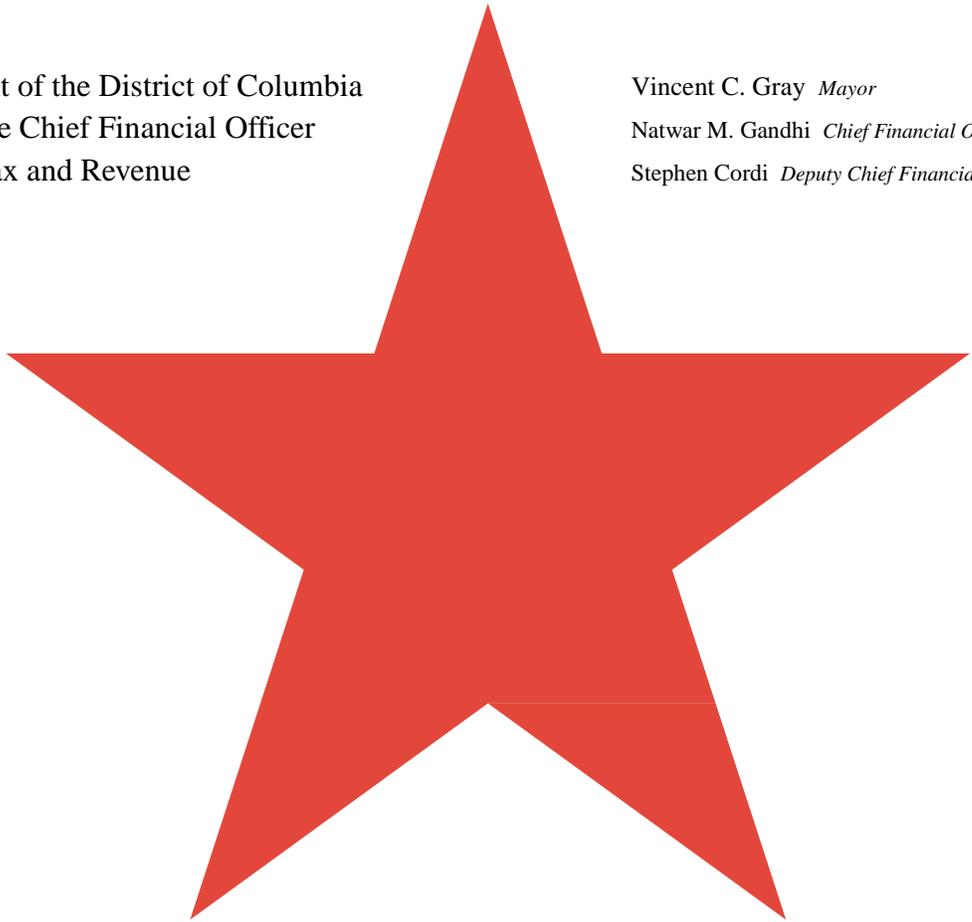




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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (DC) ELECTRONIC FILING CALENDAR
TAX YEAR (TY) 2014**

FOR TAX YEAR JANUARY 1, 2014 – DECEMBER 31, 2014

Begin IRS/State Acceptance Testing November 3, 2014

NOTE: The District suggests state testing for software developers begin after developers have been accepted by the IRS

Begin Transmitting DC Electronic Returns TBD

Last Date to Transmit Timely Filed Returns April 15, 2015

Last Date for Re-transmission of rejected
Timely Filed Returns April 22, 2015

Last Date to Transmit Federal/State DC Returns October 15, 2015

Last Date for Re-transmission of rejected
Federal/State DC Returns October 21, 2015

NOTE: These dates may be subject to change at any time

PUBLICATIONS

The following publications describe the process of federal electronic filing and Fed/State Electronic Filing:

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Publication 1345, Handbook for Electronic Filers of Individual Income Tax Returns

Publication 1346, Electronic Return File Specifications and Record Layouts for Individual Income Tax Returns

Publication 1436, Test Package for Electronic Filing of Individual Income Tax Returns (Tax Year 2014)

Publication 3112, IRS E-file Application and Participation

Publication 4164, MeF Guide for Software Developers and Transmitters

IRS MeF Service Request Guidance for Software Developers/Transmitters and States, Version 2.0 dated August 2014

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DC MeF Software Developer Handbook For Individual Income Tax Returns, Tax Year 2012, 2013 & 2014 (DC-1345)

DC MeF D40 Schemas for Tax Year 2012, 2013 & 2014

DC MeF D40 Test Package for Tax Year 2014 (DC1436)

DC-1167, Substitute Forms Guidelines for Software Developers

DC Registration Form and Software Standards for Tax Year 2014

WHAT'S NEW FOR TAX YEAR 2014

In addition to TY 2014, we are accepting prior year filing of D40 (TY 2012 and 2013)

Major changes in Schedule H (Homeowner and Renter Property Tax Credit).

- The homeowner and rental property tax credit is increased to \$1000
- The homeowner and rental property tax credit is now based on total federal AGI of a tax filing unit
- The total 2014 federal AGI of a tax filing unit must be \$40,000 or less to receive the credit if under age 70 (\$60,000 or less if age 70 or older)
- Make sure to include DOB **on D-40** when filing with Schedule H
- Rent paid on the property (Section A, line 2) is now .20

The standard deduction has increased to \$4,150 for all filers except for Married Filing Separately (\$2,075 for Married Filing Separately).

