IRS e-file Application Process

For Form 8947 and Form 8963

Why do I have to create an IRS e-file Application?

- Provides authorization to e-file your corporation's return electronically.
- Assignment of an Electronic Filing Identification Number (EFIN) and an Electronic Transmitter Identification Number (ETIN).
- Establishes the form type (8963 / 8947) you will file with IRS.

How do I get started?

- All Responsible Official(s) and Delegated User(s) within your corporation who will be responsible for efiling your ACA related and/or creating or maintaining your corporate IRS e-file Application will need to individually register with e-Services.
- Registration is a one-time, universal process that authenticates you and allows you to do business electronically with IRS.
- Once you have successfully registered and confirmed you are ready to begin the e-file application process for your corporation.

What is e-Services?

- e-Services is a suite of products designed for tax professionals and taxpayers to do business with IRS electronically.
- e-Services includes:
 - Registration
 - IRS e-file application
 - Tax Identification Number (TIN) Matching Application
- e-Services is accessed through a secured environment known as the "Registered User Portal (RUP)".

What do I need to create my e-file application

You must determine who will perform certain functions for your corporation and gather the necessary information to complete your e-file application.

You will need to decide:

 Who will be your Responsible Official(s) (you can have up to five; recommend two for back-up purposes).

You will need:

- Each individual to be registered and confirmed for e-Services.
- The organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN).
- Each individual(s) Social Security Number and Date of Birth.

What is a Responsible Official?

A Responsible Official is:

- An individual with responsibility for and authority over your e-file operation.
- An individual who is the first point of contact with the IRS and has the authority to create, revise and sign your IRS e-file application.
- An individual who is responsible for ensuring that your corporation adheres
 to the provisions of all publications and notices governing IRS e-file. If one
 individual cannot fulfill these responsibilities, up to four additional
 Responsible Officials may be identified. It is a good idea to identify at least
 two persons to act as back-up for each other.
- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or legal resident alien (lawful permanent resident) and has attained the age of 18 as of the date of the application.

Note: The Responsible Official is not required to be a Principal or Corporate Officer.

You will need the following information for each Responsible Official you want to add to your corporation's IRS e-file application: Name, Position Title, U.S. Citizen Status, Social Security Number, Date of Birth and E-mail Address.

Where do I go to complete the e-file Application?

 Access the application via e-Services at www.irs.gov/eservices

OR

- Go to IRS.gov
- Search for "eservices"
- Select "e-Services Online Tools for Tax Professionals"
- Select "Login or Register" on the left side of the screen

e-Services – Online Tools for Tax Professionals



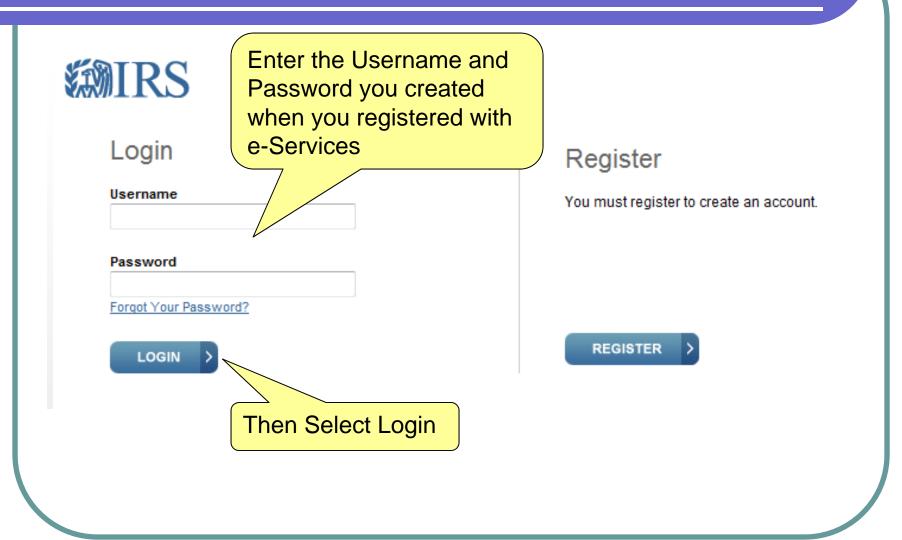
e-Services - Online Tools for Tax Professionals

e-Services is a suite of web-based tools that allow tax professionals and payers to complete certain transactions online with the IRS. The tools include Registration Services, e-file Application, Transcript Delivery and TIN Matching. These services are only available to approved IRS business partners as noted below and not to the public.

Authorized business partners who need assistance using the online tools can contact the e-help Desk at 1-866-255-0654. International callers must dial 512-416-7750.

Select "Login or Register"

Login



Go to Application



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Application

Application to Application

Select "e-File Application" from the center screen.

