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Gateway User Guide

Form 3 Notice to Taxpayers



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How do I get to the application screen in Gateway?

As an authorized user of the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (“Gateway”), users will have a username and password that will allow access the program. The username is the email address on file with the Department of Local Government Finance (“Department”). The Department will assign an initial password, which should then be changed by the owner to something unique and confidential. Users are responsible for all information entered into Gateway under the authorized user’s username and password. Users without a Gateway account may contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov to register.

Web Address (URL): <https://gateway.ifionline.org/login.aspx>

To access Gateway, open [Firefox](#) or [Google Chrome](#) and type <https://gateway.ifionline.org/login.aspx> into the browser, and then hit “Enter” on a standard keyboard. Gateway works best using Firefox or Google Chrome. Internet Explorer is not a supported browser.

Form 3 Overview

Form 3 - Notice to Taxpayers is used as the template for advertising your proposed budget information, as required by law. Form 3 contains three sections of information. First, it informs taxpayers of the time, date, and location of your public hearing and adoption meeting. Second, it lists out the Department provided Estimated Max Levy by levy type, and Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate. (These come prepopulated by the Department.) Third, it presents a summary of the proposed budget and levy, a comparison against last year’s levy, and any excess levy appeals as projected by the unit. All of this information is presented individually by fund.

The Form 3 must be submitted electronically through Gateway to fulfil your budget advertising requirements. (Schools still have additional advertising requirements.) IC 6-1.1-17-3 requires online advertisement of the Notice to Taxpayers to be submitted at least 10 calendar days before the public hearing. Online advertisement will only be completed by submitting the Form 3 from the Budget Form Menu in the Budget application of Gateway. Once submitted, notices will be available online at www.budgetnotices.in.gov or by calling (888) 739-9826.

If your unit has its own website, according to Indiana’s notice requirements you must also supply your Notice to Taxpayers. (Indiana’s Public Access Counselor can verify your unit’s requirements.) The Department can provide a link for you to display on your page. Send your email request for the link to the Department’s Communications Director.



Accessing Form 3

First, navigate to the Budget Form Menu by selecting your unit and then clicking “View Forms, Enter and Edit Budgets.”

Select Unit > Unit Main Menu

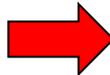
Selected Year: 2020 | Selected Unit: Gateway1 County - 9983 Dlgf City 1, Gateway1 Co.

Unit Main Menu - 9983 Dlgf City 1, Gateway1

Select from the options below to customize your unit's funds, departments, and/or publicati

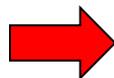
Department of Local Government Finance Tasks

- Pre-Budget Worksheet** - Submitted on 6/4/2019 10:30:13 AM
Provide information and estimates in advance.
- Customize Funds, Departments, Debts, Rev. Codes**
View and edit lists of funds, depts., debts by fund and rev. codes.
- View Forms, Enter and Edit Budgets**
View, edit and submit Forms to DLGF.
- Submit Signed Form 4 and Other Documents**
View, upload and submit budget-related documents to DLGF.
- Property Tax Cap Info**
View Property Tax Cap Data Currently Entered on all Forms
- Optional Flat File Upload**
Fund List, Department List, Fund-Dept Relationship, Form 1, Form 2



Next, click on Form 3, and then select the “Click to edit form” link. This will load the form. Please be aware it may take a few seconds to load.

Current Year Financial Worksheet: Additional Calculations for Form 4B	
Debt Worksheet	
Form 1: Budget Estimate	
Form 2: Estimate of Miscellaneous Revenues	
Form 3: Notice to Taxpayers	
Click to edit form	Not Ready to Submit.
Form 4: Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates	
Form 4A: Budget Report	
Form 4B: Budget Estimate, Financial Statement and Proposed Tax Rate	





Ensuring that Form 3 is Generated Correctly

Similarly to other forms that have an option to fill from other forms, Form 3 can pull certain information for the Department reviewed funds from Form 4B's advertised column. Therefore, before submitting Form 3, it is very important that Form 1, Form 4A, and Form 4B advertised columns have been entered into Gateway for every fund. The adopted columns do not need to be completed prior to generating Form 3.

1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (Including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)
	Click Here to Insert Form 4b advertised amounts ↓	Click Here to Insert Form 4b advertised amounts ↓



Entering Data Form 3

There are 3 sections to the Form 3. The first section (hearing and adoption info) of Form 3 is completed by means of a pop-up box. The second section (estimated max levies and property tax cap credit estimate) is pre-populated by the Department. The third section (budget information) can be pulled in with a click of a button. The Current Tax Levy (column 5) will pre-populate.

IC 6-1.1-17-3 requires online advertisement of the Notice to Taxpayers to be submitted at least 10 days before the public hearing. Online advertisement will be completed by submitting the Form 3 from the Budget Form Menu in Gateway. Once submitted, notices will be available online at www.budgetnotices.in.gov or by calling (888) 733-5826.

PRESCRIBED BY DEPT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE FORM APPROVED BY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS Budget Form No.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYER'S

The Notice to taxpayers is available online at www.budgetnotices.in.gov or by calling (888) 733-5826.

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at [\[No Unit Office Location Entered\]](#).

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of [\[City: Gateway1 County: Indiana\]](#) that the proper officers of [\[City: 1\]](#) will conduct a public hearing on the year [\[2020\]](#) budget. Following the meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of [\[City: 1\]](#) not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, [\[City: 1\]](#) shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of [\[City: 1\]](#) will meet to adopt the following budget:

Fill in Hearing info

Date of Public Hearing	[No Public Hearing Date Entered]	Date of Adoption Meeting	[No Adoption Meeting Date Entered]
Time of Public Hearing	12:00 AM	Time of Adoption Meeting	12:00 AM
Public Hearing Place	[No Public Hearing Location Entered]	Adoption Meeting Place	[No Adoption Meeting Location Entered]

Estimated Civil Max Levy	[Estimated Max Levy has not been populated by the Department's Max Levy Calculations. Please contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov for more information.]
Estimated Fire Max Levy	[Estimated Fire Max Levy has not been populated by the Department's Max Levy Calculations. Please contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov for more information.]
Est. Fire Territory Max Levy	[Estimated Fire Territory Max Levy has not been populated by the Department's Max Levy Calculations. Please contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov for more information.]
Est. Transportation Max Levy	[Estimated Transportation Max Levy has not been populated by the Department's Max Levy Calculations. Please contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov for more information.]
Est. Bus Replacement Max Levy	[Estimated Bus Replacement Max Levy has not been populated by the Department's Max Levy Calculations. Please contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov for more information.]
Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate	[This field has not been populated by the Department's property tax cap estimates. Please contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov for more information.]

Special Notes:

Edit Special Notes

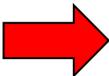
1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (Including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Revolving Levy Appeals (Included in Column 3)	5 Current Tax Levy
	Click Here to Insert Form 4b advertised amounts	Click Here to Insert Form 4b advertised amounts		
0101-GENERAL	\$ <input type="text" value="0"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="0"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="0"/>	0
0150-DEPT SERVICE	\$ <input type="text" value="0"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="0"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="0"/>	0

1st Section – Inserting the Hearing Information

The paragraph at the top of Form 3 will first show incomplete fields as red text. To populate these lines, click the button that says “Fill in Hearing Info.”

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at [\[No Unit Office Location Entered\]](#).

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Dlglf_City_1, Gateway1 County, Indiana that the proper officers of Dlglf_City_1 will conduct a public hearing on the year 2020 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of Dlglf_City_1 not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, Dlglf_City_1 shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of Dlglf_City_1 will meet to adopt the following budget:



Fill in Hearing Info

Date of Public Hearing	[No Public Hearing Date Entered]	Date of Adoption Meeting	[No Adoption Meeting Date Entered]
Time of Public Hearing	12:00 AM	Time of Adoption Meeting	12:00 AM
Public Hearing Place	[No Public Hearing Location Entered]	Adoption Meeting Place	[No Adoption Meeting Location Entered]

This will bring up a pop-up box from which you will enter your unit’s information. Be sure to enter complete addresses including town. On your meeting dates, remember that unless you are a consolidated (1st class) or 2nd class city, they must be a minimum of 10 days apart. There is also a checkbox to indicate whether a unit’s territorial boundaries have changed since the prior year’s budget.

