

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 2678**

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 2678, Employer/Payer Appointment of Agent.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 11, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to L. Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at lanita.vandyke@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Employer/Payer Appointment of Agent.

OMB Number: 1545-0748.

Form Number: 2678.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 3504 authorizes a fiduciary, agent or other person to perform acts of an employer for purposes of employment taxes. Form 2678 is used to empower an agent with the responsibility and liability of collecting and paying the employment taxes including backup withholding and filing the appropriate tax return.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the burden previously approved by OMB at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,130,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 2.24 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,731,200.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: October 4, 2017.

L. Brimmer,

Senior Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Advisory Committee to the Internal Revenue Service; Meeting**

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Tonjua Menefee, National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:BSRM, Rm. 7559, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

Phone: 202-317-6851 (not a toll-free number). Email address: PublicLiaison@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), that a public meeting of the IRPAC will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Melrose Georgetown Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20037. Report recommendations on issues that may be discussed include: Improve the Penalties, Abatement Request and Levies Process; Business Master File Entity Addresses; Form W-9 Enhancements; Reporting by Insurance Companies and Applicable Large Employers under IRC § 6055 and § 6056; Electronic submission and verification of specific forms; Online Tax Professional Account; Form 1042 and 1042-S Matching and Penalty Assessments; Validity period of documentary evidence and treaty statement under the Qualified Intermediary (QI) Agreement.; Foreign Taxpayer Identification Number (FTIN) requirements.

Last minute agenda changes may preclude notice. Due to limited seating and security requirements, please call or email Tonjua Menefee to confirm your attendance. Ms. Menefee can be reached at 202-317-6851 or PublicLiaison@irs.gov. Should you wish the IRPAC to consider a written statement, please call 202-317-6851, or write to: Internal Revenue Service, Office of National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:SRM, Room 7559, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224 or email: PublicLiaison@irs.gov.

Dated: October 6, 2017.

Darlene Frank,

Designated Federal Official, Branch Chief, National Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 1040-PR and 1040-SS**

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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