

2-D barcode filing for Oregon



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Sample 2-D barcode

2-D barcode filing is an alternative way to file a paper Oregon return.

2-D barcodes are now required

Personal income tax forms 40 and 40S, and Schedule WFC **must have 2-D barcodes** beginning in tax year 2006 if they are:

- Software-produced and
- Filed on paper.

The Oregon Department of Revenue must approve the barcodes. This is further explained in the permanent Oregon Administrative Rule 150-314.385(3), effective January 1, 2007. Other forms will be included as they become available.

What is a 2-D barcode?

A two-dimensional (2-D) barcode is similar to the one you have on the back of your Oregon driver's license. The 2-D barcode on your tax return is a "picture" of the information on your return. This is printed on the front page of your return.

Why should I use a 2-D barcode?

A machine reads the information in the barcode so it doesn't have to be manually entered into our computer system. This helps us process your return more quickly and efficiently.

How do I get a 2-D barcode on my tax return?

You can prepare your Form 40S or Form 40 by using a tax preparer or an Oregon-approved tax software package. 2-D barcode for Form 40N and Form 40P is not available at this time.

How does 2-D work on my corporate tax return?

You can prepare your Form 20-S, 20, or 20-I by using a tax preparer or an Oregon-approved tax software package.

2-D barcode is not available for any other type of Oregon corporate return at this time.

How do I read my 2-D barcode?

Only a machine can read the barcode. It contains the information displayed on the lines of your tax return. The barcode also contains additional information from the following forms and schedules: Form W2, Form 37, Form 10, the Oregon Amended Schedule, and Schedule AP.

If you are filing Form 40, the barcode also contains information from your federal return needed to process your Oregon return.

When is my 2-D barcode return due?

The due date for 2-D barcode returns is the same as for other types of returns.

What do I need to send to the Oregon Department of Revenue?

- Attach a copy of your federal return to your 2-D barcode return just as you would to a regular Oregon return.
- Attach Form 40-V, *Oregon Income Tax Payment Voucher*, and your payment to the front of your return if you have tax to pay. **Exception:** Do not attach Form 40-V if you pay with a credit card.
- Attach any Oregon forms and schedules required to be filed with a traditional Oregon return.

Where do I send my 2-D barcode return?

Personal income tax returns. The addresses for mailing your 2-D barcode personal income tax returns are different from the addresses for traditional returns.

- Mail 2-D barcode refund returns or returns with no tax due to:

REFUND
PO Box 14710
Salem OR 97309-0460

- Mail 2-D barcode returns with tax due to:

Oregon Department of Revenue
PO Box 14720
Salem OR 97309-0463

Corporate tax returns. The addresses for mailing your 2-D barcode corporate tax returns are the same as the addresses for traditional returns.

- Mail 2-D barcode refund returns or returns with no tax due to:

REFUND
PO Box 14777
Salem OR 97309-0960

- Mail 2-D barcode returns with tax due to:

Oregon Department of Revenue
PO Box 14790
Salem OR 97309-0470

Will my 2-D barcode return be reviewed?

Any return, no matter how it is filed, may be reviewed by the department. However, the 2-D barcode tax software helps check your return for errors before you send it to the department. 2-D barcode filing is usually more accurate, so there is less chance your return will be reviewed or adjusted in processing.

How do I fix a mistake on my 2-D barcode return?

If you have not mailed your return, you must reprint the entire return if you make any changes. All of your return information is in the 2-D barcode on the first page. It is very important to reprint both the first and second pages of your corrected return. This will help avoid unnecessary processing delays. If you have already printed and mailed your return, you will need to file an amended return.

What if a 2-D barcode didn't print on my return?

Personal income tax Forms 40 and 40S, and Schedule WFC **must have 2-D barcodes** beginning in tax year 2006 if they are:

- Software-produced and
- Filed on paper.

If the **barcode did not print on your form**, please refer to your printer's troubleshooting guidelines or contact your software provider's technical support.

I need help with my software. Can the Oregon Department of Revenue help me?

No. For specific software questions, contact your software company. We are not technical experts on 2-D barcode software and cannot provide product assistance.

However, the department does conduct 2-D barcode software testing each year. The testing ensures the tax software correctly prints the barcode so our equipment can read it.

Our staff is only available to assist you with general tax questions.

Copy of return for client

If you are a paid tax preparer or a software vendor, the copy of the return you provide to your client must be an exact copy of the tax return you submit to the department.

Taxpayer assistance

General tax information www.oregon.gov/DOR
Salem 503-378-4988
Toll-free from an Oregon prefix 1-800-356-4222

Asistencia en español:

Salem 503-945-8618
Gratis de prefijo de Oregon..... 1-800-356-4222

TTY (hearing or speech impaired; machine only):

Salem 503-945-8617
Toll-free from an Oregon prefix 1-800-886-7204

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Call one of the help numbers for information in alternative formats.