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Name (as shown on Form 940, 940-PR, 941, 941-PR, 941-SS, 943, 943-PR, 944, or 945)

Employer identification number

Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole dollars only)

Check the box for the return that you'll file using this Form 8453-EMP. Enter the amounts from the applicable lines of the return. If any of the applicable lines on the return are blank, leave line **1b**, **1c**, **2b**, **2c**, **3b**, **3c**, **4b**, **4c**, **5b**, or **5c**, whichever is applicable, blank (don't enter -0-). However, if you entered -0- on the return, enter -0- on the applicable line. Complete a separate Form 8453-EMP for each return.

1a Form 940 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b. Total payments to all employees (Form 940, Part 2, line 3)	1b
(all 940 series)	c. Balance due (Form 940, Part 4, line 14)	1c
2a Form 941 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b. Total taxes after adjustments and credits (Form 941, Part 1, line 12)	2b
(all 941 series)	c. Balance due (Form 941, Part 1, line 14)	2c
3a Form 943 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b. Total wages subject to social security tax (Form 943, line 2)	3b
(all 943 series)	c. Balance due (Form 943, line 15)	3c
4a Form 944 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b. Wages, tips, and other compensation (Form 944, Part 1, line 1)	4b
	c. Balance due (Form 944, Part 1, line 11)	4c
5a Form 945 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b. Total taxes (Form 945, line 3)	5b
	c. Balance due (Form 945, line 5)	5c

Part II Declaration of Taxpayer (see instructions)

- 6a** I'm requesting a refund on Form 940, 940-PR, 941, 941-PR, 941-SS, 943, 943-PR, 944, or 945.
- b** I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed for the return indicated on lines 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at **1-888-353-4537** no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have an approved role (as identified in the instructions for the employment tax return) within the company listed above and the information I've given the electronic return originator (ERO), transmitter, and/or intermediate service provider (ISP) and the amounts in Part I above agree with the amounts on the corresponding return. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the return is true, correct, and complete. I consent to the ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP sending the return, this declaration, and accompanying schedules and statements to the IRS. I also consent to the IRS sending the ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP an acknowledgment of receipt of transmission and an indication of whether or not the return is accepted and, if rejected, the reason(s) for the rejection. If the processing of the return or refund is delayed, I authorize the IRS to disclose to the ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP the reason(s) for the delay, or when the refund was sent.

Sign Here

▶ _____ Taxpayer's signature	▶ _____ Print your name and title	▶ _____ Date
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Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (see instructions)

I declare that I've reviewed the return indicated above and that the entries on Form 8453-EMP are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I'm only a collector, I'm not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The taxpayer will have signed this form before I submit the return. I'll give the taxpayer a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 3112, IRS e-file Application and Participation, and Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-File Providers for Business Returns. If I'm also the paid preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I've examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. This paid preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

ERO's Use Only	ERO's signature ▶ _____	Date _____	Check if also paid preparer <input type="checkbox"/>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	ERO's SSN or PTIN _____
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code ▶ _____	EIN _____	Phone no. _____		

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I've examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. This declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name _____	Preparer's signature _____	Date _____	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN _____
	Firm's name ▶ _____	Firm's EIN ▶ _____			
	Firm's address ▶ _____	Phone no. _____			

Future Developments

For the latest information about developments related to Form 8453-EMP and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/form8453emp.

General Instructions

Note: Instead of filing Form 8453-EMP, a taxpayer filing an employment tax return through an electronic return originator (ERO) can sign the return using a personal identification number (PIN). For details, see Form 8879-EMP, IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Forms 940, 940-PR, 941, 941-PR, 941-SS, 943, 943-PR, 944, and 945.

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8453-EMP to:

- Authenticate an electronic Form 940, 940-PR, 941, 941-PR, 941-SS, 943, 943-PR, 944, or 945;
- Authorize the ERO, if any, to transmit via a third-party transmitter;
- Authorize the intermediate service provider (ISP) to transmit via a third-party transmitter if you're filing online (not using an ERO); and
- Provide the taxpayer's consent to authorize an electronic funds withdrawal for payment of federal taxes owed.

