



Tax Primer

IRS tax form reference guide for completing the Parents' Financial Statement | PFS



Introduction

Use this tax primer as a reference guide for understanding IRS tax forms that are most helpful to you as you complete your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) online.

Please keep in mind that this primer does not include an overview of every possible tax form you might receive or need to file with the IRS. It focuses, instead, on the main tax forms that families will need to have on hand to complete the PFS accurately and correctly.

Covered in this tax primer are these forms:

- Form W-2
- Form 1040
- Form 1040 Schedule 1
- Other Schedules
- Schedule C
- Form 1099-MISC

For each of these tax forms, the primer answers three questions:

- 1. What is the form used for?
- 2. What does the form look like?
- 3. Which lines on the form matter the most for completing the PFS?



Important

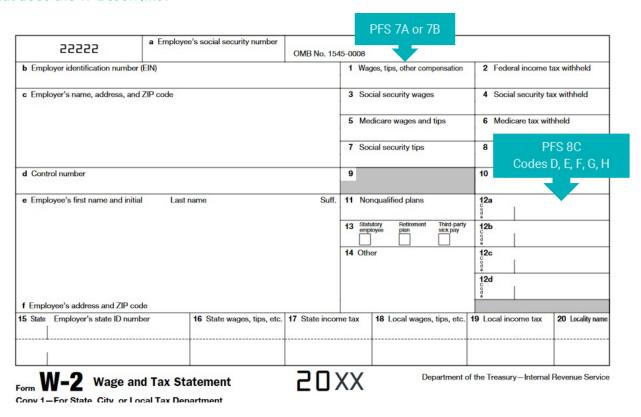
Be sure to send all your tax forms as required by each school you are applying to for financial aid. Do not limit what you submit to schools to the documents covered in this tax primer. If a school requires your tax forms and schedules, be sure to upload the full set of taxes that you submit to the IRS when filing your tax return. Doing so ensures that you complete each school's document requirements correctly, avoiding possible delays in the process.

Form W-2

What is the W-2 for?

The W-2 is an annual statement of your earnings for the calendar year provided by your employer. It also displays how much was withheld from your pay for taxes, Social Security, and Medicare. This is where you can also see how much of your income was put into certain types of pre-tax retirement plans.

What does the W-2 look like?



Which Lines on the W-2 matter most for completing the PFS?

Report the salary in Box 1 of your W-2 on Line 7A of the PFS for the parent listed as "Parent A." Use 7B for the parent listed as "Parent B." Be sure to report the totals from all W-2s if either parent has more than one for the year.

Look at Box 12. If any amounts appear in this section with a code D-H, be sure to report that amount as "Payments to tax-deferred retirement plans" in PFS Line 8C of the Nontaxable Income Worksheet. If you have multiple W-2s, be sure to report the total amount.

You do not have to report any other information from the W-2 on the PFS. It is possible that one or more schools you're applying to might ask you to supply other information from the W-2. You'll most likely be required to submit or upload a copy of each W-2 you receive as part of your financial aid application.

Form 1040

What is the 1040 for?

The 1040 is used to report your sources of income, as well as any adjustments, deductions, and credits against your income that will determine how much and what types of federal taxes you should have paid for the tax year. If you've paid too much in taxes, it will show how much of a refund from the federal government you are entitled to receive. If you've paid too little in taxes, it will show how much more you need to pay.

What does the 1040 look like?

The 1040 is the base form. It can include additional schedules based on your income. Here's the 1040 base form:

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Which Lines on the 1040 matter most for completing the PFS?

Nearly every Line of the 1040's Income section has a corresponding Line on the PFS where the income information should be reported. Most are straightforward one-to-one matches. However, a few lines warrant a little more guidance:

→ 1040 Page 1: Household Information

Be sure your tax filing status on PFS Line 6B matches what is checked off at the top of your 1040 form. An incorrect choice on the PFS can cause a miscalculation of the credit you receive for federal income taxes paid.

