




Rhode Island Department of Revenue
Division of Taxation



Form Specifications Guide

Tax Year 2024



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- 📄 Vendors are required to register with the Rhode Island Division of Taxation (“Taxation”) in order to submit forms for approval. Registration is required for MeF, 2D, forms and vouchers.
 - NEW FOR TAX YEAR 2024**
 - Vendors should complete Rhode Island’s Tax Year 2024 LOI for MeF, 2D and paper versions for all tax types/series except for Withholding Tax.
 - Payroll companies should complete Rhode Island’s Tax Year 2024 Payroll LOI for Withholding Tax.
- 📄 Taxation no longer reviews paper forms for content – i.e. line references and typos. It will be the responsibility of the vendor to pay close attention to the form content on posted drafts, and subsequent final versions, in order to reproduce Rhode Island state tax forms.
- 📄 Taxation will be concentrating our efforts on ensuring the correct schema mapping for MeF and proper formatting and placement of data on paper forms.
- 📄 Vendors will be able to submit forms for approval while the state form is still in draft mode. However, draft or preliminary forms may not be released to the public prior to state approval. Releasing forms in draft mode may result in taxpayer forms being rejected by the Division of Taxation.
- 📄 Draft versions will be posted on the Software Developers page of the Division of Taxation’s website.
- 📄 Grid versions will be posted near the draft versions.
- 📄 There will be a notation next to each form series indicating when the forms in that series may be submitted for approval. When it is noted that a form series can be submitted for approval this means we are ready to test the series. Submitting prior to that date will delay the turn-around time for your submission and could mean you are submitting without the latest form updates.
- 📄 All vendor LOIs and paper submissions should be emailed to Tax.VendorForms@tax.ri.gov . In the subject line of your email put “Vendor Submission – Vendor #XXXX”. Replace the “XXXX” with your NACTP vendor ID number. Failure to properly identify your vendor ID number and the subject of your submission will result in a delay in reviewing your submission. In addition, in order to timely review a resubmission, you should reply to the email sent identifying the issue(s) and requesting the resubmission.
- 📄 MeF submission IDs should be emailed to Tax.VendorForms@tax.ri.gov .
- 📄 Notification will be sent via SES regarding start dates for ATS testing.

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General

Software developers must comply with the required specifications within this document for each form to be considered approved for use. Do not provide draft or preliminary forms to the public prior to approval. Failure to follow the specifications may result in completed tax forms submitted by the public, being rejected by the Rhode Island Division of Taxation.

If a 2D layout is available for a form, software developers must support the 2D barcode.

Formatting for forms with a 2D layout should follow 2D requirements if they differ from 1D requirements.

For forms with a 2D layout, 2D approval and paper form approval will be one and the same. Forms will be tested completely before an approval/rejection is sent out.

Taxation has an electronic mandate for filings and payments in 2024. Larger Business Registrants are required to file tax returns and remit payments via electronic means. See the Electronic Mandate section of this document for more information.

Vendor Registration

Each year, vendors will be required to submit a registration application prior to and in order to, being able to submit forms and ATS tests for approval.

Send your completed registration form and/or Payroll LOI to Tax.VendorForms@tax.ri.gov. In the subject line of your email put "Vendor Registration Form – Vendor #XXXX". Replace the "XXXX" with your NACTP vendor ID number.

A confirmation email will be sent once registration is complete.

A separate email will be sent for MeF purposes.

The RI Division of Taxation reserves the right to withhold and/or revoke approval of a vendor's application.

Software Developers Information Page

Draft forms will be posted on the Software Developers page of Taxation's website.

<https://tax.ri.gov/resources/software-developers>

Forms will be organized by tax type and will include the date the form was posted or most recently updated.

Forms containing a 1D barcode will also have a gridded version of the form posted. These gridded versions will show the exact location of each field on the form. Do not rely on these gridded versions for anything other than data formatting and placement. These versions may not be updated unless changes affect formatting or placement. They may also remain in Draft mode.

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Registered vendors will be able to submit 2D and paper draft forms for approval as soon as forms are marked READY FOR TESTING on the Software Developers page.

Vendors will be notified via SES when schema is available and when they may begin submitting for ATS testing.

Approval Process

2D and paper:

Forms may be submitted for approval once it is noted on the Software Developers page that the form/form series is ready for testing. We will not review a form prior to the form/series being ready for testing. A form approved while still in draft mode does not need to be resubmitted when the state form is finalized unless you are notified by us to do so.

All forms must be submitted via email in PDF format. See the requirements for submitting via email. If you are unable to properly submit via email, you will be required to submit hard copies for testing as in the past.

