

# How to download and install Lacerte prep files?

**Meta Title:** How to Download and Install Lacerte Prep Files?

**Meta Description:** Learn how to download and install Lacerte prep files with our simple guide. Streamline your tax preparation process. Get started today!

The prep file contains instructions on what name, address, and products to print on tax returns for your Lacerte software. 24 hours after you edit the information about your company or add goods in **My Account**, your prep file is updated.

Learn how to download and install Lacerte prep files and receive your updated prep file straight from Lacerte or online by visiting My Account.

## Installing recent years' prep files

You can get the 2018–2021 prep files straight from the Lacerte software or directly from My Account.

To install prep files inside the software, adhere to the steps listed below:

1. **Launch** the Lacerte program for this year.
2. Select **Update Preparer Information** under Settings.
3. Select **Prep File Download**. An update window will show up. Wait for it to end.
4. After choosing **Update My Program Now**, click **OK** (Recommended).
5. Type the **installation data path** where the application is installed and select the required tax year prep file by selecting the checkbox next to it.
6. Press **OK**. A primary password selection screen will appear if you have a network license.

To decline, choose **No**.

7. After choosing the radio option that reads "I accept the agreement," click **OK**.
8. To exit Lacerte, click **Yes**.
9. When Lacerte is opened, a popup for verifying the prep file will display. Click **Continue** after confirming that the data is accurate.

## Benefits:

Here're the 3 benefits of downloading and installing Lacerte prep files:

- **Streamlined Tax Preparation:** Lacerte prep files contain predefined templates and parameters that ease the tax preparation procedure. By downloading and installing these files, you obtain access to standardized formats, computations, and processes, saving time

and eliminating manual entry mistakes.

- **Enhanced Accuracy:** Lacerte prep files are designed to assure accuracy in tax calculations and conformity with tax legislation. By employing these files, you limit the possibility of mistakes and inconsistencies, enhancing the overall quality and dependability of your tax returns.
- **Time Efficiency:** Preconfigured Lacerte prep files reduce the need to build up tax forms and templates from the start. By downloading and installing these files, you can rapidly start working on tax returns, maximizing productivity and saving crucial time during the hectic tax season.

### **Conclusion:**

By downloading and installing Lacerte prep files, you can expedite your tax preparation process, increase accuracy, reduce time, assure compliance, and promote customer pleasure. These benefits eventually add to the profitability and efficiency of your tax profession or business.

If you're still having trouble downloading and installing Lacerte prep files and need more help, feel free to contact us at +1- (888)415-5240.