

Taxing Times Made Easy for Year-End Success

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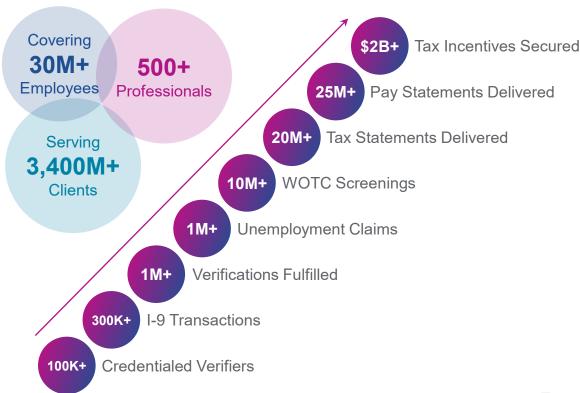


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Webinar Agenda

- **1** Changes to ACA Process
- 2 Common Employer Challenges
- 3 Interpreting Federal & State ACA Requirements
- **4** W-2 Tax Statements
- **5** Key Takeaways



Poll Question 1

In which areas of ACA requirements do you feel fully informed?

- Both federal and state-level
- Federal but not state-level
- State-level but not federal
- Neither



ACA Reporting



ACA Reporting and What to Expect

Recent developments include passage of Paperwork Reduction Act

- New legislation allows for Alternate method of furnishing the 1095-C.
- Employers post clear and conspicuous notice continuously available during prescribed period.
- Message should clearly detail the request process.
- Employers wishing to provide electronic only access must get employee consent, per IRS notice 2025-15.





Common Employer Challenges with ACA

Inputting the 1095-C form coding manually can be an extremely time-consuming and nerve-racking process:

- Did the worker have medical coverage during the year?
- How do I know which coding is correct?
- Does the safe harbor apply in this situation?
- What was the minimum essential coverage offered?

Uploading the data to the IRS website can be confusing:

- Printing and mailing 1095-C forms for each individual employee can take valuable time from your benefits team.
- IRS data corrections & data retention.
- Navigating continually changing requirements.



Federal ACA Requirements

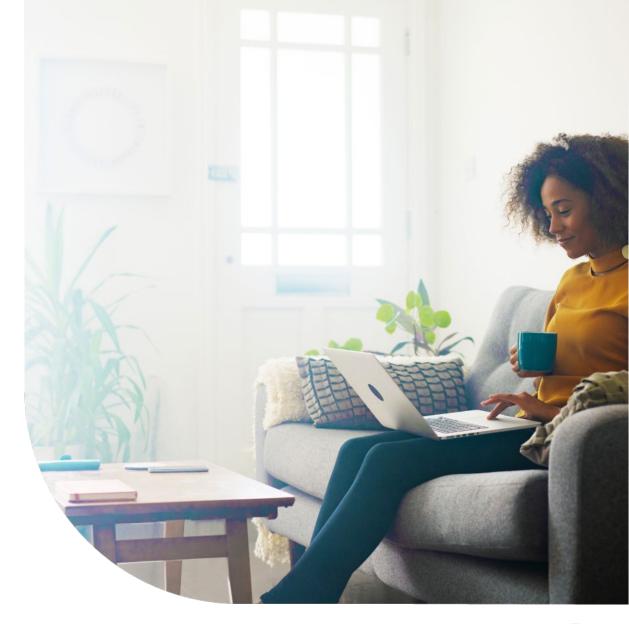
- Permanent extension for providing forms to employees:
 - March 2nd (If the extension falls on a weekend or holiday, then the deadline is the next business day after March 2nd)
 - If posting alternate notice, must be available through October 15
- Good faith relief no longer available.
- 1095-C forms must be available for all full-time employees.
- Electronic filing for more than 10 forms (previously for more than 250 forms).





State-mandated ACA Reporting requirements are complex and constantly changing

- Definition of reportable employee may differ among states
- States have varying due dates for submission
- Data Privacy Exclusion of Non-Resident
- States have differing file formats





California





Filing Agency: Franchise Tax Board (FTB)



Filing Deadline: March 31



Filing Extension: May 31



Filing Penalty: \$50 per applicable covered individual

- ✓ To complete the California Mandate reporting, selfinsured employers, regardless of their Applicable Large Employer (ALE) status, are required to transmit 1094/5-B and C forms to the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB).
- ✓ <250 forms: print/mail the same 1094/5-B or C forms
 that are transmitted to the IRS for federal reporting to
 meet the California Mandate.
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- ✓ >250 forms: required to file electronically.
- ✓ To electronically transmit forms, employers must go through a testing cycle before transmitting the final data.



