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Partnerships (1065)

The basics of data entry for a partnership (1065) return are the same as for the 1040. Navigation through data entry, field- and screen-level help, and keyboard shortcuts all function as they do in the 1040 program. See the *2017 Drake Tax User's Manual* for the basics of using the program. (The manual is available on the installation CD and on the Drake Support website: Support.DrakeSoftware.com > **Training Tools** > **Manuals**.)

What's New in Drake Tax for Partnership Returns

Drake Tax programs its tax software according to the latest IRS rules and regulations. The 2017 program reflects all changes to credits and deductions, including discontinuations. For details on new regulations for 2017, see the IRS instructions for Form 1065.

Data Entry Streamlined for Group and Installment Sales

One of the biggest changes in Drake Tax this year is in how the program treats installment sales and group sales of assets.

Much of the information needed on Form 6252, Installment Sale Income, now flows to the form from screen **4562** or screen **4797**. The program then completes Forms 6252 automatically (unless you tell it not to).

Use an **Installment Sale MFC** (multi-form code) to tie an installment sale of an asset to a specific Form 6252, entering the data only once, on a screen **4562** or screen **4797**.

For multi-asset sales ("group" sales), you can enter a **Group sale number**. Similar to MFCs, group sale numbers link all like-numbered items in one sale.

Another addition is the new **Date taken out of service** field on screen **4562**. An entry in this field stops calculation of depreciation on the asset.

For more on these features, see the following chapters in the *2017 Drake Tax User's Manual*:

- For how multi-form codes work, see “Associating On Screen with Another” in Chapter 3.
- For more on completing data entry for installment sales and group sales, see “Reporting Installment Sales” in Chapter 5.
- For details on reporting asset depreciation with screen **4562**, see “Completing Form 4562, Depreciation and Amortization” in Chapter 5.

Sorting and Viewing Schedules K-1

Drake Tax made a change to the way the Partnership package sorts, views, and prints Schedules K-1. These changes make it easier for you to view and print Schedules K-1, particularly for partnerships that must accommodate a long list of partners, each with a long list of accompanying forms and worksheets.

View a return with multiple Schedules K-1 and you will see, in the forms “tree” on the left side of the **View/Print** window (in Enhanced View), that each partner has a “K-1” folder containing Schedules K-1 and any other forms and worksheets generated for that partner.

See “Sorting and Viewing Schedules K-1” on page 36 for details.

Set Viewing Order

By default, the order in which the partners are entered in the program is the order in which they are listed in View/Print mode and on any forms that list all partners in a partnership. You can change the order in which the partners appear by going to the **PRNT** screen (available from the **Miscellaneous** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**) and sorting the Schedules K-1 by first or last name of individual partners (partners that are entities will be listed by the first letter of the first word or name in the **Entity name** line of screen **K1**) or by “Control” number, ID number, or percentage of ownership.

See “Setting Sort Order of K-1s” on page 37 for more.

“Doing Business As”

Screen **1** of the Partnership program was enhanced so that whatever is entered in the **DBA** field will now be printed below the legal name of the partnership in the “Name” section of the main form (and on certain other forms, such as Schedule K-1).

See “Header Information” on page 13 for more information.

IRS Changing Tax Matters Partner

Due to changes in IRS audit rules, partnerships must soon begin appointing a “partnership representative,” replacing the Tax Matters Partner (TMP). While the TMP has limited authority under current law, the representative will have “complete authority to act on behalf of the partnership” when dealing with the IRS. See “Tax Matters Partner” on page 27 for details. Also see the “opt out” option on “Opting Out of TMP” on page 28.

More Data Entry on K1 Screens

We have put more data entry emphasis on the **K1** screens so you won't have to enter related data in various places.

Schedule B-1 Info

Rather than going to **B1** screen and selecting partners, type of entity, and country of organization from drop lists, then entering the percentage of owned in profit, loss, or capital, now the needed B-1 information flows from entries on each partner's **K1** screen in the Schedule B-1 section (Figure 1).

Figure 1: The new **Schedule B-1** section of screen **K1** in the Partnership (1065) package.

The program automatically produces a Schedule B-1 and uses the information entered on the **K1** screen—name, ID number, type of partner, ownership percentage—to complete Schedule B-1.

See “Schedule B-1 Information” on page 26

Entity Name Field

The **Partner's Name and Address Information** section of the **K1** screen (Figure 2) has also changed this year. Item **F** has a **Name** field for partners who are individuals, and a new **Entity name** field for partners that aren't individuals (corporations, partnerships, trusts, etc.). Putting a name in the **Entity name** field does not automatically change the type of partner; to do so, in the **Type of Partner** section on screen **K1**, select a different check box or make a different selection from the item **L1 PARTNER** type drop list.

Figure 2: The **Entity name** and **Title for PIN Signature** fields on the **K1** screen

**“Signs
Return”
Partner**

If the partner described on a **K1** screen is the partner who signs the return for the partnership, mark the **Signs Return** check box, and if you want to add a title for the signing partner, enter it in the **Title for PIN Signature** field (see Figure 2 on page 11). This partner’s information will not have to be re-entered on the **PIN** screen. (The **ERO PIN**, the “sign’s return” partner’s **PIN**, and the **Signature date** fields must still be completed on the **PIN** screen for the return to be eligible for e-file.)

Allocating M-3 Items

Also new in the Partnership package are **SA** links on screens **M32** and **M33** (Parts II and III) for Schedule M-3. The **SA** links allow you to allocate to the partners any Temporary Differences and Permanent Differences for income items (screen **M32**) and expense items (screen **M33**).

See “Allocating M-3 Items” on page 52 for details.

Print Section L

The option to “force” the program to generate Schedules L, M-1, M-2, and Section L of Schedule K-1, has long been available from the **PRNT** screen of the Partnership program. Now, you can print the K-1 section “L” information without generating any unnecessary Schedules L, M2, and M-2.

See “Print Section L” on page 47 for more information.

Practice Management Tools

For details on additions and enhancements to Drake Tax’s practice management tools—such as the ability to retrieve forgotten passwords, an expanded search feature that finds phrases or words across a return, and the new SecureFilePro Connect service—see Chapter 1 of the *2017 Drake Tax User’s Manual*.

Completing a 1065 Return in Drake Tax

The basics of data entry for a partnership (1065) return are the same as for the 1040. See the *2017 Drake Tax User’s Manual* for the basics of using the program, or log in to *DrakeETC.com* to view online tutorials and webinars designed to teach new users all aspects of data entry in Drake Tax.

Updating a Prior-Year Return in Drake Tax

If you prepared a tax return in Drake Tax last year, you can update the return for the current year in either of three ways:

- As a *single* return (updated one at a time) using **Last Year Data > Update Clients 2016 to 2017** (recommended)
- When you open the return for the first time in the 2017 program and are prompted to update it

- With *all other* returns in the program using **Last Year Data > Update Clients 2016 to 2017** (*not recommended*)

When you update a 1065 return that was marked as “final” the previous year, the program informs you that the return was marked final before prompting you to proceed.

Header Information

Screen **1** contains fields for the general information that is printed in the top section of page 1 of Form 1065.

Name and Address

Use screen **1** to complete the partnership name and address section of Form 1065. For state purposes only, if the partnership has an alternate address (such as a P.O. box), you can enter it in the **Address Line 2** field at the bottom of screen **2**. (Access screen **2** from the **States Info** link on screen **1**, from the **States** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**, or enter 2 in the selector field and press ENTER.)

“Doing Business As”

New for 2017: The **Name and Address** section of screen **1** has been modified slightly. We moved the **DBA** field up and enhanced the program so that whatever is entered in the **DBA** field of screen **1** will be printed below the legal name of the partnership in the “Name” section of the main form (and on certain other forms, such as Schedule K-1).

Use of the **DBA** field is optional and data entered there is not required by the IRS. It is provided in the program for the return preparer's convenience.

Continuation Line

The **DBA** field on screen **1** can also serve as a “continuation” line for entity names that are too long to fit into the legal name field. Be aware, however, that not all federal forms accept data from a continuation (or DBA) line. For those forms, only the data entered in the legal name field is used.

NOTE

Not all states recognize the use of a DBA name. Those state packages ignore data entered in the **DBA** field.

Tax Year

The program uses the calendar year as the default period for all partnership returns. No date entries are required on screen **1** for a December 31 tax year-end.

NOTE

The program adjusts calculations for depreciation and for gains and losses on sales of assets based on the entity's tax year. For information on filing with a 52-53-week year, see “Electing a 52-53-Week Year (Initial Return)” on page 62.

Fiscal and Calendar Years

If the partnership uses a fiscal year (where the year begins in the current calendar year and ends in the next), specify the beginning and ending dates in the **If not a calendar year** section of screen **1**.

**52-53-Week
Tax Year**

For information on electing a 52-53-week tax year, see “Electing a 52-53-Week Year (Initial Return)” on page 62.

**Short-Year
Returns**

A partnership may have a short-year return if changing accounting periods with IRS approval (Form 3115), if this is its first or last year in business and the tax year is not a full year, or if the partnership is facing a technical termination.

NOTE

A technical termination occurs when there has been a sale or exchange of 50% or more of the interests in partnership capital and profits within a 12-month period. On screen **1** in Drake Tax, mark the **Technical termination** box and either **Initial Return** or **Final Return**, as applicable.

A final technical termination return must be filed prior to the new, initial technical termination return.

See article 10062 in the Drake Software Knowledge Base for more information on technical terminations.

Screen Code:
YEAR

Short-year return election information and 52-53-week tax year information is entered on the **Year** screen, available on the **Miscellaneous** tab of the **Data Entry Menu** or from a **Year** link on screen **1**.

To enter short-year information:

1. Enter short-year dates on screen **1** in the **Fiscal year beginning** and **Fiscal year ending** fields, even if the firm uses the calendar year for full-year returns. (These dates will appear on the top of the federal form.)
2. Click the **Year** link (Figure 3) to open the **Year** screen.

If not a calendar year:

Fiscal year beginning.....	06-01-2017
Fiscal year ending.....	12-31-2017

☐ 52-53-week tax year [Year](#)

Figure 3: Click the **Year** link to open the **Year** screen.

3. On the **Year** screen, make your short-year selection from the **Other short-year reason** drop list. Type an explanation in the **Explanation** text box. (Your explanation will be displayed at the top of the first page of the tax return.)
4. If you selected “General Explanation” from the **Other short-year reason** drop list, type details on the reasons for filing a short-year return in the **Explanation** text box.

For information on making elections through the **ELEC** screen, see “Elections” on page 56.

NOTES

For more extensive details on entering short-year return information into Drake Tax, click inside the **Explanation** text pane of the **YEAR** screen and press F1 to see the help.

The program may not correctly calculate depreciation, gains, or losses for a short-year return. Depreciation for a short-year return can be manually entered on screen **4562** or screens **6**, **7**, **8**, and **9**.

For more information on short-year returns, see IRS Pub 4163.

Boxes A through J

Enter most information for boxes A through J (top of Form 1065) on screen **1**. Note that boxes D (Employer identification number), F (Total assets), I (Number of Schedules K-1), and J (Schedule C and M-3 attached) are completed automatically based on information entered elsewhere in the program. Other boxes are:

- Box A — Principal business activity
- Box B — Principal product or service
- Box C — Business code number (Press CTRL+SHIFT+S to search activity codes)
- Box E — Date business started
- Item G — Initial, final, or amended return; address or name change; technical termination
- Item H — Accounting method (Select **Cash**, **Accrual**, or **Other**; if **Other**, enter a description of the method used.)

Income and Deductions

Enter income and deductions on the **INC (Income)** and **DED (Deductions)** screens. **INC** screen amounts flow to Form 1065, page 1, lines 1a to 7. (Also see “Other Income (Loss)” on page 17.) **DED** screen amounts flow to Form 1065, page 1, lines 9 through 20. “Other income” and “Other deductions” data is shown on attached statement worksheets in View/Print mode of the return.

Gross Receipts

Enter gross receipts or sales and returns and allowances on the **INC** screen.

