



Tax FAQs, Tax Year 2024

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Apex Clearing Corporation* (Apex) is pleased to provide the following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the upcoming 2024 tax reporting season. If you have additional questions or need help with a specific client issue, please contact the Tax Reporting Department by submitting a request via Apex Service Center (ASC).

What tax forms does Apex generate and when will they be delivered?

Based on the presence of reportable activity, Apex will create the following tax forms for any customer account held on our books and set-up for reporting. Absent of an extension, Apex is required to deliver these forms to the account holder by the regulatory due dates, below. All tax forms, will be loaded to Apex Online and made available to the customer via mail or e-delivery based on the account holders election.

Correction runs are tentatively scheduled in two-week intervals and are based on need. If your customers own Mutual Funds, Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), REMIC securities or certain fixed investment trusts (WHFITs), issuers of these securities may publish income reclassification instructions after the original 1099 has been delivered. If your customers hold these securities or other securities subject to a reclassification event, they may receive a corrected Form 1099 which could impact your customers' tax returns and filing dates.

Please note the collection and application of income reclassification instructions is compulsory for information reporting agents such as Apex Clearing. In order to better service our customers and provide a better experience for your account holders, Apex may place a hold on issuing amended tax forms to consolidate these instructions and lessen the number of amended forms provided to your customers.



A list of potential securities that may be reclassified has been provided and [can be found here for your convenience](#). This list is a guide based on previous years reclassifications. As such, this security listing is a best effort and there is no guarantee that securities listed will reclass again in 2024 or that the list is 100% accurate, as new securities could be added in the coming months.

The following table provides the Regulatory due dates for the corresponding tax forms (dates below are adjusted to account for weekend dates)

Form	Used to Report	Scheduled Delivery Date
1099-R / 1099-Q	Distributions from qualified retirement plans and educational savings accounts	January 31, 2025
1099-C	Cancellation of Debt	January 31, 2025
Consolidated 1099 (Wave 1)	A consolidated tax document containing forms 1099-B, 1099-DIV, 1099-INT and 1099-MISC	January 31, 2025
Consolidated 1099 (Wave 2)	A consolidated tax document containing forms 1099-B, 1099-DIV, 1099-INT and 1099-MISC	February 17, 2025
PR 480.6 Series	Informative Return – Income Subject (Not Subject) to Withholding	February 28, 2025
_1042-S	Foreign Person’s U.S. Source Income Subject to Withholding	March 17, 2025
1099-REMIC, NMWHFIT	Income from Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits Non- Mortgage Widely Held Fixed Income Trusts	March 17, 2025
2439	Notice to Shareholder of Undistributed Long-Term Capital Gains	March 31, 2025
Corrections Run	2-week intervals after original form delivery	April 15, 2025
5498-ESA	Contributions to qualified educational savings accounts	April 30, 2025



5498	Contributions to qualified retirement plans	May 30, 2025
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What are the IRA contribution limits and deadlines for 2025?

For Tax Year 2024, the IRS contribution limit increased to \$7,000 (\$8,000 for individuals age 50 or older).

The deadline to make a 2024 IRA contribution is normally by your filing due date excluding any extensions. For most, that deadline is April 15, 2025.

Who receives a Consolidated 1099?

A consolidated 1099 is a grouping together into one statement of all the 1099 tax information for an account provided by Apex Clearing to be used in preparation of your annual tax return.

All individuals receive a Consolidated 1099 if they are United States citizens or legal residents and have had reportable tax activity. In some cases, exempt recipients will receive a Consolidated 1099 if charged backup withholding on activities during the year. These amounts must be reported to the customer and the IRS.

Why wasn't a 1099 generated for activity in a particular account?

If the activity in your customers' accounts did not meet certain reporting thresholds set by the IRS, a tax form will not be issued. De minimis values differ by form and income type. For dividends and interest, de minimis is \$10.00; for Cash In Lieu \$20.00 and for miscellaneous income \$600.00

Additional details regarding de minimis values have been provided with the forms identified in the next section of this FAQ.

What is reported on the different forms?

1099-B

A Form 1099-B reports all sales or redemptions of securities, futures transactions, commodities, options and barter exchange transactions. Cash in Lieu may be subject to a de minimis reporting if under \$20.00.

