



LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

ESTABLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS

We are pleased to offer you our limited liability company registration and registered agent services through Lighthouse International Services, LLC in conjunction with our partner service companies in other jurisdictions. These instructions should guide you through the necessary steps to complete the establishment of a new LLC with us.

STEP 1 COMPLETE THE ESTABLISHMENT FORMS

We require that you complete three separate forms, which are included in this package:

Form A (Identification of Beneficial Owner)

Form B (New LLC Client Information)

IRS Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number)

STEP 2 PAY THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE

We will review the information that you provide in the above-listed forms and we will calculate the first year registration fee along with any optional services you request of us. You will receive an invoice at the email address furnished to us for billing purposes, along with instructions to pay by bank wire transfer.

Please note that, until we receive payment from you, we will not undertake to prepare any documents or register your LLC.

STEP 3 SEND US THE FINAL PACKAGE OF DOCUMENTS

Please assemble the final package of documents needed to establish your LLC, including the following:

1. One (1) executed LLC operating agreement (original or copy);
2. Form A (Beneficial Owner), signed and dated;
3. Form B (New LLC Client Information), signed and dated;
4. Two (2) sets of notarized copies of the passports for each member and manager (if you wish to name a manager) of your LLC (if no passport is available, a notarized copy of a driver's license or other government-issued photo identification will suffice);
5. Two (2) sets of notarized copies of a current utility bill (not more than 60 days old) for each member and manager;
6. For each member, manager, and protector, a letter of reference from a banker, accountant, or attorney who has known the person for at least two years (see the sample letters included in this package);
7. For each member, a completed IRS Form W-9 (or, each non-U.S. member, a completed IRS Form W-8);
8. If Lighthouse is to serve as Manager of your LLC, confirmation from a CPA or other qualified tax return preparer that the professional has been engaged to prepare all required tax returns for the LLC; and
9. Any documents that you may require us to acknowledge or complete in order to evidence the transfer of assets into your LLC.



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The address to which all documents and other correspondence should be mailed is as follows:

Lighthouse International Services, LLC
Vorstadt 26a
CH-6300 Zug
Switzerland

If sending by courier, you are welcome to list our Swiss phone number on the delivery instructions: +41 (44) 586.79.80.



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Sample Bank Reference Letter
(to be Printed on Bank Letterhead)

DATE:

Lighthouse International Services, LLC
Vorstadt 26a
CH-6300 Zug
SWITZERLAND

Re: Bank Reference

To Whom It May Concern:

At the request of the above named customer, we have the pleasure in confirming that **(Name of Customer)** has maintained active and satisfactorily conducted **(Types of Accounts)** accounts in our books since **(Length of relationship with bank)**. They currently maintain a balance of approximately **(rough range)**.

We believe that **(Name of Customer)** has legitimate personal funds and all funds received from (him/her) should be bona fide.

Any advice or assistance you could afford our customer is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

(Signature)

(Name of Representative)
(Name of Bank)



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Sample Attorney or CPA Reference Letter
(to be Printed on Attorney or CPA Letterhead)

DATE:

Lighthouse International Services, LLC
Vorstadt 26a
CH-6300 Zug
SWITZERLAND

Re: Reference Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

I, the undersigned, hereby confirm that **(Name of Client)** is known to me personally since **(Year)** acting in his capacity as _____ and have also acted for him in relation to his position or business of _____ as **(attorney/accountant)**.

I confirm that I know him to be a person of integrity, good character, reputation and has proved to be respectable and trustworthy in the normal business engagements and do not hesitate to recommend that you assist him in whatever way you can.

The above information is given in strict confidence and without any responsibility, obligation or guarantee on our part

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)

(Name of Attorney/CPA)
(Capacity)



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**FORM A:
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNER**

Name of LLC: _____

Contracting Party Details

Client Name: _____

Residential Address:

Date of Birth: _____ Nationality: _____

Establishment of the Beneficial Owner
(Form A according to §§ 18 and 19 Regulations SRO PolyReg)

The undersigned hereby declares: *(check the appropriate box)*

That the undersigned is the beneficial owner of the assets to be transferred to the above-named LLC. *(If you check this, please proceed to the next page.)*

That the following individual or business entity is the beneficial owner of the assets to be transferred to the above-named LLC *(If you check this, please complete the following):*

Please complete for an Individual:		Please complete for a Business Entity:	
Full Name		Company Name	
Residential Address		Date of Establishment	
Date of Birth		Country of Establishment	
Nationality		Business Address	
Additional Information		***For a business entity, please provide copies of the formation and governing documents, and a Certificate of Good Standing or similar evidence.***	

- 1 The undersigned covenants to immediately inform Lighthouse Swiss Trust & Wealth Management GmbH of any change to the above-listed information at the time of such change.
- 2 The undersigned acknowledges that the identity of the beneficial owner will be made known to the financial institution concerned should the administration of the above-mentioned LLC require the opening of a bank account or deposit relationship.
- 3 If the undersigned intentionally provides false or misleading information, or falsifies this document, this might be subject to the Swiss Penal Code (Art. 251, Swiss Penal Code).

UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____



**FORM B
NEW LLC CLIENT INFORMATION**

**PART ONE
LLC REGISTRATION DETAILS**

1. Intended name of LLC: _____

2. Members
 - a. Please complete **Exhibit 1** for each person who will own a membership interest in this LLC.

 - b. Do you want Lighthouse Trust to provide nominee member services on behalf of one or more of the members of the LLC?

Yes	No
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3. Managers

PLEASE NOTE: LLCs can be Member-managed or Manager-managed. Absent written instructions from you to the contrary, we will establish the LLC as Manager-managed.

Who will serve as the Manager(s) of this LLC?

The Member(s)

Lighthouse Management Services, LLC

Someone else

*If you selected "The Member(s)," please complete Parts Two and Six of this form.

*If you selected "Someone Else," please complete Parts Two and Six of this form, and submit a complete **Exhibit 2** for each person who will serve as a Manager.

*If you selected "Lighthouse Management Services, LLC," please complete Parts Two, Three, Four, Five, and Six of this form.

4. Protector (optional)

Who will serve as the Protector(s) of this LLC?

Lighthouse Protector Services, LLC

Someone else

No Protector

If you marked "Someone Else," please complete **Exhibit 2** for each person who will serve as a Protector.

5. Business Activities

Please describe the business and activities that the LLC will conduct.

Four horizontal lines for text entry.

6. Operating Agreement

Please indicate whether you wish to have Lighthouse Trust provide the form of operating agreement for your LLC:

Yes

No

If you mark "No," please provide us with a copy of the LLC operating agreement that you intend to use.



**PART TWO
LLC COMMUNICATIONS**

1. After registration of the LLC, to whom may we direct correspondence concerning the LLC?

Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Phone(Office): _____

Facsimile Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

2. Where do you wish invoices for billing purposes to be sent?

Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Phone(Office): _____

Facsimile Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____



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3. ***If you have selected Lighthouse to manage the LLC***, then please answer the following:

a. In respect of any bank or investment accounts opened by us in respect of the LLC, do you wish to receive copies of bank statements (other than on request)?

Yes

No

b. If the answer above is “yes,” please indicate the frequency with which you wish to receive such statements (check all that apply):

Monthly

Annually

Per Transaction

PART THREE BANK & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Only complete this Part Three if you have selected Lighthouse to manage the LLC. Lighthouse will charge at its published rates for the establishment and maintenance of any account held in the name of the LLC.*

1. Do you wish to have the Manager establish one or more bank or investment accounts for the LLC?

Yes

No

2. If the answer to #2 is “yes,” please list any preferred bank or investment firm that you would like the Manager to contact for the purposes of account establishment.

Name of Institution: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____



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3. If the answer to #2 is “yes,” who do you wish to have the Manager engage as the SEC-registered investment advisor appointed to the account?

The institution designated in #3(b) offers SEC-registered investment advisory services

Lighthouse Swiss Wealth Advisors AG

Someone Else

IMPORTANT NOTE: U.S. law requires that an SEC-registered investment advisor be appointed to any bank or investment account to be owned by the LLC if any beneficial owner is a U.S. person.

4. If the answer to #3 is “Someone Else,” please provide the contact details of the SEC-registered investment advisor:

Name of Firm: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

PART FOUR TAX & INFORMATION RETURNS

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only complete this Part Three if you have selected Lighthouse to manage the LLC.

1. Tax Status: For U.S. tax purposes, please indicate how the LLC will be regarded:

Disregarded Entity

Partnership

Corporation



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2. Tax and Information Returns

- a. Would you like us to arrange the preparation of tax and information returns for the LLC?

