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▶ **ERO must obtain and retain completed Form 8879-PE.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form8879PE for the latest information.**

2020

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2020, or tax year beginning _____, 2020, and ending _____, 20_____.

Name of partnership _____

Employer identification number _____

Part I Tax Return Information (Whole dollars only)

1	Gross receipts or sales less returns and allowances (Form 1065, line 1c)	1
2	Gross profit (Form 1065, line 3)	2
3	Ordinary business income (loss) (Form 1065, line 22)	3
4	Net rental real estate income (loss) (Form 1065, Schedule K, line 2)	4
5	Other net rental income (loss) (Form 1065, Schedule K, line 3c)	5

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Partner or Member
(Be sure to get a copy of the partnership's return.)

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am a partner or member of the above partnership and that I have examined a copy of the partnership's 2020 electronic return of partnership income and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amounts in Part I above are the amounts shown on the copy of the partnership's electronic return of partnership income. I consent to allow my electronic return originator (ERO), transmitter, or intermediate service provider to send the partnership's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission and (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the partnership's electronic return of partnership income.

Partner's or Member's PIN: check one box only

- I authorize _____ to enter my PIN

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 as my signature

ERO firm name

Don't enter all zeros

on the partnership's 2020 electronically filed return of partnership income.
- As a partner or member of the partnership, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the partnership's 2020 electronically filed return of partnership income.

Partner's or member's signature ▶ _____
Title ▶ _____ Date ▶ _____

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit EFIN followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

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Don't enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2020 electronically filed return of partnership income for the partnership indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **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.

ERO's signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ _____

ERO Must Retain This Form — See Instructions
Don't Submit This Form to the IRS Unless Requested To Do So

Future Developments

For the latest information about developments related to Form 8879-PE and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/Form8879PE.

Purpose of Form

A partner or member and an electronic return originator (ERO) use Form 8879-PE when the partner or member wants to use a personal identification number (PIN) to electronically sign a partnership's electronic return of partnership income. A partner or member who doesn't use Form 8879-PE must use Form 8453-PE, U.S. Partnership Declaration for an IRS *e-file* Return. For more information, see the instructions for Form 8453-PE.

Administrative Adjustment Requests.

The partnership representative must sign the form if you are filing the Form 1065 as part of an Administrative Adjustment Request (AAR) under the centralized partnership audit regime. See Form 8082.

Don't send this form to the IRS. The ERO must retain Form 8879-PE.

ERO Responsibilities

The ERO must:

- Enter the name and employer identification number of the partnership at the top of the form;
- Complete Part I using the amounts (zero may be entered when appropriate) from the partnership's 2020 return of partnership income;
- Enter on the authorization line in Part II the ERO firm name (not the name of the individual preparing the return) if the ERO is authorized to enter the partner's or member's PIN;
- Give the partner or member Form 8879-PE for completion and review by hand delivery, U.S. mail, private delivery service, email, Internet website, or fax; and
- Complete Part III, including a signature and date.



The ERO must receive the completed and signed Form 8879-PE from the partner or member before the electronic return is transmitted (or released for transmission).

Partner or Member Responsibilities

The partner or member must:

- Verify the accuracy of the partnership's return of partnership income;
- Check the appropriate box in Part II to either authorize the ERO to enter the partner's or member's PIN or choose to enter it in person;
- Indicate or verify his or her PIN when authorizing the ERO to enter it (the PIN must be *five* digits other than all zeros);
- Sign, date, and enter his or her title in Part II; and
- Return the completed Form 8879-PE to the ERO by hand delivery, U.S. mail, private delivery service, email, Internet website, or fax.

The partnership's return won't be transmitted to the IRS until the ERO receives the partner's or member's signed Form 8879-PE.

Important Notes for EROs

- Don't send Form 8879-PE to the IRS unless requested to do so. Retain the completed Form 8879-PE for 3 years from the return due date or IRS received date, whichever is later. Form 8879-PE can be retained electronically in accordance with the recordkeeping guidelines in Rev. Proc. 97-22, which is on page 9 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 1997-13 at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb97-13.pdf.
- Enter the partner's or member's PIN on the input screen only if the partner or member has authorized you to do so.
- Provide the partner or member with a copy of the signed Form 8879-PE upon request.

- Provide the partner or member with a corrected copy of the Form 8879-PE if changes are made to the return (for example, based on the partner's or member's review).
- See Pub. 4163 for more information.

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The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated burden for business taxpayers filing this form is approved under OMB control number 1545-0123 and is included in the estimates shown in the instructions for their business income tax return.

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