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# Chapter 1: Introduction

# **Purpose of the System**

The Qualified Intermediary (QI), Withholding Foreign Partnership (WP) and Withholding Foreign Trust (WT) Application and Account Management System (hereafter referred to as QI/WP/WT system), is a secure web-based platform that enables users to: apply to become a QI, WP, or WT; renew, certify, or terminate an existing QI, WP, or WT agreement; and manage their QI, WP or WT information online.

This user guide provides guidance on how to:

- Access the QI/WP/WT system
- Apply for QI, WP, or WT status
- Renew agreement
- Certify agreement
- Edit an application or renewal
- Submit a notice of termination

More information about QIs, WPs, and WTs can be found on IRS.gov.

# **System Users**

A QI is a person who has in effect a withholding agreement with the IRS to be treated as a qualified intermediary and acts as a qualified intermediary. A WP is a foreign partnership that has in effect a withholding agreement with the IRS to be treated as a withholding foreign partnership. A WT is a foreign simple or granter trust that has in effect a withholding agreement with the IRS to be treated as a withholding foreign trust. Each QI/WP/WT account in the QI/WP/WT system is required to specify the following authorized users: one responsible officer and one contact person, and up to two optional powers of attorney.

Authorized users of the QI/WP/WT system are individuals that have an existing QI, WP, or WT agreement, or wish to apply for QI, WP, or WT status. These authorized users will generally be executives, tax personnel and attorneys of foreign financial institutions (although some are non-financial institutions) and their powers of attorney (POAs). Each authorized user will need their own login account to access the QI/WP/WT system and will be recorded as a responsible officer, contact person or power of attorney on one or more QI/WP/WT accounts.

# **System Requirements**

- To avoid errors while using the QI/WP/WT system:
  - Use the compatible browsers listed in the QI/WP/WT System FAQs.
  - Always access the QI/WP/WT system from the QI/WP/WT system landing page and save this as a bookmark/favorite URL for your future login sessions.
  - Access the QI/WP/WT system by using only one tab of a compatible internet browser. Do not use more than one tab or internet browser window to conduct the same QI/WP/WT session.
  - Do not use accented or non-U.S. keyboard characters to enter data into the QI/WP/WT system.
  - Do not use a team or shared email address whenever prompted for a user's email address. The email address must be unique to the user.

- A user's contact information (particularly their email address, first name (given name), last name (family name)) must be the same throughout the QI/WP/WT system, including the user's login account and contact information on all the user's QI/WP/WT account(s).
- To receive notifications regarding the QI/WP/WT account, add FATCA-QI-donot-reply@irs.gov to your email contact list to make sure emails do not go to your spam or junk mail folder.
- More information about general system requirements, account creation and notification, statuses, editing, renewal, certifications, and other topics can be found on the QI/WP/WT System FAQs.

# Chapter 2: How to Login

# Accessing the QI/WP/WT system

To access the QI/WP/WT system, each user must have their own unique login account and contact information (particularly their email address) and must not be shared with others. Each QI/WP/WT account in the QI/WP/WT system will have one responsible officer and one contact person and up to two optional powers of attorney (POA) as authorized users. After a user's login account is authenticated, the user will be authorized to access one or more QI/WP/WT accounts only if:

- a. The user is recorded as a responsible officer, contact person, or power of attorney on the QI/ WP/WT account(s); and
- b. The user's login account information (email address, first name (given name), and last name (family name)) is identical to what is recorded for the user's contact information on all of their QI/ WP/WT account(s).

**Step 1:** Before accessing the QI/WP/WT system, review the **System Requirements** in the previous chapter for important system guidelines and how to avoid errors.

**Step 2:** Use a compatible internet browser and start from the **QI/WP/WT system landing page**. This page is frequently updated with important news and announcements such as system outages or critical deadlines, the latest versions of the **QI/WP/WT System FAQs**, this **QI/WP/WT system user guide**, and other QI/WP/WT resources. It is recommended that you bookmark only this page to access the QI/WP/WT system.

#### Step 3: Click Login.

Step 4: Select your login option on the Sign In or Create a New Account.

**Step 5:** An authorized user must have their own login account to access the QI/WP/WT the system. Only one login account is needed per authorized user even if the authorized user is associated with one or more QI/WP/WT account(s). The login account cannot be shared with other users. If you do not have an existing login account, select an option under Create a New Account. Otherwise select an option under **Sign In with an existing account**.

**IMPORTANT:** Ensure that the primary email address recorded on your login account is identical to the email address recorded on your QI/WP/WT account(s), otherwise you will not be able to access those QI/WP/WT account(s) if there is a mismatch. Also do not specify a team or shared emailed address in the QI/WP/WT system, otherwise access to your QI/WP/WT account(s) will be removed. Refer to the QI/WP/WT System FAQs for instructions on how to maintain your login account's email address including how to specify your login account's primary email address and reset password.

**Step 6:** If prompted you must select one of the available multi-factor authentications (MFAs) to complete your login. Refer to the **QI/WP/WT System FAQs** for more information about MFAs. Continue with the remaining login pages until **THIS U.S. GOVERNMENT SYSTEM IS FOR AUTHORIZED USE ONLY!** Page is displayed.

**Step 7:** Click OK. Your login has been authenticated successfully and you may continue to the next section to access your QI/WP/WT account(s).

# Accessing QI/WP/WT account(s) after login

**Step 1:** If you have not entered the QI/WP/WT system yet, follow the steps in **Accessing the QI/WP/ WT system** to authenticate your login account to the QI/WP/WT system.

#### Step 2: Read and follow the instructions carefully on Confirm Your Contact Information.

An authorized user's contact information (particularly their email address, first name (given name), and last name (family name)) must be consistent throughout the QI/WP/WT system for the user. After the user's login account has been authenticated, the user will be authorized and granted access to their QI/WP/WT account(s) only if all the user contact information listed below have been confirmed to be identical between the user's login account and what is recorded as the user's contact information on their QI/WP/WT account(s):

- Email address the user must confirm that this primary email address from the user's login account is identical to the user's contact information (email address) as recorded on their QI/WP/WT account(s). You must also ensure that this email address is unique to the user and is not a shared or team email address, otherwise access to the QI/WP/WT entity account(s) will be removed. This email address must be the same on all the user's QI/WP/WT account(s).
- First Name (Given Name) the user must confirm the spelling of their first name (given name) so that it is identical to the user's contact information (first name (given name)) as recorded on their QI/WP/WT account(s). Avoid mistakes by being consistent on whether to include the user's second name or middle name or not for all their QI/WP/WT account(s), e.g., Mary vs. Mary Ellen. This first name (given name) must be the same on all the user's QI/WP/WT account(s).
- Last Name (Family Name) the user must confirm the spelling of their last name (family name) so that it is identical to the user's contact information (last name (family name)) as recorded on their QI/WP/WT account(s). Avoid mistakes by being consistent on whether to include the user's middle name or maiden name or not for all their QI/WP/WT account(s), e.g., Martinez vs. Gonzalez Martinez. This last name (family name) must be the same on all the user's QI/WP/WT account(s).

**IMPORTANT:** Any mismatch in the above contact information (email address, first name (given name), last name (family name)) will prevent the user from accessing their QI/WP/WT account(s) even after a successful login. This page will determine whether the user is authorized to access previously created QI/WP/WT account(s) on the next page. If your QI/WP/WT account has not yet been created by either you or one of your colleagues, then the QI/WP/WT account can be created on the next page, however you must pre-coordinate the creation of any QI/WP/WT account with your colleagues to avoid creating duplicate QI/WP/WT accounts and incorrectly recording your authorized users' contact information.

#### Step 3: Click Next.

Step 4: On Select the QI, WP, or WT account, QI/WP/WT account(s) will be listed under Select the QI, WP, or WT account you need to access only if the user's contact information (email address, first name (given name), last name (family name)) as recorded on those QI/WP/WT account(s) matches the user's login account information depicted on the previous page. Select a QI/WP/WT account in the list to access its homepage.

**Step 5:** If the QI/WP/WT account you want to access is not in the list, select I want to access an account not listed above either to create the new QI/WP/WT account but only after you have precoordinated its creation with your colleagues so as to avoid creating duplicate QI/WP/WT accounts, or specify the Entity ID of a previously created QI/WP/WT account.

Step 6: If you have the Entity ID of the QI/WP/WT account that was previously created by you or one of your authorized users, select **Existing account**, input that Entity ID and click Next. You should see

the Entity's homepage if your contact information (email address, first name (given name), last name (family name)) on the Entity ID matches your login account.

If you get an error stating **You are Not Authorized to Access this Account**, then it is because you mistyped the Entity ID, the Entity ID does not exist in the system because it has not been created previously by you or one of your authorized users, you are currently not listed as one of the authorized users, or your contact information (email address, first name (given name), last name (family name)) does not match what is recorded on that Entity ID. To resolve this error, follow the instructions on the page including:

- Confirm that you entered the correct digits for the Entity ID if you know that it was already created by you or one of your authorized users. Select **Re-enter Entity ID** to try again.
- Confirm that the Entity ID has already been created previously either by you or one of your authorized users. If so, confirm that your contact information (particularly your email address, first name (given name), last name (family name)) on that Entity ID is identical to what you confirmed on Confirm Your Contact Information. Select Reconfirm your contact information to try again but only after you have confirmed how your contact information (email address, first name (given name), last name (family name)) is recorded on that Entity ID.
- If the Entity ID has not been previously created by you or one of your authorized users, then follow Preparation to create a new QI/WP/WT account.

Step 7: If you determined that the QI/WP/WT account has not yet been created either by you or one of your authorized users, then select Create a new account and continue to **Preparation to create a new QI/WP/WT account**.

**Step 8:** If you want to access another QI/WP/WT account without having to logout of the QI/WP/WT system, simply select switch account at the top-right of the page. Then continue with the earlier step for **Select the QI, WP, or WT account**.

#### Preparation to create a new QI/WP/WT account

**IMPORTANT:** If you want to create a new QI/WP/WT account, you must ensure that it has not been created yet by your other authorized users otherwise duplicate QI/WP/WT accounts will be created in error and you may get the 'The system cannot process this EIN' error when you attempt to create the duplicate QI/WP/WT account. To avoid creating duplicate QI/WP/WT accounts you must pre-coordinate their creation in the QI/WP/WT system by gathering the following information about the QI/WP/WT account to be created:

**Step 1:** Determine the authorized users which are the responsible officer, contact person, and up to two optional powers of attorney who will have access to the QI/WP/WT account.

**Step 2:** Obtain contact information for the authorized users: exact spelling of last name (family name), exact spelling of first name (given name), business telephone number, business fax number, and business email address (must be unique to the individual. Do not use a team or shared email address for any individual otherwise access to the QI/WP/WT account will be removed).

**IMPORTANT:** Confirm the spelling of the user's last name (family name), first name (given name), and email address entered by each individual when creating their own login account because the spelling must match what you will record as the user's contact information on the QI/WP/WT account. Any mismatch will prevent the user from accessing the QI/WP/WT account. Review the System Requirements in the previous chapter for additional guidelines.

Step 3: Gather entity information including:

- Legal name of entity
- QI, WP, WT EIN for entities with a current QI, WP, or WT agreement
- Agreement type (QI, WP, or WT) or not applicable if no agreement is in place
- FATCA ID for entities that also have a FATCA Registration account

**Step 4:** Determine each authorized user's login account. Each user must have their own login account to access the QI/WP/WT system. The login account cannot be shared with other users. The email address must be unique to each user. **Refer to Accessing the QI/WP/WT system** for more information on creating your login account.