NOTE

The IRS does not require a detail worksheet (CTRL+W) for gross receipts; therefore, if you are using the trial balance import feature, do not include a detail worksheet for this line—or for any other line that does not require a detail worksheet.

Cost of Goods Sold (Form 1125-A)

For cost of goods sold entries, complete screen **A** (Form 1125-A, Cost of Goods Sold).

NOTE

On screen **A**, items 9a through 9f are direct-entry fields and follow the format of IRS Form 1125-A. For more information on completing these fields, press F1 or consult the IRS instructions.

Inventory

Inventory amounts entered on lines 1 and 7 of screen **A** automatically flow to Schedule L, line 3, "Inventories." Note that the **Inventories** fields on screen **L** (**Schedule L - Balance Sheet - Assets**) are overrides; entries there override inventory data from screen **A**.

Line 5, Other Costs

Line 5 of Form 1125-A is designated for any applicable costs not entered on the previous lines. In Drake Tax, two fields on screen **A** are provided for line 5: one for other costs including depreciation and one for other costs excluding depreciation. (Figure 4).

4	Additional section 263A costs.....
5	Other costs - depreciation.....
5	Other costs - excluding depreciation.....
7	Inventory at end of year.....

Figure 4: Other costs and depreciation

In the **Other costs - depreciation** field, enter any depreciation that relates to the cost of goods sold (unless the amount is flowing from the **4562 Detail** screen with **COGS** selected from the **For** drop list). Note that this field on screen **A** is an override field; an entry here overrides the calculations from the **4562** screen and automatically adjusts the total depreciation that flows to page 1 of Form 1065. For **Other costs - excluding depreciation**, use a detail worksheet (CTRL+W). The depreciation amount is included on the statement for other costs and should not be included in the **Other Costs** detail worksheet.

NOTE

Line **16b** on the **DED** screen is an adjustment field for depreciation from Form 4562 not entered on screen **A**.

Importing Trial Balance to Sch A

If using the trial balance import feature (see "Importing Trial Balance Information" on page 67), enter depreciation amounts directly into the appropriate fields on the trial balance worksheet, *not* in data entry. When the trial balance is imported, the COGS depreciation expense amount flows directly to the appropriate line of Form 1125-A and is calculated accordingly. For more on depreciation and trial balance import, see "Depreciation" on page 74.

Ordinary Income (Loss)

Ordinary income or loss from other partnerships, estates, and trusts (line 4 of Form 1065) flows from either screen **K1P** (Schedule K-1 from another partnership) or screen **K1F** (Schedule K-1 from a fiduciary).

Net Farm Profit (Loss)

Screen Code: **F**

The partnership's net farm profit or loss (line 5 of Form 1065) flows from information entered on screen **F (Farm Income and Expense)**. Farm profit or loss from other partnerships, estates, or trusts appears on line 4 of the return. To enter this information from the **INC** screen, click the links on line 4 to screen **K1P** or screen **K1F**. Enter the farm profit or loss from other partnerships, estates, or trusts on line 1 of screen **K1P** or line 6 of screen **K1F**. The **K1P** and **K1F** links are also on the **Other Forms** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**.

For information on farming partnerships with a corporation partner, see Pub. 225, *Farmer's Tax Guide*.

Net Gain (Loss)

The amount on line 6 ("Net gain (loss) from Form 4797, Part II, line 17") of Form 1065 flows from Form 4797. Amounts can also flow from screen **4562**, but only if that screen shows assets sold and property type.)

Other Income (Loss)

Use the **INC** screen to enter amounts for the "Other income" line of the main form. Specific **INC** screen entries are displayed on attached statements in View/Print mode of the return.

Amounts from the following screens also flow to line 7:

- **Screen 6478** — Form 6478, Biofuel Producer Credit
- **Screen 8864** — Form 8864, Biodiesel Fuels and Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel Production Credits

Additional fields on the **INC** screen include:

- Interest income on receivables
- Recoveries of bad debts deducted in earlier years
- Section 481 adjustments
- State tax refund (cash basis)
- Taxable income from insurance proceeds

Enter additional sources of income not listed above in the **Other income (itemize)** field. Begin typing in that field and a detail worksheet (CTRL+W) is opened with fields for descriptions and amounts.

Enter other income (loss) from a partnership, estate, or trust on the **K1P** or **K1F** screen. (Click the links on line 4 of the **INC** screen.)

Compensation and Wages

Use line 9 of the **DED** screen to enter wages and salaries paid. Do not include guaranteed payments to partners or salaries or wages reported elsewhere in the return, such as the amounts included in COGS, elective contributions to a section 401(k) cash or deferred arrangement, or amounts contributed under a salary reduction SEP agreement. (Drake Tax automatically adjusts salary and wages for employment credits.)

Guaranteed Payments and Partner Health Insurance

Use the **DED** and **K** screens to report guaranteed payments and partner health insurance. Note that guaranteed payments and health insurance are entered as separate amounts.

Guaranteed Payments

To report guaranteed payments to partners:

- Enter *total* guaranteed payments on the **DED** screen, line 10.
- An entry on line 4a and 4b of screen **K (Income/Loss tab)** adjusts the amounts (adds to or subtracts from) entered on the **DED** screen.
- To allocate the total guaranteed payments among the partners, click the **SA** link to the right of the amount field on lines 4a and 4b of screen **K (Income/Loss)** tab. (For details on using the **SA** screen, see “Special Allocations” on page 31.)

Guaranteed payments should include any payments (or credits) to a partner for services rendered. Include the use of any capital the partner provided if the payments (or credits) for that capital are not determined by the partnership’s income and can be allocated to a trade or business activity. These entries should *not* include any payments and credits that should be capitalized or any distributive shares of partnership profits.

Partner Health Insurance

To report partner health insurance:

- In the “Partner’s health insurance” field on the **DED** screen, line 10, enter amounts paid during the tax year for health insurance paid by a partnership on behalf of a partner for services as a partner (including a partner’s spouse or dependents or children under age 27 who are not dependents). (See field help on line 10 of the **DED** screen for more information.)
- An entry on line 13d, item “M,” of the **Deductions** tab of screen **K** overrides the amount entered on the **DED** screen and the **8825** screen.
- To allocate the total amount of health insurance costs among the partners, click the **SA** link to the right of the amount field on line “M” of the **Deductions** tab of screen **K**. (For details on using the **SA** screen, see “Special Allocations” on page 31.)

Entries flow to boxes 4 and 13 of the partners’ Schedule K-1, to the total on line 13d of Schedule K, and to Form 1065, page 1, “Guaranteed payments to partners.”

For information on the partnership’s contribution to a partner’s Health Savings Account (HSA), see Notice 2005-8, 2005-4 I.R.B. 368.

Repairs and Maintenance

Use the **DED** screen to enter the costs of repairs and maintenance. See Form 1065 instructions for IRS requirements regarding costs that can be entered here.

Bad Debts

Use the **DED** screen to enter the total of all bad debts that became worthless during the 2017 tax year, but only if these debts related to a trade or business activity. Deductible non-business bad debts should be entered as short-term capital losses on screen **8949**.

NOTE Cash-method partnerships cannot take a bad debt as a deduction unless the amount was previously included in income.

Rents

Use the **DED** screen to enter rent paid on business property used for a trade or business activity. If the partnership rented or leased a vehicle, enter the total annual rent or lease expense incurred in the trade or business activity of the partnership, and then complete Part V of the **4562** (screens **8** and **9**).

Taxes and Licenses

Use the **DED** screen to enter tax and license payment data. Amounts entered here flow to the “Taxes and licenses” line of Form 1065. Data is also generated on the worksheet “Wks Tax/Lic” in View/Print mode.

NOTE Credit from Form 8846, Credit for Employer Social Security and Medicare Taxes Paid on Certain Employee Tips, automatically adjusts the amount of taxes and licenses on Form 1065.

State tax amounts (income tax and franchise tax) entered on the **ES** (Estimated Taxes) screen flow to the tax computation (“Wks Tax/Lic”) worksheet. The state tax amount flowing from the **ES** screen may differ depending on which method of accounting (cash or accrual) is used, and which tax type is selected.

Interest

The “Interest” line of Form 1065 refers only to the interest incurred by the partnership in a trade or business activity that is not claimed elsewhere in the return.

Use the **DED** screen to enter interest expense amounts. Do not include interest expense on the following:

- Debt required to be allocated to the production of qualified property
- Debt used to buy rental property or debt used in a rental activity
- Debt used to purchase property held for investment
- Debt proceeds allocated to distributions made to partners during the tax year

Self-Charged Interest

Self-charged interest rules (see Form 1065 instructions) do not apply if a partnership elects under Reg. section 1.469-7(g) to avoid the application of them. If the partnership is making this election, a statement must be included with the return.

To include the statement:

Screen Code:
ELEC

1. Click the **ELEC** link on screen **DED**. (The **ELEC** screen is also available from the **Miscellaneous** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**.)
2. In the **Election** drop list, select **19 - Not Apply Alternative Treatment to Self-Charged Items**.

When the return is calculated, the statement ("Statement EL19" in View mode; see Figure 5), including the required text, will be included in the return.

Federal Supporting Statements		2017 PG01
Name(s) shown on return: <u>Partners In Grime</u>		Employer Identification Number: <u>41-4141414</u>
Statement #EL19		
<p>Election to Not Apply Alternative Treatment to Self-Charged Items of Interest Income and Deduction</p> <p>Pursuant to Regulation Section 1.469-7(g), the Partnership hereby elects to not apply the alternative self-charged interest rules for the tax year ended 12-31-2017, and all subsequent years.</p> <p>The Partnership referred to in this paragraph is:</p> <p>Name: Partners In Grime Address: 1234 Main Street City: Franklin State: NC ZIP: 28734 EIN: 414141414</p>		

Figure 5: Self-Charged Interest statement

For more information on self-charged interest rules, see the "Self-Charged Interest" section of the Form 1065 instructions.

NOTE

Using the **ELEC** screen for this statement does not prevent the return from being e-filed.

Depreciation

Use screen **4562** to enter depreciable assets for Form 1065, Form 1125-A, Schedule F, Form 8825, the **RENT** screen (rental other than real estate), and Section 754. (To associate a depreciable asset with an activity, make a selection from the **For** drop list at the top of the **4562** screen.)

Using the DED screen for Direct Entry

As explained further in the "Line 16, Depreciation" section following, the **DED** screen has two lines for direct entry of depreciation:

- **Line 16a** — Depreciation
- **Line 16b** — Depreciation claimed elsewhere on return

Any item entered in a depreciation field on the **DED** screen is added to the calculations from all **4562** screens. **DED** screen amounts are reflected on page 1 of Form 1065 but are not shown on any generated Form 4562.

IMPORTANT The depreciation fields on any screen should be used only if Form 4562 is not required.

For more information on depreciation and the **4562** screen in Drake Tax, see the 2017 *Drake Tax User's Manual*.

Line 16, Depreciation

Line 16c of Form 1065 is reserved for depreciation that (1) is from Form 4562 and (2) is claimed elsewhere. While the program pulls data from the **4562** screen for this line, it also provides field **16b** (Figure 6) on screen **DED** specifically for depreciation that is claimed elsewhere.

Delivery.....	
17 Depletion (do not deduct oil and gas depletion).....	
16a Depreciation..... Form 4562	+/-
16b Depreciation claimed elsewhere on return.....	+/-
Discounts.....	

Figure 6: Depreciation line 16 fields from **DED** screen

Both lines **16a** and **16b** on the **DED** screen are adjustment fields and add to or subtract from program calculations that are based on entries elsewhere in the program. Enter only the depreciation claimed on assets used in a trade or business activity:

- **Line 16a** — An entry here is added to the depreciation from the **4562** screens. The amount on line **16a** is *not* reflected on Form 4562.

NOTE Section 179 expense does not flow to page 1, “Depreciation,” of Form 1065. It is reflected on Schedule K, “Net long-term capital gain,” and then distributed to each partner on Schedule K-1.

