



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF
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Kentucky Department of Revenue

Withholding/Payroll Service Provider
Letter of Intent

Tax Year 2025

Payroll providers who wish to support the substitute Tax Year 2025 K-5 paper form must complete and submit this agreement to KRC.WebResponseBulkFiling@ky.gov by December 31, 2025.

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2025 Tax Software Provider Kentucky Department of Revenue Letter of Intent Withholding/Payroll

Welcome to the Letter of Intent (LOI) for Withholding/Payroll. If your software company intends to submit withholding/payroll informational returns electronically you will need to complete this form and submit it to KRC.WebResponseBulkFiling@ky.gov.

By submitting this LOI to the Kentucky Department of Revenue (DOR), you agree to meet our standards for software provider registration, tax preparation software, and substitute forms. If you do not meet the standards and requirements explained in this LOI or provide an incomplete form, we may deny your application or revoke your approved software provider status and reject all electronic and/or paper returns submitted using your products.

You must complete a separate LOI form for each unique product your company offers.

Important dates

The Kentucky Department of Revenue has important key dates to ensure we are ready for return submissions and taxpayers can file an accurate and timely tax return. Please note the following key dates:

- Complete and submit this LOI by December 31, 2025.
- Substitute forms approval must be completed by December 31, 2025.

Amended Letter of Intent

☐ Check this box if this is an amended Letter of Intent.

Reason for amendment:

Company information

List your company information.

Name of company	Product name	City/State issued software ID (if applicable)
DBA Name	NACTP vendor ID (if applicable)	City/State tax account number (if applicable)
Address	Product URL	Company FEIN
City	State	Zip code

IRS issued electronic identification numbers

List your IRS electronic identification numbers. The transmission header of the MeF FSET package has a required element transmitter with a required choice of EFIN or ETIN.

Please note: The DOR assigns a Transmitter ID at registration which is used as the ETIN in the transmission header.

Test EFIN(s) or Agency Assigned Transmitter ID	Production EFIN(s) or Agency Assigned Transmitter ID
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Contact information

List the contact information for each area identified.

Regulatory/compliance contact	Phone	Email address
Primary withholding e-File contact	Phone	Email address
Secondary withholding e-File contact	Phone	Email address
Primary W2/1099 e-File contact	Phone	Email address
Secondary W2/1099 e-File contact	Phone	Email address

Substitute forms registration

Complete this section only if your product will provide substitute forms.

Agency substitute forms software number		
Primary withholding forms contact	Phone	Email address
Secondary withholding forms contact	Phone	Email address
Primary W2/1099 forms contact	Phone	Email address
Secondary W2/1099 forms contact	Phone	Email address
Note: If you have additional contacts, please list them by form/tax type on a separate sheet and attach it to this submission.		

Forms and schedules supported

Check all that apply.

Withholding Tax	e-File Mandated	e-File	e-File Amended	Scannable Forms	2D Barcode
Form 42A801 (K-1)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
Form 42A801 (K-3)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	N/A
Form 42A805 (K-5)	Yes, if there are more than 25 withholding statements.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Filing types and methods

This section identifies the two ways that the K-1/K-3 returns can be filed with DOR. Please select the method(s) your company will support.

Filing form types	Check filing methods your company supports	For more information
K-1/K-3 (Original and Amended)	<input type="checkbox"/> Web service API <input type="checkbox"/> File upload process	https://revenue.ky.gov/Software-Developer/Pages/Modernized-Electronic-Filing.aspx

e-File mandates or requirements

K-1/K-3 requirements

Kentucky 103 KAR 18:150 Section 2.6 requires all filing frequencies to file and pay electronically by assigned frequency for periods beginning on or after 1/1/2023.

This regulation revision makes the returns K-1E and K-3E obsolete for tax year reporting periods in 2022 forward. Software vendors will not be granted approval to produce withholding paper returns K-1/K-3 or K-1E/K-3E as of 1/1/2022. Customers without the ability to file online withholding tax returns or have their returns bulk filed by their payroll provider must request an e-file waiver in writing to: Kentucky Department of Revenue, Station 57, 501 High St, Frankfort, KY 40601. 103 KAR 18:150 Section 2.6 may be viewed at <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/103/018/150.pdf>.

Amended K-1/K-3 returns should be filed using the same filing method as the original returns. If an original return was filed using paper, the amended return will also need to be filed on paper. If an original return was e-filed, the amended return will also need to be e-filed.