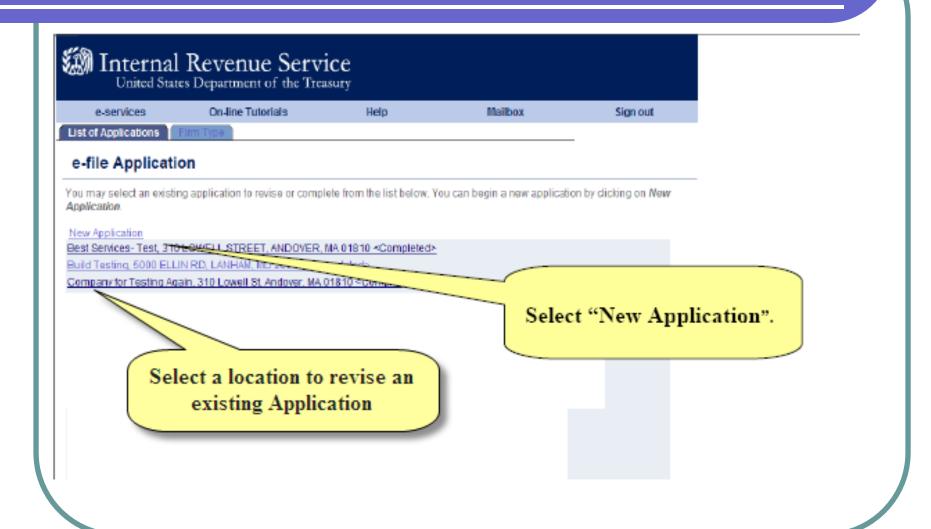
e-File Application

The Application to participate in the IRS e-file Program can be submitted on-line. The IRS will review your application information and supply a written confirmation as to your acceptance or rejection into the program. You may use this either to create a new Application or to revise an existing one.

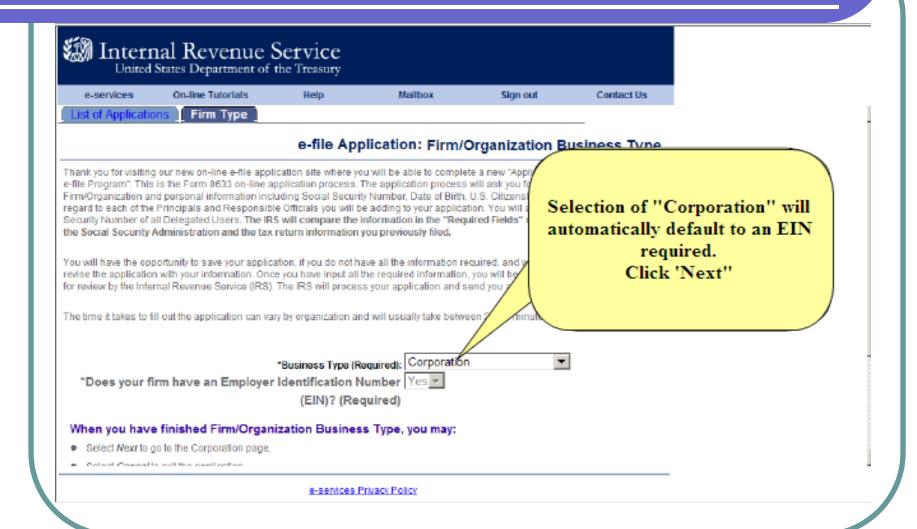
New TIN Matching Application

Payers may apply for Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) Matching, an on-line product which allows you to submit TIN/Name combinations for verification against IRS records.

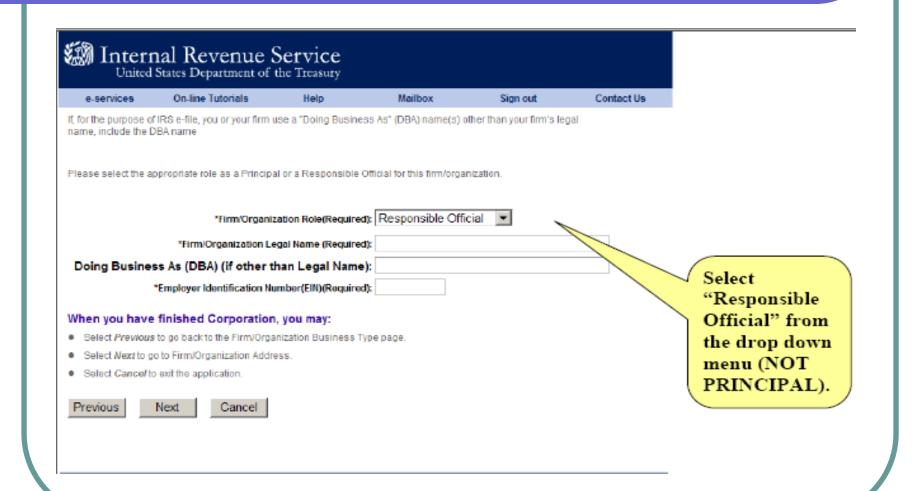
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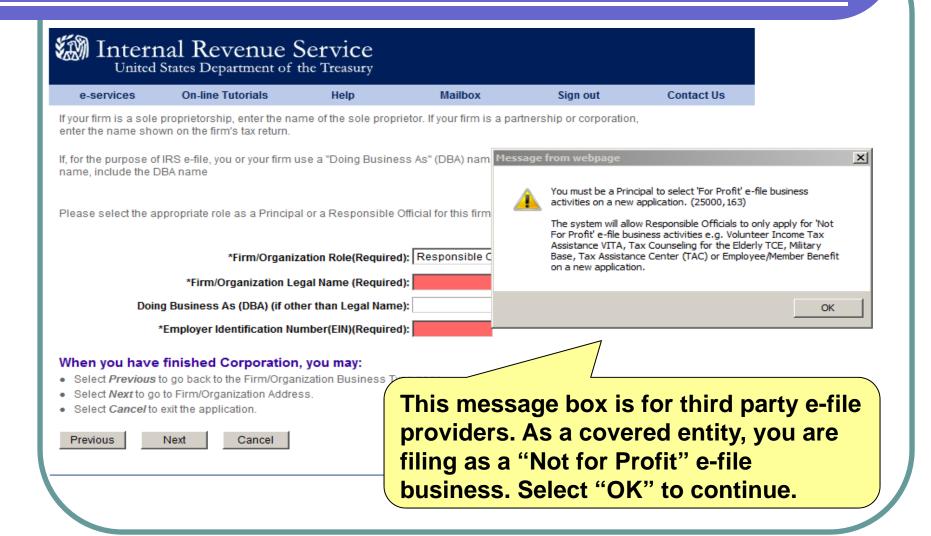
Firm/Organization Business Type



