TAX COMPLIANCE REPORT
Reference Guide

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Tax Compliance Report

The Tax Compliance Report (TCR) shows whether the taxpayer filed tax returns and paid taxes on time (see reference graphics). The TCR is a report based on the customer's account information. As of August 2024, the TCR became available to taxpayers on demand via their individual online account and business tax account. In August 2026, the IRS added a new authentication feature that includes a built-in digital certificate verifying the TCR's authenticity.

What is a tax compliance report?

A tax compliance report shows whether you have filed tax returns and paid taxes on time. It is used to confirm your federal tax compliance when applying for jobs, loans, government benefits, or other services that require proof of tax compliance.

What information does the report show?

The TCR shows the results of the tax compliance check in three sections: **Filing information**, **Amount you owe,** and **Additional information**. Each section contains a narrative statement and specific account details. The report doesn't show your income, dependents or filing status.

1. Filing information

The TCR will list the individual's income tax filing history and, if applicable, delinquent business tax returns (for a sole proprietor required to file excise or employment tax returns). The report includes filing history for the last four tax years. It may include up to two additional tax years, for a total of six years, if the individual was required to file a return but no return is on file.

*For businesses, the TCR will show any delinquent filings in the last 6 years.

Tax Period	Tax Type	Return Filing
2025	1040	Return was received 18 days after the due date
2024	1040	No return is on file, but filing is required based on reported income
2023	1040	No return is on file, but filing is required based on reported income
2022	1040	Return was timely filed by the due date (including extensions)
2021	1040	No return is on file, but filing is required based on reported income
2024SEP	941	No return is on file, but filing is required based on business reporting

- **Tax period** is the year checked.
- **Tax type** refers to the filing requirement, for example: 1040 (U.S. Individual Income Tax Return) or 941 (Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return).
- **Return filing information** is a statement explaining the most current condition for that requirement.

2. Amount you owe

The TCR will list any federal taxes owed for any tax period as of the date of the report or states no taxes are due.

Tax Period	Tax Type	Balance due	Reason	Status	Lien
2024DEC	944	$175.25	Additional Income	Unpaid debt; notice sent	No
2023JUN	941	$1,2225.00	Audit	Unpaid debt; notice sent	Yes
2023	1040	$1,424.00	IRS Adjustment	Unpaid debt; notice sent	No

- **Tax period** is the period for which the individual owes taxes.
- **Tax type** refers to the type of tax due, for example: 1040 (U.S. Individual Income Tax Return) or 941 (Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return).
- **Reason** and **Status** provide additional details about the debt.
- **Lien** indicates whether the IRS has filed a Notice of Federal Tax Lien for the debt.

3. Additional information

This section shows information about late paid taxes (past 4 tax years) and fraudulent failure to file or civil tax fraud penalties assessed within 5 years. The individual has fully paid the penalties shown in this section unless the TCR shows a balance due listed in the "**Amount you owe**" section.

Late payments

Tax Period	Tax Type
2024	1040
2023	1040

- **Tax period** is the period for which the individual paid their tax debt late.
- **Tax type** refers to the type of tax the individual paid late. As of the date of the TCR, the individual has fully paid the taxes indicated in this section but they paid it late (after the due date of the return).

Fraud penalties

Tax Period	Tax Type	Amount Assesed	Penalty Type	Date
2024 DEC	Civil Penalty	$2,500.00	Fraudulent Failure to file	11/25/2025
2023 DEC	Civil Penalty	$750.25	Fraudulent Failure to file	06/25/2024
2022	1040	$750.25	Civil tax fraud	12/25/2024

- **Tax period** is the period for which the IRS assessed a penalty. Tax type refers to the type of tax that triggered the penalty.
- **Amount assessed** is the penalty amount.
- **Penalty type** will indicate the type of penalty assessed. Date refers to the date of the penalty.

What does “Compliant,” “Non-compliant,” and “Compliance issue” mean?

