# SUPPORTING STATEMENT Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Allocation of Estimated Tax Payments to Beneficiaries Form 1041-T OMB Control Number 1545-1020

## 1. <u>CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION</u>

26 USC 643(g) allows a fiduciary to make an election to treat any payment of estimated tax paid by an estate (in its final year) or trust as a payment made by the beneficiary(ies) on January 15th of the following year. Such an election must be made on or before the 65th day after the close of the trust's tax year. 26 U.S.C. 6654 requires trusts to make estimated tax payments. 26 U.S.C. 6654 requires trusts to make estimated tax payments revenue low to be signed.

This form was developed to allow a trustee of a trust or an executor of an estate to make an election under IRC section 643(g) to allocate any payment of estimated tax to a beneficiary(ies). This form serves as a transmittal so that Service Center personnel can determine the correct amounts that are to be transferred from the fiduciary's account to the individual's account.

## 2. USE OF DATA

Form 1041-T is used by IRS to verify that the amounts deemed as payments are correct and to transfer the credits from the BMF to the IMF where the credits are posted to the individual beneficiary's accounts. Without such a form, it would be impossible to verify the correctness of estimated tax payments claimed by the beneficiary.

#### 3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

We have no plans at this time to offer electronic filing because of the low volume compared to the cost of electronic enabling.

# 4. <u>EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION</u>

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

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

There is no burden on small businesses or other small entities due to the inapplicability of the authorizing statute to this type of entity since it is applicable to trusts and estates and individuals per IRC 643(g).

# 6. <u>CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY</u> <u>ACTIVITIES</u>

A less frequent collection will not allow the IRS to verify that the amounts deemed as payments are correct and to transfer the credits from the business master file to the individual master file

where the credits are posted to the individual beneficiary's accounts. Without such a form, it would be impossible to verify the correctness of estimated tax payments claimed by the beneficiary and would hinder the IRS from meeting its mission.

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

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

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

In response to the Federal Register notice dated February 20, 2019 (84 FR 5197), we received no comments during the comment period regarding these regulations.

## 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 U.S.C. 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)" 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 Internal Revenue Service PIA's can be found at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/uac/Privacy-Impact-Assessments-PIA">https://www.irs.gov/uac/Privacy-Impact-Assessments-PIA</a> . 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.

The Privacy Act statement associated with this attachment is listed in the Federal tax return instructions.

#### 12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

It is anticipated that approximately 1,000 trustees of a trust or an executor of an estate will make an election under IRC section 643(g) to allocate any payment of estimated tax to a beneficiary(ies). This form serves as a transmittal and will take the respondent approximately 59 minutes so that Service Center personnel can determine the correct amounts that are to be transferred from the fiduciary's account to the individual's account. The total annual hour burden for this Form is approximately 990 hours.

Form	Description	# Responde nts	# Responses Per Respondent- Approximate	Total Annual Responses	Hours Per Response	Total Burden
1041-T	Allocation of Estimated Tax Payments to Beneficiaries	1,000	1	1,000	.99 Or 59 minutes	990
TOTAL		1,000		1,000		990

# 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

The Federal government cost estimate is based on a model that considers the following three cost factors for each information product: aggregate labor costs for development, including annualized start up expenses, operating and maintenance expenses, and distribution of the product that collects the information.

The government computes cost using a multi-step process. First, the government creates a weighted factor for the level of effort to create each information collection product based on variables such as; complexity, number of pages, type of product and frequency of revision. Second, the total costs associated with developing the product such as labor cost, and operating expenses associated with the downstream impact such as support functions, are added together to obtain the aggregated total cost. Then, the aggregated total cost and factor are multiplied together to obtain the aggregated cost per product. Lastly, the aggregated cost per product is added to the cost of shipping and printing each product to IRS offices, National Distribution Center, libraries and other outlets. The result is the Government cost estimate per product.

The government cost estimate for this collection is summarized in the table below.

Product	Aggregate Cost per Product (factor applied)		Printing and Distribution		Government Cost Estimate per Product		
Form 1041-T	\$ 42,649		0		\$ 42,649		
Table costs are based on 2018 actuals obtained from IRS Chief Financial Office and Media and Publications							
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#### 15. <u>REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN</u>

There have been no changes to the forms that would affect burden.

Requested	Program Change Due to New Statute	Due to Agency	Change Due to Adjustment in Agency Estimate	Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	Previously Approved
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Annual Number of Responses	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000
Annual Time Burden (Hr)	990	0	0	0	0	990

#### 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 sunsets 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. EXCEPTIONS 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.