**Step 5:** To avoid creating duplicate QI/WP/WT accounts, only one of the authorized users must create the QI/WP/WT account. The remaining authorized users will access the newly created QI/WP/WT account by using the entity ID given to them by the user who creates the QI/WP/WT account and following the instructions at **Accessing QI/WP/WT account(s) after login.** 

Step 6: Continue with Creating a new QI/WP/WT account after login.

### Creating a new QI/WP/WT account after login

Step 1: Follow the instructions at **Preparation to Create a new QI/WP/WT account.** Then continue to the next step below.

**Step 2:** Follow the instructions at Accessing QI/WP/WT account(s) after login. Then continue to the next step below.

**Step 3:** Select I want to access an account not listed above and select Create a new account to create the new QI/WP/WT account.

**Step 4:** Indicate your role from the drop-down list. Enter contact information for all users based on the information you gathered from Preparation to Create a new QI/WP/WT account, including if you are identifying one or more individuals with power of attorney. Identified individuals will be the only authorized users who can access the entity account. Do not use the entity's name or email address as contact information for any users. A user's contact information (particularly the user's email address, first name (given name), last name (family name)) must be unique to that user and not shared with others. Do not specify a team or shared email address for any user, otherwise access to the entity account will be removed. If you want a third-party representative to complete your application or renewal, you must designate the representative as an individual with power of attorney and upload **Form 2848** with your application or renewal.

**IMPORTANT:** In order for your authorized users to be granted access to the QI/WP/WT account, you must follow the instructions at **Accessing QI/WP/WT account(s) after login** to ensure that your authorized users' contact information (email address, first name (given name), last name (family name)) is consistent throughout the QI/WP/WT system. Any mismatch in a user's contact information will prevent the user from accessing the QI/WP/WT account.

**Step 5:** The system displays your entity ID. Be sure to record your entity ID and provide it to any authorized users. Your authorized users will need this Entity ID to gain access to this QI/WP/WT account.

**IMPORTANT:** Your remaining authorized users do not need to create another QI/WP/WT account because they will use the Entity ID that you provide to them to gain access to the same QI/WP/WT account by following the instructions at **Accessing QI/WP/WT account(s) after login**.

**Step 6:** Identify if you have a FATCA registration account and wish to populate in the QI/WP/WT system the "legal name of entity," the "country/jurisdiction of organization," and any branches that maintain a QI status.

Step 7: If you have a FATCA registration account, enter your FATCA ID.

You can look up your FATCA ID on IRS.gov.

Step 8: Enter or update the "legal name of entity."

**Step 9:** Select if you have an existing QI, WP, or WT agreement. If you are creating this entity account to become a WP Compliance (only) Entity, select "Not applicable (no current withholding agreement)" from the drop down list. An additional question will appear asking if you are creating this account to become a WP Compliance Entity.

**Step 10:** If you have an existing QI, WP, or WT agreement, provide your QI-EIN, WP-EIN, or WT-EIN. This question will not appear for WP compliance entities. The system will direct you to your home page. You have successfully created an entity account.

**IMPORTANT:** The error '**The system cannot process this EIN**' will be displayed if you specified a QI-EIN, WP-EIN or WT-EIN that has already been associated with another QI/WP/WT account. This means that the QI WP/WT account has already been created by one of your authorized users therefore contact the responsible officer or contact person who created that QI/WP/WT account for the Entity ID and follow the instructions at Accessing QI/WP/WT account(s) after login to get access to that QI/WP/WT account.

# Chapter 3: Page Features

The following links and other common features make it easy to navigate through the QI/WP/WT system.

#### Table 1: Common navigation features

Item	Details
Asterisk *	Indicates a required field
Back Button	The back button does not save anything typed within the field when leaving the page. If you Back Button encounter a UI-1000 or 1002 error, select the back button within the browser then continue with the actions you were taking before running into the issue.
Drop down list arrow	Click the arrow to view drop down list options
Help icon	Click the question mark to view additional information/instructions, as well as character requirement rules for each field
Help link Lists	Lists available assistance options, including link to report technical issues
Home link	Returns you to the home page
Progress bar	Identifies current part and displays the step within that part
Security profile link	Displays page to manage your user profile
Switch account	Access a different account of which you are an authorized user

# **Numerical Fields**

Within the system only use whole numbers. Certain numerical fields only allow numbers to be input, so if you put a decimal amount into a numerical field, the system will remove it and not remove the numbers following the decimals or round the number to the nearest whole number. Numbers entered in non-American formats may not be processed correctly in monetary numeric fields. Only enter valid values (0-9). Make sure to verify all input numbers with each page and in your review process to ensure the correct numbers are being saved.

# **Account Home Page**

Your home page serves as a central location for accessing account information and making changes to your account. There are four sections of the home page: Profile Information, Message Board, View History, and Activity Center. The home page sections and options displayed are based on your status.



Figure 1: Sample home page

# **Profile Information**

The profile information section displays information such as status, important dates, entity ID, and contact details. This section will display information when an entity must renew or certify its agreement. The system's help icons provide more information about the terms in the profile information section.

# **Message Board**

The message board section displays messages containing important information about your account. When a message is posted, an email notification will be sent to the responsible officer, contact person, and individuals with power of attorney (if applicable). View a message by clicking the title link. Messages cannot be deleted.

## **View History**

The view history section displays links to your submitted application, renewal of agreement, certification of agreement, and notice of termination (if applicable). Users should look here to view statuses of current and past submissions. Submissions will appear on the table in chronological order with the latest submission at the top of the list.

### **Activity Center**

The activity center section displays links to manage your account. From here you can view your QI-EIN, WP-EIN or WT-EIN, edit information, begin an application, renew an agreement, certify an agreement, submit a notice of termination, and more. The options displayed are based on the entity status.

Category	Activity Center Option	Description of Option
Account Actions	Manage contact information (Not available to POAs)	Edit information for responsible officer (RO), contact person (CP), and individuals with power of attorney (POA)
	Update account information	Edit key information after approval of QI, WP, or WT agreement
	Branch information (QI applicants only)	Add, edit, and delete branch information
	PAI agreement information (QI applicants only)	Add and delete private arrangement intermediary (PAI) agreement information
	EIN information	View QI-EIN, WP-EIN, or WT-EIN
Application Options	Apply for QI, WP, or WT status	Complete and apply
	Edit application	Edit a submitted application prior to approval
	Withdraw application	Withdraw a submitted application
Renewal of	Renew agreement	Complete and submit a renewal of agreement
Agreement Options	Edit renewal of agreement	Edit a submitted renewal of agreement prior to approval
	Withdraw renewal of agreement	Withdraw a submitted renewal of agreement
Certification	QI, WP, or WT certification	Complete and submit a certification
Options	Final certification	Complete and submit a final certification
	Edit certification	Edit a submitted certification prior to IRS review
	Apply to create a consolidated compliance group (CCG)	Complete and apply to create a CCG
	Request to update CCG	Complete and submit a request to update an existing CCG
	Request to terminate CCG	Complete and submit a request to terminate an existing CCG
Termination Options	Notice of termination	Submit a notice of termination for an approved QI, WP or WT agreement

 Table 2: Home page activity center options

# Chapter 4: File Upload

Depending on the activity you are performing, you may be required to upload associated documents. The file upload feature may be used to upload supporting documents in instances you believe a response to a question \requires further explanation. This includes instances in which a text box, provided for further explanation, does not allow for inputting of enough characters for a complete answer. Entities may upload a maximum of ten files per application, renewal, certification, or CCG request. The most up to date forms required for file uploads can be found on IRS.gov. Compliance QI/WP entities and WP compliance (only) Entities may upload up to 500 files for a certification.

Type of file	Applies to
Description of account opening procedures	All entity types
Description of business activity	All entity types
Description of why applicant is eligible entity	QDDs
Description of systems or procedures to test, track, and report QDD transactions	QDDs
Events of default under QI/WP/WT agreement and resolution	All entity types - Only if applicant (or any related entity) has been in default of its QI agreement
Form 2848 – Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative	All entity types - Only if applicant designates an individual with power of attorney (POA)
Form SS-4 – Application for Employer Identification Number*	All entity types

#### Table 3: Common file uploads for application and renewal

\* Denotes required file for applications.

**Note:** If you provided power of attorney information when creating the account, Form 2848, *Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative*, must be uploaded.

For additional information on commonly uploaded files when completing your certification see the **Certification Chapter**.

#### To upload a file:

- Step 1: Select the type of file from the drop-down list. Select "other" if none of the options apply.
- Step 2: If other, enter a brief description of the file.
- Step 3: Select the file to attach by clicking Browse and navigating to the file's location on your computer.
- Step 4: Click Upload File.
- Step 5: Your uploaded files will appear on the table at the bottom of the page.

General Information	(Part 1) 🔿 QI/WP/WT	T Information (Part 2) 🔿 QDD Information (Part 3) 🔿 Additional Information (Part 4) 🔿 Step 2 of 2 - Upload Files	omit (Part
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# Figure 2: Upload files

The table below lists possible errors you may encounter when uploading a file.

### Table 4: Upload error messages

Error Type	Next Steps
File is not in an acceptable file format	Upload the corrected file in one of the accepted formats: PDF, DOC, DOCX, JPG, PNG, TXT or XLS, XLSX.
File contains a virus/security threat	Create and upload a new file.
File does not use correct naming convention	Upload the file with a filename that meets the accepted filename requirements: The base name may only contain letters (A-Z), numbers (0-9), underscore (_), and blank space characters. Must be 250 characters or less in length (base name plus extension e.gpdf).
File size is greater than 10MB	Upload a version of the file that does not exceed 10 MB.

# Chapter 5: Apply for QI, WP, or WT Status

Select **Apply for QI**, **WP**, **or WT status** from your home page and review the instructions page to begin the application.



#### **Figure 3: Application instructions**

As you go through the application, clicking Next or Save saves your work. You can stop at any time and continue your application from your home page activity center when you are ready.

The system times out after 15 minutes of inactivity and will warn you before timing out.

The help icons, displayed throughout the application, list the allowed characters for fields, as well as additional details about the question. For questions and instructions on how to complete an application, see **Application Instructions**, which includes the help icon instructions.

You may upload supporting documentation for your application. For additional information on how to upload files see **File Upload**. The table below outlines commonly uploaded files when completing an application.

You will have the opportunity to review and edit your responses prior to submitting the application.

# Part 1 - General Information

Part 1 of the system requests general information about the applicant. Questions are based specifically on the applicant type.

General Information (Part 1) → QI/WP/WT Information (Part 2) → Step 1 of 7	QDD Information (Part 3)	Additional Information (Pa	rt 4) 🏓 Submit (Part 5
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O Qualified Intermediary (QI)			
O Withholding Foreign Partnership (WP)			
O Withholding Foreign Trust (WT)			
f you have a FATCA registration account, provide the FATCA ID: 🛛 🛛			
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#### Figure 4: Questions from Part 1 of application

See Application Instructions on how to complete Part 1.

# Part 2 - QI/WP/WT Information

Part 2 of the application requests basic information about the entity's business practice. Questions are based specifically on the applicant type.

