

IRS Transcript Cheat Sheet

Types of Transcripts:

- > Return Transcript (Available for the current tax year and prior 3 years)
 - Record of most line items from tax return (Not all).
 - Created when original return is filed and accepted.
 - o Not created when an SFR is filed or an original return is filed after an SFR.
 - Does not change if return is amended.
 - Usually takes 3 6 weeks to post after acceptance.
- > Account Transcript (Available back to the 1980's through current calendar year)
 - Record of account transactions on taxpayers account.
 - Updated weekly (Probably over the weekend).
 - Usually annual but can be quarterly (example: 941's & Civil Penalties)
- Wage & Income Transcript (Available for the prior 10 years)
 - 2 Types
 - Forms
 - List the forms and amounts reported to the IRS for income, Health Care, School Expenses, etc...
 - Can be available as early as March. Usually not complete until July.
 - Usually does not change but can if additional documents received.
 - Summary
 - Lists the totals of each type of income for each tax year.
 - The summary can be inaccurate when compared to the forms amounts.
- **Record of Account** (Available for the current tax year and prior 3 years)
 - o This is a combination Return Transcript and Account Transcript.
 - o DO NOT USE!!! These are not updated as frequently as Account Transcripts.
- > Separate Assessment (Available back to the 1980's through current calendar year)
 - Type of Account Transcript.
 - Must be specifically requested on 8821 and 2848.
 - Shows account transaction data when the tax liability from a MFJ account is split.
- > Civil Penalties (Available back to the 1980's through current calendar year)
 - o Type of Account Transcript that is usually used for Trust Fund Recovery Penalties.
 - o Must be specifically requested on 8821 and 2848.

> TXMOD

- Unavailable electronically.
- The most detailed transcript about accounts.
- TAXMOD's can provide sensitive data (criminal referrals, CSED's, etc...) that must be sanitized and removed before providing it to a taxpayer or its authorized representative.
- Can be acquired through PPS and a fax or a FOIA Request.

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Different methods to get IRS Transcripts:

- Call PPS (or customer can call IRS directly).
 - Hold times can reach two hours. (Best to call first thing East Coast Time).
 - o IRS will fax up to 10 transcripts.
 - Fax can take anywhere from 5 minutes to 48 hours.

> Taxpayer can use IRS Get Transcript.

- o Instant access if the taxpayer can answer their Public Database Questions.
- Can get transcripts going back 10 Years (Separate Assessment and Civil Penalty not included).
- Get Transcript also has a USPS option that can take up to two weeks.

> E-Services Transcript Delivery System (TDS)*

- o Takes 3-5 business days for the 2848 or 8821 to take effect after faxing in.
- Once CAF Authority is granted transcripts can be requested and downloaded instantly.
- TDS will no longer allow access to taxpayer's transcripts who are deceased or victims of ID
 Theft.

➢ Go to a local IRS Service Center

Other than the wait time instant access.

*Note: The IRS has announced a new online 2848 and/or 8821 form that will allow instant access to a taxpayer's transcripts online. Release date is targeted for late 2015.

CAF Numbers:

- CAF Numbers can be assigned to individuals and businesses.
- Use caution. Businesses do not have access to the Transcript Delivery System. If you send an 8821 listing the business as the designee transcripts cannot be electronically delivered.
- If you want to list both an individual (to get transcripts electronically) and the business (to allow any employee to call and get information) you can add a list of names and required info to the 8821.

Check out our websites for the following resources:

- Instructions on how to sign up for E-Services and the Transcript Delivery System.
- Sample 2848's and 8821's.
- > The most comprehensive list of IRS Transcript Transaction Codes.
- First Time Penalty Abatement Presentation.
- Transcript Analysis Presentation.

Taxhelpsoftware.com/E-Services_Help.html AuditDetective.com

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Internal Revenue Service Part I

Power of Attorney

Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative

► Go to www.irs.gov/Form2848 for instructions and the latest information.

Caution: A separate Form 2848 must be completed for each taxpayer. Form 2848 will not be honored

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for any purpose other than representation before the IRS. Date / /				
1 Taxpayer information. Taxpayer must sign and date this form on page	e 2, line 7.			
Taxpayer name and address	Taxpayer identification number	r(s)		
ACME Toy Company		555555		
123 Main St	Daytime telephone number	Plan number (if applicable)		
Anywhere, FL 32312	850-555-9999			
hereby appoints the following representative(s) as attorney(s)-in-fact:				
2 Representative(s) must sign and date this form on page 2, Part II.				
Name and address	CAF No. CAF Nur	nber or none		
Bob Jones	PTIN 99999	999999		
333 Main St	Telephone No. 85	0-555-1234		
Anywhere, FL 32312	Fax No	otional		
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to represent the taxpayer before the Internal Revenue Service and perform the f	ollowing acts:			
3 Acts authorized (you are required to complete this line 3). With the exception confidential tax information and to perform acts that I can perform with respect to sign any agreements, consents, or similar documents (see instructions for line	to the tax matters described below. For example, i	my representative(s) shall have the authority		
Description of Matter (Income, Employment, Payroll, Excise, Estate, Gift, Whistleblower,	3			
Practitioner Discipline, PLR, FOIA, Civil Penalty, Sec. 5000A Shared Responsibility Payment, Sec. 4980H Shared Responsibility Payment, etc.) (see instructions)	Tax Form Number (1040, 941, 720, etc.) (if applicable)	Year(s) or Period(s) (if applicable) (see instructions)		
Income	1120, 1120s, 1065, 1041	1990-2022		
Payroll	940, 941, 943, 944	1990-2022		
Civil Penalties	not applicable	1990-2022		
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Additional acts authorized. In addition to the acts listed on line 3 abort for line 5a for more information): ✓ Access my IRS recommendation ✓ Authorize disclosure to third parties; ✓ Substitute or add	ords via an Intermediate Service Provider;	m the following acts (see instructions		
Other acts authorized:				