- **Line 16b** — Drake Tax recommends using screen **A** (rather than the **DED** screen) to enter depreciation claimed on Form 1125-A. An entry in the “Other costs - depreciation” line on screen **A** adjusts any entry on line **16b** of the **DED** screen and is calculated into the total deductions on Form 1065. (An entry in the “Other costs - depreciation” line on screen **A** also overrides calculated amounts for entries on **4563** screens directed to COGS.) If there is an entry on line **16b** of the **DED** screen but not screen **A**, only the line **16b** amount is calculated into total deductions.

Section 754 Use screen **4562** to enter section 754 depreciation. To associate the depreciable asset with section 754, select **754** from the **For** drop list at the top of the screen.

For information on allocating Section 754 depreciation to specific partners, see “Special Allocations” on page 31 and “Section 754 Allocations” on page 43.

Section 179 Section 179 expense is not included on Form 4562, line 22, nor is it carried to line 16a of Form 1065. It is instead reflected on line 12 of Schedule K and distributed to each partner on Schedule K-1.

Reclassify to Amortization

To reclassify an asset from depreciation to amortization:

1. Open screen **4562** for the asset.
2. From the **Method** drop list, select **AMT - Amortization**.
3. Complete the applicable fields in the **Amortization Information** section, located near the bottom-left corner of screen **4562**.

Depletion

Enter depletion amounts on the **DED** screen. If the partnership claims a deduction for timber depletion, complete and attach Form T, Forest Activities Schedules. (Attach as PDF to e-filed returns. See “The PDF Attachment Process” on page 64.) Do not deduct depletion for oil and gas properties. Depletion should be figured for each partner. See “Oil and Gas Depletion Worksheet” on page 33 for more on entering oil and gas depletion in the 1065 package.

NOTE

The Depletion Worksheet in the Partnership package is for informational purposes only. Depletion is calculated in the partner's individual returns.

Retirement Plans

Use the **DED** screen to enter amounts for line 18, “Retirement plans, etc.” See the IRS instructions for guidance on what costs are acceptable for this line.

NOTE

The program reduces the expense based on the credit amount calculated from Form 8881, Credit for Small Employer Pension Plan Startup Costs.

IRA for Employees

If the partnership contributes to an IRA for employees, include the contributions in salaries and wages on either the **DED** screen (“Salaries and wages” line) or screen **A** (“Cost of labor” line).

Payments to Partners

Do not use line 18 of the **DED** screen to deduct payments for partners to retirement or deferred compensation plans, IRAs, qualified plans, Simplified Employee Pension (SEP), or SIMPLE IRA plans. Report these amounts, which are deducted by the partners on their own returns, on screen **K (Deductions tab)**, item 13d, code **R**.

Employee Benefit Plans

Use the **DED** screen, line 19, to enter the partnership's contributions to employee benefits programs (such as insurance, health, and welfare programs) that are not part of a pension or profit-sharing plan included in line 18, “Retirement plans, etc.”

Amounts Paid for Medical Care

The line 19 amount should *not* include amounts paid for insurance that constitutes medical care for a partner, a partner's spouse, or a partner's dependents. For information on entering amounts paid for medical care, see "Guaranteed Payments and Partner Health Insurance" on page 18.

Pub. 541

IRS Pub. 541 states that premiums for health insurance paid by a partnership on behalf of a partner for services as a partner, are treated as guaranteed payments. The partnership can deduct these payments as a business expense, and the partner must include them in gross income. The partnership *cannot* deduct the premiums, however, if the partnership accounts for insurance paid as a reduction in distributions for that partner. In that case, go to the **K1** screen for the partner and mark the **Health Insurance distribution reduction** box (line 13M) at the bottom of the screen.

A qualifying partner can deduct 100% of the health insurance as an adjustment to income. The partner cannot deduct the premiums for any calendar month, or part of a month, in which he or she is eligible to participate in any subsidized health plan maintained by the employer of the partner or the partner's spouse.

Other Deductions

Enter all other deductions on the **DED** screen. Drake Tax calculates these amounts and incorporates the total into the "Other deductions" line of Form 1065.

The following deductions, credits, adjustments, and exclusions also flow to the "Other deductions" line:

- Amortization from Form 4562, Depreciation and Amortization
- Credit adjustment from Form 6765, Credit for Increasing Research Activities
- Credit adjustment from Form 8820, Orphan Drug Credit
- Exclusion from Form 8873, Extraterritorial Income Exclusion
- Credit from Form 8941, Credit for Small Employer Health-Insurance Premiums

Filing an Extension

Generally, a domestic partnership must file Form 1065 by the 15th day of the 3rd month following the date its tax year ended as shown at the top of Form 1065.

Calendar year returns are due on March 15, 2018. By filing Form 7004, a partnership can extend the deadline six months to September 15, 2018. Fiscal-year returns are due on the fifteenth day of the third month after the end of the fiscal year.

To file a 1065 extension, use one of the following options:

- Go to the **7004** screen in Drake Tax (**Other Forms** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**) and select **Generate an extension**. Complete any other applicable fields on the screen.
- Go to the **PRNT** screen and select **Prepare a Form 7004 extension**.

Signing the Return

PIN signatures are required for e-filed returns. To e-file a return, complete all fields on the **PIN** screen. A return cannot be e-filed if the **PIN** screen is not completed, including title and signature (name) of the general partner or LLC member manager. (See “Signs Return’ Partner,” following.) A signing date and SSN of the signing person is also required.

“Signs Return’ Partner

If the **Signs return** check box was selected for one of the partners on a **K1** screen, that partner’s title, name, SSN, and phone number will be combined with the ERO’s PIN, the partner’s PIN, and the signing date on the **PIN** screen that must still be entered on the PIN screen in order to e-file the return. If the **Signs return** check box is not marked on any **K1** screen, then the **ERO PIN**, **Partner PIN**, **Signature date**, **Title**, and **Signature** fields on the **PIN** screen must be completed manually.

Preparer’s Signature

If the return is prepared by a paid preparer, the preparer must complete the required information and sign the return in the space provided on the **PIN** screen. If it is prepared by a partner or an employee of the partnership, select **NONE** in the **Firm #** and **Preparer #** drop lists on screen 1.

To have the preparer’s signature displayed on the printed return:

- If the return preparer and ERO (entered in **Setup > ERO & Account Information**) are the same:
 - Go to **Setup > Preparer(s)** and ensure that the **Alternative Electronic Signature** box is marked for the preparer.
 - Enter the preparer’s PIN on the **PIN** screen for the return.
- If the return preparer and ERO are *not* the same, go to the **PRNT** screen and complete the field labeled **PIN for preparer’s alternative electronic signature**. The PIN entered should match the one entered for the preparer in **Setup > Preparer(s)**. (For more information, press F1 in this field.)

NOTE

Setup > ERO & Account Information must still be completed in Drake Tax for e-file. For information on how to complete this setup window, see *2017 Drake Tax User’s Manual*. See the IRS instructions for further details on signature requirements.

The optional **Suffix** drop list and **Professional** text box on the **PIN** screen allow you to enter such designations as “Jr.”, “Sr.”, “III” to the name of the partner and such professional designations as “Dr.” or “Ret.”

Missing PIN Information

If you receive a state EF Message stating, “Authentication Header,” check the **SSN** field on the **PIN** screen for a missing SSN. Also make sure the **Title** and **Signature** (name) fields for the partner signing the return are completed. (SSN is not required for federal returns.)

Form 8879-PE

You must receive the completed and signed Form 8879-PE, IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Form 1065, *before* the return is e-filed. This form must be kept in the tax office for three years from the return due date or IRS received date, whichever is later.

For information on using an electronic signature pad to digitally sign Form 8879-PE, see “Electronic Signatures” in Chapter 6, “Return Results,” of the *2017 Drake Tax User’s Manual*.

Amending a Return

CAUTION

When you amend a return in Drake Tax, the amended information replaces the original in the data file. Before amending a return, you should archive the original to avoid losing previously submitted data. For more information on archiving returns, see “Archive Manager” in Chapter 6, “Return Results,” of the *2017 Drake Tax User’s Manual*.

To file a 1065 return that has been amended:

1. Go to screen **1** in data entry and select **Amended return** in section **G**.
2. Make changes as applicable to forms and schedules.
3. Go to the **EF** screen and select **Amended 1065** in the left-hand column.
4. Go to the **SCH** screen (available from the **Miscellaneous** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**) and complete the following fields:
 - **Statement number** — Select **011 - Amended Return Statement**.
 - **Title** — Enter a statement title of 28 or fewer characters.
 - **Explanation text box** — Identify the amended items by line number and explain what was changed and why.

If amending just the K-1s, go to each **K1** screen, select **Amended K1**, and make needed changes.

NOTE

When amending a 1065 return, all K-1s are amended, and the “Amended K-1” box on the return is marked automatically. To override this default, go to the **PRNT** screen and mark **Do NOT check amended box on Sch. K-1**.

TEFRA and Filing Eligibility

A partnership subject to the TEFRA (Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982) audit rules cannot file an amended Form 1065 to correct a partnership item reported on a previously filed return, but according to these rules, the tax matters partner (TMP) must file a Form 8082 on the partnership’s behalf and request the IRS treat the Form 8082 as a substituted return. A partnership qualifying as a small partnership (see Section 6231(a)(1)(B)) – with 10 or fewer partners at any one time during the year – is exempt from the TEFRA audit rules and can file an amended Form 1065 and corrected K-1s to partners.

Additional Information

This section covers Schedule B (Other Information), state-specific information, and some program overrides.

Schedule B

The program has three screens for entering data for Schedule B, Other Information:

- **Screen B** — For all but lines 3 and 4
- **Screen B1** — For lines 3a and 3b
- **Screen B4** — For lines 4a and 4b

From screen **B**, you can access screens **B1** and **B4** by clicking the applicable hyperlinks (**Schedule B1** and **Attachment 4a and 4b**) or by pressing PAGE DOWN (once for screen **B1**; twice for screen **B4**).

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Much of the Schedule B-1 information now flows from entries on each partner's **K1** screen. See "Schedule B-1 Information," following.

Schedule B-1 Information

Rather than going to the **B1** screen and selecting partners, type of entity, and country of organization from drop lists, then entering the percentage of owned in profit, loss, or capital, now required B-1 information flows from entries made on each partner's **K1** screen.

Figure 7: The new **Schedule B-1** section of screen **K1** in the Partnership (1065) package.

When you make a selection from the **Country of Incorporation** drop list in the **Schedule B-1** section (Figure 7), and make an entry in the **Max Percentage Owned** field, the program automatically produces a Schedule B-1 and uses the information entered on the **K1** screen—name, ID number, type of partner, ownership percentage—to complete Schedule B-1, lines 3a or 3b.

Of course, you can continue to use the **B1** screen if you prefer.

If the partnership owned, directly, an interest of 20% or more, or owned, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the total voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote of any foreign or domestic corporation, use the **Line 4a** section of screen **B4** to enter the corporation's name, EIN, country of incorporation, and percentage owned in voting stock.

If the partnership owned, directly, an interest of 20% or more, or owned, directly or indirectly, an interest of 50% or more in profit, loss, or capital in any foreign or

domestic partnership or in the beneficial interest of a trust, use the **Line 4b** section of screen **B4** to enter the entity's name, EIN, type, country of organization, and maximum percentage owned in profit, loss, or capital.

NOTE

Which screens are required depends on the percentage owned. See Form 1065 instructions for calculating the maximum percentage owned.

Line 6 Requirements

If question 6 on screen **B** is answered **Yes**, Schedules L, M-1, M-2, and Section L of Schedule K-1 are not required and therefore not printed. The four conditions that must be met in order to answer **Yes** to this question are:

- The partnership's total receipts for the tax year were less than \$250,000.
- The partnership's total assets at the end of the tax year were less than \$1,000,000.
- Schedules K-1 are filed with the return and furnished to the partners on or before the due date (including extensions) for the partnership return.
- The partnership is not filing and is not required to file Schedule M-3.

For more on line 6, see "Schedule L (Balance Sheets Per Books)" on page 45.