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Foreign individual treaty claimant: *	
Foreign non-individual beneficiaries/owners non-treaty o	claimant: *
Foreign non-individual beneficiaries/owners treaty claim	nant: *
Foreign tax-exempt entities: *	
Foreign intermediaries: *	
Foreign flow through: *	
J.S. individuals, partnerships, trusts: *	
Other U.S. persons: *	
nvestments in IIS assets (enter annrovimate value for	each in whole ILS dollars): * 0
Foreign individual non-treaty claimant: *	\$
Foreign individual treaty claimant: *	¢

#### Figure 5: Questions from Part 2 of application (QI applicant)

See Application Instructions on how to complete Part 2.

# Part 3 - Qualified Derivatives Dealer (QDD) Information

Part 3 of the application is only for QIs applying for QDD status. The system will direct QIs not applying for QDD status, WPs and WTs, to Part 4. QIs who need to change their QDD status after their application is approved, will need to contact the IRS for assistance at **lbi.fi.qiwpissues@irs.gov**.

General Information (Part 1)  → QI/WP/WT Information (Part 2)	) 🔿 QDD Info S	tep 1 of 2	(Part 3)	Addition	al Informati	on (Part 4)	➡ Submit (Pa
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eminder: A QDD must assume primary withholding and re	porting respon	sibility for	r paymei	nts it receive	es and mal	kes as provi	ded in the Q
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Stock in a U.S. corporation: *	\$						
Potential section 871(m) transactions: *	\$						
Securities lending transactions/sale-repurchase transactions: $*$	\$						
lotional principal contracts: *	\$						
utures/forwards: *	\$						

#### Figure 6: Questions from Part 3 of application

See Application Instructions on how to complete Part 3.

# Part 4 - Additional Information

All applicants must complete Part 4. Part 4 of the application requests additional information about previous applications for QI, WP, or WT status and levels of compliance with FATCA, anti-money laundering (AML)/Know Your Customer (KYC), and any previous QI, WP, or WT agreement requirements.

Application for QI, WP, or WT
General Information (Part 1) $\Rightarrow$ QI/WP/WT Information (Part 2) $\Rightarrow$ QDD Information (Part 3) $\Rightarrow$ Additional Information (Part 4) $\Rightarrow$ Submit (Part 5) Step 1 of 2
* indicates required field
Has the applicant or any related entity previously applied for QI/WP/WT status? * Yes O No
Is the applicant compliant to date with its FATCA requirements? * O Yes O No
Is the applicant compliant to date with the anti-money laundering (AML)/Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements in its local jurisdiction? * O Yes O No O Not applicable
Has the applicant or any related entity been in default of its QI agreement based on the events of default listed in section 11.04 of Rev. Proc. 2014-39 (or an updated version of the QI agreement provided in a subsequent revenue procedure) or its WP agreement or WT agreement based on the events of default listed in section 10.05 of Rev. Proc. 2014-47 (or an updated version of the WP and WT agreement provided in a subsequent revenue procedure)? Yes O No
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Figure 7: Questions from Part 4 of application

See Application Instructions on how to complete Part 4.

### Part 5 - Submit

Part 5 of the application requires your certification. You should review all your responses in their entirety and confirm you have uploaded all the necessary files and that they are named correctly. You have the option to edit any items needing change.

General Information (Part 1) $\Rightarrow$ QI/WP/WT Information	mation (Part 2) $\Rightarrow$ QDD Information (Part 3) $\Rightarrow$ Additional Information (Part 4) $\Rightarrow$ Submit (Part 5)
	Sign and Submit Applicatio
<ul> <li>indicates required field</li> </ul>	
By checking this box, I, branches, if any) will comply with its obliga	, agree on behalf of the applicant that the applicant (including its ations under the QI, WP, or WT agreement (as applicable). * ${}^{\Theta}$
<ul> <li>By checking this box, I,</li> <li>branches, if any) will comply with its obligation</li> <li>By checking this box, I certify under penalty this form and any attachments is accurate certify that these estimates were made in a second complexity.</li> </ul>	, agree on behalf of the applicant that the applicant (including its ations under the QI, WP, or WT agreement (as applicable). * @ ties of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information submitted on and complete. To the extent that estimates are provided in Parts II and II of this form, I good faith based on the best available data. *

#### Figure 8: Submit application

Sign and submit the application once you verify your answers are correct. A notification will be sent to the message board and emailed to the responsible officer, contact person and individuals with power of attorney (if applicable) after the application's submission.

You can edit your application or withdraw it before it is approved. See the Edit or Withdraw Application or Renewal of Agreement section to learn more.

See Application Instructions on how to complete Part 5.

# **Chapter 6: Application Instructions**

Some of the application questions differ depending on whether the applicant is a QI, WP, or WT. Only those questions associated with your applicant type will be displayed.

Use the links below to navigate to the instructions based on your applicant type:

#### Qls:

- Part 1 Instructions
- Part 2 Instructions
- Part 3 Instructions
- Part 4 Instructions
- Part 5 Instructions

#### WPs and WTs:

- Part 1 Instructions
- Part 2 Instructions

- Part 3 (not applicable)
- Part 4 Instructions
- Part 5 Instructions

# Part 1 of Application

# Part 1 Instructions for QIs

Table 5: Part 1	instructions	for QIs
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Part 1 Question	Instructions for QIs
Applicant is applying for	Select the option applicable to your applicant type. Only one selection may be made. A foreign partnership or foreign trust may not select "Qualified Intermediary." A foreign reverse hybrid entity must select "Withholding Foreign Partnership." To change the entity type, the QI, WP, or WT must submit a notice of termination to terminate its QI, WP, or WT agreement and reapply as the desired entity type.
If you have a registration account, provide the FATCA ID	Enter the FATCA ID of the applicant (if applicable). Leave this question blank if the applicant does not have a FATCA registration account
Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN), if any	Enter the GIIN of the applicant (if applicable). Leave this question blank if the applicant does not have a GIIN. For applicants that have an approved FATCA registration account, a GIIN has been assigned.
Legal name of the applicant	Enter the legal name of the applicant. The legal name is the name the applicant uses in official incorporation or organization documents, or the name otherwise recognized by the country's/jurisdiction's government as the applicant's official name. Typically, the legal name is the name used by the applicant in legal documents
Provide existing EIN, if any	Enter the employer identification number (EIN), if the applicant has an EIN other than its QI/WP/WT EIN. Leave this question blank if the applicant does not have an EIN other than its QI/WP/WT EIN

Part 1 Question	Instructions for QIs
Country/Jurisdiction of Organization:	Select the applicant's country/jurisdiction of organization. If the applicant is a corporation, select the country of incorporation. For all other types of entities, select the country under whose laws the entity is created, organized, or governed. Only one selection can be made. If selecting "other", enter the name of the country/jurisdiction.
	If a QI, WP, or WT needs to change its country/jurisdiction of organization after it enters into a QI, WP, or WT agreement, it must submit a notice of termination and reapply.
Indicate below if the applicant is also applying for status as a qualified securities lender (QSL) or qualified derivatives dealer (QDD). (note – If a prospective QI has a branch that is a prospective QDD, the branch must apply for QDD status by completing a separate QI application.)	Select the appropriate response. Only one selection may be made. For further guidance, including guidance for a QI Branch seeking QDD status, see Frequently Asked Questions on IRS.gov
Has the applicant received any reportable payments this year if applying after March 31st?	Select the appropriate response. If the applicant is applying on or before March 31, select "no." If QI is a U.S. pay or, a "reportable payment" means, unless an exception to reporting applies under chapter 61, any reportable amount; any broker proceeds from a sale reportable under Treas. Reg.1.6045–1(c); and any foreign source interest, dividends, rents, royalties, or other fixed and determinable income. If QI is a non-U.S. pay or, a "reportable payment" means, unless an exception to reporting applies under chapter 61, any reportable amount; any broker proceeds from a sale effected at an office inside the United States, as defined in Treas. Reg. 1.6045–1(g)(3)(iii); and any foreign source interest, dividends, rents, royalties, or other fixed and determinable income if such income is not paid outside the United States as described in the QI agreement.
Indicate the Chapter 3 eligibility of applicant:	<ul> <li>Select the appropriate response. Only one selection may be made. Select "other" if the applicant is not one of the listed categories but meets the requirements of one of the categories in Treas. Reg. section 1.1441-1(e)(5)(ii) or has been determined to be acceptable to the IRS.</li> <li>A non-U.S. financial institution means a foreign financial institution (FFI) defined in Treas. Reg. section 1.1471-5(d).</li> <li>A branch of a U.S. financial institution means a foreign branch of a U.S. financial institution or U.S. clearing organization.</li> <li>A non-U.S. clearing organization means a foreign clearing organization</li> <li>If selecting other, provide an explanation regarding Chapter 3 eligibility</li> </ul>

Part 1 Question	Instructions for QIs
Chapter 4 eligibility of	Select the appropriate response. Only one selection may be made.
applicant	"Participating FFI" means an FFI that has agreed to comply with the requirements of an FFI Agreement, including an FFI described in a Model 2 IGA that has agreed to comply with the requirements of an FFI Agreement (reporting Model 2 FFI). The term participating FFI also includes a QI branch of a U.S. financial institution, unless such branch is a reporting Model 1 FFI.
	"Registered deemed-compliant FFI" means an FFI described in Treas. Reg. §1.1471-5(f) (1) and includes a reporting Model 1 FFI and a non reporting Model 2 FFI that is treated as registered deemed-compliant FFI.
	"Registered deemed-compliant Model 1 IGA FFI" means an FFI treated as a deemed- compliant FFI under an applicable Model 1 IGA that is subject to similar due diligence and reporting requirements with respect to U.S. accounts as those applicable to a registered deemed-compliant FFI under Treas. Reg. §1.1471-5(f)(1), including the requirement to register with the IRS.
	"Limited FFI" may only be selected by a new QI applicant before December 31, 2016, that is applying for an agreement for the short period ending on December 31, 2016. All new applicants for agreements effective on or after January 1, 2017, and all renewals of existing applicants may not select limited FFI.
	"Foreign central bank of issue" means an institution that is by law or government sanction the principal authority, other than the government itself, issuing instruments intended to circulate as currency. Such an institution is generally the custodian of the banking reserves of the country under whose law it is organized. A foreign central bank of issue may enter into a QI agreement provided it meets and agrees to assume the obligations of, and to be treated as, a participating FFI (including a reporting Model 2 FFI) or a registered deemed-compliant FFI (including a reporting Model 1 FFI) with respect to any account that it maintains and that is held in connection with a commercial financial activity described in Treas. Reg. §1.1471-6(h) and for which it receives a with holdable payment.
	"Non-financial foreign entity" or "NFFE" means a foreign entity that is not a financial institution (including an entity that is incorporated or organized under the laws of any U.S. territory and that is not a financial institution). The term also means a foreign entity treated as an NFFE pursuant to a Model 1 or Model 2 IGA.
	"Retirement fund" means a retirement fund or other fund that is an exempt beneficial owner described in Treas. Reg. §1.1471-6(f) or a similar fund that qualifies as an exempt beneficial owner under an applicable Model 1 IGA or Model 2 IGA.
	"Direct reporting NFFE" means an NFFE that elects to report information about its direct or indirect substantial U.S. owners to the IRS and meets the requirements of Treas. Reg.
	§1.1472-1(c)(3).
	A certified deemed-compliant FFI that meets and agrees to assume the obligations of, and to be treated as, a participating FFI, registered deemed-compliant FFI, or registered deemed-compliant Model 1 IGA FFI should select participating FFI, registered deemed- compliant FFI, or registered deemed-compliant Model 1 IGA FFI (as applicable).