Submit all pages of the same form at the same time. The subject line of the email should include your NACTP Vendor ID, form name, and whether it is an initial submission or a resubmission.

Example: Vendor #9999 – RI-1040 – Original Submission **OR** Vendor #9999 – RI-1040 – Resubmission

If you are required to send in hard copies, they must be sent to:

RI Division of Taxation
Forms, Credits & Incentives Section
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908

Unless not yet made available for testing or otherwise by the RI Division of Taxation, all forms must be submitted for approval prior to December 15, 2024. If a form has not yet been released by the Division of Taxation, the submission date will automatically be extended.

We do not expect a vendor to adhere to the December 16th deadline if the form has not yet been made available.

MeF:

Vendors will be notified via SES when they may begin submitting for ATS testing.

Refer to the SES for MeF schema and formatting.

Refer to the Software Developers page of Taxation's website for tests.

<https://tax.ri.gov/resources/software-developers>

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Electronic Mandate

If you choose to support any of Taxation's forms (with the exception of personal income tax and fiduciary income tax), you will be required to provide the following messaging to users:

The State of Rhode Island Division of Taxation has an electronic mandate which requiring that a larger business registrant file all its tax returns and remit any payments via electronic means. A larger business registrant is defined as one that operates as a business whose combined annual liability for the entity for all taxes administered by the RI Division of Taxation is equal to or exceeds \$5,000; or that operates as a business whose annual gross income for the entity is over \$100,000. If you meet the requirements of the mandate, but do not file and pay via electronic means you may be subject to a penalty. The form you are filing can be filed on the RI Division of Taxation's portal at <https://taxportal.ri.gov/>

For more information visit:

<https://tax.ri.gov/online-services/tax-portal>

<https://taxportal.ri.gov/>

Or contact the Division of Taxation:

Via email: Taxportal@tax.ri.gov

Via telephone: (401) 574-8484

NEW for Tax Year 2024: RI-1065 SMLLC Requirement

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, vendors supporting Form RI-1065 will be required to properly support SMLLC filers. The RI Division of Taxation expects that a SMLLC entity will be able to:

- File Form RI-1065 as an unlinked state return.
- File as a SMLLC without having to create an additional member for their entity.
- Be able to verify that the return does not have errors without having to disable error checking on the return in order to submit the return.

Forms and/or Schedules Not Supported

If your software product is not going to support certain forms and/or schedules that are part of a tax type series that is supported, users of your software product must be made aware of the software product's limitations regarding what is not being supported.

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Submission Requirements for 2D and Paper Forms

When submitting 2D and paper forms, you must submit the entire series for review. Any series which has tests provided must have all the tests submitted at one time for review.

For example, if you are submitting Form RI-1040, you must also submit all additional forms and schedules that your software is supporting that populate the main RI-1040 form. If submitted without all additional forms or schedules that populate a main form, your submission will be held until your submission is complete.

In addition, you must submit all the test scenarios provided by the RI Division of Taxation at one time for review.

Unless noted otherwise on the RI Division of Taxation’s website, the following form series must be submitted annually for approval:

1040 Series

1040NR Series

1040C Series

1041 Series

1120C Series

1120S Series

1065 Series

Estate Tax Series including Rhode Island Credit Chart

Other Business Series (T-71, T-71A, T-72, T-74, T-86)

BUS Series – BUS-EST, BUS-EXT and BUS-V

Sales Tax Series (STR, HOM, MBM, MBQ, HTD, PWM, PWQ)

Withholding Series – (WTM, RI-941, W-3, W-4)

Test data will be supplied for the 1040 Series, the 1040NR Series, the 1041 series and the 1120 Series. Refer to the Software Developers page of the RI Division Taxation’s website.

For all other forms submit two samples with “real” data. Make sure that between the two samples you have submitted forms with data on each line of the return.

For all forms, also submit a sample that has each line filled in as provided on the Software Developers page of Taxation’s website.

Other Barcoded Forms – Required Due to Form Update:

CIG-APP – new application coming.

T-11

TOB-APP – new application coming.

T-11A

Other Forms – Required Due to Form Update:

BAR – Business Application and Registration

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Other Barcoded Forms – Annual Approval Not Required:

If you support any of the following forms, you must provide a listing of which ones you support and submit that list with your LOI. You do not need to submit these for approval unless the form changes or you are notified to do so by the Division of Taxation. If changed, the new version will be placed on the Software Developers page on Taxation’s website, and it will be noted that the new version must be submitted for approval.