District of Columbia





Filing Agency: Office of Tax Revenue (OTR)



Filing Deadline: May 2

- ✓ Insurance companies, businesses providing insurance to their employees, and other applicable entities and third-party service providers that provide minimum essential coverage must report their compliance information to the OTR.
- ✓ All filers are required to file electronically, even if they file less than 250 information returns.
- ✓ The OTR accepts the same IRS forms but instead of an XML format, the electronic file must be a piped delimited text (.txt) file, with submissions going exclusively through the MyTax.DC.gov domain.



Massachusetts





Filing Agency: Group Insurance Commission



Filing Deadline: March 31

Filing Requirements:

✓ Form 1099-HC is a Massachusetts tax document which provides proof of health insurance coverage for Massachusetts residents.



New Jersey





Filing Agency:
New Jersey Division
of Taxation



Filing Deadline: March 31

- Employers with 50 or more employees who employ NJ residents must electronically report on their compliance with the New Jersey Health Insurance Market Preservation Act; paper filing will not be accepted.
- ✓ Employers with less than 50 forms must file using the Form NJ-1095.
- ✓ New Jersey requires that a 1095 form be sent to each primary enrollee.
- ✓ Out-of-State Employers with employees in New Jersey have the same filing requirements as in-state businesses and insurance companies.



Rhode Island





Filing Agency:
Rhode Island Department
of Revenue Division
of Taxation



Filing Deadline: January 31

- ✓ An employer or other sponsor of an employment-based health plan that offers employment-based minimum essential coverage to any resident of Rhode Island is required to report coverage.
- ✓ The federal forms will be sufficient to meet the Rhode Island reporting requirement.
- ✓ If you are an employer, and if your insurer completes the reporting requirement, there are no other reporting requirements expected of you.



Vermont





Filing Agency: Vermont Department of Taxes



Filing Deadline:

Quarterly filing deadline on or before the **25**th **day** of the calendar month succeeding the close of each quarter

- Form HC-1, Health Care Contributions Worksheet worksheet to help determine if any assessment is due for the quarter.
- ✓ Form HC-2, Declaration of Health Care Coverage must be completed each year by uncovered employees.
- ✓ WHT-436, Quarterly Withholding Reconciliation employer must complete this form each quarter &
 enter the Health Care Contribution Assessment
 (calculation made on Form HC-1) in Part III.



These Requirements Are The Tip Of The Iceberg



- Enrollment Requirements
- Registration Requirements
- Transmission Instructions(i.e., electronic & manual filing registration process)



Poll Question 2

In which of these states/districts do you currently file?

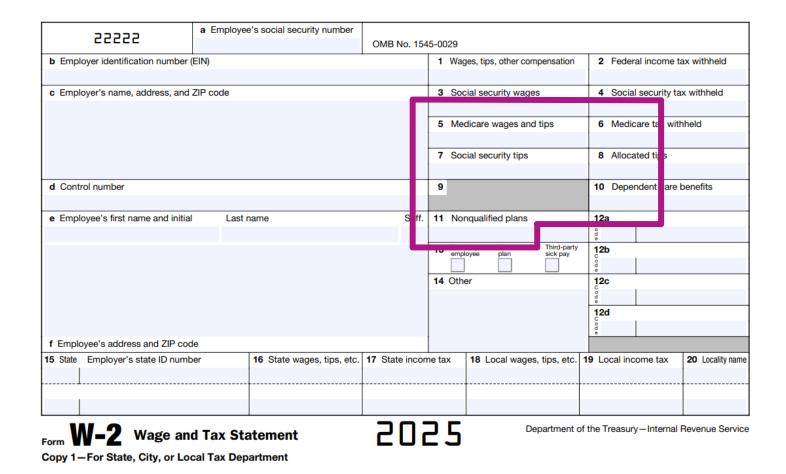
- California or District of Columbia
- Massachusetts or New Jersey
- Rhode Island or Vermont
- None of the above
- All of the above



W-2 Tax Statements



2025 Form W-2





W-2 Common Employer Challenges

- Tight deadlines for federal, state, and local
- Other deadlines occur at the same time
- Electronic filing thresholds
- Managing corrections
- Managing reissues
- Managing electronic consent
- Tracking state file format changes





