

#### Operating a Business in Alabama: Withholding Tax

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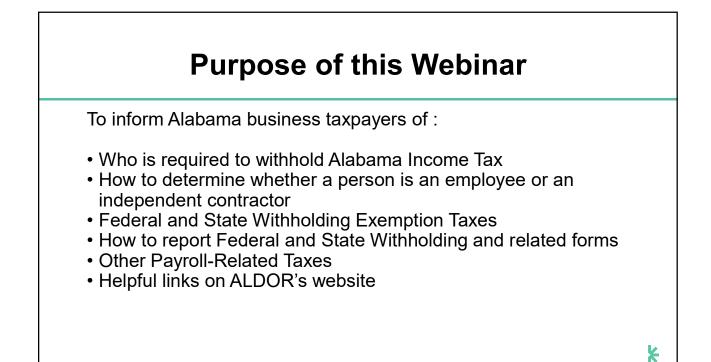
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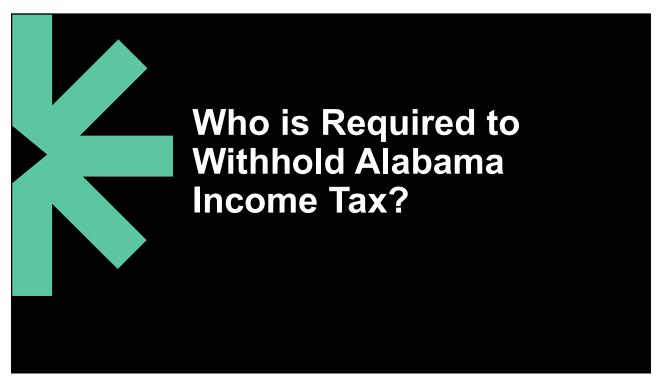
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Please refer to the Alabama Department of Revenue website at <u>revenue.alabama.gov</u> for additional information.





- Employers with employees working in the State of Alabama who are not independent contractors.
- Alabama employers, with Alabama residents working outside the State of Alabama, will need to withhold Alabama income tax on those residents <u>unless</u> they are withholding tax for the state in which the employee is working.
- Employers, who are residents of Alabama, are required to withhold taxes from wages of their employees who are not residents of Alabama *only* to the extent that the wages are **earned in Alabama**.
- Nonresident employers are required to withhold Alabama income tax on wages earned in Alabama.

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How to Determine Whether a Person is an Employee or an Independent Contractor

#### **Employee vs. Independent Contractor**

- Alabama uses the Federal classification determination to define the relationship between a business and an employee or an independent contractor. (See Federal Form SS-8 Determination of Worker Status for Purposes of Federal Employment Taxes and Income Tax Withholding.)
- An employee cannot claim to be an independent contractor for Alabama purposes and therefore exempt from Alabama withholding tax, unless he has met the Federal guidelines for being an independent contractor.
- Refer to IRS Publication 15-A, Employer's Supplemental Tax Guide at <u>irs.gov/</u>.

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#### Employee vs. Independent Contractor Three Common Law Factors

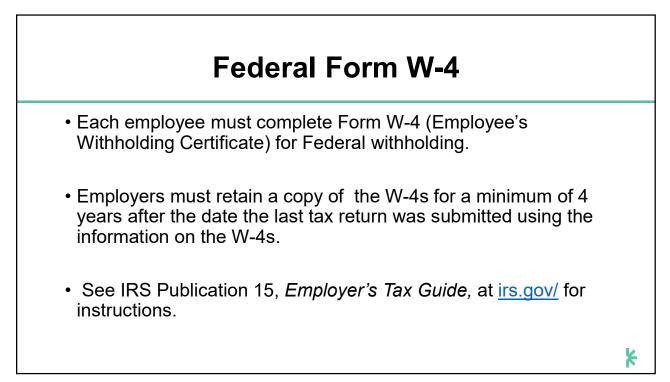
Employee	Independent Contractor
Behavioral Control	Behavioral Control
✓ Controls when, where, and how the work is done	$\checkmark$ Plan their own hours
✓ Training	✓ Qualified
Financial Control	Financial Control
✓ No profit motive	✓ Profit motive
✓ Paid wages by the hour, week or month	✓ Paid a predetermined amount
□ Relationship	□ Relationship
✓ Employee type benefits	✓ Will have a written contract

