STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION



General Information and Scannable Specifications for Form U-6 (Rev. 2023)

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Note: Reproduced forms must meet the requirements as established in this document and our current Forms Reproduction Policy.

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General Information and Scannable Specifications

This document provides software vendors with the requirements for reproducing Form U-6. Form U-6 is designed for electronic scanning that permits faster processing with fewer errors. Software developers who reproduce, develop, or distribute Form U-6 must create the form so the variable data (specified fields containing taxpayer information) are printed in a fixed format that can

be read by the Department's IBML scanners. A 2D QR code must be present on each page of the form.

Substitute scannable forms MUST meet the requirements as established in this document and our current Forms Reproduction Policy, and be approved prior to release or distribution.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Substitute Form

- We highly recommend you use the Department's official Form U-6 PDF.
- If you do not use the Department's official PDF, the substitute form must match the Department's form in layout and appearance including **bold** and/or *italics* fonts as they appear on the official form.
- Lines of text in a paragraph must break at the same location as the official form.
- All forms and variable data must have a high standard of legibility for printing.
- Photocopies of the scannable form must not be submitted to the Department for processing.
- Substitute scannable forms must be proofread prior to submission.

2. Paper and Ink

- The paper size is 8.5 inches by 11 inches, the same size as the Department's original form. The paper weight must be at least 20 pound white bond and the page orientation is portrait.
- Black ink should be used in printing the text on the form and the variable data.

3. Fonts

- The form was designed using the following font:
 - 1. Arial
- The following fonts and sizes should be used for the form number and revision year located at the top left corner on page 1 of the form:
 - 1. FORM: 8 pt Arial bold
 - 2. U-6: 18 pt Arial bold
 - 3. REV. 2023: 8 pt Arial
- The following font and size should be used for the form number and revision year located at the top left corner on page 2 of the form:
 - 1. FORM U-6 (REV. 2023): 8 pt Arial bold

- The following font and size should be used for the form number located at the bottom right corner of the form:
 - 1. FORM U-6 (REV. 2023): 10 pt Arial bold

4. Variable Data

- All variable data fields must utilize 12 pt Courier new font.
- All variable data fields require exact placement.
- Print all alpha characters uppercase.
- Use a bold X (X) as a checkbox. See exhibit for exact placement. The use of a checkmark is not acceptable.

5. Variable Data Delimiters

 Other tax year beginning and ending must be printed with dash (-) delimiters. For example:

MM-DD

(2 digits for month, followed by a dash (-), followed by 2 digits for day).

Dates must be printed with dash (-) delimiters. For example:

MM-DD-YYYY

(2 digits for month, followed by a dash (-), followed by 2 digits for day, followed by a dash (-), followed by 4 digits for year).

• Taxpayer's Hawaii Tax I.D. Number must be printed with dash (-) delimiters. For example:

GE-123-456-7890-01

(GE, followed by a dash (-), followed by 3 digits, followed by a dash (-), followed by 3 digits, followed by a dash (-), followed by 4 digits, followed by a dash (-), followed by 2 digits)

Note: The Taxpayer's Hawaii Tax I.D. Number begins with "GE."

 Taxpayer's Federal Employer Identification Number must be printed with a dash (-) delimiter. For example:

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12-1234567

(2 digits, followed by a dash (-), followed by 7 digits).

6. Dollar Amounts

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- Do not use commas as thousand separators.
- Do not use leading dollar signs.
- · Amounts are right justified.

7. Testing and Approval of the Scannable Form

 A minimum of 5 hardcopy test samples must be provided to ensure proper testing including 1 hardcopy test sample that contains all maximized fields (one alpha "X" or numeric "9" character space with no leading or tailing spaces).

- Test samples must be originals. Photocopies, fax submissions, etc. will not be accepted.
- Test samples must be populated with unique sample variable data showing different scenarios.
- It will require 1 to 2 weeks, upon receipt by the Department, to verify the accuracy of the submitted sample.
- Approval of the facsimile must be obtained from the Department **prior** to filing.
- Form U-6 (Rev. 2023) cannot be filed until 2024.

SCANNABLE SPECIFICATIONS

1. Layout

 Open space around variable data fields should be adhered to as much as possible except for the areas that do not require optical character recognition. Do not place any additional information in these areas.

2. Hawaii Vendor I.D. Number

- Print your 2-digit Hawaii Vendor I.D. Number following the "ID NO" label at the following position:
 - 1. Pages 1 and 2: The 2-digit Hawaii Vendor I.D. Number should begin at column 42, row 64.
- The Hawaii Vendor I.D. Number must utilize 12 pt Courier New font.

3. QR Code

- A QR code is specific to the form. The property of the 2D symbology QR code is measured in CM.
- Placement of the QR code is as follows (see exhibit for exact placement):
 - Page 1: The left bottom corner of the QR code is at the beginning of column 6 and at the bottom of row 10.
 - Page 2: The left bottom corner of the QR code is at the beginning of column 6 and at the bottom of row 7.
- Height of the QR code is 0.5 inch.
- · Length of the QR code is 0.5 inch.
- · Narrow Module Size is set to 0.18.
- · Margin is set to 0.18.
- Open space surrounding the QR code should be adhered to as much as possible.
- DO NOT stretch the QR code image.

 The required QR code for page 1 is: U6_T 2023A 01 VIDXX

The required QR code for page 2 is: U6_T 2023A 02 VIDXX

The QR code includes the form number (U6), an underscore, type of form (T), space, 4-digit form year (2023), 1-letter revision indicator (A), space, 2-digit page number (01), space, vendor I.D. label (VID), and your 2-digit Hawaii Vendor I.D. Number (XX). There are no hyphens.

- The human readable text for the QR code must be printed below the QR code, utilizing 6 pt Arial font. Placement of the human readable text is as follows (see exhibits for exact placement):
 - 1. Page 1: Column 6, row 11
 - 2. Pages 2 4: Column 6, row 8
- Please do not print the outline around the human readable text and QR code. The outline is used to show the placement of the human readable text and QR code.
- DO NOT use Windows Metafile Format (wmf). This format causes a very low read rate by the Department's IBML scanners.

4. Form Serial Number

- The form serial number MUST be printed at column 6, row 64, utilizing 12 pt Courier New font.
- The required form serial number for page 1 is: UTL1E3T4

The required form serial number for page 2 is: UTL2E3T4

5. Acetate Overlays

- Acetate overlays will assist in the exact data field placement. Verify your form samples with the overlays prior to submitting them for testing. If the samples do not match the overlays within 1/16 inch, do not submit them for approval as they will be rejected.
- Acetate overlays will be mailed to vendors who submitted a Letter of Intent to participate in the Forms
- Reproduction Program and who will be reproducing Form U-6. If you did not receive the acetate overlays, please contact the Forms Coordinator.
- Although the form was revised for 2023, the placement of the variable data has not changed from revision 2022. To help minimize costs, please use the acetate overlays from revision 2022. If you do not have the overlays from revision 2022, please contact the Forms Coordinator.

FORM U-6 (REV. 2023)

STATE OF HAWAII — DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY TAX RETURN

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