Form **911** (March 2024)

Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service

# **Request for Taxpayer Advocate Service Assistance**

(And Application for Taxpayer Assistance Order)

OMB Number 1545-1504

1a. Taxpayer name as shown on tax return		Taxpayer Identifying Number (SSN, ITIN, EIN)		
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2a. Spouse's name as shown on tax return (if joint return)	2b. Spouse's Taxpayer Identify	2b. Spouse's Taxpayer Identifying Number (SSN, ITIN)		
3a. Taxpayer current street address (number, street, & apt. num	ber)			
3b. City	3c. State (or foreign country)	3d. ZIP code		
4. Fax number (if applicable) 5. Email address				
6. Person to contact if no authorized third party	7a. Daytime phone number	7b.  Check here if you consent to have confidential information about your		
8. Best time to call	Check if Cell Phone	tax issue left on your answering machine or voice message at this number.		
9. Preferred language (if applicable)  TTY/TDD Line Interpreter needed - Specify language (of applicable)	guage other than English (including sign	language)		
10. Tax form number (1040, 941, 720, etc.)	11. Tax year(s) or period(s)	11. Tax year(s) or period(s)		
12b. Describe the relief/assistance you are requesting (if more	e space is needed, attach additional sheets)			
I understand that Taxpayer Advocate Service employees may such contacts to be made. Further, by authorizing the Taxpay receive notice, pursuant to section 7602(c) of the Internal Rev	ver Advocate Service to contact third pa	arties, I understand that I will not		
13a. Signature of taxpayer or corporate officer, and title, if ap	13b. Date signed			
14a. Signature of spouse (if joint assistance request)	14b. Date signed			
Section II – Third Party Information (Attach For	m 2848 or Form 8821 if not already on file v	vith the IRS.)		
Name of authorized third party	2. Centralized Authorization Fil	2. Centralized Authorization File (CAF) number		
3. Current mailing address	4. Daytime phone number	4. Daytime phone number		
	5. Fax number			
6. Signature of third party	7. Date signed			

Section III – Initiat	ting Employee Info	<b>ormation</b> (Section III is	to be completed by the IRS only)		
Taxpayer name		Taxpayer Identifying Number (TIN)			
1. Name of employee	2. Phone number	3a. Function	3b. Operating division	4. Organization code no.	
5. How identified and received (check the appropriate box)  IRS function identified issue as meeting Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) criteria  (r) Functional referral (function identified taxpayer issue as meeting TAS criteria)  (x) Congressional correspondence/inquiry not addressed to TAS but referred for TAS handling Name of senator/representative  Taxpayer or authorized third party requested TAS assistance  (n) Taxpayer (or authorized third party) called into a National Taxpayer Advocate (NTA) toll-free site  (s) Functional referral (taxpayer or representative specifically requested TAS assistance)  7. TAS criteria (Check the appropriate box. NOTE: Checkbox 9 is for TAS Use Only)  (1) The taxpayer is experiencing economic harm or is about to suffer economic harm.  (2) The taxpayer is facing an immediate threat of adverse action.  (3) The taxpayer will incur significant costs if relief is not granted (including fees for professional representation).  (4) The taxpayer will suffer irreparable injury or long-term adverse impact if relief is not granted.  (if any items 1-4 are checked, complete Question 9 below)  (5) The taxpayer has experienced a delay of more than 30 days to resolve a tax account problem.  (6) The taxpayer did not receive a response or resolution to their problem or inquiry by the date promised.  (7) A system or procedure has either failed to operate as intended or failed to resolve the taxpayer's problem or dispute within the IRS.  (8) The manner in which the tax laws are being administered raise considerations of equity or have impaired or will impair the taxpayer's rights.					
(9) The NTA determines compelling public policy warrants assistance to an individual or group of taxpayers (TAS Use Only)   (7)					
10. How did the taxpayer			Other (specify)		

# Instructions for completing Form 911

### Important Things You Should Know

- Remember to furnish any documentation you believe would assist us in resolving the issue, as this may result in a quicker resolution of your issue.
- You can expect a Taxpayer Advocate Service employee to attempt call you to discuss your Form 911. If unable to reach you by phone, we will mail you a letter or leave a voicemail if you provided consent on line 7b.
- If you are a low-income taxpayer who needs help in resolving a tax dispute with the Internal Revenue Service and cannot afford representation, or if you speak English as a second language and need help understanding your rights and responsibilities, you may qualify for free or low-cost assistance from a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC). For more information, see Publication 4134 or visit our LITC page at: https://www.irs.gov/advocate/low-income-taxpayer-clinics.