Part 1 Question	Instructions for QIs
Identify the Know Your Customer (KYC) rules that apply to the applicant in the jurisdiction where the applicant is located (not including branches)	Select the appropriate response. Only one selection may be made. If selecting "other", enter the name of the KYC jurisdiction. If you are not covered by any KYC rules, select "other" and state "No KYC" in the other field. To request approval of a jurisdiction's KYC rules, see the instructions at http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/International-Businesses/List-of- Approved-KYC-Rules. "Know your customer rules" or "KYC rules" refers to the applicable laws, regulations, rules, and administrative practices and procedures governing the requirements of certain QIs, WPs and WTs that are FFIs to obtain documentation confirming the identity of QI's account holders, WP's direct partners, or WT's direct beneficiaries or owners. A list of jurisdictions for which the IRS has received know-your-customer information and for which the know-your-customer rules and specified documentation are acceptable is available at: http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/International-Businesses/International-Businesses/International-Businesses/International-Businesses/International-Businesses/International-Businesses/International-Businesses/International-Businesses/International-Businesses/International-Businesses/International-Businesses/International-Businesses/International-Businesses/List-of-Approved-KYC-Rules
Does the applicant maintain a branch in any jurisdiction, other than the home office, that will operate as a QI under this application?	<ul> <li>Separately identify each jurisdiction where the applicant maintains a branch outside of the home office. Use the "add" button to add branches.</li> <li>Select the branch's country/jurisdiction. Only one selection may be made. If selecting "other", enter the name of the country/jurisdiction.</li> <li>Select the appropriate response for the Know Your Customer (KYC) rules for branch. Only one selection may be made. If selecting "other", enter the AYC rules.</li> <li>"Know your customer rules" or "KYC rules" refers to the applicable laws, regulations, rules, and administrative practices and procedures governing the requirements of certain QIs that are FFIs to obtain documentation confirming the identity of QI's account holders. A list of jurisdictions for which the IRS has received know-your-customer information and for which the know-your-customer rules and specified documentation are acceptable is available via List of KYC Rules on IRS.gov.</li> <li>Enter the GIIN of the branch (if applicable). Leave this question blank if the branch does not have a GIIN.</li> <li>For applicants that have an approved FATCA registration account, a GIIN has been assigned to approved branches.</li> <li>Notes on branches: Users with a FATCA registration account may have their branches already populated. If a branch entry is missing its KYC rules, edit the entry to add the KYC rules before continuing. You may edit or delete a branch in the application by using the icons in the branch table's last column.</li> <li>Notwithstanding that the home office (or prospective QI) includes all relevant branch information with its application or renewal, a separate QI application must be submitted for each branch (including branches that are disregarded entities) that is a prospective QDD. For further guidance, see Frequently Asked Questions on IRS.gov.</li> </ul>

Part 1 Question	Instructions for QIs
Address of applicant	Enter the mailing address of the applicant. The address provided will be used to send all mail correspondence related to the applicant's account, and any other related matters. If selecting "other" for the country/jurisdiction option, enter the name of country/jurisdiction.
Description of business of the applicant. If the applicant is applying for QDD status, indicate which portions of the business description are applicable to the QDD status. (if additional space is required, you will be able to upload a file before you submit the application)	Provide a description of the applicant's business. Files can be uploaded in Part 4, if additional space is needed. For further guidance, see Frequently Asked Questions on IRS.gov.
Description of new account opening procedures If the applicant is applying for QDD or QSL status, also describe the applicant's procedure for collecting documentation from counter parties. (if additional space is required, you will be able to upload a file before you submit the application)	<ul> <li>Provide a description of new account opening procedures. Files can be uploaded in Part 4, if additional space is needed.</li> <li>For further guidance, see Frequently Asked Questions on IRS.gov.</li> </ul>
Responsible Officer Information	Enter the name and contact information of the responsible officer. "Responsible officer" means an officer of the QI, WP, or WT with sufficient authority to fulfill the duties of a responsible officer as described in the QI, WP, or WT agreement, including the requirements to periodically certify and to respond to requests by the IRS for additional information to review the QI's, WP's, or WT's compliance. The RO may, but is not required to, be the same RO for purposes of the QI's, WP's, or WT's compliance with its FATCA requirements (if applicable). If selecting "other" for country/jurisdiction option, enter the name of the country/jurisdiction. For the United States, select a State/U.S. territory. Only one selection may be made.
Contact person information	Enter the name and contact information of the contact person. Check the box to indicate the responsible officer's authorization of the contact person. For purposes of this question, the term "responsible officer" means an individual who is authorized under local law to consent on behalf of the applicant (an "authorizing individual") to the disclosure of QI/WP/Wt related information to third parties. This individual may be the same as the individual identified as the responsible officer in this application. Once the authorization is granted, it is effective until revoked by either the contact person or by an authorizing individual of the applicant.

# Part 1 Instructions for WPs and WTs

Part 1 Question	Instructions for WPs and WTs
Applicant is applying for	Select the option applicable to your applicant type. Only one selection may be made. A foreign partnership or foreign trust may not select "Qualified Intermediary." A foreign reverse hybrid entity must select "Withholding Foreign Partnership." To change the entity type, the QI, WP, or WT must submit a notice of termination to terminate its QI, WP, or WT agreement and reapply as the desired entity type.
If you have a registration account, provide the FATCA ID	Enter the FATCA ID of the applicant (if applicable). Leave this question blank if the applicant does not have a FATCA registration account.
Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN), if any	Enter the GIIN of the applicant (if applicable). Leave this question blank if the applicant does not have a GIIN. For applicants that have an approved FATCA registration account, a GIIN has been assigned.
Legal name of the applicant	Enter the legal name of the applicant. The legal name is the name the applicant uses in official incorporation or organization documents, or the name otherwise recognized by the country's/jurisdiction's government as the applicant's official name. Typically, the legal name is the name used by the applicant in legal documents.
Provide existing EIN, if any	Enter the employer identification number (EIN), if the applicant has an EIN other than its QI/WP/WT EIN. Leave this question blank if the applicant does not have an EIN other than its QI/WP/WT EIN.

#### Table 6: Part 1 instructions for WPs and WTs

Part 1 Question	Instructions for WPs and WTs
Country/Jurisdiction of Organization	Select the applicant's country/jurisdiction of organization. If the applicant is a corporation, select the country of incorporation. For all other types of entities, select the country under whose laws the entity is created, organized, or governed. Only one selection can be made. If selecting "other", enter the name of the country/jurisdiction.
	If a QI, WP, or WT needs to change its country/jurisdiction of organization after it enters into a QI, WP, or WT agreement, it must submit a notice of termination and reapply.
Has the applicant received any reportable amounts this year if applying after March 31st?	Select the appropriate response. If the applicant is applying on or before March 31, select "no." A "reportable amount" means U.S. source FDAP income that is an amount subject to chapter 3 withholding (as defined in the WP or WT agreement), U.S. source deposit interest (as defined in section 871(i)(2)(A) of the Code), and U.S. source interest or original issue discount paid on the redemption of short-term obligations (as defined in section 871(g)(1)(B)(i) of the Code. The term does not include payments on deposits with banks and other financial institutions that remain on deposit for two weeks or less. It also does not include amounts of original issue discount arising from a sale and repurchase transaction completed within a period of two weeks or less, or amounts described in
	obligations and certain obligations issued in bearer form)
Is applicant a reverse hybrid entity?	Select the appropriate response. A reverse hybrid entity is an entity that is a corporation for U.S. tax purposes but is
WPs Only	fiscally transparent under the laws of the entity's jurisdiction.
Indicate type of trust that describes the applicant WTs Only	<ul><li>Select the appropriate response. Only one selection may be made.</li><li>A foreign simple trust is a foreign trust that is described in section 651(a) of the Code.</li><li>A foreign granter trust is a foreign trust but only to the extent all or a portion of the income of the trust is treated as owned by the granter or another person under sections 671 through 679 of the Code.</li></ul>

Part 1 Question	Instructions for WPs and WTs
Pooled Reporting	Select the election sought for chapter 3 purposes. Only one selection may be made.
Election sought for Chapter 3 purposes	A WP or WT may elect to perform pool reporting (Pooled Election) for an amount subject to chapter 3 withholding that either is not a withholdable payment or is a withholdable payment for which no chapter 4 withholding is required and that WP or WT distributes to, or includes in the distributive share of, a foreign direct partner, beneficiary, or owner (other than a pass-through partner, withholding foreign partnership, or withholding foreign trust). If a WP or WT has made a Pooled Election, it may report on Form 1042-S for each chapter 3 reporting pool rather than file Form 1042-S for each separate direct partner, beneficiary, or owner, subject to the limitations described in the WP or WT agreement.
	A Pooled Election or Non-Pooled Election can only be made or changed when a WP or WT applies or renews its agreement. If WP or WT does not make a Pooled Election at the time it applies or renews its WP or WT agreement, then WP or WT can make a Pooled Election only be contacting the Foreign Intermediaries Program. Once made, a Pooled Election is effective for the entire term of the WP or WT agreement, beginning on the effective date of the WP or WT agreement and ending on the date of expiration or termination. WP or WT must make a new election for each renewal term of the WP or WT agreement. WP or WT must obtain consent from the IRS to revoke the Pooled Election prior to the end of the term of the WP or WT agreement.
Chapter 4 eligibility of	Select the appropriate response. Only one selection may be made.
applicant	"Participating FFI" means an FFI that has agreed to comply with the requirements of an FFI Agreement, including an FFI described in a Model 2 IGA that has agreed to comply with the requirements of an FFI Agreement (reporting Model 2 FFI). The term participating FFI also includes a QI branch of a U.S. financial institution, unless such branch is a reporting Model 1 FFI. "Registered deemed-compliant FFI" means an FFI described in Treas. Reg. §1.1471-5(f)
	as registered deemed-compliant FFI.
	"Registered deemed-compliant Model 1 IGA FFI" means an FFI treated as a deemed compliant FFI under an applicable Model 1 IGA that is subject to similar due diligence and reporting requirements with respect to U.S. accounts as those applicable to a registered deemed-compliant FFI under Treas. Reg. §1.1471-5(f)(1), including the requirement to register with the IRS.
	"Foreign central bank of issue" means an institution that is by law or government sanction the principal authority, other than the government itself, issuing instruments intended to circulate as currency. Such an institution is generally the custodian of the banking reserves of the country under whose law it is organized. A foreign central bank of issue may enter into a QI agreement provided it meets and agrees to assume the obligations of, and to be treated as, a participating FFI (including a reporting Model 2 FFI) or a registered deemed-compliant FFI (including a reporting Model 1 FFI) with respect to any account that it maintains and that is held in connection with a commercial financial activity described in Treas. Reg. §1.1471-6(h) and for which it receives a withholdable payment.
	"Non-financial foreign entity" or "NFFE" means a foreign entity that is not a financial institution (including an entity that is incorporated or organized under the laws of any U.S. territory and that is not a financial institution). The term also means a foreign entity treated as an NFFE pursuant to a Model 1 or Model 2 IGA.

