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Agenda

- Form 990 Overview
- Common Errors
- Unrelated Business Income
- Other Items



Form 990 Overview



Background of Tax Exemption

- Federally-chartered credit unions (IRC §501(c)(1))
 - Instrumentalities of the federal government
 - No annual Form 990 filing requirement
 - Not subject to unrelated business income tax
- State-chartered credit unions (IRC §501(c)(14))
 - Required to file annual Form 990
 - Subject to unrelated business income tax
- Tax exemption under IRC §501 is specific to federal income tax & does not exempt credit unions from other types of taxes (payroll, property, sales)

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Form 990

- Form 990 is an "informational return" not a "tax return"
 - Form 990 must be complete & accurate
 - Form 990 must be available for public inspection
 - Form 990 must be filed electronically
- There are substantial penalties for non-compliance
 - Late filing penalties
 - Revocation of exempt status for those failing to file for three consecutive years



Public Disclosure

- Maintain a public disclosure copy of Form 990
- Form 1024 & attachments also (exception if you did not have a copy on July 15, 1987)
- Form 990 is available on Guidestar (www.guidestar.org)

18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)
	(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
	□ Own website □ Another's website □ Upon request □ Other (explain on Schedule O) Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

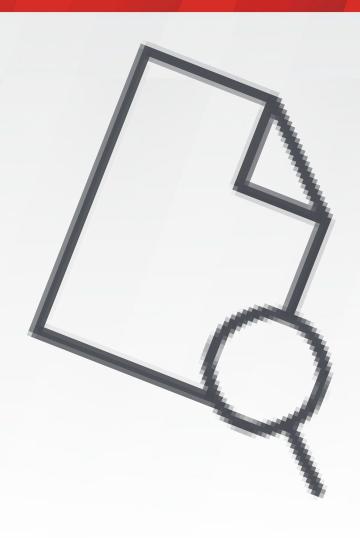


IRS Organization Search

- Replaces EO Select Check
- Images of newly filed 990s
 - Added monthly
- Mobile friendly
- Determination letters issued after 1/1/14
- https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/tax-exemptorganization-search

Tax Exempt Organization Search

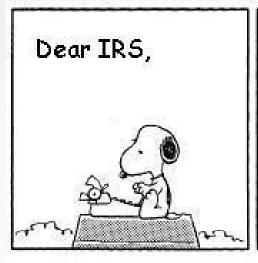


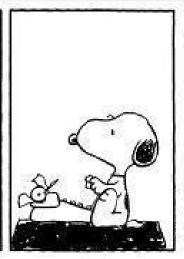


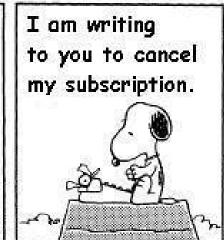
Who Is Looking at Form 990?

- Credit Union Members
- Congress
- IRS
- Media
- General public
- Vendors

- State Attorneys General
- Other Credit Unions
- Other watchdog groups











Core Form

- Part III: Program Service Accomplishments
 - Describes in detail the types of programs the organization conducts what do you want your members to know?
- Part IV: Checklist of Required Schedules
 - Various questions to help pinpoint exactly how many additional schedules will be attached
- Part V: Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings & Tax Compliance
 - Questions about foreign banking, the need to file a 990-T, items the IRS will need to know about
- Part VI: Governance, Management & Disclosure
 - Various questions & disclosures that provide more detail into who manages the organization & policies in place (all best practices)
- Part VII: Compensation of Officers, Directors, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees & Independent Contractors
- Parts VIII, IX, X: Financials

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Schedules

- Schedule C: Lobbying Activities
- Schedule D: Supplemental Financial Statements
- Schedule I: Grants & Other Assistance
- Schedule J: Compensation Information
- Schedule L: Transactions with Interested Persons
- Schedule O: Supplemental Information
- Schedule R: Related Organizations



Common Errors



- Missing applicable schedules
 - Answers to Part IV, Checklist of Required Schedules shows which schedules should be attached.
 - IRS can deem missing schedules an incomplete return & assess late filing penalties.
 - Note Part IV, Line 38 must be "yes" & Schedule O must contain applicable narratives.



- Board Members & Independence
 - Number of voting board members at year-end
 - Independence impaired if:
 - Receiving any W-2 compensation
 - Receiving 1099 of \$10,000 or more
 - Schedule L transactions in excess of specified thresholds reported for organizations owned more than 35% by the board member, providing compensation to a relative of the board member



- Part VII, Section A, Compensation
 - Fiscal year filers report compensation using data from the calendar year ending within the fiscal year
 - Use W-2 & 1099
 - Deferred compensation (ER portion) & nontaxable benefits (EE+ER portions) should be reported
 - All voting board members serving during the year should be listed, & officers of the board are checked as both director & officer
 - List top management official & top financial official as officers



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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)				s both a	n Reportable compensation	(E) Reportable compensation from	(F) Estimated amount of
			Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC	related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	other compensation from the organization and related organizations
(1) Officer of the Board	<u> </u>	Х		Χ					
(2) Board member (not an Officer)		Χ							
CEO/Executive Director				Х					
(4) CFO				Χ					
(5) Key employee)	X		W-2 mu	st be more th	an >\$150,000
(6) 5 Highest compensated other employees				\downarrow		Х			
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Schedule J (Fr	and the second s								Page 2
Part II	Officers, Directors,	Trustees, Key Employ	ees, and Highest Co	mpensated Emplo	yees. Use dup	plicate cop	ies if additional s	pace is needed.	

