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GENERAL INFORMATION

Letter of Intent

Software providers wishing to participate in electronic filing in Wisconsin are required to submit a signed Letter of Intent (LOI) prior to gaining access to schemas or test scenarios. The LOI is available through the State Exchange System (SES). The LOI must be signed and submitted by **November 1**.

Timeliness of Filing

Wisconsin uses the **ReceivedAtIRSTs** for determining the timeliness of the return.

Rejected Returns – Perfection Period

Wisconsin follows the IRS model. If a timely submitted return is rejected, but corrected, resubmitted and accepted within 5 days, the resubmitted return will be considered timely.

Payment Methods

Payment and refund options: We offer refund direct deposit capabilities and multiple options for making payments.

- Include direct debit information along with your electronic return. You may warehouse this payment until the due date of the return.
- We offer credit card payments through our vendor site.
- Debit payments at our website through My Tax Account.
- ACH Credit
- We provide specifications for a vendor generated payment voucher for use with a paper check.
- A fill in voucher is available on our website (or your preparation software).

Type of Filings Accepted

Fed/State (Linked), State-Only (Unlinked). Wisconsin will accept both linked and unlinked returns. In either case Wisconsin requires a complete copy of the federal return to be included with the state filing.

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Decimal Places for Ratios

All decimal and percent fields are defined as Decimal99Type, however most of our instructions say to carry to 6 places to the right of the decimal. Fields that appear on the form as a percent are defined as Decimal99Type and should be converted to a decimal. Ratios and percentages will use a single position in front of the decimal and up to 8 decimal places. Examples: 100% = 1.00000000 and 37.3% = .37333333

Attachments

Wisconsin does not require any PDF attachments unless it is one of our required schedules and you submit fewer than 1,000 returns annually. There may be circumstances where we require additional information as part of the return. Examples could be supporting documents or third part documentation to support a credit. There are options for submitting this required information. One option is PDF attachments. See the PDF Naming Convention found in the "What's New" section for more information on attachment naming. The other option is mailing the paper documents to the department with a form WR-A cover form.

Federal Data Requirements

Wisconsin requires a complete copy of the federal return to be included with the state return. In general, Wisconsin would get a complete copy of the Federal XML return including all attachments, however there may be circumstances where the federal return does not support XML.

Business Rules

A list of our current business rules will be posted to the SES in the folder WIST.Txyr2018/WIST.TY18.Efile/WIST.TY18.Individual folder. When the TY 2018 rules are finalized Wisconsin will replace the current file with a document named MeFIndividual2018Rules.pdf. This document will be versioned as a way to identify the latest updates.

Acknowledgments

The department will generate an acknowledgement of acceptance or rejection for all returns received. The acknowledgement record will be in a format approved and agreed upon by the IRS, state agencies, transmitters, and software developers. The IRS schema for the acknowledgement is located in efileAttachments.xsd. Transmitters and software developers should allow one business day to receive the state acknowledgement before contacting the department. Most acknowledgements will be available within an hour. –

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Please contact DORDeveloperRelations@wisconsin.gov if you have not received your acknowledgments within a reasonable amount of time.

WHAT'S NEW

New Reject Codes

As new reject codes are developed Wisconsin will replace the current version of the document MeFIndividual2018Rules.pdf. This document will be versioned as a way to identify the latest updates. This document will be placed in the SES under the current year WIST.TxYr2018/WIST.TY18.Efile/WIST.TY18.Individual folder.

New Schedules

Schedule EIT – Electronics and Information Technology Manufacturing Zone Credit

Schedule ES - Employee College Saving Account Contribution Credit

Schedule LI - Wisconsin Low-Income Housing Tax Credit

Schedule NOL1 – Wisconsin Net Operating Loss Deduction

Schedule NOL2 – Net Operating Loss Deduction and Wisconsin Modified Taxable Income

Schedule NOL3 - Record of 2018 Wisconsin NOL Carryback and Carryforward of Losses

Required Schedules

Our required forms and schedules are detailed in the LOI. Please refer to your signed document for the list of requirements.

