

North Carolina Department of Revenue (NCDOR)

Income Tax Letter of Intent

Tax Year 2024

This form must be completed and submitted to <u>AllAboutForms@ncdor.gov</u> by **September 9, 2024.**

If you only support e-File, email the form by November 1, 2024.

For any general questions about this LOI, please contact AllAboutForms@ncdor.gov.

2024 Tax Software Provider NCDOR Letter of Intent

The North Carolina Department of Revenue (NCDOR) Letter of Intent (LOI) must be completed annually prior to your participation in Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) and/or substitute tax forms approval testing with the NCDOR. Software providers and payroll service providers (Provider or Providers) that want to include North Carolina tax forms in their tax preparation software for electronic and/or paper filing, must obtain approval from the NCDOR. To do so you must complete this LOI to be able to view and/or download the required information needed for testing and approval. Test Submissions for electronic and/or paper forms will not be reviewed until the LOI has been received and approved.

Submission

- Completed LOIs should be emailed to AllAboutForms@ncdor.gov as web-filled PDFs.
- By submitting this LOI to the NCDOR you agree to meet our standards for software provider registration, tax
 preparation software, and substitute forms. If you do not meet the standards and requirements explained in
 this LOI or provide an incomplete form, we may deny your application or revoke your approved Provider status
 and reject all electronic and/or paper returns submitted using your products.
- An LOI should be submitted for each product unless multiple products share the same calculation engine. In this case, one LOI can be submitted for all products that share the same calculation engine.

Note: If you are a new Provider who has not filed city/state income tax returns with any city or state agencies, you must have passed assurance testing with the IRS. Attach documentation from the IRS demonstrating you have successfully tested with the IRS.

Important Dates

Reason for Amendment:

The NCDOR has important key dates to ensure we are ready for the filing season and taxpayers can file accurate and timely tax returns. Please note the following key dates:

Description	Date
LOI Submission Due	September 9, 2024
	Note: If you only support e-File, the due date is November 1, 2024
ATS Testing Start Date	November 15, 2024 (Target start date)
e-File Initial Tests Due	December 31, 2024
e-File Test Approvals Due	March 14, 2025
Paper Substitute Tax Forms Tests	See Provider Required Approval Dates on the SES

Registration	
Check this box if this LOI is for both e-File and Substitute Tax Forms.	
Amended Letter of Intent	
Check this box if this is an amended Letter of Intent.	
NOTE: An amended Letter of Intent is no longer required for contact information changes, if you have contact upo	lates,
please email those to AllAboutForms@ncdor.gov.	

Company Information

List your company information.

Name of Company	Product Name	Software Developer Code (e-File only)		
DBA Name	NACTP Vendor ID			
Address	Product Address/URL	Company FEIN		
City	State	Zip Code		
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List your other product names using the same calculation engines here: **Note:** The same calculation engine is defined as products that support the same forms, schedules, and tax calculations.

IRS Issued Electronic Identification Numbers

List your IRS electronic identification numbers.

	EFIN(s)	ETIN(s)
Individual Tax	Test EFIN(s):	Test ETIN(s):
	Production EFIN(s):	Production ETIN(s):
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Business Tax	Test EFIN(s):	Test ETIN(s):
	Production EFIN(s):	Production ETIN(s):

Contact Information

List the contact information for each area identified.

Regulatory/Compliance Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Regulatory/Compliance Contact	Phone	Email Address
Primary Individual MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Individual MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Primary Corporate MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Corporate MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address

Primary Partnership MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Partnership MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Primary Fiduciary (Estate/Trust) MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
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Secondary Fiduciary (Estate/Trust) MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Primary Leads Reporting Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Leads Reporting Contact	Phone	Email Address

Substitute Tax Forms Registration

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

Primary Individual Forms Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Individual Forms Contact	Phone	Email Address
Primary Business Forms Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Business Forms Contact	Phone	Email Address
Primary Forms Executive Manager	Phone	Email Address

Note: If you have separate contacts for each business tax type, please list them by tax type on a separate sheet and attach it to this submission.

Software Products and Tax Types Supported

Check all that apply.

