

# Alabama Test Package



## Alabama Corporate/Partnership Income Tax Returns Tax Year 2008



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## **ALABAMA BUSINESS ACCEPTANCE TESTING SYSTEM Forms 20C, 20C-C, 20S, 65 AND PTE-C for TAX YEAR 2008**

### **Purpose Of Testing:**

The purpose of testing prior to live processing is to ensure that:

1. Filers transmit in the correct format and meet Alabama Modernized e-File (MeF) electronic filing specifications;
2. Returns have few validation or math errors;
3. Alabama Revenue Department (Department) can receive and process the electronic returns;
4. Developers understand and are familiar with the mechanics of electronic filing.

### **Who Must Test:**

All software developers are required to perform their created tests before acceptance into the Department's electronic filing program for the 2009 filing season (Tax Year 2008). Anyone who plans to transmit returns to the Department must complete communications testing with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and be accepted. Prior to testing, all software developers and transmitters must have obtained an Electronic Transmitter Identification Number (ETIN), Electronic Filer Identification Number (EFIN) and password through the IRS application process. Refer to IRS Publication 3112, IRS e-file Application Package for Form 8633 procedures. For the On-Line application procedures refer to the <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=106801,00.html> URL.

### **Tests:**

**Each Software Vendor will create their own test package to adequately test schedules and return/form types supported by their software.** Software does not have to provide for all forms or schedules, nor for all occurrences of a particular form or schedule. You must advise the E-File Coordinator of all limitations to your Software package at the time of first contact, before testing begins. You must test the complete form for all forms you plan to support 20C/20C-C/20S/65/PTE-C with no field limitations except for the number of occurrences. Return/form types must be correctly prepared and computed before transmitting the test.

The Department strongly recommends each return be run against a parser prior to being transmitted to the Department. The Department will run each return against a parser. **Test returns must be transmitted to the Department in .PDF format prior to submission of the electronic version of that test return.**

Every conceivable condition cannot be represented in any test package therefore vendors may test additional conditions they feel are appropriate after they have passed testing, as long as they use the predefined FEINs and Name Controls.

## **Attachments (PDFs):**

Test scenarios containing required attachments to be sent in .PDF format, (i.e. the AL8453-C Corporate/Partnership Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing, etc.) must be attached. The purpose of the test is to verify the transmission and receipt of the required attachments not the content.

## **Formatting the Entities:**

Refer to XML efile Types for proper formatting for the business name lines and address. No commas or periods are allowed. Example:

Test Scenario  
HELP  
2300 MCCLELLAN AVE SUITE 450  
PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109-4613

XML Format  
HELP For All Inc (BusinessNameLine1Type)  
2300 MCCLELLAN AVE SUITE 450 (StreetAddressType)  
PENNSAUKEN (CityType)  
NJ (StateType)  
08109-4613 (ZipCodeType)

## **Populating Data in the Test Cases:**

Do not transmit blank data elements. Do not enter zeros where you have no entry unless the form or instructions specifically instruct you to do so. For example, if you have no NOL Carryforward, do not enter a zero for that data element. It should be left blank and not transmitted in the XML return data.

## **When You Are Ready To Test:**

Prior to submitting test files you must contact either the Corporate Income Tax E-File Coordinator or e-mail [corporate.efile@revenue.alabama.gov](mailto:corporate.efile@revenue.alabama.gov) to obtain a test ID. This test ID will be used in the element Header\HdrCode\SoftwareDeveloper\DeveloperID. After you have completed testing you will use your EFIN. The test ID's assigned will only be used in the test environment. A database consisting of the EFIN of the software developers who have completed testing with the Department will be maintained. If the EFIN transmitted in the element

Header\HdrCode\SoftwareDeveloper\DeveloperID is not in the database the return will be rejected.

Our goal is to maintain open lines of communication to assure the success of your software and the electronic filing program for the state of Alabama. You are invited to contact us with any question or comment you have regarding our Corporate/Partnership Income Tax Electronic Filing Program. For best possible service, please choose the appropriate contact carefully.

