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#### Request for Comments

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Approved: February 12, 1998.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 9356

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 9356, Application for Software

Developers to Participate in the 1040PC Format for Individual Income Tax Returns.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 27, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Application for Software Developers to Participate in the 1040PC Format for Individual Income Tax Returns.

**OMB Number:** 1545-1250.

**Form Number:** Form 9356.

**Abstract:** Form 9356 is completed by software developers and submitted to the IRS as an application for producing software for the Form 1040PC.

**Current Actions:** On Form 9356 new item 10, E-Mail or Internet address, was added to expedite testing and communication with software developers.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 200.

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 15 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 50.

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#### Request for Comments

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agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[PS-260-82]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Regulation Project

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, PS-260-82 (TD 8449), Election, Revocation, Termination, and Tax Effect of Subchapter S Status (§§ 1.1362-1 through 1.1362-7).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 27, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Election, Revocation, Termination, and Tax Effect of Subchapter S Status.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1308.

*Regulation Project Number:* PS-260-82.

*Abstract:* Section 1362 of the Internal Revenue Code provides for the election, termination, and tax effect of subchapter S status. Sections 1.1362-1 through 1.1362-7 of this regulation provides the specific procedures and requirements necessary to implement Code section 1362, including the filing of various elections and statements with the Internal Revenue Service.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to this existing regulation.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, and farms.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 133.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2 hours, 25 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 322.

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**Request for Comments**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1041-T**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 1041-T, Allocation of Estimated Tax Payments to Beneficiaries.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 27, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Allocation of Estimated Tax Payments to Beneficiaries.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1020.

*Form Number:* 1041-T.

*Abstract:* This form allows a trustee of a trust or an executor of an estate to make an election under Internal Revenue Code section 643(g) to allocate any payment of estimated tax to a beneficiary(ies). The IRS uses the information on the form to determine the correct amounts that are to be transferred from the fiduciary's account to the individual's account.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1 hr., 2 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,030.

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**Request for Comments**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 4970**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and