In addition, due to the state’s mandate requiring the filing of returns and payment of taxes electronically, some taxpayers can no longer file these forms on paper and instead must file through Taxation’s tax portal.

Please note that approval for these forms may be delayed for the testing of forms required to be approved on an annual basis.

ABWM	EPRF-1	MFT-EP	RI-9465	71.3 Intent to
ARS-D	EXO-APP	RI-2848	RI-COI	File Notice of
ARS-R	HCP-64	RI-4292	SIM-1	Sale
BD-01	HCP-65	RI-433A	T-12	71.3 Notice of
BD-APP	LOGS	RI-433B	T-59	Sale
CCS-67	MFT-1	RI-4506	T-63	71.3 Affidavit of
C-REF-SU	MFT-APP	RI-5000	TPO-3	Exempt Seller
EMP-APP	MFT-DB	RI-656	UORF-1	
EMP-B	MFT-EB	RI-8478		

Non-Barcoded forms – Approval NOT Required:

If you support any of the following forms, you must provide a listing of which ones you support and submit that list with your LOI. You do not need to submit these for approval unless the form changes or you are notified to do so by the Division of Taxation. Versions will be placed on the Software Developers page on Taxation’s website for reference ONLY.

71.3 Nonresident Election of Gain	71.3 Remittance	71.3 Residency Affidavit
71.3 Certificate of Withholding Due	71.3 Acknowledgement	

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Paper Form Submission for Approval

The entire form packet will be reviewed for the following:

- Target placement
- Data placement
- Data format, if specified
- Font type and size
- Barcode and spacing requirements
- How the forms perform in our integrated tax system on a field-by-field basis.

Once the form packet is completely reviewed, you will receive an email notification identifying whether the form is approved or rejected. If rejected, Taxation will explain how the form needs to be changed. Resubmission is required.

Paper Form Resubmission (if required)

Resubmissions follow the same requirements as initial submissions. **All** pages of the form must be re-submitted, even if there was no change to a certain page.

Send your resubmission to Tax.VendorForms@tax.ri.gov . In the subject line of your email put "Resubmission - *Form Name* – Vendor #XXXX". Replace the "XXXX" with your NACTP vendor ID number. If possible, reply to the email that Taxation sent to you with the rejection to help us test your resubmission faster.

For example: Vendor #9999 – RI-1040 – Resubmission

When resubmitting paper forms, make sure your submittal sheet indicates Resubmission.

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1D Barcode Guidelines for 2D and Paper Forms

1D Barcode Specifications

1D barcodes must be formatted using the following specifications:

- Code 3 of 9
- Width: 2.5477 in
- Height: 0.50 in (This includes the numbers located below the barcode.)
- The barcode should contain 14 digits. Refer to each form for the specific barcode value for each form and page.
 - Exception – The IMAGEONLY barcode contains only 9 characters
- The numbers/letters below the barcode should be in Courier or Courier New font, 10 pt.
- There must be at least ¼ inch of white area around each side of the barcode.

14 digits = YYFFFCCCVVPP

YY – revision year

FFFF – form number

CCCC – NACTP vendor code

VV – version number

PP – page number

Barcode location for letter size, portrait-oriented forms:

- x: 4.75 in
- y: 0.50 in
- Width: 2.5477 in
- Height: 0.50 in (This includes the numbers located below the barcode.)

Barcode location for letter size, landscape-oriented forms:

- x: 7.25 in
- y: 0.50 in
- Width: 2.5477 in
- Height: 0.50 in (This includes the numbers located below the barcode.)

Barcode location for coupon sized forms (unless noted otherwise on the form):

- x: 4.75 in
- y: 7.833 in
- Width: 2.5477 in
- Height: 0.50 in (This includes the numbers located below the barcode.)

Specific formats are required on all substitute tax forms due to the conditions set by our scanning and data entry software. Failure to follow formatting and spacing requirements will result in submissions being rejected and having to be resubmitted until correct.

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Anchors

- Pages containing a 1D barcode must contain four anchors – 1 in each corner of the form, unless noted otherwise.
- Each anchor must be 0.25 inches tall x 0.25 inches wide.
- Each anchor should be solid black.

