

810-3-39-12 Alabama Requirements for Mandatory E-File of Original Corporate Income Tax Returns. **(NEW RULE)**

(1) (a) If an income tax return preparer prepares 125 or more acceptable, original corporate/partnership income tax returns using tax preparation software in calendar year 2009, and 50 or more acceptable corporate/partnership income tax returns using tax preparation software in calendar year 2010, then for the calendar year 2010 all acceptable corporate/partnership income tax returns prepared by that income tax preparer must be filed using electronic technology, as defined in the “Electronic Tax Return Filing Act,” as codified in Chapter 30 of Title 40, Code of Alabama 1975.

(b) If an income tax return preparer prepares 25 or more acceptable, original corporate/partnership income tax returns using tax preparation software in calendar year 2011, then for that calendar year and for each subsequent calendar year thereafter, all acceptable corporate/partnership income tax returns prepared by that income tax preparer must be filed using electronic technology, as defined in the “Electronic Tax Return Filing Act,” as codified in Chapter 30 of Title 40, Code of Alabama 1975.

(2) For purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

(a) “Income tax preparer” means a person who meets both the following:

1. Any person who prepares an Alabama corporate/partnership income tax return in exchange for compensation.

2. Or any person who employs another person to prepare, in exchange for compensation, any current year Alabama corporate/partnership income tax return.

(b) “Original corporate/partnership income tax return” means any return that is required, to be filed with respect to the tax imposed as defined by Section 40-18-2, Code of Alabama 1975. For purposes of paragraphs (1)(a) and (1)(b) above, a “timely” original corporate/partnership tax return means any original corporate/partnership tax return that is filed, without regard to extensions, during the calendar year for which that tax return is required to be filed.

(c) “Acceptable corporate/partnership income tax return” means, for the purposes of the mandatory corporate/partnership income tax filing program, any original corporate/partnership tax return that is authorized by the Department to be filed solely using electronic technology as defined in Section 40-30-3(2), Code of Alabama 1975.

(d) “Tax preparation software” means any computer software program intended for accounting, tax return preparation, or tax compliance.

(3) Paragraph (1)(a) shall cease to apply to an income tax preparer if, during the 2009 calendar year, the income tax preparer prepared no more than 30 original corporate/partnership income tax returns and during the 2010 calendar year and all

subsequent years, the income tax preparer prepared no more than 15 original corporate/partnership income tax returns.

(a) Paragraph (1)(a) of this rule, applies to acceptable corporate/partnership income tax returns required to be filed for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2009.

(b) Paragraph (1)(a) of this rule, may not be interpreted to require electronic filing of acceptable corporate/partnership income tax returns that are required to be filed on or before January 1, 2009.

(4) (a) For a Tax Year 2008 Corporation with assets of \$10 million or more, or partnerships with 100 or more partners mandated to e-file with the IRS are mandated to e-file Tax Year 2009 Alabama corporate/partnership income tax returns, and all subsequent tax years.

(b) For a Tax Year 2009 Corporation with assets of \$5 million or more, or partnerships with 50 or more partners are mandated to e-file Tax Year 2010 Alabama corporate/partnership income tax returns, and all subsequent tax years.

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History: