

**2014 Test Package
for e-file of
California Business, Fiduciary, and
Individual Tax Returns**

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Section 1 – Introduction

1.1 Welcome

This publication provides the information you need to successfully complete our Participant Acceptance Testing System (PATS), including test conditions, test procedures, and instructions for preparing test material for e-filing business, fiduciary, and individual tax returns.

We will begin accepting Business, Fiduciary, and Individual test transmissions for the upcoming filing season on **November 12, 2014**.

1.2 General Information

The Franchise Tax Board's (FTB) PATS process makes software acceptance testing easy. We do not require you to use a specific set of state return scenarios. Instead, we allow you to supply your own test returns that reflect the forms, schedules and features your software supports. A list of general conditions that must be followed within the returns is provided in section 2.3. All required test returns must be accepted with no rejects before the software will be considered for final acceptance.

FTB follows the e-file Program requirements found in IRS Pubs. 1345, 3112, 4162, 4163, 4164 and in Revenue Procedure 2007-40, 2007-26 I.R.B. 1488 (or the latest update), to the extent that they apply to FTB's e-file Program.

Specific California e-file requirements can be found in FTB Publications 1345 *Handbook for Authorized e-file Providers*, 1346B *Business e-file Guide for Software Developers and Transmitters*, and 1346X *California Individual and Fiduciary e-file Guide for Software Developers and Transmitters*.

You must comply with all the latest FTB publications, forms, and notices governing the California e-file Program.

The PATS communications testing requirements for Transmitters remains the same as in previous years.

1.3 Where Can I Get More Information?

FTB offers each software developer participant a personal Account Manager to assist you with account and production related questions and issues, as well as being your main point of contact during the PATS process. For assistance in formatting and transmitting your e-file returns, or if you have questions regarding the test conditions contained in this publication, please contact your Account Manager.

If you need more information about your Account Manager or have general e-file questions, including acknowledgement re-hang requests or SWIFT (Secure Web Internet File Transfer) registration inquiries please contact:

e-Programs Customer Service Unit

Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., PST

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If you have comments or suggestions regarding California's Business, Individual or Fiduciary e-file Programs, or this publication, send them to:

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1.4 Why Test?

The purpose of PATS is to ensure, prior to "live" processing, that:

- Software Developers and Transmitters send returns in the correct format, meet our electronic filing schema specifications, and have no business rule violations (rejects).
- Transmitters and Direct Electronic Return Originator's (EROs) can communicate with our SWIFT system to transmit returns as well as retrieve their receipts and acknowledgement files.
- Transmitters and Direct ERO's understand and are familiar with the mechanics of e-filing business, fiduciary, and individual returns to FTB.

Section 2 – PATS Procedures

2.1 Who Must Test?

To participate in California’s Business, Fiduciary, and Individual e-file Programs, the following participant types must meet all PATS requirements contained in this publication:

- Software Developers
- Transmitters
- EROs who transmit directly with FTB

Note: Generally, if your software allows you to transmit returns directly to FTB, the software company will provide you with the PATS returns to submit to us.

2.2 Before You Test

Prior to testing, all Software Developers, Transmitters, and ERO’s transmitting directly with FTB must:

- Have or obtain an Electronic Transmitter Identification Number (ETIN) through the IRS.
- Register for a User ID and Password (if you do not already have one) to use our SWIFT system. (See Section 2.3, below, for SWIFT registration contact information)

Refer to Publication 3112, *IRS e-file Application and Participation* for IRS Form 8633 procedures, FTB Pubs 1346B or 1346X, Section 5, and the [SWIFT Transmitter User Guide](#) located on our website for more information about SWIFT.

You must complete PATS before you can transmit any production returns. Once you successfully complete PATS, your Account Manager will notify you via email of your acceptance.

If you plan to support previous years in addition to current year e-file returns, and you have not previously passed PATS for these years, you must successfully complete a set of tests for previous year forms. Contact the e-Programs Customer Service Unit for more information on previous year PATS.