Part 1 Question	Instructions for WPs and WTs
Has the applicant received any reportable amounts this year if applying after March 31st?	<ul> <li>"Retirement fund" means a retirement fund or other fund that is an exempt beneficial owner described in Treas. Reg. §1.1471-6(f) or a similar fund that qualifies as an exempt beneficial owner under an applicable Model 1 IGA or Model 2 IGA.</li> <li>"Direct reporting NFFE" means an NFFE that elects to report information about its direct or indirect substantial U.S. owners to the IRS and meets the requirements of Treas. Reg. §1.1472-1(c)(3).</li> <li>A certified deemed-compliant FFI that meets and agrees to assume the obligations of, and to be treated as, a participating FFI, registered deemed-compliant FFI should select participating FFI, registered deemed compliant FFI should select participating FFI, registered deemed compliant FFI should select participating FFI, registered deemed deemed</li> </ul>
Address of applicant	Enter the mailing address of the applicant. The address provided will be used to send all mail correspondence related to the applicant's account, and any other related matters. If selecting "other" for the country/jurisdiction option, enter the name of country/jurisdiction.
Description of business of the applicant. (If additional space is required, you will be able to upload a file before you submit the application.)	Provide a description of the applicant's business. Files can be uploaded in Part 4, if additional space is needed. For further guidance, see Frequently Asked Questions on IRS.gov.

Part 1 Question	Instructions for WPs and WTs
Description of new account opening procedures; including the procedure for admitting a new partner, beneficiary, or owner (if additional space is required, you will be able to upload a file before you submit the application)	Provide a description of the procedures for admitting a new partner, beneficiary, or owner. Files can be uploaded in Part 4, if additional space is needed.
Has the applicant received any reportable amounts this year if applying after March 31st?	Select the appropriate response. Only applicants that are FFIs may select "Yes." A WP or WT that is a NFFE is not permitted to use documentary evidence to document its partners, beneficiaries, or owners. A WP or WT that is an FFI is only permitted to use documentary evidence for its direct partners, beneficiaries, or owners. "Know your customer rules" or "KYC rules" refers to the applicable laws, regulations, rules, and administrative practices and procedures governing the requirements of certain WPs or WTs that are FFIs to obtain documentation confirming the identity of the partners, beneficiaries, or owners. A list of jurisdictions for which the IRS has received know-your-customer information and for which the know-your-customer rules and specified documentation are acceptable is available at: https://www.irs.gov/businesses/international-businesses/list-of-approved-kyc-rules
Responsible Officer Information	Enter the name and contact information of the responsible officer. "Responsible officer" means an officer of the QI, WP, or WT with sufficient authority to fulfill the duties of a responsible officer as described in the QI, WP, or WT agreement, including the requirements to periodically certify and to respond to requests by the IRS for additional information to review the QI's, WP's, or WT's compliance. The RO may, but is not required to, be the same RO for purposes of the QI's, WP's, or WT's compliance with its FATCA requirements (if applicable). If selecting "other" for country/jurisdiction option, enter the name of the country/ jurisdiction. For the United States, select a State/U.S. territory. Only one selection may be made.
Contact person information	Check the box to indicate the responsible officer's authorization of the contact person. For purposes of this question, the term "responsible officer" means an individual who is authorized under local law to consent on behalf of the applicant (an "authorizing individual") to the disclosure of QI/WP/WT-related information to third parties. This individual may be the same as the individual identified as the responsible officer in this application. Once the authorization is granted, it is effective until revoked by either the contact person or by an authorizing individual of the applicant.

# Part 2 of Application

# Part 2 Instructions for QIs

Part 2 Question	Instructions for QIs
Type of account holders,	Enter the approximate number of each type of account holder.
or owners, beneficiaries, or owners (enter approximate number for each Do not include	"Foreign individual non-treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. natural person who is a resident of a country that does not have an income tax treaty with the United States and is the beneficial owner of income paid to the account or a non-U.S. natural person who is a resident of a country that has an income tax treaty with the United States but is not entitled to treaty benefits on the income paid by the QI.
information related to the applicant's QDD or QSL activities type)	"Foreign individual treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. natural person who is a resident of a country with an income tax treaty with the United States, is the beneficial owner of income paid to the account, and is entitled to treaty benefits on that income.
	"Foreign non-individual beneficiaries/owners non-treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. entity, other than a flow-through entity, that is a resident of a country that does not have an income tax treaty with the United States and is the beneficial owner of income paid to the account or a non-U.S. entity, other than a flow-through entity, that is a resident of a country that has an income tax treaty with the United States but is not entitled to treaty benefits on the income paid by the QI.
	"Foreign non-individual beneficiaries/owners treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. entity that is a resident of a country with an income tax treaty with the United States, is the beneficial owner of the income paid to the account, and is entitled to treaty benefits on such income.
	"Foreign tax-exempt entity" means a non-U.S. entity that is a foreign organization described under section 501(c) of the Code, charitable organization, government, central bank, or international organization designated by Executive Order of the President of the United States as exempt from withholding under section 892 of the Code.
	"Foreign intermediary" means a non-U.S. entity acting on behalf of another person, such as a custodian, broker, nominee, or other agent.
	"Foreign flow-through entity" means a foreign partnership described in Treas. Reg. §301.7701-2 or 3 (other than a withholding foreign partnership), a foreign trust (other than a withholding foreign trust) that is described in section 651(a) of the Code, or a foreign trust if all or a portion of such trust is treated as owned by the granter or other person under sections 671 through 679 of the Code.
	"U.S. individual, partnership, and trust" means a U.S. natural person, partnership, or trust.
	"Other U.S. person" means any U.S. entity that is not a partnership or trust.

# Table 7: Part 2 instructions for QIs

Part 2 Question	Instructions for QIs
Investments in U.S. Assets (enter	Enter the approximate value of investments in U.S. assets held by each type of account holder.
approximate value for each in whole U.S. dollars)	"Foreign individual non-treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. natural person who is a resident of a country that does not have an income tax treaty with the United States and is the beneficial owner of income paid to the account or a non-U.S. natural person who is a resident of a country that has an income tax treaty with the United States but who is not entitled to treaty benefits on the income paid by the QI.
	"Foreign individual treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. natural person who is a resident of a country with an income tax treaty with the United States, is the beneficial owner of income paid to the account, and is entitled to treaty benefits on that income.
	"Foreign non-individual beneficiaries/owners non-treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. entity, other than a flow-through entity, that is a resident of a country that does not have an income tax treaty with the United States and is the beneficial owner of income paid to the account or a non-U.S. entity, other than a flow-through entity, that is a resident of a country that has an income tax treaty with the United States but is not entitled to treaty benefits on the income paid by the QI.
	"Foreign non-individual beneficiaries/owners treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. entity that is a resident of a country with an income tax treaty with the United States, is the beneficial owner of the income paid to the account, and is entitled to treaty benefits on that income.
	"Foreign tax-exempt entity" means a non-U.S. entity that is a foreign organization described under section 501(c) of the Code, charitable organization, government, central bank, or international organization designated by Executive Order of the President of the United States as exempt from withholding under section 892 of the Code.
	"Foreign intermediary" means a non-U.S. entity acting on behalf of another person, such as a custodian, broker, nominee, or other agent.
	"Foreign flow-through entity" means a foreign partnership described in Treas. Reg. §301.7701-2 or 3 (other than a withholding foreign partnership), a foreign trust (other than a withholding foreign trust) that is described in section 651(a) of the Code, or a foreign trust if all or a portion of such trust is treated as owned by the granter or other person under sections 671 through 679 of the Code.
	"U.S. individual, partnership, and trust" means a U.S. natural person, partnership, or trust.
	"Other U.S. person" means any U.S. entity that is not a partnership or trust.

Part 2 Question	Instructions for QIs
Does the applicant presently intend to assume primary chapters 3 and 4 withholding responsibility?	Select "Yes" if the applicant presently intends to assume primary chapters 3 and 4 withholding responsibility with respect to payments of U.S. source FDAP income. A QI that assumes primary withholding responsibility assumes the primary responsibility for deducting, withholding, and depositing the appropriate amount from a payment. Generally, QI's assumption of primary chapters 3 and 4 withholding responsibility relieves the person who makes a payment to QI from the responsibility to withhold under chapter 3 or 4. When QI acts as a QI for an account and assumes primary chapter 3 withholding responsibility for payments to the account, QI must also assume primary withholding responsibility for withholdable payments made to such account for chapter 4 purposes. Select "No" if the applicant does not presently intend to assume primary chapters 3 and 4 withholding responsibility.
If the applicant intends to enter into any joint account arrangements or agency agreements, enter the estimated number of each below	For each option that applies to the applicant, enter the estimated number of each. See sections 9.01 and 9.02 of the WP or WT agreement or sections 4.05 and 4.06 of the QI agreement for information on joint account treatment and agency option for certain partnerships and trusts.
Does the applicant presently intend to assume primary Form 1099 reporting and backup withholding responsibility?	Select "Yes" if the applicant presently intends to assume primary Form 1099 reporting and backup withholding responsibility. A QI assumes primary Form 1099 reporting and backup withholding responsibility assumes the primary responsibility for deducting, withholding, and depositing the appropriate amount from a payment. Generally, QI's assumption of primary backup withholding responsibility relieves the person who makes a payment to QI from the responsibility to withhold under section 3406 of the Code. Select "No" if the applicant does not presently intend to assume primary Form 1099 reporting and backup withholding responsibility.

Part 2 Question	Instructions for QIs
Will the applicant have any Private Arrangement Intermediary (PAI) agreements in effect?	Select the appropriate response. A private arrangement intermediary (PAI) is an intermediary that is a certified deemed- compliant FFI (other than a registered deemed-compliant Model 1 IGA FFI) that enters into an agreement with a QI that is an FFI (except when the QI is acting as a QDD) to perform the obligations of the QI under the QI agreement, as described in section 4 of the QI agreement.
	If yes, separately identify each PAI agreement and enter the PAI's name and address. The PAI name is the name the PAI uses in official incorporation or organization documents, or the name otherwise recognized by the government as the PAI's official name. The address of the PAI is the address where the PAI maintains its principal office. For the country/jurisdiction option, if selecting "other", enter the name of the country/jurisdiction. Enter the name and contact information of the PAI's responsible officer. For the country/jurisdiction option, if selecting "other", enter the name of the country/jurisdiction. <b>A note on PAI agreements:</b> You may delete a PAI agreement by using the icons in the
	PAI agreement information table's last column.

# Part 2 Instructions for WPs and WTs

Part 2 Question	Instructions for WPs and WTs
Type of account holders,	Enter the approximate number of each type of partners, beneficiaries, or owners.
or owners, beneficiaries or owners (enter approximate number for each type)	"Foreign individual non-treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. natural person who is a resident of a country that does not have an income tax treaty with the United States and is the beneficial owner of income paid to the partner, beneficiary, or owner or a non-U.S. natural person who is resident of a country that has an income tax treaty with the United States but is not entitled to treaty benefits on the income paid by the WP/WT.
	"Foreign individual treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. natural person who is a resident of a country with an income tax treaty with the United States, is the beneficial owner of income paid to the partner, beneficiary, or owner, and is entitled to treaty benefits on that income.
	"Foreign non-individual beneficiaries/owners non-treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. entity, other than a flow-through entity, that is a resident of a country that does not have an income tax treaty with the United States and is the beneficial owner of income paid to the partner, beneficiary, or owner or a non-U.S. entity, other than a flow-through entity, that is a resident of a country that has an income tax treaty with the United States but is not entitled to treaty benefits on the income paid by the WP/WT.
	"Foreign non-individual beneficiaries/owners treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. entity that is a resident of a country with an income tax treaty with the United States, is the beneficial owner of the income paid to the partner, beneficiary, or owner, and is entitled to treaty benefits on that income.
	"Foreign tax-exempt entity" means a non-U.S. entity that is a foreign organization described under section 501(c) of the Code, charitable organization, government, central bank, or international organization designated by Executive Order of the President of the United States as exempt from withholding under section 892 of the Code.
	"Foreign intermediary" means a non-U.S. entity acting on behalf of another person, such as a custodian, broker, nominee, or other agent.
	"Foreign flow-through entity" means a foreign partnership described in Treas. Reg. §301.7701-2 or 3 (other than a withholding foreign partnership), a foreign trust (other than a withholding foreign trust) that is described in section 651(a) of the Code, or a foreign trust if all or a portion of such trust is treated as owned by the granter or other person under sections 671 through 679 of the Code.
	"U.S. individual, partnership, and trust" means a U.S. natural person, partnership, or trust.
	"Other U.S. person" means any U.S. entity that is not a partnership or trust.

