

# State of Maine

# Letter of Intent

# Tax Year 2020

Maine Revenue Services

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# 2020 Tax Software Provider State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services Letter of Intent

By submitting this Letter of Intent (LOI) to **State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services,** you are agreeing to meet our standards for software provider registration, all tax preparation software, and substitute forms.

Failure to meet the standards or requirements set forth in this LOI may result in the denial of your application or the removal of your organization as an approved software provider, and the rejection of all electronic or paper returns submitted using your products.

You must complete a separate LOI form for each unique product your company offers. If you submit an incomplete form, your request to participate in electronic or paper submissions may be denied.

This form must be completed and submitted to Efile Helpdesk, Efile.Helpdesk@maine.gov no later than January 1, 2021.

Name of Company	Product Name		State Software ID (if applicable)
DBA Name	NACTP Member Number		State Tax Account Number (if applicable)
Address	Product Address/URL		Company FEIN
City	State		Zip Code
Regulatory/Compliance Contact	Phone		Email Address
Primary Maine Individual MeF Contact	Phone		Email Address
Secondary Maine Individual MeF Contact	Phone		Email Address
Primary Maine Business MeF Contact	Phone		Email Address
Secondary Maine Business MeF Contact	Phone		Email Address
Primary Leads Reporting Contact	Phone		Email Address
Secondary Leads Reporting Contact	Phone		Email Address
Test EFIN(s)		Test ETIN(s)	
Production EFIN(s)		Production ETIN(s)	

# Authorized access to the State Exchange System

Please provide information for the employees you are authorizing to have access to the State Exchange System. The tax type box should include all the tax types individuals are authorized to access.

**NOTE:** Even if the individuals are the same as what you've listed on the first page, please also include them here.

Company Name	First and last name	Email address
Phone number	Authorized access Forms E-file	Tax Types
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Please attach additional sheet with authorized users if necessary. The list you provide must include the information requested in the table above.

## <u>Type of Software Product</u> (Check only one)

DIY/Consumer (Web-Based)

Professional/Paid Preparer (Web-Based) Professional/Paid Preparer (Desktop)

#### Tax Types Supported (Check all that apply)

# Forms E-File

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Individual Income Tax Property Tax Estate/Trust/Fiduciary Tax

Forms	E-File

Corporate/Franchise Tax Insurance Premium Tax Pass-Through Partnership/S-Corp

# Rebranded software products

#### Complete this section only if your product is rebranded.

In order for the software to be considered rebranded, changes cannot be made to the software requirements and output(s). As the Software company selling and/or licenses your product to a third-party, it is your responsibility to make sure the rebranded product reflects the current software requirements and output(s). Enter the appropriate class code for the rebranded product in class code box below.

Class Code 1: Software products sold/licensed to a third-party user and the third-party user has the ability to add their own logos and/or splash screens. They cannot modify calculations in the program.
Class Code 2: Software products sold/licensed to a third-party user and the third-party has the ability to alter/change calculations in the program.

Rebranded Product Name	Class Code	ETIN (If applicable)	Contact Person	Phone	Email Address
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Please attach additional sheets with rebranded software product information if necessary.

# For Rebranded Products, the State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services has the following requirements for paper forms and/or e-file ATS approval

- Rebranded Products with a class code #1 are not required to complete e-file ATS/paper form approval
- Rebranded Products with a class code #2 are required to complete the full e-file ATS/paper form approval process

## Substitute Forms Registration

Agency Substitute Form Vendor Number		
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
Note: If you have separate contacts for each business t	l tax types, please list them by tax type o	on a separate sheet and attach it to this submission.

# Forms and Schedules Supported (check all that apply)

Use the section below to select forms and schedules supported for e-file, paper, or both. Place either a '**B**' = BOTH, '**E**' = E-file, or '**P**' = PAPER in the box next to the form or schedule. Additional paper forms **ONLY** are on page 8. NOTE: Please check that all supported forms have been selected. Failure to properly select all forms will result in additional LOI(s) that need to be completed and submitted, delaying your participation in ATS testing.