Type of Software Product Supported			
DIY/consumer (Web-Based)			
DIY/consumer (Desktop)			
Professional/paid preparer (Web-Based)			
Professional/paid preparer (Desktop)			
Tax Types Supported			
Corporation/Franchise Tax (C-Corp & S-Corp)	e-	File	Substitute Forms
Estate/Trust/Fiduciary Tax	e-	File	Substitute Forms
Individual Income Tax	e-	File [Substitute Forms
Partnership Tax	e-	File	Substitute Forms
Sales and Use Tax			Substitute Forms
Withholding Tax			Substitute Forms

Rebranded Software Products

Complete this section only if your product is rebranded.

For software to be considered rebranded, changes <u>cannot</u> be made to the software requirements and output(s). As the software company selling and/or licensing your product to a third-party, it is your responsibility to make sure the rebranded product reflects the current software requirements and output(s). List each of your rebranded products below.

ETIN (if applicable)	Contact Person	Phone	Email Address
ETIN (if applicable)	Contact Person	Phone	Email Address
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Attach additional sheets if needed.

For Rebranded Products, the NCDOR has the following requirements:

• Rebranded Products are not required to complete e-File ATS/substitute form approval.

e-File Mandates or Requirements

The NCDOR does not have any electronic filing mandates for MeF tax schedules.

The NCDOR has mandated the electronic filing of forms NC-3 and all required W2 and 1099 wage and income statements. The registration process to electronically file these forms can be found on our website at ncdor.gov/taxes-forms/withholding-tax/enc3.

Forms and Schedules Supported by Tax Type (check all that apply)

Check the boxes of the forms and schedules your company supports.

Forms and Schedules		Substitute Forms	
Individual Income Tax Forms			
D-400 – Individual Income Tax Return			
D-400 Schedule S – N.C. Adjustments for Individuals			
D-400 Schedule A – N.C. Itemized Deduction			
D-400 Schedule PN – Part-Year Resident and Nonresident Schedule			
D-400 Schedule PN-1 – Other Additions and Other Deductions			
D-400TC – Individual Income Tax Credit			
D-400 Schedule AM – Amended Schedule			
D-410 – Application for Extension for Filing Individual Income Tax Return			
NC-40 – Individual Estimated Income Tax			
D-400V – Individual Income Payment Voucher			
D-400V – Amended Individual Income Payment Voucher			
D-422 – Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals (Substitute Forms only)			
D-422A – Annualized Income Installment Worksheet (Substitute Forms only)			
Estate/Trust/Fiduciary Tax Forms			
D-407 – Estates and Trusts Income Tax Return			
D-407TC – Estates and Trusts Tax Credit Summary			
D-407 NC K-1 – Beneficiary's Share of NC Income, Adjustments and Credits			
D-407V – Estates and Trusts Payment Voucher			
D-407V Amended - Amended Estates and Trusts Payment Voucher			
D-410P – Application for Extension for Filing Partnership, Estate or Trust Tax Return			
Partnership Tax Forms			
D-403 – Partnership Income Tax Return			
D-403TC – Partnership Tax Credit Summary			
D-410P – Application for Extension for Filing Partnership, Estate or Trust Tax Return			
D-403V – Partnership Income Payment Voucher			
D-403V Amended – Amended Partnership Income Payment Voucher			

Forms and Schedules	e-File	Substitute Forms
D-403 NC K-1 – Partner's Share of NC Income, Adjustments and Credits		
NC-40 PTE – Taxed Partnership Estimated Income Tax (Substitute Forms only)		
NC-NPA – Nonresident Partner Affirmation (Substitute Forms only)		
Corporate and Franchise Tax Forms		
CD-401S – S-Corporation Tax Return		
CD-405 – C-Corporation Tax Return		
CD-405 CW – Combined Corporate Income Tax Worksheet		
CD-425 – Corporate Tax Credit Summary		
CD-V – Franchise and Corporate Payment Vouchers		
CD-V – Amended Franchise and Corporate Payment Vouchers		
CD-418 – Cooperative or Mutual Association 2022 (Substitute Forms only)		
CD-419 – Application for Extension for Franchise and Corporate Income Tax		
CD-429 – Corporate Estimated Income Tax		
CD-429B – Underpayment of Estimated Tax by C-Corporations (Substitute Forms only)		
NC K-1 CD-401S – Shareholder's Share of NC Income, Adjustments and Credits		
CD-429 PTE – Taxed S Corporation Estimated Income Tax (Substitute Forms only)		
NC-NA – Nonresident Shareholder Agreement (Substitute Forms only)		
Sales and Use Tax Forms		
E-500 – Sales and Use Tax Return		
E-536 – Schedule of County Sales and Use Taxes		
E-500E – Combined General Rate Sales and Use Tax Return		
E-500F – Motor Vehicle Lease and Rental Tax Return		
E-500G – Scrap Tire Disposal Tax Return		
E-500H – White Goods Disposal Tax Return		
E-500K – Solid Waste Disposal Tax Return		
E-500L – Service Charge/Prepaid Wireless Telecommunications Return		
E-585 – Nonprofit & Governmental Entity Claim for Refund State and County Sales and Use Taxes		
E-585S – Incentive Claim for Refund State and County Sales and Use Taxes		
E-536R – Schedule of County Sales & Use Tax Claim for Refund		
E-588 – Business Claim for Refund State and County Sales and Use Taxes		
E-595E – Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement		
Withholding Tax Forms		
NC-3 – Annual Withholding Reconciliation (electronic filing mandate)		
NC-5 – Withholding Return		
NC-5A – Applied For Status Withholding Return		