- **Compliant:** You’ve met all your tax obligations. You filed all returns, and paid all taxes on time. You don’t have an overdue tax return or unpaid tax debt.
- **Non-compliant:** You have an overdue tax return or unpaid tax debt. The data is current as of the date of the report. If you recently submitted a return or payment, it takes approximately two weeks for payments and approximately four-six weeks for the returns to post to your account.
- **Compliance issue:**
  You have one or more of these issues:
  - » Are paying a balance due through an installment agreement
  - » Have a history of filing or paying taxes late
  - » Received a civil fraud penalty, even if it’s fully paid
  - » Have a balance due that’s under administrative or judicial review

Who can get a tax compliance report?

- **Individuals and sole proprietors:** Letter 6201, Tax Compliance Report.
- **Businesses:** Letter 6574, Business Tax Compliance Report.

  Note: Resident aliens leaving the United States should request a tax clearance document instead of a Tax Compliance Report.

How do I obtain a tax compliance report?

For Individuals:

1. Sign in or create an Individual Account.
2. Go to the Records and status tab, select Tax records.
3. Download your Tax compliance report.

For Businesses:

1. Sign in or create a Business Tax Account.
2. Go to the Tax records tab.
3. Download the Business tax compliance report.

What are the advantages of a tax compliance report?

- **Privacy protection:** Confirms compliance without disclosing unnecessary personal information.
- **Broader coverage**: Covers more years than a traditional tax transcript.
- **Easy to read**: Clearly states compliance status.
- **Available anytime:** Downloadable from your IRS account whenever needed.

Do I need an IRS account?

Yes, to access the TCR, you will need to login to your IRS account. If you do not have an account, you can learn more about setting one up here.

Is there a fee for the TCR?

The IRS issues the TCR at no cost to individual and businesses obtaining their own report online.

What is the difference between a TCR and a transcript?

A tax compliance report shows less of your personal or business information and covers a longer period, and displays a tax compliance result.

A tax transcript shows the full details of your tax return (including income, dependents and filing status) and covers only 1 year.

How is the report authenticated?

- The IRS provides a digitally authenticated report with a built-in digital certificate.
- Financial institutions, government agencies and other organizations can verify authenticity using the certificate.
- Always share the original downloaded PDF; screenshots or printed copies are not authenticated.

How do I view authentication details?

- Open the original PDF with Adobe Reader on a desktop computer to see authentication details at the top of the report.
- Some browsers or mobile viewers may not display these details, but the report remains authenticated.

Is digital authentication available for business reports?

- Digital authentication is currently available only for reports from Individual Accounts at this time.

How do I share my tax compliance report?

- Share the original, downloaded PDF with the requesting organization.
- Only the original PDF contains the embedded certificate for verification.