As a reminder, closing transactions for identical securities and for orders with the same disposition dates will be combined into fewer transactions. This change simplifies the presentation of the information being reported on Form 1099-B to your customers. Please see [AIM 19-12-08](#) for additional details. Form 1099-B Important Update | Transaction Consolidation



A Form 1099-B will be filed for any person for whom Apex withheld any federal tax under the backup withholding rules regardless of the amount.

Note: For non-covered securities, the cost basis information provided on your customers' 1099-B is for informational purposes only and is not reported to the IRS. Your customers will be responsible for providing this information when they file their returns.

1099-DIV

A 1099-DIV reports distributions such as dividends, capital gain distributions, or nontaxable distributions, that were paid on stock and liquidation distributions if any of the following applies:

- Received \$10.00 or more in dividends, including capital gains, exempt interest and other stock distributions.
- Had any withholding amounts or any foreign tax on dividends and other distributions on stock
- Received any payments of at least \$600 as part of the liquidation process.

Dividend payments received on securities loaned out are reported as substitute payments in lieu of dividends on Form 1099-MISC.

1099-OID

The 1099-OID reports the amortization of bond interest on discounted bonds annually. Original Issue Discount (OID) is the difference between an obligation's stated redemption price at maturity and the issue price of the debt instrument.

Interest on bonds sold at a discount at the time that a bond or other debt instrument is issued and accreted annually is called Original Issue Discount or OID. Interest income is recognized, and the cost basis of the bond is increased.

1099-OID will be issued if the following applies:

- If the total daily portions or the original issue discount (OID) for a holder is at least \$10.00
- For any person who had withholding and paid any foreign tax on OID or
- For any person who had withholding (and did not refund) any federal income tax under backup withholding rules, even if the amount of the OID is less than \$10.00

1099-INT

Form 1099 INT reports interest income including taxable and tax-exempt interest dividends from mutual funds paid during the year.

De minimis amount is \$10.00 or more and are reported in boxes 1, 3 and 8.

Tax-exempt interest is generally not subject to federal taxation. If you own municipal bonds, then interest on bonds from your home state is generally not subject to state tax. However, municipal interest from other states is taxed in your home state.



Interest payments received on interest producing securities loaned out are reported as substitute payments in lieu of interest on Form 1099-MISC.

Form 1099-INT will be issued for any person for whom you withheld and paid any foreign tax or from whom you withheld (and did not refund) any federal income tax under the backup withholding rules regardless of the amount.

Please note: If you have a margin account, you may have margin interest expenses paid from your account. Margin interest is included as an informational item in your Consolidated 1099 in the supplemental section. Please consult your tax advisor for the proper treatment and reporting of margin interest paid on your tax return.

1099-MISC

1099 Misc reports substitute payments in lieu of dividends or interest received in your account, stock or cash rewards, stock loan fees received and royalty payments. Payments of royalties are generally from investments in natural resource companies.

Threshold amounts are amounts greater than \$10.00 in royalty payments, rewards, in lieu of dividends or interest and \$600.00 or more of miscellaneous income.

1099-C

Form 1099-C is used by Financial Institutions (creditors) to report the cancellation of debt owed to the debtors totaling \$600 or more. Debtors can be individuals, corporations, partnerships, trusts, estates, associations or companies.

Writing off debit balances in a client account can result in a 1099-C being generated for aggregated amounts exceeding \$600.

Here are some exclusions Bankruptcy or insolvency

- Student loan forgiveness
- Death or disability of a student loan holder
- Write-off of debit balance resulting from a Fee

1099-R

Form 1099-R reports distributions from Traditional, Roth, SEP and Rollover IRA.

De minimis amounts apply for distributions to be reported amounts need to be greater than \$10.00.



Direct rollovers from an employer- sponsored retirement plan (401-k, 403-B, 457-B or annuity) to a Traditional IRA or Rollover account are reported as distributions, the offsetting side for these distributions are the rollover amounts reported on Form 5498 for the IRA account in receipt of the distribution.

