e-Filing Practice Returns

DrakeTax 2025

Use the following e-file practice returns to practice e-filing returns in Drake Tax. Each return will receive an A (Accepted) or R (Rejected) acknowledgement. Correct the rejected returns by following the instructions in Step 5 and then retransmit the returns to receive A (Accepted) acknowledgements. Instructions in Español

INSTRUCTIONS

The returns needed to complete the e-file practice are available when Drake Tax 2025 is installed. Follow the steps below to practice e-filing and to verify that you are ready to begin e-filing returns with Drake Software.

1. Complete Drake Installation and Setup.

Required Setup items include **ERO & Account Information**, **Firm**, and **Preparer** information. These can be found in the **Setup Assistant** or the **Setup** menu. A PIN must be designated in the Preparer Setup for e-filing.

2. Prepare the following returns for e-filing.

Open and complete the **PIN** screen for each e-file practice return. If necessary, clear any electronic filing messages, so the returns are ready to e-file.* (Notes pages will not prevent e-filing.)

e-File Practice Returns

500-00-1001 (Shoemaker, Oxford & Loafer)

500-00-1002 (Fragrance, Francis)

500-00-1003 (Crescendo, Creed & Dee)

500-00-1004 (Emoji, Wave)

500-00-1005 (Waterson, Mineral)

500-00-1006 (Runner, Miles & Lane)

500-00-1007 (Blogger, Media & Niche)

500-00-1008 (Catamaran, Leeward & Starboard)

*An EF Message about required direct deposit information will be present on returns with refunds. To clear the message, select the option to "Receive a paper check" on the bottom portion of the DD screen.

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3. e-File the returns.

a. To select returns for e-file, go to **EF** > **Select Returns for EF**. Select practice returns to transmit. Click **Continue**. The **Report Viewer** displays the selected returns. Click **Exit** to close the report.
b. From the **Home** window, select **EF** > **Transmit/Receive**.
c. Click **Send/Receive** in the **Transmit/Receive** screen. Click **Exit.**
d. To process acknowledgements, go to **EF** > **Process Acks**. You will receive a **P** (Pending) ack.
e. To retrieve Accepted and Rejected acknowledgements, process acks again by going to **EF** > **Process Acks**. An **A** (Accepted) ack indicates successful transmission of an EF practice return. An **R** (Rejected) ack indicates an unsuccessful transmission. There are two practice returns that will receive an **R** ack. Follow **Step 5** to make the necessary corrections and e-file the returns again.

4. Review the acknowledgements.

After acks are retrieved, an **Acknowledgement Report** shows the ack codes. Some of the e-file practice returns will be accepted and a few will be rejected. You may also go to **EF** > **Search EF Database** to view the results of each e-file transmission.

500-00-1001 **A** – Accepted

500-00-1002 **A** – Accepted

500-00-1003 **A** – Accepted

500-00-1004 **A** – Accepted

500-00-1005 **A** – Accepted

500-00-1006 **R** – Rejected **507-01**

500-00-1007 **R** – Rejected **IND-182-01**

500-00-1008 **A** – Accepted

5. Correct rejected returns.

Use the following instructions to make the necessary corrections and e-file the returns again.

500-00-1006 Reject: **507-01** – 400-00-5004 Dependent's SSN was previously used for the same purpose.

Solution: Verify the dependent's SSN. In this case, the dependent's SSN was entered incorrectly. The dependent's correct SSN is 500-00-1055. Correct the SSN, recalculate, and retransmit the return.

500-00-1007 Reject: **IND-182-01** – The Spouse Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) must match the e-File database. Please double check your entry and resubmit your return with the correct number. Value 400008007

Solution: Add the Spouse's 6-digit Identity Protection PIN, 123456, to the Spouse's IP PIN field in the PIN screen. Recalculate and retransmit the return.

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