Forms and Schedules	e-File	Substitute Forms
NC-5X – Amended Withholding Return		
NC-5P — Withholding Payment Voucher		
NC-5PA – Applied For Status Withholding Payment Voucher		
NC-5PX – Amended Withholding Payment Voucher		
NC-5Q – Quarterly Income Tax Withholding Return		
NC-3X – Amended Annual Withholding Reconciliation		
NC-4 – Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate		
NC-4EZ – Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate		
NC-4 NRA – Nonresident Alien Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate		
NC-4P – Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments		
Common/Shared Forms Supported		
NC-429B PTE – Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Taxed Pass-Through Entities. (Substitute Forms only)		
NC-478 – Summary of Tax Credits Limited to 50% of Tax		
NC-478 Pass Through – Pass-through Schedule for NC-478 Series		
NC-EDU – North Carolina Education Endowment Fund Contribution		
NC-NOL- Net Operating Loss Worksheet		
NC-Rehab – Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits		
NC-PE – N.C. Additions and Deductions for Pass-Through Entities, Estates, and Trusts		
NC-K1 Supplement Schedule – Owner or Beneficiary's Share of N.C. Additions and Deductions		
GEN-58 – Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative		
GEN-58R – Revoke a Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative		
EFT-100C – ACH Credit Payment Method Authorization Agreement		
EFT-100D – ACH Debit Payment Method Authorization Agreement		
NC-BR – Business Registration Application for Income Tax Withholding, Sales and Use Tax and Other Taxes and Service Charge		
*Reserved Lines for Additional Forms		

^{*}Reserved lines are held for the addition of new forms due to late legislation. The NCDOR will provide the form name and submission method for any new forms that are added, and instructions for submitting an amended LOI if relevant.

Electronic Amended Returns

The NCDOR requests you support electronic amended returns for those available through MeF. Check the appropriate box below to indicate whether you support electronic filing of amended returns for each tax type listed.

Amended Returns	Supported	Not Supported
Individual Income Tax		
Estate/Trust/Fiduciary Tax		
Partnership Tax		
Corporate and Franchise Tax		

Agency Requirements

This section identifies agency requirements and expectations of new and existing Providers and software products.

Issue Notification and Resolution Requirements

This section represents the NCDOR issue notification and issue resolution standards.

- If computation errors or variable data errors exist within the software or if production errors occur while
 processing substitute forms, notify the NCDOR and customers in writing, within three (3) business days of
 discovery of the error/issue. Notification to the NCDOR shall be sent to <u>AllAboutForms@ncdor.gov</u>.
 Notification shall be in the form of a corrective action plan. Providers shall comply with the notification and
 issue resolution standards as set out below.
 - a. Provide the NCDOR with a corrective action plan within three (3) business days after discovery of the error/issue that provides the following details:
 - i. Date when the error and/or issue was initially identified
 - ii. Date the error/issue will be corrected
 - iii. Date when the update will be released
 - iv. Date when update was communicated to customer
 - v. Provide a copy of the customer communication
 - b. Within ten (10) business days of the date the error recap email is sent by NCDOR, Provider must obtain form approval from NCDOR for corrected form(s) and/or resubmit an e-File submission to validate the correction.
 - c. Failure to comply with any correction of computation errors or the variable data errors may result in the loss of software and/or forms approval and removal of the Provider and its products from the CDOR's website.
 - d. Providers must regression test software updates, code fixes, and error corrections to ensure the fix did not impact any other fields on either the electronic or paper return.
 - e. Provide NCDOR with a copy of the communication to the taxpayers and/or tax professionals regarding the error/issue and resolution.
- 2. Notify the agency if any forms and/or payments you support are not ready during the filing season after agency approval. Submit this information via email to AllAboutForms@ncdor.gov and include the date the electronic or paper product will be ready to submit.
- 3. Providers that execute this agreement are subject to the Identity Theft Protection Act (Chapter 75, Article 2A) of the North Carolina General Statutes. Security breaches, as defined by Chapter 75, must be reported to the Consumer Protection Division of the North Carolina Office of Attorney General. For more information, see Providers must immediately notify the NCDOR by