## Form 911 Filing Requirements

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) helping taxpayers and protects taxpayers' rights. We can offer you help if your tax problem is causing a financial difficulty, you've tried and been unable to resolve your issue with the IRS, or you believe an IRS system, process, or procedure just isn't working as it should. If you qualify for our assistance, which is always free, we will do everything possible to help you. Visit www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov or call 877-777-4778.

#### Where to Send this Form:

- The quickest method is Fax. TAS has at least one office in every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Submit this request to the TAS office in your geographic area. You can find the fax number in the government listings in your local telephone directory, on our website at https://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/contact-us/.
- You also can mail this form. You can find the mailing address and phone number (voice) of your local Taxpayer Advocate office in your phone book, on our website at <a href="https://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/contact-us/">https://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/contact-us/</a>, or by calling our toll-free number: 877-777-4778.
  - Note: If you are you sending the form from overseas, use Fax number: 1-304-707-9793 (Not a toll-free number for U.S. taxpayers) or mail it to: Taxpayer Advocate Service, Internal Revenue Service, PO Box 11996, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00922.
- Be sure to fill out the form completely and submit it to the TAS office nearest you so we can work your issue as soon as possible.

#### **What Happens Next?**

If you don't receive a response within 30 days of submitting Form 911, call 877-777-4778 for assistance. Do not submit multiple Form 911s for the same issue to different TAS offices, this will cause duplicate referrals.

Important Notes: Be aware by submitting this form, you are authorizing TAS to contact third parties as necessary to respond to your request, and you may not receive further notice about these contacts. For more information see IRC 7602(c).

Caution: TAS will not consider frivolous arguments raised on this form. You can find examples of frivolous arguments in Publication 2105, Why do I have to Pay Taxes? or the Truth About Frivolous Arguments at https://www.irs.gov/privacy-disclosure/the-truth-aboutfrivolous-tax-arguments-introduction. If you use this form to raise frivolous arguments, you may be subject to a penalty of \$5,000, in addition to any other penalty provided by law.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice: We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. Your response is voluntary. You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form, or its instructions must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by Code section 6103. Although the time needed to complete this form may vary depending on each taxpayer's circumstances, the estimated average time is 30 minutes.

Should you have comments concerning the accuracy of this time estimate or suggestions for making this form simpler, please write to: Internal Revenue Service, Tax Products Coordinating Committee, Room 6406, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20224.

## Instructions for Section I

- 1a. Enter the taxpayer's name as shown on the tax return relating to this request for assistance.
- 1b. Enter your Taxpayer Identifying Number. If you're an individual this will be either a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). If you're a business entity this will be your Employer Identification Number (EIN) (e.g., a partnership, corporation, trust or self-employed individual with employees).
- Enter your spouse's name (if applicable) if this request relates to a jointly filed return. 2a.
- Enter your spouse's Taxpayer Identifying Number (SSN or ITIN) if this request relates to a jointly filed return. 2b.
- Enter your current mailing address, including street number and name, city, state, or foreign country, and zip code. 3a-d.
- 4. Enter your fax number, including the area code.