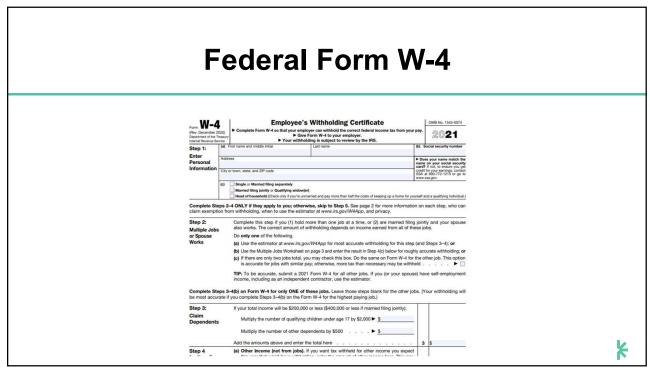
Employee vs. Independent Contractor			
Employee:	Independent Contractor:		
<ul> <li>Does not control how, when, or where he/she works</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Controls every aspect of how, when, and where the work will be done</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Day-to-day work is important to the business</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not important for daily company workflow</li> </ul>		
Uses company resources	<ul> <li>Uses own resources to get job completed</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Employee receives a Form W-2 from employer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>An independent contractor receives Form 1099 for services rendered</li> </ul>		

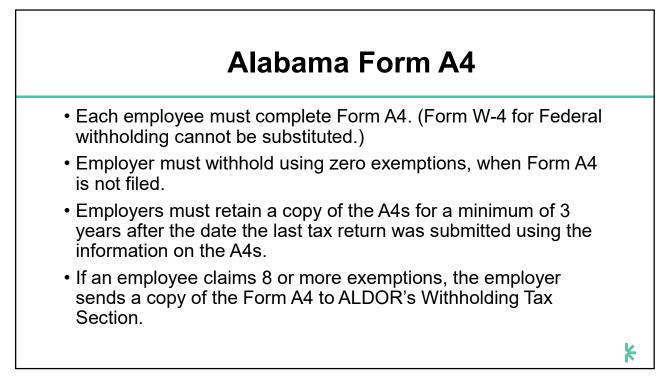
#### Employee vs. Independent Contractor Examples

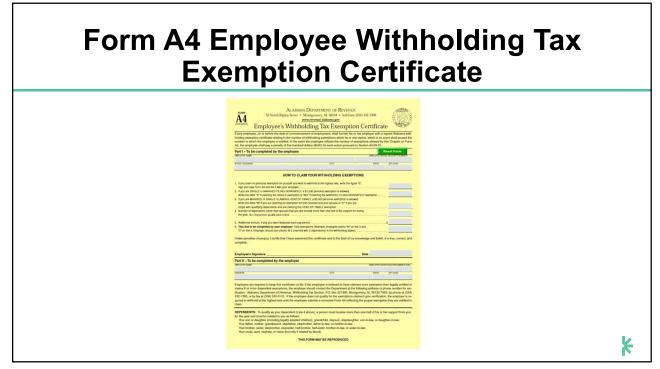
Employee	Independent Contractor
Dance instructors working in a health club, where the club sets hours of work, the routines to be taught and pays the instructors from fees collected by the club are examples of employees.	Dance instructors, who select their own dance routines to teach, locate and rent their own facilities, provide their own sound systems, music and clothing, collect fees directly from customers, and are free to hire assistants are examples of independent contractors.
A repairperson working in a shop where the shop owner sets the prices, the hours and days the shop is open, and the repairperson is paid an hourly wage for the work done.	A repairperson who owns or rents a shop, advertises the services to the public, furnishes all of the tools, equipment, and supplies necessary to make repairs.









