# State of Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Income Tax Administration



# Letter of Intent Tax Year 2022

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# **REVISIONS**

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# Tax Year 2022

# State of Arkansas Tax Software Provider Letter of Intent

Welcome to the Income Tax Letter of Intent (LOI). If your software company intends to submit electronic and/or paper returns to the **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration**, **Income Tax Administration** you will need to complete this form and submit it to ARefile@dfa.arkansas.gov.

By submitting this Letter of Intent (LOI) to the **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration**, **Income Tax Administration**, 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, we may deny your application or revoke your approved software provider status and reject all electronic and/or paper returns submitted using your products.

You must complete a separate LOI for each unique product your company offers. We may reject an incomplete Letter of Intent.

**Note:** If you are a new Software 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:**

The **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Income Tax Administration** has important key dates to ensure we are ready for the filing season and taxpayers can file an accurate and timely tax return. Please note the following key dates:

Assurance testing (ATS) begins on same date as the IRS.

Check this box if this is an amended Letter of Intent.

Reason for amendment:

### **Company information**

• Complete and submit this form by Nov 30th.

Name of Company	Product Name (Only one product per letter of intent)	Arkansas Issued Softward ID (If new product, AR will issue new ID)
DBA Name	NACTP Member Number	State Tax Account Number
Address	Product Address/URL	Company FEIN
City	State	Zip Code
Web site address (URL)	•	·

#### IRS issued electronic identification numbers

Testing EFIN(s)	Testing ETIN(s)
Production EFIN(s)	Production ETIN(s)

Contact information		
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 MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Fiduciary/Estate MeF Contact	Phone	Email Address
Primary Leads Reporting Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Leads Reporting Contact	Phone	Email Address
Substitute forms registration 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
<b>Note:</b> If you have separate contacts for each bus	I siness tax type, please	list them by tax type on a separate sheet and attach it to this submission.
Software products and tax ty Check all that apply.	/pes supporto	ed
Software Product(s)		
DIY/Consumer (Web-Based)		
DIY/Consumer (Desktop)		
Professional/Paid Preparer (Web-Based)		
Professional/Paid Preparer (Desktop)		

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Tax Types(s)	
Individual Income Tax	Substitute Forms E-File
Composite Tax	Substitute Forms E-File
Fiduciary Tax	Substitute Forms E-File
Partnership Tax	Substitute Forms E-File
Corporation Tax	Substitute Forms E-File
S-Corporation Tax	Substitute Forms E-File
Pass-through Entity Tax	Substitute Forms E-File

#### E-file mandates or requirements

\*Act 143 has been signed into law. A tax practitioner that files a taxpayer's federal income tax return electronically shall also file the taxpayer's Arkansas income tax return electronically. This mandate also applies to electronically filed amended returns.

#### **Electronic amended returns**

Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Income Tax Administration requests you support electronic amended returns for those available through MeF.

# Forms and schedules supported (check all that apply)

Check the boxes of the forms and schedules your company supports. If there is a check in the "mandated for e-File" column, your company is required to submit these returns electronically.

Note: Arkansas requires the forms listed below to be submitted for review and approval.

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX										
AR Forms & Schedules	E-file Mandated	Forms	E-File	E-File Amended		AR Forms & Schedules	E-file Mandated	Forms	E-File	E-File Amended
AR1000F	*					AR1075				
AR1000NR	*					AR1113				
AR3						AR2106				
AR4						AR2210				
AR1000ADJ						AR2210A				
AR1000CE						AR2441				
AR1000-CO						AR3903				
AR1000D						AR4684				
AR1000DC						AR-MS				
AR1000EC						AR-OI				
AR1000NOL						AR8453				
AR1000-OD						AR8453-OL				
AR1000RC5						AR TAX PMT				
AR1000TC	<b>*</b>					AR EXT PMT				
AR1000TD						AR EST PMT				
AR1055-IT (Form)						AR1000V				
AR1055-IT (Voucher)						AR1000ES				

<sup>\*</sup>Form AR1000TC must be supported for electronic filing.

COMPOSITE INCOME TAX							
AR Forms & Schedules	E-file Mandated	Forms	E-File	E-File Amended			
AR1000CR	*						
AR K-1							
AR K-1FE							
AR1055-CR (Forms)							
AR1055-CR (Voucher)							
AR8453-CR							
AR TAX PMT							
AR EXT PMT							
AR EST PMT							
AR1000-CRV							
AR1000CRES							
	FID	UCIARY INCOME TA	X				
AR Forms & Schedules	E-file Mandated	Forms	E-File	E-File Amended			
AR1002F	*		П				
AR1002NR	*						
AR4-FID							
AR K-1FE							
AR1002-TC							
AR2210							
AR2210A							
AR1055-FE (Form)							
AR1055-FE (Voucher)							
AR8453-FE							
AR TAX PMT							
AR EXT PMT							
AR EST PMT							
AR1002V							
AR1002ES							
	ı	NERSHIP INCOME T	ı				
AR Forms & Schedules	E-file Mandated	Forms	E-File	E-File Amended			
AR1050	*						
AR K-1							
AR-AIS							
AR1055-PE							
AR8453-PE							

SORI STATISTI INSSIIL TAX							
AR Forms & Schedules	E-file Mandated	Forms	E-File	E-File Amended			
AR1100CT	*						
AR1023CT							
AR1036							
AR1100BIC							
AR1100-CO							
AR1100NOL							
AR1100REC							
AR1100WH							
AR1155 (Form)							
AR1155 (Voucher)							
AR2220-CT							
AR2220A-CT							
AR K-1							
AR-AIS							
AR8453-C							
AR1100CTV							
AR1100ESCT							
	S COR	PORATION INCOME	TAX				
AR Forms & Schedules	E-file Mandated	Forms	E-File	E-File Amended			
AR1100S	*						
AR1100WH							
AR1155 (Form)							
AR1155 (Voucher)							
AR K-1							
AR-AIS							
AR8453-S							
AR1100CTV							

**CORPORATION INCOME TAX** 

PASS-THROUGH ENTITY TAX						
AR Forms & Schedules	E-file Mandated	Forms	E-File	E-File Amended		
AR1100PET	*					
AR362						
AR1155-PET						
AR2220-PET						
AR2220A-PET						
AR1100PTV						
AR1100ESPET						
AR1100BIC						
AR1100NOL						
AR1100REC						
AR1100-WH						
AR K-1						
AR-AIS						
AR8453-PET						

#### Rebranded Software Products

The following requirements apply to paper forms and e-file ATS approval for rebranded products

Software providers must complete a separate letter of intent LOI for each rebranded product in its entirety if:

• The organization that rebrands the software has the capability to make changes to the development of the software, uses their own ETIN, or limits the software provider's ability to monitor the product (Including but not limited to software updates or patches, leads reporting requirements, etc.).

Rebranded products are not required to complete e-file ATS and paper form approval if:

• The organization does **not** have the capability to make changes to the development of the software, uses their own ETIN, or limits the software provider's ability to monitor the product (Including but not limited to software updates or patches, leads reporting requirements, etc.).

Use one of the following class codes for each product:

- Class Code 1: Software products sold/licensed to a third-party user and the third-party user can add their own logos and/or splash screens, but they cannot modify calculations in the program.
- Class Code 2: Software products sold/licensed to a third-party user and the third-party user can modify
  calculations in the program. Rebranded Products with class code 2 are required to complete
  the full e-file ATS/paper form approval process.

Rebranded Product Name	Class Code	}	ETIN
Contact Person		Phone N	umber (United States Only)
Email Address			
Rebranded Product Name	Class Code	•	ETIN
Contact Person		Phone N	umber (United States Only)
Email Address			
Rebranded Product Name	Class Code	)	ETIN
Contact Person	1	Phone N	umber (United States Only)
Email Address			

<sup>\*</sup>If there are more than 3 software products that have rebranded under a different name, please list them on a separate sheet and attach with your LOI submission.