Unit Info

Office Location:

Adopting Unit Name:

Public Hearing Info

Hearing Location:

Hearing Date:

Hearing Time:

Adoption Meeting Info

Meeting Location:

Meeting Date:

Meeting Time:

Estimated Civil Max Levy: \$



Once you have entered all the fields in the pop-up box, click “Update Record.” This will enter the information into the paragraph. If wish to change any of the information, click “Fill in Hearing Info” again and change the necessary fields. Click “Update Record” and the changes will be made in the paragraph and the top of the budget chart.

Unit Info

Office Location:

Adopting Unit Name:

Public Hearing Info

Hearing Location:

Hearing Date:

Hearing Time:

Adoption Meeting Info

Meeting Location:

Meeting Date:

Meeting Time:

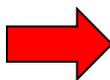
Have the unit's territorial boundaries changed in the last year?

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Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at [Delaware County](#).

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of [Djgf City 1 Gateway1 County](#), Indiana that the proper officers of [Djgf City 1](#) will conduct a public hearing on the year 2020 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of [Djgf City 1](#) not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, [Djgf City 1](#) shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of [Djgf City 1](#) will meet to adopt the following budget:

Fill in Hearing Info



Date of Public Hearing	Wednesday, August 14 2019
Time of Public Hearing	9:00 AM
Public Hearing Place	County Court House

Date of Adoption Meeting	Wednesday, October 16 2019
Time of Adoption Meeting	9:00 AM
Adoption Meeting Place	County Court House

2nd Section – Estimated Max Levies and Property Tax Cap Credit Estimates

All of the information in this section will be filled in by the Department. These figures are based on the Department’s calculations, and will be populated in this form before your Budget Workshop with your Department Budget Field Representative. You do not have the capability to alter the information in this section.

Estimated Civil Max Levy	[Estimated Max Levy has not been populated by the Department's Max Levy Calculations. Please contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov for more information.]
Estimated Fire Max Levy	[Estimated Fire Max Levy has not been populated by the Department's Max Levy Calculations. Please contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov for more information.]
Est. Fire Territory Max Levy	[Estimated Fire Territory Max Levy has not been populated by the Department's Max Levy Calculations. Please contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov for more information.]
Est. Transportation Max Levy	[Estimated Transportation Max Levy has not been populated by the Department's Max Levy Calculations. Please contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov for more information.]
Est. Bus Replacement Max Levy	[Estimated Bus Replacement Max Levy has not been populated by the Department's Max Levy Calculations. Please contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov for more information.]
Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate	[This field has not been populated by the Department's property tax cap estimates. Please contact gateway@dlgf.in.gov for more information.]

3rd Section – Budget and Levy Information

The third section of the Notice to Taxpayers consists of a table that displays a list of your budget estimates, levy requests, excess levy appeal requests, and current tax levy amounts for all funds. Please ensure that all necessary funds appear in this table. The list of funds in Column 1 is based upon the currently added funds. If any funds happen to be missing that you are going to budget next year, please add them under the Customize Unit by Funds List page. Additional assistance on adding a fund can be found in the [Adding, Deleting, and Connecting Funds and Departments user guide](#).

1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (Including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals (Included in Column 3)	5 Current Tax Levy
	Click Here to Insert Form 4b advertised amounts ↓	Click Here to Insert Form 4b advertised amounts ↓		
0101-GENERAL	\$ 0 <input type="text"/>	\$ 0 <input type="text"/>	\$ 0 <input type="text"/>	0
0180-DEBT SERVICE	\$ 0 <input type="text"/>	\$ 0 <input type="text"/>	\$ 0 <input type="text"/>	0
0181-DEBT PAYMENT	\$ 0 <input type="text"/>	\$ 0 <input type="text"/>	\$ 0 <input type="text"/>	0
0801-HEALTH	\$ 0 <input type="text"/>	\$ 0 <input type="text"/>	\$ 0 <input type="text"/>	0

Once you have verified the funds list, you may begin entering data in the table. The budget estimates in column 2 and the maximum estimated funds to be raised in column 3 can be pulled from other forms or entered manually. The excessive levy appeals in column 4 will need to be entered manually. The last column (current tax levy) is hard coded based on current year’s Budget Order and cannot be changed.



