

# 2009 ALABAMA BUSINESS MeF HANDBOOK



for Electronic Filers who file Alabama Corporate and  
Pass Through Entity Tax Returns/Reports  
Electronically via the Federal/State MeF System



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## SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

The Alabama Department of Revenue (Department), in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), is accepting Alabama Corporate Income Tax (20C), Alabama Consolidated Corporate Income Tax (20C-C), S Corporation Information/Tax (20S), Alabama Partnership/LLC (65), and Non-Resident Composite (PTE-C) returns and corresponding forms and schedules for tax year 2009 by using the IRS' Modernized E-File system (MeF). The transmission method will be a Web Service using Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) with attachments messaging. The return data will be formatted using Extensible Markup Language (XML). Authorized E-File providers, also known as Electronic Return Originators (ERO's) can submit returns to the IRS MeF system for federal and state return processing. State returns can be submitted as a federal return with a state return attached, called a "Fed/State" return, or as a state return, known as a "State Only" submission. Each return (Fed/State or State Only) must be in a separate submission. Multiple submissions may be contained in a single message payload. Software developers must test with the Department and receive approval prior to submitting live Fed/State or State-Only returns.

## SECTION 2: CHANGES FOR TAX YEAR 2009

Regulations 810-3-39-.12, 810-3-39-.13, 810-3-28-.07, and 810-3-28-.08 were approved by the Alabama Department of Revenue's Research Division and became effective January 1, 2010. These new regulations contain provisions making E-File mandatory for returns prepared by certain tax practitioners and certain self prepared returns. The mandate requirements for tax preparers and self preparers will be "phased" in over a 2 year period starting January 1, 2010. The economic necessity of this new corporate/partnership income tax E-File mandate will reduce tax return processing costs for the state.

It is important to note the following principles regarding version numbers: each tax return transmission file, and acknowledgement file has a corresponding XML schema and a respective set of business rules that are used to validate the filed tax return. Each XML transmission file schema, XML schema, and business rule document has a separate version number. **Please ensure you are using the most current version of your vendors' software.**

For Tax Year 2009 the Department has added electronic filing for Consolidated Corporate Income Tax Returns (Form 20C-C). At this time Alabama will only accept one return each filing season, any subsequent filings such as additional short year returns and amended returns must be filed by paper.

The Form AL8453-C must be completed and signed by all required parties. The ERO will retain Form AL8453-C along with a copy of the electronic tax return. **Do not submit this form to the Alabama Department of Revenue unless requested to do so. See Section 14 Corporate/Partnership Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing (AL8453-C).**

A rejected acknowledgement indicates the electronic return was received and failed to successfully complete the pre-entry validation process. **The acknowledgement will contain an error rejection code number followed by a message indicating the error causing the rejection. In the case of a schema validation error only the schema error message will be displayed.** The error conditions must be corrected and the return re-transmitted as a "State-Only" return. If a rejection occurs on the due date of the return it will be considered timely filed if it is corrected and re-transmitted **within the 20 business day perfection period.** Only after all attempts to correct the return and re-transmit have failed may the return be filed as a paper return. In order for the paper return to be considered timely it must be filed by the later of the due date of the return or twenty (20) calendar days after the date Alabama gives notification the return is rejected. The paper return should include an explanation

of why the return is being filed after the due date and include a copy of the reject notification from Alabama to avoid late filing penalties and interest.

Returns prepared with software that is not approved by the Department will be rejected.

### SECTION 3: CONTACT INFORMATION

For best possible service, please choose the appropriate contact carefully.

#### FOR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS REGARDING:

- The web site
- The XML Schema
- The Summary of the XML Schema (spreadsheet)
- Additional detail of schema elements
- The sample return
- The sample xml instance document
- Software testing and approval
- Missing acknowledgements

**CONTACT:** Corporate/Partnership Income Tax E-File Coordinator  
Individual & Corporate Tax Division  
Alabama Department of Revenue  
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Montgomery, AL 36132-7450

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**FAX:** 334-353-8068

#### FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING:

- Form/schedule development
- Substitute forms approval

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Forms Officer  
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Montgomery AL 36104

Jayne Stinson, Forms Officer @ 334-353-9447

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**FAX:** 334-242-0064

#### FOR CORPORATE INCOME TAX QUESTIONS REGARDING:

- Corporate Income Tax Laws and Regulations
- Filing requirements
- General correspondence
- Billings

- Refunds
- Name and address changes
- Preliminary and Final Assessments

**CONTACT:** Corporate Income Tax Section  
Individual & Corporate Tax Division  
Alabama Department of Revenue  
P.O. Box 327430  
Montgomery, AL 36132-7430

**TELEPHONE:** 334-242-1200

**EMAIL:** [www.revenue.alabama.gov/mailform.cfm](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/mailform.cfm)  
Select Corporate Income Tax from the dropdown list

**FAX:** 334-242-2537

FOR **PASS-THRU ENTITY QUESTIONS** (S CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP) REGARDING:

- Income Tax Laws and Regulations
- Filing requirements
- General correspondence
- Billings
- Refunds
- Name and address changes
- Preliminary and Final Assessments

**CONTACT:** Pass-Thru Entity Unit  
Individual & Corporate Tax Division  
Alabama Department of Revenue  
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Montgomery, AL 36132-7441

**TELEPHONE:** 334-242-1033

**EMAIL:** [www.revenue.alabama.gov/mailform.cfm](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/mailform.cfm)  
Select Partnerships/S Corps/Estates, Trusts from the dropdown list

**FAX:** 334-242-1030

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Alabama's website - [www.alabama.gov](http://www.alabama.gov)

Alabama Department of Revenue website – [www.revenue.alabama.gov](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov)

Corporate Income Tax Electronic Filing Information – [www.revenue.alabama.gov/incometax/corpefilemain.htm](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/incometax/corpefilemain.htm)

State Master Schema - [www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=140378,00.html](http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=140378,00.html)

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) – [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

IRS 1120/1120S e-file information website - [www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=103789,00.html](http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=103789,00.html)

IRS 1065 Modernized e-file website - <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=153999,00.html>

Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA) – [www.taxadmin.org](http://www.taxadmin.org)

## SECTION 4: PARTICIPATION

### APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

Those who wish to participate in the Federal/State Electronic Filing Program must first apply to the IRS by submitting Form 8633, Application to Participate in the Electronic Filing Program. IRS Publication 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers of Forms 1120/1120S and Publication 3112, IRS e-file Application and Participation specifies the application process and requirements for federal participation. In order to begin e-filing tax returns, you must apply and be

accepted as an Authorized IRS e-file Provider. The quickest way to apply is to use the IRS e-file Application On-Line. For more information go to the link below:

<http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=131140,00.html>

The ADOR automatically accepts electronic filers (electronic return originators and transmitters) which have been accepted to participate in the Federal Electronic Filing Program. No additional registration is required on the part of electronic filers. This document, **Publication AL4163 Alabama Handbook for Electronic Filers of Corporate/Partnership Income Tax Returns (Tax Year 2008)**, is to be used in conjunction with **IRS Publication 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers of Forms 1120/1120S**.

IRS Publication 4163 provides detailed instructions on policies and procedures for the federal electronic filing program. All rules, regulations, and requirements governing tax preparers, transmitters, and originators of returns specified by the IRS are in effect for the ADOR. This document sets forth the requirements unique to the filing of Alabama corporate income tax returns. Together the documents specify the requirements for the joint electronic filing of Alabama corporate or partnership income tax returns and federal corporate or partnership income tax returns. **Therefore, electronic filers are encouraged to become thoroughly familiar with both documents.**

## SECTION 5: ERO AND TRANSMITTERS RESPONSIBILITIES

Electronic Return Originators (EROs) and transmitters must be approved with the IRS in order to submit Fed/State or State-Only returns. EROs and transmitters must maintain a high degree of integrity, compliance, and accuracy to continue participation in the Alabama Electronic Filing Program.

### CONFIDENTIALITY

Unauthorized access or disclosure of confidential taxpayer information will result in severe Federal and Alabama criminal and civil penalties. In accordance with Code of Alabama, 1975 §40-2A-10 disclosure of confidential information in violation of this statute is a class A misdemeanor.

### COMPLIANCE

Alabama participates in the federal/state electronic filing program. Therefore, all **EROs and transmitters must meet all federal and state requirements**. The following guidelines compliment the IRS' guidelines.

- Comply with all federal and state procedures, requirements and specifications as defined in the following publications:
  - IRS Publications 4163 - *Modernized e-File Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers of Forms 1120/1120S*
  - IRS Publication 4164 - *Modernized e-File Guide for Software Developers and Transmitters*

- Alabama Publication AL4163 – *Alabama Handbook for Electronic Filers of Corporate/Partnership Income Tax Returns*
- Alabama Publication AL4164 - *Software Developers and Transmitters Guidelines and Schemas for Alabama Corporate/Partnership Income Tax Returns*
- Alabama Publication AL4162 - *Alabama Corporate/Partnership Income Test Package*

Alabama publications are not intended to alter or amend the IRS requirements and guidelines.

