Reminder: Do Not Include Social Security Numbers on Publicly Disclosed Forms

Because the IRS is required to disclose approved exemption applications and information returns, exempt organizations should not include Social Security numbers on these forms. Documents subject to disclosure include supporting documents filed with the form, and correspondence with the IRS about the filing.

Changes for Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Change of Mailing Address

The mailing address shown on Form 1023 Checklist, page 28, the first address under the last checkbox; and in the Instructions for Form 1023, page 4 under Where To File, has been changed to:

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 12192
Covington, KY 41012-0192

To file using a private delivery service, mail to:

201 West Rivercenter Blvd.
Attn: Extracting Stop 312
Covington, KY 41011

Changes for Parts IX and X

Changes to Parts IX and X are necessary to comply with new regulations that eliminated the advance ruling process. Until Form 1023 is revised to reflect this change, please follow the directions on this notice when completing Part IX and Part X of Form 1023. For more information about the elimination of the advance ruling process, visit us at IRS.gov. In the top right “Search” box, type "Elimination of the Advance Ruling Process" (exactly as written) and select “Search.”

Part IX. Financial Data

The instructions at the top of Part IX on page 9 of Form 1023 are now as follows. For purposes of this schedule, years in existence refer to completed tax years.

1. If in existence less than 5 years, complete the statement for each year in existence and provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of:

   a. Three years of financial information if you have not completed one tax year, or
   b. Four years of financial information if you have completed one tax year.
2. If in existence 5 or more years, complete the schedule for the most recent 5 tax years. You will need to provide a separate statement that includes information about the most recent 5 tax years because the data table in Part IX has not been updated to provide for a 5th year.

Part X. Public Charity Status
Do not complete line 6a on page 11 of Form 1023, and do not sign the form under the heading “Consent Fixing Period of Limitations Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the Internal Revenue Code.”

Only complete line 6b and line 7 on page 11 of Form 1023, if in existence 5 or more tax years.

Part XI. Increase in User Fees
User fee increases are effective for all applications postmarked after January 3, 2010.

1. $400 for organizations whose gross receipts do not exceed $10,000 or less annually over a 4-year period.
2. $850 for organizations whose gross receipts exceed $10,000 annually over a 4-year period.

For the current user fee amounts, go to IRS.gov and in the “Search” box at the top right of the page, enter “Exempt Organizations User Fees.” You can also call 1-877-829-5500.

Application for reinstatement and retroactive reinstatement. An organization must apply to have its tax-exempt status reinstated if it was automatically revoked for failure to file a return or notice for three consecutive years. The organization must:

(1) Complete and file Form 1023 if applying under section 501(c)(3) or Form 1024 if applying under a different Code section;
(2) Pay the appropriate user fee and enclose it with the application;
(3) Write “Automatically Revoked” at the top of the application and mailing envelope; and
(4) Submit a written statement supporting its request if applying for retroactive reinstatement.

If the application is approved, the date of reinstatement generally will be the postmark date of the application, unless the organization qualifies for retroactive reinstatement. Alternate submissions and standards apply for retroactive reinstatement back to the date of automatic revocation. See Notice 2011-44, 2011-25 I.R.B. 883, at http://www.irs.gov/irb/2011-25_IRB/ar10.html, for details.
Appendix A. Sample Conflict of Interest Policy

Appendix A, Sample Conflict of Interest Policy, is only intended to provide an example of a conflict of interest policy for organizations. The sample conflict of interest policy does not prescribe any specific requirements. Therefore, organizations should use a conflict of interest policy that best fits their organization.