2.3 Testing for Software Developers

The PATS process for Software Developers is as follows:

- Contact the e-Programs Customer Service Unit at 916.845.0353 for initial instructions, including registering for a SWIFT User ID and Password, if needed.
- To expedite the PATS process, for each product and form family that your software supports, complete the information on the Supported Forms document provided on the following pages or complete the [business, fiduciary](#), or [individual](#) fillable forms located on our website. **Fax or e-mail a copy to your Account Manager prior to transmitting any test returns.**

2014 BUSINESS e-file SUPPORTED FORMS AND FEATURES

*Required Fields

*Software Developer Name	
Doing Business As (DBA)	
*Contact Person Name	
*Contact Phone Number	
*Product Name	
*Product Production ETIN(s) applicable to CA	
Product Test ETIN(s) applicable to CA	
*SWIFT User ID	
*IRS Issued Software ID	
*FTB Issued CTP ID	

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS/ FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 100	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100S	CA S Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100W	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's Edge Filers		
Form 100WE	Water's Edge Election		
Form 100X	Amended Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 199	CA Exempt Organization Annual Information Return		
Form 565	Partnership Return of Income		
Form 568	Limited Liability Company Return of Income		
Form 592-B	Resident and Nonresident Withholding Tax Statement		
Form 593	Real Estate Withholding Tax Statement		
Form 2416	Schedule of Included Controlled Foreign Corporations (CFC)		
Form 2424	Water's Edge Foreign Investment Interest Offset		
Form 3509	Political or Legislative Activities by Section 232701d		
Form 3511	Environmental Tax Credit		
Form 3521	Low-Income Housing Credit		
Form 3523	Research Credit		
Form 3540	Credit Carryover and Recapture Summary		
Form 3541	CA Motion Picture and Television Credit		
Form 3544	Election to Assign Credit Within Combined Reporting Group		
Form 3544A	List of Assigned Credit Received and/or Claimed by Assignee		
Form 3548	Disabled Access Credit for Eligible Small Businesses		

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS/ FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 3554	New Employment Credit		
Form 3725	Assets Transferred from Parent Corporation to Insurance Company Subsidiary		
Form 3726	Deferred Intercompany Stock Account (DISA) and Capital Gains Information		
Form 3801	Passive Activity Loss Limitations		
Form 3801-CR	Passive Activity Credit Limitations		
Form 3802	Corporate Passive Activity Loss and Credit Limitations		
Form 3805E	Installment Sale Income		
Form 3805Q	Net Operating Loss (NOL) Computation and NOL and Disaster Loss Limitation - Corporation		
Form 3805Z	Enterprise Zone Deduction and Credit Summary		
Form 3806	Los Angeles Revitalization Zone Deduction and Credit Summary		
Form 3807	Local Agency Military Base Recovery Area Deduction and Credit Summary		
Form 3808	Manufacturing Enhancement Area Credit Summary		
Form 3809	Targeted Tax Area Deduction and Credit Summary		
Form 3811	Donated Fresh Fruits or Vegetables Credits		
Form 3832	Limited Liability Company Nonresident Members' Consent		
Form 3834	Interest Computation Under the Look-Back Method for Completed Long-Term Contracts		
Form 3840	California Like-Kind Exchanges		
Form 3885	Corporation Depreciation and Amortization		
Form 3885F	Depreciation and Amortization		
Form 3885L	Depreciation and Amortization		
Form 3885P	Depreciation and Amortization		
Form 5806	Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Corporations		
SCH B (100S)	S Corporation Depreciation and Amortization		
SCH C (100S)	S Corporation Tax Credits		
SCH D (100S)	S Corporation Capital Gains and Losses and Built-In Gains		
SCH D (565 & 568)	Capital Gain or Loss		
SCH D-1	Sales of Business Property		
SCH EO (565)	Pass-Thru Entity Ownership		
SCH EO (568)	Pass-Thru Entity Ownership		
SCH H (100)	Dividend Income Deduction		
SCH H (100S)	S Corporation Dividend Income Deduction		
SCH H (100W)	Dividend Income Deduction – Water's-Edge Filers		
SCH K-1 (100S)	Shareholder's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.		
SCH K-1 (565)	Partner's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.		
SCH K-1 (568)	Member's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.		