Tax Matters Partner

New for 2017: Due to changes in IRS audit rules, partnerships must soon begin appointing a "partnership representative," replacing the Tax Matters Partner (TMP). Unlike the TMP, the partnership representative does not have to be a partner in the partnership. While the TMP has limited authority under current law, the representative will have "complete authority to act on behalf of the partnership" when dealing with the IRS. This includes legally binding the partnership (and therefore, the partners) in terms of audits and other IRS proceedings.

The Drake Tax program no longer selects a TMP if one is not indicated on screen **K1** or screen **B**. An EF Message is generated, stopping e-file until a selection of a TMP is made.

The same is true if more than one partner is indicated as the TMP. An EF Message stops e-file until a selection is made.

Indicate the person who will act as the TMP or representative using the **TMP/REP** check box on screen **K1** (Figure 8). TMP information is printed at the bottom of page 3 of Form 1065.

Figure 8: Tax Matters Partner/Representative (TMP/REP) check box on screen **K1**

There is still, however, a **Tax Matter Partner** section on screen **B**. Anything entered there overrides the TMP information entered on the **K1** screen.

Opting Out of TMP

New for 2017: An **Opt out** check box was added to screen **B** to indicate that the partnership does not want TMP/Representative information printed on Schedule B.

This “opt out” affects only the *printing* of the TMP information on Schedule B. No provision has been made to opt out of the new partnership audit rules for tax year 2017.

A separate election to opt out of the partnership audit rules will be available in the 2018 program.

H.R. 1314, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, made changes to IRS audit rules that are effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

State-Specific Information

Resident State

The program automatically generates a return for the partnership’s resident state. Use screen **2** to enter company information as it should appear on the state return. (Access screen **2** from the **States** tab, or enter 2 in the selector field and press ENTER.)

NOTE

The company information fields on screen **2** apply to the resident state only.

Company information includes the type of return that applies for state purposes (consolidated, composite, controlled group, multi-state) and state-specific dates and numbers for identification.

Contact Information

If certain contact information required for state purposes is different from that entered on screen **1**, use screen **2** for the alternative data for registered office, principal place of business, “Books in care of,” and general contact information for the partnership’s contact person.

Other States

Data for other states must be entered in state data entry. To access state data entry, select the **States** tab from the **Data Entry Menu** and select the desired states for state-specific screens (or type the two-letter state code in the selector field and press ENTER).

Multi-State Apportionment

Enter sales, payroll, and property factors on the **APPT Multi-State Apportionment** screen (accessible from the **States** tab or by entering APPT in the selector field and pressing ENTER). This screen (Figure 9 on page 29) provides one central location for entering all state apportionment information instead of having to open each needed state’s screen.

In addition to making data input faster and easier, this feature provides two worksheets: a summary worksheet (“Wks SA-SUM”) that can be used for verifying input, and a reconciliation worksheet (“Wks SA-REC”) that ties the total of the state

amounts to the federal return figures. These worksheets are available in View/Print mode.

The individual state apportionment screens are still available in Drake17 but will be used to override data entered on the **APPT** screen.

Figure 9: APPT (Multi-State Apportionment) screen

NOTE

Mark the **Zero Apportionment** check box (Figure 9) to add a state but not include any apportionment data. This will include the state on the apportionment summary worksheet ("Wks SA-SUM"), available through View/Print mode.

APPT Screens

The **APPT** screen is opened to the **Sales** tab. Links at the top of this screen take you to the **Payroll**, **Property**, and **Additional Property** information tabs for each state selected (Figure 9). These screens and their uses are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: APPT Screens

Screen	Information
Sales	Select state; enter sales, returns and allowance, and other income-related information for each selected state
Payroll	Enter guaranteed payments to partners, salary, wage, commission, labor, and repairs amounts for each selected state
Property	Enter beginning and ending amounts of common apportionment factors, plus select additional apportionment factors from drop lists
Additional Property	Select additional apportionment factors from drop lists

NOTE

The **Ending** amount entered on the **Property** and **Addition Property** screens in Drake16 became the **Beginning** amount for property on the **APPT** screen when the client's return was updated in Drake17.

You may enter up to four states on one **APPT** screen. If you need more than four states, press PAGE DOWN for a new **APPT** screen. The same state can be entered more than once when additional fields are needed.

Select **OT Other Reconciliation** from the **State Selection** drop list on the **Sales** tab when using the reconciliation worksheet. Not every item appearing on the federal return may be subject to multi-state apportionment. When you select **OT**, the data entered becomes a reconciling adjustment amount to aid in tying to the federal return.

Enter as much or as little detail as the states require. If a state does not require any information to be entered, no information flows to that state's return.

Other Information and Overrides

Use screen **1** to enter the following additional information:

Resident State — If the partnership has a mailing address in one state but does business in another, use the **Resident state** drop list to select the state in which the partnership does business.

Drake Codes and Overrides — For information on miscellaneous codes, invoice numbers, and override fields, see the following sections of the *2017 Drake Tax User's Manual*:

- “Listing a Different Firm, Preparer, or ERO on a Return,” in Chapter 2, “Installation & Setup.”
- “Miscellaneous Codes,” in Chapter 5, “Return Preparation.”

Entity Name Control Override — Use this field only if your client has obtained a Name Control from the IRS.

Schedule K (Partners' Distributive Share Items)

Use the **K** screens to enter data for Schedule K, Partners' Distributive Share Items.

NOTE Note the screen **K** fields are primarily adjustment fields. Press F1 in a field to see what amounts are adjusted from elsewhere in the program.

Screen **K** is a “tabbed” screen with separate tabs for data entry of Income, Deductions, Credits, AMT and Basis, and Other Information. (circled in Figure 10 on page 31). There is also a tab for **Analysis of Net Income**.

K - Partners Distributive Share of Income (Loss) and Self-Employment
 Use SA link to complete special allocations by partner using dollar amounts or percentages. Special allocations for rent can be completed per property on the 8825 and RENT screens. [Video: Special Allocations](#)

1	Ordinary business income (loss).....		SA
2	Net rental real estate income (loss).....	Form 8825	
	Disposition of property from rental real estate activities (8825, Line 19).....		SA
	Net rental real estate income (loss) from pass-through entities (8825, Line 20a).....		SA
3c	Other net rental income (loss).....	RENT Screen	
4a	Guaranteed payments.....	+/- 12345	SA
4b	Portion of 4a allocated for other than services and not subject to SE tax.....	+/- 1020	SA
5	Interest income.....	+/-	SA

Figure 10: Screen K is tabbed (circled at the top of the screen)

Each of the tabs includes such “Other” items such as “Other” income and “Other” deductions, etc., allowing a detailed supplemental K-1 statement. (Figure 11).

Schedule K-1 Supplemental Information		2017	PG01
Partner's name	Milo Mindbender	Partner's ID Number	222-22-2222
Name of Partnership	Partners In Grime	Partnership EIN	41-4141414
Line 11 - Other Income (Loss)		Statement #99	
Code	Description	Amount	
F	Recoveries of tax benefit items (Section 111)	25	
F	Gambling winnings(losses), not engaged in trade of	44	
F	Gambling winnings(losses), engaged in trade of gambling	67	
F	Section 751(b) gain(loss)	91	
F	Specially allocate ordinary gain (loss)	131	
F	Net short-term capital gain(loss), Schedule D, line 7	24	
F	Net long-term capital gain(loss), Schedule D, line 15	42	
Total		424	
Line 13 - Other Deductions (Loss)			
Code	Description	Info	Amount
K	Deduction - portfolio (2% floor)	0	131
L	Deduction - portfolio (other)	0	111
	Short-term medical insurance	0	87

Figure 11: Detailed statements with Schedule K “Other” items

Special Allocations

Override the calculated amounts of Schedule K items on the **SA** (Special Allocation) screen (Figure 11), reached by clicking an **SA** link on screen **K**. Override the allocation of any of the items on screen **K** for any of the listed partners.

For example, in Figure 12 on page 32, the calculated allocation to the partners of **Ordinary dividends** (item #1) of \$121,221, is being overridden by **Dollar Amount** (#2). As the allocations are entered in the **Dollar Amount** column, the program shows the percentage of the total that equals the dollar amount allocated (#3). The program also keeps a running total of the allocated amounts and the amounts yet to be allocated (#4). To change from allocation by dollar amount to allocation by percentages, select **Percentage** (#5).

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Special allocations can be entered using a dollar amount or percentage. Unallocated amounts will be distributed among partners based on a pro-rata calculation of partner's percentage entered on the K-1 screens.

Allocation Type: ☒ Dollar Amount ☐ Percentage

SSN / EIN	Partner Name	Dollar Amount	Percentage
400006665	William Carter	30303	24.9981439
400006666	Amelia Carter	30302	24.9973189
811111111	Fred's Fiduciary	30000	24.7481872
222222222	Milo Mindbender	25000	20.6234893
112011201	Seay's Trucking		

Unallocated: \$5616 Allocated: \$115605

Clear Save Cancel

Row: 5 of 5

Figure 12: Special Allocations (SA) screen

NOTES

- As with most of the **SA** links in the program, to use these **SA** links, you must first enter data on the screen, then save (close) the screen. Reopen the screen, and click the **SA** link to open the **Special Allocations** dialog box for the line you selected.
- When the return is calculated, any amounts remaining unallocated is allocated to the partners based on pro rata calculations of partners' percentage as entered on screen **K1**. Enter "0" (zero) for any partner to remove the partner from the pro rata distribution calculation.
- Section L of the Schedules K-1 will be recalculated based on the overrides entered on the **SA** screen.

When you click an **SA** link from screens **K**, **M1**, **M2**, **M32**, or **M33** to make a special allocation, and enter an amount or percentage on that **SA** screen, the screen link on the original **K**, **M1**, **M2**, **M32**, or **M33** screen changes color (Figure 13 on page 33), making it easier to find those items that have been overridden.

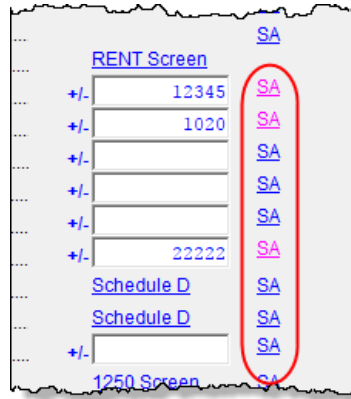


Figure 13: The SA links change color to indicate entries were made on the SA screen

The “Other adjustments” field of Section L of the Schedules K-1 will be recalculated based on the overrides entered on the SA screen to reconcile the ending capital.

For more on the “Other” fields of screen **M1**, see ““Other” Adjustments” on page 50.

Partners’ Capital Analysis

There are also links to the SA screen on screen **M2**. Use the SA screen in this instance to reconcile Schedule M-2, Analysis of Partners’ Capital, to the “Partner’s capital account analysis” in section L of Schedule K-1.

Property Distributions

Links to screen SA are available on screen **8825** and **RENT** to allow allocation of property or real estate rental income.

3468 Amounts

The **Special Partner Allocations for 3468 Amounts** link at the top-right corner of screen **3468** opens screen **Schedule K Line 20C for Form 3468**, allowing you to allocate investment credit amounts from Form 3468 to the partners.

- NOTES**
- SA screens should not be used for entering amounts on Schedule K.
 - SA screens cannot be used for any Schedule K line with a zero balance.

Oil and Gas Depletion Worksheet

The **DEPL** screen is accessible from the **Other Forms** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**. Use the **For** and **MFC** boxes to indicate which form or schedule the deduction should flow to. Create a separate depletion worksheet for each oil or gas interest. (Press PAGE DOWN to open a fresh instance of the **DEPL** screen.) Enter data for cost depletion, percentage depletion, or for both. If data for both cost and percentage depletion is entered, the program does both computations and sends the one that gives the taxpayer the best deduction to the proper form or schedule. (Not all taxpayers have the option of using either method. Consult Publication 535 for additional information.)