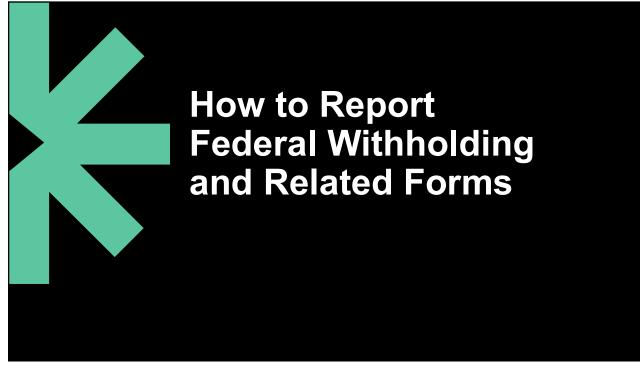


#### Nonresident Military Spouse Withholding Tax Exemption (Form A4-MS)

- Public Law 111-97: Military Spouses Residency Relief Act provides that spousal income **is not** subject to Alabama withholding **if** the spouse is in the jurisdiction solely to be with the service member serving in compliance with military orders.
- To qualify for the tax exemption, the answer to all 7 conditions on the A4-MS **MUST** be **TRUE**.

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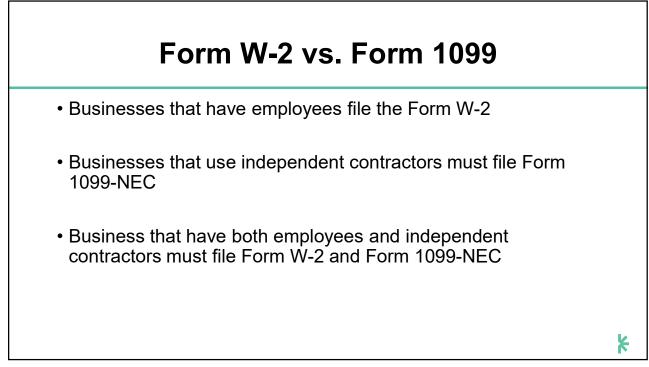


#### **Federal Withholding**

- Withheld from employee's paycheck
- Amount withheld is based on employee's W-4
- Usually paid by making deposits through EFT (EFTPS.gov)

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- File Form 941 quarterly
- See IRS Publication 15 at <u>irs.gov/</u> for instructions.

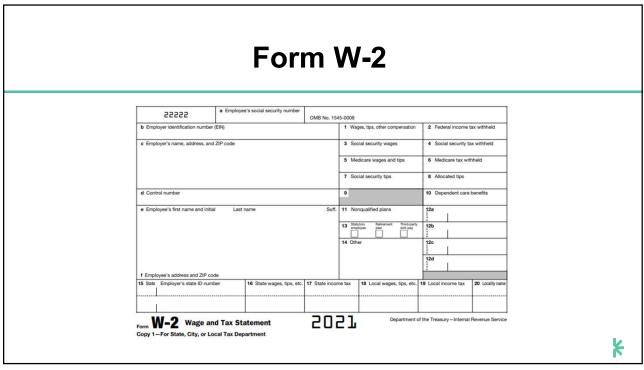


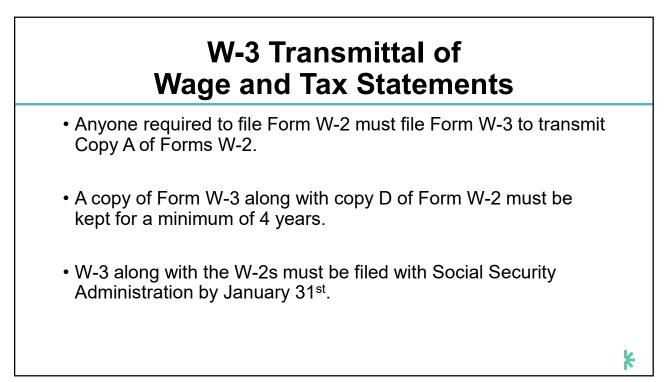
### Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statement

