## Form **8878**

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

# IRS *e-file* Signature Authorization for Form 4868 or Form 2350

ERO must obtain and retain completed Form 8878. Go to www.irs.gov/Form8878 for the latest information.

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2022

Taxpayer's name	Social security number
Spouse's name	Spouse's social security number
Part I Information From Extension Form — Tax Year Ending December 31,	2022 (Whole dollars only)
Check the box and complete the line(s) for the form you authorize your ERO to sign and	file. Check only one box.
1 Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Inco	
Amount you are paying from Form 4868, line 7	1
2 Form 2350, Application for Extension of Time To File U.S. Income Tax Return	•
a I request an extension of time until this date as shown on Form 2350, line 1	
<b>b</b> Amount you are paying from Form 2350, line 5	2b
Part II Taxpayer Declaration and Signature Authorization	
the information from my electronic application for extension of time to file. I consent to allow my intermed return originator (ERO) to send this form to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledger transmission and (b) the reason for any delay in processing the form. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. T initiate an ACH electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicate of my federal taxes owed on this return and/or payment of estimated tax, and the financial institution authorization is to remain in full force and effect until I notify the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent to term payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I further acknowledge that the personal ider for my electronic application for extension of time to file and, if applicable, my Electronic Funds Withdraw	ment of receipt or reason for rejection of the freasury and its designated Financial Agent to ed in the tax preparation software for paymen tion to debit the entry to this account. This minate the authorization. To revoke (cancel) days prior to the payment (settlement) date. receive confidential information necessary to ntification number (PIN) below is my signature.
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### **General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form 8878 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/Form8878.

#### **Purpose of Form**

Complete Form 8878 (a) when Form 4868 is filed using the Practitioner PIN method, or (b) when the taxpayer authorizes the electronic return originator (ERO) to enter or generate the taxpayer's personal identification number (PIN) on Form 4868 or Form 2350. See the chart below for more details.



Form 2350).

Form 8878 isn't an application for an extension of time to file. Taxpayers must file the appropriate application for extension of time to file (Form 4868 or

#### When and How To Complete

Use this chart to determine when and how to complete Form 8878.

IF e-filing	THEN
Form 4868, and     Authorizing an electronic funds withdrawal, and     The taxpayer is entering his or her own PIN, and     The ERO isn't using the Practitioner PIN method	Don't complete Form 8878.
Form 4868, and     The taxpayer isn't authorizing an electronic funds withdrawal	Don't complete Form 8878.
Form 4868, and     Authorizing an electronic funds withdrawal, and     Authorizing the ERO to enter or generate the taxpayer's PIN, and     The ERO isn't using the Practitioner PIN method	Complete Form 8878, Parts I and II.
Form 2350, and     Authorizing the ERO to enter or generate the taxpayer's PIN	Complete Form 8878, Parts I and II.
Form 4868, and     Authorizing an electronic funds withdrawal, and     The ERO is using the Practitioner PIN method	Complete Form 8878, Parts I, II, and III.

#### **ERO** Responsibilities

The ERO will do the following.

- 1. Enter the name(s) and social security number(s) of the taxpayer(s) at the top of the form.
- 2. Complete Part I by entering the required information from the taxpayer(s) 2022 extension form.
- 3. Enter or generate, if authorized by the taxpayer, the taxpayer's PIN and enter it in the boxes provided in Part II.
- 4. Enter on the authorization line in Part II the ERO firm name (not the name of the individual preparing the return) if the ERO is authorized to enter the taxpayer's PIN.
- 5. After completing items 1 through 4, give the taxpayer Form 8878 for completion and review by hand delivery, U.S. mail, private delivery service, email, Internet website, or fax.
- 6. Enter the 20-digit Submission Identification Number (SID) assigned to the taxpayer's extension form, or associate Form 9325, Acknowledgement and General Information for Taxpayers Who File Returns Electronically, with Form 8878 after filing. If Form 9325 is used to provide the SID, it is NOT required to be physically attached to Form 8878. However, it must be kept in accordance with published retention requirements for Form 8878. See Pub. 4164, Modernized e-File (MeF) Guide for Software Developers and Transmitters, for more details.



You must receive the completed and signed Form 8878 from the taxpayer before the application for extension of time to file is transmitted (or released for transmission).

For additional information, see Pub. 1345.

#### **Taxpayer Responsibilities**

Taxpayers have the following responsibilities.

- 1. Verify the accuracy of the prepared application for an extension of time to file.
- 2. Check the appropriate box in Part II to authorize the ERO to enter or generate your PIN or to do it yourself.
- 3. Indicate or verify your PIN when authorizing the ERO to enter or generate it (the PIN must be five digits other than all
- 4. Sign and date Form 8878. Taxpayers must sign Form 8878 by handwritten signature, or electronic signature if supported by computer software.
- 5. Return the completed Form 8878 to the ERO by hand delivery, U.S. mail, private delivery service, email, Internet website, or fax.

Your application for extension of time to file won't be transmitted to the IRS until the ERO receives your signed Form 8878.

#### **Important Notes for EROs**

- Don't send Form 8878 to the IRS unless requested to do so. Retain the completed Form 8878 for 3 years from the return due date or IRS received date, whichever is later. Form 8878 may be retained electronically in accordance with the recordkeeping guidelines in Rev. Proc. 97-22, which is on page 9 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 1997-13 at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb97-13.pdf.
- Confirm the identity of the taxpayer(s).
- Provide the taxpayer with a copy of the signed Form 8878 for his or her records upon request.
- Provide the taxpayer with a corrected copy of Form 8878 if changes are made to the extension form (for example, based on taxpayer review).
- Enter the taxpayer's PIN(s) on the input screen only if the taxpaver has authorized you to do so. If married filing jointly, it is acceptable for one spouse to authorize the ERO to enter his or her PIN, and for the other spouse to enter his or her own PIN. It isn't acceptable for a taxpayer to select or enter the PIN of an absent spouse.
- If the taxpayer is making a payment by electronic funds withdrawal for Form 4868 and the ERO isn't using the Practitioner PIN method, the ERO must enter the taxpaver's date of birth and either the adjusted gross income amount or the PIN, or both, from the taxpayer's originally filed prior year tax return. This information is entered when the return is prepared, and is used by the IRS to authenticate the taxpaver. Don't use an amount from an amended return or a math error correction made by the IRS.
- Complete Part III only if you are filing Form 4868 using the Practitioner PIN method.
- EROs can sign the form using a rubber stamp, mechanical device (such as a signature pen), or computer software program. See Notice 2007-79, 2007-42 I.R.B. 809, available at www.irs.gov/pub/ irs-irbs/irb07-42.pdf for more information.
- For more information, go to www.irs.gov/Efile.