For technical questions regarding:

- The web site
- The XML Schema
- The Summary of the XML Schema (spreadsheet)
- Additional detail of schema elements
- The sample return
- The sample xml instance document
- Software testing and approval
- Missing acknowledgements

**CONTACT:** Corporate Income Tax E-File Coordinator  
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Alabama Department of Revenue  
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## Testing Guidelines for Software Developers

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## Electronic Signatures

As with any corporate/partnership income tax return submitted to the Department on paper, an electronic corporate/partnership income tax return must be signed by an authorized corporate/partnership officer and the paid preparer, if applicable.

The AL8453-C “Corporate/Partnership Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing” authorizes the origination of the electronic submission of the return prior to the transmission of the return. The Declaration includes the taxpayer’s declaration that the return is true, correct and complete, as well as the taxpayer’s Consent to Disclosure. The Consent to Disclosure authorizes the Department to disclose information to the taxpayer’s Authorized IRS e-file Providers. Intermediate Service Providers, Transmitters and EROs are authorized by taxpayers to receive acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the electronic return from IRS. **If the electronic return data on a corporate/partnership income tax return is changed after the taxpayer has signed the Declaration, the taxpayer must sign a new declaration if the amounts differ.**

**The Form AL8453-C must be completed and signed by all required parties and then scanned to create a PDF document.** The PDF document must then be included as part of the electronic return as binary attachment named “AL8453C.pdf”. The software must generate the AL8453-C and provide an interface or instructions for the user to include the scanned document with the electronic tax return. See Appendix I for the AL8453-C

## Reviewing BATS Test Files and Making Corrections

You may transmit as many test returns as necessary until you receive no error messages, all “Business Rules” violations must be corrected in order to pass BATS testing. **Software will only be passed upon error free transmission of all tests.**

Appendix I

FORM  
**AL8453-C**

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
INDIVIDUAL & CORPORATE TAX DIVISION  
Corporation/Partnership

**2008**

**Income Tax Declaration for Electronic Filing**

To be filed electronically with the company's tax return. Do not send paper copies.

For the tax period \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, through \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COMPANY	FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
ADDRESS OF COMPANY	TELEPHONE NUMBER

**PART I** Tax Return Information (*Whole Dollars Only*)

1 Alabama taxable income (Form 200C, line 14; Form 200C-C, line 1); or Non Separately Stated Income Allocated and Apportioned to Alabama (Forms 200S/65, line 20) .....	1	
2 Total tax liability (Form 200C, line 15; Form 200C-C, line 2c; Form 200S, line 21) .....	2	
3 Total payments and credits (Form 200C, line 16h; Form 200C-C, line 3h; Form 200S, line 22e) .....	3	
4 Refund (negative number reported on Form 200C, line 18; Form 200C-C, line 5; Form 200S, line 25) .....	4	
5 Amount you owe (positive number reported on Form 200C, line 18; Form 200C-C, line 5; Form 200S, line 26) .....	5	
6 Amount of payment remitted electronically .....	6	

**PART II** Declaration of Officer (*Sign only after Part I is completed.*)

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above company and that the information I have given my electronic return originator (ERO), transmitter, and/or intermediate service provider (ISP) and the amounts in Part I above agree with the amounts on the corresponding lines of the company's Alabama income tax return. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the company's return is true, correct, and complete. I consent to my ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP sending the company's return, this declaration, and accompanying schedules and statements to the Alabama Department of Revenue. I also consent to the Alabama Department of Revenue sending my ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP an acknowledgment of receipt of transmission and an indication of whether or not the company's return is accepted, and, if rejected, the reason(s) for the rejection.

I authorize a representative of the Department of Revenue to discuss my return and attachments with my preparer.

Sign Here

Signature of Officer	Date	Title
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**PART III** Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (*See Instructions*)

I declare that I have reviewed the above company's return and that the entries on Form AL8453-C are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The company's officer will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give the officer a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the Alabama Department of Revenue, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 3112, IRS e-file Application and Participation, and Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers and Pub. AL4164 Software Developers and Transmitters Guidelines and Schemas for Alabama Corporation and Partnership Income Tax Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above company's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

ERO's Use Only	ERO's signature	Date	Check if also paid preparer <input type="checkbox"/>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	ERO's SSN or PTIN
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address and ZIP code	EIN		Phone No. ( )	

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's SSN or PTIN
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address and ZIP code	EIN		Phone No. ( )