Who Must File

If you're filing Form 940, 940-PR, 941, 941-PR, 941-SS, 943, 943-PR, 944, or 945 through an ISP and/or transmitter and you're not using an ERO, you must file Form 8453-EMP with the electronically filed return. An ERO can use either Form 8453-EMP or Form 8879-EMP to obtain authorization to file Form 940, 940-PR, 941, 941-PR, 941-SS, 943, 943-PR, 944, or 945.

When and Where To File

File Form 8453-EMP with the taxpayer's electronically filed return. Use a scanner to create a Portable Document Format (PDF) file of the completed form. Your tax preparation software will allow you to transmit this PDF with the return.

Specific Instructions

Name. Print or type the taxpayer's name as shown on Form 940, 940-PR, 941, 941-PR, 941-SS, 943, 943-PR, 944, or 945.

Employer identification number (EIN). Enter the EIN as shown on Form 940, 940-PR, 941, 941-PR, 941-SS, 943, 943-PR, 944, or 945.

Part II. Declaration of Taxpayer

If the taxpayer has a balance due on line 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, or 5c and the taxpayer **didn't** check box 6b, the taxpayer must use the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) to pay the tax. For more information on deposits, see the instructions for the tax form the taxpayer is filing.

If the taxpayer checks box 6b, the taxpayer must ensure that the following information relating to the financial institution account is provided in the tax preparation software.

- Routing number and account number.
- Type of account (checking or savings).
- Debit amount.
- Debit date (date the taxpayer wants the debit to occur).

An electronically transmitted return won't be considered complete, and therefore filed, unless either:

- Form 8453-EMP is signed by the taxpayer, scanned into a PDF file, and transmitted with the return; or
- The return is filed through an ERO and Form 8879-EMP is used to select a PIN that is used to electronically sign the return.

The taxpayer's signature allows the IRS to disclose to the ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP:

- An acknowledgement that the IRS has accepted the electronically filed return, and
- The reason(s) for any delay in processing the return or refund.

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

Note: If the return is filed online through an ISP and/or transmitter (not using an ERO), don't complete Part III.

If the taxpayer's return is filed through an ERO, the IRS requires the ERO's signature. A paid preparer, if any, must sign Form 8453-EMP in the space for Paid Preparer Use Only. But if the paid preparer is also the ERO, don't complete the paid preparer section. Instead, check the box labeled "Check if also paid preparer."

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

Use of PTIN

Paid preparers. Anyone who is paid to prepare the taxpayer's return must enter their preparer tax identification number (PTIN) in Part III. The PTIN entered must have been issued after September 27, 2010. For information on applying for and receiving a PTIN, see Form W-12 or visit www.irs.gov/ptin.

EROs who aren't paid preparers. Only EROs who aren't also the paid preparer of the return have the option to enter their PTIN or their social security number in the "ERO's Use Only" section of Part III. If the PTIN is entered, it must have been issued after September 27, 2010. For information on applying for and receiving a PTIN, see Form W-12 or visit www.irs.gov/ptin.

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice. We ask for the information on Form 8453-EMP to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You're required to give us the information. We need it to ensure that you're complying with these laws and to allow us to figure and collect the right amount of tax. Section 6109 requires EROs to provide their identifying numbers on the return.

You're not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by Internal Revenue Code section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

Recordkeeping	2 hr., 9 min.
Learning about the law or the form	6 min.
Preparing, copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS	8 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making Form 8453-EMP simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can send us comments from www.irs.gov/formspubs. Click on *More Information* and then click on *Give us feedback*. Or you can send your comments to Internal Revenue Service, Tax Forms and Publications Division, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526, Washington, DC 20224. Don't send Form 8453-EMP to this address. Instead, see *When and Where To File* on this page.