

Electronic Filing of 1099s

Electronic submission of 1099s is done differently for state and federal.

Federal 1099 Submission

Federal submission of the 1099 is done through the Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) portal. The portal has a separate area for test submissions (<https://fire.test.irs.gov/>) and final submissions (<https://fire.irs.gov/>).

The two sites (test and final) are completely independent. A separate user name and password is required for each site. The same credentials may be used for both. Changing the password on the test site, however, does not update the password on the final site, and vice versa.

The system allows submitting multiple test files. Test files should be submitted to ensure that there have been no changes in format from the previous year.

Submitting a Test File

1. From the AP Main Menu, click on **Reports**, then **Forms 1099**, and then **TXT Export for Federal**. This will open the **Federal 1099 FIRE Exports Form**.
2. At the bottom of the **Federal 1099 FIRE Exports Form**, there is a button to create the file. Ensure that the year and minimum 1099 amount fields are set correctly, choose the "Test" radio button, and then click the **Create File** button.



Year:	Min. 1099 Amt:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Test	Create File
2014	\$600.00	<input type="radio"/> Final	

3. Once the file is created, Windows Explorer will open to the folder where the file is located. (The folder location may be changed via **Utilities** --> **Change Company Info** --> Export Location.)
4. Go to <https://fire.test.irs.gov/>
5. Click "Logon" and enter credentials
6. Click the "Continue" link at the top of the Important Bulletins page
7. Click the "Send Information Returns" link on the top left of the page
8. Enter the TCC and TIN (this information may be found on the **Company Information Form**)
9. Verify the filing information and click Accept after making any necessary changes
10. Click the "Test File" link from the menu on the left side of the page
11. Click the "Choose File" button
12. Browse to the folder location opened above
13. Double-click the file that was just created
14. Click the "Upload" button

Submitting the Final File

1. From the AP Main Menu, click on [Reports](#), then [Forms 1099](#), and then [TXT Export for Federal](#). This will open the [Federal 1099 FIRE Exports Form](#).
2. At the bottom of the [Federal 1099 FIRE Exports Form](#), there is a button to create the file. Ensure that the year and minimum 1099 amount fields are set correctly, choose the "Final" radio button, and then click the [Create File](#) button.

The screenshot shows a form with the following fields and options:

- Year:
- Min. 1099 Amt:
- Radio buttons: Test, Final
- Button: [Create File](#)

3. Once the file is created, Windows Explorer will open to the folder where the file is located. (The folder location may be changed via [Utilities](#) --> [Change Company Info](#) --> Export Location.)
4. Go to <https://fire.irs.gov/>
5. Click "Logon" and enter credentials
6. Click the "Continue" link at the top of the Important Bulletins page
7. Click the "Send Information Returns" link on the top left of the page
8. Enter the TCC and TIN (this information may be found on the [Company Information Form](#))
9. Verify the filing information and click Accept after making any necessary changes
10. Click the "Original File" link from the menu on the left side of the page

The screenshot shows the Internal Revenue Service website with the following content:

Internal Revenue Service
United States Department of the Treasury

FIRE Production System

Choose a File Type

- [Test File](#)
- [Original File](#)
- [Replacement File](#)
- [Correction File](#)
- [Amended File](#)
- [Main Menu](#)

Definitions of File Types

Original File
An information return that has never been reported.

Replacement File
If an original or correction information return is bad (FILE STATUS = BAD), it must be sent as a replacement file after you fix the errors.

Amended/Correction File
An information return submitted by the transmitter to correct an information return that was previously submitted and processed by the IRS (FILE STATUS = GOOD), but contained erroneous data.

Test File
This option is used to test your files for the upcoming tax year.
Note: Test submissions are not accepted at this site. If you are trying to submit test submissions, go to fire.test.irs.gov. Test dates are from November through February.

An amended/correction file will only contain the records in error, not the entire original submission. If you are sending a 1042-S file, you would click on Amended File. Otherwise, click on Correction File.

[FIRE Privacy Policy](#)

11. Click the "Choose File" button
12. Browse to the folder location opened above
13. Double-click the file that was just created
14. Click the "Upload" button

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