Full-size form – 8 ½ x 11 sheet – portrait orientation

- Top, left anchor location: 0.5 inches from the left, 0.5 inches from the top (X=0.5, Y=0.5)
- Top, right anchor: 0.5 inches from the right, 0.5 inches from the top (X=7.75, Y=0.5)
- Bottom, left anchor: 0.5 inches from the left, 0.5 inches from the bottom (X=0.5, Y=10.25)
- Bottom, right anchor: 0.5 inches from the right, 0.5 inches from the bottom (X=7.75, Y=10.25)

Full-size form – 8 ½ x 11 sheet – landscape orientation

- Top, left anchor location: 0.5 inches from the left, 0.5 inches from the top (X=0.5, Y=0.5)
- Top, right anchor: 0.5 inches from the right, 0.5 inches from the top (X=10.25, Y=0.5)
- Bottom, left anchor: 0.5 inches from the left, 0.5 inches from the bottom (X=0.5, Y=7.75)
- Bottom, right anchor: 0.5 inches from the right, 0.5 inches from the bottom (X=10.25, Y=7.75)

Coupon-size form – portrait orientation

- Top, left anchor location: 0.5 inches from the left, 0.5 inches from the top (X=0.5, Y=7.833)
- Top, right anchor: 0.5 inches from the right, 0.5 inches from the top (X=7.75, Y=7.833)
- Bottom, left anchor: 0.5 inches from the left, 0.5 inches from the bottom (X=0.5, Y=10.25)
- Bottom, right anchor: 0.5 inches from the right, 0.5 inches from the bottom (X=7.75, Y=10.25)

1D Barcode Voucher Form Specifications

If included on the state form, instructions are required to be printed on the voucher form.

Important:

Do not alter the size of vouchers.

Do not print the due date in the period ending date field. This causes payments to stop for manual review.

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Grid & Line Spacing

Grid:

6 x 10 character

6 rows per vertical inch (pica spacing)

10 characters or columns per horizontal inch (10-pitch spacing)

All grids should be printed on 8 ½ x 11 paper.

When printing make sure the “shrink to fit” option is not selected, and page scaling is set to “none”.

First vertical printable line: Row 4

Last vertical printable line: Row 64

First horizontal printable line: Column 6

Last horizontal printable line: Column 80

Data fields must comply with the grid spaces allocated.

Barcode must comply with the grid spaces allocated.

Spacing:

Main tax forms and vouchers: Fields and spacing are defined on the grid. See documents.

Data Capture on Forms

1040 Series

1040: Pages 1, 2 and 3 will be data captured.

Schedule W: Will be data captured.

Schedule E: Checkboxes and all dependent information will be data captured.

1040H: Page 1 and PTIN and preparer check box on page 2 will be data captured.

1040MU: Will be data captured.

1040NR: Pages 1, 2 and 3 will be data captured.

1040NR – Schedule II: Page 1 only will be data captured.

Page 2 must contain IMAGEONLY barcode. See “Forms Designated as IMAGE ONLY” section.

1040NR – Schedule III: Pages 1 and 2 will be data captured.

1040NR-MU: Will be data captured.

Schedule CR: Will be data captured.

Schedule M: Pages 1 and 2 will be data captured; the date of birth fields should be completed for both spouses (if a joint return).

Schedule U: Will be data captured.

2210: Only the “Farmer/Fisherman” and “Annualization” check boxes will be data captured.

- If you are supporting the 2210, you must make sure your software passes the checked box information to the 2D layout and the MeF schema in addition to doing the special calculations.

2210A: Will be imaged only. Must contain IMAGEONLY barcode. See “Forms Designated as IMAGE ONLY” section.

1310: Header information will be data captured.

6238: Header information and total credit amount will be data captured.

Page 2 must contain IMAGEONLY barcode. See “Forms Designated as IMAGE ONLY” section.

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1040 Series (continued)

IND-HEALTH: All fields will be data captured.
Shared Responsibility Worksheet: Will be imaged only.
4868: Amount paid will be data captured.
1040V: Amount paid will be data captured.
1040ES: Amount paid will be data captured.

1040C Series

1040C: Page 1 and PTIN and contact preparer check box on page 2 will be data captured.
2210C: Only "Annualization" check box only will be data captured.
4868C: FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.
1040C-V: FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.
1040C-ES: FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.
1040C-NE: No data capture.

1041 Series

1041: Pages 1, 2 and 3 will be data captured.
1041MU: Will be data captured.
1041 Schedule CR: Will be data captured; barcode ID is the same as Schedule CR for the 1040 Series.
1041 Schedule M: Will be data captured; barcode ID is the same as Schedule M for the 1040 Series.
1041 Schedule W: Will be data captured.
NEW Schedule PTE: Will be data captured.
1041 Schedule PTW: Will be data captured.
8736: FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.
1041V: FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.
1041ES: FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.
K-1: Both pages will be imaged only. Must contain IMAGEONLY barcode. See "Forms Designated as IMAGE ONLY" section.