Your Role within the Organization



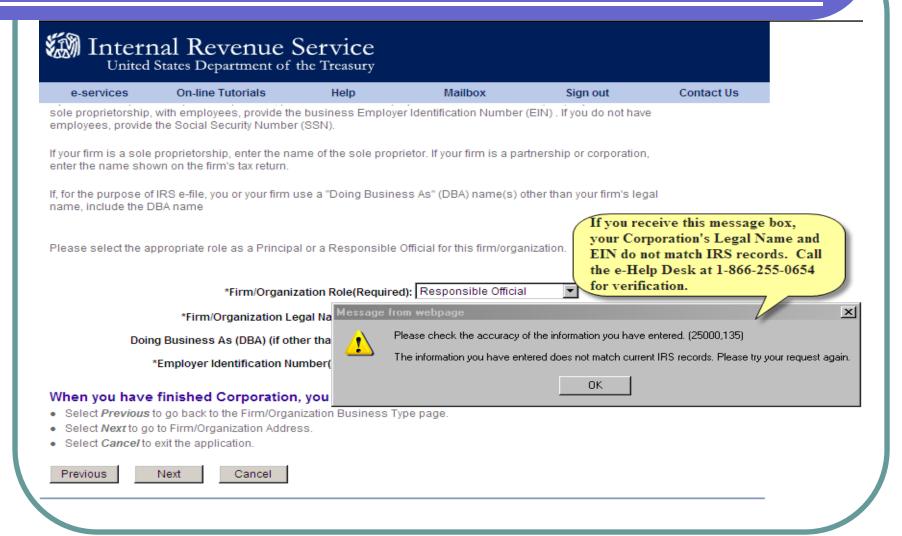
Principal or Responsible Official?



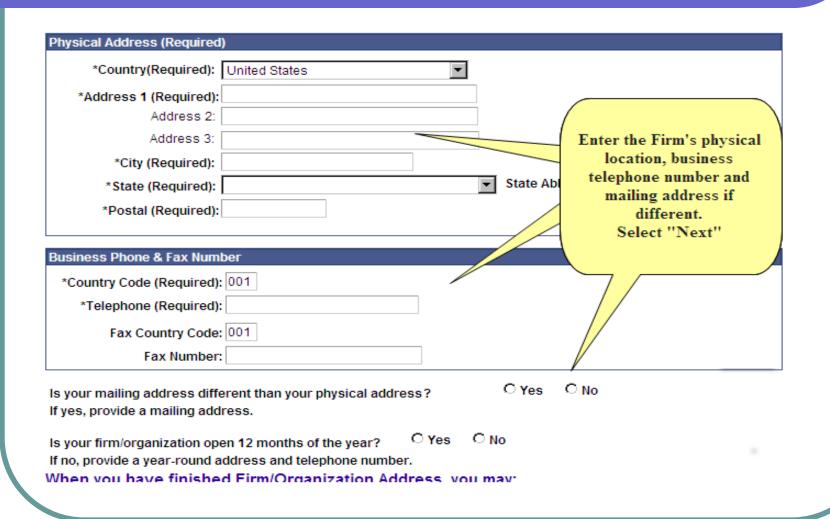
Legal Name Required



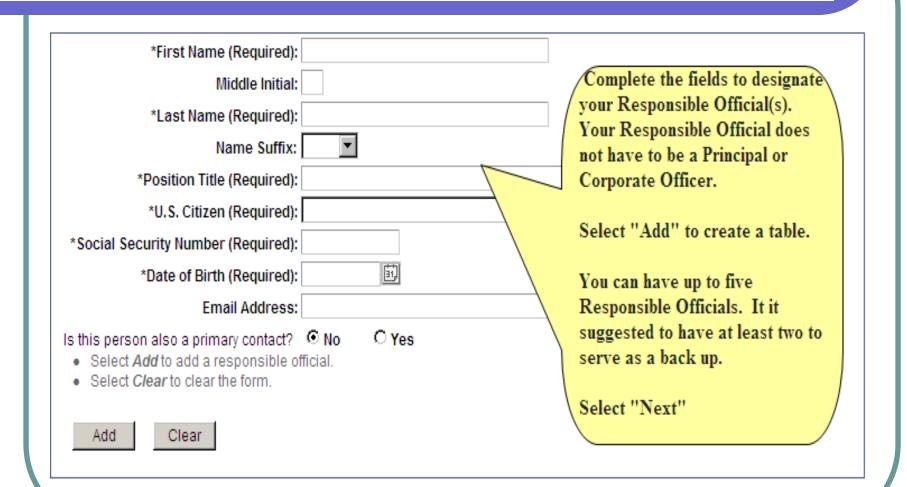
What if my Corporation and Legal Name do not match IRS records?