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS/ FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
SCH P (100)	Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations - Corporations		
SCH P (100W)	Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Water’s-Edge Filers		
SCH QS	Qualified Subchapter S Subsidiary (QSub) Information Worksheet		
SCH R	Apportionment and Allocation of Income		
Direct Deposit Refund (DDR)			
Electronic Funds Withdrawal (EFW) (For Balance Due)			
EFW (For Future Estimate Payments)			
EFW (For Estimated LLC Fee Payments)			
EFW (For LLC Annual Tax Payments)			
IRS Forms 1120-F, 1120-Pol, 1065-B, 990PF or 990EZ			
Does your business model require the acceptance of the Federal return with the IRS prior to sending the State return?			
Other			
Other			
Other			

Date:

**2014 BUSINESS e-file COMBINED RETURN
SUPPORTED FORMS AND FEATURES**

***Required Fields**

*Software Developer Name	
Doing Business As (DBA)	
*Contact Person Name	
*Contact Phone Number	
*Product Name	
*Product Production ETIN(s) applicable to CA	
Product Test ETIN(s) applicable to CA:	
*SWIFT user Id	
*IRS Issued Software ID	
*FTB Issued CTP ID	

FORMS / SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS / FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 100 Combined Report Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100 Parent Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100 Parent Eliminations Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100 Parent Adjustments Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100 Subsidiary Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100 Subsidiary Eliminations or Adjustments Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return		
Form 100 Combined Report Schedule 1A	Net Income Before State Adjustments		
Form 100 Combined Report Schedule 1B	Income Subject To Apportionment		
Form 100 Combined Report Schedule 1C	Intercompany Transactions		
Form 100 Combined Report Schedule 3	Tax Year Alignment		
Form 100 Combined Report Schedule H	Dividend Income Deduction		
Form 100W Combined Report Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's Edge Filers		
Form 100W Parent Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's Edge Filers		
Form 100W Parent Eliminations Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's Edge Filers		
Form 100W Parent Adjustments Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water's Edge Filers		

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS / FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 100W Subsidiary Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water’s Edge Filers		
Form 100W Subsidiary Eliminations or Adjustments Return	CA Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return – Water’s Edge Filers		
Form 100W Combined Report Schedule 1A	Net Income Before State Adjustments		
Form 100W Combined Report Schedule 1B	Income Subject To Apportionment		
Form 100W Combined Report Schedule 1C	Intercompany Transactions		
Form 100W Combined Report Schedule 3	Tax Year Alignment		
Form 100W Combined Report Schedule H	Dividend Income Deduction		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule 4	Interest Offset		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule 5A-5C-5D	Apportionment and Income Assignment		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule 5B	Partial Year Property Factor		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule 5F	Net Income and Tax		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule 6	Alternative Minimum Tax		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule L	Balance Sheet		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule M1	Income Reconciliation		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule M2	Unappropriated Retained Earnings Analysis		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule P	Alternative Minimum Tax		
Form 100/100W Combined Schedule R-6	Contributions Adjustment		
Form 100/100W Combined Report Schedule V	Costs of Goods Sold		
CA-Form 3523	Research Credit		
CA-Form 3541	Motion Picture And Television Credit		
CA-Form 3554	New Employment Credit		
CA-Form 3805Q	NOL And Disaster Loss.		
CA-Form 3811	Donated Fresh Fruits or Vegetables Credits		
CA- Form 3840	California Like-Kind Exchanges		
CA-Form 3885	Depreciation And Amortization		
Other			

Date:

2014 INDIVIDUAL e-file SUPPORTED FORMS AND FEATURES***Required Fields**

*Software Developer Name	
*Doing Business As (DBA):	
*Contact Person Name	
*Contact Phone Number	
*Product Name	
*Product Production ETIN(s) applicable to CA	
Product Test ETIN(s) applicable to CA	
*SWIFT User ID	
*IRS Issued Software ID	
*FTB Issued CTP ID	