Wisconsin will allow PDF files for vendors that submit fewer than 1,000 Wisconsin submissions annually. We will require vendors below the threshold to submit these required forms as a .pdf attachment if they do not support the schedule in xml. See PDF File Naming Convention.

PDF File Naming Convention

Wisconsin is implementing a naming convention for PDF attachments. PDF attachments must be named using the schema name if the schedule or form is included in our schema. An attached Schedule VC would be named SchVC.pdf. For any supplemental information attachments of files that are not forms or schedules in the schema we ask that the file name be relevant to the content.

Tax Paid to Other States

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Wisconsin is participating in the pilot program using the optional TaxPaidOtherStates schema to report any tax paid to other states. This optional node will be found in our Form 1 and Form 1NPR returns. Wisconsin will continue to require the information be reported in our Schedule OS and request that appropriate information also be included in the optional TaxPaidOtherStates. Wisconsin will be mapping this information so we can provide enough information to provide valuable feedback to software providers participating in the pilot. Please review the informational document and crosswalks available in the SES for detail on element usage. These can be found in the Txyr2018 TaxPaidOtherStates Pilot folder.

TESTING PROCEDURES

Availability

The department will be able to accept test returns beginning when the IRS ATS becomes available for TY 2018. The testing system will be available year round. The beginning test date is subject to IRS availability and is subject to change. Wisconsin may be delayed due to the late budget this year.

Testing Process

Wisconsin will require a round of Form EPV payment vouchers to be submitted and passed prior to receiving approval for any Individual form type. There will be a separate folder in the test package named Vouchers. The details for each voucher test will be provided. Voucher tests should be emailed to DORDeveloperRelations@wisconsin.gov. Include your ETIN, Software Id, Product name, and the appropriate test names being submitted. Vouchers will undergo internal and bank testing for verification.

Any limitations that alter your test submission from the detailed scenario will need to be approved by DOR prior to submitting the test returns. Complete the limitations form available in the test package. This form must be emailed to DORDeveloperRelations@wisconsin.gov. The limitations will be reviewed for approval. The form will be returned with approval or comments regarding any rejected limitations.

When submitting each round of test submissions send an email to DORDeveloperRelations@wisconsin.gov with the ETIN, Software Id, Product name, submission id's and their appropriate test name. If the return passes validation, department personnel will review the return to ensure results match the scenario. The developer will be notified by email of test results.

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Once a form type is approved, the developer may want to test with their own test cases. This is optional but recommended. The department will not ordinarily review these submissions, but the submissions will be validated against the XML schema and secondary validation (Business) rules. The department will provide test results in the form of an acknowledgement.

Testing Deadline

Wisconsin will implement a **March 1 testing deadline**. We will continue to work with vendors that are in the process of obtaining form approval, but will not review any submissions for forms that vendors have not been actively testing.

FORMS AND SCHEDULES INCLUDED IN MEF

Form	Name/Description
Form 1	Individual Income Return
Form 1-ES	Estimated Tax Voucher
Form 1NPR	Nonresident and Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return
Form A-1	Apportionment Data for Single Factor Formulas
Form A-2	Apportionment Data for Multiple Factor Formulas
Form EIC-A	Earned Income Credit
Form H	Wisconsin Homestead Credit
Form SPL-01	Model Form - Wisconsin Legislators (For Making Internal Revenue Code Section 162(h) Election)
Form XNOL	Carryback of Net Operating Loss
Homestead Credit Notes	Homestead Credit Notes and Attachments Checklist
Property Tax Bill	Homestead Credit Property Tax Bill
Rent Certificate	Homestead Credit Rent Certificate