Firm/Organization Address



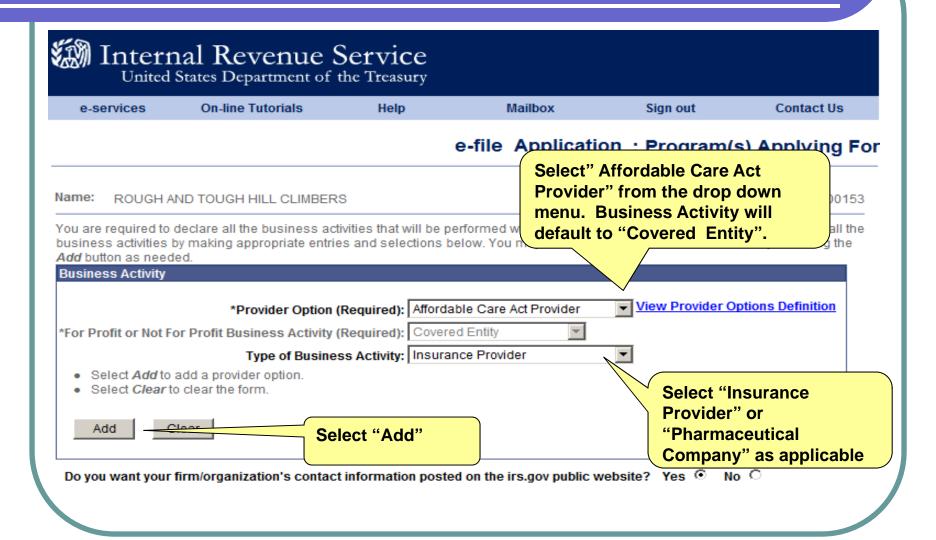
Responsible Official



Application Contacts

Please enter a Primary Contact who will be available on a daily basis to answer IRS questions regarding this application and any processing issues throughout the year. A Primary Contact is required for all applications. You may also enter an Alternate Contact who the IRS may talk to if the Primary Contact is unavailable. Primary Contact (Required) *First Name (Required): Middle Initial: Enter the Primary Contact *Last Name (Required): information. This individual Name Suffix: would answer questions Salutation: regarding your e-file Application and any e-file Title: processing issues you may *Country Code (Required): 001 encounter during the year. *Phone Number (Required): Your application contact can also be the designated Fax Country Code: 001 Responsible Official. Fax Number: Email Address: Alternate Contact *First Non- (Required): To add an Alternate Contact, Middle Initian. select the arrow adjacent, *Last Name (Required): complete the information and Name Suffix: select "Add". This will create a Salutation: table allowing mutliple entries. Select "Next" *Country Code (Required): 001 *Phone Number (Required): Fax Country Code: 001 Fax Number: Email Address: Select Add to add an alternate contact. Select Clear to clear the form. Add Clear

