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Form **CT-1**

Employer's Annual Railroad Retirement Tax Return

OMB No. 1545-0029

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Go to www.irs.gov/CT1 for instructions and the latest information.

2026

Type or Print	Name	Employer identification number (EIN)	If final return, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
	Address (number and street)	RRB number	
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		

Part I Railroad Retirement Taxes. On lines 1 through 12 below, enter the amount of compensation paid in 2026 for each tax. Then, multiply it by the rate shown and enter the tax.

	Compensation	Rate	Tax
1 Tier 1 Employer Tax—Compensation (other than tips and sick pay)	\$ _____	× 6.2% =	1
2 Tier 1 Employer Medicare Tax—Compensation (other than tips and sick pay)	\$ _____	× 1.45% =	2
3 Tier 2 Employer Tax—Compensation (other than tips)	\$ _____	× 13.1% =	3
4 Tier 1 Employee Tax—Compensation (other than sick pay)	\$ _____	× 6.2% =	4
5 Tier 1 Employee Medicare Tax—Compensation (other than sick pay) (for tips, see instructions)	\$ _____	× 1.45% =	5
6 Tier 1 Employee Additional Medicare Tax—Compensation (other than sick pay) (for tips, see instructions)	\$ _____	× 0.9% =	6
7 Tier 2 Employee Tax—Compensation (for tips, see instructions)	\$ _____	× 4.9% =	7
8 Tier 1 Employer Tax—Sick pay	\$ _____	× 6.2% =	8
9 Tier 1 Employer Medicare Tax—Sick pay	\$ _____	× 1.45% =	9
10 Tier 1 Employee Tax—Sick pay	\$ _____	× 6.2% =	10
11 Tier 1 Employee Medicare Tax—Sick pay	\$ _____	× 1.45% =	11
12 Tier 1 Employee Additional Medicare Tax—Sick pay	\$ _____	× 0.9% =	12
13 Total tax based on compensation (add lines 1 through 12)			13
14 Adjustments to employer and employee railroad retirement taxes based on compensation. See the instructions for line 14 and attach required statements. Fractions of Cents \$ _____ ± Other \$ _____ =			14
15 Total railroad retirement taxes based on compensation (line 13 as adjusted by line 14)			15
16 Total railroad retirement tax deposits for the year, including overpayment applied from a prior year and overpayment applied from Form CT-1 X			16
17 Balance due. If line 15 is more than line 16, enter the difference and see the instructions			17
18a Overpayment. If line 16 is more than line 15, enter the difference . . . 18a \$ _____			
18b Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to next return. <input type="checkbox"/> Send a refund.			
18c Routing number (9 digits) _____ 18d Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings			
18e Account number (up to 17 digits) _____			

- **All filers:** If line 15 is less than \$2,500, **don't** complete Part II or Form 945-A.
- **Semiweekly schedule depositors:** Complete Form 945-A and see the Part II instructions on page 2.
- **Monthly schedule depositors:** Complete Part II on page 2.

Third-Party Designee Do you want to allow another person to discuss this return with the IRS? See separate instructions. **Yes.** Complete the following. **No.**

Designee's name	Phone no.	Personal identification number (PIN)
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Sign Here Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature	Print Your Name and Title	Date
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Paid Preparer Use Only

Preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name	Firm's EIN			
Firm's address	Phone no.			

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Part II Record of Railroad Retirement Tax Liability

Complete the Monthly Summary of Railroad Retirement Tax Liability below only if you were a **monthly** schedule depositor for the entire year. Enter your Tier 1 and Tier 2 tax liability on the lines provided for each month.

If you were a **semiweekly** schedule depositor during any part of the year or you accumulated \$100,000 or more on any day during a deposit period, you **must** complete Form 945-A, Annual Record of Federal Tax Liability. **Don't** complete the monthly summary below.

On Form 945-A for each payday, enter the sum of your employee and employer Tier 1 and Tier 2 taxes on the appropriate line.

