss deduction
 - More closely aligns with the NC taxable income
 - Will include new form/worksheet

- Schedules S, PN, PN-1, NC-PE, NC K-1 Supplemental Schedule
 - Various additions to Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) including:
 - Federal net operating loss
 - Addition to AGI to a taxpayer that is a shareholder of a taxed S
 Corporation for the amount of the taxpayer's pro rata share of loss from
 the taxed S Corporation to the extent the loss was included in the taxed S
 Corporation's North Carolina taxable income and the taxpayer's AGI

- Individual Income Tax
 - Addition to AGI to a taxpayer that is a partner of a taxed partnership for the amount of the taxpayer's distributive share of loss from the taxed partnership to the extent the loss was included in the taxed partnership's North Carolina taxable income and the taxpayer's AGI
 - Various deductions from Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) including:
 - State net operating loss deduction
 - Deduction from AGI to a taxpayer this is a shareholder of a taxed S Corporation for the amount of the taxpayer's pro rata share of income from the taxed S Corporation to the extent the income was included in the taxed S Corporation's North Carolina taxable income and the taxpayer's AGI
 - Deduction from AGI to a taxpayer that is a partner of a taxed partnership for the amount of the taxpayer's distributive share of income from the taxed partnership to the extent the Income was included in the taxed partnership's North Carolina taxable income and the taxpayer's AGI

General Information

- Letter of Intent (LOI)
 - Preliminary updates
 - LOI cannot be finalized until we have a list of all TY22 forms
 - Posted in the State Exchange System (SES): TBD
- Support for Rejected MeF Submissions
 - Retention policies for eFile submissions has been updated
 - If requests are received 30 days after the acknowledgement date, eFile no longer will be able to access the XML for these rejects
- Schema Review Session
 - Soliciting assistance for software developers to participate in a schema review session with NCDOR IT, eFile and other resources.

General Information

Trusted Customer Access for SES

- Surveys
 - Thank you for providing your feedback and suggestions
 - ATS Testing
 - Perfection Period
 - Schema Updates
 - Forms Approval Timeframe
 - Communication

Software Provider Support Unit Updates

Talking Points

- Purpose of Software Provider Support (SPS) at NCDOR
- SPS Standards for Substitute Tax Forms
- Results from the 2021 Approval Season Process Reports
- Best Practices for Submissions
- Best Practices for Timely Approvals
- Best Practices to Avoid Production Errors
- SPS Contacts Info
- Questions and Answers

Purpose of SPS at NCDOR

Software Provider Support (SPS) is Required to:

 Provide access to the site with the resources to reproduce forms after receiving the approved agreement - Letter of Intent

 Annually review and approve the alignment and technical specifications for each Substitute Tax Form

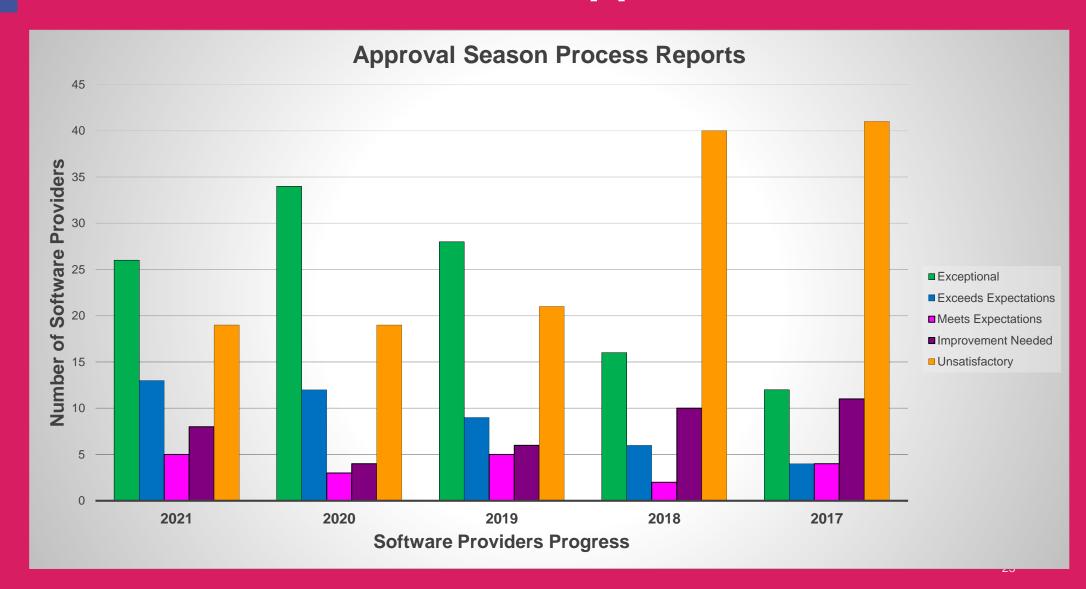
 Research and resolve production errors when a Substitute Tax Forms does not meet the alignment and technical specifications required

