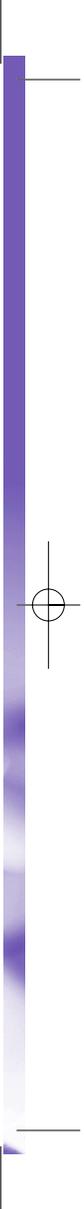
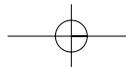
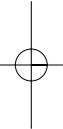


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For the 2001 filing season, we have added a new feature to the IRS *e-file* Program – an electronic signature called **“The Self-Select PIN.”** The electronic signature eliminates the requirement to mail Form 8453, *U.S. Individual Income Tax Declaration for an IRS e-file Return*. The process includes self-selecting a Personal Identification Number (PIN) and entering two pieces of information from your Tax Year 1999 return. Using a self-select PIN makes “paperless” filing available to almost everyone who uses IRS *e-file*.

Q: Last year I received a postcard that contained an *e-file* Customer Number (ECN) and was able to submit a “paperless” tax return using the ECN. Will I still receive the postcard with the ECN this year?

A: No, the IRS-assigned ECN will no longer be used; however, **“The Self-Select PIN”** feature will allow you to file a “paperless” return.

Q: I received a TeleFile Tax Package last year, but had my tax return prepared by a tax professional. Will I receive the TeleFile Tax Package this year?

A: No. In an effort to reduce costs, the TeleFile Tax Package will not be mailed to you this year.

However, the same benefits available through TeleFile are available through other IRS *e-file* options including using a personal computer or using a tax professional. These options will allow you to use **“The Self-Select PIN”** feature to submit a paperless tax return.

Q: What are the benefits of using IRS *e-file* with the Self-Select PIN?

A: Paperless Filing! - There are no forms to mail, not even your W-2 or 1099.

Fast Refunds! In half the usual time and even faster and safer with Direct Deposit.

Secure! Your privacy and security are assured.

Accurate! Your chance of receiving an error notice from the IRS is significantly reduced because IRS *e-file* has less than a 1% error rate.

Proof of Acceptance! Electronic acknowledgement within 48 hours from the IRS that your return is accepted.

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Double the benefits you get from *e-file*.

- Q:** How do I file a paperless return?
- A:** The process includes self-selecting a five-digit numeric PIN (one for yourself and if married filing a joint return, one for your spouse) and entering two pieces of information from your tax year 1999 tax return along with your date of birth and your spouse's date of birth if filing jointly. If you cannot locate last year's tax return, call 1-800-829-1040 and request a free transcript. It may take 7 to 10 days to receive a copy of the transcript.
- Q:** Who is eligible?
- A:** Individuals who file Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ or individuals who did not file a tax return in the previous year and are 16 or older on December 31, 2000 are eligible.

Q: Who is not eligible?

- A:** You are not eligible if your Social Security card states "Not Valid for Employment", or the return is being filed for a decedent.
- Q:** Where can I get more information about IRS *e-file* options?
- A:** Visit the IRS Web Site at **www.irs.gov** and click on "Electronic Services" to get the latest information on opportunities to file using a personal computer (at little or no cost) or search for an "Authorized IRS *e-file* Provider" (tax professional nearest you).

How to get Tax Forms and Instructions

You can get these items 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by—



Personal Computer

Access the IRS web site at **www.irs.gov**, select the Forms and Pubs option, and follow the directions for getting a tax package or other forms and instructions.