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IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.

Form 8453-OL

U.S. Individual Income Tax Declaration for an IRS e-file Online Return

OMB No. 1545-1397

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

For the year January 1–December 31, 2003

2003

See instructions on back.

Use the IRS label. Otherwise, please print or type.

Labels for name, address, and social security numbers.

Important! You must enter your SSN(s) above. Daytime phone number

Part I Tax Return Information (Whole dollars only)

Table with 5 rows: Adjusted gross income, Total tax, Federal income tax withheld, Refund, Amount you owe.

Part II Declaration of Taxpayer. Be sure to keep a copy of your tax return.

- 6a I consent that my refund be directly deposited...
b I do not want direct deposit of my refund or I am not receiving a refund.
c I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an ACH electronic funds withdrawal entry...

If I have filed a balance due return, I understand that if the IRS does not receive full and timely payment of my tax liability, I will remain liable for the tax liability and all applicable interest and penalties.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the information I have given my intermediate service provider and/or transmitter and the amounts in Part I above agree with the amounts on the corresponding lines of the electronic portion of my 2003 Federal income tax return.

Sign Here section with lines for signature and date.

General Instructions



You may be able to file a completely paperless return! Your tax preparation software should contain information about using a self-select personal identification number (PIN) instead of filing Form 8453-OL. Or, you can go to the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8453-OL to:

- Authenticate the electronic portion of your 2003 Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ,
- Send any accompanying paper schedules or statements, and
- Provide your consent to directly deposit any refund and/or authorize an electronic funds withdrawal for payment of Federal taxes owed and/or a payment of estimated tax.

Who Must File

If you are filing a 2003 Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ through an intermediate service provider and/or transmitter and you do not use a self-select PIN, you must file a signed 2003 Form 8453-OL with the IRS.

Note. Do not mail a copy of your Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ.

When and Where To File

You must mail this form to the IRS on the next working day after you have received acknowledgment from your intermediate service provider and/or transmitter that the IRS has accepted your electronically filed return. The address should be included in your acknowledgment message. If not, mail Form 8453-OL to the IRS at the applicable address shown in the chart below. If you do not receive an acknowledgment, you must contact your intermediate service provider and/or transmitter.

Line Instructions

Declaration Control Number (DCN). The DCN is a 14-digit number assigned to your return by your intermediate service provider and/or transmitter. It should be included in your acknowledgment message. Clearly type or print the DCN in the top left corner of Form 8453-OL. The first two digits are always "00". The next six digits are the electronic filer identification number (EFIN). The next five digits are the batch number and serial number. The "4" represents the year the return is filed (2004).

Example. The EFIN is 509325. The batch number is 000. The serial number is 56. The DCN is 00-509325-00056-4.

Name and Address. If you received a peel-off name and address label from the IRS, put the label in the name area. Cross out any incorrect information and print the correct information. Add any missing items, such as your apartment number. If you did not receive a label, print or type the information in the spaces provided.

P.O. Box. Enter your box number **only** if the post office does not deliver mail to your home.

Note. The address must match the address shown on your electronically filed return.

Social Security Number (SSN). Be sure to enter your SSN in the space provided on Form 8453-OL. If a joint return, list the SSNs in the same order as the first names.

Part I—Tax Return Information

Line 5. Do not include any payment with Form 8453-OL. The method of payment depends on whether you check the box on line 6b or 6c. For details, see the instructions for Part II.

Part II—Declaration of Taxpayer

Note. You must check all applicable boxes on line 6.

If there is an amount on line 5 and you check box 6b and are paying by check or money order, **do not** attach your payment to Form 8453-OL. Instead, mail it by April 15, 2004, with **Form 1040-V** to the IRS at the applicable address shown on that form. If you do not have a Form 1040-V, you may be able

to get it from your intermediate service provider and/or transmitter. You can also see your tax return instruction booklet for other ways to get forms or go to the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

If you check box 6c, you must ensure that the following information relating to the financial institution account is provided in the tax preparation software.

- Routing number.
- Account number.
- Type of account (checking or savings).
- Debit amount.
- Debit date (date you want the debit to occur).

Your electronically transmitted return will not be considered complete, and therefore filed, unless and until the IRS receives your signed Form 8453-OL. If a joint return, your spouse must also sign. A Form 8453-OL signed by an agent must have a power of attorney attached that specifically authorizes the agent to sign the return. To do this, you can use **Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative**.

Your signature allows the IRS to disclose to your intermediate service provider and/or transmitter: **(a)** an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, **(b)** an indication of any refund offset, **(c)** the reason for any delay in the processing of the return or the refund, and **(d)** the date of any refund.

Refunds. Your refund should be issued within 3 weeks after the IRS has accepted your return. However, some refunds may be delayed because of compliance reviews to ensure that returns are accurate.

Refund Information. You can check on the status of your 2003 refund if it has been at least 3 weeks from the date you filed your return. To check on the status of your 2003 refund, do one of the following:

- Go to www.irs.gov, click on **Where's My Refund** then on **Go Get My Refund Status**.
- Call **1-800-829-4477** for automated refund information and follow the recorded instructions.
- Call **1-800-829-1954**.

If you live in . . .	THEN mail Form 8453-OL to this address . . .
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Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, all Asian/Pacific APO and FPO addresses, a foreign country: U.S. citizens and those filing Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ	Internal Revenue Service Attn: Shipping and Receiving, 0254 Receipt and Control Branch Austin, TX 73344-0254
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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 Internal Revenue Code section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual

circumstances. The estimated average time is 15 minutes. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of this time estimate or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Tax Products Coordinating Committee, Western Area Distribution Center, Rancho Cordova, CA 95743-0001. **Do not** send the form to this address. Instead, see **When and Where To File** on this page.