Transfer of funds in your IRA from one trustee/custodian directly to another IRA is not considered a rollover. These are not distributions Trustee to trustee transfers are not required to be reported on Form 1099-R

Most Common Distribution Reason Codes:

Code Box 7	Distribution Type
1	Early distribution, no known exception. Under age 59 1/2
2	Early distribution, exception applies. Under age 59 1/2
4	Death
7	Normal Distribution. Over age 59 1/2

5498

Form 5498 reports retirement plan contributions (including rollover contributions) to any individual retirement arrangement, including a SEP, SIMPLE, and Roth IRA; Roth conversions; IRA recharacterizations; and the fair market value of the account as of December 31.

5498's are not required to be filed with a customer's personal tax return. These forms are issued no later than May 31 each calendar year. The timing of this form is a result of contributions for the prior year may be made up to the filing date of customers' income tax return, generally April 15.

1099-Q

1099-Q is used to report distributions from a Coverdell education savings account (ESA) or a 529 Plan.

5498-ESA

5498-ESA is used to report contributions or rollovers made to Coverdell education savings accounts (ESA).

2439

Form 2439 is used to report undistributed long-term capital gains to shareholders of a regulated investment company (RIC) or real estate investment trusts (REIT) and undistributed capital gains allocable to them. A separate for 2439 will be issued for each investment.

The Undistributed capital gains reported on Form 2439 should be reported in addition to any capital gains reported on Form 1099-DIV. Please see details in IRS Publication 550.



1042-S

Form 1042-S is used to report US-source income earned by non-US persons subject to US withholding tax, including interest, dividends and substitute payments on their account for the year. You may receive multiple Forms 1042-S, each of which reports a different type of income.

Most Common Income Codes:

Income Codes - Box 1	Income Type
01	Interest paid by US obligors including the US Treasury
06	Dividends paid by US Corporations
29	Deposit Interest
30	Original Issue Discount (OID)
34	Substitute payments - Dividends
35	Substitute payment - Other
51	Other Income
01	Interest paid by US obligors including the US Treasury

If income is exempt from withholding tax a code indicating this appears in Box 6.

Most common exemption codes are:

Exemption codes - Box 6	Exemption Type
01	Income effectively connected with a US trade or business
02	Exempt under an Internal Revenue Code section (income other than portfolio interest)
03	Income is not from US Sources
04	Exempt under tax treaty
05	Portfolio interest exempt under an Internal Revenue Code Section
06	Qualified intermediary that assumes primary withholding responsibility
07	Withholding foreign partnership or withholding foreign trust
01	Income effectively connected with a US trade or business



Puerto Rico 480 Series

The 480 Series forms are only issued to Puerto Rico residents who earned reportable income and/or had income subject to Puerto Rico tax withholding.

Apex issues three separate Series 480 forms for clients who reside in Puerto Rico: Series 480.6A, 480.6B and 480.6D

Form 480.6A reports any taxable dividends and/or gross proceeds from realized capital gains or losses in a customer's taxable investment account. This form will also report any interest paid out in a cash account.

Form 480.6B is intended for information reporting on income not subject to withholding.

Form 480.6D reports any tax-exempt dividends that were distributed in a customer's taxable investment account.

What's new for Tax Year 2024:

1099-C

- Apex is adding form 1099-C to the library of tax forms that are offered. Please see the "What is reported on different forms?" section for details on 1099-C

1099-Comp Corrected Tax forms (Supplemental Section)

- For tax year 2023 we provided various expenses, fees and distribution details in the Supplemental section of the 1099-Comp form. For tax year 2024 we are enhancing the supplemental section of the 1099-COMP form as it relates to corrected tax forms. This section will now include delta changes by form/box to provide the investor with the prior amount and current amount assisting the investor to quantify the corrections.

Customized from email address used for tax document email notifications

- We will no longer be using the taxdocuments@apexfintechsolutions.com from email address for tax document email notifications.
- For your customer accounts that elect for electronic delivery of tax documents we are introducing a new email domain. Starting with notifications for tax year 2024 the domain will be @tax-docs.com.
- This change will go into effect in January 2025 and all email notifications will reflect the new delivery email address.
- The default email prefix will be your company name to allow for a better client experience.
 - Example: [\[CompanyName\]@tax-docs.com](mailto:[CompanyName]@tax-docs.com)



Below is a sample email to illustrate a customized from email address for an Apex Clearing Corporation's end customer where we have customized the from email to reflect "apex.clearing.corporation@tax-docs.com"

[An AIM was sent 12/04/24](#) announcing the opportunity to provide your firm name to be used proceeding the "@" in the from email address.