Yes

No

- b. If the answer to #2(a) is “no,” please provide the contact information for the CPA to whom we are authorised to disclose information concerning the LLC for the purpose of preparing tax and information returns in respect of the LLC. **Please have your CPA confirm to us that the CPA has been engaged to prepare all requisite tax returns for your LLC.**

Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Phone(Office): _____

Facsimile Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

**PART FIVE
ACCOUNTING & AUDIT**

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Only complete this Part Three if you have selected Lighthouse to manage the LLC. Lighthouse is pleased to offer, as part of its standard service package, the preparation of an asset register for the LLC. However, accounting and audit services are **not** included as a standard service by Lighthouse. Please be advised that Lighthouse reserves the right to procure accounting and/or audit services on behalf of, and at the expense of the LLC, if Lighthouse reasonably determines that such services are warranted.*

1. Do you wish us to arrange accounting services for the LLC?

Yes

No – I hereby waive any accounting services for the LLC.



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2. If the answer to #1 is “yes,” please indicate the frequency with which you wish to receive such accounts (check all that apply):

Monthly

Annually

Per Transaction

3. Do you wish us to arrange annual audit services for the LLC?

Yes

No

**PART SIX
FEE AGREEMENT**

1. The undersigned hereby agrees to Lighthouse International Services, LLC charging a fee for services performed by members of the Lighthouse Group of companies, and its affiliated companies in other jurisdictions, in accordance with their published rates in force from time to time, and agrees to settle on receipt of invoice all such fees, and all disbursements or expenses, as are reasonable, and are properly incurred or charged, in the establishment and administration of the LLC.
2. The undersigned hereby further authorizes Lighthouse Management Services, LLC, if appointed as Manager of the LLC, to deduct such fees, disbursements, and expenses from available LLC assets thirty (30) days following invoice unless payment has been made earlier by the undersigned.

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____



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EXHIBIT 1 – MEMBER INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete this Exhibit 1 for each member of the limited liability company (including any person on whose behalf Lighthouse is to provide nominee member services).

1 Personal Data

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Home Address:

Mailing Address (if different from Home Address):

Phone (Office): _____

Phone (Home): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____

2 References. Please provide us with two references (e.g. banker, attorney, accountant), both of whom we may contact:

Reference #1:

Name: _____



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Mailing Address:

Phone(Office): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Reference #2:

Name: _____

Mailing Address:

Phone(Office): _____

E-mail Address: _____

- 3 Have you or any business entity of which you have been an officer, director, or a principal, ever been bankrupt or insolvent by order of a court?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide full details on a separate sheet attached to this form.

- 4 Have you or any business entity of which you have been an officer, director, or a principal, ever been convicted of any crime (other than minor traffic violations) or indicted, or are you or have you been the subject of any investigation or been interviewed in connection with any investigation by any law enforcement organization, regulatory body, or governmental agency (e.g., SEC, IRS, FBI)?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide full details on a separate sheet attached to this form.



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5 Have you ever been refused entry to a foreign country?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide full details on a separate sheet attached to this form.



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EXHIBIT 2 – MANAGER & PROTECTOR INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete this Exhibit 2 for each manager and protector of the limited liability company.

1 Personal Data

Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Home Address:

Mailing Address (if different from Home Address):

Phone (Office): _____

Phone (Home): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____

2 Have you or any business entity of which you have been an officer, director, or a principal, ever been bankrupt or insolvent by order of a court?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide full details on a separate sheet attached to this form.



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- 3 Have you or any business entity of which you have been an officer, director, or a principal, ever been convicted of any crime (other than minor traffic violations) or indicted, or are you or have you been the subject of any investigation or been interviewed in connection with any investigation by any law enforcement organization, regulatory body, or governmental agency (e.g., SEC, IRS, FBI)?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide full details on a separate sheet attached to this form.

- 4 Have you ever been refused entry to a foreign country?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide full details on a separate sheet attached to this form.



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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	Exemptions (see instructions): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	City, state, and ZIP code	
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number									

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Employer identification number									

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

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

Future developments. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9, at www.irs.gov/w9. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the

withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity,
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust, and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

What is FATCA reporting? The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA) name" on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Disregarded entity. For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulation section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the U.S. federal tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation, as appropriate. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the *Exemptions* box, any code(s) that may apply to you. See *Exempt payee code* and *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3.

Exempt payee code. Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends. Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding:

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements.

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
- B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

- G—A real estate investment trust
- H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
- J—A bank as defined in section 581
- K—A broker
- L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
- M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

- 1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.
- 2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.** You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.
- 3. Real estate transactions.** You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.
- 4. Other payments.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).
- 5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions.** You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.