Your total tax liability for the year (line **V** below or line M on Form 945-A) must equal your total taxes for the year (Form CT-1, line 15).

Note: Federal tax deposits must be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT). An EFT can be made using the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) or your IRS business tax account. For more information about EFTPS or to enroll in EFTPS, go to www.eftps.gov. For more information about making an EFT through your IRS business tax account, go to www.irs.gov/BusinessAccount. See *Depositing Taxes* in the separate instructions for all of the deposit rules.

Monthly Summary of Railroad Retirement Tax Liability

Complete if Part I, line 15, is \$2,500 or more and you were a monthly schedule depositor.

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Date compensation paid:				
First month of quarter:				
Tier 1 and Tier 2 taxes				
I First month liability				
Second month of quarter:				
Tier 1 and Tier 2 taxes				
II Second month liability				
Third month of quarter:				
Tier 1 and Tier 2 taxes				
III Third month liability				
IV Total for quarter—add lines I, II, and III.				
V Total railroad retirement tax liability for the year. This must equal Part I, line 15				

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**Form CT-1(V),
Payment Voucher**

Purpose of Form

Complete Form CT-1(V) if paying your balance due on Form CT-1 by check or money order. We will use the completed Form CT-1(V) to credit your payment more promptly and accurately, and to improve our service to you.

Making Payments With Form CT-1

To avoid a penalty, make a payment with Form CT-1 **only** if one of the following applies.

- Your total railroad retirement taxes for the year (Form CT-1, line 15) are less than \$2,500 and you're paying in full with a timely filed return.
- You're a monthly schedule depositor making a payment in accordance with the accuracy of deposits rule. See the separate instructions for details. This amount may be \$2,500 or more.

Otherwise, you must make deposits by EFT. An EFT can be made using EFTPS or your IRS business tax account. Don't use Form CT-1(V) to make federal tax deposits. Instead of sending Form CT-1(V) with a check or money order, you should pay your balance due by EFT whenever possible. If you pay your balance due by EFT, file your return using the address under *Where To File* in the Instructions for Form CT-1; don't file Form CT-1(V). For more information about EFTPS or to enroll in EFTPS, go to www.eftps.gov. For more information about making an EFT through your IRS business tax account, go to www.irs.gov/BusinessAccount. See *Electronic Deposit Requirement* in the separate instructions for more information on making deposits.

Caution: Use Form CT-1(V) if paying your balance due on Form CT-1 by check or money order. However, if you pay an amount with Form CT-1 that should've been deposited, you may be subject to a penalty. See *Penalties and Interest* in the separate instructions.

Specific Instructions

Box 1 – Employer identification number (EIN). If you don't have an EIN, you may apply for one online by going to www.irs.gov/EIN. You may also apply for an EIN by faxing or mailing Form SS-4 to the IRS. If you haven't received your EIN by the due date of Form CT-1, write "Applied For" and the date you applied in this entry space.

Box 2 – Amount paid. Enter the amount paid with Form CT-1.

Box 3 – Name and address. Enter your business name and address as shown on Form CT-1.

- Enclose your check or money order made payable to "United States Treasury." Be sure to enter your EIN, "Form CT-1," and "2026" on your check or money order. Don't send cash. Don't staple Form CT-1(V) or your payment to Form CT-1 or to each other.

- Detach Form CT-1(V) and send it with your payment and Form CT-1 to the address in the Instructions for Form CT-1.

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Detach Here and Mail With Your Payment and Form CT-1.

Form CT-1(V)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Payment Voucher

OMB No. 1545-0029

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Use this voucher when making a payment with Form CT-1.

<p>1 Enter your employer identification number (EIN).</p>	<p>2 Enter the amount of your payment. Make your check or money order payable to "United States Treasury."</p>	<p>Dollars</p>	<p>Cents</p>
	<p>3 Enter your business name.</p> <p>_____ Enter your address.</p> <p>_____ Enter city or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code.</p>		