The deductions from all of the worksheets are totaled and carried to the indicated form or schedule.

NOTE

The Depletion Worksheet in the partnership package is for informational purposes only. Depletion is calculated in the partner’s individual returns.

From the line **I1** drop list (Figure 15), choose the type of partner (not the type of partnership). If this box is left blank, the program uses the default selection of **Individual**.

If the partner is a retirement plan (IRS, SEP, Keogh, etc.) mark the **I2** check box.

Figure 15: K-1 Partner Type

Other Partner Information

Besides the **TMP/REP** check box (see “Tax Matters Partner” on page 27), the **Other Information** section of the **K1** screen offers you a place to indicate which partner signs the return and which is the rounding partner. The **Control number** field gives you another sorting option. (See “Setting Sort Order of K-1s” on page 37 for more information.

Rounding Partner

Mark the **Rounding Partner** check box on screen **K1** (Figure 16) to select which should be the rounding partner who receive any balancing amount on Schedule K-1 when the return is calculated. The **Rounding Partner** no longer is automatically sent to the end of whatever sort order you’re using.

Figure 16: Other Information section of screen K1

If you do not make a selection, the program designates as the rounding partner the first partner you entered. If you select more than one rounding partner, the program generates a Return Note telling you that you’ve chosen more than one rounding partner, and also tells you which partners will be used as the rounding partner and which will be ignored.

Signs Return If the partner described on this **K1** screen is the partner who signs the return for the partnership, mark the **Signs Return** check box, and a title for the signing partner in the **Title for PIN Signature** field. This partner's information will not have to be re-entered on the **PIN** screen. (The **ERO PIN**, the "sign's return" partner's **PIN**, and the **Signature date** fields must still be completed on the **PIN** screen for the return to be eligible for e-file.)

Sorting and Viewing Schedules K-1

New for 2017: Drake Tax made a change to the way the 1065 package sorts, views, and prints Schedules K-1. These changes make it easier for you to view and print Schedules K-1, particularly for partnerships that must accommodate a long list of partners, each with a long list of accompanying forms and worksheets.

View a return with multiple Schedules K-1 and you will see, in the forms "tree" on the left side of the **View/Print** window (in Enhanced View), that each partner has a "K-1" folder containing Schedules K-1 and any other forms, worksheets, statements, and letters generated for that partner.

For those who print their K-1 forms from the **Sets** tab in View/Print mode, click the **Sets** tab and notice that each partner has a separate folder containing *all* generated federal and state K-1 schedules, forms, and worksheets, making it easier to print everything needed for the partner (Figure 17).

Click the PLUS SIGN [+] to expand the folder to see all documents relating to that shareholder. Click the MINUS SIGN [-] to collapse the folder again.

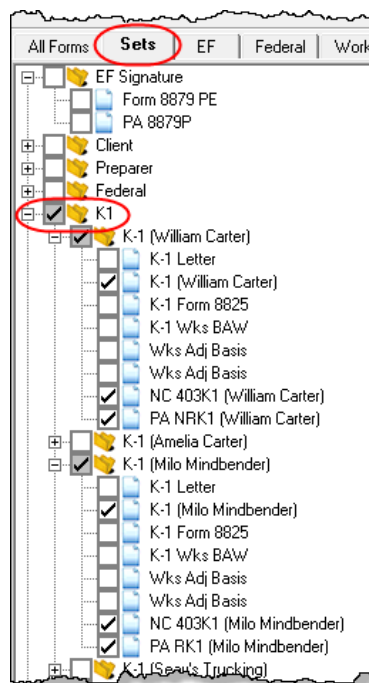


Figure 17: A K1 folder in the **Sets** tab for all forms for each partner

You might also note that the name of the K-1 owner is now included in the description of the federal and state K-1s.

Setting Sort Order of K-1s

For convenience when dealing with partnerships that have a large number of partners, you can sort the list of Schedules K-1 by recipient's name, ID number, ownership percentage, or by the **Control number**.

The default sort order (as seen in View/Print mode) is determined by the order in which the partners are entered in the program. To select a new sort order, go to the **PRNT** screen (available through the **General** or **Miscellaneous** tabs of the **Data Entry Menu**) and, from the **Sort K1s by** drop list, choose:

- **Control** – Sort by the **Control number** entered on each screen **K1** (See “Control Number,” following, for more.)
- **ID** – Sort numerically based on SSN or EIN of the partner
- **Name** – Choose to sort by first or last name and individual partners will be listed alphabetically by the name you choose. Partners that are businesses, estates, trusts, and tax-exempt organizations will be listed by the first letter of the first word or name in the **Entity name** line of screen **K1**.
- **Percentage** – Sort by the partner's ownership percentage

New for 2017: Choose to sort by first or last name and the partners will be listed alphabetically by the name you choose. Partners that are entities will be listed by the first letter of the first word or name in the **Entity name** line of screen **K1**.

Control Number

The **Control number** is an optional number the preparer can use to identify and sort Schedules K-1. The number can contain up to five digits and decimals are allowed. Schedules K-1 can be sorted in View/Print mode by the control number from the **PRNT** screen.

IMPORTANT

Drake Tax does not automatically “increment” the control number. You have to enter a unique number on each partner's **K1** screen.

Grid Data Entry

If you have your program set up to take advantage of grid data entry, you can easily enter amounts in many of the most-often used lines of a Schedule K-1. This method is particularly useful for partnerships with a lot of partners.

First, initiate grid data entry:

1. Return to the Drake Tax **Home** window.
2. From the menu bar, select **Setup > Options** to open the **Data Entry** tab.
3. Near the bottom of the left-hand column, select **Use grid data entry format on available screens**. Click **OK**.

Now, open a return, and from the **K-1 Information** section of the **General** tab, click **K1** to open the data-entry grid. To make entries in the grid:

1. Select a partner and click one of the fields where you wish to enter data.

2. Type information for that partner for that column.
3. Scroll across (or press the TAB key) to see more columns and make any entries needed.
4. Press the DOWN ARROW to make entries for other partners.
5. To open a partner's **K1** screen and make any other entries, select the line and click **Item Detail** (or press F3).
6. To return to the grid, close the partner's **K1** screen (or press F3).

- You can arrange the grid by **ID number**, by partner's first or last name, by **Entity name** (for partners that aren't individuals), or by the amounts in the columns of the grid by clicking the column headers.
- Press F3 to toggle back and forth between grid data entry and a data entry screen.
- Right-click the grid and choose to export to an Excel or CSV file or print the grid. You can also resize the font to make the grid easier to read.

NOTES

IRS K-1 Codes

A code sheet can follow the printing of each Form 1065 K-1 to help the taxpayer interpret the various codes used on Schedule K-1. To have this sheet printed with all K-1 schedules, from the menu bar of Drake Tax's **Home** window, go to **Setup > Options > Form & Schedule Options** tab and mark the **Print Page 2 of Schedule K-1...** check box. The codes can also be printed on a return-by-return basis by marking the applicable box on the **PRNT** screen. The code sheet is also available from **Tools > Blank Forms**.

NOTE

Code sheets are not displayed in View/Print mode. If the 1065 K-1 is selected for printing, it is printed first, followed by the statements pertaining to that 1065 K-1. These are followed by the code sheets.

The Schedule K-1 may include asterisks with letter codes.

- An asterisk with a letter code indicates that multiple items have that code or that a statement is required for the code.
- An asterisk at the bottom of a group indicates that there are more items than can fit in the space provided for that group and a statement is attached or that the statement is required (as in the case of "other" amounts).

Returns with Numerous Partners

For returns with a large number of partners, you have the option of deactivating calculation and printing of the K-1 schedules while working on Form 1065. This option, which eases the process of reconciling the 1065, is available by going to the **PRNT** screen and marking the applicable box under **K-1 Items to Suppress**.

NOTE

After completing the K-1 entries for all partners, be sure to reactivate the calculation and printing of the K-1s from the **PRNT** screen.

Partner Overrides

To override calculated amounts for the partners, you can either make changes on each **K1** screen or go to on of the **SA** screens for partner special allocations and make all changes there. For more information, see “Special Allocations” on page 31.

Foreign Addresses

If the partner has a foreign address, enter the **Province/ State, Country, and Postal Code** information in the **Foreign ONLY** address line of the **Partner Name and Address Information** section (along with the street address and city in the **Address and City** fields in section **F**.) Do not enter anything in the **State** or **ZIP** fields. Conversely, for a U.S. address, do not enter anything into the foreign address fields.

NOTE

The **Foreign ONLY** fields are locked when a return is opened. Click one of the fields to unlock them throughout the return. To relock the unused **Foreign ONLY** fields, close and then reopen the return.

Ownership Changes

All ownership change information is entered on the **OWN** screen, which is available from the **General** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**. To use the **OWN** screen:

- At the top of the screen, enter the date the profit, loss, or capital interest in the partnership was exchanged by two or more partners. If profit, loss, and capital are all involved in a transaction, put the date in the **Profit/Loss/Capital** field only. The **Loss** and **Capital** date fields are override fields, provided in case the loss or capital dates are different.
- In the **Change in Percentages** section, select the applicable partner from the drop list. (The drop list contains the names and ID numbers of all partners entered on a **K1** screen).
- Enter the percentage changes in profit, loss, or capital as positive amounts for increases and negative amounts for decreases. (See field-level help for more information.)
- To enter additional ownership changes, press **PAGE DOWN**.

NOTE

See FAQ item “P” in the program for more information on entering ownership-change information.

Printed Data

A Summary of Change in Ownership worksheet (“Wks POWN”) is generated when the return is viewed. The “Wks POWN” worksheet contains a list all partners and the ownership percentages and changes.

K-1 Export

Take the following steps to export a Schedule K-1 to another return:



1. Ensure that K-1 data is entered in the *exporting* 1065 return and that the *recipient* return has been created in Drake Tax. (The **K1P** screen in the other return does not have to be created beforehand.)
2. In the *exporting* 1065 return, go to View/Print mode.
3. Click **K1 Export** in the View/Print mode toolbar. A list of SSNs that *cannot* be exported appears, if applicable. (The reason a K-1 is ineligible for export appears in the **Reason** column.) Click **Next**.
4. The **Export K1s** dialog box (Figure 18) lists all client SSNs that can be exported. (To prevent a Schedule K-1 in this list from being exported, remove the check mark to the left of it.)

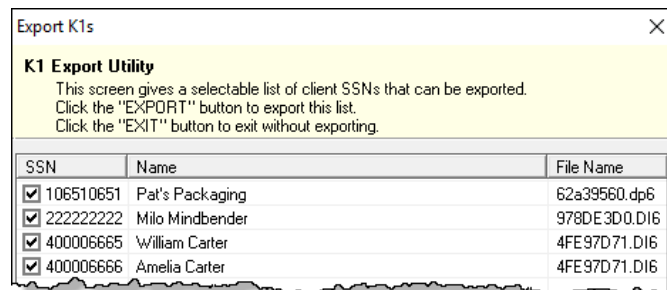


Figure 18: SSNs ready to be exported

5. Click **Export**. The K-1 data now appears on the partner's 1040 tax return.

NOTE

Basis information for individual partners should be entered in the 1040 package in Drake Tax; this information cannot be exported from the 1065 package to a 1040 return. Such an import would override limitations and carryovers calculated in the 1040 program.

Greater Export Flexibility

The K-1 Export feature can export K-1 data from partnership or fiduciary returns into the K1 "source" screens (**K1P** and **K1F**) of the 1065 package.

An **Additional Entries** tab (Figure 19 on page 41) offers 40 more fields for entering additional K-1 item.

