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## IRS Creates Online Search Tool for Easier Check On Information About Exempt Organizations

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service has launched a new online search tool, *Exempt Organizations Select Check*, to help users more easily find key information about tax-exempt organizations, such as federal tax status and filings.

Users can now go to [one location](#) on IRS.gov, select a tax-exempt organization, and check if the organization:

- Is eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions (Publication 78 data, which is incorporated here). Users may rely on this list in determining deductibility of contributions (just as they did when Publication 78 was a separate electronic publication rather than part of Select Check).
- Has had its federal tax exemption automatically revoked under the law for not filing a Form 990-series return or notice for three consecutive years (known as the Auto-Revocation List).
- Has filed a Form 990-N (e-Postcard) annual electronic notice. (Most small organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less are required to electronically submit Form 990-N, unless they choose instead to file a completed Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.)

*EO Select Check* also offers improved search functions. For example, users can now look for organizations eligible to receive deductible contributions by Employer Identification Number (EIN), which was previously not a searchable or sortable field in the electronic Publication 78. And data about organizations eligible to receive deductible contributions are now updated monthly, rather than quarterly.

In addition, organizations that have automatically lost their tax exemptions may now be searched by EIN, name, city, state, ZIP Code, country, exemption type, and revocation posting date, rather than only by state. *EO Select Check* also provides new pop-up help text to assist users in understanding the significance of auto-revocation search results, including the meaning of, and distinctions between, revocation dates and revocation posting dates.

*EO Select Check* offers [search tips](#) that provide suggestions on how to use the search application.

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