

Letter of Intent

Tax Year 2021

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This form must be completed and submitted by December 15, 2021

2021 Tax Software Provider Vermont Department of Taxes 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 Vermont Department of Taxes, you will need to complete this form and submit it to Terri Eldred at tax.vendorsupport@vermont.gov.

By submitting this Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Vermont Department of Taxes, 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 Vermont Department of Taxes 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:

- Complete and submit this form by December 15, 2021
- Assurance testing (ATS) begins on November 1, 2021

Company information

List your company information.

Name of Company	Product Name	State Issued Software ID
DBA Name	NACTP Vendor ID	
Address	Product Address/URL	Company FEIN
City	State	Zip Code
If you have more than one produ	ct name, list your other product names h	ere:

IRS issued electronic identification numbers

List your IRS electronic identification numbers.

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
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

Authorized access to the State Exchange System

On page 12, provide information for each employee you are authorizing for access to the State Exchange System.

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	
Individual Income Tax	Forms E-File
Estate/Trust/Fiduciary	Forms E-File
Corporate and Business Tax	Forms E-File

Rebranded software products

Complete this section only if your product is rebranded.

For software to be considered rebranded, changes cannot 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.

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 can modify calculations in the program.

Rebranded Product Name	Class Code	ETIN (if applicable)	Contact Person	Phone	Email Address
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Attach additional sheets if needed.

For Rebranded Products, the Vermont Department of Taxes has the following requirements for paper forms and/or e-file ATS approval.

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

Substitute forms registration

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

Agency Substitute Forms Software 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
Primary Fiduciary/Estate Forms Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary Fiduciary/Estate Forms Contact	Phone	Email Address
Primary MRT/SUT/WHT Forms Contact	Phone	Email Address
Secondary MRT/SUT/WHT Forms Contact	Phone	Email Address
Note: If you have separate contacts for each attach it to this submission.	business tax typ	e, please list them by tax type on a separate sheet and

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

Tax Type and Forms	E-file Mandated	Forms	E-File	E-File Amended
Individual Income Tax				
IN-111: Vermont Income Tax Return				
IN-112: Vermont Adjustments and Credits				
IN-113: Income Adjustment Calculations				
IN-117: VT Credit for Income Tax Paid to Other State or Canadian Province				
IN-119: Vermont Tax Adjustments & Non- Refundable Credits				
IN-153: Capital Gains Exclusion				
HS-122: Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit Claim				
HI-144: Household Income Schedule				
RCC-146: Renter Credit Claim				

IN-114: VT Income Estimated Tax Payment				
IN-151: Extension of time to file Individual Income Tax Return				
IN-152: Underpayment of 2021 Estimated Individual Income Tax				
IN-152A: Annualized Income Installment Method for Underpayment of 2021 Estimated Tax				
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Tax Type and Forms	E-file Mandated	Forms	E-File	E-File Amended
Estate/Trust/Fiduciary Income Tax				
FIT-161: Fiduciary Return of Income				
 FIT-162: Capital Gain Exclusion Calculation for Estates or Trusts 				
 FIT-166: VT Income Adjustments and Tax Computation for Fiduciaries 				
 FIT-167: VT Credit for Tax Paid to Other State or Canadian Province 				
 K1VT-F: Shareholder, Partner, or Member Information for Fiduciaries 				
FIT-165: VT Fiduciary Estimated Tax Payment Voucher				
FIT-168: Extension of time to file Fiduciary Income Tax Return				
Business Income Tax				
BI-471: Business Income Return				
BI-472: Non-Composite Schedule				
BI-473: Composite Schedule				
 K1VT: Shareholder, Partner, or Member Information 				
BA-402: Appointment & Allocation Schedule				
BA-404: Tax Credits Earned, Applied, Expired, and Carried Forward				
BA-406: Credit Allocation Schedule				
BI-476: Business Income Tax Return for Residents Only				
 BA-404: Tax Credits Earned, Applied, Expired, and Carried Forward 				
BA-406: Credit Allocation Schedule				
BA-403: Extension of time to file Corporate or Business Income Tax Return				
WH-435: Estimated Income Tax Payments for Nonresidents Shareholders, Partners, or Members				

Tax Type and Forms	E-file Mandated	Forms	E-File	E-File Amended
Corporate Income Tax				
CO-411: Corporate Income Tax Return				
BA-410: Corporate Income Tax Affiliation Schedule				
BA-402: Apportionment & Allocation Schedule				
BA-404: Tax Credits Earned, Applied, Expired, and Carried Forward				
CO-421: Unitary Affiliate Schedule				
CO-420: Foreign Dividend Factor Increments				
CO-419: Apportionment of Foreign Dividends				
BA-403: Extension of time to file Corporate or Business Income Tax Return				
CO-414: Corporate Estimated Payment Voucher				
Tax Type and Forms	E-file Mandated	Forms	E-File	E-File Amended
Other Tax Forms				
BI-470: Business Income Tax Return Payment Voucher				
CO-422: Corporate Income Tax Return Payment Voucher				
FIT-160: Fiduciary Income Tax Return Payment Voucher				
IN-116: Income Tax Payment Voucher				
MRT-441: Meals and Rooms Tax Return				
REF-620: Application for Refund of VT Sales & Use or Meals & Rooms Tax				
SUT-451: Sales and Use Tax Return				
WHT-430: Withholding Tax Payment				
WHT-434: Annual Withholding Reconciliation				
WHT-436: Quarterly Withholding Reconciliation				
Non-Scanned Forms Supported				
HS-122W: Vermont Homestead Declaration and/or Property Tax Credit Withdrawal				