The personal exemption has increased to \$1,725.

Low Income Credit table changed.

EIC rates changed.

New line 44 on D-40 inserted for Underpayment Penalty.

Total amount due is now on line 45.

Schedule U has new lines 4(a), 4(b), 4(c) and line 5 under Part I a. nonrefundable credits for Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion and Infrastructure Credits.

A new form (OTRAItFuel) is added to claim Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion and Infrastructure Credits.

Tax Refund Visa Prepaid Card upper limit increased to \$3,000 (\$2,500 for TY2013).

REMINDERS

DC Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) reserves the right to revoke the acceptance and/or approval of an ERO or transmitter for cause. Failure to comply with the guidelines set forth in the handbook for TY 2014 is considered just cause.

ERO's must be available to correct any software errors which may occur after production begins and work closely with the District to follow-up on any processing issues that may arise during the filing season. DC approval may be revoked if the software produces returns which are not in compliance with these specifications and the software company fails to correct the problem upon receiving notice from OTR. OTR also reserves the right to request a copy of the final version of the DC approved software.

OTR presumes the electronic return record will be made in accordance with these instructions and will not interrupt the processing of the tax return. If there is a disruption of the processing of the tax return, the taxpayer's return will result in a delay.

Rejection will involve blocking developers that have not been approved by OTR. Any records received by OTR without the valid software developer identification (referred to as the Vendor ID# issued by the NACTP) **will not** be processed. OTR will use the range of test social security numbers assigned by IRS to DC. The IRS will only accept these social security numbers during testing and the returns will be rejected if these numbers are used after we go live.

ELECTRONIC FILING TAX YEAR 2014

Electronic Return Originators (EROs) can submit both Linked (Federal/State) and Unlinked (State Only) returns to the IRS MeF system for the federal and state return processing. Each return must be a separate submission.

No DC filing mandates exist at this time.

State Only Filing

The District participates in the Federal/State State-Only filing program. State-Only filing allows tax preparers to file state returns separately from federal returns. However, the electronic filing of the federal return is still required by the taxpayer by a software preparation package.

Electronic Funds Withdrawals

Taxpayers filing electronically with a balance due may pay the amount due by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from their checking or saving account. Taxpayers may select the effective date of the transaction as long as it is a date less than or equal to the current date. This date should be prior to the April 15th filing date to avoid penalty and interest. **EFT is not available to paper filers for balance due.**

Declaration for Electronic Filing (D-40E)

The Form D-40E, DC Individual Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing is the District's signature form equivalent to the federal Form 8453, US Individual Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing. Form D-40E must be completed and signed by all appropriate parties before the return is transmitted electronically to the IRS. The D-40E must be retained by the ERO for a period of three years from the end of the calendar year in which it is transmitted. **DO NOT SEND THIS DOCUMENT TO THE DC OTR.** Please be advised that a copy of the D-40E and all attached documents must be submitted to the DC OTR if specifically requested during the three-year retention period.

Corrections to Form D-40E

If the ERO changes the electronic return after the taxpayer has signed the Form D-40E, **but** before transmitting the data, the ERO must ask the taxpayer to sign a corrected Form D-40E if the DC taxable income changes by more than \$25.00 or the DC refund changes by more than \$2.00. **Non-substantive changes are permissible if the person making the corrections initials the changes.**

DC Official Code

The DC Official Code can be access through the following website:

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/dccode/>

Extension of Time to File

DC OTR will provide a six-month extension of time to file from the original due date of the return. A filing extension is not an extension of the due date for paying any tax that may be owed. Before submitting an extension, estimate the taxes that will be owed and pay any part of that amount, not covered by DC withholding tax amounts and/or estimated tax payments. Taxpayers may select the effective date of the transaction as long as it is a date less than or equal to the current date.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTRONIC FILERS/TRANSMITTERS/EROs

Electronic filers, transmitters, and EROs must abide by the terms set forth in the DC Handbook and must maintain a high degree of integrity, compliance and accuracy to continue participation in the Federal/State Electronic Filing Program. They must also meet the following requirements. An authorized e-file provider can be included in one or more the categories defined below:

- Software Developer
- Intermediate Service Provider
- Transmitter
- Electronic Return Originator (ERO)

Compliance

All electronic filers must comply with the requirements and specifications set forth in the Internal Revenue Publications 1345, 1345A, 1346, 3112 and Revenue Procedure 98-51; this DC MeF Software Developer Handbook for Individual Income Tax Returns (DC1345) and the DC Schemas for Tax Year 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Software Developers

Electronic filers that function as software developers must:

- Follow the schema and business rule specifications when programming the software;
- Follow the requirements that are provided in this manual;
- Notify DC OTR, customers and clients within 10 business days when an issue has been discovered with the software;
- Quickly correct software errors that may cause electronic returns from being timely filed; and
- Notify DC OTR, customers and clients when the error has been corrected and provide DC OTR with satisfactory evidence that the error has been corrected.

