

Supporting Statement  
Internal Revenue Service  
Form 1099-C, Cancellation of Debt  
OMB Control No. 1545-1424

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

IRC section 6050P, as added by section 13252 of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993, requires Federal Government agencies, financial institutions, and credit unions that cancel or forgive a debt of \$600 or more to file a return. Form 1099-C is used for this purpose.

2. USE OF DATA

IRS uses Form 1099-C to verify compliance with the reporting rules and to verify that the debtor has included the proper amount of canceled debt in income on his or her income tax return.

3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

IRS is currently offering electronic filing for Form 1099-C.

4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

The information obtained through this collection is unique and is not already available for use or adaptation from another source.

5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES

There is no burden on small businesses or entities by this collection due to the inapplicability of the authorizing statute to this type of entity.

6. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES

Consequences of less frequent collection on federal programs or policy activities would result in the IRS unable to comply with requirements of sections 6050(P) regarding the reporting rules to verify that the debtor has included the proper amount of canceled debt income on his or her income tax return; thereby endangering the ability of the IRS to

meet its mission.

7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)

There are no special circumstances requiring data collection to be inconsistent with Guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS

Periodic meetings are held between IRS personnel and representatives of the American Bar Association, the National Society of Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and other professional groups to discuss tax law and tax forms. During these meetings, there is an opportunity for those attending to make comments regarding Form 1099-C.

In response to the *Federal Register* Notice (82 FR 45675), dated September 29, 2017, we received comments during the comment period regarding the 36-month-rule of Form 1099-C. However, these comments were duplication of comments that were raised in 2014 at the time the notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-136676-13) was published in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 61791). The comments were considered in connection with the final regulations (TD 9793) and responses to the comments are available at <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=IRS-2014-0034-0001>.

9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS

No payment or gift has been provided to any respondents.

10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) has been conducted for information collected under this request as part of the "Individual Master File (IMF)" system and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for this system under IRS 24.030--Customer Account Data Engine Individual Master File, and IRS 34.037--IRS Audit Trail and Security Records System. The Internal Revenue Service PIAs can be found at <https://www.IRS.gov/privacy/PIAs/Pages/default>.

Title 26 USC 6109 requires inclusion of identifying numbers in returns, statements, or other documents for securing proper identification of persons required to make such returns, statements, or documents and is the authority for social security numbers (SSNs) in IRS systems.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

IRS has reviewed the regulation and have determined that the reporting requirements contained in it are entirely reflected on the form 1099-C. The justification appearing in item 1 of the supporting statement applies both to the regulation and to the form.

Authority	Description	# of Respondents	# Responses per Respondent	Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Burden
IRC 6050P	Form 1099-C	6,540,900	1	6,540,900	.22 hrs.	1,438,998
Totals				6,540,900		1,438,998

13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

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14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There are no changes to the form or regulation. However, the agency has updated the number of respondents to reflect the most recent data available.

	Requested	Program Change Due to New Statute	Program Change Due to Agency Discretion	Change Due to Adjustment in Agency Estimate	Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	Previously Approved
Annual Number of Responses	6,540,900	0	0	2,655,028	0	3,885,872
Annual Time Burden (Hr.)	1,438,998	0	0	584106	0	854,892

16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

There are no plans for tabulation, statistical analysis and publication.

17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE

IRS believes that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the regulations sunset as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the Service intends to request renewal of the OMB approval and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

18. EXCEPTION TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

Note: The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.