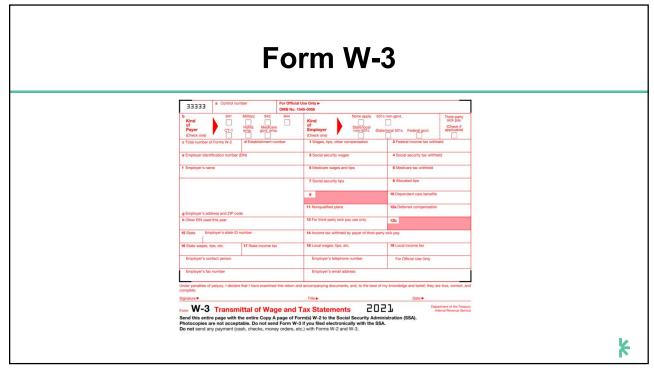
Every employer engaged in a trade or business, who pays remuneration, including noncash payments of \$600 or more for the year for services performed by an employee, must file a Form W-2 for each employee (even if the employee is related to the employer) from whom:

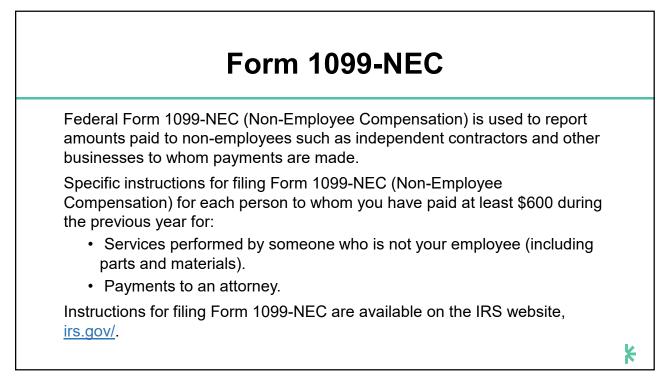
- Income, Social Security, or Medicare tax was withheld.
- Income tax would have been withheld if the employee had claimed no more than one withholding allowance or had not claimed exemption from withholding on Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.

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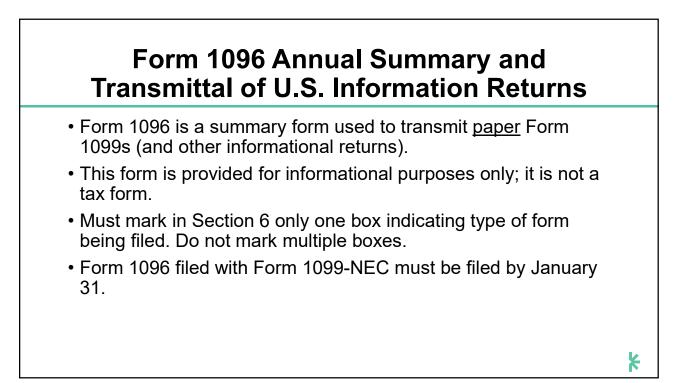