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS/ FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 540	California Resident Income Tax Return		
Form 540 2EZ	California Resident Income Tax Return		
Long Form 540NR	California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return (Long Form)		
Short Form 540NR	California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return (Short Form)		
CA Form W-2	Wage and Tax Statement		
Form W-2G	Certain Gambling Winnings		
Form 1099-R	Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRA's, Insurance Contracts, etc.		
Schedule RDP	California RDP Adjustments Worksheet		
Schedule CA (540)	California Adjustments – Residents		
Schedule CA (540NR)	California Adjustments – Nonresidents or Part- Year Residents		
Schedule D (540)	California Capital Gain or Loss Adjustment		
Schedule D (540NR)	California Capital Gain or Loss Adjustment		
Schedule D-1	Sales of Business Property		
Schedule G-1	Tax on Lump Sum Distributions		
Schedule HOH/Form 4803e	Head of Household		
Schedule P (540)	Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Residents		
Schedule P (540NR)	Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations – Nonresidents and Part-Year Residents		
Schedule R	Apportionment and Allocation of Income		
Schedule S	Other State Tax Credit		
Form 592-B	Resident and Nonresident Withholding Tax Statement		

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS/ FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 593	Real Estate Withholding Tax Statement		
Form 3503	Natural Heritage Preservation Credit		
Form 3506	Child and Dependent Care Expenses Credit		
Form 3507	Prison Inmate Labor Credit		
Form 3510	Credit for Prior Year Alternative Minimum Tax – Individuals or Fiduciaries		
Form 3511	Environmental Tax Credit		
Form 3521	Low-Income Housing Credit		
Form 3523	Research Credit		
Form 3526	Investment Interest Expense Deduction		
Form 3540	Credit Carryover and Recapture Summary		
Form 3541	Motion Picture And Television Credit		
Form 3546	Enhanced Oil Recovery Credit		
Form 3547	Donated Agricultural Products Transportation Credit		
Form 3548	Disabled Access Credit for Eligible Small Businesses		
Form 3554	New Employment Credit		
Form 3800	Tax Computation for Certain Children with Investment Income		
Form 3801	Passive Activity Loss Limitations		
Form 3801-CR	Passive Activity Credit Limitations		
Form 3803	Parents' Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends		
Form 3805E	Installment Sale Income		
Form 3805P	Additional Taxes on Qualified Plans (Including IRAs) and Other Tax-Favored Accounts		
Form 3805V	Net Operating Loss (NOL) Computation and NOL and Disaster Loss Limitations – Individuals, Estates, and Trusts		
Form 3805Z	Enterprise Zone Deduction and Credit Summary		
Form 3806	Los Angeles Revitalization Zone Deduction and Credit Summary (LARZ)		
Form 3807	Local Agency Military Base Recovery Area Deduction and Credit Summary (LAMBRA)		
Form 3808	Manufacturing Enhancement Area Credit Summary (MEA)		
Form 3809	Targeted Tax Area Deduction and Credit Summary (TTA)		
Form 3811	Donated Fresh Fruits or Vegetables Credits		
Form 3840	California Like-Kind Exchanges		
Form 3885A	Depreciation and Amortization Adjustments		
Form 5805	Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals and Fiduciaries		

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS/ FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 5805F	Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Farmers and Fishermen		
Form 5870A	Tax on Accumulation Distribution of Trusts		
Form IRS 8886 ¹	Reportable Transaction Disclosure Statement		
Direct Deposit Refund (DDR) to 1 account			
DDR to 2 accounts			
Electronic Funds Withdrawal (EFW) (For Balance Due)			
EFW (For Future Estimated Tax Payments)			
Self-Select PIN			
Practitioner PIN (8879)			
RDP Filing Indicator			
Withholding from other than W-2, W-2G, or 1099R			
3 rd Party Designee			
Does your business model require the acceptance of the Federal return with the IRS prior to sending the State return?			
Other			
Other			

¹Federal form supported within the state return and containing state data.

2014 Fiduciary e-file SUPPORTED FORMS AND FEATURES

*Required Fields

*Software Developer Name	
*Doing Business As (DBA):	
*Contact Person Name	
*Contact Phone Number	
*Product Name	
*Product Production ETIN(s) applicable to CA	
Product Test ETIN(s) applicable to CA	
*SWIFT User ID	
*IRS Issued Software ID	
*FTB Issued CTP ID	