When listing your dependents on the PFS, make sure it is consistent with those listed on your 1040 Line 6C. If you support children or others in your household that you cannot claim as a dependent, be sure to list them and explain their relationship to you in the PFS "Other Considerations" section

→ 1040 Page 1 Line 1: Salary/Wages

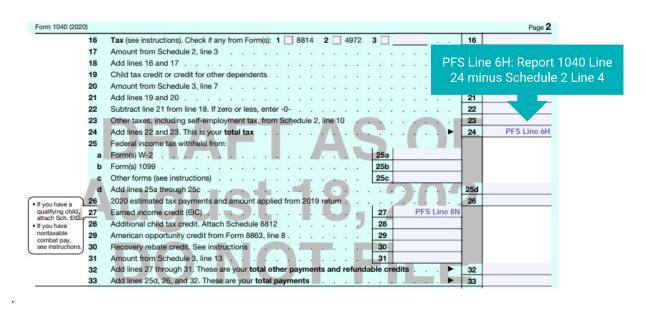
Salary and wages reported here are a total of salaries earned by the parents in the household. The PFS asks you to report each parent's salary separately, so you won't see a single Line item on the PFS for the total salaries. Be sure, though, that the total of the salaries you enter in Line 7A and 7B for each parent is the same as the total shown on Line 1 of your 1040 Page 1. Business owners must be careful not to report profit taken from the business as salary or wages. If you own a business and paid yourself or your spouse a salary from the business, and reported it with a W-2, only enter the amount of salary from the W-2 in Lines 7A or 7B.

→ 1040 Page 1 Lines 4a, 5a and 6a: Distributions from IRA, Pensions, and Social Security

1040 Lines 4a, 5a and 6a each show the total income you received from IRA, Pensions, and Social Security. Lines 4b, 5b and 6b show the taxable portion of those totals. Report taxable amount of IRA, Pensions and Annuities on PFS Line 7J/7K. Report Line 6b taxable amount of Social Security on PFS Line 7L.

To report the nontaxable portion correctly, take the difference and report it in the appropriate PFS line item in the Nontaxable Income section (PFS Section 8). Report your nontaxable Social Security benefits in PFS Line 8B.

→ 1040 Page 2: Other Taxes and payments



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→ 1040 Page 2 Line 24

This shows what you owe for the different types of federal taxes on your income. PFS Line 6H asks you to report your federal taxes paid. Be sure to report the amount shown on 1040 Line 24. If you also have Self-Employment taxes reported on 1040 Schedule 2 Line 4, do not include those in PFS Line 6H, since you will report those separately for each business. If you paid self-employment taxes, for PFS Line 6H, report the total tax on Line 24 of Page 2 minus any Schedule 2 Line 4 Self-Employment tax.

→ 1040 Page 2 Line 27

Earned income credits shown here are considered non-taxable income and should be reported on PFS Line 8N.

Form 1040 Schedule 1

What is the Schedule 1 for?

Schedule 1 is used to report additional income received such as capital gain, unemployment compensation, proprietorship business, corporation/partnerships, and rental income. Schedule 1 also list deductions from self-employment tax.

What does the Schedule 1 look like?

	Additional Income and Adjustments to Income		-	MB No. 1545-0074	
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Pai	t I Additional Income				
1	Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes		1		
2a	Alimony received	[2a	PFS Line 7N	
b	Date of original divorce or separation agreement (see instructions) ▶				
3	Business income or (loss). Attach Schedule C	0.00000	3	PFS Line 15-18	
4	Other gains or (losses). Attach Form 4797		4	PFS Line 7P	
5	Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc. Attach Schedu	le E	5	PFS Line 7Q	
6	Farm income or (loss). Attach Schedule F	[6	PFS Line 15-18	
7	Unemployment compensation		7	PFS Line 7R	
8	Other income. List type and amount ▶			84	
9	Combine lines 1 through 8. Enter here and on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-l		8	PFS Line 7S	
9	line 8		9		
Par	t II Adjustments to Income				
10	Educator expenses		10		
11	Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials. Attach Form 2106		11		
12	Health savings account deduction. Attach Form 8889		12		
13	Moving expenses for members of the Armed Forces. Attach Form 3903 \dots		13		
14	Deductible part of self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE		14	PFS Line 7H	
15	Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans		15	PFS Line 7G	
16	Self-employed health insurance deduction		16		
17	Penalty on early withdrawal of savings		17		
18a	Alimony paid		18a		
b	Recipient's SSN	_			
C	Date of original divorce or separation agreement (see instructions) ▶				
19	IRA deduction		19	PFS Line 7F	
20	Student loan interest deduction	-	20	1	
21	Tuition and fees deduction. Attach Form 8917	-	21		
22	Add lines 10 through 21. These are your adjustments to income. Enter here a on Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR, line 10a		22	PFS Line 7E	

Which Lines on Schedule 1 matter most for completing the PFS?