Transmitters

Transmitters who provide transmission services must:

- Only accept electronic returns for transmission to DC OTR from an accepted electronic filer;
- Provide acknowledgement files to each client for their transmitted returns
- Include the ERO's EFIN on each return that the transmitter accepts from an

ERO;

- Notify OTR if the transmitter ceases business operations;
- Ensure the security of all return data and information.

ERO's

If you function as an ERO, you must:

- Obtain two (2) forms of identification from taxpayers to discourage fraud
 - One form of ID should be a picture ID that reflects the taxpayer's name and current address if available;
 - The second form of ID should reflect the same name and the same social security number the taxpayer is using to file the return.
- Obtain the employer issued state copy of the wage and tax statement. Returns must be prepared using the related W-2, W-2G or 1099 forms prior to electronic filing.
- Use approved software for DC's program.
- Give taxpayers copies of all forms including attachments.
- Advise taxpayers of the option to receive their refund by direct deposit.
- Verify the direct deposit information is correct.
- Must never charge a separate fee for direct deposit.
- Advise the taxpayer that once the return has been accepted for processing by the IRS and DC OTR:
 - The direct deposit election cannot be rescinded;
 - The account number cannot be changed;
 - The routing transit number cannot be changed.
- Cross-check bank account information with repeat clients. Some software maintains the previous year's data and reuses it unless it is changed.

Timeliness of Filing

Transmitters and EROs must ensure that electronic returns are filed in a timely manner. The date of the IRS acknowledgement will be considered for the filing date for a DC return transmitted electronically. Transmitters and EROs must confirm acknowledgement of the state return by DC OTR before considering the state return received.

DC will accept electronically filed DC returns transmitted to the IRS through October 15, 2015. The IRS and DC OTR does honor the five (5) day perfection period for returns submitted timely and rejected by the IRS. Any DC returns submitted after October 15, 2015 must be filed as paper documents.

Filing an Extension

The IRS will accept Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File US Individual Income Tax Return, for electronic transmissions. If you are filing an electronic return after **April 15th**, an extension form should be filed for all electronic returns (refunds and zero balance due) so that the taxpayer does not reflect a history of filing delinquent returns.

Balance Due Extensions on the DC Return

DC suggests that the submission of the FR-127 be completed at the same time as the IRS Form 4868 and transmitted electronically.

Responsibility to Clients

Preparers 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 DC OTR. In the event an electronic return fails to arrive at DC OTR, preparers may resubmit the DC returns via State-Only Electronic Filing or notify their clients to file a paper return. As part of your interface, the client should be advised that the District conforms with Section 405, Title 42, of the United States Code in requesting the SSN be provided. The SSN will be used to establish the client's identity for tax purposes only.

FEDERAL/STATE ELECTRONIC FILING

How Fed/State or State Only Filing Works

Tax preparers and transmitters participate in the Fed/State Program by filing both the federal return and the state return in one transmission or the DC return only to the IRS. After acknowledging acceptance of the federal return with the state data to the transmitter, the IRS makes the state data available for retrieval. After retrieving the data, the DC OTR processes the return in the state's processing system.

DC OTR acknowledges to the transmitter receipt of all returns retrieved from the IRS. Transmitters should be able to retrieve DC acknowledgements within **72 hours** of receiving the IRS acknowledgements (if a federal return was attached).

Taxpayers usually receive direct deposits, tax refund card or paper checks within three weeks of the transmission of the return. DC OTR does not provide a refund chart. The OTR generates refunds on a daily basis.

Who may participate?

All interested parties who wish to file DC electronic returns may do so if they meet the following requirements:

1. They must be accepted by the IRS for Fed/State Electronic Filing;
2. They must transmit the DC returns to the IRS using software accepted for Fed/State or State-Only Electronic Filing;
3. The EFIN must be accepted by the IRS;
4. All transmitters and EROs are required to test with DC OTR on an annual basis.

Application process

Those who wish to participate in the Fed/State Program must apply to the IRS by submitting Form 8633, Application to Participate in the Electronic Filing Program. Form 8633 is **ONLY** available from the IRS.

IRS Publication 3112 specifies the application process and requirements for federal participation. The IRS's definition of the various categories of electronic filers include Electronic Return Originator (ERO), transmitter, or software developer also applies to DC.

Beginning Tax Year 2013, DC is requiring the DC Registration Form and Software Standards prior to testing.

ACCEPTANCE AND TESTING

Acceptance Process

DC is a 'piggy-back' state. EROs are automatically accepted into the DC electronic filing program upon acceptance by the IRS.

DC Testing

All software developers are required to test their software with the DC test data. Only software tested and accepted by DC OTR may be used for DC electronic filing.

Software developers will be provided software specifications and test materials with instructions. DC OTR will retrieve their state test data from the IRS. Test data will be processed, evaluated and software developers will be notified of results. **Neither transmitters nor preparers are required to submit test data or transmissions.** However, they should ensure that their respective software has been accepted by the IRS and DC OTR. Only software developers are required to test with DC OTR.

A software developer must test their software designed to electronically file a DC return and test all DC Individual Income tax forms. An email will be sent to the developer notifying them of their e-file approval. Once you have received notification of approval, you may release your software product even if your forms have not been approved for paper filing. A banner needs to be placed over the D-40 and schedules, D-40ES, and FR-127 stating the form has not been approved for paper filing.