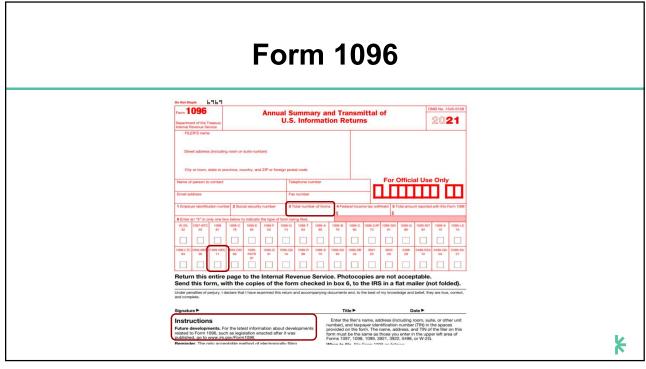




Form 1099-NEC
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PAYER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP OMB No. 1545-0116 or foreign postal code, and telephone no.
2021 Nonemp Compens
Form 1099-NEC
PAYER'S TIN RECIPIENT'S TIN 1 Nonemployee compensation
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RECIPIENT'S name 2 Payer made direct sales totaling \$5,000 or more of consumer products to recipient for resale Depa
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Street address (including apt. no.)
4 Federal income tax withheld
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code \$
5 State tax withheld 6 State/Payer's state no. 7 State income
Account number (see instructions) \$ \$
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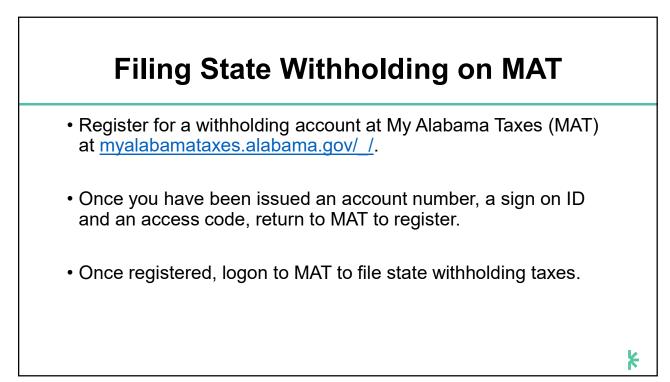






Form	Filing Frequency	Due Date		Additional Information
A-6	Monthlyif employer withholds more than \$1,000 in the 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> month of the quarter	On or before the 15 <sup>th</sup> of the month following the end of the month being filed (e.g., Form A-6 for the month of January is due on or before February 15 <sup>th</sup> )	•	First Return – New employers must apply for withholding tax account on My Alabama Taxes Final Return – When an employer ceases to withhold Alabama Income Tax, place a "X" on Line 1 of A-6 form.
A-1	Quarterlyif employer withholds less than \$1,000 a month	On or before the last day of the month following the end of the quarter being filed (e.g., <i>Quarter ending March</i> 31 <sup>st</sup> <i>is due on or before April</i> 30 <sup>th</sup> )		
A-3	Annually	Due on or before January 31 <sup>st</sup>	•	W-2s must be filed with A-3 Filing must include Federal 1099 or 1096 Must file electronically <i>if</i> returns & payments were filed & paid electronically Must file electronically if the A-3 includes 25 or more W-2s or 1099s

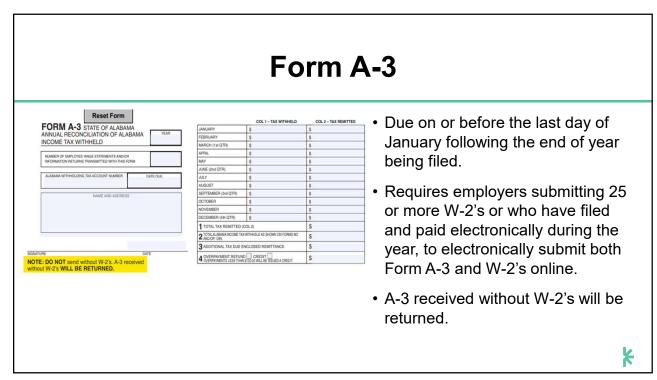
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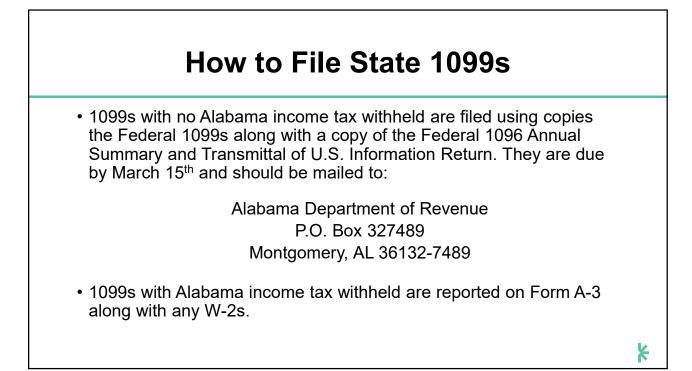