Form 2848 (Rev. 1-2018) Specific acts not authorized. My representative(s) is (are) not authorized to endorse or otherwise negotiate any check (including directing or accepting payment by any means, electronic or otherwise, into an account owned or controlled by the representative(s) or any firm or other entity with whom the representative(s) is (are) associated) issued by the government in respect of a federal tax liability. List any other specific deletions to the acts otherwise authorized in this power of attorney (see instructions for line 5b): Retention/revocation of prior power(s) of attorney. The filing of this power of attorney automatically revokes all earlier power(s) of attorney on file with the Internal Revenue Service for the same matters and years or periods covered by this document. If you do not want to revoke a prior power of YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF ANY POWER OF ATTORNEY YOU WANT TO REMAIN IN EFFECT. 7 Signature of taxpayer. If a tax matter concerns a year in which a joint return was filed, each spouse must file a separate power of attorney even if they are appointing the same representative(s). If signed by a corporate officer, partner, guardian, tax matters partner, partnership representative, executor, receiver, administrator, or trustee on behalf of the taxpayer, I certify that I have the legal authority to execute this form on behalf of the taxpayer. ▶ IF NOT COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND DATED, THE IRS WILL RETURN THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY TO THE TAXPAYER. Title (if applicable) Signature Date Print Name Print name of taxpayer from line 1 if other than individual Part II **Declaration of Representative** Under penalties of perjury, by my signature below I declare that: • I am not currently suspended or disbarred from practice, or ineligible for practice, before the Internal Revenue Service; • I am subject to regulations contained in Circular 230 (31 CFR, Subtitle A, Part 10), as amended, governing practice before the Internal Revenue Service; • I am authorized to represent the taxpayer identified in Part I for the matter(s) specified there; and · I am one of the following: a Attorney—a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the jurisdiction shown below. **b** Certified Public Accountant—a holder of an active license to practice as a certified public accountant in the jurisdiction shown below. c Enrolled Agent—enrolled as an agent by the Internal Revenue Service per the requirements of Circular 230. **d** Officer—a bona fide officer of the taxpayer organization. e Full-Time Employee—a full-time employee of the taxpayer. f Family Member—a member of the taxpayer's immediate family (spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, step-parent, step-child, brother, or sister). g Enrolled Actuary—enrolled as an actuary by the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries under 29 U.S.C. 1242 (the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by section 10.3(d) of Circular 230). h Unenrolled Return Preparer—Authority to practice before the IRS is limited. An unenrolled return preparer may represent, provided the preparer (1) prepared and signed the return or claim for refund (or prepared if there is no signature space on the form); (2) was eligible to sign the return or claim for refund; (3) has a valid PTIN; and (4) possesses the required Annual Filing Season Program Record of Completion(s). See Special Rules and Requirements for Unenrolled Return Preparers in the instructions for additional information. k Qualifying Student—receives permission to represent taxpayers before the IRS by virtue of his/her status as a law, business, or accounting student working in an LITC or STCP. See instructions for Part II for additional information and requirements. r Enrolled Retirement Plan Agent—enrolled as a retirement plan agent under the requirements of Circular 230 (the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by section 10.3(e)). ▶ IF THIS DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND DATED, THE IRS WILL RETURN THE POWER OF ATTORNEY. REPRESENTATIVES MUST SIGN IN THE ORDER LISTED IN PART I, LINE 2. Note: For designations d-f, enter your title, position, or relationship to the taxpayer in the "Licensing jurisdiction" column. Licensing jurisdiction Designation-Bar, license, certification, (State) or other registration, or enrollment number Insert above letter Signature Date licensing authority (if applicable). (a-r). (if applicable). C **IRS** 0000000-EA **Enter State** BAR # for attorney a