### Table 8: Part 2 instructions for WPs and WTs

Part 2 Question	Instructions for WPs and WTs
Investments in U.S. Assets (enter approximate value for each in whole U.S. dollars)	Enter the approximate value of investments in U.S. assets by type of partner, beneficiary, or owner. If you cannot determine these allocations (e.g., because of fluctuations in allocations of partnership income), unless otherwise requested, you may enter the total approximate value of all investments in U.S. assets and enter "0" for each type of partner, beneficiary, or owner. If you enter "0" for each type, provide an attachment in part 4 (upload files) with an explanation for why the approximate value of investments cannot be determined by type of partner, beneficiary, or owner.
	"Foreign individual non-treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. natural person who is a resident of a country that does not have an income tax treaty with the United States and is the beneficial owner of income paid to the partner, beneficiary, or owner or a non-U.S. natural person who is resident of a country that has an income tax treaty with the United States but is not entitled to treaty benefits on the income paid by the WP/WT.
	"Foreign individual treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. natural person who is a resident of a country with an income tax treaty with the United States, is the beneficial owner of income paid to the partner, beneficiary, or owner, and is entitled to treaty benefits on that income.
	"Foreign non-individual beneficiaries/owners non-treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. entity, other than a flow-through entity, that is a resident of a country that does not have an income tax treaty with the United States and is the beneficial owner of income paid to the partner, beneficiary, or owner or a non-U.S. entity, other than a flow-through entity, that is a resident of a country that has an income tax treaty with the United States but is not entitled to treaty benefits on the income paid by the WP/WT.
	"Foreign non-individual beneficiaries/owners treaty claimant" means a non-U.S. entity that is a resident of a country with an income tax treaty with the United States, is the beneficial owner of the income paid to the partner, beneficiary, or owner, and is entitled to treaty benefits on that income.
	"Foreign tax-exempt entity" means a non-U.S. entity that is a foreign organization described under section 501(c) of the Code, charitable organization, government, central bank, or international organization designated by Executive Order of the President of the United States as exempt from withholding under section 892 of the Code.
	"Foreign intermediary" means a non-U.S. entity acting on behalf of another person, such as a custodian, broker, nominee, or other agent.
	"Foreign flow-through entity" means a foreign partnership described in Treas. Reg. §301.7701-2 or 3 (other than a withholding foreign partnership), a foreign trust (other than a withholding foreign trust) that is described in section 651(a) of the Code, or a foreign trust if all or a portion of such trust is treated as owned by the granter or other person under sections 671 through 679 of the Code.
	"U.S. individual, partnership, and trust" means a U.S. natural person, partnership, or trust.
	"Other U.S. person" means any U.S. entity that is not a partnership or trust.

Part 2 Question	Instructions for WPs and WTs
Does the applicant presently intend to assume primary chapters 3 and 4 withholding responsibility for indirect partners, beneficiaries, or owners	A WP or WT may assume chapters 3 and 4 withholding responsibility for payments of U.S. source income made to certain indirect partners, beneficiaries, or owners described in section 9.03 of the WP or WT agreement. A WP or WT must assume primary chapters 3 and 4 withholding responsibility for payments of U.S. source income made to its direct partners, beneficiaries, or owners.
If the applicant intends to enter into any joint account arrangements or agency agreements, enter the estimated number of each below	For each option that applies to the applicant, enter the estimated number of each. See sections 9.01 and 9.02 of the WP or WT agreement or sections 4.05 and 4.06 of the QI agreement for information on joint account treatment and agency option for certain partnerships and trusts.

# Part 3 of Application

Part 3 only applies to QI applicants who are applying for or renewing their QDD status.

### Table 9: Part 3 instructions

Part 3 Question	Instructions
Types of Transactions (for the previous calendar year, enter approximate value in \$, using notional values for derivatives for each type)	For further guidance, see Frequently Asked Questions on IRS.gov.
For the previous calendar year, approximate value of transactions by account holder type (i.e., the type of counter party). Enter approximate value in \$ of transactions for each type of account holder, using notional values for derivatives (limited to transactions listed above)	For further guidance, see <b>Frequently Asked Questions</b> on IRS.gov.
Description of why the applicant is an eligible entity. Provide the following information: (1) whether the applicant is a dealer, bank, or wholly-owned (directly or indirectly) subsidiary of a bank, or foreign branch of a U.S. financial institution; (2) where the applicant is organized and operates; (3) the name and jurisdiction of the applicant's regulator; and (4) what potential section 871(m) transactions the applicant issues or anticipates issuing to customers and how the applicant hedges or anticipates hedging those transactions. (If additional space is required, you will be able to upload a file before you submit the application)	For further guidance, see Frequently Asked Questions on IRS.gov. Files can be uploaded in Part 4, if additional space is needed.
Description of how the Applicant will determine which transactions are part of its QDD business and how it will distinguish its QDD business. Applicant must also confirm that it has a system or procedures in place to test, track, and report the transactions associated with its QDD activities and provide a brief description of the system or procedures. (If additional space is required, you will be able to upload a file before you submit the application)	For further guidance, see Frequently Asked Questions on IRS.gov. Files can be uploaded in Part 4, if additional space is needed.

# Part 4 of Application

All applicant types will complete each question in Part 4.

# Table 10: Part 4 instructions

Part 4 Question	Instructions
Has the applicant or any related entity previously applied for QI/WP/WT status?	Select the appropriate response.
Is the Applicant compliant to date with its FATCA	Select the appropriate response.
	For purposes of this question, an applicant is compliant with its FATCA requirements if it has obtained and maintained its status as a participating FFI, registered deemed-compliant FFI, registered deemed-compliant Model 1 IGA FFI or direct reporting NFFE. An FFI that agrees to be treated as a participating FFI or registered deemed-compliant FFI (e.g., a foreign central bank of issue or a foreign branch of a U.S. financial institution) may select "yes" if it qualifies for such status. If the applicant is not subject to any FATCA requirements (for example, a NFFE other than a direct reporting NFFE, or an FFI that is a retirement fund), select "yes."
Is the applicant compliant to date with the anti- money laundering (AML)/Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements in its local jurisdiction?	Select the appropriate response. For purposes of this question, an applicant is compliant with the anti-money laundering (AML)/know-your-customer (KYC) requirements in its jurisdiction if the regulator or other governmental authority or agency with oversight over the applicant's compliance with such AML/KYC procedures has not imposed a criminal or civil penalty or sanction on the applicant (or any branch or office thereof) due to the applicant's failure to properly identify account holders, partners, owners, or beneficiaries under the requirements of those procedures.
Has the applicant or any related entity been in default of its QI agreement (or a prior QI agreement, or a prior QI agreement of a terminated QI) based on the events of default listed in section 11.04 of Rev. Proc. 2014-39 (or an updated version of the QI agreement provided in a subsequent revenue procedure) or its WP agreement or WT agreement (or a prior WP or WT agreement, or a prior WP or WT agreement of a terminated WP or WT) based on the events of default listed in section 10.05 of Rev. Proc. 2014-47 (or an updated version of the WP and WT agreement provided in a subsequent revenue procedure)?	Select "Yes" if the applicant or a related entity has received a notice of default of its QI, WP, or WT agreement from the IRS. Otherwise, select "No." If yes, provide a description of the events of default of the QI, WP, or WT agreement and how they have been resolved. Files can be uploaded in Part 4, if additional space is needed.

# Part 5 of Application

All applicant types will complete each question in Part 5.

# Table 11: Part 5 instructions

Part 5 Question	Instructions
By checking this box, I,, agree on behalf of the applicant that the applicant (including its branches, if any) will comply with its obligations under the QI, WP, or WT agreement (as applicable).	Check the box and enter the name of the individual signing the application on behalf of the applicant. The individual signing the application must have the authority to enter into the QI, WP, or WT agreement on behalf of the applicant (including its branches, if any).
By checking this box, I certify under penalties of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information submitted on this form and any attachments is accurate and complete. To the extent that estimates are provided in Parts II and III of this form, I certify that these estimates were made in good faith based on the best available data.	The individual signing the application on behalf of the applicant must check the box.

# Chapter 7: Renew Agreement

Renewals of a QI, WP, or WT agreement are required periodically, and you will receive a notification when a renewal period has opened. If you had a QI, WP, or WT agreement in effect when you created your account, your entity status will be displayed as "approved"; however, you will still need to renew your agreement when a renewal is required.

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Figure 9: Renew agreement

Your renewal due date, a Renew agreement link and other renewal of agreement information will appear on your home page during the renewal open period.

When completing the renewal of agreement, many of your application responses will be populated and you will be asked to either update your responses or confirm that your responses are still accurate. In addition, you will be asked whether there has been a change in the legal name of the entity and whether the entity is compliant with all applicable withholding and reporting requirements, including the filing of Forms 945, 1042, 1042-S, 1099, and 8966, to the extent required for all calendar years for which the due date has passed.

You may upload supporting documentation for your renewal. For additional information on how to upload files see **File Upload Chapter**.

Once the renewal of agreement is submitted, a notification will be sent to the message board and emailed to responsible officer, contact person, and any individuals with a power of attorney. After submitting, you may edit your renewal of agreement or withdraw it before it is approved. See the Edit or Withdraw Application or Renewal of Agreement section to learn more.

# **Chapter 8: Certification**

You are required to certify your documentation, withholding procedures, reporting procedures, and compliance with your QI, WP, or WT agreement during a certification period. All entities with an entity status of approved, terminated voluntary or terminated – by IRS must provide a certification (except as outlined in relevant guidance).

During a certification period, entities can:

- Submit a QI, WP, or WT certification
- Submit a QI, WP, or WT certification with an application for a waiver of periodic review requirements
- Apply to create a consolidated compliance group (CCG)
- Request to update a CCG
- Request to terminate CCG
- Submit a final certification during the open period

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Figure 10: Certification related links

# **Certification Instructions**

Entities are required to answer questions based on their type. Only those questions associated with your entity type will be displayed. Terminated entities are also required to submit final certification.

Use the figures below to view the certification instructions based on your entity type.