SPS Standards

Software Provider Support (SPS) standards for each Approval Season for Substitute Tax Forms:

- Substitute Tax Forms are to be submitted and approved within thirty (30) days of the posted date
- Substitute Tax Forms should be approved in three (3) or fewer attempts;
 this includes the initial submission

Results from TY2021 Approval Season



Best Practices for Submissions

Required Software Provider Contacts on LOIs

 Regulatory/Compliance Contact

Contact information

List the contact information for each area identified.

Regulatory/Compliance Contact	Phone	Email Address
Primary Individual MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Individual MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Primary Business MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Business MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Primary Fiduciary (Estate/Trust) MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Fiduciary (Estate/Trust) MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Primary Leads Reporting Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Leads Reporting Contact	Phone	Email Address

Required Software Provider Contacts on LOIs

- Primary Contact for Individual or Business Forms
- Primary Executive Manager of Forms

Substitute forms registration

Software Developer Identification Number (SD ID#)

Complete this section only if your product will provide substitute forms.

Software Developer Identification Number (SD	10#)	
Primary Individual Substitute Forms Contact	Phone	Email address
Secondary Individual Substitute Forms Contact	Phone	Email address
Primary Business Substitute Forms Contact	Phone	Email address
Secondary Business Substitute Forms Contact	Phone	Email address
Primary Executive Manager of Forms	Phone	Email address
Secondary Executive Manager of Forms	Phone	Email address
Note: If you have separate contacts for each but attach it to this submission.	usiness tax type, pleas	se list them by tax type on a separate sheet and

Accurately Listing Contacts on the LOI

Authorized access to the State Exchange System

Access to the State Exchange System should be limited to those with a business need.

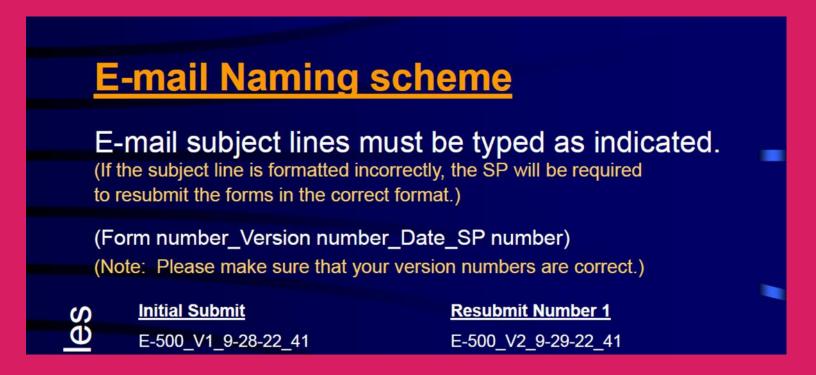
Provide information for each employee you are authorizing for access to the State Exchange System. The tax type box should include all the tax types individuals are authorized to access. Agencies can add a radio button of tax types to the tax type column.

NOTE: Include all authorized individuals, even if listed previously on this form.

First and last name Frichard Black	Email address frichard@protaxes.com
Authorized access Forms E-file	Tax types All
First and last name Ann Brown	Email address ann@protaxes.com
Authorized access Forms E-file	Tax types All
First and last name Marly Redd	Email address marly@protaxes.co,
Authorized access Forms E-file	Tax types All
	Frichard Black Authorized access Forms E-file First and last name Ann Brown Authorized access Forms E-file First and last name Marly Redd Authorized access

Required Naming Schemes on Form Submissions

Form Number_Version Number_Date_SP Number

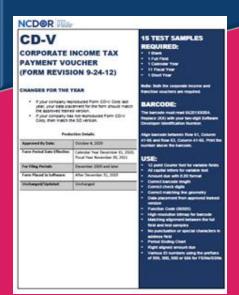


Note: PDF file name and Subject line must be exactly the same.

