

Declaration Control Number (DCN)

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IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.

Form 8453

U.S. Individual Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing

OMB No. 1545-0936

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

For the year January 1–December 31, 1998

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See instructions on back.

Use the IRS label. Otherwise, please print or type.

Form fields for taxpayer information: Name, address, social security numbers, and telephone number.

Part I Tax Return Information (Whole dollars only)

Table with 5 rows: Total income, Total tax, Federal income tax withheld, Refund, Amount you owe.

Part II Declaration of Taxpayer (Sign only after Part I is completed.)

6a, 6b, 6c checkboxes for direct deposit and ACH debit authorization. Includes text about liability and perjury.

Sign Here section with lines for taxpayer and spouse signatures and dates.

Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (See instructions.)

I declare that I have reviewed the above taxpayer's return and that the entries on Form 8453 are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

ERO's Use Only section with fields for signature, date, firm name, EIN, and ZIP code.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above taxpayer's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete.

Paid Preparer's Use Only section with fields for signature, date, firm name, EIN, and ZIP code.

## General Instructions

### Purpose of Form

Use Form 8453 to:

- Authenticate the electronic portion of Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ,
- Send any accompanying paper schedules or statements,
- Authorize the electronic return originator (ERO) to transmit via a third-party transmitter, and
- Provide the taxpayer's consent to directly deposit any refund or authorize an ACH debit (automatic withdrawal).

### When and Where To File

This form must be mailed to the service center where the electronic return was transmitted on the next working day after the ERO has received acknowledgment from the IRS that the return was accepted. Only the Andover, Austin, Cincinnati, Memphis, and Ogden Service Centers can accept electronic returns. Get **Pub. 1345**, Handbook for Electronic Return Originators of Individual Income Tax Returns. It has step-by-step mailing instructions and addresses for the service centers.

### Line Instructions

**Declaration Control Number (DCN).** The DCN is a 14-digit number assigned by the ERO to each return. Clearly type or print the DCN in the top left corner of each Form 8453. Enter the number **after** the IRS has acknowledged receipt of the electronic return as follows:

Boxes	Entry
1-2	File identification number (always "00")
3-8	Electronic filer identification number (EFIN) assigned by the IRS
9-11	Batch number (000 to 999) assigned by the ERO
12-13	Serial number (00 to 99) assigned by the ERO
14	Year digit (for returns filed in 1999, the year digit is "9")

**Example.** The EFIN is 509325. The batch number is 000. The serial number is 56. The DCN is 00-509325-00056-9.

**Name and Address.** If the taxpayer received a peel-off name and address label from the IRS, place the label in the name area. Cross out any errors and print the correct information. Add any missing items,

such as apartment number. If the taxpayer did not receive a label, print or type the information in the spaces provided.

**P.O. Box.** Enter the box number **only** if the post office does not deliver mail to the taxpayer's home.

**Note:** *The address must match the address shown on the electronically filed return.*

**Social Security Number (SSN).** Be sure to enter the taxpayer's SSN in the space provided on Form 8453. If a joint return, list the SSNs in the same order as the first names.

### Part I—Tax Return Information

**Line 5.** Do not include the payment with Form 8453. Instead, mail it by April 15, 1999, with **Form 1040-V** to the applicable address shown on that form.

### Part II—Declaration of Taxpayer

**Note:** *All taxpayers must check the box on line 6a, line 6b, or line 6c. If the taxpayer checks the box on line 6c, the taxpayer must ensure that the following information relating to the financial institution account is provided in the electronic portion of the tax return:*

- Routing number
- Account number
- Type of account (checking or savings)
- Debit amount
- Debit date (date the taxpayer wants the debit to occur, but not later than April 15, 1999).

An electronically transmitted return will not be considered complete, and therefore filed, unless and until a Form 8453 signed by the taxpayer is received by the IRS.

If the ERO makes changes to the electronic return after Form 8453 has been signed by the taxpayer but before it is transmitted and either 1 or 2 below applies, the ERO must have the taxpayer complete and sign a corrected Form 8453.

1. The total income on line 1 differs from the amount on the electronic return by more than \$25, **or**

2. The total tax on line 2, the refund on line 4, or the amount owed on line 5 differs from the amount on the electronic return by more than \$7.

### Part III—Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer

The IRS requires the ERO's signature. A paid preparer must sign Form 8453 in the space for **Paid Preparer's Use Only**. Only handwritten signatures are acceptable. But if the paid preparer is also the ERO, do not complete the paid preparer's section. Instead, check the box labeled "Check if also paid preparer."

**Note:** *If the paid preparer's signature cannot be obtained on Form 8453, you may attach a copy of Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ instead. Attach **only** pages 1 and 2, and write "**COPY—DO NOT PROCESS**" on each page.*

**Refunds.** After the IRS has accepted the return, the refund should be issued within 3 weeks. However, some refunds may be delayed because of compliance reviews to ensure that returns are accurate.

**Refund Information.** Refund information is available on TeleTax. See the instruction booklet for Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ for the phone number.

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