

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
Internal Revenue Service
Combined Information Reporting
Revenue Procedure 99-50
OMB No. 1545-1667

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

This revenue procedure permits combined information reporting by a successor business entity (i.e., a corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship) in certain situations following a merger or an acquisition. This revenue procedure explains both the procedure otherwise required under the regulations (the “standard procedure”) and an elective procedure (the “alternative procedure”) for preparing and filing certain Forms 1042-S, all forms in the series 1098, 1099, and 5498, and Forms W-2G, in certain situations involving a successor business entity and a predecessor business entity (i.e., a corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship) when the successor acquires substantially all of the property (1) used in the trade or business of the predecessor (including certain situations when one or more corporations are absorbed by another corporation pursuant to a merger agreement), or (2) used in a separate unit of a trade or business of the predecessor.

If the alternative procedure (i.e., combined filing of information returns by the successor on behalf of the successor and the predecessor) is elected, the successor must file a statement with the IRS indicating what forms are being filed on a combined basis.

2. USE OF DATA

The required statement is needed to assist the Service in processing the forms filed by the alternative procedure. This information is required to aid the Service in processing Forms 1042-S, forms in the series 1098, 1099, and 5498, and Forms W-2G filed by successors who use the alternative procedure, reconcile discrepancies between the amounts reported on Forms 945 and Forms 1099 and W-2G filed by both predecessors and successors who use the alternative procedure, and reconcile discrepancies between the amounts reported on Forms 1042-S and Forms 1042 filed by predecessors and successors who use the alternative procedure.

3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

IRS Publications, Regulations, Notices and Letters are to be electronically enabled on an as practicable basis in accordance with the IRS Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998. There are no plans to provide electronic filing because electronic filing is not appropriate for the collection of information in this submission.

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 are no small businesses or other small entities affected by this form.

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

The information required is needed to verify compliance with the Internal Revenue Code of the Treasury Regulations. A less frequent collection of taxes and tax information could adversely affect the government's effectiveness and would reduce the oversight of the public in ensuring compliance with Internal Revenue Code and hinder the IRS from meeting 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**

In response to the Federal Register notice dated October 1, 2018 (83 FR 49454), we received no comments during the comment period for these revenue procedures.

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 "Business Master File (BMF)" system and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for this system under "Business Master file (BMF)" and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for these systems under IRS 22.062 - Electronic Filing Records; IRS 24.030 - Customer Account Data Engine (CADE) Individual Master File; IRS 24.046 - CADE Business Master File (BMF); IRS 34.037 - IRS Audit Trail and Security Records System. The Department of Treasury PIAs can be found at <https://www.treasury.gov/privacy/PIAs/Pages/default.aspx> .

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

Authority	Description	# Respondents	# Responses Per Respondent	# Annual Responses	Hours Per Response	Total Burden
Revenue Procedure 99-50	Combined Information Reporting	6,000	1	6,000	1	500 hours
TOTAL		6,000		6,000		500 hours

13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

To ensure more accuracy and consistency across its information collections, IRS is currently in the process of revising the methodology it uses to estimate burden and costs. Once this methodology is complete, IRS will update this information collection to reflect a more precise estimate of burden and costs.

14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

	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 for this IC	6,000	0	0	0	0	6,000
Annual Time Burden (Hr)	500	0	0	0	0	500

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

We believe that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it would cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the form sunsets as of the expiration date. Taxpayers may not be aware that the IRS intends to request renewal of the OMB approval and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

There are no exceptions to the certification statement for this collection.

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.