Required Number of Test Samples on Form Submissions

Form Spec

- Number Required
- Periods Required
- Barcode Required
- Changes for the Year



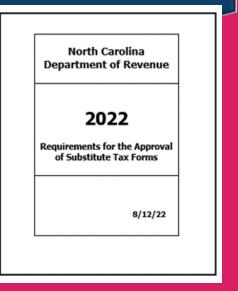
Period Ending Chart

- Number Required
- Periods Required
- Check Digit Number



Requirements

- Number Required
- Periods Required
- Check Digit
 Number



Best Practices for Timely Approvals

Required Variety of Test Samples



CHANGES FOR THE YEAR

- . If your company reproduced Form CD-V Corp last year, your data placement for the form should match the approved trained version.
- . If your company has not reproduced Form CD-V Corp, then match the SD version.

(FORM REVISION 9-24-12)

Production Details:

Approved By Date:	October 4, 2020
Form Period Date Effective:	Calendar Year December 31, 2020 Fiscal Year November 30, 2021
For Filing Periods	December 2020 and later
Form Placed in Software:	After December 31, 2020
Unchanged/Updated:	Unchanged

15 TEST SAMPLES REQUIRED:

- 1 Blank
- 1 Full Field
- 1 Calendar Year
- 11 Fiscal Year 1 Short Year

Note: Both the corporate income and

BARCODE:

The barcode must read 66201XX004. Replace (XX) with your two-digit Software Developer Identification Number.

Align barcode between Row 61, Column 41-66 and Row 63, Column 41-66. Print the number above the barcode.

USE:

- 12 point Courier font for variable fields All capital letters for variable text
- Amount due with 0.00 format
- Correct barcode length Correct check digits
- Correct matching line geometry
- Data placement from approved trained
- Function Code (06505)
- High resolution bitmap for barcode
- Matching alignment between the full
- No punctuation or special characters in
- Period Ending Chart
- Right aligned amount due
- Various ID numbers using the prefixes of 999, 900, 000 or 666 for FEINs/88Ns

NCD@R D-400V INDIVIDUAL INCOME - 1 Blank 1 Full Field PAYMENT VOUCHER (FORM REVISION 9-16-08) Joint Examples

- CHANGES FOR THE YEAR
- Only the instructions of Form D-400V was updated for required types, let us a irrelation
- A QR code has been added to the instructions.
- Form D-400V should include the following URL. information in the QR code:
- If your company reproduced Form D-400V last year. your data placement for the form should match the approved trained version.
- If your company has not reproduced Form D-400V. then metch the SD version.

Production Details:

Form Period Date Effective:	Celendar Year December 31, 202:
For Filing Periods	December 2021 and later
Form Placed in Software:	After December 31, 2021
Unchanged/Updated:	Updated

9-12 TEST SAMPLES REQUIRED:

- 7 by PDF or 10 by Mail which must include the following:
- 1 Foreign 6 Or more other Individual and

Note: If you do not support one of the

BARCODE:

The barcode must reed 72701XXXXXX. Replace (XX) with your two-digit Software Developer Identification Number.

Align beroode between Row 61, Column 41-86 and Row 63, Column 41-86. Print the number above the barcode.

USE:

- 12 point Courier fort in scenline
- 12 point Courier fort for variable fields
- All capital letters for variable text Amount due with 0.00 format
- Correct barcode length Correct check digits
- Correct matching line geometry
- Data placement from approved trained
- Foreign zip code of 00000
- Function Code (08408)
- High resolution bitmap for bercode Matching alignment between the full
- No punctuation or special characters in eddress field
- Period Ending Chart
- Right aligned amount due
- Various ID numbers using the prefixes of 999, 900, 000 or 666 for

NCD@R E-595E

STREAMLINED SALES AND USE TAX • 18lesk CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION (REVISION DATE 4-22)

CHANGES FOR THE YEAR

Revision date, form name and verbiage updated.