K-5 requirements

The Form K-5 is used to report withholding statement information from Forms W-2, W-2G, and 1099. The K-5 form should be used to only report Kentucky W-2's, W-2G's, and 1099's. Please only report 1099's that have Kentucky tax withheld. A separate K-5 must be filed for each type of Form W-2, W-2G, or 1099. W-2C's cannot be reported on Form K-5. Paper K-5 forms may not include more than 25 withholding statements.

Agency requirements

This section identifies agency requirements and expectations of new and existing Software Providers and the software product.

Issue notification and resolution requirements

This section represents the Kentucky Department of Revenue issue notification and issue resolution standards.

You must notify and coordinate with DOR contact(s) to resolve any issues such as but not limited to incorrect and/or missing calculations, electronic file format, or written instructions. The affected product(s) should not be made available to customers until the source of the issue has been located and resolved. The updated software will need to be tested for approval before being made available to end users. Software providers acknowledge and understand that DOR does not provide technical support to customers using a third-party software.

System security requirements

The Kentucky Department of Revenue does not prescribe the security requirements for your system. You are responsible for implementing appropriate security measures to protect taxpayers and their information in your system. You must apply security measures to protect taxpayer information in your system when it is on-line, off-line, at rest, and in transit.

Security incident requirements

Data breaches, security incidents, or other improper disclosures of taxpayer data that by law require reporting to the Kentucky Attorney General must also be reported to the Kentucky Department of Revenue.

Data breach reporting

All registrants executing this agreement are subject to the following data breach security laws and/or regulations of DOR: KRS 365.732: Notification to affected persons of computer security breach involving their unencrypted personally identifiable information.

Production return submission requirements

All returns generated from this software must be e-Filed or printed from the approved software or a subsequent product update.

Product update

Desktop product users who attempt to file 10 or more business days after a production release must be required to download and apply the product update.

Schema or file format requirements

Your software must follow the schema requirements or file format prescribed by the agency. Find the Kentucky Department of Revenue schema requirements in the Withholding e-File folder located on the State Exchange System.

Testing and submission requirements

All tests submitted during the approval process must be created in, and originate from, the actual software. Any changes made to the software must be resubmitted to DOR for testing and approval. Once approval has been granted, any changes made to the K-1/K-3 bulk filing schema by DOR will require software vendors to resubmit test files for approval. However, annual testing is not required if no software or schema changes have occurred. K-5 substitute forms and 2D barcodes must be tested annually for approval.

Validation of data elements

Transferring data year-over-year that is not initially entered accurately causes issues with processing tax returns. The following items should be **confirmed** when transferred year over year:

- Business Name
- FEIN
- Kentucky Withholding Account Number

Customer notices

This section identifies information DOR is requiring the software providers to communicate with customers.

Disclosure and use of information language expectations

The following consent language must be added to electronic filing software to notify the user.

For do-it-yourself software:

By using a computer system and software to prepare and/or file my tax return(s) electronically, I consent to the transmission of my return(s) and to the disclosure of all information about my use of the system and software to the Kentucky Department of Revenue.

For tax professional software:

By using a computer system and software to prepare and/or file my client's return(s), I consent to the transmission of my client's return(s) and to the disclosure of all information about my use of the system and software to the Kentucky Department of Revenue.

For Business software:

By using a computer system and software to prepare and/or file this business tax return(s), I consent to the transmission of the return(s) and to the disclosure of all information about the use of the system and software to the Kentucky Department of Revenue.

Agency questions for Withholding K-1/K-3 Bulk Filing registrants

1. Approximately how many clients will your agency file on behalf of for each filing frequency?
2. Approximately how many clients will participate in the initial XML submission?
3. Does your agency intend to submit XML return data on behalf of all clients, or only a specific subset? Can you qualify the applicable subset for each tax type?
4. If your agency plans to transmit return data through a web service client, please indicate whether a JAVA client or a .NET client will be used.

Acknowledgments and signature

By signing this agreement, I agree to provide true, accurate, current, and complete information and my company agrees to all the requirements listed in this document.

The Kentucky Department of Revenue reserves the right to deny, suspend or terminate my company's ability to submit returns.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE PRINTED NAME	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE EMAIL ADDRESS	
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE PHONE NUMBER	DATE

Complete this signature line if this is an amended Letter of Intent

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE PHONE NUMBER	AMENDED DATE
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Authorized access to the State Exchange System

Access to the State Exchange System should be limited to those with a business need. You are allowed up to 5 users.

Provide information for each employee you are authorizing for access to the State Exchange System.

NOTE: Include all authorized individuals, even if listed previously on this form.

First and last name	Phone number	Email address
	Authorized access <input type="checkbox"/> e-File <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Forms	
First and last name	Phone number	Email address
	Authorized access <input type="checkbox"/> e-File <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Forms	
First and last name	Phone number	Email address
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