- Provide accurate Alabama income tax returns in correct electronic format for transmission.

**TIMELINESS OF FILING**

EROs must ensure that electronic returns are filed in a timely manner. See Filing Chart below for due dates. The receipt date of the electronic transmission will constitute the receipt date of the return if the return is acknowledged as accepted by the Department. **Any return not acknowledged by the Department as "accepted" is considered not filed.**

**FILING CHARTS**

Return Due Date Chart Forms 20C, 20C-C, 20S, and PTEC for 20S Tax Year 2009				
Tax Period Beginning & Ending Dates	Tax Period	*Due Date (Weekends Considered)	6 Month Extension Due Date (Weekends Considered)	Tax Year of Return
1/1/09—12/31/09	200912	03/15/2010	09/15/2010	2009
2/1/09—1/31/10	201001	04/15/2010	10/15/2010	2009
3/1/09—2/28/10	201002	05/17/2010	11/15/2010	2009
4/1/09—3/31/10	201003	06/15/2010	12/15/2010	2009
5/1/09—4/30/10	201004	07/15/2010	01/18/2011	2009
6/1/09—5/31/10	201005	08/16/2010	02/15/2011	2009
7/1/09—6/30/10	201006	09/15/2010	03/15/2011	2009
8/1/09—7/31/10	201007	10/15/2010	04/15/2011	2009
9/1/09—8/31/10	201008	11/15/2010	05/16/2011	2009
10/1/09—9/30/10	201009	12/15/2010	06/15/2011	2009
11/1/09—10/31/10	201010	01/18/2011	07/18/2011	2009
12/1/09—11/30/10	201011	02/15/2011	08/15/2011	2009
Legal Due Date is the 15th of each month.				

Return Due Date Chart Forms 65 and PTEC for 65 Tax Year 2009				
Tax Period Beginning & Ending Dates	Tax Period	*Due Date (Weekends Considered)	5 Month Extension Due Date (Weekends Considered)	Tax Year of Return
1/1/09—12/31/09	200912	04/15/2010	09/15/2010	2009
2/1/09—1/31/10	201001	05/17/2010	10/15/2010	2009
3/1/09—2/28/10	201002	06/15/2010	11/15/2010	2009
4/1/09—3/31/10	201003	07/15/2010	12/15/2011	2009
5/1/09—4/30/10	201004	08/16/2010	01/18/2011	2009
6/1/09—5/31/10	201005	09/15/2010	02/15/2011	2009
7/1/09—6/30/10	201006	10/15/2010	03/15/2011	2009
8/1/09—7/31/10	201007	11/15/2010	04/15/2011	2009
9/1/09—8/31/10	201008	12/15/2010	05/16/2011	2009
10/1/09—9/30/10	201009	01/18/2011	06/15/2011	2009
11/1/09—10/31/10	201010	02/15/2011	07/15/2011	2009
12/1/09—11/30/10	201011	03/15/2011	08/15/2011	2009

\*Legal Due Date is the 15th of each month.

**After an electronic return is acknowledged as accepted, it cannot be recalled, intercepted or changed in any manner. If either the ERO or taxpayer wishes to change any entries on an accepted electronic return, an amended paper return must be filed.**

#### RESPONSIBILITY TO CLIENTS

EROs have been entrusted with the task of filing a client's tax return and must assume the responsibility of ensuring that the return arrives at the Alabama Department of Revenue. In the event that the electronic Alabama return fails to arrive at its destination, EROs must notify their clients of the requirement to file a paper return.

#### FORM RETENTION REQUIREMENTS

The ERO is required to retain an electronic copy of all returns, forms and schedules submitted for a period of three years from the due date of the return or the date the return was filed, whichever is later. If the need arises, the Department may request any of the documents, in writing, and the ERO must provide a copy of the document within five working days of the request.

Should an ERO decide to no longer remain in the business, the Department must be notified, in order to, determine the proper resolution of electronic filing program documents and records.

### SECTION 6: MONITORING AND SUSPENSION

The Department will monitor the quality of electronic transmissions. If the quality is unacceptable, The Department will contact the ERO, software developer or transmitter. The Department will also monitor complaints about electronic filers and issue warning or suspension letters as appropriate. **The**

**Department reserves the right to suspend the electronic filing privilege of any electronic filer, software developer or transmitter who varies from the requirements, specifications and procedures stated in this guide or any corresponding administrative rules, or who does not consistently transmit error-free returns.** When suspended, the electronic filer, software developer, or transmitter will be advised of the requirements for reinstatement into the program.

## **SECTION 7: GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **THE DEPARTMENT WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING RETURN TYPES:**

- Fed/State Original
- State Only

The E-File Program works best when the Federal and State returns are filed together in one transmission to the IRS (although this is not always possible). Upon receipt, the Internal Revenue Service will validate and verify the federal return data. The IRS will either accept or reject the federal return. The state return is only available to the Department after the federal return is accepted by IRS. If a Fed/State submission is rejected by IRS, the state will not receive the state return portion. The Fed/State submission must be re-submitted.

State-Only Electronic Return Transmissions - IRS provides the ability for an ERO or individual to transmit/retransmit a state return through the fed/state system without simultaneously transmitting a federal return. There is no difference in the transmission sequence. State-Only returns are transmitted to IRS, validated and made available for states to download in the same fashion as with the traditional fed/state transmission. This provides a means for individuals who file multiple state returns to have each participating state's return electronically filed. However, each state return must be transmitted separately. The taxpayer's federal return must be completed, transmitted and accepted by IRS before transmitting/re-transmitting a State-Only return.

### **SUPPORTED ALABAMA FORMS:**

The Department will support the following forms and schedules for Corporate return processing:

- Alabama Form 20C (Schedules A, B, C, D-1, D-2, E, F, Other Information, and AB).
- Alabama Form 20C-C (Schedules AS, B)
- Alabama Form 20S(Schedules A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K) with Alabama Schedule K-1 and Alabama Schedule NRA (NRA must also be included as a Binary Attachment)
- Alabama Form 65 (Schedules A, B, C, D,E, K) with Alabama Schedule K-1
- Alabama Form PTEC and Schedule PTE-CK1
- Other schedules as binary attachments

The complete federal return and the necessary supporting schedules as submitted to the IRS are required to be submitted in XML and PDF format along with the Alabama return. If the taxpayer is included in the federal return of a consolidated group, a copy of the pro-forma federal return for the company must be included along with the first four pages of the consolidated federal return. Failure to attach the complete federal return with the necessary supporting schedules may result in the imposition of delinquent penalties.

### **EXCLUSIONS FROM CORPORATE/PARTNERSHIP ELECTRONIC FILING INCLUDE:**

- Returns for a Tax Year prior to 2006 (20C) and prior to 2007 (20S, 65 )
- Amended returns
- 52-53 week filer returns
- Name Change Returns

Initially, Alabama will only accept one return each filing season, any subsequent filings such as additional short year returns and amended returns must be filed by paper.

## SECTION 8: ATTACHMENTS TO THE ELECTRONIC RETURN

The tax return may also include non-XML documents, known as “binary attachments”, submitted in PDF format. Approved tax preparation software must provide the necessary instructions for creating and submitting all required attachments. These attachments include items from the following sources:

- Required by the return. Example – a line on the form states “attach itemized schedule”
- Required by the form instructions. Example – instructions state “attach a statement to line XX...”

Approved MeF tax preparation software should provide the necessary instructions for creating, scanning or exporting documents in PDF format and submitting these documents as attachments that are required by Alabama and IRS Publications, Code, and/or Regulations. Preparers will create the binary attachments as pdf documents and submit them as electronic files attached to the MeF return. Check with your software provider to see if your software will support binary attachments.

These binary attachments are included to allow taxpayers to provide requested documentation that includes required signatures and third party documents as required by forms and instructions (signed copy of lease, signed appraisal statement, etc).

MeF tax preparation software must use the following names for binary attachments because they will be validated by business rules.