→ 1040 Line 3: Business income or (loss)

This refers specifically to income or loss you had from a Sole Proprietorship, for which you also completed a Schedule C. On Line 15-18 of the PFS, the total of the net profit or loss from each Schedule C business you own should equal the amount shown on your Sch 1 Line 3. Be sure to send or upload each Schedule C you file, if you have income or a loss listed on your 1040 Schedule 1 Line 3.

→ 1040 Line 5: Rental Real Estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc.

This Line can be complicated depending on what type of income is included here since many different types of income can be reported on your Schedule 1 Line 5.

For income reported on Line 5 from rental property, trusts, or royalties, report the amount on 7q of your PFS.

For income reported on Line 5 from S corporations or Partnerships that you share ownership in, report the amount on 7q or your PFS, then complete lines 15-18 of your PFS (the section that asks you to detail the income and expenses of the business). Reporting the amount in these two areas will not double-count it.

Be sure to upload each Schedule E you file if you have income or loss listed on your 1040 Schedule 1 Line 5.

→ 1040 Schedule 1: Adjustments to Income

Be sure to report the total shown on Sch 1 Line 22 on PFS Line 7E. If you have adjustments in 1040 Lines 14, 15, or 19, report them in the proper lines on the PFS. If you have adjustments other than those three, be sure to leave a note in PFS item 7F to specify what the adjustments were for (e.g., "alimony paid" or "Educator expenses").



Important

If you file a 1040 Schedule 1 and have reported income from rental real estate, partnerships, S-corporations (Line 5) or Business/Farm income (Line 3/6), please use our Tax Primer for Self-Employed Parents for further instruction on how to complete section 19 of the PFS.

Other Schedules

Which Lines matter most for completing the PFS?

→ Schedule A

If you filed a Schedule A, you itemized deductions and should say "Yes" to PFS Line 6G and report the amount on PFS Line 6H. If you did not itemize your deductions, say "No" to PFS 6G. No other questions on the PFS ask about any amounts in this section of the 1040.

If your itemized deductions include medical and/or dental expenses, look at your Schedule A Line 1. You can report the total medical and dental expenses shown there in PFS Line 14D. Don't itemize? You can still report your medical and dental expenses on PFS Line 14D even if you did not itemize them on a Schedule A.

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Medical		Caution: Do not include expenses reimbursed or paid by others.					
and	1	Medical and dental expenses (see instructions)	e 14D				
Dental	2	Enter amount from Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 11 2					
Expenses	3	Multiply line 2 by 7.5% (0.075)					
	4	Subtract line 3 from line 1. If line 3 is more than line 1, enter -0		4			
Tayos Vou	5	State and local taxes					
Gifts to Charity	11	Gifts by cash or check. If you made any gift of \$250 or more, see instructions	ie 8N				
Caution: If you made a gift and got a benefit for it,	12	Other than by cash or check. If you made any gift of \$250 or more, see instructions. You must attach Form 8283 if over \$500 12					
see instructions.	13	Carryover from prior year					
	14	Add lines 11 through 13		14			
Total	17	Add the amounts in the far right column for lines 4 through 16. Also, enter this amounts are 1040 or 1040 SR line 10					
Itemized Deductions	18	Form 1040 or 1040-SR, line 12	tion,	17 PFS Line 6G			

→ 1040 Schedule 2 Line 4

Report the total amount of self-employment taxes you paid for your business(es). These should also be report on Line 17J on the PFS. Note that the PFS will ask you how much self-employment tax you paid for each business separately. The total of all of those self-employment tax amounts should be equal to what's reported here on the Schedule 2 Line 4.

Pa	t II Other Taxes		
4	Self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE	4	PFS Line 7J
5	Unreported social security and Medicare tax from Form: $\mathbf{a} \square 4137$ $\mathbf{b} \square 8919$.	5	
6	Additional tax on IRAs, other qualified retirement plans, and other tax-favored		

Schedule C

What is the Schedule C for?

The Schedule C is used for reporting specific details about each business you own for which you are the sole proprietor. It shows the name, location, and type of business. It details the total, gross income you received for the business. It itemizes the allowable expenses of the business that can be written off against the business's income to ultimately show what your net profit or loss was on the business. The net profit or loss is then entered on your Form 1040 Schedule 1 on Line 3. When you submit your 1040 to the IRS, you are required to attach/include a Schedule C for each sole proprietorship you own.

What does the Schedule C look like?