Steps to obtain your TCR

1. Create an IRS.gov account. You can learn more about setting an account up here.

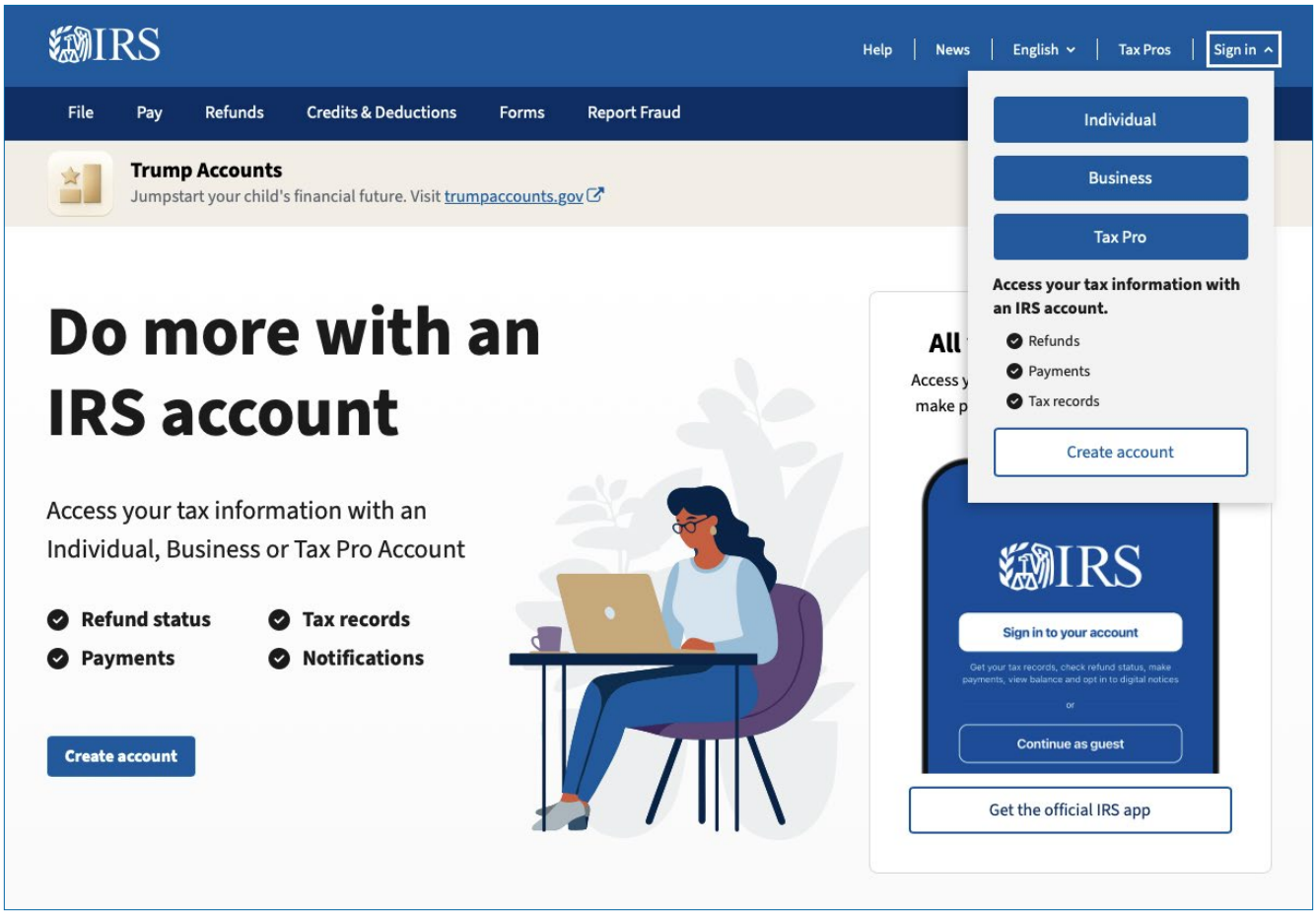
If you have a Social Security Number you will need the following:

- Mobile phone with a camera
- Email address
- Photo ID (U.S. driver's license or state ID, U.S. passport, or U.S. passport card)
- Social Security Number