Required Binary Attachments	Required Binary Attachment Title
Complete copy of the Federal return as submitted to the IRS (Form 1120, 1120S, 1120A, 1120F, 990T,1065, etc)	Federal1120.pdf / Federal1120S.pdf / Federal1120A.pdf / Federal1120F.pdf, Federal990T.pdf /Federal1065.pdf
Conditional Binary Attachments	Required Binary Attachment Title
Consolidated 1120 Pages 1-5 (If applicable)	Consolidated1120.pdf
Pro forma 1120 (If applicable)	Proforma1120.pdf
Federal Form 851 (if applicable)	Federal 851.pdf
Signed Schedule NRAs – Non-resident Agreements (if applicable) (20S)	ALNRA.pdf
Alabama 20C-CRE – Election to File Consolidated Income Tax Return (if applicable)	AL20CCRE.pdf
If the Multistate Corporation Separate Accounting checkbox (MultiStateCorpSepAcct) is checked. A copy of the Separate Accounting Approval letter signed by the Commissioner of Revenue must be attached	SeparateAccountingApproval.pdf

If the taxpayer is a member of a affiliated group which files a consolidated federal return the parent company's current Federal Income Tax Deduction Election (1552) letter must be attached along with the Federal Income Tax Deduction Calculations	1552ElectionCalculations.pdf
.PDF copy of each Alabama corporate income tax return (page 1 only) where the Net Operating Loss listed on Schedule B that is more than six years old	NOLYYYYAL20CPg1.pdf
Alabama 20C/20S/65 additional depreciation allowed by Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 (computation for the difference)	Section179AddBack.pdf
Alabama Form 2220AL Underpayment of Estimated Tax for Corporations (if applicable)	Form2220AL.pdf
Enterprise Zone Capital Credit calculations (if applicable) - This PDF should include Schedule EZ, Certificates and all calculations.	EnterprizeZoneCredit.pdf or CreditStatements.pdf if combined with other credit statements
Employer Education Credit calculations (if applicable) - This PDF should include a copy of the document of approval along with a detailed schedule computing the credit.	EmployerEducationCredit.pdf or CreditStatements.pdf if combined with other credit statements
Income Tax Credit calculations (if applicable) - This PDF should include certificate/document of approval, computation of income generated from project, support for amount paid, and computation of the credit.	IncomeTaxCredit.pdf or CreditStatements.pdf if combined with other credit statements
Tax Increment Fund Payment Credit calculations (if applicable) - This PDF should include the document of approval along with proof of payment(s) into the fund relative to corporate income tax and a detailed schedule computing income generated from the project.	TaxIncrementFundPymtCredit.pdf or CreditStatements.pdf if combined with other credit statements
Coal Tax Credit calculations (if applicable) - This PDF should include a detailed schedule computing the coal tax credit.	CoalTaxCredit.pdf or CreditStatements.pdf if combined with other credit statements
Capital Tax Credit (if applicable) - This PDF must include Form AR (Annual Report of Project) and Form K-RCC if applicable.	CapitalTaxCredit.pdf or CreditStatements.pdf if combined with other credit statements
Other Reconciliation Items (20S if applicable)- This PDF must clearly explain the nature and amounts of the reconciling items.	OtherReconciliationItems.pdf or Statements.pdf if combined with other statements
Other Separately Stated Items (20S if applicable)-This PDF must clearly explain the nature and amounts of the other separately stated items.	OtherSeparatelyStatedItems.pdf or Statements.pdf if combined with other statements
Separate Non-Business Income/Loss (20S/65 if applicable) This PDF must identifying the nature and amounts of the separately stated non-business items.	SeparateNonBusiness.pdf or Statements.pdf if combined with other statements

Other Expense Portfolio Income (20S/65 if applicable)- This PDF must identify the nature and amounts of the other expenses related to portfolio income.	OtherExpenses.pdf or Statements.pdf if combined with other statements
If there is Tax Due on the 20S return - A PDF with a computation schedule must be submitted.	StateIncTaxSCorp.pdf or Statements.pdf if combined with other statements

For all other binary attachments, the tax preparation software must provide the taxpayer the ability to enter a meaningful name. The following table provides a few examples of meaningful names.

CONDITION	BINARY ATTACHMENT TITLE
If the regulations require you to attach a merger agreement.	1120 Merger Agreement for XYZ Corporation or Statements.pdf if combined with other statements
If required to attach a detailed schedule of Other Income.	OtherIncome.pdf or Statements.pdf if combined with other statements
If required to attach a schedule of Other Property for Schedule D1 or Schedule C (20S/65).	SchD1OtherProperty.pdf / SchCOtherProperty.pdf or Statements.pdf if combined with other statements
If shareholder notes are more than 40 characters (20S/65 – K-1)	ShareholderNotes.pdf or K1Statements.pdf
If state notes are more than 20 characters (20S/65 K-1)	StateAdditionalInformation.pdf or K1Statements.pdf

## SECTION 9: SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Calendar year 2009 and fiscal years or short-years that begin on or after January 1, 2009 may be electronically filed. The tax year begin date and the tax year end date must be completed if the Fiscal Year (FY) or Short Year (SY) check box is selected. If the Calendar year (CY) check box is selected the tax year begin date and tax year end date will be January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009 respectively. Initially, Alabama will only accept one return each filing season, any subsequent filings such as additional short year returns and amended returns must be filed by paper.

The Alabama Corporate Income Tax Return - Form 20C, Alabama Consolidated Corporate Income Tax Return - Form 20C-C, S Corporation Information/Tax Return – Form 20S and Alabama Partnership Information Return – Form 65 are not considered complete and properly filed unless a copy of the appropriate federal return (Form 1120, 1120A, 1120F, 990T, 1120S, 1065 etc) is attached. Failure to attach the complete federal return with the necessary supporting schedules (such as Schedule D, Form 4797 and spreadsheet of income statements for all corporations included in the Federal Consolidated Return) can result in rejection of the return and may result in the imposition of delinquent penalties.

The total amount of the corporation's income tax liability for the period is due on or before the unextended due date of the return. Any balance of tax due and not paid on or before the due date will be subject to a failure to timely pay penalty and will accrue interest at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury under the authority of 26 U.S.C. §6621. Beginning Tax Year 2008 an automatic extension to file will be granted- **no request is required.**

**Please refer to Section 5 "Return Due Date Charts" for the appropriate form's due date.**

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM 20C

If Corporation operating only in Alabama (Filing Status 1) is checked then the Alabama Apportionment factor must be 100%.

If Multistate Corporation Apportionment (Filing Status 2) is checked then Schedule D-1 must be completed.

If Multistate Corporation-Percentage of Sales (Filing Status 3) is checked then Schedule D-2 must be completed. This schedule should only be used by taxpayers whose only activity within Alabama consist of sales and does not include owning or renting real estate or tangible personal property, and whose gross Alabama sales do not exceed \$100,000.00. See Section 40-18-23 for further information.

If Multistate Corporation-Separate Accounting (Filing Status 4) is checked then the prior written approval document signed by the Alabama Department of Revenue Commissioner must be attached (SeparateAccountingApproval.pdf).

Proforma Return - (Filing Status 5) is not an available option for taxpayers who do not have a valid election to file a consolidated Alabama return. Please see our Web site at [www.revenue.alabama.gov](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov) for instructions on filing a Consolidated Corporate Income Tax Return.

Schedule A - Reconciliation Adjustments of Federal Taxable Income to Alabama Taxable Income: Alabama income tax law is similar, but not identical, to the federal income tax law. It is necessary to make certain adjustments to reconcile federal taxable income before federal net operating loss to total taxable income from all locations computed in accordance with Alabama income tax law and rules before adjustments for federal income tax and net operating loss carryforward. Multistate Corporations must not use Schedule A to make adjustments for nonapportionable (nonbusiness) items. Adjustments for these items must be made on Schedule C. Reconciliation Adjustments must equal Total Additions minus Total Deductions

Schedule B - Alabama Net Operating Loss Carryforward Calculation must be completed to report Alabama net operating loss deductions. The Alabama net operating loss deduction is limited to net operating losses incurred by a corporation which did business in Alabama and filed Alabama corporate income tax returns in prior taxable years. **(You must attach copies of the Alabama corporate income tax returns (page 1 only) for all applicable years that are more than six years old.** This would include tax periods where the net operating loss was used.

Schedule C - Allocation of Nonbusiness Income, Loss, and Expense should only be used if Multistate Corporation Apportionment - Filing Status 2, page 1 is checked. This schedule is used to report all items of nonbusiness income, nonbusiness loss, and nonbusiness expense. These items are excluded from apportionable income and are allocated either to Alabama or to another state.

Schedule D-1 Apportionment Factor should only be used if Multistate Corporation Apportionment - Filing Status 2, page 1 is checked. This schedule must be completed to report the corporation's business activity in Alabama represented by the apportionment percentage. The Alabama apportionment factor must equal the sum of the Alabama property factor, Alabama payroll factor and the Alabama Sales factor divided by 3. If the total average property-everywhere is equal to zero then the factor is not utilized in the production of income, it shall be eliminated and the denominator reduced by 1; if payroll everywhere is equal to zero then the factor is not utilized in the production of income, it shall be eliminated and the denominator reduced by 1; if total sales

everywhere is equal to zero then the factor is not utilized in the production of income, it shall be eliminated and the denominator reduced by 1.