#### **Agency Requirements**

This section identifies agency requirements and expectations of new and existing Software Providers and the software product.

#### **Issue Notification and Resolution Requirements**

This section represents the **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Income Tax Administration** issue notification and issue resolution standards.

Notify the agency if any forms and/or payments you support are not ready when your software is available for use. Submit this information via email to ARforms@dfa.arkansas.gov

Data breaches, security incidents, or other improper disclosures of taxpayer data that by law require reporting to the Arkansas Attorney General must also be reported to the **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Income Tax Administration.** 

Notify by email (ARefile@dfa.arkansas.gov) or call (501) 682-7925 with information regarding any incorrect and/ or missing calculation or e-File data element for any paper or electronically returns submitted to the **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Income Tax Administration**.

#### **Production Return Submission Requirements**

All returns generated from this software must be electronically filed or printed from the initially approved software or a subsequent product update.

#### **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**

Your software must adhere to the schema requirements. **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Income Tax Administration** schema information requirements can be found on the State exchange system.

#### **System Security Requirements**

The **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Income Tax Administration** does not prescribe the security requirements for your system. You are responsible for implementing appropriate security measures to protect taxpayers and their information in your system. You must apply security measures to protect taxpayer information in your system when it is on-line, off-line, at rest, and in transit.

#### **Testing and Submission Requirements**

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

When sending test submissions to AREfile@dfa.arkansas.gov, the subject line must indicate the Arkansas issued software ID being tested.

#### **Direct Deposit**

All software providers and software products must support split refund functionality.

#### **Validation of Data Elements**

This section represents **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration**, **Income Tax Administration** requirements for validation of specific data elements.

Software Vendors cannot release Arkansas income tax forms in software products until approval has been received by the State of Arkansas.

Arkansas income tax returns cannot be prepared nor can taxpayers receive an "early look" until all new year changes have been updated to the software product.

All updates must be updated in the tax software before allowing printing of tax returns.

All software products must have a two step verification for all routing and account numbers.

Transferring data year-over-year that is not initially entered accurately causes issues with processing tax returns. The following items should not be transferred year over year:

- · State driver's license data elements
- Bank account numbers
- State identity PIN's

Do not mask or truncate taxpayer information

#### **Data Breach Reporting**

All software providers executing this agreement are subject to the data breach security laws and/or regulations of the **State of Arkansas and the Department of Finance and Administration** noted below, including but not limited to provisions regarding who must comply with the law, definitions of "personally identifiable information", what constitutes a breach, requirements for notice, and any exemptions.

Arkansas Code Title 4 Business and Commercial Law / Subtitle 7 Consumer Protection

- Chapter 110 Personal Information Protection Act / A.C.A. § 4-110-101-108
- https://arkansasag.gov/consumer-protection/identity/column-one/security-or-data-breach/

Software providers who discover an internal or client data breach must notify the State of Arkansas within twenty-four (24) hours. The notification must include all information available with regard to the clients and/or users affected. Notifications can be sent to Arkansas Electronic Filing Section using the following contact information:

• **Phone**: (501) 682-7925

• Email: ARefile@dfa.arkansas.gov

#### **Customer Notices**

This section identifies information **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration**, **Income Tax Administration** is requiring the software providers to communicate with customers.

#### **Disclosure and Use of Information Language Expectations**

You 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 **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration**, **Income Tax Administration**.

#### 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 **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration**, **Income Tax Administration**.

#### 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 **Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration**, **Income Tax Administration**.

#### State Driver's License/ID Card Expectations - (Individual Income Tax Only)

**Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Income Tax Administration** is providing the following expectations and information:

For e-File returns:



Arkansas requests the DL/ID card be included with the tax return but won't reject it if it's not included.