email at <u>AllAboutForms@ncdor.gov</u> of any known or suspected unauthorized access to or acquisition of North Carolina taxpayer data.

Production Return Submission Requirements

All North Carolina tax forms generated from Provider's software must be e-Filed or printed from the Provider's approved software or a subsequent product update.

- 1. Electronic submissions and paper tax returns must fully comply and meet the standards set forth in the Modernized e-File Guide (MeF), Requirements for the Approval of Tax Forms document, and the LOI. If not, the electronic returns and paper returns will be rejected by the NCDOR.
- 2. The NCDOR does not endorse any software products that support the electronic filing and/or reproduction of State forms. Therefore, Providers shall refrain from promoting and/or advertising software products as endorsed by the NCDOR.
- 3. The NCDOR may include Providers' name in communications used to inform tax practitioners and the public about software products that comply or failed to comply with NCDOR guidelines and requirements included in the MeF and requirements for the Approval of Tax Forms document.

Substitute Tax Forms Requirements

This section represents the NCDOR requirements for Substitute Tax Forms. Providers shall adhere to the following:

- 1. Submit all forms following the published form specifications, production details, and the current year "Requirements for the Approval of Substitute Tax Forms" document.
- 2. Produce all forms in a specified set as listed in the "Requirements for the Approval of Substitute Tax Forms" document.
- 3. Prior to receiving approval for each North Carolina form indicated on the Letter of Intent, refrain from selling, releasing, licensing, or distributing tax packages to customers without placing a semi-transparent water mark on each unapproved form that states, "UNAPPROVED FORM: DO NOT FILE." This watermark is to be printed diagonally across the form in bold, capital letters in Arial 60 pt. font. Only approved current year forms will not bear this watermark. This watermark will enable the NCDOR to readily identify these forms and reject them.
- 4. Providers who choose to support public NCDOR website forms are legally responsible for any misstatements made on the forms.

Product Updates

Desktop Product users who attempt to file 10 or more business days after a production release must be required to download and apply the product update.

Schemas

Provider software must follow the schema requirements. NCDOR schema requirements are available in the State Exchange System (SES).

Software Limitations Provide any software limitations to forms or schedules you support during ATS. Failure to provide this information could delay the review of your test returns. If additional space is needed, please attach additional page(s). If there are additional limitations after completing the LOI, please provide them to

appropriate security measures to protect taxpayers and their information in your system. You must apply measures to protect taxpayer information in your system when it is on-line, off-line, at rest, and in transit.

Testing and Submissions

All e-File ATS and substitute forms tests submitted during the approval process must be created in, and originate from, the Provider's actual software.

Customer Notices

This section identifies information the NCDOR requires Providers to communicate to their customers.

Disclosure and Use of Information Language Expectations

Providers must include the following consent language with electronic filing software.

For Do-It-Yourself software:

By using a computer system and software to prepare and file my tax return(s) electronically, I consent to the transmission of my return(s) and to the disclosure of all information about my use of the system and software to the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

For Tax Professional software:

By using a computer system and software to prepare and file my client's return(s), I consent to the transmission of my client's return(s) and to the disclosure of all information about my use of the system and software to the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

For Business software:

By using a computer system and software to prepare and file this business tax return(s), I consent to the transmission of the return(s) and to the disclosure of all information about the use of the system and software to the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

Required Screenshots

An email will be sent to the Provider requesting screen shots that contain NCDOR required verbiage used within the software product. These screens shots must be submitted for both do-it-yourself and professional software products. The following screen shots are required before a product can be approved (Note: The verbiage applies to all tax types unless otherwise noted):

Driver's License (DL)/ID Card Expectations

For e-File returns:

The NCDOR requests the DL/ID card number be included with the return but will not reject the return if it is not included. All Do It Yourself (DIY) and Tax Professional software packages must include the statement below in your software. The statement should be displayed prominently within your software so that it is visible to customers.