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 Vermont Department of Taxes issue notification and issue resolution standards. If your company identifies an issue, incident, or threat of significance you should:

• Conduct an initial analysis and immediately take steps to block or contain the issue.

- Share detailed information about the impacts to the returns or taxpayers immediately as permitted by applicable laws, regulations, or policies. The information includes, but is not limited to:
 - Description of the incident.
 - Date and time of the incident.
 - o Date and time the incident was discovered.
 - How the incident was discovered.
 - o Data involved, including specific data elements.
 - Actual or estimated number of taxpayer records involved.
 - A sample of the submission IDs of those involved with the incident.
 - o Examples of information communicated to customers or other external audiences about the issue.
 - o Plan for correcting the issue and if appropriate notifying those impacted.
- Work with the tax department answer the questions and identify, correct, and prevent the issue.
- If applicable, work with the tax department to develop and distribute communication material and instructions for customers.

Data breaches, security incidents, or other improper disclosures of taxpayer data that by law require reporting to the Office of the Vermont Attorney General must also be reported to the Vermont Department of Taxes. Software Providers executing this agreement are subject to the data breach notification laws and regulations of the State of Vermont including, but not limited to, 9 V.S.A. § 2435

Production return submission requirements

All returns generated from this software must be e-filed or printed from the 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 follow the schema requirements. Find Vermont Department of Taxes schema requirements on the FTA State Exchange System.

System security requirements

The Vermont Department of Taxes 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 submissions

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

Validation of data elements

Validating information that is pre-populated ensures the information is reviewed for accuracy by the customer. The Vermont Department of Taxes is requiring the following pre-populated information to be validated:

• PTIN entered at product registration (if applicable).

Taxpayer's mailing address.

Customer Notices

This section identifies information the Vermont Department of Taxes 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 Vermont Department of Taxes.

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 Vermont Department of Taxes.

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 Vermont Department of Taxes.

Driver's license/ID card expectations

Vermont Department of Taxes is providing the following expectations and information:

For e-file returns:

 Vermont Department of Taxes 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:

• Vermont Department of Taxes does not want to receive the DL/ID card with the tax return.

Vermont Department of Taxes 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://tax.vermont.gov/individuals/income-tax-returns

Statement: The State of Vermont is requesting additional information this filing season in an effort to combat stolen-identity tax fraud and ensure that your hard-earned tax refund goes to you. Please provide the requested information from your driver's license or state-issued identification card. Your return will not be rejected if you do not have a driver's license or state-issued identification and providing the information could help process your return more quickly.

Refund expectations

The Vermont Department of Taxes is providing a URL and/or a 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: https://myvtax.vermont.gov/_/

Statement: Are you curious to know the status of your refund? After you file your return, you may learn the status by visiting myVTax, select Check the status of your return. Once you transmit your e-filed return it may take up to 72 hours for your information to become available. For those who paper file, the information regarding the status of a return can take 4 weeks or more to become available on myVTax.

Taxes due expectations

The Vermont Department of Taxes is providing a URL and/or a statement about taxes due, such as due dates and payment methods. 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: https://tax.vermont.gov/individuals/pay

Statement: Failure to pay taxes owed by the due date may result in one or more of the following: the imposition of liens, court action, wage garnishment, bank levies, revocation of your business and/or professional license(s), imposition of a bond on your authority to do business, and the assignment of your debt to a private collection agency. If you cannot make a payment in full, contact the department to learn about payment plans.

Agency questions

This section represents questions Vermont Department of Taxes has for the software provider about their product. List the questions you have for software providers.

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Do you support unlinked jurisdictional returns?

Yes

No

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

What refund products or payment vehicles do you offer your customers? If you partner with an entity to provide refunds, please provide the names, and bank routing numbers (RTNs) of each company. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

The Vermont Department of Taxes wants to receive Taxes Paid to Other States (TPOS) data when applicable and will provide a crosswalk for the software provider when schemas are released. Will your company support the TPOS schema for this filing season?

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 Vermont Department of Taxes 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 NUMBER	DATE

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

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE PHONE NUMBER	AMENDED DATE

Authorized access to the State Exchange System

Access to the State Exchange System should be limited to those with a business need. You are allowed up to **five** users per tax type.

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.

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