Final approval includes the following that must be submitted with the test returns at the same time. Please send copy via email to efile@dc.gov or by fax to 202-442-6330.

- A copy of the final DC test acknowledgements;
- A copy of D-40P, Payment Voucher;
- A copy of D-40ES, Declaration of Estimated Taxes for Individuals
- A copy of FR-127, Extension of Time to File Individual Income Tax
- A copy of D-2210
- A copy of FR-147

EFIN and ETIN

Electronic Filer Identification Number (EFIN) and Electronic Transmitter Identification Number (ETIN) are assigned by the IRS. DC OTR will use the EFIN and the ETIN in the District's operation of the Fed/State Electronic Filing Program. These numbers will also be used to identify preparers and transmitters in the DC acknowledgement.

Forms Approval

Each software developer must obtain approval to produce paper substitute tax forms. This approval process is handled by the Returns Processing Administration's Systems and Forms Division. Visit the website at <http://otr.cfo.dc.gov/page/software-developer-forms> for more information about substitute forms approval.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTRONIC RETURN

The DC electronic return consists of electronically transmitted data. DC accepts refunds, balance due and zero-balance due returns. DC also supports direct deposit of refunds and direct debit for balance due. Credits for taxes paid to another state or returns with refundable and non-refundable credits claimed on the DC D-40 are supported.

Electronic DC Return

The following forms/schedules may be transmitted electronically (electronic return):

D-40 – Individual Income Tax Return (TY 2012, 2013 and 2014)

Schedule S – Supplemental Information and Dependents

Schedule H – Homeowner and Renter Property Tax Credit

Schedule U – Additional Miscellaneous Credits and Contributions

Schedule I – Additions to and Subtractions from Federal Adjusted Gross Income

Schedule N – DC Non-Custodial Parent EITC Claim

D-2210 – Underpayment of Estimated Income Tax By Individuals (TY 2013 and 2014 only)

FR-147 – Statement of Person Claiming Refund due a Deceased Taxpayer (TY 2013 and 2014 only)

FR-127 – Extension of Time to File a DC Income Tax Return

D-40ES – Estimated Payment for Individual Income Tax

Residential Form – Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion and Infrastructure Credits

Supporting federal return and schedules

Software should be programmed to meet this requirement.

Exclusions imposed by the IRS (reference IRS Publication 1345 for additional information):

- Corrected Individual Income Tax Return
- Return of non-calendar year filer

Exclusions imposed by DC OTR

- Non-Resident Request for Refund (D-40B)
- Fiduciary returns (D-41)
- D-40 returns for any period other than TY 2012, 2013 and 2014
- FR-127 returns for any period other than TY 2014
- D-40ES returns for any period other than January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015
- Foreign address

TRANSMITTING THE DC ELECTRONIC RETURN

Since the DC electronic return is transmitted to the IRS initially, the transmitter must comply with all electronic transmitting procedures, communications requirements, and technical specification required by the IRS as defined in IRS Publication 1345.

Software

Electronic return originators (EROs) and transmitters must use software that has been accepted by the DC OTR for filing the DC return along with the federal return in the Fed/State Electronic Filing program.

Where to transmit Federal/State or State-Only Returns

Returns must be transmitted to the IRS. An ERO whose business lies outside of the area supported by the IRS Service Center for DC must ensure that the EFIN is transmitting to the appropriate IRS Service Center.

Participants in the Fed/State or State-Only Electronic Filing Program should confirm with their software developers or direct transmitters that the software can process and transmit the state data along with the federal data to the appropriate IRS Service Center.

Rejection by the IRS

The IRS will identify certain conditions in the state return that will cause rejection upon receipt of return data. The IRS will provide a rejection code in the acknowledgement record, but this rejection is generated by the IRS and not DC.

If a federal return is rejected due to errors, the accompanying state return will also be rejected. IRS Publication 1345A provides a list of all reject codes, including those applicable to the state return. If the error is one that can be corrected and the record processed, both return records may be transmitted to the IRS.

Please be sure to re-attach the DC return when re-transmitting rejected returns.

Repeated rejections of transmissions could cause the IRS to rescind the electronic filing privileges of an ERO, and DC will follow the same rule.

Acknowledgement of DC Electronic Return

The DC acknowledgement system is designed to inform transmitters and EROs that the DC return data has been retrieved and is being processed by the DC OTR. The DC

acknowledgement is separate from the federal acknowledgement. **An acknowledgement from the IRS does NOT guarantee that the DC OTR has received or will receive the return.**

DC will transmit acknowledgements to the IRS. Please do not expect the state acknowledgements to be available and match the IRS acknowledgements. Under normal processing conditions, the DC acknowledgement file should be available to a transmitter within three (3) work days from the time the federal acknowledgement is received from the IRS. Transmitters, who transmit for EROs and preparers, **must** notify them of the DC acknowledgement at the time of receipt.

DO NOT re-transmit a return unless the initial transmittal acknowledgement printout indicates a return was NOT attached. This could result in duplicate filing and delay taxpayer's refund.