1096PT Series

***The below is provided for informational purposes only for prior year returns.
The last year for the RI-1096PT is tax year 2022.***

RI-1096PT: Page 1 will be data captured; Only PTIN and contact preparer check box on page 2 will be data captured.
4868PT: FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.
1096V: FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.
1096PT-ES: This voucher is discontinued for tax year 2024.
2210PT: Check box will be data captured.
1099PT - Will not contain a barcode and will be imaged only.

Other Business Series

T-71: Pages 1 and 2 will be data captured.
T-71A: Pages 1 and 2 will be data captured.
Page 3 will be imaged only. Must contain IMAGEONLY barcode. See "Forms Designated as IMAGE ONLY" section.
T-71SP: Page 1 will be data captured.
T-72: Pages 1 and 2 will be data captured.

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T-74: Pages 1 through 3 will be data captured.

T-86: Page 1 will be data captured.

RI Schedule B-CR: Will be data captured.

BUS-EST FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.

BUS-EXT: FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.

BUS-V: FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.

1120 Series

1120C: Pages 1 through 5, with the exception of Schedules E and F, will be data captured.

Schedule CGM: Will be data captured.

NEW Schedule D: Will be data captured. [note – this is a full page version of the prior year’s Schedule D]

1120S: Pages 1 through 4, with the exception of Schedules D, F, G and H, will be data captured.

Q-Sub Schedule: Will be data captured.

1065: Pages 1 through 4 with the exception of Schedules D, F, G and H will be data captured.

2220: Only “Annualization” check box will be data captured.

1120F: Pages 1 through 3 will be data captured.

Schedule S: Will be data captured.

1120-POL: Will be data captured.

CR-PT: Will be imaged only. Must contain IMAGEONLY barcode. See “Forms Designated as IMAGE ONLY” section.

RI Schedule B-CR: Will be data captured.

BUS-EST FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.

BUS-EXT: FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.

BUS-V: FEIN, dates and amount paid will be data captured.

RI-107: Must contain IMAGEONLY barcode. See “Forms Designated as IMAGE ONLY” section.

NEW Schedule PTE: Will be data captured.

Schedule PTW: Will be data captured.

K-1: Both pages will be imaged only. Must contain IMAGEONLY barcode. See “Forms Designated as IMAGE ONLY” section.

Pass-through Entity Election

The below is provided for informational purposes only for prior year returns.

The last year for the RI-PTE is tax year 2023.

RI-PTE: Will be data captured.

RI-1099E: Will not be data captured.

Estate Tax Series

706: Only Pages 1, 2 and 4 will be data captured. The rest of the form will be IMAGE ONLY.

Form 706 – pages 5 – 22 will be imaged only. Must contain IMAGEONLY barcode. See “Forms Designated as IMAGE ONLY” section.

ESTATE-V: Will be data captured.

RI-4768: Will be data captured.

T-77: Only the name of the City/Town will be data captured.

T-79: Will be imaged only.

IT-95: Will be imaged only.

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Credit Forms

There will be no data capture on these forms, but the barcode will be tested to make sure it properly identifies the credit form. Even though there will be no capture from these forms, all dollar amounts must be formatted to clearly identify dollars and cents. The preference is to format with a decimal. For example: "1000."

RI-2441	RI-2949 [prior yr]	RI-5009	RI-7695E	RI-9261
RI-2874	RI-3468	RI-6324	RI-8826	

Forms Designated as White Mail

Only the social security number or federal identification number will be data captured from each of these forms.

RI-2848	RI-433B	RI-5000
RI-433A	RI-4506	RI-656

Forms Designated as IMAGE ONLY

No information will be data captured off these forms. Barcode must read as "IMAGEONLY" and will not contain the vendor's NACTP number. The formatting of dollar amounts on these pages that are "IMAGE ONLY" can differ from those fields being data captured, but it must be clear what the amount is intended to be.

Acceptable formats for these fields: \$12.34; \$12. ; \$12 34

Unacceptable format: \$1234 (*is this \$1,234 or \$12.34*)

Other barcoded Forms: Fields and spacing are defined on a 6x10 grid - coordinates are identified on the 2024 form documents. We only capture a few fields on each form. The remainder of the text and data fields on these documents will not be reviewed, as we do not capture the data.

Non-barcoded Forms: Must appear like the original form; data is not captured from these forms, so they do not need to be submitted for approval.

Font Size

Field Data: Font and size - Courier or Courier New, 12 or 10 pt. **Upper case letters** only.

Form Text: Vendor choice but must appear like original form and easy to read.

Ensure that end-users cannot change font size of the data they enter on the forms.

Margin Requirements

There must be a ½ inch margin on all sides of each page of each scanned form.