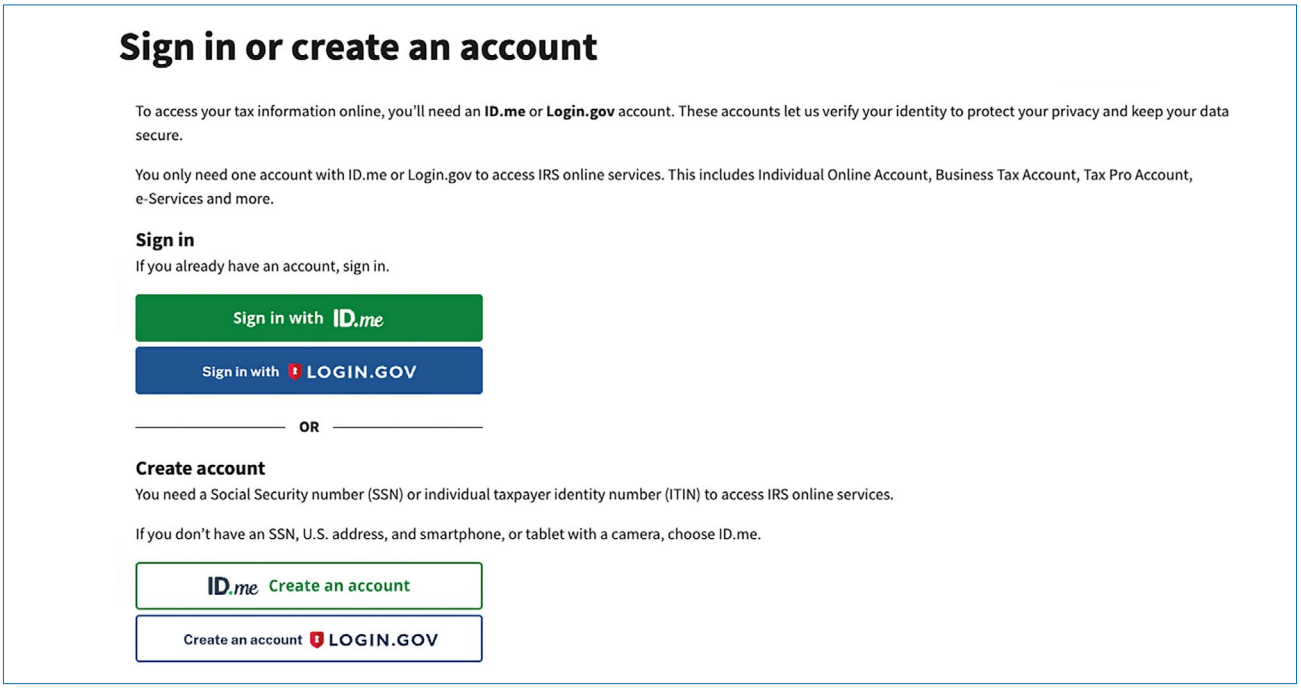
If you do not have a Social Security number, find out how to verify your identity here.