Pulling Data from Other Forms

Before pulling data from the other forms, it is very important that Form 1, Form 4A, and Form 4B advertised columns have been entered into Gateway for every fund. The adopted columns do not need to be completed prior to generating Form 3. This will ensure that all of your forms match with the same information, and numbers are not transposed or forgotten. For assistance completing any of the previous forms, please see each specific User Guide.

In order to pull the amounts in from the other forms, simply click both grey boxes that read, “Click Here to Insert Form 4B advertised amounts.” This will pull data from Form 4B advertised column for all funds. Please check to ensure the correct amounts have pulled in.

If you have an excessive levy appeal, it will need to be manually entered in column 4. Please see the next section titled Manual Data Entry for further instructions.

The current tax levy in column 5 has been pre-populated from the previous year’s Department-certified budget order. You should verify that these values are correct before submitting the form for advertisement.

1 Fund Name	2 Budget Estimate	3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (Including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations)	4 Excessive Levy Appeals (Included in Column 3)	5 Current Tax Levy
	Click Here to Insert Form 4b published amounts	Click Here to Insert Form 4b published amounts		
0061-RAINY DAY	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
0101-GENERAL	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	16,386

Manual Data Entry

Users also have the option to manually key in the amounts for each fund. To do so, simply click in the desired field and enter the amount. Column 4, the excessive levy appeals must be manually entered. Once you have completed the table, please be sure to click “Save” on the bottom right-hand side.

1111-FIRE	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,400	\$ 1,700	5,462
9500-the home rule fund	\$ 4,200	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
<i>Totals:</i>	<i>Total: \$ 529,200</i>	<i>Total: \$ 238,400</i>	<i>Total: \$ 1,700</i>	<i>Total: \$ 21,848</i>

Form values saved at 09:43 AM and 11 seconds.

Save

After you click save, the amounts will total and red text will display the time the form was saved.

Marking the Form “Ready to Submit”

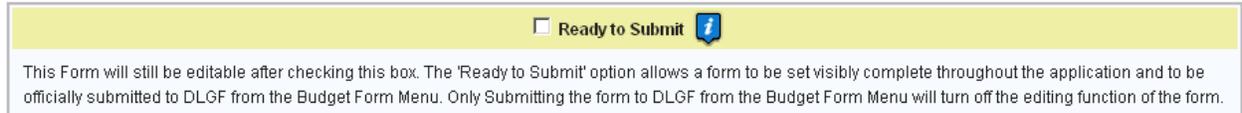
At the bottom of Form 3 and all other forms you will notice the Ready to Submit status boxes. Before you complete the form you will notice a grey box that is titled Not Ready to Submit.

The budget forms have a feature built in called validation. This does not allow the form to be marked as Ready to Submit, or be submitted until the required fields are completed. Validation will help prevent some commonly found errors in previous years. Under a closer look, you will notice that the box states,

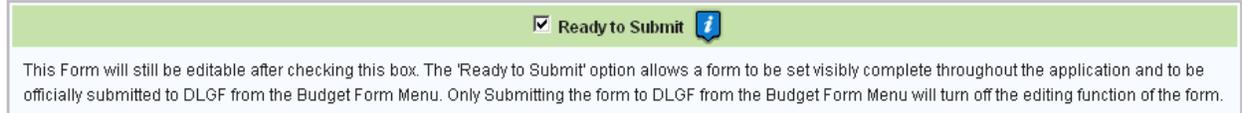
“You will be able to mark this form as 'Ready to Submit' once all required fields have been completed.”



Once the required information has been entered, the yellow Ready to Submit option will appear. This gives users with submission and editing rights the ability to mark the form as ready to submit by clicking on the check box. You will not want to check this box until all fields have been completed.