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS/ FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 541	California Fiduciary Income Tax Return		
Schedule D	Capital Gain or Loss		
Schedule J	Trust Allocation of an Accumulation Distribution		
Schedule K-1	Beneficiary's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc.		
Schedule P	Alternative Minimum Tax and Credit Limitations - Fiduciaries		
Schedule D-1	Sales of Business Property		
Schedule G-1	Tax on Lump-Sum Distributions		
Schedule S	Other State Tax Credit		
CA Form W-2	Wage and Tax Statement		
Form W-2G	Certain Gambling Winnings		
Form 1099-R	Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRA's, Insurance Contracts, etc.		
Form 592-B	Resident and Nonresident Withholding Tax Statement		
Form 593	Real Estate Withholding Tax Statement		
Form 3503	Natural Heritage Preservation Credit		
Form 3507	Prison Inmate Labor Credit		
Form 3510	Credit for Prior Year Alternative Minimum Tax - Individuals or Fiduciaries		
Form 3511	Environmental Tax Credit		
Form 3521	Low-Income Housing Credit		
Form 3523	Research Credit		
Form 3526	Investment Interest Expense Deduction		
Form 3540	Credit Carryover and Recapture Summary		
Form 3541	Motion Picture And Television Credit		
Form 3546	Enhanced Oil Recovery Credit		

FORMS/SCHEDULES/ FEATURES	TITLE	FORMS/ FEATURES SUPPORTED	
		YES	NO
Form 3547	Donated Agricultural Products Transportation Credit		
Form 3548	Disabled Access Credit for Eligible Small Businesses		
Form 3554	New Employment Credit		
Form 3801	Passive Activity Loss Limitations		
Form 3801-CR	Passive Activity Credit Limitations		
Form 3805E	Installment Sale Income		
Form 3805V	Net Operating Loss (NOL) Computation and NOL and Disaster Loss Limitations – Individuals, Estates, and Trusts		
Form 3805Z	Enterprise Zone Deduction and Credit Summary		
Form 3806	Los Angeles Revitalization Zone Deduction and Credit Summary (LARZ)		
Form 3807	Local Agency Military Base Recovery Area Deduction and Credit Summary (LAMBRA)		
Form 3808	Manufacturing Enhancement Area Credit Summary (MEA)		
Form 3809	Targeted Tax Area Deduction and Credit Summary (TTA)		
Form 3811	Donated Fresh Fruits or Vegetables Credits		
Form 3840	California Like-Kind Exchanges		
Form 3885F	Depreciation and Amortization Adjustments		
Form 5805	Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Individuals and Fiduciaries		
Form 5805F	Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Farmers and Fishermen		
Form 5870A	Tax on Accumulation Distribution of Trusts		
Form IRS 8886 ¹	Reportable Transaction Disclosure Statement		
Does your business model require the acceptance of the Federal return with the IRS prior to sending the State return?			
Other			
Other			

¹Federal form supported within the state return and containing state data.

2.4 Business Test Return Requirements

Prepare test returns according to the following requirements:

- Provide at least 2 examples of each return type that you will support (i.e.–Form 100, Form 100S, Form 100W, Form 100X, Form 199, Form 565, Form 568, etc).
- Provide at least one of every form, schedule, and feature you support (according to the list of supported forms, schedules, and features provided to your Account Manager) must be included among the total test returns you submit.

In addition, the following conditions must be met for each form type and feature you support:

Form 100

- At least 1 return containing at least 2 occurrences of form 3805E.
- At least 1 return with Schedule Q Final Return box checked.
- At least 1 return with unique data present on line 17 (Net income (loss) after state adjustments) and line 18 (Net income (loss) for state purposes).
- At least 1 return with data present on Schedule A column (c) (Total tax amount).
- At least 1 return with data present on Schedule F line 20 (Depreciation).
- At least 1 return with data present on Schedule D-1 line 34 (Add column A through column D).
- At least 1 return containing 2 occurrences of form 592-B.
- At least 1 return containing an Electronic Funds Withdrawal (EFW) for a balance due.
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for an estimated tax payment.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 1120 return.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 1120-F or 1120-POL return (if supported).

Form 100S

- At least 1 return containing at least 2 occurrences of Schedule K-1 (100S).
- At least 1 return with unique data present on line 14 (Net income (loss) after state adjustments) and line 15 (Net income (loss) for state purposes).
- At least 1 return with data present on Schedule K, column (d) lines 7 (NetSTCGL) and 8 (NetLTCGL)
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for a balance due.
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for an estimated tax payment.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal return.

Form 100W

- At least 1 return with unique data present on line 17 (Net income (loss) after state adjustments) and line 18 (Net income (loss) for state purposes).
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for a balance due.
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for an estimated tax payment.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 1120 return.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 1120-F return (if supported).