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(ii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

			(B) Breakdown of W-2 a	nd/or 1000-MISC and/or t	1099-NEC compensation	(C) Retirement and	(D) Nontaxable	(E) Total of columns	(F) Compensation	
	(A) Name and Title		(f) Base compensation	(II) Bonus & Incentive compensation	(III) Other reportable compensation	other deferred compensation	benefits	(B)(I)-(D)	In column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990	
		(0)								
1		(ii)								
		(1)								
2		(iii)								

Breakdown of W-2 box 1 or 5 (whichever is higher)

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- Part VII, Section B, Independent Contractors
 - List five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation
 - Should be reported using calendar-year data
 - A 1099 report may not include all vendors
 - Incorrectly reporting utility companies



- Reporting Political Campaign & Lobbying Activities
 - Schedule C reporting requirement
 - Consider dues paid to other organizations
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Credit Union PACs
- Loans with Interested Persons, i.e., Board Members & Officers
 - Schedule L reporting requirement
 - Keep in mind this is a public document
 - Loans from a Credit Union made to an interested person on the same terms as offered to other members of the credit union are not required to be reported on Schedule L



- Related Organizations
 - Have you checked to see if the Credit Union Foundation is related?
 - Common board?
 - Partnerships & Corporations the CU owns greater than 50%



Form 990-T



- UBI defined under Regulations §1.513-1(a)
- Three-part test
 - Is the activity a trade or business?
 - Activity carried on for the production of income from sale of goods or services
 - Is the activity regularly carried on?
 - Questions the frequency & continuity of the activity comparable to for-profit taxable entities
 - Is the activity substantially related to the exempt purposes?
 - Must have a substantial relationship to achieve the entity's exempt purpose
 - A source of funding for other exempt activities is not enough



- Tax Memo issued 3/24/14
- Bellco Credit Union v. U.S.
- Community First Credit Union v. U.S.
- Specifically outlined activities UBI or not UBI



- Income-producing activities substantially related
 - Sale of checks/fees from a check printing company
 - Debit card program interchange fees
 - Credit card program interchange fees
 - Interest from credit card loans
 - Sale of collateral protection insurance
 - Sale of credit, life, credit disability insurance or GAP auto insurance to members



- Income-producing activities subject to UBI
 - Automobile warranties
 - Dental insurance
 - Cancer insurance
 - Accidental death & dismemberment
 - Life insurance
 - Health insurance



- Income-producing activities subject to UBI
 - ATM "per transaction" fee from non-members
 - Credit life & credit disability insurance sold to non-members
 - GAP auto insurance sold to non-members
 - All other insurance products, unless a royalty agreement



- Debt-Financed Property
 - Property held to produce income; &
 - Acquisition, indebtedness any time during the year
 - Exception for exempt purpose use
 - Examples
 - Interest income earned on bonds purchased on margin
 - Rental income from building with a mortgage
- Rental income with personal property



Deductions

- To be "directly connected" with a trade or business, an item of deduction must have a proximate & primary relationship to carrying on of the unrelated trade or business generating the gross income
- Dual-use facilities expenses, depreciation, & similar items attributable to such facilities must be allocated between the two uses on a reasonable basis
- Indirect expenses must be allocated among the separate unrelated trade or business



UBI Siloing

- Tax Cuts & Jobs Act
- IRC §512(a)(6)
 - Group activities using NAICS codes
 - Most activities reported together
- Loss Activities
- Schedule A

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990-T)

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Unrelated Business Taxable Income From an Unrelated Trade or Business

OMB No. 1545-0047

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990T for instructions and the latest information.