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Part	If "Yes," did you or will you fil Income	e required Forms 1099	27			Yes N	
1	Gross receipts or sales. See i	instructions for line 1 a	and check the box if	f this income was reported to you on			
	Form W-2 and the "Statutory	employee* box on the	at form was checked	1	1		
2	Returns and allowances				2		
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1				3		
4	Cost of goods sold (from line	42)			4		
5	Gross profit. Subtract line 4	from line 3			5	6	
6			or fuel tax credit or I	refund (see instructions)	6		
7	Gross income. Add lines 5 a				7		
_	Expenses. Enter exp						
8	Advertising	8	18	Office expense (see instructions)	18		
9	Car and truck expenses (see		19	Pension and profit-sharing plans .	19		
	instructions)	9	20	Rent or lease (see instructions):			
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10	Commissions and fees .	10	a	Vehicles, machinery, and equipment			
11	Contract labor (see instructions)	11	b	Vehicles, machinery, and equipment Other business property	20b		
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Which Lines on Schedule C matter most for completing the PFS?

If you have a Schedule C, you have a Sole Proprietorship. On PFS Line 6H, answer "Yes." You will be required to complete Section 15 for Business/Farm information.

On PFS Line 15C, select "Sole Proprietorship" and complete the questions about each business based on the income and expense information provided on the Schedule C. See below for guidance:

→ Schedule C: Business Information and Income

SCHEDULE C (Form 1040) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service (99) Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, 1040-NR, or 1041; partnerships generally mus							rm 106	A	MB No. 154	X					
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A PFS	Principal business o	r profession, inc	cluding pro	duct or servi	ce (see	instructio	ns)				E	Enter	code from	n instructio	ns
С	Business name. If n	separate busi	ness name	, leave blank	2							Emplo	yer ID nu	mber (EIN) (see instr.)
PFS	Line 15A	100													
E	Business address (i	ncluding suite o	r room no.	PFS Lin	e 15G t	thru 15J									
	City, town or post of	ffice, state, and	ZIP code												
F	Accounting method	(1) Cas	sh (2)	Accrual	(3)	Othe	r (speci	fy) 🕨							
G	Did you "materially	participate" in th	ne operatio	on of this busi	ness du	uring 202	0? If "N	lo," see	e instru	ictions f	or limi	t on lo	sses .	Yes	No No
Н	If you started or acc	uired this busin	ess during	2020, check	here		10.0	2 2	11 12	10.02		10.02	🕨		
I	Did you make any p	ayments in 202	0 that wou	ıld require you	ı to file	Form(s)	099? 5	ee inst	truction	ns .				Yes	■ No
J	If "Yes," did you or	will you file requ	ired Form((s) 1099? .	2					10 10		. 0	1001	Yes	No No
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2	Returns and allowar											2			
3	Subtract line 2 from											3			
4	Cost of goods sold											4			Line 16B
5	Gross profit. Subt											5		1	ine 16C
6	Other income, inclu	ding federal and	state gas	oline or fuel to	ax credi	it or refur	id (see	instruc	tions)			6		PFS L	ine 16D
7	Gross income. Ad	d lines 5 and 6									. •	7			



Important

Complete a separate PFS section on income for every sole proprietorship you own.

→ Schedule C: Business Expenses and Net Profit/Loss

8	Advertising	8		18	Office expense (see instructions)	18	
9	Car and truck expenses (see			19	Pension and profit-sharing plans .	19	
	instructions)	9		20	Rent or lease (see instructions):		
0	Commissions and fees .	10		а	Vehicles, machinery, and equipment	20a	PFS Line 170
1	Contract labor (see instructions)	11		b	Other business property	20b	PFS Line 170
2	Depletion	12		21	Repairs and maintenance	21	
3	Depreciation and section 179			22	Supplies (not included in Part III) .	22	
	expense deduction (not included in Part III) (see			23	Taxes and licenses	23	
	instructions)	13	PFS line 17F	24	Travel and meals:		
14	Employee benefit programs			а	Travel	24a	
	(other than on line 19)	14	PFS Line 17C	b	Deductible meals (see		
15	Insurance (other than health)	15			instructions)	24b	
16	Interest (see instructions):			25	Utilities	25	
а	Mortgage (paid to banks, etc.)	16a		26	Wages (less employment credits).	26	PFS Line 17A/
b	Other	16b		27a	Other expenses (from line 48)	27a	
17	Legal and professional services	17		b	Reserved for future use	27b	
28	Total expenses before expen	ses for	business use of home. Add	lines 8	8 through 27a	28	
29	Tentative profit or (loss). Subtr	ract line	28 from line 7			29	
30	Expenses for business use of	f your	home. Do not report these	expe	nses elsewhere. Attach Form 8829		
	unless using the simplified me	thod.	See instructions.	- 63			
	Simplified method filers only	: Enter	the total square footage of	(a) you	r home:		
	and (b) the part of your home	used fo	or business:		. Use the Simplified		
	Method Worksheet in the instr	ruction	s to figure the amount to en	ter on I	ine 30	30	
31	Net profit or (loss). Subtract	line 30	from line 29.				
	. If a profit, enter on both S	chedul	e 1 (Form 1040), line 3, an	d on S	Schedule SE, line 2. (If you		
	checked the box on line 1, see	e instru	ctions). Estates and trusts,	enter o	n Form 1041, line 3.	31	PFS Line 17
	• If a loss, you must go to lin	e 32.					
32	If you have a loss, check the b	ox tha	t describes your investment	in this	activity. See instructions.		
	If you checked 32a, enter to	the los	s on both Schedule 1 (For	n 1040	0), line 3, and on Schedule		
	SE, line 2. (If you checked the					32a	All investment is at risl
				1		32b	Some investment is no
	Form 1041, line 3.					32D _	at risk.