Form 199

- At least 1 return containing an EFW for a balance due.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 990 return.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 990PF or 990EZ return (if supported).

Form 565

- At least 1 return with data present on line 17a (Depreciation and Amortization)
- At least 1 return containing at least 2 occurrences of Schedule K-1 (565).
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for a balance due.
- At least 1 return containing 2 occurrences of form 592-B.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 1065 return.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal 1065-B return (if supported).

Form 568

- At least 1 return with data present on line 1 (Total Income)
- At least 1 return containing at least 2 occurrences of Schedule K-1 (568).
- At least 1 return with data present on Schedule B, line 17a (Depreciation and amortization).
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for an annual tax payment.
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for an estimated fee payment

2.5 Individual Test Return Requirements

Prepare test returns using the following Taxpayer IDs (TPID) and Spouse IDs (SPID) along with the corresponding shared secret(s), if signing using electronic signature.

TPID	SPID	TPID Shared Secret	SPID Shared Secret
501005001		46450	
501005002	401005002	108950	108950
501005003		43200	
005005004		24110	
501005005	401005005	87493	87493
501005006		64000	
501005007		56507	
501005008		60830	
501005009	401005009	53000	53000
501005010	401005010	80000	80000
005005011		66140	

Note: For all other forms that contain SSN fields use “00” in the fourth and fifth positions (Ex: FTB Form 3506).

Prepare the test returns according to the following requirements:

- Provide at least 2 return examples of each return type that you will support (i.e. – Form 540, Form 540NR). In addition, the following specific conditions must be included among the return examples you provide.
- Provide at least one of every form, schedule, and feature you support (according to the list of supported forms, schedules, and features provided to your Account Manager) must be included among the total number of test returns you submit.
- Include at least one example of an entry that meets each of the following general conditions, applicable to all form types and features that you support:
 - Last name that includes a suffix Jr, Sr., etc
 - Prior year last name different
 - Spouse/RDP claimed as a dependant on another return
 - Apartment Number (Apt #) included in address
 - Filing status 2 (MFJ/RDP) with Spouse/RDP prior year last name different
 - Filing status 5 (Qualifying Widow)
 - CA SDI entered on W-2
 - DDR request to 1 account
 - DDR request to 2 accounts
 - EFW request for a Balance Due
 - A DDR and EFW (for Estimated Tax Payments) requested on the same return
 - A Self-Select PIN or Practitioner PIN used to sign the return

In addition to the above general conditions, the following specific conditions must be met:

Form 540

- At least 1 return containing Use Tax.
- At least 1 return containing underpayment of estimated tax.
- At least 1 return containing a special credit and attachment of the corresponding credit form.
- At least 1 return containing withholding other than W-2, W-2G, or 1099R (ex: 1099A, 1099B).
- At least 1 return containing an attached federal return.

Form 540 NR

- At least 1 return containing underpayment of estimated tax.
- At least 1 return containing a special credit and attachment of the corresponding form.
- At least 1 return containing withholding other than W-2, W-2G, or 1099R (ex: 1099A, 1099B).
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal return.

2.6 Fiduciary Test Return Requirements

Prepare test returns according to the following requirements:

- Provide at least 2 examples of Form 541.
- Provide at least one of every form, schedule, and feature you support (according to the list of supported forms, schedules, and features provided to your Account Manager) must be included among the total test returns you submit.

In addition, the following conditions must be met for each form type and feature you support:

Form 541

- At least 1 return using the Practitioner Pin Method to sign the return.
- At least 1 return containing underpayment of estimated tax.
- At least 1 return with a credit code present on Line 23.
- At least 1 return containing an Electronic Funds Withdrawal (EFW) for a balance due.
- At least 1 return containing an EFW for an estimated tax payment.
- At least 1 return containing an attached Federal return.