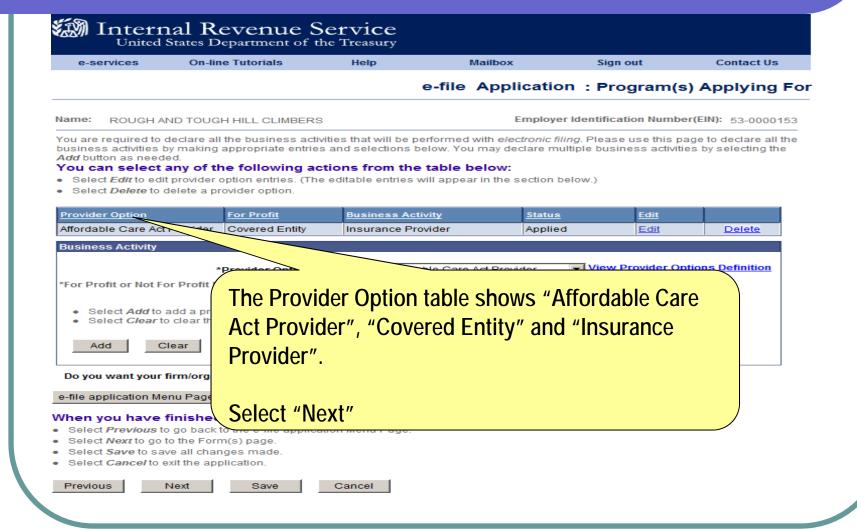
Program(s) Applying For



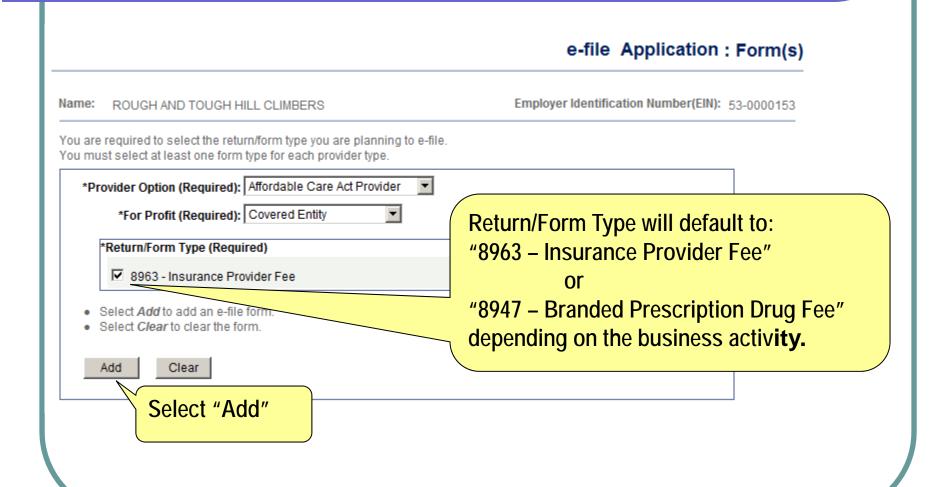
What is a ACA Provider?

 ACA Provider – An ACA Provider is a business or entity engaged in manufacturing or importing branded prescription drugs sold to specified government programs ("covered entity") or a health insurance provider reporting net premiums written ("covered entity") that originates the electronic submission of its own information report(s), or a third party that will transmit report(s) on behalf of a covered entity.

Review Information Shown



Application Form(s)



Responsible Official Authorities

Responsible Official Authorities

You may delegate authorities to individuals, however, by delegating these responsibilities you will still be responsible for this person's actions and activities.

Please select one or more of the following...

- ✓ View Application Information
- Update Application Information
- Sign & Submit Revised Applications

Add, Delete & Change Responsible Officials

All authorities will default to the Responsible Official. You must deselect any authority you do not want assigned to a Responsible Official.

When you have finished your editing, you may:

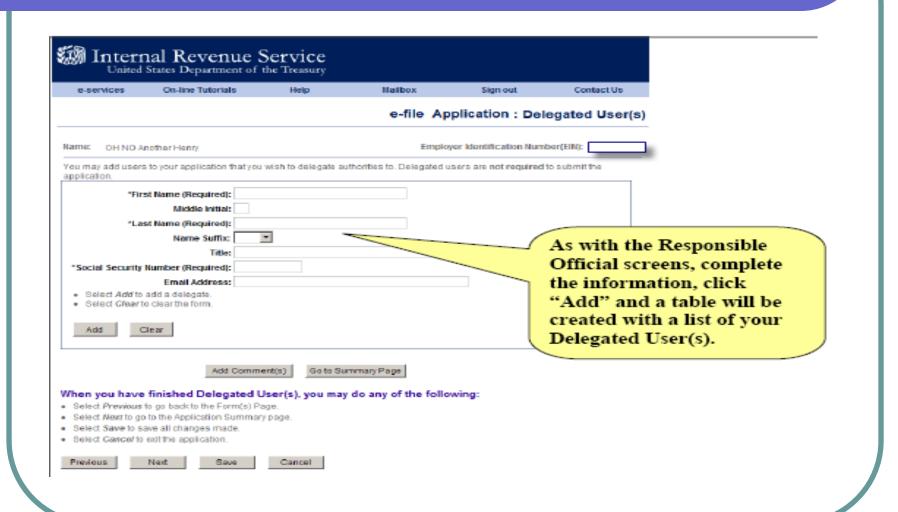
- Select OK to apply all changes and return to Responsible Official(s).
- . Select Cancel to discard all changes and return to the Responsible Official(s) page.

OK Cancel

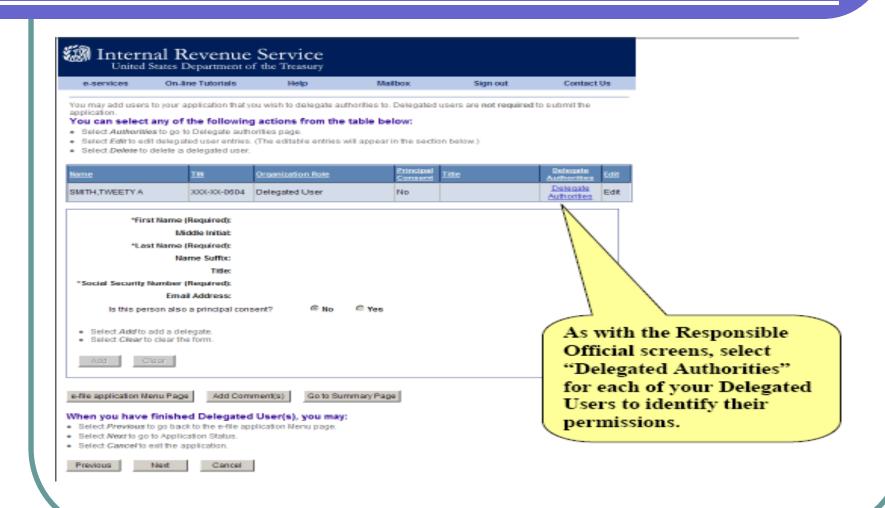
What is a Delegated User?