1065 K1 1-20 **Additional entries**

Schedule K-1 for 1065 additional entries **106510651**

Box/Code	Amount	Box/Code
11f06	1234	
11a	4321	

11a - Other portfolio income (loss)
 11b - Involuntary conversions
 11c - Sec. 1256 contracts & straddles
 11d - Mining exploration costs recapture
 11e - Cancellation of debt
 11f01 - Sale of qualified prefer. stock of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac
 11f02 - Recoveries of tax benefit items (Section 111)
 11f03 - Gambling gains(losses) subject to section 165(d) limits
 11f04 - Disposition of int. in oil, gas, geo. or other mineral prop.
 11f05 - Gains from disposition of farm recapture property
 11f06 - Section 751(b) gain(loss)
 11f07 - Specially allocate ordinary gain (loss)
 11f08 - Gain (loss) from Sch D, line 7 or 15 - NOT portfolio income
 11f09 - Deferred cancellation of debt income under Sec. 108(i)
 11f10 - Gain from sale of QSB stock eligible for Sec. 1202 exclusion

Figure 19: Additional Entries tab of **K1P** screen featuring 40 additional drop lists and amount fields

Supplemental Information

Two types of supplemental information can be added to Schedules K-1:

- Supplemental data for all K-1s in a return
- Supplemental data for a single K-1 in a return

To add supplemental information “globally” (to all K-1s) enter the information in the **Supplemental Information** block of screen **K1G**. Select **Global Supplemental Statement Information** from the **Select Type** drop list, then type in the information in the large text box below. The information appears in all partners’ Schedule K-1 Supplemental Information statements.

To add supplemental information to an individual K-1 statement, open a partner’s **K1** screen and click the **Supplemental Info** link at the top of the screen. In the **Supplemental Information** pane (Figure 20 on page 42), enter information pertinent to the partner. The information appears in only that partner’s Schedule K-1 Supplemental Information statement.

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K1 Basis Wks **Supplemental Info** 8805/Item M

K1S - Supplemental Information for Schedule K-1

400006666 Amelia - Carter

Use the K1G screen to enter global supplemental information.

Enter specific information for a single K-1 here. Information entered here is added to global supplemental information entered on K1G screen.

Supplemental Information

Partnership's rental property income for Amelia Carter:

From 4797 - Land @ 9876 West Ave. - Type 5 - Total profit: \$12,345
 From K-1S - Commercial @ 454 N. St. - Type 4 - Total profit: \$22,222
 From K-1P - Rental @ 505 East Blvd. Type 7 - Total profit: \$20,202

Figure 20: In this example, the information entered on the **K1S** screen appears on only partner 400006666's Schedule K-1 Supplemental Information statement.

Item M Question

If the answer to Schedule K-1, item M ("Did the partner contribute property with a built-in gain or loss?"), is "Yes" for *all partners*:

1. On the **PRNT** screen, select **Yes** in the **Item M on Schedule K-1** section.
2. On screen **K1G**, select **K1M - Built in Gain Loss Statement** from the drop list, and type any supplemental information needed in the text box below.

If the answer is "Yes" for *some partners* but not others, use the individual partners' **Item M** screens to report the supplemental information. The **Item M** screen is accessed by clicking the **8805/Item M** tab at the top of any partner's **K1** screen. The supplemental information should list each property the partner contributed, the date the property was contributed, and the amount of the property's built-in gain or loss.

Partner's Adjusted Basis Worksheet

NOTE

Basis information for individual partners should be entered in the 1040 package in Drake Tax; this information cannot be exported from the 1065 package to a 1040 return. Such an import would override limitations and carryovers calculated in the 1040 program.

Use the Partner's Adjusted Basis Worksheet (**Basis Wks** screen) to calculate a partner's new basis after increases or decreases are made to basis during the current year. A partner's adjusted (outside) basis refers to the partner's investment in a partnership. The basis is determined without considering any amount shown in the partnership books as capital, equity, or similar account. When a partner disposes of an interest in a partnership, the difference between the sale price and the adjusted basis is the taxable gain or loss.

The **Basis Wks** screen is accessible by clicking the **Basis Wks** tab at the top of the **K1** screen for a partner. (Access the **K1** screen from the **Data Entry Menu**.)

NOTE The Basis Worksheet ("Wks Adj Basis") is printed only when the option is selected on the **PRNT** screen.

Annual Update of Partner Information

When the program is updated in 2018, the 2017 end-of-year basis and liability amounts are automatically updated to the 2018 beginning of the year amounts. Any loss or deduction carryover is updated to the beginning of the year and its character (ordinary loss, section 179 expense, charitable contributions, etc.) maintained.

NOTE If a **K1** screen is marked as **Final K-1**, none of the related screens for that partner is updated for the next year.

Special Allocations

Use the **SA** screens to allocate liability, capital, and K-1 Part III (Income, Deductions, Credits, and Other Items) amounts to individual partners without having to enter the information into each K-1 separately. Amounts can be entered as dollar amounts or percentages. Calculations from the **SA** screens flow to the appropriate fields of each individual K-1.

For information on the **SA** screens, see "Special Allocations" on page 31.

Section 754 Allocations

To allocate section 754 depreciation among specific partners:

1. Open screen **4562** for each asset for which you plan to allocate section 754 depreciation.
2. Select **754** from the **For** drop list at the top of each screen **4562**.
3. Open screen **K** and click the **Deductions** tab.
4. Click the **SA** link on line 13d, item W. (See "Special Allocations" on page 31 for details on using the **SA** screen.)

Domestic Production Activities Deduction

A partnership does not take the deduction for Form 8903, Domestic Production Activities Deduction. Instead, the amounts pass through to the partners to report on their individual returns. The partners use the information to calculate their eligibility for the deduction. (For more information, see the IRS Form 8903 instructions.)

On screen **8903**, if **Print K1_8903 worksheet for each partner** is *not* selected, the amounts flow to line 12 of Schedule K-1 (codes **U** and **V**). If this box *is* selected, the information flows to the "K-1 Form 8903" statement, which is referenced on a statement. Code **T** is printed on line 13 of Schedule K-1 to indicate domestic production activities information.

NOTES

Line 11 ("Income limitation") of the Form 8903 is not applicable for the partnership because the income limitation is calculated at the partner level.

"Form W-2 wages" (on the **8903** screen) refers to the partnership's W-2 wages paid that are applicable to the Domestic Production Activities Deduction. Note that this is an adjustment field; an entry here adjusts amounts flowing from screens **K1P** or **K1F**.

K-1 Cover Letters

K-1 cover letters can be produced to accompany each Schedule K-1 in a return. You can set up the global option to produce K-1 cover letters for all returns containing K-1 schedules, or you can choose the option on a per-return basis.

Producing Letters for All Returns

To have the K-1 cover letters produced automatically with all applicable returns, from the **Home** window menu bar of Drake Tax, go to **Setup > Options > Optional Documents** tab and mark the box labeled **Include K-1 letter with returns**. Click **OK**, then open a return.

The signature used on the letter flows from the **PIN** screen. You can override this name on the K-1 letters by going to the **K1L** screen (available from the **Miscellaneous** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**) and, in the **K1L - Schedule K-1 Cover Letter** section at the bottom of the screen, entering a name and title of the person's signature you wish to use.

NOTE

The program uses the name of the partner who signs the return (selected as the **Signs return** partner on the **K1** screen) as the signatory of the K-1 letter. Override this name with entries on either the **PIN** screen or **K1L** screen. (The **K1L** entries override entries from either the **PIN** screen or the **K1** screen.)

Editing the K-1 Letter

As with other letters provided by the program, you can edit the text to suit your office needs and style.

TIP

Review the following sections of the *2017 Drake Tax User's Manual* before making changes to letter templates:

- "Introduction to Letters in Drake Tax" in Chapter 2, Installation & Setup
- The "Letter Keywords" section of Appendix B, Keywords

To edit the text of the K-1 letter:

1. From the **Home** window menu bar, select **Setup > Communications Editor**. The **Client Communications Editor** is displayed.
2. Select **Open > Partnership > Partnership K1 Cover Letter** to view the template of the partnership K-1 letter.
3. Make any desired changes to the template.

4. Click **Save**.

NOTE

For an amended return, the K-1 letter automatically refers to the amended Schedule K-1. To edit the letter for an amended K-1, from the Client Communications Editor toolbar, select **Open > Partnership > Partnership K1 Amended Letter** and follow steps 3 and 4 of the previous procedure.

Other K-1 Letter Options

By default, the *partnership's* name and address appear in the letterhead of the K-1 cover letters, the information flowing from screen **1**. (This assumes you first went to **Setup > Communications Editor > Setup > Page Layout** and selected the **Use letterhead on letters** box; otherwise, no header would be printed.)

(optional) To have your *firm's* contact information and logo printed in the letterhead of the K-1 cover letters, go the **K1L** screen (available from the **Miscellaneous** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**), and from the **Information on the K-1 coversheet...** drop list at the bottom of the screen, select **F - Print firm info/logo**.

(optional) To prevent the partnership's or the firm's name and address from appearing in the header of the K-1 letter, select **X - Don't print entity info** from the **Information on the K-1 coversheet...** drop list at the bottom of the **K1L** screen.

Once the required signing information has been selected, a K-1 cover letter will be generated for each partner receiving a Schedule K-1.

To change the firm's letterhead information, from the **Home** window menu bar, select **Setup > Communications Editor**. Select **Open > Partnership > Letterhead (all packages)** and make whatever changes you wish. Click **Save**.

NOTE

Changes made to the letterhead affects the letterhead for letters in all packages.

TIP

For more on working with letterheads, see "Setting Up Letterheads, Logos, Footers, Margins, and Borders" in Chapter 2 of *2017 Drake Tax User's Manual*.

Schedule L (Balance Sheets Per Books)

Schedule L and Schedule M-2 reconciliation totals are displayed on screens **L** and **M2** to facilitate reconciliation of the balance sheet (item #1 in Figure 21 on page 46).

Schedule L - Balance Sheet

Entries on lines 6, 8, 13, 17, and 20 require use of the SCH2 screen for details. The amounts from that screen flow to the appropriate lines when the return is calculated.

The partners' capital account can be balanced automatic; however, it is also used as the balancing account. If an amount is entered, it is compared with the computed amount. If no amount is entered, no checking is done, and the balance sheet is forced to balance by the program.

Autobalance can be turned off from the PRNT screen.

☐ Force-print Schedule L and M-1

☒ Force-print final end of year

		Beginning of Year		BOY Totals	End of Year		EOY Totals
		(a)	(b)		(c)	(d)	
1	Cash.....	1	78987	78987		54321	54321
2a	Trade notes and accounts received.....	2a	2345	2345	1212		1212
2b	Less allowance for bad debts.....	2b	5432	(5432)	2121		(2121)
3	Inventories.....	3		12121			
4	U.S. Government securities.....	4					
5	Tax-exempt securities.....	5					
6	Other current assets.....	6		6666			9887
7a	Loans to partners.....	7a					
7b	Mortgage/real estate loans.....	7b					
8	Other investments.....	8					
9a	Depreciable assets.....	9a		712233			712233
9b	Accumulated depreciation.....	9b		(19767)			(42303)
10a	Depletable assets.....	10a					
10b	Accumulated depletion.....	10b					

Figure 21: Beginning- and End-of-Year totals displayed on L screen (#1); force printing end-of-year totals (#2); link to SCH2 screen (#3)

Note that the totals from the balance sheet's subsidiary schedule (**SCH2 screen** link, item #3 in Figure 21) also appear in the **BOY Totals** and **EOY Totals** columns of the L screen.

If you make any changes to the data, recalculate the return (press CTRL+C) for those changes to be displayed on the screen.

TIP To speed up calculation of returns that contain multiple states, open screen 1 and select 0 from the **Resident state** drop list.

Schedule L is *not* required if:

- The partnership's total receipts for the tax year were less than \$250,000
- The partnership's total assets at the end of the tax year were less than \$1 million
- Schedules K-1 are filed with the return and furnished to the partners on or before the due date (including extensions) for the partnership return
- The partnership is not filing, and is not required to file, Schedule M-3

If the partnership meets *all four* of these conditions, go to screen **B** and select **Yes** for line 6. Because Schedules L, M-1, M-2, and section L of Schedule K-1 are not required, they will not be generated with the return. (To force these items to be printed, go to the **PRNT** screen and, in the **Items to Print** section, select **Force Schedules L, M-1, M-2, & K-1 Section L**.)