Errors on returns received by the DC OTR

DC D40, FR-127 and D-40ES returns will be subject to rejection. Initially, the business rules will be used to reject DC returns already filed under a primary, secondary (spouse) or dependent SSN. D40 returns have strict formatting and data validation rules that will minimize errors. However, returns with errors can still be transmitted and processed. DC will provide an acknowledgement or rejection notification to the preparer/ERO. All inaccurate and incomplete returns will be corrected through normal error resolution procedures. This will result in varying delays in issuance of refund, if a refund is due.

Reject Codes

The IRS may reject a state return with errors when it is received. Reject and error codes pertaining to the state return are provided in the Internal Revenue Service Publication 1345A.

Tax Fraud

DC OTR has an aggressive program to detect and stop any type of fraud that falls within its jurisdiction. Several computer programs have been developed and implemented to detect fraudulent refund schemes.

Fraudulent schemes used by individuals to obtain refunds improperly have increased with the advent of electronic filing.

REFUND OPTIONS

Refund Options

Taxpayers may elect to have their refunds paid in one of the following ways:

1. Deposited into **one** financial institution account;
2. Remitted as a check;
3. Applied to 2015 estimated tax;
4. Applied to one of the DC contributions.

Taxpayers may elect to have their 2013 and 2014 refunds paid in one of the following ways:

1. Deposited into one financial institution account;
2. Refund Prepaid Card;
3. Remitted as a check;
4. Applied to 2015 estimated tax;
5. Applied to one of the DC contributions.

Please do not make contribution more than refund amount.

Taxpayers cannot combine partial payments by multiple refund options.

Our schema requires one refund option to be selected for all overpayment returns. When net refund is zero, please select paper check as a refund option.

DC OTR Refund Inquiry provides taxpayers with information about their refund. The Refund Inquiry is available 24 hours a day. Taxpayers or EROs may inquire about the date refunds will be issued by refund card, check or deposited into a financial institution.

Taxpayers are encouraged to confirm acknowledgements with their practitioners before using the Refund Inquiry.

The status of a refund may be checked via the internet at www.taxpayerservicecenter.com, individual income tax service center https://www.taxpayerservicecenter.com/individual/Ind_RefundStatus_Logon.jsp. Website refund information is updated daily.

FOR TAXPAYERS – REFUND INFORMATION

202-727-4TAX – Customer Service Administration or email taxhelp@dc.gov

Taxpayers are advised to allow three (3) weeks for processing electronic returns before calling the above number or emailing to inquire about the status of the refund. (For paper returns, allow six (6) weeks before calling.)

Direct Deposit

The direct deposit option is available for Fed/State, State-Only Electronic and on-line refund returns for all tax years. Direct deposit is **not** available to or through a foreign financial institution. Use of a foreign financial institution will result in a paper check being issued.

DC is not involved in or responsible for refund anticipation loans (RALs). DC is not liable for any loss suffered by taxpayers, EROs, or financial institutions due to processing delays, reduced refunds, or direct deposits not being honored (resulting in refund checks being issued).

Refunds by direct deposit are electronically transferred to the financial institution account indicated on the return.

NOTE: The financial institution accounts into which DC refund and the IRS refunds are deposited may be different. The state and federal routing transit number (RTN) and deposit account numbers (DAN) may not be the same.

Requirements for Direct Deposit

Internal Revenue Service Publication 1345 sets forth detailed eligibility requirements, responsibilities and instructions governing tax preparers, transmitters, and EROs who offer the taxpayers the option of direct deposit. Those same rules, policies, and procedures apply when offering direct deposit on the state return.

Preparing Taxpayers for DC Direct Deposit

Taxpayers usually receive refunds by direct deposit within two weeks of filing their returns. Before authorizing a direct deposit, taxpayers should confirm with their financial institution that the institution accepts Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions.

Preparers and EROs must stress to taxpayers the importance of supplying the correct information because the direct deposit election, the routing transit number (RTN) and the bank account number (BAN) may not be changed once a return has been accepted by the IRS.

If any of the following conditions exists, the DC OTR will issue a check:

1. Invalid routing transit number (RTN);
2. Rejection by the receiving depository financial institution;
3. Determination that certain conditions justify a paper check;
4. If the IAT question is checked 'yes.

The DC acknowledgement only indicates receipt of the return at DC OTR, it does not indicate proof that a refund check will be issued or that a direct deposit will be honored.

NOTE: The return address entered on the tax return is to be that of the taxpayer, not the ERO.

The District of Columbia Tax Refund Visa® Prepaid Card

There will be three options on TY 2013 and 2014 returns for receiving individual income tax refunds – direct deposit, a tax refund card, or paper check. All individual income tax returns will require that an option be selected. **If you do not select an option, you will receive a tax refund card.** However, refunds under \$2 (\$25 for TY2013) or greater than \$3,000 (\$2,500 for TY2013) do not qualify for the tax refund card and will be issued by check.

Where can I get more information about the DC Tax Refund Visa Prepaid Card?

On the OTR website, <http://otr.cfo.dc.gov/refundprepaidcards>.

Cards are issued by Citibank, N.A. pursuant to a license from Visa U.S.A. Inc. and managed by Citi Prepaid Services. This card can be used everywhere Visa debit cards are accepted.

BALANCE DUE RETURNS

DC OTR accepts balance due electronic returns. Preparers must inform their taxpayer client of the procedures for payment of DC balance due returns as outlined below.