Schedule D-2 Percentage of Sales should only be used if Multistate Corporation – Percentage of Sales Filing Status 3, page 1 is checked. This schedule should be used only by taxpayers whose **only activity** in Alabama consists of **sales** and **does not include owning or renting real estate or tangible personal property**, and whose **gross Alabama sales do not exceed \$100,000**.

Schedule E Federal Income Tax (FIT) Deduction/ (Refund) should be used to compute the amount of the corporation's federal income tax deduction allowed for Alabama corporate income tax purposes. Corporations filing a consolidated federal return must complete the entire schedule. Corporations filing separate company federal returns should complete lines 6-12 of this schedule only. Lines 1-5 are used to compute the amount of the consolidated federal tax liability attributable to the company filing Form 20C. Taxpayers utilizing method 1552(a)(3) must attach a copy of the corporation's federal income tax deduction workpapers. Even if the taxpayer is filing as part of a consolidated federal return, taxpayer's utilizing method 1552(a)(3) should skip to line 6. **Lines 1-5 of this schedule will only work for those taxpayers using methods 1552(a)(1) or 1552(a)(2).**

Schedule F Credits/Exemptions:

Alabama Enterprise Zone Credit/Exemption: Corporations eligible for the tax credit must be approved by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) and must also receive certification annually from ADECA. **Each corporation qualified for and receiving an Alabama Enterprise Zone Credit is required to complete and file Schedule EZ and the certificate of Certification and computations with the Form 20C return. If a C corporation is a member or partner of a pass through entity that is eligible for the enterprise zone credit, the credit is distributed to each partner or member based on the percentage of ownership; Schedule EZ-K1 is required to be attached to the C corporation Form 20C return.**

Employer Education Credit: Corporations eligible for the tax credit must have written approval from Alabama Department of Education. A copy of the document of approval along with a detailed schedule (including actual costs incurred, employee employment period) computing the credit must be filed with form 20C (EmployerEducationCredit.pdf).

Income Tax Credit: Corporations eligible for the tax credit must have written approval. The credit cannot exceed the lesser of (1) tax due, or (2) the amount paid pursuant to the financing agreement in the year for which tax is due, corresponding to debt service on the project obligations. A copy of the certificate/document of approval, computation of income generated from project, support for amount paid, and computation of credit must be filed with form 20C (IncomeTaxCredit.pdf).

Tax Increment Fund Payment Credit: Corporations eligible for the tax credit must have written approval. The credit is allowed for any payments into the fund with respect to corporate income tax due, for the year, on income generated by or arising from the project. Such credit cannot exceed the lesser of the amount of income tax due or the amount (exclusive of job development fees) paid into the tax increment funds. The document of approval along with proof of payment(s) into the fund relative to corporate income tax and a detailed schedule computing income generated from the project must be filed with form 20C (TaxIncrementFundPaymentCredit.pdf)

Coal Tax Credit: Corporations doing business in Alabama as a producer of coal mined in Alabama are allowed a credit against the Alabama income tax liability. The credit is one dollar per ton of the increase in Alabama coal produced for the year over the Alabama coal produced in the prior year. A detailed schedule computing the coal tax credit must be filed with form 20C (CoalTaxCredit.pdf)

Capital Tax Credit: Corporations eligible for the tax credit must have written approval from the Alabama Department of Revenue prior to the project entity taking the credit. The credit allowable is up to 5 percent of the qualifying project's allowable capital costs for each of 20 years, limited to the tax liability generated by or arising out of the qualifying project, and is applied after all deductions, exemptions and other credits have been taken. The corporation is required to complete and attach Form AR with the Form 20C return to be eligible to receive the capital credit. If the C Corporation is a member or partner of an investing company that has a qualifying project, the C Corporation must complete and attach Form K-RCC with Form 20C. All documentations should be scanned into one pdf (CapitalTaxCredit.pdf) and filed with form 20C. If a capital credit is claimed on Form 20C, the project number must be entered in the space provided on line 6 of Schedule F.

Total Credits must equal the sum of Enterprise Zone Credit, Employer Education Credit, Income Tax Credit, Tax Increment Fund Payment Credit Coal Tax Credit and Capital Tax Credit.

**Other Information Schedule should be used by all taxpayers without regard to Filing Status.** This schedule request additional information, and requires additional forms and/or attachments as applicable to each corporate taxpayer.

See Form 20C instructions.

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### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM 20C-C**

Do not use Alabama Consolidated Corporate Income Tax Return Form 20C-C if you are not the parent of the Alabama Affiliated Group. The Form 20C-C must be filed by all Alabama Affiliated Group's (AAG) with a binding consolidated election. All transactions between and among members of the AAG shall be reported on an arms length basis. In addition to the separate company calculation, there may be additional expense items with limitations based on Alabama consolidated taxable income. Credits are not allowed to exceed Alabama consolidated taxable income.

Please see our Web site at [www.revenue.alabama.gov](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov) for instructions on filing a Consolidated Corporate Income Tax Return.

Alabama Consolidated Corporate Income Tax Return - Form 20C-C, is not considered complete and properly filed unless a copy of the appropriate federal return (Form 1120, 1120A, 1120F, etc) is attached. Failure to attach the complete federal return with the necessary supporting schedules and statements for all corporations included in the Federal Consolidated Return can result in rejection of the return and may result in the imposition of delinquent penalties.

The total amount of the corporation's income tax liability for the period is due on or before the unextended due date of the return. Any balance of tax due and not paid on or before the due date will be subject to a failure to timely pay penalty of 1% per month, up to 25% in accordance with Section 40-2A-11, and will accrue interest as provided in Section 40-1-44 and at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury under the authority of 26 U.S.C. §6621. If payments were made by any corporation other than the AAG parent corporation, please attach a detailed list showing the name of the corporation who made the payment, including the FEIN of the corporation and the amount paid.

Proforma Return - files as part of Alabama Affiliated Group (AAG) (Filing Status 5) is not an available option for taxpayers who do not have a valid election to file a consolidated Alabama return. A Proforma Form 20C should be completed for each member of the AAG and the parent should file the Consolidated Corporate Income Tax Return Form 20C-C. Please see our Web site at [www.revenue.alabama.gov](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov) for instructions on filing a Consolidated Corporate Income Tax Return.

If a corporation is a member of an affiliated group which files a consolidated federal return, additional schedules are required. See "Other Information" on page 4 of the Form 20C for these filing requirements.

**Schedule AS** - The information requested on this schedule is needed to identify each member of the AAG that is subject to the Alabama Corporation Income Tax and which may also be subject to the Alabama Business Privilege Tax.

Attach a copy of Federal Form 851, Affiliations Schedule. Complete Schedule AS, Alabama Affiliations Schedule for each year a consolidated return is filed.

**Schedule B** - Alabama Consolidated Net Operating Loss Carryforward Calculation (Section 40-18-35.1 and 40-18-39h) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1984, a net operating loss (NOL) may be carried forward for a maximum of 15 years. There is no provision in Alabama tax law that allows corporations to carry a net operating loss back to prior taxable years. This schedule must be completed in order to claim the NOL deduction. **Copies of the Alabama corporate income tax returns (page 1 only) for all applicable years more than six years old must be attached, including tax periods where the NOL's were utilized.**

**See Section 40-18-39(h) which states, "If in a taxable year before the corporation became a member of an Alabama affiliated group that has elected to file an Alabama consolidated return, the corporation incurred a NOL, the deductibility of the loss on the Alabama consolidated return shall be limited to only the amount necessary to reduce to zero the Alabama taxable income, calculated on a separate return basis, of the corporation that incurred the NOL. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, the separate return limitation year (SRLY) rules contained in 26 U.S.C. Section 1502 shall apply."**

Note: Please complete Form 20C-C Schedule B for the AAG Consolidated portion of the NOL only. The separate company Proforma Form 20C, Schedule B, should be used to compute the separate company NOL's.

Note: Please begin the net operating loss schedule with the oldest loss year first, ending with the most current loss year. Please list loss years only. Tax years that utilize net operating losses should not be listed. The utilized losses are shown in column 3.

**The Alabama net operating loss deduction is limited to net operating losses incurred by a corporation which did business in Alabama and filed Alabama corporate income tax returns in prior taxable years.**

See Form 20C-C instructions

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### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM 20S**

The Alabama S Corporation Information/Tax Return – Form 20S requires that an Alabama Schedule K-1 be completed for any entity that was a shareholder at any time during the taxable year. The Alabama Form 20S is not considered complete and properly filed unless a copy of the federal Form 1120S with all federal K-1s are attached. Failure to attach the complete federal return with the necessary supporting schedules and all applicable Nonresident Shareholder Agreement forms (Sch NRA) will result in rejection of the return and may result in the imposition of delinquent penalties.

