

**Claim for Refund of Tax Return  
 Preparer and Promoter Penalties**  
 ▶ For Penalties Assessed Under IRC Sections 6694, 6695, 6700, and 6701.  
 ▶ See instructions on page 2.

<b>Print or Type</b>	Name of preparer or promoter	<b>Identifying number</b> See instructions.
	Address to which statement(s) of notice and demand were mailed	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code	IRS office that sent statement(s)
	Address of preparer shown on return(s) for which penalties were assessed (if different from above)	

**Type of Penalty.** Enter letter in column (c) below.

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| <b>A</b> Understatements due to unreasonable positions—section 6694(a)<br><b>B</b> Willful or reckless conduct (intentional disregard of rules and regulations)—section 6694(b)<br><b>C</b> Failure to furnish copy of return or claim for refund to taxpayer—section 6695(a)<br><b>D</b> Failure to sign return or claim for refund—section 6695(b)<br><b>E</b> Failure to furnish identifying number—section 6695(c)<br><b>F</b> Failure to retain copy or list—section 6695(d) | <b>G</b> Failure to file a record of return preparers—section 6695(e)(1)<br><b>H</b> Failure to include an item in the required record of return preparers—section 6695(e)(2)<br><b>I</b> Negotiation of check—section 6695(f)<br><b>J</b> Failure to exercise due diligence in determining eligibility for, and/or amount of, the earned income credit—section 6695(g)<br><b>K</b> Promoting abusive tax shelters, etc.—section 6700<br><b>L</b> Aiding and abetting understatement of tax liability—section 6701<br><b>M</b> Other (specify) (see instructions) |
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**Identification of Penalties.** Enter the information from your statement.

	(a) Statement document locator number (DLN)	(b) Date of statement	(c) Type of penalty	(d) Name(s) of taxpayer(s)
1				
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	(e) Taxpayer's identification number	(f) Form number	(g) Tax year	(h) Amount assessed	(i) Amount paid	(j) Date paid (mo., day, yr.)
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**Amount of Claim.** Enter the total of column (i), lines 1 through 12 . . . ▶

<b>Sign Here</b>	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this claim, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.	
	▶ _____	▶ _____
	Signature	Date

## General Instructions

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

### Purpose of Form

Use Form 6118 if you are a tax return preparer and want to claim a refund of preparer or promoter penalties you paid but that you believe were incorrectly charged.

### Claims for More Than One Penalty

If you are claiming a refund for more than one of the penalties listed, you may be able to combine some of the penalties on one Form 6118. Follow the chart below for combining the penalties. See *Type of Penalty* on the form for the list of penalties.

IF you were billed...	THEN combine penalties...
On the same statement	G and H only
On separate statements but by the same IRS office or service center	C, D, E, and F only Note. Be sure to group the penalties from each statement together.

You cannot combine:

- Penalties from different IRS offices or service centers. See *When and Where To File* below.

\*Penalties A, B, I, J, K, L, and M. You must file a separate Form 6118 for each of these even if you were charged for two or more of the same type. Penalties K and L must file a separate Form 6118 for each of these even if you were charged with both. Only columns (b), (c) and (g) through (j) need to be completed for penalties under sections 6700 and 6701.

### Where and When To File

File Form 6118 with the IRS service center or IRS office that sent you the statement(s). Your claim under sections 6694 and 6695 must be filed within 3 years from the date you paid the penalty. Your claim under sections 6700 and 6701 must be filed within 6 years from the date you paid the penalty.

## Specific Instructions

### Identifying Number

If you are self-employed or employed by another preparer, enter your social security number. If you are the employer of other preparers, enter your employer identification number.

### Type of Penalty

For item M (other penalties), enter the name of the penalty and the corresponding Internal Revenue Code section.

## Additional Information

You may want to attach a copy of the penalty statements to your claim. In addition to completing the form, you must give your reasons for claiming a refund for each penalty listed. Identify each penalty by its line number and write your explanation in the space below.

For additional information about refunds of preparer penalties, see Regulations section 1.6696-1.

**Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.** We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. Subtitle F, Procedure and Administration, allows for additions to tax, additional amounts, and assessable penalties. This form is used by return preparers to make a claim for refund of any overpaid penalty amount. Section 6696 requires the return preparer to provide the requested information including his taxpayer identification number (SSN or EIN) within the prescribed time for filing a claim for refund. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, and the District of Columbia for use in administering their tax laws.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law.

Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by section 6103. However, section 6103 allows or requires the Internal Revenue Service to disclose or give the information shown on your return to others as described in the Code. For example, we may disclose your tax information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, and the District of Columbia for use in administering their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is: Recordkeeping, 6 min.; Learning about the law or the form, 17 min.; Preparing the form, 11 min.; and Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS, 20 min.

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Internal Revenue Service, Tax Products Coordinating Committee, SE:W:CAR:MP:T:T:SP, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526, Washington, DC 20224. Do not send this form to this address. Instead, see *Where and When To File* above.

Reasons for claiming refund. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed. Write your name and Identifying number on each sheet.

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