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Paper Size

Reproduced or substitute forms must be the same size as the official forms and should be printed on 8 1/2-inch x 11-inch paper.

Reproduced or substitute coupons must be the same size as the official forms and should be printed on 8 1/2-inch x 3 11/16-inch paper.

Ink Color

Variable data and text should be printed in black ink.

Shading

The color of the boxes on the forms is set to 15% shading.

If you are unable to produce this degree of shading, you may remove the shaded box (any text inside must remain).

Lines

The color of the lines on the forms is set to 15% shading.

If you are unable to produce this degree of shading, you may remove the lines.

Printing Requirements

Software must inform taxpayer to:

- Send the originally printed form, not a photocopy, for processing. Photocopies will not be accepted.
- Use black ink only.
- Some printers may distort PDF files. To prevent printing problems, print settings should have **no scaling** and "Portrait" checked. If possible, set the print setting & do not allow user to change. Taxpayer should not be able to change font style or font size.
- Do not print instructional pages that are attached to supplemental forms.
- Suggest that users print forms using Adobe.
- Vendors are required to print the voucher at the top of the page with any instructions on the bottom portion of the page, below the voucher. There should also be a "cut here" line on the voucher so that when a voucher is printed and cut, the OCR scanline and other form information is properly positioned.

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Formatting of Data for 2D and Paper Forms

Use upper case letters in ALL fields that contain alphabetical entries.

Social security numbers and federal identification numbers:

- Complete identification number.
- Identification numbers cannot be masked, and users should not have an option to mask them.
- Do not use any dashes in the identification numbers.
- SSN: 123456789
- FEIN: 999999999

Dates fields:

- All date should be formatted as MMDDYYYY
- Correct format: 01012021

State fields:

- Input the state abbreviation only.

ZIP codes:

- 5 digits only

Telephone numbers

- Telephone and fax numbers should be formatted as (999) 999-9999

Percentages

For the following forms carry out to four decimal places

- Include leading zero
- 0.1234

1040	1040NR	1040C
1040MU	1040NR-MU	

For the following forms carry out to six decimal places

- Include leading zero
- 0.123456

RI-1120C	RI-1065	T-72
RI-1120S	T-71	T-74

Dollar amounts

Do not use or allow decimals in currency fields.

Do not use or allow commas in currency or quantity fields.

Do not use or allow dollar or cent symbols.

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Negative numbers must be indicated by a hyphen “-”, before the amount. Do not use parentheses or brackets as negative indicators.

Do not replicate the % sign at the end of a percentage amount.

Two zeros are required on all currency fields in the cents column. If amounts cannot be formatted this way upon generation, then zeros should be preprinted and formatted in the same manner as the dollar amount.

Quantity fields should not contain the two zeros.

With the exception of any of the sales tax forms and withholding tax forms, all amounts filled in on forms should be rounded to the nearest dollar. Drop amounts under 50¢ and increase amounts that are 50¢ or more to the next dollar.

Example: \$203.39 becomes 203 00

\$203.59 becomes 204 00

Use either a vertical line, a blank space, or if the form is supporting a 2D barcode, NOTHING to separate the dollars and cents.

For forms with a 2D version:

Example: \$125.00 becomes 12500

Dollar amount entries must not include dollar or cent symbols or commas.

Example: \$2,033.00 becomes 203300

For forms that do not have a 2D version:

Example: \$125.00 becomes 125 00

Dollar amount entries must not include dollar or cent symbols or commas.

Example: \$2,033.00 becomes 2033 00

Payment vouchers

With the exception of any withholding forms or sales tax forms, dollar amounts should be rounded to the nearest dollar.

Populate cents with 00

Use either a vertical line or a blank space to separate the dollars and cents.

Example: \$125.00 becomes 125 00 or 125.00

Dollar amount entries must not include dollar or cent symbols or commas.

Example: \$2,033.00 becomes 2033 00

Additional Schedules or Worksheets – Non-RI Supported

If your software package generates worksheets or schedules that are not Rhode Island issued, you must include the “IMAGEONLY” barcode on the top of each page. The location would be the same as other 1D barcodes.

By doing this, the additional schedules and worksheets can be submitted with paper returns without causing issues delays in the processing of returns generated by your software package.

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2D Barcode Guidelines

2D Barcode Specifications

2D layouts are available, and must be supported, for:

- RI-1040
- RI-1040NR
- RI-1120C
- RI-1120S
- RI-1065

Refer to the 2D layouts posted on Taxation's website: <https://tax.ri.gov/resources/software-developers> .