The Alabama Form 20S is due by the 15th day of the 3rd month after the end of the tax year. If the return cannot be filed by the due date an automatic 6 month extension of time to file the return (up to a maximum of 6 months) will be granted if the return is filed within the six-month automatic extension period.

If Multistate Operation is checked then Schedule B, C, and D must be completed. Section 40-18-22, Code of Alabama 1975, requires Alabama S corporations that are doing business both within and without the State of Alabama to allocate and apportion their income in accordance with Chapter 27, Title 40, Code of Alabama 1975 (also known as the Multistate Tax Compact). See the Alabama Department of Revenue's Web site ([www.revenue.alabama.gov](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov)) for Alabama's multi-state taxation laws and regulations.

**Schedule A – Computation Of Separately Stated And Nonseparately Stated Income/Tax:** Alabama income tax law is similar, but not identical, to federal income tax law. It is necessary to make certain adjustments to reconcile federal taxable income in accordance with Alabama income tax law and rules. Multistate Corporations must not use Schedule A to make adjustments for non-apportionable (non-business) items. Adjustments for these items must be made on Schedule B.

**Schedule B - Allocation of Non-business Income, Loss, and Expense** should only be used if Multistate Operation, page 1 is checked. This schedule is used to report nonbusiness income, nonbusiness losses, and nonbusiness expenses. Nonbusiness items can be both nonseparately stated items and separately stated items. Nonbusiness items are not subject to the multistate apportionment requirements of Chapter 27, Title 40, Code of Alabama 1975, but are allocated directly to Alabama or another state, in accordance with the Multistate Tax Compact. See the Alabama Department of Revenue's Web site ([www.revenue.alabama.gov](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov)) for Alabama's multistate taxation laws and regulations.

**Schedule C Apportionment Schedule** should only be used if Multistate Operation is checked on page 1. This schedule must be completed to report the Alabama business activity of an Alabama S corporation. The Alabama apportionment factor must equal the sum of the Alabama property factor Alabama payroll factor and the Alabama Sales factor divided by 3. If the total average property-everywhere is equal to zero then the factor is not utilized in the production of income, it shall be eliminated and the denominator reduced by 1; if payroll everywhere is equal to zero then the factor is not utilized in the production of income, it shall be eliminated and the denominator reduced by 1; if total sales everywhere is equal to zero then the factor is not utilized in the production of income, it shall be eliminated and the denominator reduced by 1.

**Schedule D Apportionment of Federal Income Tax** should be completed to compute the amount of the corporation's federal income tax deduction allowable for/apportioned to Alabama.

The Federal income tax apportioned to Alabama must equal the product of the Federal income tax from Federal Form 1120S multiplied by the Federal income tax apportionment factor.

**Schedule E Apportionment and Allocation of Income to Alabama** this schedule calculates the nonseparately stated income allocated and apportioned to Alabama from entries and prior calculations in other schedules within the Form 20S.

**Schedule F Alabama Accumulated Adjustments Account** computes the Accumulated Adjustments Account for Alabama. The AAAA may not equal the Accumulated Adjustments Account of federal Form 1120S.

Schedule G Tax Credits should be completed only if any tax credit detailed below will be taken at the S corporation level. All credits detailed below are provided on a pass-through basis for all shareholders of eligible S corporations.

Employer Education Tax Credit - corporations eligible for the tax credit must have written approval from Alabama Department of Education. A copy of the document of approval along with a detailed schedule (including actual costs incurred, employee employment period) computing the credit must be filed with Form 20S (EmployerEducationCredit.pdf).

Coal Tax Credit - corporations doing business in Alabama as a producer of coal mined in Alabama are allowed a credit against the Alabama income tax liability. The credit is one dollar per ton of the increase in Alabama coal produced for the year over the Alabama coal produced in the prior year. A detailed schedule computing the coal tax credit must be filed with form 20S (CoalTaxCredit.pdf)

Total Credits must equal the sum of Employer Education Tax Credit, and Coal Tax Credit.

**Schedule H Other Information Schedule: all S corporations must complete this schedule providing the requested additional information as applicable to each corporate taxpayer.**

Schedule K Distributive Share Items:

Amounts entered in the Alabama Amount column must equal the product of the Amount entered in the Federal Amount column multiplied by the Apportionment Factor.

The Alabama Schedule K-1 is a required for the Alabama Form 20S. The Alabama Schedule K-1 is similar to the federal Schedule K-1 in that it is used to report the pass-through entity owners' share of income, deduction, credits and other items. An Alabama Sch K-1 must be included for each shareholder of the s-corporation during the tax period. The amounts reported in Part III should equal the corresponding Alabama amount from Form 20S Schedule K multiplied by the shareholders percent of ownership. If a non-resident agreement (Sch NRA) is attached for a shareholder then shareholder's state of legal residence must be completed and the Sch NRA checkbox must be checked.

Schedule NRA Non-resident Agreement - An Alabama S corporation may file the agreement of each non-resident shareholder of the entity to file a return and make timely payments of all taxes imposed on the shareholder with respect to the income of the Alabama S corporation, and to be subject to personal jurisdiction in this State for the purpose of collection of unpaid income tax, together with related interest and penalties, from the non-resident owner/shareholder. Copies of Schedule NRA should be included with Form 20S.

See Form 20S Instructions

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### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM 65**

The Alabama Partnership/Limited Liability Company Return of Income – Form 65 also requires that an Alabama Schedule K-1 be completed for any entity that was a partner or owner during the taxable year. The Alabama Form 65 is not considered complete and properly filed unless a copy of the federal Form 1065 with all federal K-1s are attached. Failure to attach the complete federal return with the necessary supporting schedules will result in rejection of the return and may result in the imposition of delinquent penalties.

Returns made on the basis of calendar year shall be filed on or before the 15th day of April following the close of the calendar year. Returns made on the basis of fiscal year shall be filed on or before the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the fiscal year. If the return cannot be filed by the due date an automatic **5 month extension** of time to file the return (up to a maximum of **5 months**) will be granted if the return is filed within the **five month** automatic extension period.

If Multistate Operations is checked then Schedule B, C, and D must be completed. Section 40-18-22, Code of Alabama 1975, requires partnerships and limited liability companies that are doing business both within and without the State of Alabama to allocate and apportion their income in accordance with Chapter 27, Title 40, Code of Alabama 1975 (also known as the Multistate Tax Compact). See the Alabama Department of Revenue's Web site ([www.revenue.alabama.gov](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov)) for Alabama's multistate taxation laws and regulations.

Schedule A – Computation Of Separately Stated And Nonseparately Stated Income/Tax: Alabama income tax law is similar, but not identical, to federal income tax law. It is necessary to make certain adjustments to reconcile federal taxable income in accordance with Alabama income tax law and rules. Multistate Corporations must not use Schedule A to make adjustments for nonapportionable (nonbusiness) items. Adjustments for these items must be made on Schedule B.

Schedule B - Allocation of Nonbusiness Income, Loss, and Expense should only be used if Multistate Operation, page 1 is checked. This schedule is used to report nonbusiness income, nonbusiness losses, and nonbusiness expenses. Nonbusiness items can be both nonseparately stated items and separately stated items. Nonbusiness items are not subject to the multistate apportionment requirements of Chapter 27, Title 40, Code of Alabama 1975, but are allocated directly to Alabama or another state, in accordance with the Multistate Tax Compact. See the Alabama Department of Revenue's Web site ([www.revenue.alabama.gov](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov)) for Alabama's multistate taxation laws and regulations.

Schedule C Apportionment Schedule should only be used if Multistate Operation page 1 is checked. This schedule must be completed to report the Alabama business activity of an Alabama Partnership/Limited Liability Company. The Alabama apportionment factor must equal the sum of the Alabama property factor, Alabama payroll factor and the Alabama Sales factor divided by 3. If the total average property-everywhere is equal to zero then the factor is not utilized in the production of income, it shall be eliminated and the denominator reduced by 1; if payroll everywhere is equal to zero then the factor is not utilized in the production of income, it shall be eliminated and the denominator reduced by 1; if total sales everywhere is equal to zero then the factor is not utilized in the production of income, it shall be eliminated and the denominator reduced by 1.

Schedule D Apportionment and Allocation of Income to Alabama calculates the nonseparately stated income allocated and apportioned to Alabama from entries and prior calculations in other schedules within the Form 65.

Schedule E Required Information Schedule should be used by all taxpayers without regard to Filing Status. This schedule requests additional information, and requires additional forms and/or attachments as applicable to each taxpayer.

Schedule K Distributive Share Items:

Amounts entered in the Alabama Amount column must equal the product of the amount entered in the Federal Amount column multiplied by the Apportionment Factor

Required Entity Information: Is required for the Alabama Form 65. All Partnerships must complete this section providing the additional required information.