- A Delegated User is an individual within your organization, other than a Responsible Official. This user is an employee, partner or other member of the organization. This user may also be someone who has a business relationship with the organization and whom you want to perform activities for your organization.
- You will need the following information for each Delegated User you want to add to your corporation's IRS e-file Application: Name, Social Security Number, Title and E-mail Address.

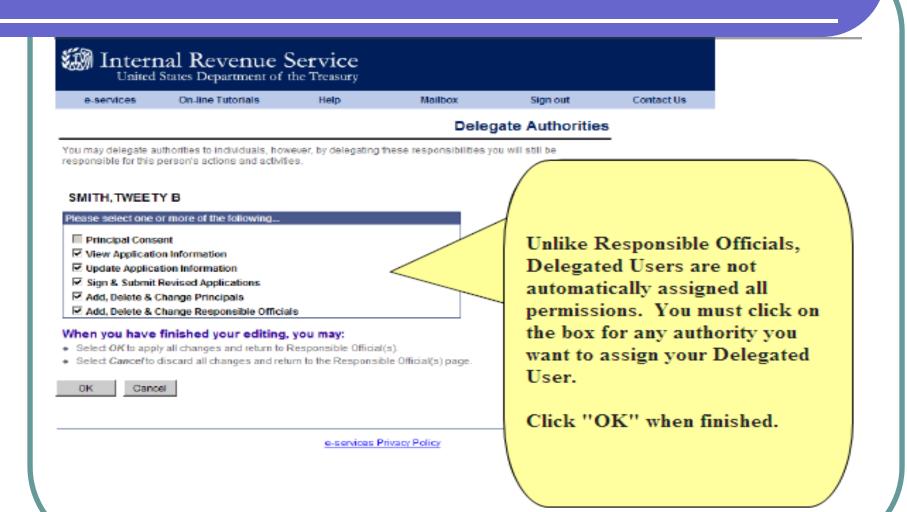
Delegated User(s)