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Nar	ne of the organization			B Employe	er identificat	ion number
Uni	related business activity code (see instructions)			D Sequen	ce:	of
Des	scribe the unrelated trade or business					
Par	Unrelated Trade or Business Income		(A) Income	(B) Exp	enses	(C) Not
1a						
ь	Less returns and allowances c Balance	1c				
2	Cost of goods sold (Part III, line 8)	2				
3	Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c	3				
44	Form 1120)). See instructions	4a				
	-	48				
b	Net gain (loss) (Form 4797) (attach Form 4797). See instructions	4b				
С	Capital loss deduction for trusts	4c				
5	Income (loss) from a partnership or an S corporation (attach					
	statement)	5				
6	Rent income (Part IV)	6				
7	Unrelated debt-financed income (Part V)	7				
В	Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from a controlled					
	organization (Part VI)	8				
9	Investment income of section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17)					
	organizations (Part VII)	9				
0	Exploited exempt activity income (Part VIII)	10				
1	Advertising income (Part IX)	11				
2	Other income (see instructions; attach statement)	12				
3_	Total. Combine lines 3 through 12	13				
ar	Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere See instruction directly connected with the unrelated business inco		limitations on de	eductions.	Deduction	s must be
1	Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Part X)				1	
2	Salaries and wages					
3	Repairs and maintenance					
4	Bad debts					
5	Interest (attach statement). See instructions					
6	Taxes and licenses				6	
7	Depreciation (attach Form 4562). See instructions		7			
В	Less depreciation claimed in Part III and elsewhere on return .				8b	
9	Depletion				. 9	
0	Contributions to deferred compensation plans				10	
1	Employee benefit programs				11	
2	Excess exempt expenses (Part VIII)				12	
3	Excess readership costs (Part IX)				13	
4	Other deductions (attach statement)				14	
5	Total deductions. Add lines 1 through 14					
6	Unrelated business income before net operating loss deduction				13,	
	column (C)				16	
7	Deduction for net operating loss. See instructions				17	
18	Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 17 from lin	ne 16			18	

Form 990-T Common Errors

- Net Operating Loss
 - Pre 2017
 - Post 2018
 - 80% limitation
- Charitable deductions
- Form 8925 Employer-Owned Life Insurance Contracts
- E-filing requirement
- Electronic payments

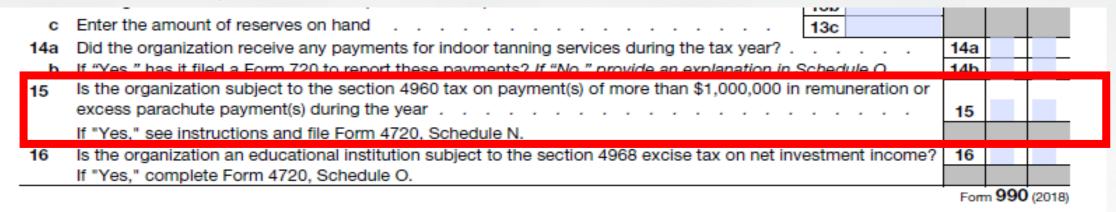


Other Items



Excise Tax on Executive Compensation

- Compensation over \$1 million in renumeration
- Excess parachute payments
 - Form 990, Part V





Excise Tax on Executive Compensation Common Errors

- Excise Tax on Executive Compensation IRC §4960
 - Including federal credit unions
 - Not tracking covered employees
 - Reporting based on fiscal year
 - Not including excess parachute payments
 - Not paying timely



Example 1

- ABC Credit Union provides the following compensation to its CFO
 - Base compensation \$900,000
 - Bonus & incentive compensation \$50,000
 - Deferred compensation from a 457(f) plan vesting \$500,000
 - Car allowance \$10,000



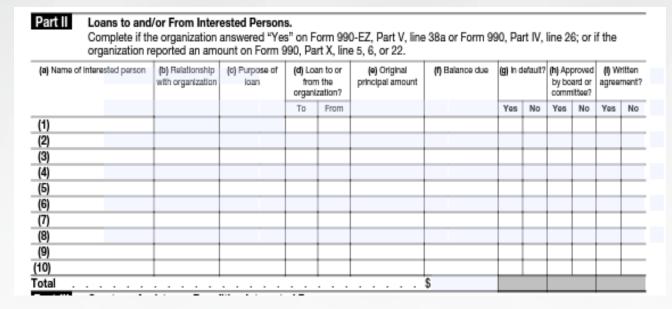
Example 1 (Continued)

- Total renumeration for the year is \$1,460,000
- Excess renumeration threshold is \$1,000,000
- Excess renumeration is \$460,000
- Excess tax liability is \$96,600



Split Dollar Life Insurance

- New planning strategy with tax on compensation over \$1 million
 - Employer-owned
 - Employee-owned
- Schedule L Reporting
 - Part II
 - Part VI
- Schedule J & Part VII reporting





Example 2

- ABC Credit Union provides the following compensation to its CFO
 - Base compensation \$900,000
 - Bonus & incentive compensation \$50,000
 - Split dollar life insurance \$500,000
 - Interest on split dollar life insurance policy \$5,000
 - Car allowance \$10,000



Example 2 (Continued)

- Total renumeration for the year is \$965,000
- Excess renumeration threshold is \$1,000,000
- Excess renumeration is \$0
- Excess tax liability is \$0



Compensation Planning Opportunities

- Structure compensation under \$1 million limit
 - Bonus
 - Severance
- Review vesting dates
- Consider related organizations
- Consider split dollar life insurance plans



Potential Credits

- Employee Retention Credit
- Inflation Reduction Act Energy Credits





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