Dendartion Datelly

July 11, 2022	
Period Ending April, 2022 and later	
April 2022 - September 2022	
Immediately	
Updated	

2 TEST SAMPLES

BARCODE:

This form does not have a

DO NOT:

Reproduce the NC State Logo or Outline

USE:

- All capital letters for variable text
- Correct metching line
- geometry DOR Final to produce 8D
- Standardized formatting for
- . SD ID# should be
- . 80 ID# should be in bold, size 11, Arial
- Various ID numbers using prefixes of 999, 900, 000 or 666 for FEINMESNI

Required Scanline for Test Samples

0922X

900456789X

000000

9003X

Period and Date

Taxpayer Identification
Number

Zeroes

D-410P

Function Code

CD-419 Corp CD-419 Fran

CD-429

CD-V Corp

CD-V Amd Corp

CD-V Fran

CD-V Amd Fran

D-400V

D-400V Amd

D-410

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NC-EDU

NC-5

NC-P

NC-5PX

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Matching SD Forms

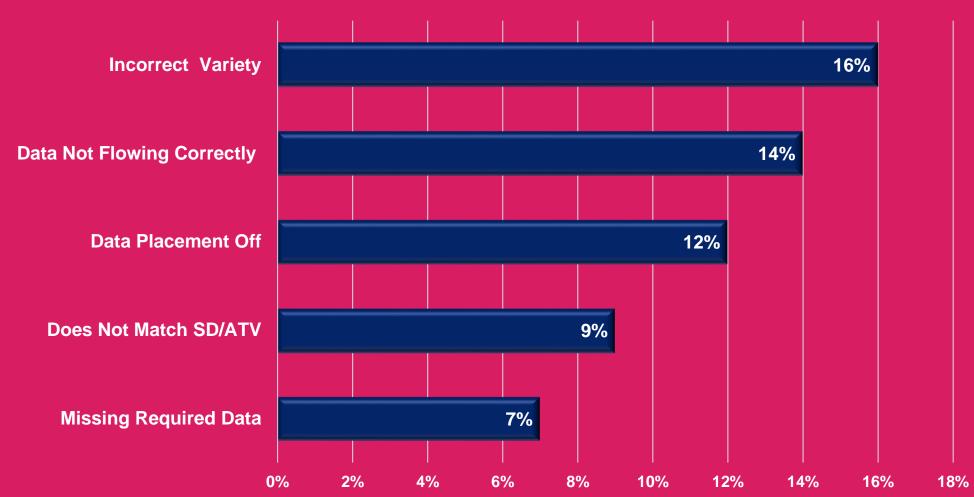
NC-5 (41) Withholding Return This return must be filed even if North Carolina Department of Revenue no tax has been withheld 9-25-07 File By Account ID Period Ending Filing Frequency 12 45 78 12 45 78 123456789 ABCDEFGHI 12378.01 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI 1. Tax Withheld 11478.01 2. Penalty XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXX 12345.01 3. Interest 12348.01 4. Total Due I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this return is accurate and complete. Phone: (Mail to: NCDOR, PO Box 25000, Raleigh, NC 27640-0615 9999X 999999999X 0000000 9999X

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- Easy to count field length
- Shows Alignment of Data
- Shows Data Placement
- Shows proper formatting -Alphabetic, Alphanumeric, Numeric or Negative Symbols
- Aids in Locating New Data

Avoid Common Resubmission Errors





Best Practices to Avoid Production Errors

Production Error Timeline

SPS Should
Have Resolution
Confirmation
Within 10 Days
of Notification

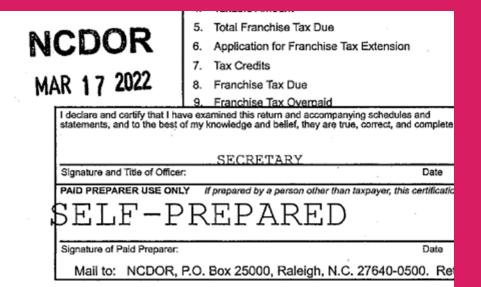
Processing Error Identified

Details of Incident Reviewed SPS Analyzes Processing Error

SPS Researches and Contacts SP/User SP/User Meets With SPS to Identify A Plan of Action to Correct the Processing Error