Your Tax eDoc is ready

From: apex.clearing.corporation@tax-docs.com
Sent date : 11/25/2024 10:11 PM
SMTP Response : 250 2.6.0 <01000193667c2aeb-6b9fea43-dcbf-4015-82eb-4bb76055c842-000000@email.amazonses.com>
[InternalId=23622320138584, Hostname=MW4PR17MB4873.namprd17.prod.outlook.com] 20684 bytes in 0.125, 160.405 KB/sec
Queued mail for delivery
Delivery Reported on 11/26/2024 03:20 35 AM

The logo for APEX Fintech Solutions, featuring the word "APEX" in a large, bold, blue font with a stylized "X" that has a blue-to-teal gradient. Below "APEX" is the text "Fintech Solutions" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, followed by a trademark symbol (TM).

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A new Tax Document is available for you to review as a result of activity in

Non-Resident Alien ("NRA") Withholding Refund Change

As indicated by an [AIM sent out on October 18th 2024](#), Apex has updated the withholding of funds on foreign/non-US accounts (termed "NRA" or Non-Resident Alien Withholding) as required by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). More information can be found in the notice [HERE](#).

Common Questions Answered

What is backup withholding?

Backup withholding requirements are governed by the IRS and are required to be enforced by all withholding agents on all non-exempt individuals and entities.

Backup withholding is required to be reported on the appropriate Form 1099 regardless of the amount withheld. The \$10.00 de minimis rule does not apply when backup withholding has occurred.

As a reminder, the current backup withholding rate is 24%.

How does a corporation report earnings when no 1099s are received?

- C-Corporations are generally responsible for reporting any earnings that they receive based on financial statements that the company reports.



- S-Corporations, if declared, will receive a Form 1099 for their covered trading activity from Apex Clearing Corporation.

What happens when a client has the wrong TIN reported on the 1099?

In order to help alleviate these types of issues, please review and validate your account set-ups and obtain a valid W9 or W8 before tax forms are issued.

How can I correct my cost basis that is reported on my 1099?

For cost basis corrections please send a detailed description of the issue to the Tax Reporting Department by submitting a request via Apex Service Center (ASC).

Alternatively, if the cost basis information that is reported on your Form 1099-B is incorrect, you can report a correction to the IRS using Form 8949 when filing your income tax return.

How do I make a Mark to Market election?

If a customer is eligible for trader status, they have the option to make a timely election for the Section 475 accounting method on securities and/or commodities. Section 475 is mark-to market (MTM) accounting with ordinary gain or loss treatment. Without it, securities traders use the cash method with capital gains and loss treatment, including wash sale loss adjustments and the annual \$3,000 capital loss limitation.

Please keep in mind that this election cannot be retroactively applied. It is effective from the point in time that it is received and acknowledged by Apex Clearing going forward.

The following is the criteria we require to process MTM requests: written notice that they have made a valid and timely mark to market election under section 475; identify the specific account containing only securities subject to this election; confirm that that the account will only hold securities subject to this election; a copy of the supporting documentation, if possible, of how they made that election; Applies to the current tax year.

Are there any updates for TurboTax?

All customers with reportable information will be able to import their Consolidated 1099 information directly into Turbo Tax. In order to download this information, your customers will need to follow Intuit's on-screen instructions.

Please note that the Turbo Tax application has data import limitations:

- If there are more than 500 1099-B transactions per return, then the customer will need to utilize the desktop software version which can accommodate up to 2,200 1099-B transactions per return.
- If the customer has a total number of transactions that exceeds these limits, they will not be able to use the TurboTax import function and may have to utilize other means to file their return.



Logging into Turbo:

If you already use Apex Online, then you will use those credentials to import your Consolidated 1099 data into TurboTax. If you do not utilize Apex Online, then you will need to follow these steps.