The Alabama Schedule K-1 is required for the Alabama Form 65. The Alabama Schedule K-1 is similar to the federal Schedule K-1 in that it is used to report the pass-through entity owners' share of income, deduction, credits and other items. An Alabama Schedule K-1 must be included for each partner in the partnership during the tax period. The amounts reported in Part III should equal the corresponding Alabama amount from Form 65, Schedule K multiplied by the shareholders percent of ownership.

See Form 65 Instructions.

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### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM PTEC

An Alabama Subchapter K entity/S corporation may file composite returns and make composite payments on behalf of some or all of its non-resident owners/shareholders if there are one or more non-resident owners/shareholders during any part of the taxable year. By filing Form PTE-C no further filing may then be required by an individual owner/shareholder. If an individual non-resident owner/shareholder has other income in Alabama or is due a refund a Form 40NR, Alabama Individual Nonresident Income Tax Return must be filed by that owner/shareholder.

Required Entity Information: Is required for the Alabama Form PTE-C. All Subchapter K entities, S Corporations and Qualified Investment Partnerships must complete this section providing the additional required information.

Please refer to **Section 5 "Return Due Date Charts"** for the due dates and extended due dates for Form PTE-C used for S Corporations, and the due dates and extended due dates for Form PTE-C used for Partnerships since these dates will differ.

A completed Alabama Schedule K-1 for each owner/shareholder included on Form PTE-C should be submitted with Form 65/Form 20S.

Schedule PTE-CK1 should be completed for each non-resident owner/shareholder for whom the company is making a composite payment.

See Form PTE-C Instructions.

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### SECTION 10: SIGNING AN ELECTRONIC RETURN (AL8453-C)

As with any corporate/partnership income tax return submitted to the Department on paper, **an electronic corporate/partnership income tax return must be signed by an authorized corporate officer/partner and the paid preparer, if applicable.**

Corporation/Partnership - The Corporation/Partnership (taxpayer) must designate an officer/partner responsible for signing the income tax return. **The officer/partner must sign and date the AL8453-C "Corporate/Partnership Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing" to authorize the origination of the electronic submission of the return prior to the transmission of the return.** The Declaration includes the taxpayer's declaration that the return is true, correct and complete, as well as the taxpayer's Consent to Disclosure. The Consent to Disclosure authorizes the Department to disclose information to the taxpayer's Authorized IRS e-file Providers. Intermediate Service Providers, Transmitters and EROs are authorized by taxpayers to receive acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the electronic return from IRS. **If the electronic return data on a corporate income**

**tax return is changed after the taxpayer has signed the Declaration, the taxpayer must sign a new declaration if the amounts differ.**

ERO - The ERO must sign and complete the requested information in the “Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer section after thoroughly reading the declaration. An ERO may authorize members of its firm or designated employees to sign for the ERO, but the ERO is still responsible for all electronically filed returns originated by its firm. EROs do not have to disclose their EIN or SSN on the copies they provide to taxpayers.

Paid Preparer - If the return was prepared for a fee, the paid preparer must also sign the AL8453-C. If the paid preparer is also the ERO, the preparer may check the “Also the Paid Preparer” box and not complete the “Paid Preparer’s Use Only” section. Paid Preparers do not have to disclose their SSNs or EINs on the copies they provide to taxpayers.

**The Form AL8453-C must be completed and signed by all required parties.** ERO must retain this form along with a copy of the electronic return. **Do not submit this form to the Alabama Department of Revenue unless requested to do so.**

See Appendix I for the AL8453-C

## **SECTION 11: TRANSMITTING THE RETURNS**

Authorized E-File providers can transmit returns to the IRS MeF system for Federal and State return processing. State submissions can be made as a Federal return with a State Return attached, called a Fed/State return, or just a State return, known as a State Only submission. Each return (Fed/State or State Only) must be in a separate submission. Multiple submissions can be contained in a single message payload.

Packaging of data and transmission payload must be in the proper format.

Returns filed in XML format with SOAP attachments allow for binary attachments to the submission. These attachments may consist of Signature documents, balance sheets, statement records, or other types of documentation. The allowed file type for attachments is file extension .PDF. The file order of attachments and procedures must follow IRS requirements for binary attachments as found in IRS publication 4163. The Department will allow for binary attachments to the state return.

Send data elements only if they contain data values. Do not send empty data elements (i.e., zero financial fields, unused elements, etc.).

Other Packaging Guidelines:

- A submission contains either an IRS return or a state return
- Each submission is a separate file.
- Each federal return must be submitted in the agreed upon IRS XML format.
- Each state return must be submitted in the XML format specified and agreed to by IRS, state agencies, transmitters, and software developers. The Fed/State 1120 Deployment Team Super-schema can be downloaded from <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=140378,00.html>.
- Each state return must include a copy of the FEDERAL RETURN as submitted to the IRS and any attachments associated with that federal return. If the taxpayer is included in the federal return of a consolidated group, a copy of the pro-forma FEDERAL RETURN for the company must be included along with the first four pages of the consolidated federal return.

- If the IRS rejects a Fed/State submission, the state will NOT receive the state return portion. The Fed/State submission must be resubmitted.
- Each submission must be in Zip Archive format.
- No nesting of Zip archive files or returns will be allowed. (i.e. one submission, one zip.)
- The SOAP message itself must not be compressed or zipped.
- The message contains a header, a body, and an attachment. See Modernized E-File Logical ICD Model for message layout and message technical specifications.
- ERO's and transmitters must be approved with the IRS in order to submit Fed/State or State Only returns.
- The Department will produce an acknowledgement of acceptance or rejection for each state submission. The transmitter may then retrieve the Department's acknowledgement from the IRS.

## SECTION 12: ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Department will generate an acknowledgement for all returns received. The acknowledgement record/XML schema format is included in this publication. The Alabama acknowledgement types are:

### ACCEPTED

This acknowledgement indicates the electronic return was received and successfully completed the pre-entry validation process. No further action is required regarding the transmission. **Any return not acknowledged by the Department as "accepted" is considered not filed.**

### REJECTED

This acknowledgement indicates the electronic return was received and failed to successfully complete the pre-entry validation process. **The acknowledgement will contain an error rejection code number followed by a message indicating the error causing the rejection, or in the case of a schema validation error only the schema error message will be displayed.** The error conditions must be corrected and the return can then be re-transmitted as a "State-Only" return. If a rejection occurs on the due date of the return it will be considered timely filed if it is corrected and re-transmitted **within the 20 business day perfection period.** Only after all attempts to correct the return and re-transmit have failed may the return be filed as a paper return. In order for the paper return to be considered timely it must be filed by the later of the due date of the return or twenty (20) calendar days after the date Alabama gives notification the return is rejected. The paper return should include an explanation of why the return is being filed after the due date and include a copy of the reject notification from Alabama to avoid late filing penalties and interest.

Returns prepared with software that is not approved by the Department will be rejected.

Unless authorized by the taxpayer to discuss the return with the preparer, the Department will communicate directly with the taxpayer if additional information is needed to correct a return. EROs and transmitters will only be given limited information about the tax return, including acknowledgment of receipt by the Department through the IRS and the reason for any processing delay.

See Appendix II for Alabama Error Reject Codes. Also see the business rules document for field length specifications and other business rules including **Validation Error Codes** and descriptions on the department's web site at [www.revenue.alabama.gov/incometax/corpefilemain.htm](http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/incometax/corpefilemain.htm).

**EROs and Transmitters should allow 5 business days to receive the State acknowledgement before contacting the Department.**

## **ERROR CATEGORIES:**

All MeF business rules are divided into 12 error categories. The first eight categories validate the XML data:

1. Multiple Document – more than the required number of documents are included in the tax return.
2. Missing Document – a tax return document is required but was not included in the tax return.
3. Data Mismatch – the data in two fields should be the same but is not. For example, if MultiSateCorpPercentage is checked on AL Form 20C, Lines 1-14 should be blank; Line 15 (StateIncomeTax) shall equal Schedule D-2 Line 4 (TaxDueOnGrossReceipts). If MultiSateCorpPercentage is checked and StateIncomeTax is not equal to TaxDueOnGrossReceipts then you will receive error message: MultiSateCorpPercentage was checked, Lines 1-14 should be blank and Line 15 (StateIncomeTax) shall equal Schedule D-2 Line 4 (TaxDueOnGrossReceipts).
4. Duplicate Condition – the tax return or the transmission file was previously received and accepted by the Department.
5. Math Error – results when a computation is incorrect.
6. Incorrect Data – data violates a business rule even though it is syntactically correct. That is, the data values for elements must conform to the format specified and the data type. Also, the data values for elements must contain only values allowed for them in the schema.
7. Missing Data – data is not provided for a required field.
8. Database Validation Error – data provided does not match the IRS database or the data provided should be present in the IRS database but is not. (e.g. the Electronic Filing Identification Number (EFIN) in the Return Header must be listed in the MeF database and in accepted status.)
9. XML Error – the data violates Schema specification. The return and transmission documents must conform to the version of the XML schema they specify.
10. System Error – a return encounters a problem with the IRS systems that prevents the return from being processed electronically.
11. Unsupported – a submitted item(s) is sent to a location that does not accept it or an unusual condition is encountered in the data.
12. Not On Time – a document is received after the due date.