2. Go to www.irs.gov

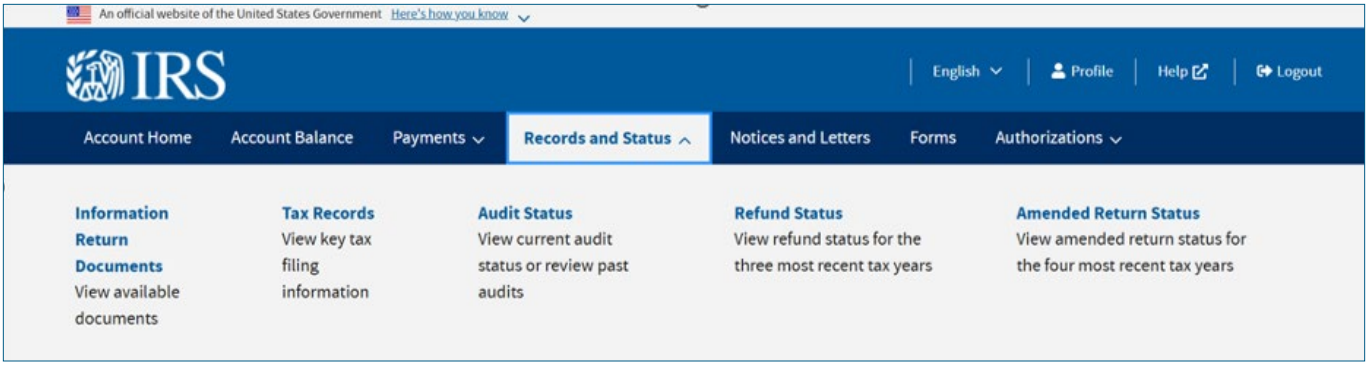
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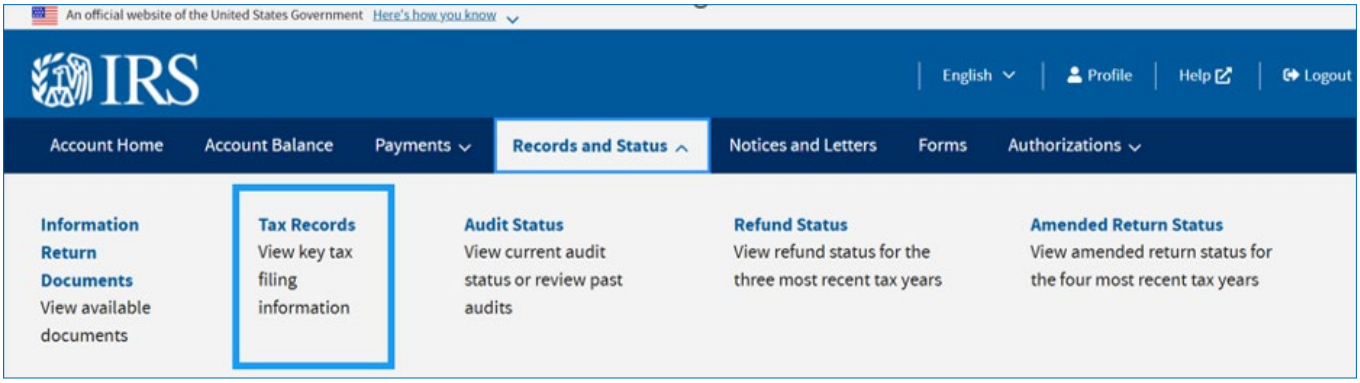
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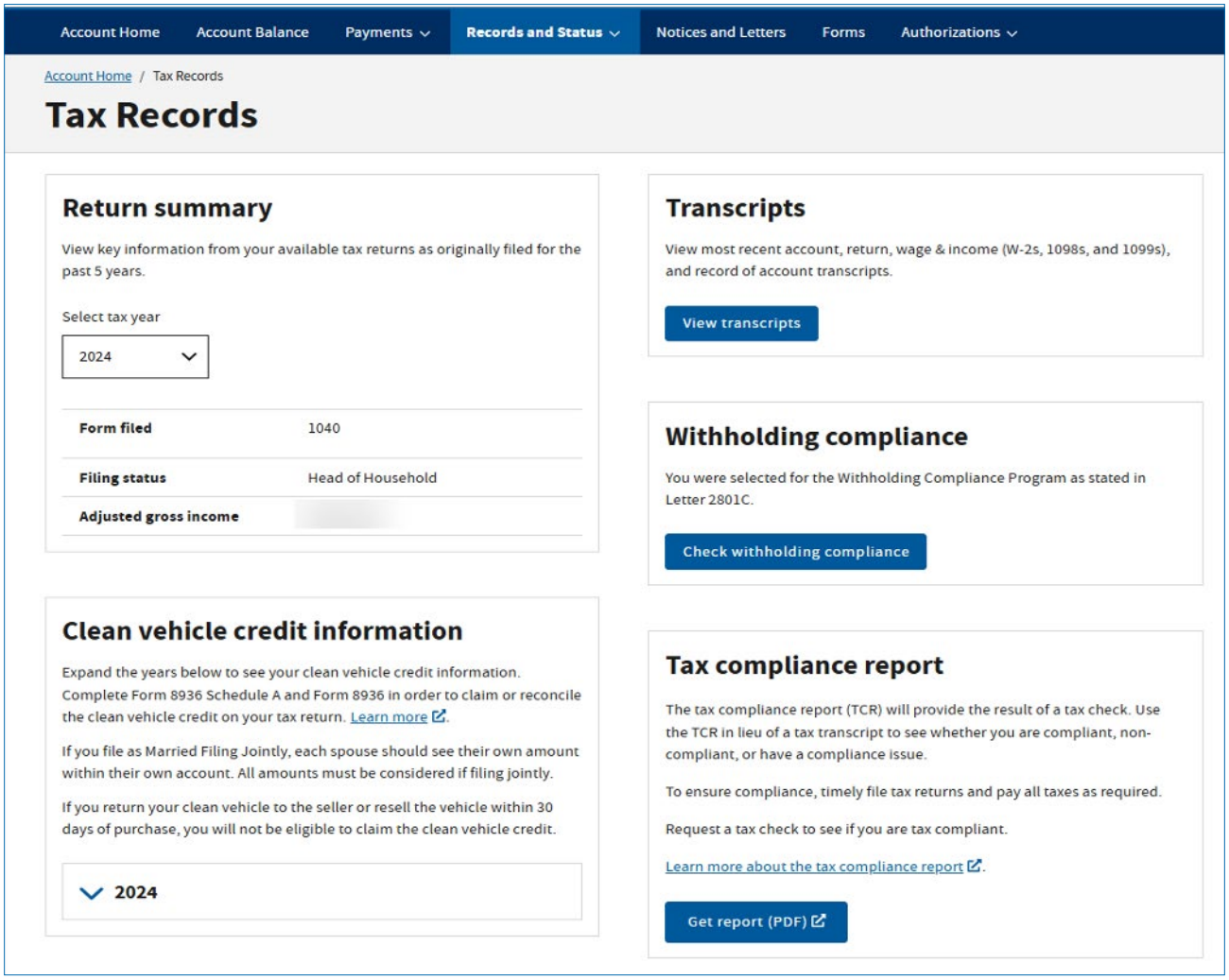
5. Select Sign in with ID.me.
6. Enter your email address and password, then complete multi-factor authentication (MFA).
7. Follow the prompts to access the IRS application or upgrade your wallet (if required).
8. Once signed into your irs.gov account, go to the tab at the top of the screen and select “Records and Status”.



