

# Report of a Sale or Exchange of Certain Partnership Interests

► Information about Form 8308 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form8308](http://www.irs.gov/form8308).

Name of partnership	Phone number	Employer identification number
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Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

**Part I** Transferor Information (Beneficial owner of the partnership interest immediately before the transfer of the interest)

Name	Identifying number
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Number and street (including apt. no.)

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

*Notice to Transferors: The information on this form has been supplied to the Internal Revenue Service. The transferor in a section 751(a) exchange is required to treat a portion of the gain realized from the exchange as ordinary income. For more details, see Pub. 541, Part 1.*

*Statement by Transferor: The transferor in a section 751(a) exchange is required under Regulations section 1.751-1(a)(3) to file a statement relating to the sale or exchange to his or her return. See Instructions to Transferors for more details.*

**Part II** Transferee Information (Beneficial owner of the partnership interest immediately after the transfer of the interest)

Name	Identifying number
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Number and street (including apt. no.)

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

**Part III** Date of Sale or Exchange of Partnership Interest      /      /     

Sign Here Only if You  
 Are Filing This Form by  
 Itself and Not With Form  
 1065 or Form 1065-B

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying attachments, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

► \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of general partner or limited liability company member

►      /      /       
 Date

## General Instructions

*Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.*

**Purpose of form.** Form 8308 is filed by a partnership to report the sale or exchange by a partner of all or part of a partnership interest where any money or other property received in exchange for the interest is attributable to unrealized receivables or inventory items (that is, where there has been a section 751(a) exchange).

**Who must file.** A partnership must file a separate Form 8308 for each section 751(a) exchange of an interest in such partnership. See Regulations section 1.6050K-1.

**Note:** Form 8308 does not have to be filed if, under section 6045, Form 1099-B, Proceeds From Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions, is required to be filed with respect to the sale or exchange.

A partnership must file Form 8308 once the partnership has notice of the section 751(a) exchange. The partnership has such notice when either:

1. The partnership receives written notification of the exchange from the transferor that includes the names and addresses of both parties to the exchange, the identifying numbers of the transferor and (if known) of the transferee, and the date of the exchange; or

2. The partnership has knowledge that there has been a transfer of a partnership interest and, at the time of the transfer, the partnership had any unrealized receivables or inventory items.

No returns or statements are required under section 6050K if the transfer was not a section 751(a) exchange. For example, a transfer which in its entirety constitutes a gift for federal income tax purposes is not a section 751(a) exchange.

A partnership may rely on a written statement from the transferor that the transfer was not a section 751(a) exchange unless the partnership has knowledge to the contrary. If a partnership is in doubt whether partnership property constitutes unrealized receivables or inventory items or whether a transfer constitutes a section 751(a) exchange, the partnership may file Form 8308 to avoid the risk of incurring a penalty for failure to file.

**When to file.** Generally, file Form 8308 as an attachment to Form 1065 or Form 1065-B for the tax year of the partnership that includes the last day of the calendar year in which the section 751(a) exchange took place. Form 8308 is due at the time for filing the partnership return, including extensions.

If, however, a partnership is notified of a section 751(a) exchange after it has filed its partnership return, file Form 8308 separately, within 30 days of notification, with the service center where Form 1065 or Form 1065-B was filed.

Copies of Form 8308 to be furnished to transferor and transferee. All partnerships required to file Form 8308 must furnish a copy of the form to each transferor and transferee by January 31 of the year following the calendar year in which the section 751(a) exchange occurred or, if later, 30 days after the partnership has notice of the exchange.

If the partnership does not know the identity of the beneficial owner of an interest in the partnership, the record holder of the interest is treated as the transferor or transferee.

Note: The transferor of the interest is required to notify the partnership of the exchange of the partnership interest unless, under section 6045, Form 1099-B is required to be filed.