## **SECTION 13: ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Taxpayers who file their return electronically can elect to pay their balance due by two different methods

**DIRECT DEBIT (ELECTRONIC FUNDS WITHDRAWAL)** for full payment when filing their return and choose a debit date up to the due date of the return.

### **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT):**

#### **ACH DEBIT PAYMENT METHOD (<http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/eft/eftdebit.pdf>):**

The ACH Debit payment method is the primary method used by taxpayers to make payments for a tax under the Alabama EFT Tax Payment Program. The process is safe, simple, and convenient, and the cost of processing ACH Debit payment transactions is borne by the Department. Each individual EFT payment is only initiated upon the express authorization of the taxpayer. There are three methods of filing an ACH Debit Payment: 1) Operated Assisted, 2) Touchtone Telephone Method, 3) Internet Method.

#### **ACH CREDIT PAYMENT METHOD (<http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/eft/eftcredit.pdf>):**

The Department will allow taxpayers to use the ACH Credit payment method only if certain qualifying conditions are met. A taxpayer must request permission from the Department to use

the ACH Credit method and submit a written request, accompanying the EFT001 form, which demonstrates the existence of a valid business operational reason for using the ACH Credit payment method in lieu of the ACH Debit payment method. Taxpayer requests to use the ACH Credit method will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A taxpayer who is already using the ACH Credit method to pay taxes for other states is deemed to have a valid business reason for using the ACH Credit method to make payments for Alabama taxes.

The Department reserves the right to revoke the ACH Credit method payment privilege of any taxpayer for the following reasons:

- a) Failure to transmit consistently error-free payments
- b) Substantial variation from the requirements and specifications of the rules of the Alabama EFT Tax Payment Program;
- c) Failure to make timely EFT payments or to provide timely payment information; or,
- d) Failure to provide the addenda record, required by the Alabama EFT Tax Payment Program, with the EFT payment.

To register for EFT taxpayers must complete the EFT:001 form entitled EFT Authorization Agreement Form, and mail or fax it to the Department's EFT Unit. The mailing address and fax number are given at the top of the form. The EFT:001 form and instructions can be downloaded from the Department's Web site at <http://www.ador.state.al.us/eft/eftindex.html>.

## **SECTION 14: ALABAMA CORPORATE INCOME TAX ELECTRONIC FILING REGULATIONS**

### **810-3-39-.07 Participation in the Federal/State Electronic Filing Program.**

(1) The Department will participate with the Internal Revenue Service in the Federal/State Electronic Filing Program for the joint electronic filing of corporate income tax returns, effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005.

(2) The requirements of the Alabama Electronic Filing Program for software developers, electronic return originators and transmitters are stated in the Software Developers and Transmitters Guidelines and Schemas for Alabama Corporate Income Tax Returns, which is issued on an annual basis by the Department.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 40-30-4, Code of Alabama 1975

### **810-3-39-.08 Requirements for the Alabama Electronic Corporate Income Tax Return.**

(1) A complete Alabama electronic corporate income tax return will consist of data and supporting binary documents (such as .pdf documents) transmitted electronically. A complete Alabama electronic return must contain the same information as a comparable Alabama corporate income tax return as if filed entirely on paper.

(2) Corporations that electronically file their Alabama corporate income tax return must also pay their tax liability electronically.

(3) The transmission date of an Alabama electronic corporate income tax return will be used to determine timely filing of an electronic return in the same manner that the postmarked date is used to determine timely filing of a paper Alabama corporate income tax return.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 40-30-5, Code of Alabama 1975

**810-3-39-.09 Requirements for the Corporate Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing.**

(1) The Corporate Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing requires the following information:

- (a) The corporation's name.
- (b) The corporation's Federal Employer Identification Number.
- (c) The corporation's address.
- (d) The Alabama taxable income reported by the electronic return.
- (e) The net tax liability reported by the electronic return.
- (f) The total tax payments reported by the electronic return.
- (g) The amount of the refund reported by the electronic return.
- (h) The amount of the payment transmitted electronically and the method of transmission (Electronic Funds Transfer, Online Payment or Credit Card Payment).
- (i) The signature of an officer of the corporation, their title and date of the signature.
- (j) The signature of the electronic return originator and date of the signature.
- (k) An indication whether the electronic return originator is self-employed.
- (l) The firm name of the electronic return originator.
- (m) The address, including the zip code, of the electronic return originator.
- (n) The federal employer identification number of the electronic return originator.
- (o) If the paid preparer is different from the electronic return originator, the following information is required:
  - 1. The signature of the paid preparer and date of the signature.
  - 2. An indication whether the paid preparer is self-employed.
  - 3. The firm name of the paid preparer.
  - 4. The address, including the zip code, of the paid preparer.

(2) The signatures of the corporate officer, the electronic return originator, and the paid preparer (if the paid preparer is different from the electronic return originator) must be affixed to the Alabama Form AL8453-C – Corporate/Partnership Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing before the return is electronically transmitted.

(a) Members of the firm or designated employees may sign for the electronic return originator.

(b) If the taxpayer is unable to obtain the paid preparer's signature on the Alabama Form AL8453-C, in lieu of the paid preparer's signature the electronic return originator may attach to the Alabama Form AL8453-C a copy of the appropriate pages of the paper return with the paid preparer's signature.

(c) Electronic return originators and electronic return preparers are prohibited from allowing taxpayers to sign blank Alabama Form AL8453-C.

(3) The completed and signed Alabama Form AL8453-C will serve as the filing declaration for the electronic Alabama corporate income tax return.

(4) The completed and signed Alabama Form AL8453-C must be scanned and saved in ".pdf" format. The AL8453-C ".pdf" file must be submitted electronically with the electronic return data. Any electronic corporate income tax return submitted without the AL8453-C ".pdf" file will be rejected for incomplete documentation. AL8453-C should not be mailed to the Department of Revenue.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 40-30-5, Code of Alabama 1975

#### **810-3-39-10 Requirements for Electronic Filing Software.**

(1) XML Schemas (record layouts), specifications and business rules for a complete Alabama electronic corporate income tax return are issued annually by the Department in Software Developers and Transmitters Guidelines and Schemas for Alabama Corporate Income Tax Returns.

(2) Software developers are required to obtain prior approval from the Department by submitting for testing sample Alabama electronic corporate income tax returns prepared by and transmitted by their software products.

(3) Software developer testing will occur in conjunction with IRS testing in accordance with IRS Publication 4162 Modernized e-File Test Package for Forms 1120/1120S.

(4) Alabama electronic corporate income tax returns received by the Department which are prepared by software which has not completed the Department's software developer testing and which has not been approved by the Department will be rejected by the Department. Paper Alabama corporate income tax returns must then be submitted by the taxpayers.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 40-30-5, Code of Alabama 1975

#### **810-3-39-11 Acceptance into the Alabama Electronic Filing Program, Monitoring, and Revocation of Acceptance into the Program.**

(1) Electronic return originators and transmitters accepted by and in good standing with the Federal Electronic Filing Program are automatically accepted into the Alabama Electronic Filing Program.

(2) Electronic return originators and transmitters accepted into the Alabama Electronic Filing Program serve as agents of the Alabama Department of Revenue, and must comply with the requirements of the program as stated in the Software Developers and Transmitters Guidelines and Schemas for Alabama Corporate Income Tax Returns.

(3) The Alabama Department of Revenue will conduct random monitoring visits with Electronic Return Originators and Transmitters to verify that the requirements of the Alabama Electronic Filing Program are being met.

(4) The Alabama Department of Revenue reserves the right to revoke the acceptance of an electronic return originator or transmitter for cause. Failure to comply with the guidelines set forth in the Software Developers and Transmitters Guidelines and Schemas for Alabama Corporate Income Tax Returns is considered just cause.

(5) Any of the following can result in the revocation of an electronic return originator's or transmitter's acceptance into the program:

(a) Conviction of a criminal offense under the revenue laws of any state or of any offense involving dishonesty, or breach of trust.

(b) Failure to file timely and accurate tax returns, both personal and business.

(c) Failure to pay personal tax liabilities or business tax liabilities.

(d) Failure or refusal to effect corrective action as required by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

(e) Other facts or conduct of a disreputable nature that would reflect adversely on the Alabama Electronic Filing Program.

(f) Unethical practices in return preparation.