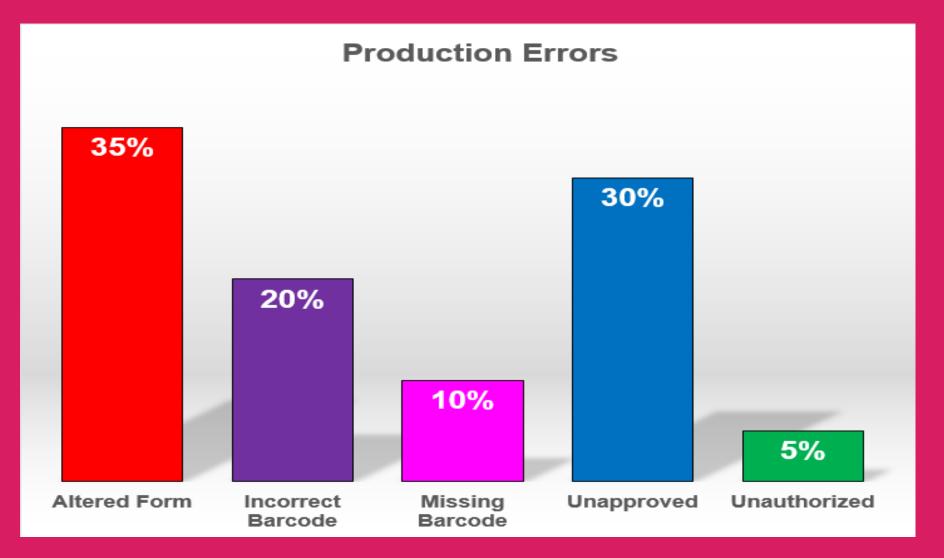
SP/User Sends
E-mail
Confirmation When
A Fix Has Been
Installed

Fonts and Messages Not Submitted During Approval Process



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neck applicable box) Partnership Estate Trust															
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Why Forms Become Production Errors



SPS Contact Info

Management

Unit Members

Stephanie Denton - Director

Kim Williams

Lei Satterfield – Assistant Director

Donna Ramsey

Felecia Coley-Roberson – Manager

Tonya Prichard

Cassandra Evans – Supervisor

Software Provider Support Unit

Email address: <u>allaboutforms@ncdor.gov</u> – LOI submission or general questions

Email address: SDFormsUpdate@ncdor.gov - Substitute Tax Form submissions

Phone: 919-754-2625

Fax: 919-715-3165

Q & A



eFile Unit Updates

Agenda Topics

- MeF
 - MeF Overview
 - Filing Season
 - Statistics
 - Business Rule Rejects
 - ATS Testing
 - MeF Approval Season Process Reports
 - MeF Reminders
- Information and Reporting Applications
 - (eNC3, Server to Server, and eNC5Q)
- TY2022 Updates
- Reminders
- Contacts
- Questions and Answers

MeF Filing Season

• Total Software Providers: 21 IND • Total Products: 44 • Total Software Providers: 14 CORP • Total Products: 19 • Total Software Providers: 14 **PART** • Total Products: 19 • Total Software Providers: 8 E&T • Total Products: 11

MeF Statistics

TY21 Submissions Received as of May 31, 2022

Individual Income

• 4,372,164

Corporate Income

• 109,239

Partnership

• 70,284

Estates and Trusts

• 25,586

TY20 Submissions Received as of May 31, 2021

Individual Income

• 4,355,086

Corporate Income

• 107,045

Partnership

• 71,468

Estates and Trusts

• 22,338

Business Rules – Individual Income Top 3 Rejects

 NCD400-1160 (Incorrect data for StateSubmissionIdOrig or StateSubmissionIdDateOrig): 124,239

NCD400-1020 (The software used has not been approved for e-File):
 103,622

NCD400-1010 (Duplicate return. The original submission's Primary SSN matches an existing accepted original return's Primary SSN or Secondary SSN): 21,532

Business Rules – Corporate Income & Franchise Top 3 Rejects

- NCBUS-1255 ([NC K-1 Supplemental Schedule-NC K1 CD401S] If NC K-1 CD-401S Line 3 (Deductions) is greater than zero, then Line 3 must equal NC K-1 Supplemental Schedule Line 38 from Column A): 4,178
- NCBUS-1250 ([NC K-1 Supplemental Schedule-NC K1 CD401S] If NC K-1 CD-401S Line 2 (Additions) is greater than zero, then Line 2 must equal NC K-1 Supplemental Schedule Line 15 from Column A): 3,351
- NCBUS-1000 (Duplicate return: The original return's Federal EIN must not match an existing accepted original return's Federal EIN for the applicable period): 1,282