#### Maine Individual Tax 1040ME

Form 1040ME (Maine Individual Income Tax Form)	Maine Schedule A Worksheets	
Schedule 1 (Income Modifications)	Adult Dependent Care Credit	
Schedule 2 (Itemized Deductions)	Child Care Credit	
Schedule A (Adjustments to Tax)	Dependent Exemption Tax Credit	
Schedule CP (Voluntary Contributions and Park Passes)	Earned Income Tax Credit	
Form 2210ME (Underpayment of Estimated Tax)	Educational Opportunity Credit Individual	
Worksheet A (Residency Information)	Educational Opportunity Credit Payment Schedule	
Worksheet B (Income Allocation Worksheet)	Employer Credit for Family and Medical Leave	
Form 2210ME Annualized Income Worksheet	Income Taxes Paid to Other Jurisdictions	
Schedule NR (Nonresident Credit)	Maine Seed Capital Credit	
Schedule NRH	Pension Deduction Worksheet	
(Nonresident Credit for Married Electing to File Single)	Pine Tree Development Zone Credit	
	PTZE Credit Ratio Worksheet	
Schedule PTFC/STFC (Property Tax Fairness Credit /Sales Tax Fairness Credit)	Rehabilitation of Historic Properties	
Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement)	Wellness Programs Credit	
Form W-2G (Certain Gambling winnings)		
Form 1099Misc (Miscellaneous Income)		
Form 1099Int (Interest Income)	Form 1099OID (Interest and Original Issue Discount)	
Form 1099G (Certain Government Payments)	Form 1099B (Proceeds from Broker and Barter Exchange)	
Form 1099 DIV (Dividends and Distributions)	Form 1099R (Distributions from Pensions, Annuities)	
Amended Returns	Form 1099ME (Maine Pass-through Withholding)	
PTFC/STFC ONLY Returns	PDF Attachments	

# Maine Fiduciary Tax 1041ME

Form 1041ME		
(Resident and Nonresident Estates and Trusts)	Schedule NR (Nonresident Credit)	
Schedule 1 (Fiduciary Adjustment)	Form 2210ME (Underpayment of Estimated Tax)	
Schedule 2 (Allocation of Fed Income and ME source Inc)	Fiduciary Worksheets	
Schedule 3 (Income Tax Paid to Another Jurisdiction)	Annualized Income Installment for Form 2210ME	
Schedule A (Adjustments to Tax)	Employer Credit for Family and Medical Leave	
Form 1099R (Distributions from Pensions, Annuities)	High Technology Investment Credit	
Form 1099ME (Maine Pass-through Withholding)	Maine Seed Capital Investment Credit	
Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement)	Pine Tree Development Zone Credit	
Form W-2G (Certain Gambling winnings)	PTZE Credit Ratio Worksheet	
Amended Returns		
PDF Attachments		

# Maine Corporate Tax 1120ME

Form 1120ME (Corporate Income Tax)	Corporate Worksheets	
Schedule A Apportionment of Tax	Annualized Income Installment for Form 2220ME	
Schedule C Other Credits	Carry Forward of Unused Super Credit for Increased R & D	
Schedule D Minimum Tax Credit	Capital Investment Credit	
Schedule X Amended Returns Adjustment	Educational Opportunity Credit – Employers	
Schedule NOL	Employer Credit for Family and Medical Leave	
	High Technology Investment Credit	
Form CR (Combined Report for Unitary Members)	Pine Tree Development Zone Tax Credit	
Form 2220ME (Underpayment of Estimated Tax)	Rehabilitation of Historic Properties Tax Credit	
Form 1099ME (Maine Pass-through Withholding)	Maine Seed Capital Investment Credit	
Form W-2G (Certain Gambling winnings)	Wellness Credit	
Amended Returns		
PDF Attachments		

# Maine Pass-Through Partnership/S-Corp 941P-ME

Form 941P-ME (Maine Pass-through withholding)	Schedule 3P List of Exempt Members	
Schedule 2P Pass-Through Entity Withholding Listing		
FED 1065	Amended Returns	
FED 1120S	PDF Attachments	

# Additional Paper Forms – Check the box if form is supported

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX		INSURANCE PREMIUMS TAX	
Form 1040L-ME 2D BARCODE		INS-1	
1040EXT-ME		INS-2	
1040ES-ME		INS-3	
1040PV		INS-4	
		INS-5	
FIDUCIARY INCOME TAX		INS-6	
1041EXT-ME		INS-7	
1041ES-ME			
1041PV		MISCELLANEOUS INCOME TAX	
		REW-1-1040	
CORPORATE INCOME TAX		REW-1-1041	
1120ME 2D BARCODE		REW-1-1120	
FORM CR 2D BARCODE			
1120EXT-ME		PAYROLL TAX FORMS	
1120ES-ME		900ME	
1120PV		901ES-ME	
		ME UC1PV	
FRANCHISE TAX		ME UC1 2D BARCODE	
1120B-ME		ME UC1	
1120B-ES-ME		ME UC1 SCH2 2D BARCODE	
1120B-EXT-ME		ME-UC1 SCH2	
		941ME	
ESTATE TAX		941 SCH1	
706ME		941 SCH 2	
700SOV		941A-ME	
		941A SCH2A	
SALES TAX FORMS		941P 2D BARCODE	
ST-7		941P SCH2P 2D BARCODE	
BUSE ST-7U		W-3ME	
SPT1			
		MARIJUANA TAX FORMS	<u> </u>
BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX REIMBURSEMENT	<u> </u>	MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX	
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# **Other forms – please list:**

If a request for a 2D Waiver is required, please email your request to VendorForms.MRS@maine.gov

#### Agency requirements

This section identifies agency requirements expectations for communicating information to users of the software product.