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Form	Name/Description
Residence Questionnaire	Legal Residence (Domicile) Questionnaire
Schedule 2440W	Disability Income Exclusion
Schedule 2K-1	Beneficiary's Share of Income, Deductions, Etc.
Schedule 3K-1	Partner's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.
Schedule 3K-1 Withholding	Version of WI Schedule 3K-1 for electronic filing of recipients return to claim credit for withholding reported on the 3K-1
Schedule 5K-1	Tax-Option (S) Corporation Shareholder's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.
Schedule 5K-1 Withholding	Version of WI Schedule 5K-1 for electronic filing of recipients return to claim credit for withholding reported on the 5K-1
Schedule AR	Explanation of Amended Return
Schedule BD	Business Development Credit
Schedule CF	Carryforward of Unused Credits
Schedule CG	Income Tax Deferral of Long-Term Capital Gain
Schedule CM	Community Rehabilitation Program Credit
Schedule CR	Other Credits
Schedule CS	College Savings Accounts (EdVest and Tomorrow's Scholar)
Schedule DC	Development Zone Credits
Schedule DE	Disregarded Entity Schedule
Schedule EC	Enterprise Zone Jobs Credit
Schedule ED	Wisconsin Economic Development Tax Credit
Schedule EIT	Electronics and Information Technology Manufacturing Zone Credit

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Form	Name/Description
Schedule ES	Employee College Savings Account Contribution Credit
Schedule FC	Farmland Preservation Credit Claim
Schedule FC-A	Farmland Preservation Credit
Schedule GL	Gain or Loss on the Sale of Your Home
Schedule H	Homestead Credit Claim
Schedule HR	Historic Rehabilitation Credits
Schedule I	Adjustments to Convert 2008 FAGI to Allowable Amounts for Wisconsin
Schedule JT	Wisconsin Jobs Tax Credit
Schedule LI	Wisconsin Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
Schedule M	Form 1NPR Additions to and Subtractions from Income
Schedule MA-A	Wisconsin Agriculture Credit
Schedule MA-M	Wisconsin Manufacturing Credit
Schedule MI	Manufacturing Credit
Schedule MS	Manufacturer's Sales Tax Credit
Schedule MT	Alternative Minimum Tax
Schedule NOL1	Wisconsin Net Operating Loss Deduction
Schedule NOL2	Net Operating Loss Deduction and Wisconsin Modified Taxable Income
Schedule NOL3	Record of 2018 Wisconsin NOL Carryback and Carryforward of Losses
Schedule OS	Credit for Net Tax Paid to Another State
Schedule PS	Private School Tuition

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Form	Name/Description
Schedule QI	Sale of Investment in a Qualified Wisconsin Business
Schedule R	Wisconsin Research Credits
Schedule RT	Related Entity Expenses Disclosure Statement
Schedule RT-1	Statement of Disallowed Related Entity Expenses
Schedule T	Transitional Adjustments
Schedule TC	Technology Zone Credit
Schedule U	Underpayment of Estimated Tax By Individuals and Fiduciaries
Schedule VC	Venture Capital Credits
Schedule WD	Capital Gains and Losses

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Married Couple Credit Calculation

Any military pay that is subtracted from Wisconsin income using subtraction code 20 (line 11 of Form 1) cannot be included in wages on line 1 of Schedule 2 - Married Couple Credit when Both Spouses are Employed.

Armed Forces Personnel Filing Form 1NPR

If the taxpayer was a member of the U.S. uniformed services, they should not include military compensation on line 1 column B (federal column) Form 1NPR that was received during a period of time in which they were a nonresident of Wisconsin. **This does not apply to Wisconsin residents who are stationed outside Wisconsin.**

Form Instructions: If the taxpayer meets this exception, fill in "09" in the Special Conditions box on page 1 of Form 1NPR. Fill in the amount of military compensation on the line next to the box.

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Reserve or National Guard Members

Taxpayers that are in the Reserves or National Guard and served on active duty, should not include any military pay in Wisconsin income that is included on their W-2 and that was:

1. received from the federal government
2. received after being called into active federal service or into special state service authorized by the federal Department of Defense, and
3. paid for a period of time during which the taxpayer was on active duty.