#### Form A-3 Alabama Annual Reconciliation of Alabama Income Tax Withheld

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Employers must submit copies of Form W-2 to the Department using the Alabama Reconciliation Form A-3



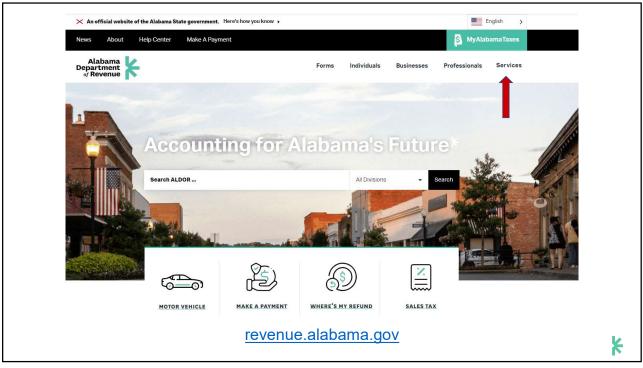


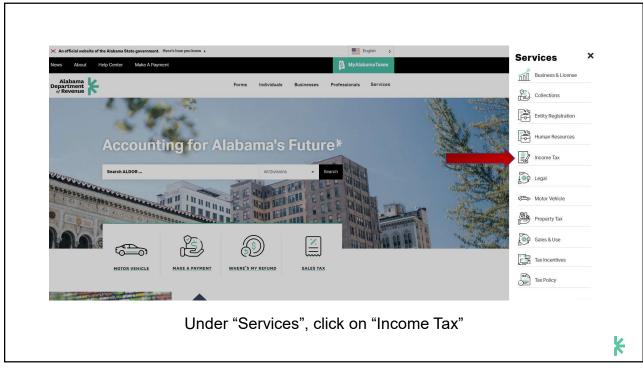


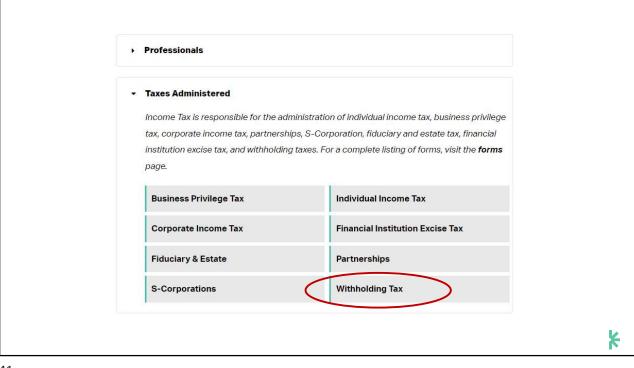
#### Other Payroll-Related Taxes Not Administered by ALDOR

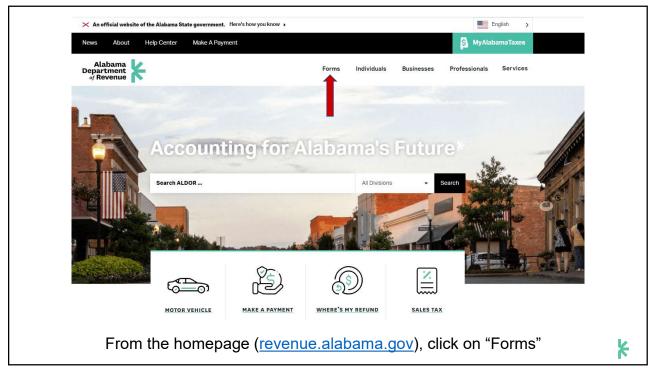
FEDERAL	<u>STATE</u>	MUNICIPALITY / COUNTY	
See IRS Publication 15 at www.irs.gov	See labor.alabama.gov	See www.AtlasAlabama.gov for local government websites	
Form W-9 ( <i>Request for Taxpayer</i> <i>Identification Number and</i> <i>Certification</i> ) I-9 ( <i>Employment Eligibility</i> <i>Verification</i> )	Unemployment Tax	Occupational Taxes	
Federal Unemployment Taxes (FUTA)	State Unemployment Insurance		
Social Security and Medicare Taxes	Unemployment Compensation Reports		