If *any* of the four conditions is *not* met, select **No** for line 6. Schedules L, M-1, M-2, and Item L of Schedule K-1 are required and will be generated with the return.

Print Section L

New for 2017: You can also “force” the program to generate the K-1 section “L” information without generating any unnecessary Schedules L, M-2, and M-2.

From the **PRNT** screen (available from the **Miscellaneous** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**), select **Force Schedule K-1 Section L only** and any available data is generated in the “L” section, “Partner’s capital account analysis,” of Schedule K-1 (Figure 22).

K Partner's share of liabilities at year-end:

Nonrecourse \$

Qualified nonrecourse financing . . . \$

Recourse \$

L Partner's capital account analysis:

Beginning capital account \$ 7,654

Capital contributed during the year . . . \$

Current year increase (decrease) . . . \$ 16,805

Withdrawals & distributions \$ ()

Ending capital account \$ 24,459

☒ Tax basis ☐ GAAP ☐ Section 704(b) book

☐ Other (explain)

M Did the partner contribute property with a built-in gain or loss?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)

Figure 22: Section L information on Schedule K-1

Flow of Information

Many entries made elsewhere on the return (for example, inventory information on screen **A**) flow to the generated Schedule L. Depreciable asset information, intangible assets, and amortization from the **4562** screen also flow to Schedule L.

Direct entries on screen **L** include beginning- and end-of-year **Cash, Trade notes and accounts received, bad debts, U.S. government securities, tax exempt securities, loans to partners, mortgage/real estate loans, depletable assets, and accumulated depletion**. Other Schedule L data not entered on screen **L** would come from the partnerships' income statement, balance sheet, and equity and capital accounts.

Force-Printing Final End-of-Year Totals

Normally, if you mark **Final** on screen **1**, indicating that this as a final-year return for a partnership, Drake Tax “zeros out” the **EOY Totals** column of Schedule L. Mark the **Force-print final end of year** check box on screen **L** (see item #2 in Figure 21 on page 46) to display those totals in the **EOY Totals** column.

The SCH2 Screen

The **SCH2** screen is used to provide detailed information required by the IRS for certain lines on Schedule L. This screen can be used in place of the actual **L** screen in Drake Tax. In other words, if you use this screen for all applicable lines on Schedule L, you *do not* need to make any entries on the **L** screen.

To create a statement for a line, select the line from the drop list (see Figure 23) and enter descriptions and their corresponding amounts. Once the information is entered, or if additional descriptions are required for the line, press PAGE DOWN to access a new screen.

NOTES

All line selections are carried to the next-year program when the returns are updated. Screen descriptions are updated, with the year-end amounts from one year carried to the beginning-of-year column of the next year.

To access the **SCH2** screen from the **L** screen, click the **SCH2 Screen** links on lines **6**, **8**, **13**, **17**, or **20** (or click inside a field and press CTRL+2).

Statements The total amounts entered on the **SCH2** screen do not appear on the **L** screen in the program. They are, however, printed on the return where applicable, with references to the corresponding statements.

Note that an e-fileable “STATEMENT” is referenced in the return (Figure 23).

Line	Description	Amount
3	Inventories	75,758
4	U.S. government obligations	1
5	Tax-exempt securities	888
6	Other current assets (attach statement)	900
7a	Loans to partners (or persons related to partners)	
b	Mortgage and real estate loans	
8	Other investments (attach statement)	
9a	Buildings and other depreciable assets	119,977
b	Accumulated depreciation	54,245
10a	Depletable Assets	65,680
b	Accumulated Depletion	

Figure 23: Data entered as “Other Current Assets” from the drop list on screen **SCH2** will be attached as an e-fileable statement and referenced on the applicable line of the return.

SCH2 and Trial Balance

Typically, one or more **SCH2** detail screens are needed for Schedule L items. If using Drake Tax’s trial balance import feature, be aware that **SCH2** data cannot be entered directly into the trial balance worksheet, as it cannot be imported into the data entry. **SCH2** detail screens must be created apart from the trial balance worksheet.

When the return is produced, Schedule L reflects the amounts imported from the trial balance worksheets (where direct entry was allowed). For more information, see “SCH2 Detail” on page 74.

Autobalance

Autobalance forces Schedule L to balance for both the beginning- and end-of-year amounts. The program adjusts the capital account on Schedule L by the difference between the total assets and the total liabilities and capital *before* the adjustment.

(Example: If Assets = \$1,000 and Liabilities and Capital = \$900, the program increases the partners' capital accounts by \$100.)

To deactivate this feature for a specific return, go to the **PRNT** screen and select **Turn off autobalance**.

Schedule M-2 (Analysis of Partners' Capital Accounts)

Schedule M-2 is used to show what caused changes during the year in the partners' capital accounts. The amounts on Schedule M-2 should equal the total amounts reported in item L of all the partners' Schedule K-1s.

Amounts entered in item **L (Analysis of Capital Account)** on the partners' **K1** screen of Drake Tax flows to Form 1065, Schedule M-2, line 1, "Balance at beginning of year."

Schedules M-1, M-3 (Reconciliation of Income)

Schedule M-1 is required if the balance sheet's total assets at the end of the year are greater than \$250,000. Page 1 of Schedule M-3 is required if the balance sheet's total assets at the end of the year equal or exceed \$10 million, and Schedule M-1 and pages 1-3 of Schedule M-3 are required if the total assets equal or exceed \$50 million.

Schedule M-1

Schedule M-1 shows all items of income and expense that are not subject to tax, plus those accounting items that are not income tax items. When required, taxpayers must reconcile book income with the taxable income.

Use the **M1** screen to enter book-to-tax difference for Schedule M-1. Book-to-tax differences are classified as *permanent* or *temporary*, and as *favorable* or *unfavorable*, as described in Table 2:

Table 2: Examples of Book-to-Tax Difference for Schedule M-1

Difference	Description	Examples
Permanent	Book or tax items that will never be reported for book or tax purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meals & entertainment limitations - Penalties - Tax-exempt interest
Temporary	Items that will be reported for both tax and book purposes, but not during the same tax year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Depreciation - Gains or losses on the sale of depreciated assets

Table 2: Examples of Book-to-Tax Difference for Schedule M-1

Difference	Description	Examples
Favorable	Items that reduce taxable income	- Instances in which tax depreciation amount is greater than book depreciation amount
Unfavorable	Items that increase taxable income	- Disallowed meals & entertainment

“Other” Adjustments

Open the **Schedule M1 Other Adjustments** screen to make adjustments to Section L, “Partner’s capital account analysis,” of the partners’ Schedule K-1. To open the **Schedule M1 Other Adjustments** screen, click a blue **Other** link (circled in Figure 24) on lines 2, 4, 6 or 7 of screen **M1**.

Schedule M-1 - Reconciliation of Income (Loss) per Books with Income (Loss) per Return

Note: Schedule M-1 is not generated if there are entries on the M-3 screens.

Schedule M-1

1 Calculation is based on the reconciling items entered & the amount that flows to Sch M-1, line 9.....

2 Income recorded on Schedule K but not on books: Other..... [Other](#)

4 Expenses recorded on books but not on Schedule K: Book-to-tax depreciation adjustment... = [SA](#)
Other..... [Other](#)
Book-to-tax amortization adjustment... = [SA](#)

6 Income recorded on books but not on Schedule K, lines 1 through 11: Tax-exempt interest..... [K Screen](#)
Other..... [Other](#)

7 Deductions included on Sch K but not charged against book income: Tax-to-book depreciation adjustment... = [SA](#)
Other..... [Other](#)
Tax-to-book amortization adjustment... = [SA](#)

Figure 24: Other screen links from screen **M1**

On the **Other** screen, enter a **Description** and an **Amount** and close the screen. When you calculate the return, the amounts entered on the **Other** screens have adjusted Section L of the Schedules K-1.

NOTES

If you enter an amount in the line 2, 4, 6, or 7 override fields on screen **M1**, and enter that amount again on the **Other** screen, the amounts will be *added* and the *total* will flow to Schedule M-1. (Only the amount entered on the **Other** screen affects Section L of Schedule K-1, however.)

To allocate these adjusted amount to the partners, click the **SA** link on the right side of the **Amount** field on the **Other** screen. For more on using the Special Allocation (**SA**) screens, see “Special Allocations” on page 31.

Depreciation and Amortization Adjustments

The program may make an adjustment for book-to-tax depreciation differences. The calculation is done with the following steps. (This procedure refers to “depreciation” throughout, but it applies for either depreciation or amortization.)

1. The amount reported on Schedule L “Beginning of Year” accumulated depreciation (line 9b, column a) (line 10b is “accumulated depletion”), is subtracted from the “End of Year” accumulated depreciation (line 9b, column c). This is the “book” depreciation amount.

2. This “book” depreciation amount is compared to the “tax” depreciation amount. (The “tax” depreciation amount is the depreciation amount reported on the return, including any section 179 amounts).
3. The differences between the “book” and “tax” depreciation amounts are carried to the appropriate form and line.
 - If the “book” depreciation amount is greater than the “tax” depreciation amount, the difference is carried to either:
 - Schedule M-1, line 4a
 - Schedule M-3, Part III, line 25, as a negative amount
 - Form 8916-A, line 2(L), as a negative amount for assets selected on the **4562** detail screen for COGS
 - If the “tax” depreciation amount is greater than the “book” depreciation amount, the difference is carried to either:
 - Schedule M-1, line 7a
 - Schedule M-3, Part III, line 25, as a positive amount
 - Form 8916-A, line 2(L), as a positive amount for assets selected on the **4562** detail screen for COGS

Schedule M-3

The **Schedule M-3** section of the **Data Entry Menu** includes direct access to the various **M3** screens (Figure 25).

Schedules M	
M1	Reconciliation of Income
M2	Partners' Capital
Schedule M-3	
M3	Part I
M32	Part II
M33	Part III
C	Schedule C for M-3 Filers
M3S	Part I Supplemental Statements
SCH3	Subsidiary Schedule
8916	Supplemental Attachment

Figure 25: Data Entry Menu for M and M-3 schedules

If a domestic partnership reports on Form 1065, Schedule L, that its total assets at the end of its tax year equal or exceed \$10 million (or that its gross receipts equal or exceed \$250,000), it must complete and file Schedule M-3 instead of Schedule M-1.

NOTES

The program calculates total assets based on IRS requirements. For more information, see the Adjusted Total Assets Worksheet produced with the return.

Some calculated amounts flow automatically to M-3; some data must be manually entered on the **M3** screen. Review all amounts on the M-3.

Parts II and III of Schedule M-3 reconcile financial statement net income (loss) for the tax return (per Schedule M-3, Part I, line 11) to net income (loss) on Form 1065, page 5, "Analysis of Net Income (Loss)," line 1.

IMPORTANT

The program does not autobalance Schedule M-3. Additional data entry is required on screen **M32**, line 25 to reconcile with the analysis of net income.

If the partnership is required to file (or voluntarily files) Schedule M-3, the partnership *must* file Form 1065 and all attachments and schedules, including Schedule M-3. Additional information could be required on the **8916** and **SCH3** screens.

Force-Printing Schedule M-3

Page 1 of Schedule M-3 is required if the balance sheet's total assets at the end of the year equal or exceed \$10 million, and pages 1-3 of Schedule M-3 are required if the total assets equal or exceed \$50 million. If the corporation's assets do not equal or exceed \$10 million but you want to voluntarily file Schedule M-3, or if the corporation's assets do not equal or exceed \$50 million and you wish to file the complete M-3, go to screen **M3** and make a selection from the **Force print schedule M-3** drop list. Choose to print just page 1 of Schedule M-3 or the complete M-3.

See "Schedules M-1, M-3 (Reconciliation of Income)" on page 49 for more details on these schedules.

SCH3 Screen

The **SCH3** screen is used to provide detailed information required by the IRS for certain lines on Schedule M-3 (or Form 8916-A). This screen can be used in place of the actual **M3** screen in Drake Tax. In other words, if you use this screen for all applicable lines on Schedule M-3 or Form 8916-A, you *do not* need to make any entries on the **M3** and **8916** screens. The total amounts entered on the **SCH3** screen do not show up on the actual **M3** and **8916** screens in the program; they are, however, printed on the return as applicable, with references to the corresponding statements.