Filing Balance Due Returns

The state balance due or zero liability return should be filed as any other state electronic return.

Payment Options

Taxpayers may elect to have their balance due amounts paid in one of the following ways:

1. Mail a check or money order with the D-40P, Individual Income Payment Voucher;
2. Drafted from a financial institution via ACH Debit;
3. Visit www.taxpayerservicecenter.com, individual income service center, payment options to submit payment by credit card or Electronic Check.

When to pay balance due returns

Taxpayers have until April 15, 2015 to pay balance due returns for TY 2014. Tax practitioners must give taxpayers, with balance due returns, a completed copy of the D-40P, Individual Income Payment Voucher with the submission of the D-40 and/or schedules.

NOTE: A DC business rule will reject a submission with RequestedPaymentDate later than the current date.

Tax practitioners should advise their clients to attach a check or money order to the D- , informally called the payment voucher, and to mail the D-40P with the payment to OTR by April 15, 2015. The mailing address for D-40P with payments attached is:

DC Office of Tax and Revenue
PO Box 96169
Washington, DC 20090-6169

NOTE: Use of the nine-digit (Zip + 4) zip code will speed processing.

Taxpayers should also be advised to write their social security number and type of tax being paid, and year on the check or money order. This helps ensure correct and prompt credit to the taxpayer's account, even if the payment is somehow detached from the tax form.

CHANGES ON THE RETURNS

If the transmitter or taxpayer wishes to make any changes after the return has been accepted and acknowledged, the taxpayer may file an electronic amended return if supported by the software. The tax practitioner should have the client ensure that the original return has been processed before filing the amended return.

Checking DC Acknowledgment FILE

DC transmits acknowledgements directly to the IRS. Upon receipt of the state acknowledgement of an electronic DC return, transmitters are required to notify their EROs of the acknowledgement.

A DC acknowledgement indicates that the return has been received and will be processed. The taxpayer should be advised to wait **at least three weeks** from the date of acknowledgement before inquiring about their tax return.

Any questions concerning returns with errors will be directed to the taxpayer or their agent, who has power-of-attorney on file for the year in question. Questions may also be directed to the agent, if the taxpayer indicated on the return that they granted authority to the ERO to discuss with DC OTR.

Important Notice to Transmitters, Preparers, and EROs

1. Monitor acknowledgements on a routine basis to ensure that the returns you transmitted have been received by DC OTR.
2. Do not mail the D-40E – maintain in records for three (3) years.

DEBT OFFSETS

The DC OTR assists other state agencies, institutions of higher learning, and the IRS in the collection of overdue accounts. All or part of a refund can be sent directly to these claimant agencies, if they notify DC OTR that a taxpayer has a past due account with them.

If any of the taxpayer's refund is sent to a claimant agency, the DC OTR will notify the taxpayer in writing usually within a week of the refund being reduced. If the refund exceeds the amount owed the claimant agency, the balance will be mailed to the taxpayer.

If your client believes he or she does not owe the debt, the amount sent was incorrect, or the debt has already been satisfied, the taxpayer must contact the claimant agency, not the DC OTR.

Under the provisions of DC Official Code Section 47-4431, the DC OTR is authorized to seize refunds otherwise due to taxpayers who have delinquent debts with:

- a. DC Office of Tax and Revenue
- b. DC Child Support Enforcement Division
- c. University of the District of Columbia
- d. DC Department of Employment Services
- e. State-to-State – Maryland
- f. DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
- g. DC Department of Motor Vehicles
- h. Internal Revenue Service
- i. Federal Vendor Offset

Frequently asked questions

- 1. Are preparers required to test data or transmissions?**
No, only software providers are required to submit test data or transmissions.
- 2. The client's return was filed electronically. The federal return was received, but the DC did not receive the state return. Why was the state return not transmitted with the federal return?**
The preparer may not have specified that a DC return was to be transmitted with the federal return. There are prompts in software applications to indicate that a state return is being transmitted with the federal return. If these indicators are not marked, the federal return is transmitted and the state return is not. Once the federal return has been transmitted without the state return, there are two alternatives: (a) the ERO may file the DC State Only Electronic Filing OR the taxpayer may file a paper return.
- 3. What procedure must be followed if the client has not received a refund check, but the records indicate that it has been mailed?**
If the refund check has been issued over 30 days, the DC OTR will research the status. If the check is outstanding, has not been returned, and the address on the return is correct, a refund trace must be completed.
- 4. If the taxpayer is claiming credit for tax paid to another state, can the taxpayer file electronically?**
DC supports credits for tax paid to another state or returns with other non-refundable credits claimed on the D-40.
- 5. The taxpayer requested direct deposit, but shows no record of receiving one. How should this be handled?**
The taxpayer should first contact their financial institution and make sure the deposit was not made between the processed date and five (5) working days after the issue date. If the financial institution shows no record of receiving the deposit, contact Customer Service Administration at 202-727-4TAX or email taxhelp@dc.gov.
- 6. If the taxpayer's return is filed requesting direct deposit, does the taxpayer have the option to change the direct deposit to a check?**
No, once the return has been transmitted electronically, the refund option cannot be changed.

7. Can a refund be deposited into more than one account?

No, a refund can only be deposited into one account, checking or savings.