This only applies to members of the Reserves or National Guard who are called into active federal service under 10 USC 12302(a) or 10 USC 12304 or into special state service under 32 USC 502(f).

However, it does not apply to pay that members of the Reserves and National Guard receive for weekend and two-week annual training. It also does not apply to a person who is serving on active duty or full-time duty in the active guard reserve (AGR) program.

Form instructions:

Form 1NPR filers should subtract this income from their Wisconsin W-2 income for line 1 (column A), and fill in "14" in the Special Conditions box on page 1 of Form 1NPR.

Form 1 filers claiming this subtraction, fill in subtraction code "20" and the amount on line 11 of page 1 of Form 1.

If taxpayers are eligible for this subtraction, they also must subtract this income from line 1 on Schedule 2 (Married Couple Credit).

Paperless 1099-G

For 2012 and future tax years, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (WDOR) will no longer mail the Form 1099-G to electronic filers; however, that information will be available online at DOR's website: revenue.wi.gov/Pages/apps/1099ginquiry.aspx

The check box for element ../SignatureArea/Signature/EMailConsent should default to being checked in your software package. Wording for the checkbox is provided below. You can give a person the ability to uncheck the box; however, the department will still not mail a paper Form 1099-G.

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Taxpayers who choose to receive notification when their Form 1099-G is available online must provide an email address. Software vendors should present the following statements with the consent checkbox and email address field.

Go Paperless! I understand the Wisconsin Department of Revenue will no longer mail the Form 1099-G which is used when preparing the federal income tax return, if I itemize deductions and receive a state income tax refund. I, or my tax preparer, will have access to the online Form 1099-G on the department's secure, confidential website at revenue.wi.gov.

Check this box and provide an email address if you want to be notified when your Form 1099- G is available online each year.

Email address: _____ Your email address is confidential and will not be sold by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Form 1099G Web Service Request

WDOR is interested in building a web service connection with software vendors so you can automatically access the Form 1099-G data and be able to report this taxable income on your client's federal individual income tax return. If you are interested in developing a web service with WDOR, please contact DORDeveloperRelations@wisconsin.gov.

In order to obtain this data from our web service, your client must give you authorization to access their data. Thus, your software must have some language within your Terms and Conditions where your client gives you authorization to contact the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to obtain this data to use in the preparation of their tax return. Some suggested language would be:

This tax preparation software includes a feature that allows you to import, where applicable, certain tax-related information from participating financial institutions, payroll processors, State Revenue Agencies, You are responsible for verifying the accuracy of the information that is imported.

Your client must agree to this term and condition prior to you making any connection with WI DOR to obtain their Form 1099G data.

Special Instructions for Certain Schedules

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Wisconsin would prefer that all schedules be included in the xml return. If you cannot support the form in xml please attach any required documents as a PDF when claiming a credit for any of the above schedules. All certifications and other supporting documentation for each schedule must be attached. The documents should be attached using the Binary Attachments node found in the schema. Please note that PDF attachments must follow our naming convention which is detailed in the [What's New](#) section above.

If you cannot attach the required documents as a PDF, you can mail the Form W-RA, along with the required documents.

Taxpayers claiming the Historic Rehabilitation Credit passed through from an S-Corporation or a Partnership may not e-file as these taxpayers are not required to file the Schedule HR.

TAX TABLE CALCULATIONS

The tax table calculations can be found at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/TaxPro/calctbls.aspx> . This location will be updated when the Tax Year 2018 information becomes available.

CVT TABLE

The City, Village, Town table can be found in the SES. The file name is 2018CVTable.csv.

E-FILE ONLY FORMS

Efile only forms can be found in the folder found at WIST.Txyr2018/WIST.TY18.Efile/WIST.TY18.Individual/EfileOnlyForms in the SES. This folder will include the following once they become available:

- Form EIC-A
- Legal Residence (Domicile Questionnaire Form)
- Property Tax Bill Form
- Homestead Notes Form