Deadlines

1099 and Canadian deadlines

Form W-2



Furnishing Deadline: January 31 Electronic Filing Deadline: January 31

Form 1099-MISC

PAYER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and telephone no.			1 Rents	OMB No. 1545-0115		
or foreign postal code, and fere	phone no.			Form 1099-MISC	Miscellaneous	
			\$			
			2 Royalties		Information	
				For calendar year		
			\$			
			3 Other income	4 Federal income tax within	eid Copy	
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PAYER'S TIN	RECIPIENT'S TIN		5 Fishing boat proceeds	6 Medical and health care payments	ath care Departmen	
			s	\$		
RECIPIENT'S name			7 Payer made direct sales totaling \$5,000 or more of consumer products to	8 Substitute payments in I of dividends or interest	rest	
			recipient for resale	\$		
Street address (including apt. no.) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code			9 Crop insurance proceeds	10 Gross proceeds paid to attorney	an	
			S	\$		
			11 Fish purchased for resale	12 Section 409A deferrals		
			\$	\$		
		13 FATCA fling requirement	14 Excess golden parachute payments	15 Nonqualified deferred compensation		
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Account number (see instructions)			16 State tax withheld	17 State/Payer's state no.	18 State income	
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Furnishing Deadline: January 31 Electronic Filing Deadline: January 31

Form 1099-NEC



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Deadline: February 28/29

https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications.html



Penalties

IRS Fine Amounts

Form W-2/1099 Large Employer Fine Possibilities, (Gross over \$5m)

- Not more than 30 days late: \$60 per statement (limited to \$683,000).
- 31 days late: August 1 \$130 per statement (limited to \$2,049,000).
- After August 1 or no filing: \$330 per statement (limited to \$4,098,000).
- Intentional disregard: \$660 per statement with no maximum.





Electronic Filing Thresholds

Regulations section 301.6011-2 was amended by Treasury Decision 9972, published February 23, 2023, which lowers the threshold to 10 for which employers must file certain information returns electronically, including Forms:

- W-2
- W-2AS
- W-2GU
- W-2VI
- Form 499R-2/W-2PR







Poll Question 3

How often does your organization file corrections?

- 1 time a year
- 2 times a year
- 3 times a year
- ☐ 4+ times a year



Corrections

Most common reasons

- Omitting decimal points and cents from dollar amounts
- Putting dollar signs in "money" boxes
- Failing to properly format employees' name in box "e"
- Entering the wrong employer identification number or listing the employee's Social Security Number as the EIN
- Using print that is too large or too small; the IRS recommends 12-point Courier font
- Erroneously checking the "Retirement plan" slot in box 13
- Not making entries visible enough; only black ink is allowed
- Failing to use the official W-2 form; the red-inked copy on the IRS website is for informational purposes only





Corrections

Other common mistakes

- Wrong amount of federal, state and/or local taxable wages
- Incorrect federal, state, and/or local taxes withheld
- Inaccurate employee name, address, and/or SSN
- Improper coding for box 12
- Inaccurate Social Security tips or allocated tips
- Incorrect tax year





Reissues

Most common reasons

- Lost or stolen
- Damaged
- Loss of access to electronic version (terminated)
- Needed for income verification







Electronic consent

IRS Requirements

- You must agree to receive the Form W-2 in an electronic format and demonstrate to your employer that you'll be able to access your electronic Form W-2.
- Prior to, or at the time of your consent, your employer must provide you a disclosure statement containing specific disclosures regarding the furnishing of the Form W-2.
- If the statement is furnished on a website, then your employer must notify you via mail, electronic mail, or in person, that the statement is posted on a website and provide instructions on accessing and printing the statement.
- Additionally, the electronic version of the Form W-2 must contain all required information and comply with applicable revenue procedures relating to substitute statements to recipients.



Poll Question 4

What percentage of your employees provided electronic consent for the W-2?

- Less than 25%
- **25% 49%**
- **50% 74%**
- Over 75%



Key Takeaways

- ACA Reporting Requirements are evolving and complex
- Electronic delivery and filing standards have changed
- Uncertain enforcement processes should not be a call for carelessness or non-compliance
- Electronic forms are easier to manage and distribute, so work on electronic consent processes aimed at beefing up participation



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