8. Will a notice be sent to the ERO or to the taxpayer on the status of direct deposit?

No, a notice will not be sent to the ERO or taxpayer. Also, DC OTR cannot guarantee a specific date that a refund will be deposited.

9. Will my client be notified before his or her refund is taken for a debt?

The claimant agency must notify the debtor of its intention to cause the debtors refund to be offset. This notice is given in person, left at the dwelling or usual place of business of the debtor, or sent by certified or registered mail to the debtors last known address no less than 30 days before the claimant agencies make a request to DC OTR. **If any or all of a taxpayer's refund is sent to the claimant agency, the OTR will notify the taxpayer in writing usually within a week of the refund being reduced, and the taxpayer must contact the claimant agency.**

10. If my client files a joint return and his or her spouse has an outstanding debt, will the entire refund be taken?

DC OTR is not required to apportion funds resulting from joint returns. It is at the discretion of the claimant agency whether or not to refund a portion of the amount taken.

MeF Schemas

The following MeF schemas will need to be used to successfully transmit DC Individual Income Tax Returns for TY 2014. The schemas are outlined as follows:

DCIndividual2014v1.2\ Common\

- BinaryAttachment.xsd
- efileAttachments.xsd
- efileMessageCommon.xsd
- efileMessageEMS.xsd
- efileMessageIFA.xsd
- EfileTypes.xsd FinancialTransaction.xsd
- ReturnHeader.xsd
- SOAP.xsd
- StateeFileTypes.xsd

DCCommon\

- DCeFiletypes.xsd DCFinancialTransactionsSP.xsd

DCIndividual\

- IndividualReturnD40.xsd IndividualReturnD40ES.xsd
- IndividualReturnFR127.xsd ReturnDataD40.xsd
- ReturnDataD40ES.xsd ReturnDataFR127.xsd

DCForms\

- D2210.xsd FormD40.xsd
- FormD40ES.xsd
- FormFR127.xsd FR147.xsd
- OTRAltFuel.xsd
- SchH.xsd Schl.xsd
- SchN.xsd SchS.xsd
- SchU.xsd

Documents\

- Schema Change Log – Common.xls
- Schema Change Log – State Schemas.xls
- Schema Change Log – StateIndividual.xls

StateIndividual\

- IndividualReturnHeaderState.xsd
- Individual Return State.xsd
- IndividualStateEnumerations.xsd

ReturnDataState.xsd

IRSForms\

IRS1099R.xsd

IRSW2.xsd IRSW2G.xsd

State1099Div.xsd

State1099G.xsd State1099Int.xsd

State1099Misc.xsd

State1099Oid.xsd StateW2G.xsd

The XML code for the schemas will be emailed. As updates are released, software developers will be notified via the NACTP distribution list.

The requested DC return format is as follows:

D-40 (pages 1 and 2)

Schedule S, if applicable Schedule H, if

applicable Schedule U, if applicable

Schedule I, if applicable Schedule N, if

applicable Form W-2

Form W-2G Form 1099-R

Form 1099-INT Form

1099-MISC

D-40ES, if applicable

FR-127, if applicable

DC MeF Business Rules

Rule Number	Rule Text
X0000-002	Incorrect Transmission data.
X0000-003	Missing Data
X0000-004	Data Mismatch
X0000-005	The XML data has failed schema validation.
X0000-006	MeF Gateway experiences system error.
X0000-007	Other State Submission.
X0000-008	The namespace declarations in the root element of the return ('Return' element) must be as follows:The default namespace shall be set
DCD40-0001	Absence of vendor 4 digit ID code and validation
DCD40-0002	DC return already filed and accepted through Mef and Amended Return indicator is not present
DCD40-0003	Amended return cannot be processed unless the original return has already been filed with DC
DCD40-0004	If Line 1 Filing Status = 2 (Married Joint) or 5 (Married Separate on Same Return), 8 (Registered Domestic partners filing Jointly) or 9 (Registered domestic partner filing separately on same return) the secondary SSN must be provided.
DCD40-0005	Absence of IP address
DCD40-0006	If D-40, Line 7 greater than zero, part year information must be completed
DCD40-0007	If Line 1 Filing Status = 5 (Married Separate on Same Return) or 9 (Registered domestic partner filing separately on same return), Schedule S, Calculation J, and Line K is greater than zero, it must equal the value on Line 22 of the D-40 and the Schedule S must be attached
DCD40-0008	If Line 1 Filing Status = 6 (Head of Household), Schedule S, page 1 dependent or qualifying non-dependent person information must be completed (name, SSN and DOB); SSN must contain values other than the primary or secondary taxpayer SSN, and the Schedule S attached
DCD40-0009	Absence of Schedule S, calculation G when number of exemptions >1 if Filing Status 1, 3, or 4; >2 if filing Status 2, 5, 8 or 9.
DCD40-0010	If D-40, Line 11 is greater than zero, at least one of the indicators for 62 or older must be checked.
DCD40-0011	If D-40, Line 30 (Other Refundable Credits) is greater than zero, Schedule U Part 1 must be attached.
DCD40-0012	If Lines 25 (Low income credit) and Line 28 (EITC) greater than zero; taxpayer can only claim one of the credits