MeF Guidelines

Refer to the MeF schema provided for each form once you have been provided access to SES.

DO NOT USE THE SPEC GUIDELINES PROVIDED FOR 2D OR PAPER FORMS FOR MeF.

OCR Scan Line Guidelines

OCR scanlines are no longer required on vouchers. You will be required to support the voucher's 1D barcode.

USE OF ACCOUNT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Taxation began transitioning sales tax account filers using paper coupons away from the use of federal identification numbers and towards the use of assigned account identification numbers. You will notice the following forms will now have an account identification number field rather than a federal identification number field.

- STR
- MBM
- MBQ
- HTDM-W
- HOM
- PWTM
- PWTQ

Users should be instructed to put their account identification number on the coupon for the sales tax account type for which they are filing. An account identification number is created for each tax account type a taxpayer may have; it is unique to the taxpayer and the tax type.

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Withholding Guidelines

Forms WTQM and WTQ were discontinued effective for calendar year 2020.

Electronic Mandate for Return Filing and Payment Remittance

Beginning on January 1, 2023, any **larger business registrant** is required to file returns and remit taxes to the State of Rhode Island electronically.

A **larger business registrant** is an employer that operates as a business whose combined annual liability for the entity for all taxes administered by the RI Division of Taxation is equal to or exceeds \$5,000; or that operates as a business whose annual gross income for the entity is over \$100,000.

Payroll Companies

Complete and submit the Payroll LOI to Tax.VendorForms@tax.ri.gov.

Upon successful review and registration, you will be able to submit bulk files for RI-941, W-2, W-3 and 1099.

See the [Withholding Filing Requirements](#) document for more information.

Quarter-monthly (WTQM) payers:

Filing requirement:

Quarter-monthly (WTQM) payers are now considered weekly payers required to file and pay electronically.

Forms: N/A

Monthly (WTM) payers:

Filing requirement:

Monthly payers (WTM) payers may be required to file and pay electronically.

- If the average monthly withholding of the prior calendar year is \$200 or more, a monthly payer is required to file and pay electronically.
- If less than \$200, a monthly payer is not required to (but can) file and pay electronically **UNLESS** it is considered a larger business registrant as described above.

Forms:

WTM will be used for all the non-quarter ending months [January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November] ONLY if a payment is being mailed to the RI Division of Taxation.

- Format the month end date as MMDDYYYY and use the last day of the month. Use the 29th for February if it is a leap year.

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Form RI-941 for all quarter ending months - March, June, September, and December. Form RI-941 will serve as both the filing form for the third month of each quarter, as well as a reconciliation for the quarter.

Quarterly (WTQ) payers:

Filing requirement:

Quarterly payers may be required to file and pay electronically if considered a larger business registrant as described on the top of preceding page [page 20].

Forms:

Form RI-941 will be used by quarterly payers for the quarterly filing and reconciliation.

Form RI-941 information may be filed through a bulk file upload process.

Email TaxPortal@tax.ri.gov for more information.

For all payers regardless of payment frequency:

A full-page W-3 was created for use starting with calendar year 2020.

The coupon sized form should continue to be used for calendar years prior to 2020.

On Form RI-W3, if the Total Tax Withheld on line 1e is less than the Total Payments on line 2, you can populate a negative number using a “ – “ but a refund will not automatically be generated off this form for the taxpayer. The taxpayer (employer) would be required to submit a request for refund to the Division of Taxation.

Withholding tax forms are an exception to the rule of rounding (see page 12). All withholding amounts should be **exact**. There should not be any rounding of any amounts on any of the withholding tax forms.

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<h2>Checklist for Submitting Substitute 2D and Paper Forms</h2>

- Make sure you submit an LOI prior to trying to submit forms for approval.
- Make sure you received an email notification from Tax.VendorForms@tax.ri.gov stating that you can submit forms for approval once testing for the particular tax type opens.
- Subject line of email with submissions should indicate Vendor ID, form(s) being submitted, and whether email is Initial Submission or Resubmission.
- Enclose a submission sheet with each submission.
- A submission sheet is to only contain forms from one tax type – **do not mix tax types.**
- Submission includes one full field sample, two data samples, and all pages of the form.
- If test data is provided, samples are to include the test data.
- Targets are solid black and placed correctly.
- There is a ½ inch margin on all sides of each page.
- Font size is correct.
- Special characters are not placed within SSNs, FEINs, zip codes, and percentage fields.
- Identification numbers are not masked.
- Barcode is printed correctly and has at least ¼ inch whitespace on all sides.

