What's New for 2025

The following lists reflect changes for both the 1040 and Business Desktop software for the upcoming tax year. This list is up to date as of the printing of this document; however, it is likely that more updates will occur before and after the tax season begins.

1040 Program Enhancements

➢ Login

An updated message will appear if the login credentials entered are not valid. Notifying the user to verify the username and/or password were entered correctly.

➢ Duplicate Dependent Returns

Beginning Filing Season 2025, taxpayers will have the ability to claim duplicate dependent(s) electronically on originally filed Tax Year (TY) 2024 Forms 1040, 1040-NR & 1040-SS.

➢ Tax Vision Assist

Tax Vision Assist is a new feature that supports tax preparers by importing taxpayer identification and income information, thus limiting the amount of data that needs to be entered while preparing a return.

➢ Zapier

With Zapier integration, customers are provided the flexibility to integrate tax return data into their choice of over 7,000 different types of software and tools. This allows tax professionals to run workflows in real time and improve their firm's efficiency. For more information customers can visit https://zapier.com/apps.

➢ Database Setup

- *Paid Preparers – A new license number field has been added*
- *Employers/Payers – A new phone number field has been added*

➢ Document Archive

An enhancement has been made to support additional document types. The updated process will now convert any image to a compatible JPEG and import it into the document archive as PDF.

➢ Billing Setup

Default Bank Application disbursements can be selected to allow tax preparers to set their preferred refund transfer option to anything they prefer; None, Direct Deposit, Card, or Check.

➢ Print Options

A new print option setting has been added to enable or disable the printing of the Engagement Letter in the client organizer.

- **Lookup Screen**

The ability to sort by locked return status has been implemented on the Tax Return Lookup screen.

- **TaxPass Mobile Site URL**

We have made it easier to access the TaxPass Mobile site by adding your TaxPass ID to the About Software page. Clicking on the ID will launch your custom TaxPass Mobile site and display the URL.

- **Client Letters**

The following client letters have been implemented and are available in English & Spanish:

  - *State Amended Acknowledgement*
  - *State Extension Acknowledgement*

- **Return Status**

A new return status has been implemented to display which federal amendment has been acknowledged.

- **Extended Reports**

New search and display fields have been added to the extended reports, making it easier to create custom reports. In addition, we also display the forms the information is being pulled from:

  - *ETD Ack Code*
  - *Spouse Home Phone Number*

New and Updated 1040 Forms

The following form updates have been made to the software:

<u>New</u> Forms and Worksheets:

- ***8944*** *– If you are a specified tax return preparer who is required to file individual, estate, or trust tax returns electronically, and filing these returns electronically would be a hardship, use this form to request a waiver. After evaluating your request, the IRS will notify you in writing whether your request was approved or denied.*

Updated Forms and Worksheets

- ***Schedule A –*** *A new warning verification message has been added to assist the preparer if the Deductible Home Mortgage Interest Worksheet is needed. The worksheet will help the preparer calculate the deductible home mortgage interest and whether or not that debt is subject to certain limitations.*

- ***W-7 & W-7 COA*** *– These forms have been enhanced to automatically include the preparer information from the Preparer Database.*

- ***RET 709*** *– Part 3 has been updated for Spouse's consent on gifts to third parties.*

- ***1099R / 8915-F*** *– We have updated the FEMA disaster choice list. Once the disaster choice list has been selected the calculations will carry to form 8915-F.*

- ***2441*** *– A new warning verification message has been added if the childcare expenses entered in Part 1 do not equal the total amount entered in Part 2. This will ensure the tax preparer reviews the information before submitting the return.*

- ***K-1(1041) & K-1(1120S)*** *– These forms have been updated to display the taxpayers' address entered on the Client Data Screen.*

- ***Income Summary*** *– This form has been updated to display income from more sources. This allows the preparer to quickly verify all data has been entered.*

- ***1099-Q*** *– A new checkbox has been added to this form to allow the preparer to select if the distribution was for a K-12 tuition. The maximum allowed distribution is $10,000 and anything over that amount will be taxed and carried to Form 5329 Part II as a penalty.*

Banking Updates

We've partnered with several industry-leading bank product providers, ensuring that you have a variety of funding choices. These providers are:

- *TPG*
- *Refund Advantage*
- *Refundo*
- *Republic*

➢ **Refund Advantage Fees**

The fee cap is increasing from $1,500 to $5,000. Preparation fees over $1,500 will be subject to a 1% "High Prep Exception Fee" that will be paid to the bank with the preparation fees. A warning verification has been added to force the ERO to check the box that they acknowledge and agree with the 1% fee.

Business Program Enhancements

- ### Business Utilities

A new Status Sync function has been added to the Business Utilities. Running the Status Sync utility will automatically synchronize all business returns with their current status at 'Central Site'.

- ### Business Client Letters

The following client letters have been implemented and are available in English & Spanish for all business entities:

- *Federal Business Amended Acknowledgment*
- *State Business Amended Acknowledgment*

- ### Extended Reports

New search and display fields have been added to the extended reports, making it easier to create custom reports. Additionally, we now display the forms the information is being pulled from:

- *Officers SSN*
- *Account Number*
- *Routing Number*

Updated Business Forms

The following form updates have been made to the Business software:

- ***1120-H** – Based on IRS communications, form 1120-H for HOAs now has e-file capability.*

- ***Client Organizer –** Each business entity type will have a client organizer to help tax preparers gather tax data from their clients. The organizer follows IRS forms and schedules and breaks down each line using common terms. The organizer helps your client assemble the information you will need to prepare their tax return.*

Business State Update

The program can now electronically file these additional Business State returns:

- *Alabama – e-file extensions and estimates*
- *Alaska – New support of Alaska Business*
- *Hawaii – 1041*
- *Iowa – 1041*
- *Kansas – 1041*
- *Maine – 1041*
- *Michigan – 1065 Common Cities; 1065 City of Detroit; 1120 Common Cities; 1120 City of Detroit; 1041 City of Detroit*
- *North Dakota – 1041*
- *New Hampshire – 1065, 1120, 1120S, 1041 and 990*
- *Nebraska – 1041*
- *New Mexico – 1041*
- *Oregon – 1041 and 990*
- *Vermont – 1065, 1120, 1120S and 1041*
- *West Virginia – 1065, 1120, 1120S, 1041 and 990*