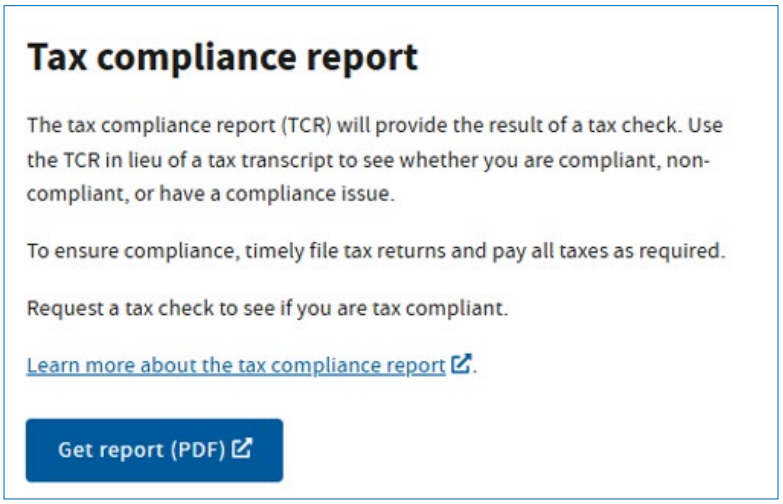
9. Select “Tax Records” from the dropdown menu.