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- 5. Enter your email address. TAS may use email to receive and share information with you about your case, but only after discussing the use of email with you and obtaining your consent.
- 6. Enter the name of the individual we should contact if Section II is not being used. For partnerships, corporations, trusts, etc., enter the name of the individual authorized to act on the entity's behalf. If the contact person is not the taxpayer or other authorized individual, please see the Instructions for Section II.
- 7a. Enter your daytime telephone number, including the area code. If this is a cell phone number, please check the box.
- 7b. If you have an answering machine or voice mail at this number and you consent to TAS leaving confidential information about your tax issue at this number, please check the box. You are not obligated to have information about your tax issue left at this number. If other individuals have access to the answering machine or the voice mail and you do not wish for them to receive any confidential information about your tax issue, please do not check the box.
- 8. Indicate the best time to call you. Please specify A.M. or P.M. hours.
- 9. Indicate any special communication needs (such as sign language). Specify any language other than English.
- 10. Enter the number of the Federal tax return or form relating to this request. For example, an individual taxpayer with an income tax issue would enter Form 1040.
- 11. Enter the quarterly, annual, or other tax year or period relating to this request. For example, if this request involves an income tax issue, enter the calendar or fiscal year, if an employment tax issue, enter the calendar quarter.
- 12a. Describe the tax issue you are experiencing and any difficulties it may be creating. Specify the actions the IRS has taken (or not taken) to resolve the issue. If the issue involves an IRS delay of more than 30 days in resolving your issue, indicate the date you first contacted the IRS for assistance. See Section III for a specific list of TAS criteria. For further information on the services TAS provides, see Publication 1546, Taxpayer Advocate Service Your Voice at the IRS, available at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1546.pdf">https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1546.pdf</a>.
- 12b. Describe the relief/assistance you are requesting. Specify the action you want taken and believe necessary to resolve the issue. Furnish any documentation you believe would assist us in resolving the issue.
- 13-14. If this is a joint assistance request, both spouses must sign and date the request. If only one spouse is requesting assistance, only that spouse must sign the request. If this request is being submitted for another individual, only a person authorized and empowered to act on the individual's behalf should sign the request. Requests for corporations must be signed by an officer and include the officer's title.

**Note:** The signing of this request allows the IRS by law to suspend any applicable statutory periods of limitation relating to the assessment or collection of taxes. However, it does not suspend any applicable periods for you to perform acts related to assessment or collection, such as petitioning the Tax Court for redetermination of a deficiency or requesting a Collection Due Process hearing.

#### Instructions for Section II

**Taxpayers:** If you wish to have a representative act on your behalf, you must give him/her power of attorney or tax information authorization for the tax return(s) and period(s) involved. For additional information see Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative, or Form 8821, Tax Information Authorization, and the accompanying instructions.

Representatives: If you are an authorized representative submitting this request on behalf of the taxpayer identified in Section I, complete Blocks 1 through 7 of Section II. Attach a copy of Form 2848, Form 8821, or other power of attorney. Enter your Centralized Authorization File (CAF) number in Block 2 of Section II. The CAF number is the unique number the IRS assigns to a representative after Form 2848 or Form 8821 is filed with an IRS office.

**Note:** Form 8821 does not authorize your appointee to advocate your position with respect to the Federal tax laws; to execute waivers, consents, or closing agreements; or to otherwise represent you before the IRS. Form 8821 does authorize anyone you designate to inspect and/or receive your confidential tax information in any office of the IRS, for the type of tax and tax periods you list on Form 8821.

## Instructions for Section III (For IRS Use Only) Complete this section in its entirety.

Enter the taxpayer's name and taxpayer identifying number from the first page of this form.

- 1-5. Enter your name, phone number, Function (e.g., ACS, Collection, Examination, Customer Service, etc.), Operating Division (W&I, SB/SE, LB&I, or TE/GE), the Organization code number for your office (e.g., 18 for AUSC, 95 for Los Angeles), and check the appropriate box best reflecting how the need for TAS assistance was identified. Enter the date the taxpayer or representative called or visited an IRS office to request TAS assistance. Or enter the date when the IRS received the Congressional correspondence/inquiry or a written request for TAS assistance from the taxpayer or representative. If the IRS identified the taxpayer's issue as meeting TAS criteria, enter the date this determination was made.
- 6. Check the box best describing the reason TAS assistance is requested. Box 9 is for TAS Use Only.
- 7. State the action(s) you took to help resolve the taxpayer's issue and what prevented you from resolving the taxpayer's issue. For example, levy proceeds cannot be returned because they were already applied to a valid liability; an overpayment cannot be refunded because the statutory period for issuing a refund expired; or current law precludes a specific interest abatement.
- 8. Provide a description of the taxpayer's situation, and where appropriate, explain the circumstances creating the economic burden and how the taxpayer could be adversely affected if the requested assistance is not provided.
- 9. Ask the taxpayer how he or she learned about the TAS and indicate the response here.