Business Rules - Partnership Top 3 Rejects

- NCBUS-1205 [NC K-1 Supplemental Schedule-CD401S/D403/D407] Part B Line 22f for Column A (Amount from all Sources) must equal the sum of Lines 22a through 22e): 1,068
- NCBUS-1230 [NC K-1 Supplemental Schedule-D403 NC K1] If D-403 NC K-1 Line 2 (Additions) is greater than zero, then Line 2 must equal NC K-1 Supplemental Schedule Part A Line 15 from Column A): 784
- NCBUS-1000 (Duplicate return: The original return's Federal EIN must not match an existing accepted original return's Federal EIN for the applicable period): 736

Business Rules – Estates and Trusts Top 3 Rejects

 NCBUS-1000 (Duplicate return: The original return's Federal EIN must not match an existing accepted original return's Federal EIN for the applicable period): 65

 NCBUS-1180 (Incorrect data for StateSubmissionIdOrig or StateSubmissionIdDateOrig): 63

NCFIN-1160 (Bank Account Number must be numeric with a minimum of 5 digits): 61

- Topics for discussion:
 - Letter of Intent (LOI)
 - Limitations
 - Expectations for MeF eFile Test Submissions
 - Timely Email Responses
 - IRS Opening, NCDOR ATS Testing and NCDOR Release Dates
 - Automated Comparison Email

Letter of Intent (LOI)

 To ensure all contacts receive the automated comparison email, please include their names as the primary and secondary contacts on the LOI

Limitations

- It is very important that you list all of your software limitations on the LOI prior to the start of software developer testing
- If your software does not support certain federal forms or certain line items on the North Carolina return, please provide detailed calculations and/or explanations for your test return results. See example below:

Form 1040 Line Items	NCDOR	Software Limitation	
Wages, salaries, tips, etc.	7,937	7,937	
Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income tax	1,000	1,000	
Schedule E (Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corps, trust, etc.)	1,000	0	
Total income	9,937	8,937	
Student loan interest deduction	50	50	
Adjusted gross income	9,887	8,887	
Standard deduction	5,700	5,700	
Exemptions	3,650	3,650	
Taxable Income	537	- 463	

- Omit the following returns from your submission if your software does not support them:
 - Amended returns
 - Non-resident and/or Part-year returns
 - TPOS Form
- If limitations are not properly identified and/or timely submitted, test results will be based on supporting ALL forms, schedules and NCDOR test scenarios
 - If software limitations are provided after the testing start date, please allow at least 3-5 business days from the time the limitations are submitted before transmitting test returns
 - We will notify you once the limitations have been entered so that you can resume testing of the impacted scenarios; however please allow 3-5 business for the updates
- Expectations for MeF eFile Test Submissions
 - First initial submissions should be submitted by December 31st deadline
 - Software should be approved in 4 or fewer attempts including initial submission
 - Testing of all products should be completed by March deadline
 - Deadline date to be determined

IRS Opening dates for TY2022

- Individual Income TBD
- Corporate TBD
- Partnership TBD
- Estates and Trust TBD

NCDOR ATS Testing Start Date

• eFile will communicate via email our planned start date for ATS testing (depends on IRS start date)

NCDOR Release Dates (Individual, Corporate/Franchise, Estates and Trusts and Partnership tax schedules)

- Drafts of Schemas and Business Rules posted to SES TBD
- Final Version of Schemas and Business Rules posted to SES TBD
- ERO Guides TBD
- ATS Test Package TBD

Note: Until final legislation passes, all dates subject to being impacted.

Automated Comparison Email

For Tax Year 2022, we are working with our IT Department to try to reduce the nonessential data that is generated in the automated comparison email. See example below:

- AUTH Header –Removing from eMail
- Federal information-Removing from eMail
- Items received but untested-Removing from eMail
- Bolding of Schema Elements (ex. Header and etc...)



Timely Email Responses

- eFile has to consult with other Divisions within the Department to get input regarding:
 - Tax law specific questions
 - More technical details as it relates to schema and coding logic
- We will continue working closely with these area's to provide a response within 1-3 business days.
- For TY2021 testing season, email responses were delayed due to:
 - Higher than normal volume of emails received
 - Limited staff
 - Shorter window to test and provide approvals for all software providers
 - Goal for TY2022 is to send email acknowledgements to confirm receipt of the emails that are submitted to the NCTaxEfile email account

Perfection Period

- We are working with our developers to re-vamp the perfection period coding
- For Tax Year 2022, our goal is to take your concerns with the perfection period process and work with our development team to modify the current process to eliminate return rejections

eFile MeF Approval Season Process

Overview

- In 2020, eFile implemented the MeF Approval Season Process
- The two additional documents shown here will be provided with the approval letter:
 - eFile 20XX Approval Season Process Report
 - eFile Feedback for Software Developers



Your company has adhered to the strict processing guidelines of NCDOR and we appreciate all of your

Based on your performance, we want to provide feedback of your company's approval process for the MeF ATS test cases. See the attached 20XX Approval Process Report and the chart below to give you a better understanding of your rating.