10. On the “Tax Records” screen you will see a section labeled “Tax compliance report” on the right-hand side.



11. Click on the button that says, “Get report”.

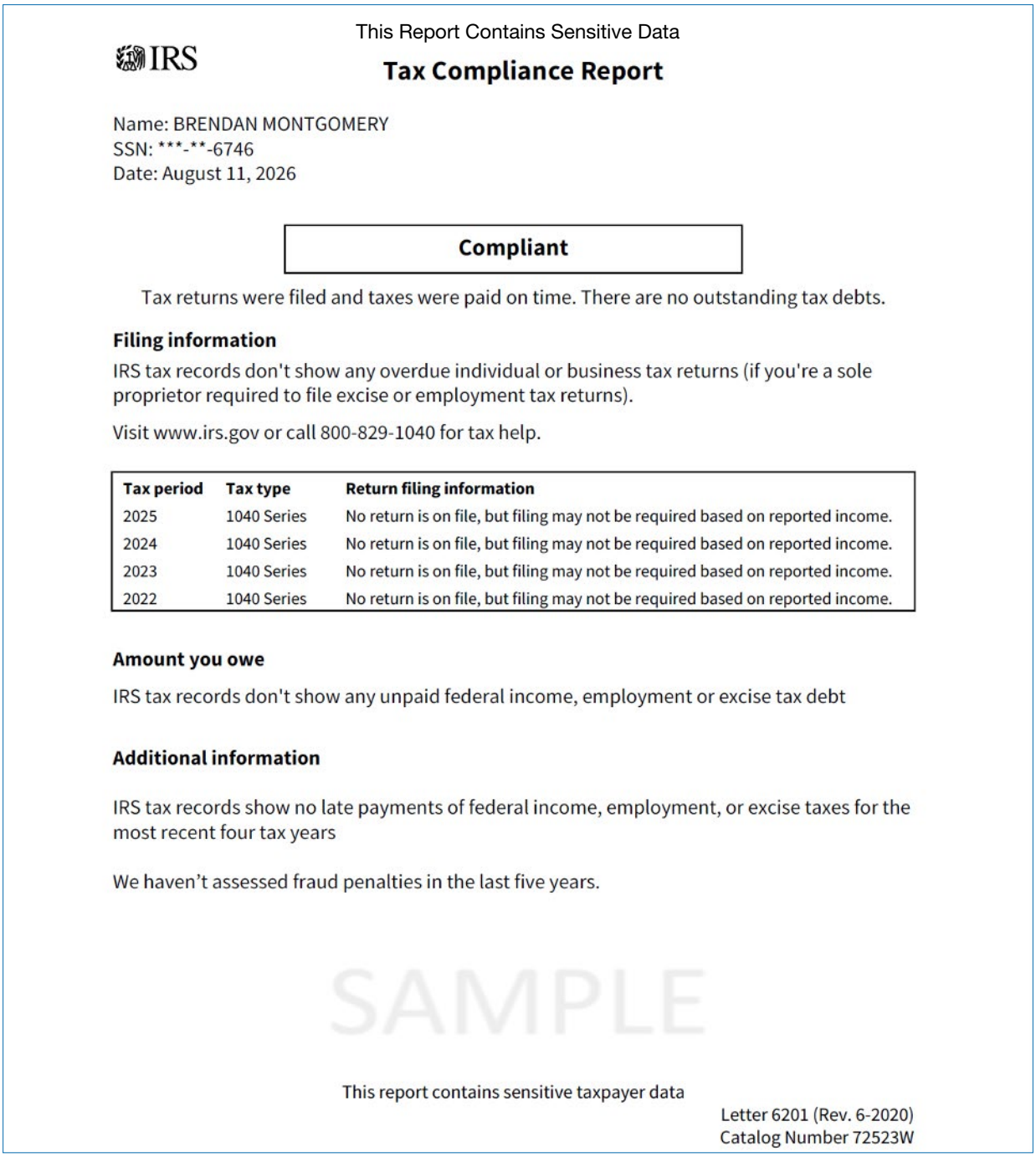


12. The tax compliance report will open in a new window as a pdf.

TCR Link and Reference Graphics

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Individual TCR Examples



This Report Contains Sensitive Data

IRS

Tax Compliance Report

Name: BRENDAN MONTGOMERY
SSN: ***-**-6746
Date: August 11, 2026

Compliant

Tax returns were filed and taxes were paid on time. There are no outstanding tax debts.

Filing information

IRS tax records don't show any overdue individual or business tax returns (if you're a sole proprietor required to file excise or employment tax returns).

Visit www.irs.gov or call 800-829-1040 for tax help.

Tax period	Tax type	Return filing information
2025	1040 Series	No return is on file, but filing may not be required based on reported income.
2024	1040 Series	No return is on file, but filing may not be required based on reported income.
2023	1040 Series	No return is on file, but filing may not be required based on reported income.
2022	1040 Series	No return is on file, but filing may not be required based on reported income.

Amount you owe

IRS tax records don't show any unpaid federal income, employment or excise tax debt

Additional information

IRS tax records show no late payments of federal income, employment, or excise taxes for the most recent four tax years

We haven't assessed fraud penalties in the last five years.