(g) Suspension by IRS.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 40-30-6, Code of Alabama 1975

### **E-file Regulations for Partnership/LLC**

The following regulations have been proposed as of the date of this document and should be considered in draft form.

#### **810-3-28-.02 Participation in the Federal/State Electronic Filing Program.**

(1) The Department will participate with the Internal Revenue Service in the Federal/State Electronic Filing Program for the joint electronic filing of partnership/LLC returns of income, effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006.

(2) The requirements of the Alabama Electronic Filing Program for software developers, electronic return originators and transmitters are stated in the Software Developers and Transmitters Guidelines and Schemas for Alabama Corporate Income Tax, S Corporation Income Tax and Partnership/LLC Returns (Publication AL4164), which is issued on an annual basis by the Department.

Author: Kathleen F. Abrams  
Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 40-30-4, Code of Alabama 1975

### **810-3-28-.03 Requirements for the Alabama Electronic Partnership/LLC Return of Income.**

(1) A complete Alabama electronic partnership/LLC return of income will consist of data and supporting binary documents (such as .pdf documents) transmitted electronically. A complete Alabama electronic return must contain the same information as a comparable Alabama partnership/LLC return of income as if filed entirely on paper.

(2) The transmission date of an Alabama electronic partnership/LLC return of income will be used to determine timely filing of an electronic return in the same manner that the postmarked date is used to determine timely filing of a paper Alabama partnership/LLC return of income.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 40-30-5, Code of Alabama 1975

### **810-3-28-.04 Requirements for the Partnership/LLC Return of Income Declaration for Electronic Filing.**

(1) The Partnership/LLC Return of Income Declaration for Electronic Filing requires the following information:

(a) The partnership/LLC's name.

(b) The partnership/LLC's Federal Employer Identification Number.

(c) The partnership/LLC's address.

(d) The non-separately stated income allocated and apportioned to Alabama as reported by the electronic return.

(e) The signature of an officer/partner of the partnership/LLC, their title and date of the signature.

(f) The signature of the electronic return originator and date of the signature.

(g) An indication whether the electronic return originator is self-employed.

(h) The firm name of the electronic return originator.

(i) The address, including the zip code, of the electronic return originator.

(j) The federal employer identification number of the electronic return originator.

(k) If the paid preparer is different from the electronic return originator, the following information is required:

1. The signature of the paid preparer and date of the signature.
2. An indication whether the paid preparer is self-employed.
3. The firm name of the paid preparer.
4. The address, including the zip code, of the paid preparer.

(2) The signatures of the officer/partner, the electronic return originator, and the paid preparer (if the paid preparer is different from the electronic return originator) must be affixed to the Alabama Form AL8453-C – Corporate/Partnership Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing before the return is electronically transmitted.

(a) Members of the firm or designated employees may sign for the electronic return originator.

(b) If the taxpayer is unable to obtain the paid preparer's signature on the Alabama Form AL8453-C, in lieu of the paid preparer's signature the electronic return originator may attach to the Alabama Form AL8453-C a copy of the appropriate pages of the paper return with the paid preparer's signature.

(c) Electronic return originators and electronic return preparers are prohibited from allowing taxpayers to sign blank Alabama Form AL8453-C.

(3) The completed and signed Alabama Form AL8453-C will serve as the filing declaration for the electronic Alabama partnership/LLC return of income.

(4) The completed and signed Alabama Form AL8453-C must be scanned and saved in ".pdf" format. The AL8453-C ".pdf" file must be submitted electronically with the electronic return data. Any electronic partnership/LLC return submitted without the AL8453-C ".pdf" file will be rejected for incomplete documentation. AL8453-C should not be mailed to the Department of Revenue.

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### **810-3-28-.05 Requirements for Electronic Filing Software.**

(1) XML Schemas (record layouts), specifications and business rules for a complete Alabama electronic partnership/LLC return of income are issued annually by the Department in Software Developers and Transmitters Guidelines and Schemas for Alabama Corporate Income Tax, S Corporation Income Tax and Partnership/LLC Returns (Publication AL4164).

(2) Software developers are required to obtain prior approval from the Department by submitting for testing sample Alabama electronic partnership/LLC returns of income prepared by and transmitted by their software products.

(3) Software developer testing will occur in conjunction with IRS testing in accordance with IRS Publication 4505 Modernized e-File Test Package for Forms 1065/1065B.

(4) Alabama electronic partnership/LLC returns of income received by the Department which are prepared by software which has not completed the Department's software developer testing

and which has not been approved by the Department will be rejected by the Department. Paper Alabama partnership/LLC return of income must then be submitted by the taxpayers.

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### **810-3-28-.06 Acceptance into the Alabama Electronic Filing Program, Monitoring, and Revocation of Acceptance into the Program.**

(1) Electronic return originators and transmitters accepted by and in good standing with the Federal Electronic Filing Program are automatically accepted into the Alabama Electronic Filing Program.

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(3) The Alabama Department of Revenue will conduct random monitoring visits with Electronic Return Originators and Transmitters to verify that the requirements of the Alabama Electronic Filing Program are being met.

(4) The Alabama Department of Revenue reserves the right to revoke the acceptance of an electronic return originator or transmitter for cause. Failure to comply with the guidelines set forth in the Software Developers and Transmitters Guidelines and Schemas for Alabama Corporate Income Tax, S Corporation Income Tax and Partnership/LLC Returns (Publication AL4164) is considered just cause.

(5) Any of the following can result in the revocation of an electronic return originator's or transmitter's acceptance into the program:

(a) Conviction of a criminal offense under the revenue laws of any state or of any offense involving dishonesty, or breach of trust.

(b) Failure to file timely and accurate tax returns, both personal and business.

(c) Failure to pay personal tax liabilities or business tax liabilities.

(d) Failure or refusal to effect corrective action as required by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

(e) Other facts or conduct of a disreputable nature that would reflect adversely on the Alabama Electronic Filing Program.

(f) Unethical practices in return preparation.

(g) Suspension by IRS.

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Authority: Sections 40-2A-7(a)(5) and 40-30-6, Code of Alabama 1975

FORM  
**AL8453-C**

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
INDIVIDUAL & CORPORATE TAX DIVISION  
**Corporation/Partnership**

**2009**

**Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing**

For the tax period \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COMPANY	FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
ADDRESS OF COMPANY	TELEPHONE NUMBER

<b>PART I Tax Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)</b>	
1 Alabama taxable income (Form 20C, line 14; Form 20C-C, line 1); or Non Separately Stated Income Allocated and Apportioned to Alabama (Forms 20S/65, line 20) .....	1
2 Total tax liability (Form 20C, line 15; Form 20C-C, line 2c; Form 20S, line 21) .....	2
3 Total payments and credits (Form 20C, line 16h; Form 20C-C, line 3h; Form 20S, line 22e) .....	3
4 Refund (negative number reported on Form 20C, line 18; Form 20C-C, line 5; Form 20S, line 25) .....	4
5 Amount you owe (positive number reported on Form 20C, line 18; Form 20C-C, line 5; Form 20S, line 26) .....	5
6 Amount of payment remitted electronically .....	6

**PART II Declaration of Officer/Partner (Sign only after Part I is completed.)**  
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer/partner of the above company and that the information I have given my electronic return originator (ERO), transmitter, and/or immediate service provider (ISP) and the amounts in Part I above agree with the amounts on the corresponding lines of the company's Alabama income tax return. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the company's return is true, correct, and complete. I consent to my ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP sending the company's return, this declaration, and accompanying schedules and statements to the Alabama Department of Revenue. I also consent to the Alabama Department of Revenue sending my ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP an acknowledgment of receipt of transmission and an indication of whether or not the company's return is accepted, and, if rejected, the reason(s) for the rejection. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the corporation/partnership's electronic income tax return and, if applicable, the corporation/partnership's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

I authorize the Alabama Department of Revenue and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the corporation/partnership's Alabama taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account.

I authorize a representative of the Department of Revenue to discuss my return and attachments with my preparer.

Sign Here \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Officer/Partner Date Title

**PART III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (See Instructions)**  
I declare that I have reviewed the above company's return and that the entries on Form AL8453-C are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The company's officer will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give the officer a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the Alabama Department of Revenue, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 3112, IRS e-file Application and Participation, and Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers and Pub. AL4164 Software Developers and Transmitters Guidelines and Schemas for Alabama Corporation and Partnership Income Tax Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above company's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

<b>ERO's Use Only</b>	ERO's signature	Date	Check if also paid preparer <input type="checkbox"/>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	ERO's SSN or PTIN
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address and ZIP code	EIN		Phone No. ( )	

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

<b>Paid Preparer's Use Only</b>	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's SSN or PTIN
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address and ZIP code	EIN		Phone No. ( )

**ERO Must Retain This Form**  
Do Not Submit This Form to the Alabama Department of Revenue Unless Requested To Do So