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Instructions for QI Certification	n	
The following reflect the inform the certification marked with an	ation and certifications required in Appendix 1 of the QI agreement. QIs must provide the information and certifications as applicable to their QI status and activities. All questions in asterisk (*) require an answer. For complete information on navigating the QI/WP/WT certification consult the QI/WP/WT User Guide.	
Completing the QI Certification	n	
General Instructions: Before sta ("Periodic Review: QI Factual I	arting Part 1 of the Certification all QIs must identify the Calendar Year Reviewed for its periodic review. The answer to this question will be used to populate question A.3. of Part 4 nformation"). The answer to this question cannot be modified.	
The following Parts must be co	mpleted by the specified QIs:	
Part 1 (General Information): A	I QIs.	
Part 2 (Certificate of Internal Co	ontrols and General Information): All QIs.	
Part 3 (Waiver of Periodic Revi apply for a waiver a QI must me	ew): QIs eligible to apply for a waiver of the periodic review requirement (as described in section 10.07 of the QI Agreement) and who wish to apply for such waiver. To be eligible to eet the following requirements:	
<ol> <li>QI must be an FFI that is not</li> <li>QI cannot be part of a const</li> <li>For each calendar year cov</li> <li>QI must have timely filed its covered by the certification per</li> <li>QI must have made all perit compliant FFI, or registered de</li> <li>QI must have made the certification that the second second</li></ol>	It also acting as a QDD; blidated compliance program; ered by the certification period, the reportable amounts received by QI cannot exceed \$5 million; Forms 1042, 1042-S, 945, 1099, and 8966 (as required for chapter 4 purposes or the reporting required under an applicable Model 1 IGA), as applicable, for all calendar years iod; iod; idic certifications and reviews required in Parts 1 and 2 as well as all certifications required pursuant to QI's FATCA requirements as a participating FFI, registered deemed- emed-compliant Model 1 IGA FFI; and ification of effective internal controls described in Part 2-A.	
If QI's request for a waiver of the denial of the waiver to complete	e periodic review requirement is approved, the IRS will notify QI. If QI requests a waiver but such request is not approved, QI will be granted a six month extension from the date of e the periodic review. Such extension will not be granted if QI has made the request for waiver in bad faith.	
Part 4-A (Periodic Review of Fa	ectual Information - General Information): All QIs that have not applied for or have not been approved for a waiver.	
Part 4-B through F (Periodic Review of Factual Information): All QIs, excluding QIs that are only acting as QDDs or for accounts receiving substitute interest payments (see Part 6) and that have no other QI activities, and have not applied for or have not been approved for a waiver.		
Part 5 (Qualified Derivative Dealers): All QIs that are acting as QDDs, Part 5 will display if required.		
Part 6 (Substitute Interest): All QIs that have assumed primary withholding responsibility for payments of substitute interest (as described in section 3.03(A) of the QI Agreement).		
A Compliance QI may complete through 6 must be completed s	Parts 1 and 2 for the QI members of its consolidated compliance group by providing aggregate information (where applicable). However, the factual information provided in Parts 4 eparately for each QI member in the consolidated compliance group.	
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#### Figure 11: Instructions for QI certification

#### **Instructions for WP Certification**

The following reflect the questions contained in the Appendix to the WP agreement. WPs must provide the information and certifications described in this Appendix as applicable to their WP status and activities. All questions in the certification marked with an asterisk (\*) require an answer. For complete information on navigating the QI/WP/WT certification consult the <u>QI/WP/WT User Guide</u>.

#### **Completing the WP Certification**

The following Parts must be completed by the specified WPs:

Part 1: All WPs.

Part 2: All WPs.

Part 3: WPs eligible pursuant to section 8.07 of the WP Agreement to apply for a waiver of the periodic review requirement (as described in section 8.07 of the WP Agreement) and who wish to apply for such a waiver. To be eligible to apply for a waiver a QI must meet the following requirements:

(1) WP must be an FFI;

(2) WP cannot be part of a consolidated compliance program;

(3) For each calendar year covered by the certification period, the reportable amounts received by WP cannot exceed \$1 million;

(4) WP must have timely filed its Forms 1042, 1042-S, and 8966 (or the reporting required under an applicable IGA), 1065, and Schedule K-1, as applicable, for all years (fiscal or calendar) in the certification period;

(5) WP must have made all periodic certifications and reviews required by sections 8.02 and 8.03 of this Agreement for each certification period, as well as any certifications required pursuant to WP's FATCA requirements as a participating FFI or registered deemed-compliant FFI; and

(6) WP must make the certification of effective internal controls described in Part II.A of the Appendix to this Agreement for the certification period for which WP is applying for a waiver of the periodic review.

If WP's request for a waiver of the periodic review requirement is approved, the IRS will notify WP. If WP requests a waiver but such request is not approved, WP will be granted a six month extension from the date of denial of the waiver to complete the periodic review under sections 8.04 and 8.05 of this Agreement. Such extension will not be granted if WP has made the request for waiver in bad faith.

Part 4.A-G: All WPs that have not applied for or have not been approved for a waiver.

A Compliance Entity may complete Parts 1 and 2 for all WPs in its consolidated compliance program by providing aggregate information (where applicable). However, Part 4 must be completed separately for each WP. If a sponsoring entity of a consolidated compliance program is completing this form, "WP" when used in Parts 1 and 2 means each WP that is a member of the consolidated compliance program

#### Figure 12: Instructions for WP certification

#### Instructions for WT Certification

The following reflect the questions contained in the Appendix to the WT agreement. WTs must provide the information and certifications described in this Appendix as applicable to their WT status and activities. All questions in the certification marked with an asterisk (\*) require an answer. For complete information on navigating the QI/WP/WT certification consult the <u>QI/WP/WT User Guide</u>

#### Completing the WT Certification

The following Parts must be completed by the specified WTs:

Part 1: All WTs.

Part 2: All WTs.

Part 3: WTs eligible pursuant to section 8.07 of the WT Agreement to apply for a waiver of the periodic review requirement (as described in section 8.07 of the WT Agreement) and who wish to apply for such a waiver. To be eligible to apply for a waiver a QI must meet the following requirements:

(1) WT must be an FFI;

(2) For each calendar year covered by the certification period, the reportable amounts received by WT cannot exceed \$1 million;

(3) WT must have timely filed its Forms 1042, 1042-S, and 8966 (or the reporting required under an applicable IGA), and 3520-A, as applicable, for all years (fiscal or calendar) in the certification period;

(4) WT must have made all periodic certifications and reviews required by sections 8.02 and 8.03 of this Agreement for each certification period, as well as any certifications required pursuant to WT's FATCA requirements as a participating FFI or registered deemed-compliant FFI; and

(5) WT must make the certification of effective internal controls described in Part II.A of the Appendix to this Agreement for the certification period for which WT is applying for a waiver of the periodic review.

If WT's request for a waiver of the periodic review requirement is approved, the IRS will notify WT. If WT requests a waiver but such request is not approved, WT will be granted a six month extension from the date of denial of the waiver to complete the periodic review under sections 8.04 and 8.05 of this Agreement. Such extension will not be granted if WT has made the request for waiver in bad faith.

Part 4.A-G: All WTs that have not applied for or have not been approved for a waiver.

#### Figure 13: Instructions for WT certification

# Submitting a Certification

QIs, WPs and WTs will receive an email notification and a message board message when a certification open period begins.

You can find certification requirements in **Revenue Procedure 2017-15** and **Revenue Procedure 2017-21**. The full question sets are available within the appendices of the Revenue Procedures. Entities with an entity status of terminated – voluntary or terminated – by IRS have six months from the date of termination to complete their certification. Your home page displays your current certification status with your certification due date.

To complete your certification or apply for a waiver, select the **QI**, **WP**, or **WT certification** link on the home page's activity center. General certification instructions will appear. Follow the instructions. Complete all the required sections. Questions for applying for a waiver are contained within the certification. A CCG member may, but is not required to, complete applicable parts of their certification, unless the compliance QI/WP or WP Compliance (only) Entity began the certification. The compliance QI/WP or WP compliance (only) entity completes the entire certification for itself and for all the CCG members, if applicable.

See **Certification of a CCG** for more information on CCG certification.

Always use the activity center to update private arrangement intermediary (PAI) information. PAI information within the certification's Part 1 – General Information will be used for the specific certification which you are completing; it will not be permanently associated with your QI account. Activity Center Chapter has more information on how to update your PAI agreement.

Within the certification, where an extra text box is given, use it to provide additional information on your response. You may also upload information or supporting documentation, including details related to material failures, events of default or changes in circumstance. See **File Upload Chapter** for more information on how to upload files.

The table below outlines commonly uploaded files when completing a certification.

#### Table 12: Common certification file uploads

Type of file	Description/Instructions	
Form 872 - Consent to Extend the Time to Assess Tax	An entity must submit a Form 872, Consent to Extend the Time to Assess Tax, to satisfy the 15-month requirement related to the periodic review for the certification period when the IRS requests it.	
Form 2848 – Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative	Entities may use Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative, to authorize an individual to represent itself before the IRS. The individual it authorizes must be a person eligible to practice before the IRS.	
Organizational chart (CCG	Submit an organizational chart that displays the relationship amongst all QIs (ownership) or WPs (sponsor vs. sponsored entities or other relationship) in a CCG, or any other relevant relationships between entities.	
Periodic review report	Review results must be prepared in a written report addressed to the responsible officer of the entity (with a certified translation into English if needed) when requested. The report must describe the scope of the review and the actions performed to satisfy each requirement of the review.	
Proposed sample plan	All CCGs must upload the proposed sample plan. Additionally, any entity looking to deviate from the safe harbor sampling methodology outlined in Appendix II of Rev. Proc 2017-15 may upload a sample plan. It is not necessary for entities planning to use the safe harbor method to upload a sample plan.	
Remediation plan	An entity must submit a plan to perform the remediation of systemic or significant compliance failures facing the entity when the IRS requests it. The plan typically includes options to address these compliance failures, priorities for performing the remediation, and steps taken to prevent similar failures in the future.	

If you do not complete the certification in one session, when you return, the system will ask if you wish to begin where left off. After completing all required parts, submit the certification for the IRS to review. After submitting a certification, entities can edit the certification before the due date unless it is in approved or under review.

#### Submitting a Final Certification -Terminated Entities

If an entity terminates itself, or is terminated by the IRS, they are required to submit a final certification. Upon termination, an entity will have six months to complete their final certification.

Entities can submit a final certification from their home page when the following conditions are met:

- The entity status is Terminated Voluntary or Terminated By IRS
- The terminated entity's latest periodic certification has been accepted
- The terminated entity has not already submitted a final certification

After submitting a final certification, entities can edit the final certification.

For more information on terminating an agreement, see Activity Center Chapter.

### **Consolidated Compliance Groups**

A CCG is a group of member entities under common ownership (QI) or that share the same Chapter 4 sponsoring entity (WP), unless otherwise approved, with a compliance QI/WP or WP compliance (only) entity responsible for acting on behalf of CCG member entities for a specific certification period. Compliance QI/WPs with an agreement with the IRS may create CCGs; they must certify their own accounts in addition to their member accounts. WP compliance only entities may also create a CCG, but they can certify only on behalf of their members.

Entities can submit a request to create a CCG by becoming a compliance QI/WP or WP compliance (only) entity. Additional options to update a CCG and terminate a CCG become available upon arrival. If you submit any type of request, you cannot submit another until the IRS either approves or rejects your pending request. You may upload supporting documentation for your application to create or update a CCG. File Upload Chapter has more information on how to upload files.

# Apply to Create a CCG

Select the **Apply to create a consolidate compliance group (CCG)** option on the home page's activity center to apply to create a CCG. Complete all the required fields. Upload the supporting documentation. After uploading the supporting documents click Submit. Your application will be sent to the IRS for processing and a confirmation screen will appear.

# **Request to Update a CCG**

To update a CCG, select the **Request to update CCG** option on the home page's activity center. Complete all required fields with updates you would like to make to your CCG (i.e. add a member, remove a member, or other information to update your CCG application). Follow the instructions to determine and upload applicable supporting documentation for your request. After uploading supporting documents click Submit. Your request will be sent to the IRS for processing and a confirmation screen will appear.