Once this box is checked, the box will turn green and the form will now be marked as Ready to Submit. Form 3 will still be editable until it is submitted.



Viewing and Printing the Form 3

Printing the Form 3 is an important part of the budget process as it allows you to publish your public and adoption hearing information along with your budget estimates, levy, and rates. Advertising your Notice to Taxpayers on time is a vital component to budget approval.

The Form 3 can only be printed after being marked as ready to submit. Once the Form 3 has been marked as ready to submit, you should notice the drop down menu on the top-left corner of the



form that reads, “Click Here for Print/View Options.” If this area still reads, “Print options only available once Form 3 is marked ‘Ready to Submit’,” try saving or leaving the Form 3 and accessing it again.

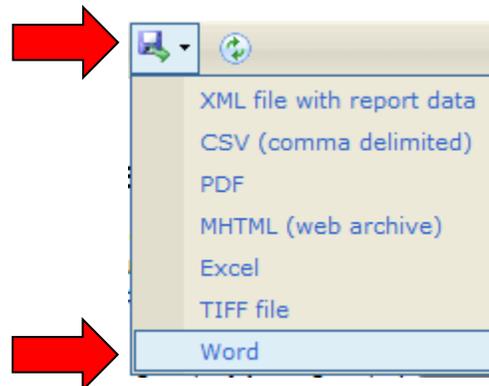
Click on the drop down menu that states, “Click Here for Print/View Options.” From here, you select the format option to continue.

[Select Unit](#) > [Unit Main Menu](#) > [Budget Form Menu](#) > **Form 3**

Selected Year: 2019 | Selected Unit: Adams County - 0001 Blue Creek Town:



Once you see the page appear in a new window click on the icon that resembles a save icon in the middle at the top of the page to view the export options.



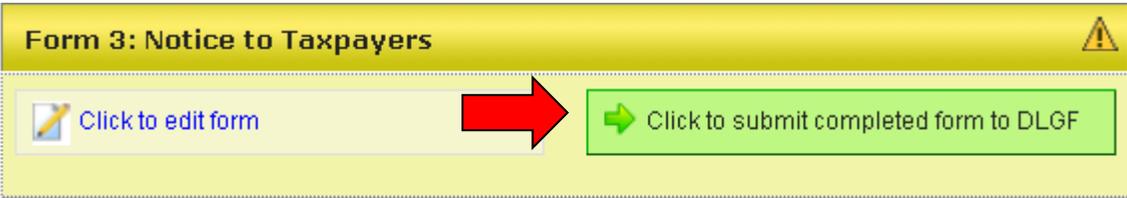
From the list of export options, you may export your Notice to Taxpayers into a PDF, Word, Excel or many other different file types. This allows you to personalize how you wish to have your data displayed.

If you choose to open the Notice to Taxpayers in PDF you will see the following page appear. You may click on the printer icon on the top left hand corner to print. You may also select the save icon to the right in order to save the form as a PDF which will also allow you to email a copy of your Form 3 as a PDF.

Submitting Form 3

You need to submit your Form 3 once it is ready to be advertised. Once Form 3 has been marked as Ready to Submit, Form 3 under the Budget Form Menu now shows a green submit option.

Please remember that this form must be submitted a minimum of 10 calendar days prior to your Public Hearing. This is the only way to fulfil your advertising requirements.



Once the Notice to Taxpayers is complete and will not need to make any changes, you will want to click on the green submit button. You will notice a pop-up box asking you if you have checked your Error Prevention Report. If you are ready to submit this form, simply press OK.



As you will note below, Form 3 on the Budget Form Menu will now appear green and will now only have the option to view the form.



You may no longer edit a form once it is submitted. If you have submitted a form by mistake please contact the Department at gateway@dlgf.in.gov or at 317-232-3777.

Congratulations! You have successfully submitted your Form 3: Notice to Taxpayers. Please see the other user guides for assistance with other forms. If you have any questions, please contact the Department at gateway@dlgf.in.gov or at (317) 234-4480.