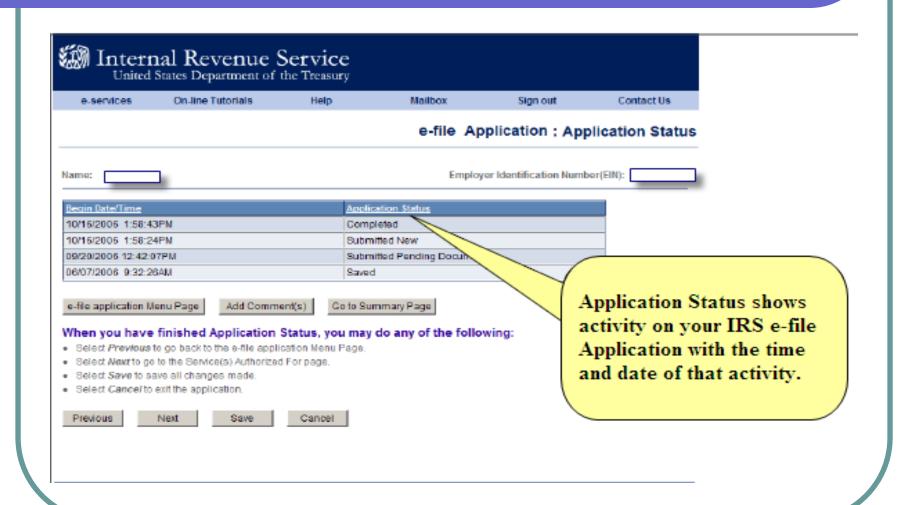
Delegated Authorities



Permissions



Application Status

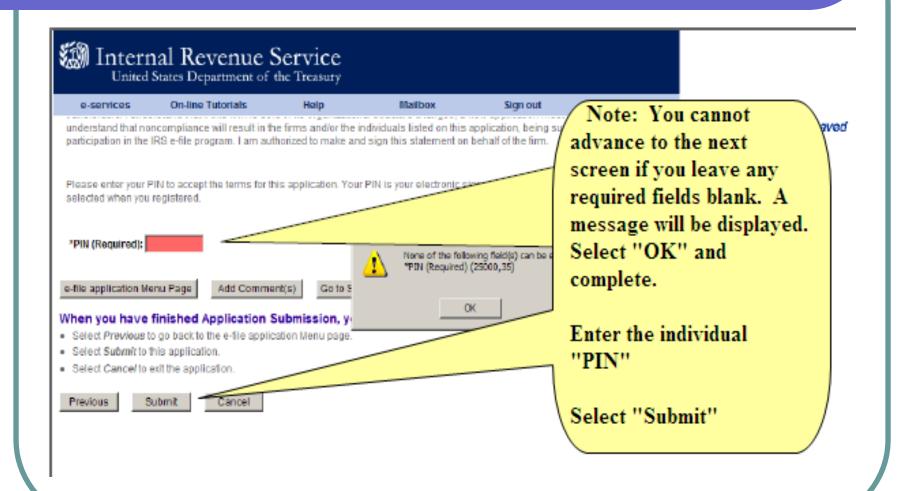


Maintaining your e-file Application

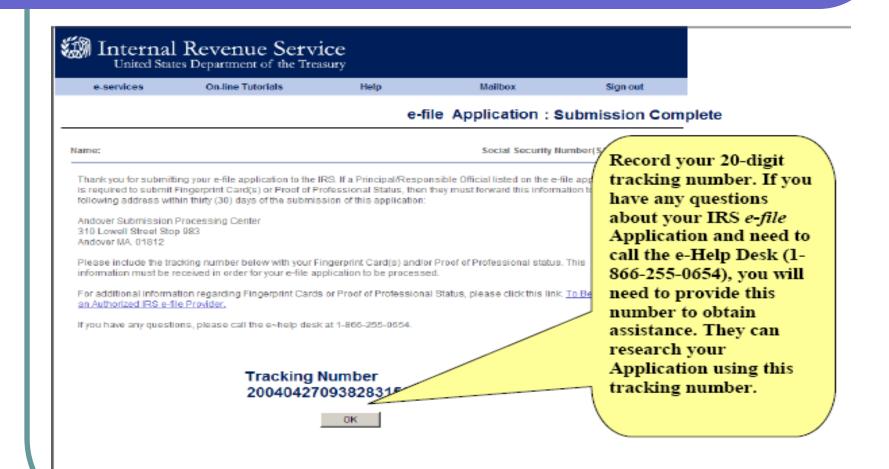


It is important that Responsible Officials and/or Delegated Users update or delete their roles and authorities on the IRS *e-file* Application when they are no longer associated with the firm and its EFIN or their position in the firm no longer warrants the assigned authorities.

Application Submission



Submission Complete



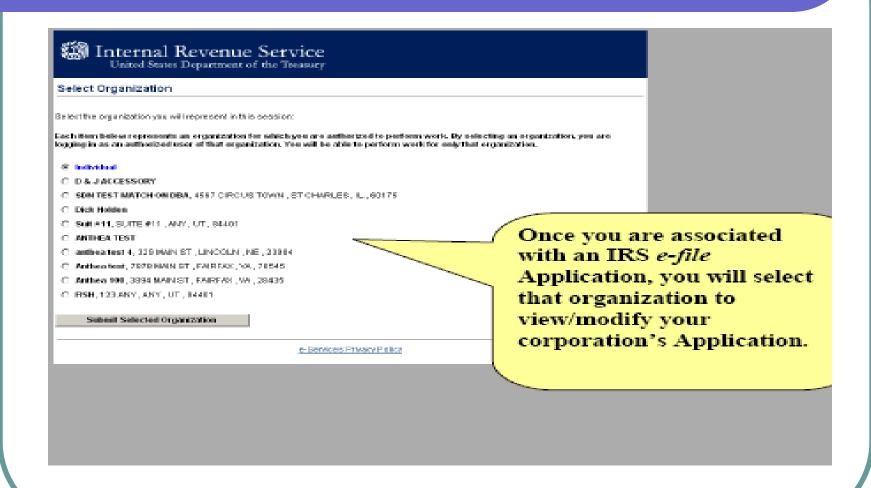
Processing of Your e-file Application

- The IRS will validate your IRS e-file application. This may take several days to complete.
- You will not be able to change/modify your IRS e-file application until this validation process is completed.
- After completing the validation process, the IRS will assign you an EFIN and ETIN.
- The IRS will mail an acceptance letter welcoming you to the e-file program which will contain your EFIN and ETIN and be sent to the mailing address you provided when you created your e-file application.

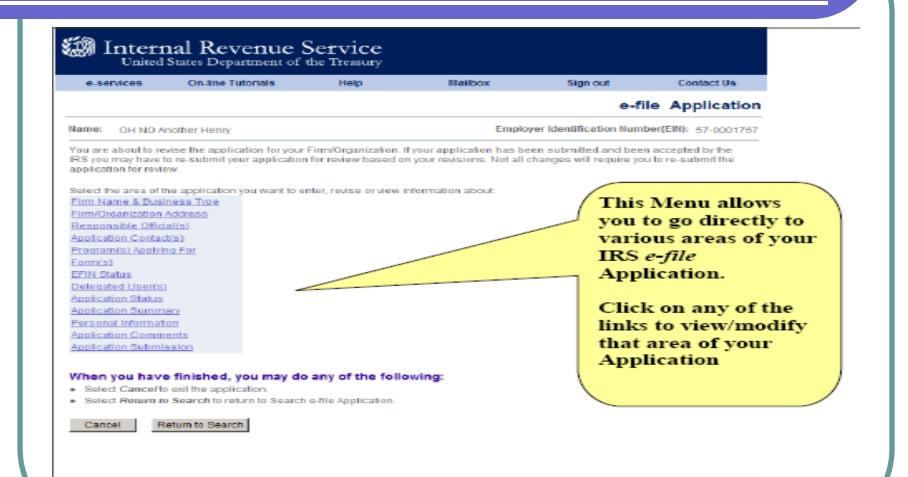
What about changes to my e-file application?