# **Request to Terminate a CCG**

Select the **Request to terminate CCG** link on the home page's activity center to terminate a CCG. Answer the required questions to validate you would like to terminate your CCG. Explain your reason for terminating your CCG. After completing the required fields click Submit. Your request will be sent to the IRS for processing and a confirmation screen will appear.

# **Certification of a CCG**

A compliance QI/WP or WP compliance (only) entity begins the CCG's certification by selecting the **QI** or **WP certification** link on their home page within the activity center.

Once the entity begins a certification, CCG members **cannot** add any certification information into the system. CCG member(s) will receive a pop-up message if attempting to edit the certification after the compliance QI/WP or WP Compliance (only) Entity has begun the certification. A compliance QI/WP or WP compliance (only) entity will complete the certification for all CCG members. The entity can view the status of the member certification information in the consolidated compliance group member's table. The table will indicate member certification completion status as: Not Started, Started, and Complete.

The compliance QI/WP or WP compliance (only) entity can complete a member's certification by selecting the "View/Edit Certification" link in the consolidated compliance group members table of the certification. The member's certification status must show complete for all members before the compliance QI/WP or WP compliance (only) entity can proceed. For more information see **submitting a certification**.

# Chapter 9: Edit and Withdraw

# **Edit Application, Renewal or Certification**

The edit options available on the home page vary based on status settings. The information below provides an explanation of the different edit options.

To edit before submitting your application, renewal of agreement, or certification:

Select the option, from the home page activity center, to **Apply for QI, WP, or WT status**, **Renew agreement**, or **QI, WP, or WT certification**.

To edit after submitting your application, renewal of agreement, or certification:

Select the option, from the home page activity center, to **Edit application, Edit renewal of agreement**, or **Edit certification, Edit final certification**. Be sure to sign and submit the application, renewal, or certification after editing.

# Withdraw Application or Renewal of Agreement

You may withdraw a submitted application or renewal of agreement before it is approved. The option to **Withdraw application** or **Withdraw renewal of agreement** will display on the home page's activity center after submission and before approval.

	1.5.1			
Application Information	Date/Time	Submission Type Application for QI, WP, or WT status		
Application Status 🔮 Submitted	07/08/2017 8:29 am			
Activity Center <ul> <li>Edit application</li> <li>Withdraw application</li> </ul>	Submission hist	οιγ		
<u>Manage contact information</u>				

Figure 14: Withdraw application link

# Chapter 10: Activity Center

# **Contact Information**

You can enter or update contact information via the home page activity center **Manage contact information option**. Users authorized to access your account must have their information listed here. Each account may have up to four authorized

users:

#### Users 1 & 2 (required) – Responsible officer and contact person

- It is recommended that the responsible officer and contact person be two different individuals.
- Be sure to keep all contact information current and update it promptly as roles change.
- The responsible officer and contact person manage information for individuals with power of attorney. This
- Includes editing contact information and adding or revoking account access.

#### Users 3 & 4 (optional) – Individuals with power of attorney

 The responsible officer and contact person manage information for individuals with power of attorney. An individual with power of attorney should communicate changes to their contact information to the responsible officer or contact person.

**Note:** If you update the first name (given name), last name (family name), or email address associated with your role, your information will no longer match your login information and you will receive a warning message. If you choose to proceed with the updates, ensure to follow the instructions on the warning message to maintain your access to the entity account. Refer to **System Requirements and Accessing QI/WP/WT account(s) after login** for more information about maintaining your contact information (particularly your email address, first name (given name), last name (family name)).

Manage Contact Information					
Role	Name	Telephone	Email Address	Address	
Responsible officer	John Smith	+111 111 1111 ext 123	johnsmith@somedomain.c om	1 Anywhere Road, Suite 100, City, State/Province/Region ZIP/Postal	
Contact person	Jane Salem	+111 111 1111 ext 123	jsalem@somedomain.com	10 Somewhere Drive, City, State/Province/Region, ZIP/Postal	
Power of attorney	add new power of attorney				

#### Figure 15: Manage contact information page

# **Account Information**

You can enter or update contact information via the home page activity center **Update account information** option. The following information may be updated at any time.

- Address
- FATCA ID
- GIIN
- Legal name of applicant

- Existing EIN (an EIN other than your QI-EIN,
- WP-EIN, or WT-EIN)
- Chapter 4 eligibility
- Agreement events of default information

# **Branch Information**

To keep your account up to date with the most accurate information, always use the activity center to update branch information. You can enter or update contact information via the home page activity center **Branch information** option. Users can use this link to add, edit and delete branch information.

### **PAI Agreement Information**

To keep your account up to date with the most accurate information, always use the activity center to update PAI information. You can enter or update contact information via the home page activity center PAI agreement information option. Users can add and delete PAI agreement information. To edit **PAI** agreement information, delete and add the PAI agreement again.

### **View Employer Identification Number (EIN)**

Depending on your status, you may view your EIN by selecting the **EIN information** link on the home page's activity center.

Entity Status     Image: Approved       Agreement Effective Date     7/25/2017       Responsible Officer     John Smith	🕅 07/01/2017 12:13 pr	m Information Application initiated	
Contact Person 🛛 Jane Salem	View History 1 item, displayin		m, displaying all items
	Date/Time	Submission Type	Status
	07/08/2017 8:29 am	Application for QI, WP, or WT status	Approved 🔍
Activity Center			
<u>Manage contact information</u> <u>Branch information</u>			
Update account information	PAL agreement information		
<u>Notice of termination</u>	EIN information		

Figure 16: EIN information link

# **Terminate Agreement**

A QI, WP, or WT may terminate an approved agreement by selecting Notice of termination on the home page's activity center. To submit a notice of termination, you will need to provide some basic information, including the termination's effective date. The termination effective date must be 60 calendar days or less from the current date.

QI/WP/WT - Notice of Termination
* indicates required field
Effective date of termination: * 0
○ Yes ○ No
Check the box to acknowledge that the QI, WP, or WT (or surviving entity, to the extent permitted in the QI, WP, or WT agreement) will satisfy all reporting, tax filing, certification, withholding, depositing, and payment responsibilities arising in the calendar years and portion of the calendar year in which termination is requested and for which the QI, WP, or WT Agreement was in effect, including responsibility to file the Form 1042 (marked final return) and 1042-S for the period from January 1 of the current year to the date of termination of QI, WP, or WT status, and will notify all withholding agents of the date of termination of QI, WP, or WT status.
Cancel Submit

#### Figure 17: Notice of termination

Your request to terminate the agreement will be confirmed via a message board message and email notification. An additional message and email notification will be sent on the termination's effective date.

You cannot withdraw or edit a notice of termination after its submission.

After the agreement is terminated, you will need to complete a final certification within 6 months from the date of termination. You may continue to access your account with limited account options. If you need to reinstate your agreement you will need to contact the IRS.

# Chapter 11: Appendices

# Appendix A – Glossary of Terms

# Table 13: Glossary of terms

Term	Definition
Compliance Request	A compliance request is a submission made by an entity within which they request a consolidated compliance group be established (for which they intend to act as a WP Compliance (only) Entity or Compliance QI/WP) by the IRS.
Compliance Qualified Intermediary/ Withholding Foreign Partnership (QI/WP)	A compliance qualified intermediary/withholding foreign partnership (QI/WP) is an entity with an agreement who is acting on behalf of a group of entities who have been established in a consolidated compliance group for purpose of completing a QI/WP certification.
Consolidated Compliance Group (CCG)	A consolidated compliance group (CCG) is a set of member entities who are associated together within a group (a CCG) and are represented by another entity (WP Compliance (only) Entity or Compliance QI/WP) responsible to complete a certification on behalf of the member entities.
Consolidated Compliance Group(CCG) Member	A consolidated compliance group (CCG) member is an entity within a CCG.
Contact Person	The contact person is an individual authorized to correspond with the IRS regarding the QI, WP, or WT application and receive QI/WP/WT-related information from the IRS regarding the entity. The contact person must be an individual but does not need to be an employee of the applicant.
Employer Identification Number (EIN)	An employer identification number (EIN) is a number used by the IRS to identify a business entity. It is also known as a Federal Tax Identification Number.
Entity ID	An entity ID is an identification number issued when you create an account in the system.
Foreign Accounts Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) ID	A FATCA ID is an alphanumeric identification used by an entity for purposes of establishing and accessing an online FATCA registration with the IRS.
Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN)	A global intermediary identification number (GIIN) is a 19-character identification number assigned by the FATCA online registration system to an approved entity or branch. The GIIN may be used by such entity to identify itself to withholding agents and tax administrations for FATCA reporting. For further information on the composition of the GIIN, see <b>Frequently Asked Questions on IRS.gov.</b>
Power of Attorney (POA)	An individual with power of attorney (POA) is a representative authorized to receive and inspect confidential tax information and to perform acts that the QI, WP, or WT can perform with respect to the tax matters described on the <b>Form 2848</b> .
Private Arrangement Intermediary (PAI)	A private arrangement intermediary (PAI) is an intermediary that is a certified deemed compliant FFI (other than a registered deemed-compliant Model 1 IGA FFI) that enters into an agreement with a QI that is an FFI (except when the QI is acting as a QDD) to perform the obligations of the QI under the QI agreement, as described in section 4 of the QI agreement.
Qualified Intermediary (QI)	A qualified intermediary (QI) is a person, described in §1.1441-1(e)(5)(ii), that has in effect an agreement with the IRS to be treated as a qualified intermediary and acts as a qualified intermediary.

Term	Definition
Responsible Officer (RO)	A responsible officer (RO) is an officer of the QI, WP, or WT with sufficient authority to fulfill the duties of a responsible officer as described in the QI, WP, or WT agreement, including the requirements to periodically certify and to respond to requests by the IRS for additional information to review the QI's, WP's, or WT's compliance. The RO may, but is not required to, be the same RO for purposes of the QI's, WP's, or WT's compliance with its FATCA requirements (if applicable).
Withholding Foreign Partnership (WP)	A withholding foreign partnership (WP) is a partnership, described in §1.1441-5(c)(2), that has in effect a withholding agreement with the IRS to be treated as a withholding foreign partnership.
Withholding Foreign Partnership (WP) Compliance (Only) Entity	A withholding foreign partnership (WP) Compliance (only) Entity is an entity with no WP agreement who is acting on behalf of a group of entities established in a consolidated compliance group to complete a WP certification.
Withholding Foreign Trust (WT)	A withholding foreign trust (WT) is a trust, described in §1.1441-5(e)(5)(v), that has in effect a withholding agreement with the IRS to be treated as a withholding foreign trust.

# Appendix B – Help & Additional Resources

#### Help Page

Each page in the system has a help link. Select it to view the help page.



#### Figure 18: Help link

#### Help page links:

- QI/WP/WT System Statuses
   Listing of entity, renewal and application statuses, including a brief description of each.
- System Support System support for the online QI/WP/WT system includes help with error messages and other technical system issues. This includes information on how to contact the Internal Revenue Service with system questions.

#### **Additional Resources**

Users can **subscribe to QI, WP, and WT news** for updates on the latest IRS news, guidance, regulations and other information related to QIs, WPs, and WTs.

# Appendix C – Revision History

Table 14: User Guide Change Records

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Note: Please see the Product Catalog to search for previous versions of this User Guide.