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Schedule R (Form 941): Allocation Schedule for Aggregate Form 941 Filers

(Rev. January 2017)

Department of the Treasury — Internal Revenue Service

OMB No. 1545-0029

950417

Employer identification number (EIN) -

Name as shown on Form 941

Type of filer (check one): Section 3504 Agent Certified Professional Employer Organization (CPEO)

Report for calendar year:

Check the quarter (same as Form 941):

1: January, February, March

2: April, May, June

3: July, August, September

4: October, November, December

Read the instructions before you complete Schedule R. Type or print within the boxes. Complete a separate line for the amounts allocated to each of your clients. The term "client" as used on this form includes the term "customer." See the instructions.

(a) Client's Employer identification number (EIN)	(b) Type of wages, tips, and other compensation (CPEO Use Only)	(c) Wages, tips, and other compensation allocated to the listed client EIN from Form 941, line 2	(d) Federal income tax withheld from wages, tips, and other compensation allocated to the listed client EIN from Form 941, line 3	(e) Total social security and Medicare taxes allocated to the listed client EIN from Form 941, line 5e	(f) Section 3121(q) Notice and Demand-Tax due on unreported tips allocated to the listed client EIN from Form 941, line 5f	(g) Qualified small business payroll tax credit for increasing research activities allocated to the listed client EIN from Form 941, line 11	(h) Total taxes after adjustments and credits allocated to the listed client EIN from Form 941, line 12	(i) Total deposits from Form 941, line 13, plus any payments made with the return allocated to the listed client EIN
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11	Subtotals for clients. Add all amounts on lines 1 through 10
12	Enter the combined subtotal from line 24 of all Continuation Sheets for Schedule R
13	Enter Form 941 amounts for your employees
14	Totals. Add lines 11, 12, and 13. The column totals must match the related lines on the aggregate Form 941.

Continuation Sheet for Schedule R (Form 941)

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24	Subtotals for clients. Add lines 1 through 23. Include the subtotals from line 24 on line 12 of Schedule R.

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future Developments

For the latest information about developments related to Schedule R and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/form941.

What's New

A certified professional employer organization (CPEO) must attach Schedule R to its aggregate Form 941, Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return.

General Instructions

Purpose of Schedule R

Use Schedule R to allocate the aggregate information reported on Form 941 to each client. The term "client" as used in these instructions includes the term "customer." A "customer" is any person who enters into a contract that meets the requirements under section 7705(e)(2) with a CPEO. If you have more than 10 clients, complete as many continuation sheets as necessary. Attach Schedule R, including any continuation sheets, to your aggregate Form 941.

Who Must File?

You must complete Schedule R each time you file an aggregate Form 941. Aggregate Forms 941 are filed by agents approved by the IRS under section 3504. Aggregate Forms 941 are also filed by CPEOs certified by the IRS under section 7705. To request approval to act as an agent for an employer, you must file Form 2678, Employer/Payer Appointment of Agent, with the IRS. On Schedule R, we call those employers your clients. Form 2678 must be previously filed and approved by the IRS before filing Schedule R. To become a CPEO, you must apply through the IRS Online Registration System. Visit IRS.gov and enter "CPEO" in the search box for more information. Also, a CPEO must file Form 8973, Certified Professional Employer Organization/ Customer Reporting Agreement, for each client before filing an aggregate Form 941.

When Must You File?

If you are an aggregate Form 941 filer, file Schedule R with your aggregate Form 941 every quarter. Agents may file Form 941 and Schedule R electronically or by paper submission. However, CPEOs must file Form 941 and Schedule R electronically.

Specific Instructions

Completing Schedule R

Enter Your Business Information

Carefully enter your EIN and the name of your business at the top of the schedule. Make sure they exactly match the EIN and name shown on the attached Form 941. Check one of the "Type of filer" boxes to tell us if you are a section 3504 agent or a CPEO.

Calendar Year

Enter the calendar year that applies to the quarter checked.

Check the Box for the Quarter

Check the appropriate box of the quarter for which you are filing Schedule R. Make sure the quarter checked on the top of the Schedule R matches the quarter checked on the attached Form 941.

Client and Employee Information

On Schedule R, including any continuation sheets, you must report the following for each client.

Note: When entering amounts over 999.99 on Schedule R, don't enter commas.

Column a. The client's EIN.

Column b (CPEO Use Only). Type of wages, tips, and other compensation. Enter a code to report the type of wages, tips, and other compensation paid to the individual(s) performing services for the client. If you paid more than one type of wages, tips, or other compensation, you must use more than one line to report for that client and enter the applicable code for each line. The following three codes are the only entries that can be made in column b.

- A: Wages, tips, and other compensation paid under section 3511(a)
- B: Wages, tips, and other compensation paid under section 3511(c)
- C: Wages, tips, and other compensation paid as an agent under Regulations section 31.3504-1 or 31.3504-2.

Column c. Wages, tips, and other compensation allocated to the listed client EIN from Form 941, line 2.

Column d. Total income tax withheld from wages, tips, and other compensation allocated to the listed client EIN from Form 941, line 3.

Column e. Total social security and Medicare taxes allocated to the listed client EIN from Form 941, line 5e. This amount includes Additional Medicare Tax withholding.

Column f. Section 3121(q) Notice and Demand—Tax due on unreported tips allocated to the listed client EIN from Form 941, line 5f.

Column g. Qualified small business payroll tax credit for increasing research activities allocated to the listed client EIN from Form 941, line 11. You must attach a separate Form 8974 for each client claiming this credit.

Column h. Total taxes after adjustments and credits allocated to the listed client EIN from Form 941, line 12.

Column i. Total deposits from Form 941, line 13, plus any payments made with the return allocated to the listed client EIN.

You must also report the same information for your employees on Schedule R, line 13.

Compare the total of each column on Schedule R, line 14 (including your information on line 13), to the amounts reported on the aggregate Form 941. For each column total of Schedule R, the relevant line from Form 941 is noted in the column heading.

The totals on Schedule R, line 14, must match the totals on Form 941. If the totals don't match, there is an error that must be corrected before submitting Form 941 and Schedule R.

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

- Recordkeeping** 12 hr., 26 min.
- Learning about the law or the form** 12 min.
- Preparing, copying, and assembling the form** 24 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making Schedule R 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 *Comment on Tax Forms and Publications*. 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 Schedule R to this address. Instead, see *Where Should You File?* in the Instructions for Form 941.