SAMPLE

This report contains sensitive taxpayer data

Letter 6201 (Rev. 6-2020)
Catalog Number 72523W

IRS

Tax Compliance Report

Name: PAMIE GARBER
SSN: ***-**-0277
Date: August 11, 2026

Non-Compliant

Tax returns are overdue or tax is unpaid, or both.

Filing information

IRS tax records don't show any overdue individual or business tax returns (if you're a sole proprietor required to file excise or employment tax returns). Visit www.irs.gov or call 800-829-1040 for tax help.

Tax period	Tax type	Return filing information
2025	1040 Series	No return is on file, but filing may not be required based on reported income.
2024	1040 Series	No return is on file, but filing may not be required based on reported income.
2023	1040 Series	No return is on file, but filing may not be required based on reported income.
2022	1040 Series	No return is on file, but filing may not be required based on reported income.

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Letter 6201 (Rev. 6-2020)
Catalog Number 72523W

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IRS

Tax Compliance Report

Name: BERNARD YORK
SSN: ***-**-0480
Date: August 11, 2026

Compliance Issue

IRS tax records show a possible compliance issue.

Filing information

IRS tax records show either you filed your return late or you may be required to file a return based on reported income. Note: If you recently filed a return, it can take up to three weeks to show on this report. Visit www.irs.gov or call 800-829-1040 for tax help.

Tax period	Tax type	Return filing information
2025	1040 Series	No return is on file, but filing may not be required based on reported income.
2024	1040 Series	Return was filed 29 days after the due date.
2023	1040 Series	Return was filed 64 days after the due date.
2022	1040 Series	Return was filed 97 days after the due date.

Amount you owe

IRS tax records don't show any unpaid federal income, employment or excise tax debt.

Additional information

IRS tax records show no late payments of federal income, employment, or excise taxes for the most recent four tax years.

Listed below are fraud penalties we assessed during the last five years. The penalties are paid in full unless a balance due appears above in "Amount you owe."

Tax period	Tax type	Amount assessed	Penalty type	Date
2016	1040 Series	$2,500.00	Civil tax fraud	11/25/2016
2014	1040 Series	$750.25	Civil tax fraud	12/25/2014

SAMPLE

This report contains sensitive taxpayer data

Letter 6201 (Rev. 6-2020)

This Report Contains Sensitive Data

IRS

Business Tax Compliance Report

Business Name: Big Chip Incorporated
TIN: ***-**-1111
Date: October 1, 2023

Compliant

Tax returns on file have no outstanding tax debts.

Amount you owe
Our records show no unpaid tax debt. Recently filed returns can take 3 weeks to show on this report.

Find tax forms and publications by visiting IRS.gov/forms.

SAMPLE

This report contains sensitive taxpayer data

Letter 6574 (07-2023)
Catalog Number 94125A

This Report Contains Sensitive Data

Business Tax Compliance Report

Business Name: Big Chip Incorporated
TIN: ***-**-1111
Date: October 1, 2023

Non-Compliant

Tax returns are overdue, unpaid, or both.

Filing information
Our records show overdue tax returns your required to file. Recently filed returns could take 3 weeks to show on this report.

Find tax forms and publications by visiting IRS.gov/forms.

Tax period	Tax form	Return filing condition
2022 Mar	1120 Series	No return is on file and filing is required based on business reporting.
2021 Mar	1120 Series	No return is on file and filing is required based on business reporting.
2020 Mar	1120 Series	No return is on file and a notice has been sent to request the return.
2019 Mar	1120 Series	No return is on file and a notice has been sent to request the return.

Amount you owe
Our records show you have unpaid federal tax debt. Refer to IRS correspondence which you should've received. Amounts paid in the last 3 weeks may not show on this report.

Your balance due includes penalties and interest as of the date of this report. Penalties and interest (up to the maximum allowed by law) accrues until the tax is paid in full.

Visit IRS.gov/payments to make an online payment.

Tax period	Tax form	Balance due	Reason	Status	Lien or Levy
2020 Jan	1120 Series	$57,000.00	Additional income	Unpaid tax debt; notice sent	No

SAMPLE

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