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# Barcode Test Packet for Indiana Corporate Income Tax Returns

*Tax Year 2014*



## **Introduction**

Publication COR1436-BC (Corporate) explains testing requirements for developers of 2-D Barcode Corporate Income Tax Returns for tax year 2014. It contains test scenarios for the IT-20, IT-20S and IT-65.

The Indiana Department of Revenue no longer provides completed returns. Values for fields required to complete the return are provided, but not calculated values or those carried from one form to another.

**NEW FOR 2014** – Tax year 2014 is the first year Indiana will accept IT-20S returns via Modernized e-File. The test scenarios used for 2D testing are the same as those used for MeF certification.

## **The Testing Process**

Barcode vendors must be registered with the department prior to submitting tests for barcode certification. Indiana will assign your product a Software Developer Code upon registration. Software developers will need to register annually to keep contact information up to date and to obtain the password to the software developers' pages of the website. It is advisable that you visit the registration site every year in order to update the contact information. All test results are emailed to the contact of record. Your assigned Software Developer Code must be present in every barcode your software produces.

The barcode will not be printed on the Corporate tax return. It will be printed on a separate schedule (COR-BAR). The COR-BAR should be the last item in each test scenario packet.

It must be understood that the paper forms submitted by barcode vendors must be certified for correctness and readability even if the barcode is present. This is necessary because, in the production system, the paper return is the back-up method of entry if the barcode should prove un-readable.

We frequently receive inquiries regarding the handling of deductions and add-backs that modify the Adjusted Gross Income. Our test scenarios typically depict them all as positive figures. Our back-end system knows that deductions always reduce the AGI. It also knows which of the add-backs reduce AGI and which ones increase AGI. However, software vendors sometimes request permission to output the deductions and "reduction add-backs" as negative figures so that their clients can clearly understand how the bottom line was calculated. The department has no issue with your software doing that. It will not interfere with your certification if you choose to output the reducing add-backs and deductions as negative.

Once you have completed a thorough in-house testing of the 2D barcode test returns, you must submit them to our Forms Testing Coordinator for approval. All forms and

schedules for each scenario must be provided. They may be emailed to [Forms@dor.IN.gov](mailto:Forms@dor.IN.gov) or mailed to the address below. Schedule VC should be attached indicating the submission is being made for 2D barcode approval. Forms being submitted for 2D barcode approval cannot be used for form approval because the testing is completed in two different areas. Also, forms being submitted for form approval must be submitted on paper:

*(Use complete address!)*

Forms Testing Coordinator  
Indiana Department of Revenue  
7811 Milhouse Rd, Ste P  
Indianapolis, IN 46241-9612

### **Contact Information**

If you have questions regarding the forms approval process, please contact Jean Bang, our Forms Testing Coordinator, (317) 615-2550, e-mail: [forms@dor.in.gov](mailto:forms@dor.in.gov)

Questions pertaining to test scenarios, included in this publication, should be directed to Alternative Filing Help Desk, e-mail: [AltFileHelpDesk@dor.in.gov](mailto:AltFileHelpDesk@dor.in.gov)