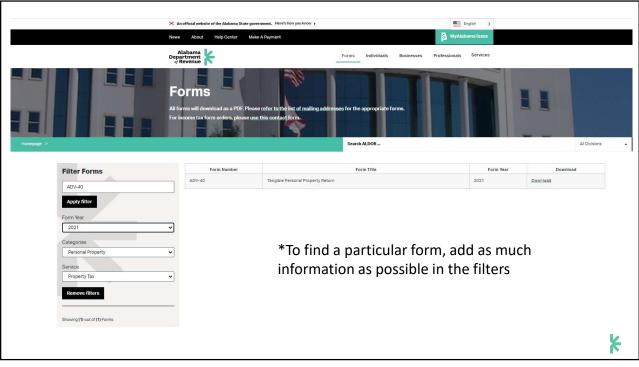












## Alabama Department of Revenue Taxpayer Service Centers

The Alabama Department of Revenue has nine Taxpayer Service Centers located throughout the State to assist you. Contact information for the service centers can be found at:

https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/help-center/

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#### Alabama Department of Revenue Contact Numbers

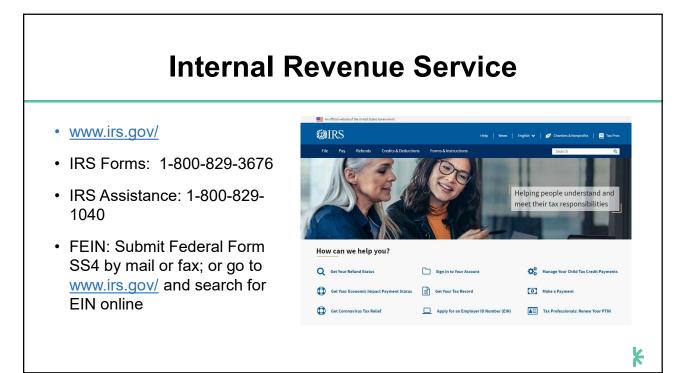
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- 334-242-1170, Option #8 -
- 334-242-1170, Option #6 -
- 334-242-1189 -
- 334-242-1584 -
- 334-242-1490 -

Individual Income Tax

#### Withholding Tax

- Corporate Tax
- **Business Privilege Tax**
- Pass-Through Entity
- Certificate of Compliance
- **Business Registration**
- Sales and Use Tax





#### **Internal Revenue Service - Resources**

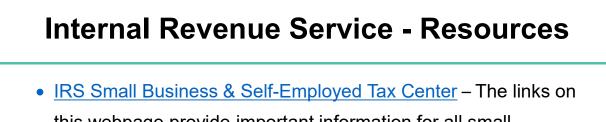
The IRS has a series of <u>Small Business Tax Workshops</u> available online that are free and contain useful federal tax information for new business owners and employers. The topics include:

- <u>Federal Taxes and Your New Business</u>
- <u>Schedule C and Other Small Business Taxes</u>
- Business Use of Your Home
- <u>Federal Taxes When Hiring Employees or Independent Contractors</u>

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Managing Payroll to Withhold the Correct Amount of Tax



this webpage provide important information for all small businesses and self-employed individuals.

- Publication 5557 A Guide to Starting a Small Business
- Publication 4591 Small Business Federal Tax Responsibilities
- Publication 583 Starting a Business and Keeping Records
- Publication 334 Tax Guide for Small Businesses

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