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Notable Form Changes

RI-1040/RI-1040NR

Line references have been updated to conform to Federal form changes.
New charitable contribution added and change to label on another charitable contribution.
Increase to the maximum credit and income tiers on RI-1040H Property Tax Relief Credit
RI-6238 Lead Paint Credit Income Limit increased.
Adjustments for inflation to Standard Deduction amounts, Exemption amount, tax tables, Schedule U
Individual Mandate and Shared Responsibility Worksheet costs have been updated.

RI-1041

New line to report Pass-through Entity Election Tax from new Schedule PTE on page 1 of return.
Addition of Schedule PTE for Pass-through Entity Election.

RI-1065

Addition of multiple lines for K-1 counts on page 1 of return.
New line to report Pass-through Entity Election Tax from new Schedule PTE on page 1 of return.
Addition of Schedule PTE for Pass-through Entity Election

RI-1120C

New checkbox and count line related to Federal Consolidated Group Election on page 1 of return.
Addition of Schedule D – a full page schedule for Form RI-1120C’s Schedule D – Pass-through Withholding Paid
on Entity’s Behalf previously located on page 3.

RI-1120S

Addition of multiple lines for K-1 counts on page 1 of return.
New line to report Pass-through Entity Election Tax from new Schedule PTE on page 1 of return.
Addition of Schedule PTE for Pass-through Entity Election.

RI Schedule K-1

New checkbox on front for Grantor Trust.
New section on page 2 for Grantor Trust information.

T-71 A

Addition of checkboxes for Initial Return, Amended Return and Final Return

T-74

New Combined Reporting Study schedule will be required for all filers.
This schedule will be submitted electronically only.
A file format layout will be provided.

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2D layout changes:

RI-1040/RI-1040NR:

Removal of "M" as an allowable exemption on the IND-HEALTH form.

Addition of new charitable contribution.

RI-1120C

New checkbox and count line related to Federal Consolidated Group Election.

Addition of Schedule D – full page schedule for form's Schedule D – Pass-through Withholding Paid on Entity's Behalf.

RI-1120S/RI-1065

Addition of multiple lines for K-1 counts on page 1 of return.

New line to report Pass-through Entity Election Tax from new Schedule PTE on page 1 of return.

Addition of Schedule PTE.

New checkbox on front for Grantor Trust.

New section on page 2 for Grantor Trust information.

OCR Scanlines on Vouchers

OCR scanlines are no longer included on voucher forms. 1D barcode will be required.

Voucher placement on paper

All vouchers remain at the top of the page and instructions, if applicable, below the voucher.

Notable MeF Changes

Taxation now requires the filing of extensions, with or without a payment, for all tax types supported through MeF.

Notable Requirement Changes

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, vendors supporting Form RI-1065 will be required to properly support SMLLC filers. The RI Division of Taxation expects that a SMLLC entity will be able to:

- File Form RI-1065 as an unlinked state return.
- File as a SMLLC without having to create an additional member for their entity.
- Be able to verify that the return does not have errors without having to disable error checking on the return in order to submit the return.

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New Forms/Schedules

Effective periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024:
Schedule PTE has been created to replace Form RI-PTE.

Schedule PTE will be used to calculate Pass-through Entity Election Tax for member(s) of an entity making such an election and filing RI-1041, Form RI-1065 or Form RI-1120S.

Discontinued Forms

RI-PTE [Pass-through Entity Election] Series

RI-PTE
RI-1099E

Beginning with tax year 2024 [to be filed in 2025], pass-through entity election previously filed on Form RI-PTE will be calculated using Schedule PTE and included with Form RI-1065, RI-1120S or RI-1041.

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Legislative Changes

New legislation	Form(s) Impacted
<p>44-1-31.2. Electronic filing of large entity tax returns, electronic payments, and penalties.</p> <p>Beginning on January 1, 2023, any larger business registrant is required to file returns and remit taxes to the State of Rhode Island electronically.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This is a reminder.</i></p>	ALL BUSINESS FORMS
<p>44-14-39. Combined reporting study.</p>	T-74
<p>44-30-2.12. Refund deduction for contribution to the behavioral health education, training, and coordination fund.</p> <p>There shall be provided as a deduction from any refund from the Rhode Island personal income tax otherwise due to a taxpayer for a taxable year a contribution to the behavioral health education, training, and coordination fund. The provision for the contribution shall appear on the state personal income tax return as follows: Behavioral health education, training, and coordination fund.</p> <p>Check if you wish to contribute _____ \$1.00 _____ \$5.00 _____ \$10.00 _____ \$ _____ (write in amount of your tax REFUND for this program.)</p>	RI-1040/RI-1040NR

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