Your performance for the 20XX Approval Season was based on the following classifications:

Rating	Classification	Submissions		
Level 1	Exceeded Expectations	1-2		
Level 2	Meet Expectations	3-4		
Level 3	Improvement Needed	5 or more		

Our standards are four or less complete submissions reviewed by the March 6, 2020 deadline

Your classification rating was based on the submissions reviewed prior to approval. We also took into account your software limitations and whether or not you provided detailed calculations timely

Level 1: Our records show that your company had one to two submissions, and you provided you detailed calculations based on your software limitations. Your approval process Exceeded Expectations and we hope that you continue to work at this level

Level 2: Our records show that your company had three to four submissions, and you provided your detailed calculations based on your software limitations. Your approval process Meet Expectations and is at an acceptable level. We hope that you continue to maintain your approvals at this level or higher.

Level 3: Our records show that your company had five or more submissions, and you did not provide your detailed calculations timely. We would like to meet with you before June 30, 2020 to review the Department's best practices in your approval process so you can better meet our expectations for the upcoming approval season.

We will follow up to see when we can meet or you may contact us

Thanking you in advance.

eFile MeF Approval Season Process

IND

• 100% of Individual Software Developers were able to meet the expectations for the 2021 Approval Season for MeF of 44 products

CORP

• 100% of Corporate & Franchise Software Developers were able to meet the expectations for the 2021 Approval Season for MeF of 19 products

PART

• 100% of Partnership Software Developers were able to meet the expectations for the 2021 Approval Season for MeF of 19 products

E&T

• 100% of Estates and Trust Software Developers were able to meet the expectations for the 2021 Approval Season for MeF of 11 products

TY2022 MeF Updates

- New Schemas
 - For proposed new forms:
 - Estimated Income Tax vouchers for Partnership and S Corporations
 - D-400 Net Operating Loss (NOL)
 - D-407 Net Operating Loss (NOL)

- Form Addition
 - Add NC-PE form for S Corporations, Partnerships and Estates and Trusts taxpayers

MeF Reminders

- Please provide a Primary and Secondary contact on your LOI in order to receive an Automated comparison email
- Please review the ERO guide annually
- Please alert the Department as soon as you encounter a production issue
- Please perform Regression testing for current and prior year returns when software updates are made
- Please do not communicate to tax professionals or taxpayers that the Department can help with software diagnostic issues
- Please do not encourage tax professionals or taxpayers to paper file returns when they don't receive acknowledgements

Information and Reporting Applications

- eNC3
 - Notable increases in support of electronic NC-3, W-2, and 1099 data
 - 30% increase in NC-3 submissions
 - 11% increase in W-2 submissions
 - 18% increase in 1099-NEC submissions

(as of May 31st, 2022)

- Release date of TY2022 specification documents is TBD
- Server-to-Server (S2S) Pilot Program Continues
 - Currently supports submission of forms NC-3, W-2, 1099-R, 1099-MISC, 1099-NEC
 - More information will be communicated regarding the availability of this filing method to a broader selection
- eNC5Q
 - 29% increase in eNC5Q submissions compared to the previous year.
 - Release date of the TY2023 specification documents is TBD

Information and Reporting Applications Reminders

- NCDOR system is designed to follow all of these:
 - IRS Publication 1220
 - SSA Publications EFW2 and EFW2C
 - NCDOR supplemental specifications
- If filing forms electronically, do not send in the duplicate paper documents
- Test button is available for testing file format(s)
- Test your file formats with the eFile Development Unit and your company will be listed on the NCDOR website
- Educate your customers/clients to contact you for any software diagnostic errors that are generated within your software - NCDOR cannot assist with your software diagnostic errors
- Use form NC-5PX to mail payments as the eNC5Q application does not support filing of payments

eFile Contact Info

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Q & A



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THANK YOU!