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State CPA License #

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1 Taxpayer information. Taxpayer must sign and date this form on page	ge 2, line 7.
Taxpayer name and address	Taxpayer identification number(s)
John Smith	444-55-6666
123 Main St	Daytime telephone number Plan number (if applicable)
Anywhere, FL 32312	850-555-9999
hereby appoints the following representative(s) as attorney(s)-in-fact:	
2 Representative(s) must sign and date this form on page 2, Part II.	
Name and address	CAF No. CAF Number or none
Bob Jones	PTIN 999999999999999999999999999999999999
333 Main St	Telephone No. 850-555-1234
Anywhere, FL 32312	Fax No. Optional
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	on of the acts described in line 5b, I authorize my representative(s) to receive and inspect my
to sign any agreements, consents, or similar documents (see instructions for lin	to the tax matters described below. For example, my representative(s) shall have the author
	e 3a for authorizing a representative to sign a return).
Description of Matter (Income, Employment, Payroll, Excise, Estate, Gift, Whistleblower, Practitioner Discipline, PLR, FOIA, Civil Penalty, Sec. 5000A Shared Responsibility Payment, Se 4980H Shared Responsibility Payment, etc.) (see instructions)	Tax Form Number Year(s) or Period(s) (if applicable) (see instructions)
Income	1040 1990-2022
Separate Assessment	1040 1990-2022
Civil Penalties	not applicable 1990-2022
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	ove, I authorize my representative(s) to perform the following acts (see instruction cords via an Intermediate Service Provider; d representative(s); Sign a return;
Other acts authorized:	

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Form 8821

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Tax Information Authorization

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 ▶ Don't use Form 8821 to request copies of your tax returns or to authorize someone to represent you.

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1 Taxpayer information. Taxpayer r	must sign and date this form on line	e 7.		
Taxpayer name and address		Taxpayer identification number(s)		
ACME Toy Company		44-0000000		
123 Main St		Daytime telephone numb		
Anywhere, FL 32312		850-555-9999		
2 Appointee. If you wish to name m attached ▶ □	ore than one appointee, attach a li	st to this form. Check here if a list	of additional appointees is	
Name and address		CAF No. CAF No.	ımber or none	
Bob Jones		PTIN 9999	9999999	
333 Main St		Telephone No. 850-555-1234		
Anywhere, FL 32312		Fax No. OPTIONAL		
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3 Tax Information. Appointee is aut specific matters you list below. See		confidential tax information for the	type of tax, forms, periods, and	
By checking here, I authorize ac	ccess to my IRS records via an Inter	mediate Service Provider.		
(a) Type of Tax Information (Income, Employment,	(b)	(c)	(d)	
Payroll, Excise, Estate, Gift, Civil Penalty, Sec. 4980H Payments, etc.)	Tax Form Number (1040, 941, 720, etc.)	Year(s) or Period(s)	Specific Tax Matters	
Income	1120,1120s,1065, 1041	1990 - 2022	not applicable	
Payroll	940,941,943	1990 - 2022	not applicable	
Civil Penalty	not applicable	1990 - 2022	not applicable	
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5 Disclosure of tax information (yo	ou must check a box on line 5a or 5	b unless the box on line 4 is checke	ed):	
a If you want copies of tax informati this box	on, notices, and other written com	munications sent to the appointed	e on an ongoing basis, check ▶ 🗹	
Note. Appointees will no longer re	ceive forms, publications, and othe	er related materials with the notice	s.	
b If you don't want any copies of not	ices or communications sent to you	ur appointee, check this box .	▶ □	
6 Retention/revocation of prior tax	x information authorizations. If the	he line 4 box is checked, skip this li	ne. If the line 4 box isn't	
checked, the IRS will automatically	revoke all prior Tax Information Au	ıthorizations on file unless you che	ck the line 6 box and attach a	
copy of the Tax Information Author	rization(s) that you want to retain.			
To revoke a prior tax information a	uthorization(s) without submitting	a new authorization, see the line 6	instructions.	
7 Signature of taxpayer. If signed b administrator, trustee, or party oth- matters and tax periods shown on	er than the taxpayer, I certify that I			
► IF NOT COMPLETE, SIGNED, AI	ND DATED, THIS TAX INFORMATI	ON AUTHORIZATION WILL BE RE	TURNED.	
► DON'T SIGN THIS FORM IF IT IS	S BLANK OR INCOMPLETE.			
Signature		Da	te	
Print Name		Title	(if applicable)	

8821 Form

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Tax Information Authorization

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John Smith		44	444-55-6666	
123 Main St		Daytime telephone num	nber Plan number (if applicable)	
Anywhere, FL 32312		850-555-999	9	
2 Appointee. If you wish to name mo attached ►	ore than one appointee, attach a			
Name and address		CAF No. CAF N	lumber or none	
Roh Iones		PTIN 999	99999999	
333 Main St	Telephone No. 85		850-555-1234	
Anywhere, FL 32312		Fax No.	OPTIONAL	
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5 Disclosure of tax information (you	u must check a box on line 5a or	5b unless the box on line 4 is chec	ked):	
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b If you don't want any copies of noti	-			
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copy of the Tax Information Author	rization(s) that you want to retain		▶ □	
To revoke a prior tax information au	uthorization(s) without submittin	g a new authorization, see the line	6 instructions.	
7 Signature of taxpayer. If signed by administrator, trustee, or party other matters and tax periods shown on I	er than the taxpayer, I certify that			
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