Statement: To protect your identity and combat tax fraud, many state revenue agencies are requesting that filers provide their driver's license or state-issued ID number. While providing this information is encouraged, it is optional and not required to file your North Carolina taxes.

Refund Expectations

The NCDOR requires a statement for refund processing. All Do It Yourself (DIY) and Tax Professional software packages must include the statement and URL below in your software. The statement should be displayed prominently within your software so that it is visible to customers.

URL: ncdor.gov/refund

Statement: You can get up to date information regarding refund processing and check the status of your refund online at ncdor.gov/refund. To view refund status information, you will be prompted to enter your Social Security Number along with the exact amount of your refund. You can also call our toll-free refund inquiry line at 1-877-252-4052, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

QR Code

To help promote the use of the NCDOR's electronic payment options via our website, NCDOR request Providers add a QR code to printed payment instruction documents that are provided to taxpayers. The QR code should direct the taxpayers to the NCDOR's File and Pay webpage (ncdor.gov/file-pay) for the applicable payment forms. The QR code should not be placed on vouchers and/or forms. The links for the QR Code will be available in the SES.

Agency Questions

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 What refund products or payment methods do you offer your customers? If you pa provide refunds, please provide the names, and bank routing numbers (RTNs) of ea separate sheet if necessary. 				•	
e-File	e Spec	cific	Questions		
	1. Do	a. b.	support any of the following: (check all that apply) Unlinked Foreign address TPOS	Yes Yes Yes	No
		•	u offer a Free File Alliance (FFA) Product for TY 2024? duct listing on the NCDOR's website:	If yes, please cor	mplete the information below
		a.	Free File Product Name		
		b.	Free File Contact Name		
		c.	Contact Phone Number		
		d.	Contact Email Address		

3.	Would you like to opt-in to receive a personalized MeF business rule and reject report card from the NCDOR? If yes, please complete the contact information below:		
	Note: This will only be available after May 31, 2025, for approved Providers that had submissions. a. Yes b. No		
	Contact Name		
	Contact Email Address		
Forms S	specific Questions		
1.	Do you place product identification in software that prints on the substitute tax forms? a. Yes b. No		
2.	How are NCDOR form instructions presented in your software? a. Printable option with the form b. Link in software c. Link to the NCDOR's website		
3.	How will your forms be submitted to NCDOR for approval? a. PDF/E-mail (Identify which PDF maker is being used) b. Express Mail		
4.	What software program will your company use to develop substitute tax forms?		
5.	Has your operating system changed since TY2023? a Yes b No		

Acknowledgments and Signature

By signing this agreement, I agree to provide true, accurate, current, and complete information and my company agrees to all the requirements listed in this document.

The North Carolina Department of Revenue reserves the right to deny, suspend or terminate my company's ability to submit forms/returns.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE PRINTED NAME	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE EMAIL ADDRESS	S
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE PHONE NUMBER	DATE

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.

NOTE: Include all authorized individuals, even if listed above in the contact sections.

First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
	Authorized access e-File Substitute Forms	Tax types Common/Shared Corporate Estates and Trusts Individual Income Partnership Sales and Use Withholding
First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
	Authorized access e-File Substitute Forms	Tax types Common/Shared Corporate Estates and Trusts Individual Income Partnership Sales and Use Withholding
First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
	Authorized access e-File Substitute Forms	Tax types Common/Shared Corporate Estates and Trusts Individual Income Partnership Sales and Use Withholding

First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
	Authorized access e-File Substitute Forms	Tax types Common/Shared Corporate Estates and Trusts Individual Income Partnership Sales and Use Withholding
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	Authorized access e-File Substitute Forms	Tax types Common/Shared Corporate Estates and Trusts Individual Income Partnership Sales and Use Withholding
First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
	Authorized access e-File Substitute Forms	Tax types Common/Shared Corporate Estates and Trusts Individual Income Partnership Sales and Use Withholding
First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
	Authorized access e-File Substitute Forms	Tax types Common/Shared Corporate Estates and Trusts Individual Income Partnership Sales and Use Withholding

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	Authorized access e-File Substitute Forms	Tax types Common/Shared Corporate Estates and Trusts Individual Income Partnership Sales and Use Withholding