#### Issue notification and resolution requirements

This section represents the **State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services** issue notification and issue resolution standards.

**Issue notification**-When the Industry Partner finds an issue within their software, they should notify Maine Revenue Services within 48 hours of the finding. We also would like to know how this issue is communicated to the customer using the software.

**Resolution requirements**- When there is an issue found within a software product and we reach out to the Industry Partner we suggest a resolution to be done within 48 hours. If more time is needed, please notify Maine Revenue as to when this issue will be resolved.

#### 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 update requirements

Users/customers of desktop products who attempt to file 10 or more business days after a production release, must be required to download and apply the product update.

#### Schema requirements

Your software must adhere to the schema requirements included in the authentication and return header. Agency schema information and requirements can be found on the State Exchange System website.

#### 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.

#### System security requirements

You are responsible for implementing appropriate security measures to protect taxpayers and their information in your system. This includes but is not limited to when it is on-line, off-line, at rest, and in transit. The **State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services** does not prescribe the security requirements for your system. Cyber security resources such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology or the Department of Defense Security Technical Implementation Guide are examples of national resources available to assist you with this process.

#### Validation of specific data element requirements

This section represents **State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services** requirements for validation of specific data elements. List the pre-populated data elements the taxpayer and/or tax professional must validate prior to completing the tax return.

# **Customer Communications**

This section identifies information **State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services** is requiring the software providers to communicate with customers.

#### Disclosure and use of information language expectations

The following consent language must be added to electronic filing software to notify the user.

#### For Do-It-Yourself software:

By using a computer system and software to prepare and transmit return(s) electronically, I consent to the disclosure of all information pertaining to my use of the system and software to the **State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services** as applicable by law, and to the transmission of my tax return(s).

#### For Tax Professional software:

By using a computer system and software to prepare and transmit my client's return electronically, I consent to the disclosure of all information pertaining to my use of the system and software to create my client's return and to the electronic transmission of my client's tax return to the **State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services** as applicable by law.

#### For Business software:

By using a computer system and software to prepare and transmit this business return electronically, I consent to the disclosure of all information pertaining to the user of the system and software to create this business return and to the electronic transmission of this business tax return to **State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services**.

#### Driver's license/ID card expectations

State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services is providing the following expectations and information:

#### For e-file returns:

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Maine Revenue Services would appreciate receiving the DL/ID Card Information with the tax return, but it is not required

#### For printed/paper forms requesting the DL/ID Card information:

Maine Revenue does not require the full DL/ID Card Information on the form(s)

#### **Refund expectations**

**State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services** is providing a URL and/or a statement about refund processing. Industry partners must use this statement and/or URL or other method prescribed by the agency in all products. The messages must be shown to end users within the software in a way to maximize the likelihood the message is read.

URL: https://portal.maine.gov/refundstatus/refund

#### Statement: Refund status is updated twice a week on Tuesday and Friday evenings

#### **Taxes due expectations**

State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services is providing a URL and/or a statement about taxes due, such as due dates and payment methods.

Industry partners must use this statement and/or URL or other method prescribed by the agency in all products. The messages must be shown to end-users within the software in a way to maximize the likelihood the message is read.

Statement: Estimate payments and ACH payments CANNOT be cancelled by the State of Maine once the return has been submitted.

## Agency questions

- 1. Do you support unlinked jurisdictional returns?
  - a. 🗌 Yes
  - b. 🗌 No
- 2. 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.

3. Please provide the main contact names, phone numbers, and email addresses of the refund products or payment vehicles offered to your customers. Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Product Name	Contact Person	Phone Number	Email Address
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4. The State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services does not want to receive Taxes Paid to Other states (TPOS) data when applicable. Will your company support the TPOS schema for this filing season?

5. Do you require your users/customers to download and apply product updates to continue to electronically file and/or print tax returns with your software? Please explain the timeline and process for this once an update is available for your product.

6. If a problem is discovered with the software, are taxpayers and practitioners still able to submit returns? If they are not allowed to submit returns, how are they notified when the fix has been implemented?

# Acknowledgments and signature

I agree to provide true, accurate, current, and complete information. By signing this agreement, my company agrees to all of the requirements listed in this document. The **State of Maine/Maine Revenue Services** reserves the right to deny, suspend or terminate

my company's ability to submit returns.

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

# Complete this signature line if this is an amended Letter of Intent

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE PHONE NUMBER	AMENDED DATE