- If there are any changes that would affect your corporation's IRS efile application, it must be revised online within thirty days. This is important for several reasons. If the IRS does not have current addresses, any communication from the IRS (letters, publications, or other materials) may not be received. If any of these items are returned to the IRS indicating that the address has changed, you will be temporarily removed from participation in IRS e-file. This means that all returns submitted after that time will be rejected until the address information is updated.
- The same is true for telephone numbers. If the IRS tries to call a number that has changed or has been disconnected, you will be temporarily removed from participation in IRS e-file until new telephone numbers are provided. Keep in mind that changes submitted on an IRS e-file application will not change the address of record for the tax records nor will a change to tax records automatically update information associated with your EFIN.

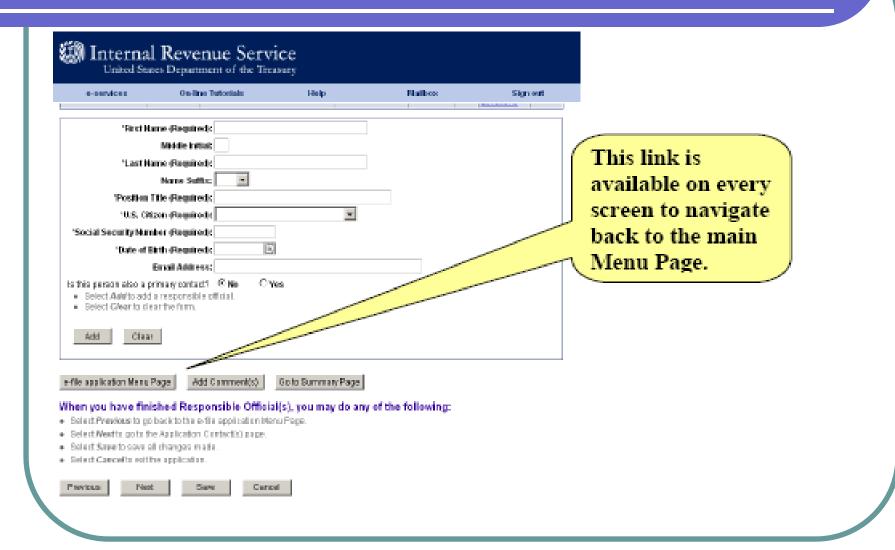
Revising Your e-file Application



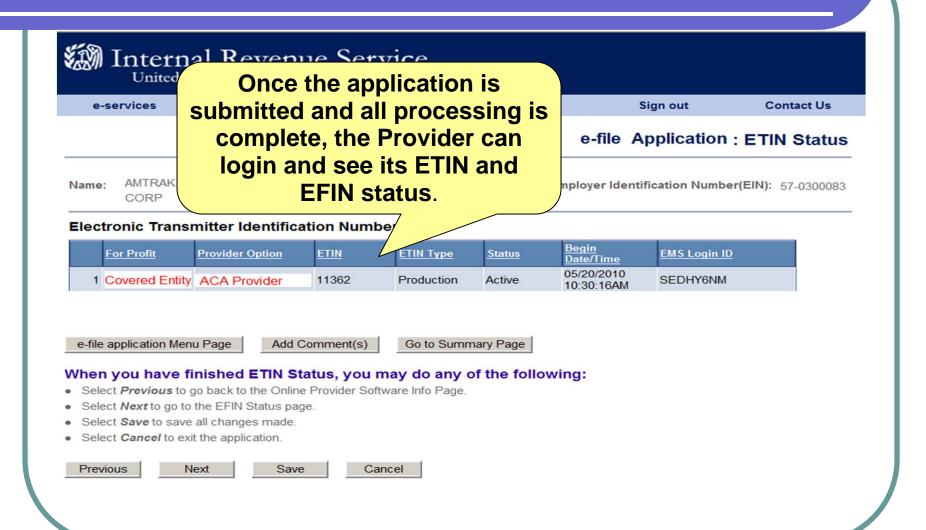
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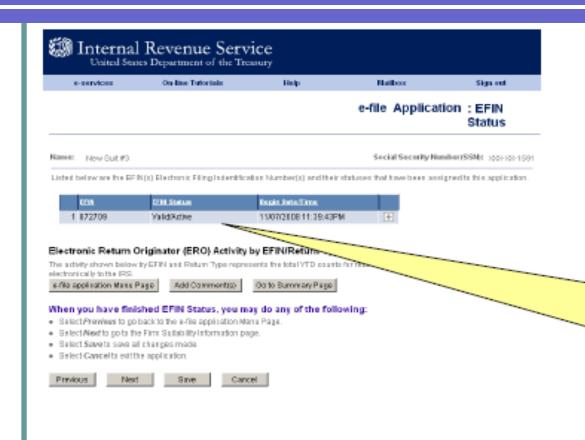
Navigating the Screens



ETIN Status



EFIN Status



This table will contain your 6-digit EFIN. An EFIN is required in order for you to e-file your corporation's return with the IRS.

e-Help Desk

The IRS e-Help Desk is available to answer any questions you may have on the e-Services IRS e-file application Process.

1-866-937-4130

Monday - Friday 6:30 am to 6:00 pm CST