- In the Apex User ID field, you will need to enter your account number. For example, account XXX-12345 would enter XXX12345 as your username.
- In the Apex Password field, you will enter the Tax ID number that is associated with the account. For most customers, this will be your Social Security Number; however, if your account is an entity account, then it may be a Tax ID number (If the client already has an APEX Online account, their username and password may be that).
- Click Continue.
 - Once you have clicked on Continue and your login credentials are validated, you will be presented with a screen identifying which forms and information are available for import.
 - Next, follow the on-screen instructions to select the information you wish to include.

What is a wash sale?

The IRS does not allow you to deduct losses from sales or trades of stock or securities in a wash sale unless the loss was incurred in the ordinary course of your business as a dealer in stock or securities.

A wash sale occurs when you sell or trade stock or securities at a loss and within 30 days before or after the sale you:

- Buy substantially identical stock or securities;
- Acquire substantially identical stock or securities in a fully taxable trade;
- Acquire a contract or option to buy substantially identical stock or securities; or
- Acquire substantially identical stock for your individual retirement account (IRA) or Roth IRA.

Additional information about wash sales: [IRS publication 550](#).

Does Apex charge for the mailing of tax forms?

Yes, Apex charges a \$5.00 fee for the mail delivery of a tax form that can be provided to the customer via e-delivery. This fee is assessed and charged to the correspondent for any account that requires a mailed tax form.

E-delivery is an alternative option to avoid this mail delivery fee. E-delivery allows your customers to have faster access to their tax forms and avoids the mailing fee altogether.

Contact your customer service representative to learn more about E-delivery.



A \$50 fee applies if a form has been electronically delivered but a correspondent requests in addition to be printed and mailed.

What cost basis lot relief methods does Apex offer?

FIFO: First In First Out

Tax lots with the oldest purchase date will be sold first. This method ensures that if there are any shares eligible for long-term capital gains treatment, they will be sold first. Non-covered unallocated lots (lots without cost) will be sold before non-covered allocated lots (lots with cost).

LIFO: Last In First Out

Tax lots with the most recent purchase date will be sold first.

Versus Purchase (VSP) Specific Lot Identification

Specific lot identification can be made by including details about the tax lot in the trade trailer.

HIFO: Highest In First Out

Tax lots with the highest cost basis are sold first, regardless of when they were purchased. Because the highest cost basis shares are sold first, this method will harvest tax lots with losses first and then gains. It does not consider LT/ST, so if there is a tie between lots, FIFO is used.

MinTax: Minimum Tax

Apex will determine the best lot to sell to minimize tax impact and lower tax burden. The lots are selected in the following order:

- Short-term capital loss, from the biggest loss to the smallest
- Long-term capital loss, from the biggest loss to the smallest
- Short-term zero gain/loss
- Long-term zero gain/loss
- Long-term capital gains, from the smallest gain to the biggest
- Short-term capital gains, from the smallest gain to the biggest

Special Note: Regarding MINTAX there are two options:

1. MINTAX all securities
2. MINTAX all securities except Mutual Funds. Average cost for Mutual Funds

Are there any other changes that I should be aware of?

As a reminder, [IRS Notice 2017-09](#) establishes a de minimis Safe Harbor of \$100.00 for information returns corrections. In effect, this change will reduce the number of corrected tax forms that your customers could potentially receive.

As of January 1, 2023, the 1446(f) regulations levy an additional withholding tax of 10% on US MLP and PTP interests held by non-US clients. Communications have gone out to counterparties



alerting them to this new regulation. For additional information please see AIM Notice 22-08-17, [AIM 1446\(f\) Regulations](#), available on Apex Online.

Need additional information?

All tax documents are available on the IRS website, www.irs.gov, and include instructions or updates. While Apex makes every effort to ensure that the information being reported is accurate, please note that the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the tax returns that are filed on their behalf.

If you have additional questions or need help with a specific client issue, please contact Apex by submitting a request through the [Apex Service Center](#) tile in your Okta dashboard and selecting the “**Tax**” option, referencing this message.

Thank you,

Apex Fintech Solutions

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