Form 8308 must generally be prepared prior to the time it must be attached to the partnership return and sent to the IRS. This will allow the timely furnishing of Forms 8308 to the transferor and transferee.

### Instructions to Transferors

This form alerts transferors that they are required to treat a portion of the gain realized from a section 751(a) exchange as ordinary income. For more details, see Pub. 541.

Separate statement required by transferor. The transferor is required by Regulations section 1.751-1(a)(3) to attach a statement to the transferor's income tax return for the tax year of the sale or exchange with the following information.

1. The date of the sale or exchange.
2. The amount of any gain or loss attributable to the section 751 property.
3. The amount of any gain or loss attributable to capital gain or loss on the sale of the partnership interest.

### Instructions to Partnerships

Section 751(a) exchange. A section 751(a) exchange occurs when money or any property is exchanged for all or part of a partnership interest that is attributable to unrealized receivables or inventory items. Generally, any sale or exchange of a partnership interest (or any portion) at a time when the partnership has any unrealized receivables or inventory items is a section 751(a) exchange.

Unrealized receivables. Unrealized receivables, to the extent not previously includible in income under the partnership's accounting method, are any rights to payment for:

1. Goods delivered or to be delivered, to the extent that the payment would be treated as received for property other than a capital asset; and
2. Services rendered or to be rendered.

Unrealized receivables also include the amount of gain that would be ordinary income if any of the following types of partnership property were sold on the date of the section 751(a) exchange.

- Mining property (section 617(f)(2)).

- Stock in an interest charge domestic international sales corporation (section 992(a)).
- Farm recapture property or farm land (section 1252(a)).
- Franchises, trademarks, or trade names (section 1253(a)).
- Oil, gas, or geothermal property (section 1254).
- Stock of a controlled foreign corporation (section 1248).
- Section 1245 property.
- Section 1245 recovery property.
- Section 1250 property.
- Market discount bonds (section 1278).
- Short-term governmental obligations (section 1283).
- Other short-term obligations (section 1283(c)).

Inventory items. Inventory items are not just stock in trade of the partnership. They also include the following.

- Any properties that would be included in inventory if on hand at the end of the tax year or that are held primarily for sale to customers in the normal course of business.

- Any asset that is not a capital asset or is not treated as a capital asset.

- Any other property held by the partnership that would be considered inventory if held by the transferor partner.

- Any trade receivables of accrual method partnerships.

Tiered partnerships. In determining whether partnership property is an unrealized receivable or an inventory item, the partnership is treated as owning its proportionate share of the property of any other partnership in which it is a partner. See section 751(f).

Penalty for late filing of correct Form 8308. A penalty may be imposed for failing to file each Form 8308 when due, including extensions. The penalty may also be imposed for failing to include all required information on Form 8308 or for furnishing incorrect information. The penalty is based on when the partnership files a correct Form 8308.

The penalty will not apply to any failure that the partnership can show was due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect.

For more details, see sections 6721 and 6724.

Penalty for failure to furnish correct Forms 8308 to transferor and transferee. A penalty may be imposed for each failure to furnish when due a copy of Form 8308 to either party to the exchange. The penalty may also be imposed for each failure to give the transferor or transferee all required information on each Form 8308 or for furnishing incorrect information. If the partnership intentionally disregards the requirement to report correct information, each penalty is increased. The penalty will not apply to any failure that the partnership can show was due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect. See sections 6722 and 6724 for more details.

Partnership address. Include the suite, room, or other unit number after the street address. If the Post Office does not deliver mail to the street address and the partnership has a P.O. box, show the box number instead.

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The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

- Recordkeeping . . . . 2 hr., 23 min.
- Learning about the law or the form . . . 2 hr., 23 min.
- Preparing and sending the form to the IRS . . . . 2 hr., 32 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making these forms simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Internal Revenue Service, Tax Forms and Publications, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526, Washington, DC 20224. Do not send the tax form to this address. Instead, see *When to file* on page 1.