

93-406, set out as an note under section 6057 of this title. For a description of the plan years to which part 1 applies, see section 1017 of Pub. L. 93-406, set out as an Effective Date; Transitional Rules note under section 410 of this title.

**APPLICABILITY OF AMENDMENTS BY SUBTITLES A AND B OF TITLE I OF PUB. L. 109-280**

For special rules on applicability of amendments by subtitles A (§§101-108) and B (§§111-116) of title I of Pub. L. 109-280 to certain eligible cooperative plans, PBGC settlement plans, and eligible government contractor plans, see sections 104, 105, and 106 of Pub. L. 109-280, set out as notes under section 401 of this title.

**CONSOLIDATION OF ACTUARIAL REPORTS**

Pub. L. 93-406, title X, §1033(c), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 948, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: “The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Labor shall take such steps as may be necessary to assure coordination to the maximum extent feasible between the actuarial reports required by section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and by section 103(d) of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 [section 1023(d) of Title 29, Labor].”

**SUBPART F—INFORMATION CONCERNING TAX RETURN PREPARERS**

Sec. 6060. Information returns of tax return preparers.

**AMENDMENTS**

2007—Pub. L. 110-28, title VIII, §8246(a)(2)(A)(iii), (iv), May 25, 2007, 121 Stat. 201, substituted “Tax Return Preparers” for “Income Tax Return Preparers” in subpart heading and “tax return preparers” for “income tax return preparers” in item 6060.

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title XII, §1203(e), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1691, added subpart heading and analysis for subpart F.

**§ 6060. Information returns of tax return preparers**

**(a) General rule**

Any person who employs a tax return preparer to prepare any return or claim for refund other than for such person at any time during a return period shall make a return setting forth the name, taxpayer identification number, and place of work of each tax return preparer employed by him at any time during such period. For purposes of this section, any individual who in acting as a tax return preparer is not the employee of another tax return preparer shall be treated as his own employer. The return required by this section shall be filed, in such manner as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe, on or before the first July 31 following the end of such return period.

**(b) Alternative reporting**

In lieu of the return required by subsection (a), the Secretary may approve an alternative reporting method if he determines that the necessary information is available to him from other sources.

**(c) Return period defined**

For purposes of subsection (a), the term “return period” means the 12-month period beginning on July 1 of each year.

(Added Pub. L. 94-455, title XII, §1203(e), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1691; amended Pub. L. 110-28, title

VIII, §8246(a)(2)(A)(i), (ii), May 25, 2007, 121 Stat. 201; Pub. L. 113-295, div. A, title II, §221(a)(109), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4053.)

**AMENDMENTS**

2014—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-295, which directed substitution of “year.” for “‘year’” and all that followed, was executed by substituting “year.” for “‘year, except that the first return period shall be the 6-month period beginning on January 1, 1977, and ending on June 30, 1977.’”, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2007—Pub. L. 110-28, §8246(a)(2)(A)(i), substituted “tax return preparers” for “income tax return preparers” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-28, §8246(a)(2)(A)(ii), substituted “a tax return preparer” for “an income tax return preparer” in two places, “each tax return preparer” for “each income tax return preparer”, and “another tax return preparer” for “another income tax return preparer”.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-295 effective Dec. 19, 2014, subject to a savings provision, see section 221(b) of Pub. L. 113-295, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 110-28, title VIII, §8246(c), May 25, 2007, 121 Stat. 203, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 6103, 6107, 6109, 6503, 6694 to 6696, 7407, 7427, and 7701 of this title] shall apply to returns prepared after the date of the enactment of this Act [May 25, 2007].”

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable to documents prepared after Dec. 31, 1976, see section 1203(j) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as an Effective Date of 1976 Amendment note under section 7701 of this title.

**PART IV—SIGNING AND VERIFYING OF RETURNS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS**

Sec. 6061. Signing of returns and other documents.  
 6062. Signing of corporation returns.  
 6063. Signing of partnership returns.  
 6064. Signature presumed authentic.  
 6065. Verification of returns.

**§ 6061. Signing of returns and other documents**

**(a) General rule**

Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) and sections 6062 and 6063, any return, statement, or other document required to be made under any provision of the internal revenue laws or regulations shall be signed in accordance with forms or regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

**(b) Electronic signatures**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall develop procedures for the acceptance of signatures in digital or other electronic form. Until such time as such procedures are in place, the Secretary may—

- (A) waive the requirement of a signature for; or
- (B) provide for alternative methods of signing or subscribing,

a particular type or class of return, declaration, statement, or other document required or permitted to be made or written under internal revenue laws and regulations.