2.7 Submitting Test Returns

After you have composed your test returns, submit them according to the following procedures:

- Transmit returns according to our SWIFT procedures (See FTB Pub 1346B or 1346X, Section 5 (SWIFT) and the [FTB SWIFT Transmitter User Guide](#))
- Pick up all receipts and acknowledgment (ACK) files from your SWIFT mailbox before requesting PATS acceptance review.
 - You may transmit as many test returns as necessary until you receive no error messages or rejects prior to requesting PATS acceptance review.
- Notify your Account Manager if you need assistance in resolving rejected returns.
- Notify your Account Manager via email for PATS acceptance review once you have received accepted acknowledgements for all of the test returns.
 - Provide your account manager with your **SWIFT User ID** along with the **Transmission ID** of the return file(s) you want reviewed for acceptance.
- After your test returns are reviewed, your Account Manager will notify you of the results via email.
- We will notify you of any problems or irregularities that will require you to correct and re-submit any returns.
- If you have successfully completed PATS, you will be notified via email by your Account Manager of your acceptance.

2.8 Testing Communications Protocol

You can also use your FTB PATS test returns to test and debug any potential or existing problems with your SWIFT communications protocol. Contact your Account Manager if you encounter any problems you feel may be related to our SWIFT system.

All business, fiduciary, and individual e-file returns must be transmitted via SWIFT as specified in FTB Pub 1346B or 1346X, Section 5 (SWIFT) and in the [FTB SWIFT Transmitter User Guide](#).

2.9 Testing for Transmitters and Direct EROs

The PATS process for Transmitters and Direct EROs is as follows:

- Contact the e-Programs Customer Service Unit at 916.845.0353 for initial instructions, including registering for a SWIFT User ID and Password.
- Prepare the test returns as instructed by your software company (test returns may be included with your software).
- Transmit the test returns following the instructions included with your software. As a Transmitter using accepted software, you must complete an error-free communications test by transmitting at least five returns total in two same-day SWIFT transmissions.

- After we validate your test returns, we will return an ACK file to your SWIFT “FromFTB” mailbox that indicates whether each return was accepted or rejected. You must pick up your ACK files in order to complete PATS.
- If we reject your returns due to formatting (Schema) or transmission errors, contact your Software Developer. After you receive the corrected software, you must retransmit the rejected returns.
- Contact the e-Programs Customer Service Unit at 916.845.0353 for approval once you have successfully completed your error-free communications test.
- We will notify you via phone or email of your acceptance.

2.10 Reminders

Software Developers and Transmitters must:

- Ensure they are an accepted participant in the IRS e-file program before transmitting returns to us.
- Contact our e-Programs Customer Service at 916.845.0353 for initial instructions prior to transmitting test returns.
- Not accept electronic returns from their clients until they have been approved by FTB for “live processing”.
- Not send “live” returns as test returns and vice versa. Be sure your Transmission Manifest is correctly set to “T” for Test or “P” for Production. “Live” returns sent to the test environment are considered “not filed”.
- Inform their clients that they may use only the accepted version of software. Software Developers should not distribute their software until FTB notifies them of their acceptance.
- Remember to provide examples of each of the forms, schedules, and features you support among the completed returns you submit.
- Successfully complete all test return requirements included in this package that apply to the e-file features listed for each of your software products.
- Remember that not all line amounts, forms, schedules, etc. that may be required for validation are necessarily listed in the test return requirements found in Section 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6. Consult the applicable FTB schemas and business rules for complete requirements.
- Remember that there are no specific test cases for California’s Business, Fiduciary, and Individual e-file PATS. Follow the requirements in Section 2.3, Section 2.4, Section 2.5, and Section 2.6 to compose your test returns.
- Remember that California Business, Fiduciary, and Individual PATS test returns are not derived from the PATS test scenarios located in the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 4162, *Modernized e-file Test Package for U.S. Corporation Income Tax Returns*.

Section 3 – Finalizing PATS

3.1 Review of Participants Return File

Once you have transmitted the required test returns, your Account Manager will validate your final transmission and will notify you, within 24 - 48 hours, if any problems or irregularities are found. Upon successful completion, your Account Manager will send you a PATS acceptance letter via email.

3.2 Using Your Own Test Returns

Since every conceivable condition cannot be represented in our test returns, you are welcome to test additional data of your own, **after** you have received PATS acceptance. We welcome your suggestions for improving our test returns.

Note: When transmitting returns via SWIFT, be sure that your Transmission ID contains a [T] to indicate you are submitting test returns and not a [P], for production, even if you are testing after you have passed PATS.