For printed/paper forms requesting the DL/ID Card Information:



**Arkansas** requests the full DL/ID Card Information on the form(s)

**Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Income Tax Administration** is providing a URL and/or a statement for the DL/ID Card. All Do It Yourself (DIY) and Tax Professional software packages must include this information in your software. The message is expected to be displayed within the software in a way to maximize the likelihood the message is read.

URL: https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/income-tax/individual-income-tax/

**Statement:** The State of Arkansas is requesting additional information this filing season in an effort to combat identity tax fraud and ensure that your hard-earned tax refund goes to you. Providing information from your driver's license or state issued identification card will help protect your identity and could help process your return quicker. However, this is only a request. Information from your driver's license is not required, and your return will be processed without the additional information. The information is being requested solely to help protect your identity and ensure a more-secure refund.

#### **Customer Notices (Continued)**

#### **State Documents and Materials**

All Arkansas income tax forms, publications and schemas will be posted on the FTA State Exchange System (SES).

#### <u>State Refund Expectations</u> - (Individual Income Tax Only)

**Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Income Tax Administration** is providing a URL and statement about refund processing. You must include the URL and statement in all your products and show it to users within the software in the most prominent way possible.

URL: <a href="www.atap.arkansas.gov">www.atap.arkansas.gov</a> (Arkansas "Where's My Refund")

#### Statement:

Identity Theft has been a growing problem nationally and the Department is taking additional measures to ensure tax refunds are issued to the correct individuals. These additional measures may result in tax refunds not being issued as quickly as in past years.

#### **Tax Due Expectations**

Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Income Tax Administration is providing a URL and statement about tax dues, such as how to schedule or make a tax payment and/or estimated tax payments. You must include the URL and statement in all your products and show it to users within the software in the most prominent way possible.

URL: www.atap.arkansas.gov

#### Statement:

Taxpayers can schedule or request an electronic tax payment for balance due returns and/or estimated tax payments by visiting our website.

#### **Agency Questions**

1.	What refund products or payment vehicles do you offer your customers? If you partner with an entity to provide refunds (e.g. Amazon.com or other pre-paid cards), please provide the names and bank routing numbers (RTNs) of each company. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary)
2.	Does this product offer Direct Debit for return payment? ☐ Yes ☐ No
	If Yes, select the supported method. ☐ Partial payments ☐ Full payment ☐ Both
	<b>If No</b> , you must provide a statement in your software indicating that no payment is being submitted at the time the return is filed. A screenshot of this text must be provided during acceptance testing.
3.	Does this product allow Direct Debit for estimated payments? ☐ Yes ☐ No

# **Agreement**

the requirements listed in this document. The <b>Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Income Tax Admin-</b> istration reserves the right to deny, suspend, or terminate my company's ability to submit returns.						
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	DATE					
PRINT NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	TITLE					

PHONE NUMBER

# **Electronically:**

E-MAIL ADDRESS

E-mail the completed and signed Letter of Intent:
 ARefile@dfa.arkansas.gov

# **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 previously on this form.

First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
	Authorized Access	Tax types   IIT   FIT   CIT   PET
	Substitute Forms E-file	
First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
	Authorized Access	Tax types IIT FIT CIT PET
	Substitute Forms E-file	☐ICT ☐PIT ☐SCIT
First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
	Authorized Access	Tax types   IIT   FIT   CIT   PET
	Substitute Forms E-file	☐ ICT ☐ PIT ☐ SCIT
First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
First and Last Name	Priorie Number	Email Address
	Authorized Access	Tax types IIT FIT CIT PET
	Substitute Forms E-file	☐ICT ☐PIT ☐SCIT
First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
	Authorized Access	Tax types IIT FIT CIT PET
	Substitute Forms E-file	☐ICT ☐PIT ☐SCIT
First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
	Authorized Access	Tax types IIT FIT CIT PET
	Substitute Forms E-file	☐ICT ☐PIT ☐SCIT
First and Last Name	Phone Number	Email Address
	Authorized Access	Tax types IIT FIT CIT PET
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	Authorized Access	Tax types IIT FIT CIT PET
	Substitute Forms E-file	