DCD40-0013	Both Federal EITC and DC EITC must be greater than zero if either one is greater than zero, or if one is zero both must be zero
DCD40-0014	For Direct Deposit, Bank & Routing number must be valid and completed
DCD40-0015	If D-40, Line 24 greater than zeros, Schedule U must be attached
DCD40-0016	Absence of DC Schedule H if D-40 line 29 > zero.
DCD40-0017	If request payment date is provided, it must be the current date or earlier
DCD40-0018	Form D-2210 is checked but attachment is missing
DCD40-0019	Deceased Taxpayer is checked but attachment FR-147 is required in Overpayment situation
DCD40-0020	Invalid Schema used for Tax year
DCD40-0021	Invalid Date Value
DCD40-0022	Schedule H Fed AGI cannot exceed \$60,000
DCD40-0023	For age 70 or under, Sch.H Fed AGI cannot exceed \$40000
DCD40-0024	When Net Refund exists, Refund Option is required
DCD40-0025	If Fuel Credit (line 4) is claimed on Sch U, form Altern Fuel Vehicle must be attached

APPENDIX

DC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2014

Holiday	Observance Date	Day of the Week
New Year's Day	January 1, 2015	Thursday
Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday	January 19, 2015	Monday
President's Day	February 16, 2015	Monday
Emancipation Day	April 16, 2015	Thursday
Memorial Day	May 25, 2015	Monday
Independence Day	July 3, 2015	Friday
Labor Day	September 7, 2015	Monday
Columbus Day	October 12, 2015	Monday
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2015	Wednesday
Thanksgiving	November 26, 2015	Thursday
Christmas Day	December 25, 2015	Friday

NAMES

No commas or periods are to be used when entering the taxpayer's name.

Example: Fred R. Jones, Sr.

Entry: Fred R Jones Sr

A name that is composed of initials is to be entered with a blank space between letters.

Example: L. O. Flautana

Entry: L O Flautana

When an apostrophe is included in a name, do not enter the apostrophe when entering the name.

Example: Susanne Prud'Homme

Entry: Susanne Prudhomme

A name that is listed with a hyphen SHOULD be entered with a hyphen.

Example: Karen Van-Lewis

Entry: Karen Van-Lewis

* Do not use titles such as CAPT, REV, DR, MR, MRS, etc.

STREET ADDRESSES

A numerical address involving a street or avenue expressed in words is to be entered with numbers.

Example: 631 Fifty-Ninth Street

Entry: 631 59th St

A numerical address with a suffix (-st, -nd, -rd, -th) is to be entered with no blank spaces between number and suffix.

Example: 2204 Third St

Entry: 2204 3rd St

An address involving a directional description (north, south, east, west or any combination of two) is to be abbreviated.

Example: 91 Ridge Road, Northeast

Entry: 91 Ridge RD NE

An address involving a post office box is to be entered with Post Office abbreviated as P O with a blank space between the P and the O .

Example: Post Office Box 12349

Entry: P O Box 12349

An address involving street number and alpha letter is to be entered together without a space between the numeric and alphabetic characters.

Example: 3124-B King Drive

Entry: 3124B King Dr

An address listed as a fraction is to be entered with a slash (/) mark. One blank space is before and after the fraction.

Example: 103 and a half Tulip Drive, Northeast

Entry: 103 ½ Tulip Dr NE

Enter apartment, suite, room or other unit number immediately after the street address (including any post-directionals such as NE) for mail addressed to occupants of multi-unit buildings.

Example: 234 Main Street Suite 100-A

Entry: 234 Main St Ste 100A

ABBREVIATIONS

APARTMENT	APT
PLACE	PL
AVENUE	AVE
PLAZA	PLZ
BUILDING	BLDG
POINT	PT
BOULEVARD	BLVD
ROAD	RD
CENTER	CTR
RURAL ROUTE	RR
CIRCLE	CIR
ROUTE	RT
COURT	CT
SECTION	SECT
CREEK	CRK
STATION	STA
CRESCENT	CRES
SQUARE	SQ
DRIVE	DR
STREET	ST
HIGHWAY CONTRACT ROUTE	HCR
SUITE	STE
HIGHWAY	HWY
TERRACE	TER
LANDING	LDNG
TRAIL	TRL
LANE	LA
TURNPIKE	TPKE
PARKWAY	PKWY

Vendor ID	Software Developers
1017	H&R Block Inc
1019	CCH Tax and Accounting, a Wolterskluwer business
1022	CS Professional Suite
1024	Drake Software
1029	H&R Block Inc
1030	Intuit
1031	Jackson Hewitt Technology Services LLC
1032	Lacerte
1037	Petz Enterprise, Inc-Crosslink & Taxact
1038	TaxSlayer
1045	CCH Small Firm Services
1062	Thomson Reuters
1064	TaxACT
1067	Tax Simple (Thomson Reuters)
1068	Taxware System Inc
1115	FileYourTaxes.com
1187	Lamson Tech
1201	TaxHawk, Inc.
1211	On-Line Taxes, Inc
1273	Liberty Tax Service
1541	OnePriceTaxes
1555	Intuit
1833	CCH Small Firms Services
1855	Efile Tax Returns, Inc
2029	H&R Block Inc
2067	Agile Tax (Thomson Reuters)
9007	Taxsoftware.com

