New York State

Partnership Modernized e-File

(MeF)

Software Vendor

Acceptance Test Booklet

For

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This publication describes the New York State (NYS) Acceptance Testing System procedures for software developers participating in the NYS Partnership Tax Modernized e-file Program.

Who must test

All software developers participating in the NYS Partnership Tax Modernized e-file Program must test.

What to test

The tests verify that the e-file software creates a complete return, carries appropriate values from one line/form to another, and formats and transmits NYS returns according to the XML specifications.

Software developers must test all the NYS e-file forms that they support. Before testing you should inform NYS which e-file forms you support by email to Partnership.Mef@tax.ny.gov

Test Cases to Submit

All vendors participating in Partnership Tax Modernized e-File must submit all of the following test scenarios:

Test #	Form (s)
V-1101	**IT-370-PF**
V-1102	**IT-204-LL** (Filing Fee)
V-1103	**IT-204-LL** (Disregarded Entity)
V-1104	**IT-204,** DTF-619, DTF-686, IT-204-IP(1), IT-204-CP(1), IT-204.1, IT-212, IT-242, IT-256, IT-398, IT-399, IT-601, IT-602, IT-603, IT-604, IT-606, IT-634, IT-635, IT-636, Y-204
V-1105	**IT-204**, IT-204-CP (4), IT-204-IP(4)

- When submitting test XML, include dollar amounts only, do not include cents. The return will reject if cents are included.

When to test

Testing with New York State is scheduled to begin when the IRS opens in November 2011. To ensure adequate time for testing before the filing season, software developers should submit their initial NYS test files as soon as possible. We do not require software developers to pass federal testing before testing with NYS. Software developers may conduct federal and state testing concurrently if the IRS allows it.

Transmitting test files

Software developers must transmit NYS test files through the IRS MeF system. You will get an acknowledgment from the IRS. If your test file is accepted by the IRS, NYS will retrieve your test files. If your test file is rejected by the IRS, you must correct the error and re-transmit.
You may transmit an incomplete set of test cases during testing. However, a final complete set of acceptable test returns must be submitted in order to be accepted into the NYS e-file Program.

When your test has been transmitted to the IRS, you must send an email to: Partnership.Mef@tax.ny.gov. This email must include the Submission ID's of the test case(s) being submitted, and any deviation from the test data.

Communicating test results

NYS will inform each software developer of its testing results by email. NYS will make every effort to provide test results to software developers within 48 hours, Monday through Friday.

Test acknowledgment

NYS will not send acknowledgments (ACK files) for test file received. NYS will send one ACK to new software developers/transmitters to test the acknowledgment system. NYS will inform the new software developers/transmitters when the ACK file will be sent.

New York State Signature Requirement

NYS requires tax preparation software to display Signature Declaration text and Certification checkbox to users for each tax document prepared. The box cannot have a default check within the box when it is displayed to the user. For additional information, see PUB 97, *Partnership Tax Modernized e-file Handbook for Software Developers.*

Approval of e-file software

In order to be accepted into the NYS e-file program, software developers are required to successfully complete the NYS testing, in addition to completing the IRS testing. Once software developers successfully complete the NYS test, NYS will inform them by email that their e-file software has been approved for NYS e-file. NYS can also approve a vendor ID by primary form: i.e. IT-204, IT-204-LL, and IT-370-PF. This will allow a software vendor to release their product for the forms with early due dates while still testing the forms due at a later date. A list of approved e-file software packages will be posted on NYS Tax Department's Web site, with a link to the software Web site (if provided by the software developers).