- Look at Line 13: If you are writing off any depreciation or "section 179 expense," you will see an entry here. PFS Line 17F asks you to report this amount. If you claim depreciation, you likely also file a Form 4562. If you have a 4562, be sure to send or upload it with your tax forms. This allows the school to clarify how much of the amount on Line 13 is actual depreciation vs. "section 179 expense." This is to your advantage, typically.
- Look at Line 26: If you paid wages to employees for your business (as reported on W2's that you filed for them), the PFS will ask you to separate out any wages you paid for yourself or your spouse from wages you paid to others. If Schedule C Line 26 includes wages for yourself and/or your spouse, report the amount you paid to yourself and/or your spouse on PFS Line 17A. Only report this amount if you provided a W-2 as documentation of those earnings. Do NOT report your net profit as your salary.

If Schedule C Line 26 includes wages paid for anyone other than yourself or your spouse, report the amount that went to other employees on PFS Line 17B.

By definition, a sole proprietorship doesn't share the profit or loss of the business with any other person or entity. Report the amount on Schedule C Line 31 on PFS Line 17L to reflect your share of the total business profit or loss (in other words, the amount that belongs to you).



Important

Fill out a separate PFS section on expenses and net profit for every sole proprietorship you own.

Form 1099-MISC

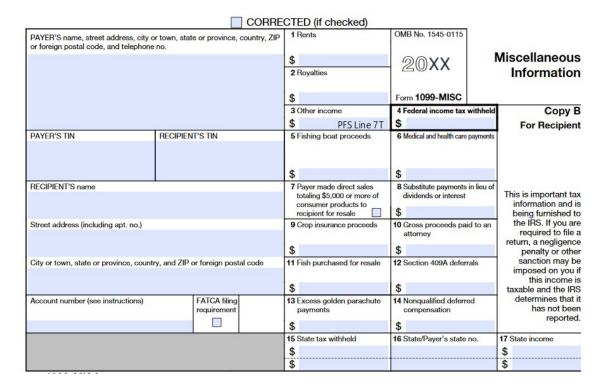
What is Form 1099-MISC for?

The Form 1099-MISC is provided to you by a person or firm for whom you performed work or service by hiring yourself out as a freelancer, contractor, or the like. 1099s can also show other types of income such as royalties, commissions or rents. Basically, it shows income you earned that wasn't provided to you as someone else's employee or from your investments.

Other types of 1099s you might receive:

- 1099-DIV (which reports income from dividends, distributions, and capital gains from investments accounts such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds)
- 1099-INT (which tracks interest income you earned from investments such as savings accounts).

What does the Form 1099-MISC look like?



Which Lines on Form 1099-MISC matter most for completing the PFS?

Income reported on your 1099s should already be included in certain lines of your 1040. On the PFS, any income reported on a 1099-MISC (other than rents and royalties) should be reported on PFS Line 7S.

If you and/or your spouse received multiple 1099s, be sure to add the amounts and report the total income on PFS Line 7S.



Important

- Do not report any amounts reported on a 1099-MISC as salary or wages, even if you earned it by working for someone as a contractor, freelancer, etc. When reporting your salary or wages on the PFS, ONLY include income for which you received a W-2.
- Many schools will require you to submit a W-2 as part of your financial aid application. If you didn't receive a W-2 (meaning you did not earn a salary as someone else's employee), but you did receive a 1099-MISC as a contractor or freelancer, request an N/A for the W-2, then upload your 1099-MISC in the Additional Documents section.