To create a statement for a line, select the desired line from the **Select line number from drop list** on screen **SCH3**, then enter descriptions and their corresponding amounts. Once the information is entered, or if additional descriptions are required for the line, press PAGE DOWN to access a new screen (make the same selection from the **Select line number... drop list**.)

NOTE

All line selections flow to the next-year program when the return is updated.

As with the **SCH2** screen, the type of statement produced by the program depends on the line selected on the **SCH3** screen and the IRS requirements. See "The SCH2 Screen" on page 47 for more information on how to use the **SCH3** screen.

Allocating M-3 Items

New for 2017: The **SA** links on screens **M32** and **M33** (Parts II and III) for Schedule M-3 allow you to allocate to the partners any Temporary Differences and Permanent Differences for income items (screen **M32**) and expense items (screen **M33**).

As with most of the SA links in the program, to use these **SA** links, you must first enter data on the screen, then save (close) the screen. Reopen the screen, and click the **SA** link to open the **Special Allocations** dialog box for the line you selected.

See “Special Allocations” on page 31 for details on using the **SA** links.

Rental Activities

Screen code: 8825 Income and expenses for rental real estate properties appear on Form 8825, Rental Real Estate Income and Expenses of a Partnership or an S Corporation. To make entries in Drake Tax, use the **8825** screen, available from the **Other Forms** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**. (Grid data entry is available. See “Grid Data Entry” on page 37 for details on using this feature.)

If there are multiple 8825 properties, press PAGE DOWN for a new **8825** screen. Use one screen per rental property. If a return has more than one **8825** screen, the program reports each property’s information on a separate column of Form 8825. Data from all **8825** screens are transmitted to the IRS when the return is e-filed.

NOTE Special steps are required if using the trial balance worksheet for multiple rentals. See “Rental Expenses” on page 75 for more information.

Line 14, Depreciation

If the program is calculating depreciation (entered on the **4562** screen) for the property listed on the 8825, do not enter the depreciation on the **8825** screen. Depreciation should be entered only if it is figured outside of the Drake Tax program, and then the net results should be entered on screen **8825**. Line 14 of the **8825** screen is an adjustment field: any amount entered on line **14** is added to the depreciation calculated from the **4562** screens.

NOTE For assets placed in service during the year, Form 4562 is required. Drake Tax produces one Form 4562 for each property on Schedule E and Form 8825 instead of one 4562 per Schedule E or 8825.

Carrying Information to Form 8825

To indicate that the information should flow to Form 8825, select **8825** from the **For** drop list on screen **4562** (Figure 26). If there are multiple **8825** screens, use the **Multi-form code** box. For information on using the **Multi-form code** box, see the *2017 Drake Tax User’s Manual*.

Figure 26: In this example, the program sends the **4562** information to the third **8825** screen created.

Any depreciation information entered on the **4562** screen flows to the correct Form 8825, based on the form and multi-form code selections at the top of the **4562** detail screens.

IMPORTANT

When selecting a multi-form code, note that the code should refer to an **8825 screen**—not the 8825 *form*. For example, data from the third 8825 screen is generated on the first Form 8825. To associate an asset with that information, you would type a “3” for the screen (not a “1” for the form) in the **Multi-form code** box. For more information on Form 8825, see “Viewing Rental Activity Information,” following.

Line 15, Other Expenses

For rental properties with an “other” expense (line 15 of Form 8825), enter the amount of guaranteed payments, health insurance payments, and meals and entertainment in the appropriate fields of the **8825 screen** (see Figure 27). For rental properties with expenses not listed, enter those amounts in the **Additional other expenses** field. (An entry in this field opens a Detail Worksheet. Enter a description in the **Description** field and an amount in the **Amount** field.) The shaded field indicates a worksheet was entered.

Figure 27: Screen **8825**, fields for line 15, “Other” expenses

NOTE

Entries in the “Guaranteed payments” field and “Health Insurance payments” field on line 15 do not flow to line 10 of Form 1065 but do flow to Form 8825 and adjust the amounts on lines 2 and 4 of Schedule K.

Totals from the worksheet flow to Form 8825, and a statement from each property is printed with the return and transmitted to the IRS when the return is transmitted.

Enter rental income the partnership receives on a Schedule K-1 on the **K1P** screen. This amount flows to Form 8825, lines 20a and 20b. No entry is required on the **8825** screen.

Viewing Rental Activity Information

Rental activity data is viewed on the 8825 forms and accompanying statements.

- **8825 Forms** — Form 8825 can contain information for up to eight rental activities. If more than four rental activities are entered, a second page of Form 8825 is generated. If more than eight rental activities are entered, a second Form 8825 is created (Figure 28 on page 55).

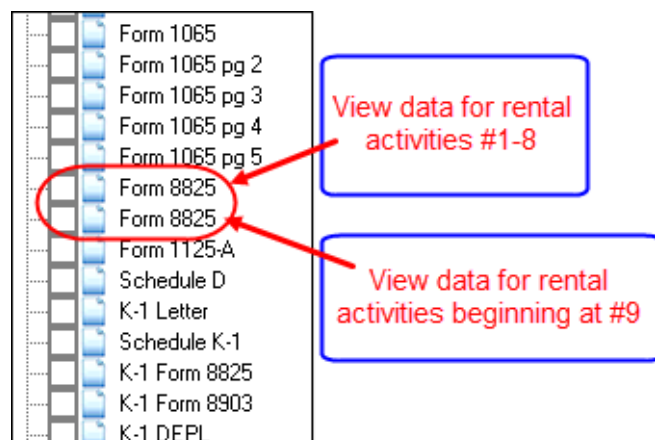


Figure 28: Multiple 8825 pages are created if more than eight rental activities

- 8825 Statements** – Statements are titled “Statement 8x,” (or “STM 8X, depending on your Setup options) where “X” equals “A” to “H” for the first Form 8825. (For example, the statements for the first and second **8825** screens would be labeled “Statement 8A” and “Statement 8B,” respectively.) (See Figure 29.)

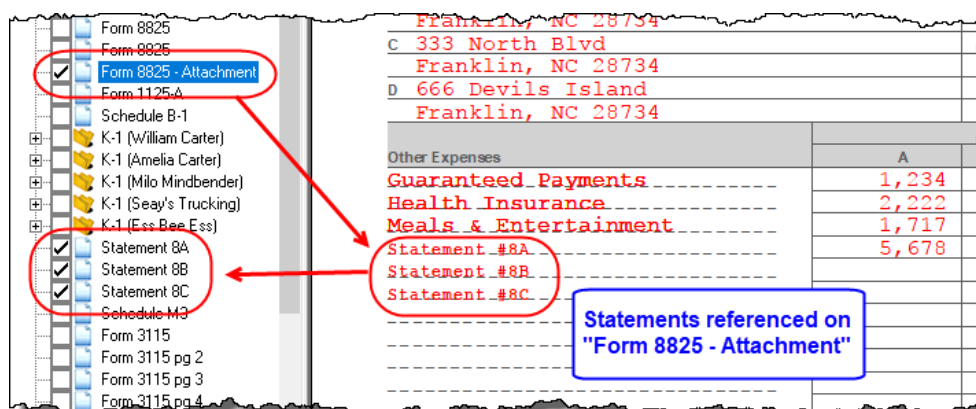


Figure 29: 8825 statements and attachments

Self-Employment Income

If **Mark this box to include in self-employment income** is selected at the top of the **8825** screen, the amounts from the **8825** screen are included in the calculation for line 14a of Schedule K and flow to each K-1. Self-employment calculations are shown on the “Wks Sch K” worksheet generated with the return.

Royalties Worksheet

When royalty income and expenses from royalties listed on screen **8825** (and **Royalties** is selected from the **Type of property** drop list), Drake Tax generates the Royalty Worksheet (“Wks PROY” in View mode), along with a K-1 Royalty Worksheet (“Wks K-1 PROY”) for each partner.

When a 1065 return is viewed, instead of the royalties income and expenses flowing to box 2, "Net rental real estate income," of Schedule K-1, gross royalties flow to Schedule K, line 7, "Royalties," and expenses to Schedule K, line 13d, "Other deductions." These amounts are also on the Royalty Worksheet.

Form 8825 isn't generated unless it is otherwise needed.

Credits and Adjustments

Certain credits require an adjustment to either income or expenses. Drake Tax carries the required adjustments to the appropriate line of the return and to the M-1.

NOTE No adjustment is carried to the M-3 automatically for 2017.

Manually reducing the expenses/deductions or increasing the income for these credits causes the return to be out of balance.

Adjustments are made to other income for the credit amounts for the following credits:

- Form 6478, Biofuel Producer Credit
- Form 8864, Biodiesel Fuels Credit
- Form 8912, Credit to Holders of Tax Credit Bonds (interest income)

Adjustments are made to the appropriate deduction/expenses for the credit amounts for the following credits:

- Form 5884, Work Opportunity Credit
- Form 6765, Credit for Increasing Research Activities
- Form 8820, Orphan Drug Credit
- Form 8845, Indian Employment Credit
- Form 8846, Credit for Employer Social Security and Medicare Taxes Paid on Certain Employee Tips
- Form 8881, Credit for Small Employer Pension Plan Startup Costs
- Form 8844, Empowerment Zone Employment Credit
- Form 8912, Credit to Holders of Tax Credit Bonds
- Form 8941, Credit for Small Employer Health Insurance Premiums

Elections

The ability to make certain tax elections is included in the Partnership package. Elections are made and described on the **ELEC** screen (Figure 30 on page 57).

The screenshot shows the 'Elections' section of the ELEC screen. It features a list of fields on the left and corresponding input areas on the right. The 'Election' field is highlighted in yellow and has a dropdown menu. The other fields are: Description, Cost, basis, amount, years, Date or year-ending, Other cost, basis, or amount, Other date or year-ending, City, County, State (with a dropdown), Other information, and Explanation. The Description, City, and Other information fields have text input boxes. The Cost, basis, amount, years and Other cost, basis, or amount fields have numeric input boxes. The Date or year-ending and Other date or year-ending fields have date input boxes. The County field has a dropdown menu. The State field has a dropdown menu. The Explanation field has a large text area.

Figure 30: Election fields of ELEC screen

Making an Election in Drake Tax

Screen code:
ELEC

To indicate that the partnership is making an election:

1. Open the **ELEC** screen (accessible from the **Miscellaneous** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**).
2. Make a selection from the **Election** drop list.
3. Complete all other fields as applicable. Press F1 in any field to learn if that field is required for your selection and the type of information that may be needed. For example, the help text for the **Date or year-ending** field (Figure 31) shows that the field is required only for election options 08, 11, 13, 15, and 21, and it explains what, specifically, should be entered for each of these elections.

The screenshot shows a help window titled 'Drake Software - Data Entry - Help'. The title bar is blue. The main text area is white. The title 'Date or Year Ending (direct entry)' is highlighted in blue. The text reads: 'Enter the date or year-ending required for the selected election.' followed by 'The description field is used on the following election statements for this package:'. Below this is a table with two columns: 'STM #' and 'Use:'. The table contains the following data:

STM #	Use:
08	Date of Disaster
11	Date Paid or Incurred
13	Agreement date
15	Date Payment Received
21	Signature Date

Figure 31: Help text for **Date or year-ending** field on ELEC screen

NOTE

If the election option you selected is not listed in the help text for a field, then that field should be left blank. For example, if you chose election 01 (General Election Statement), you would not need to enter anything into the **Date or year-ending** field (help text in Figure 31 on page 57).

To open a new **ELEC** screen for an additional election, press PAGE DOWN.

Election Statements

Once an election is made and the return is calculated, the election information is produced on a statement referenced “Statement EL XX,” where “XX” is the number of the election. For example, election 01 (General Election Statement) is generated as “Statement EL 01.”

The election statement includes the election title, election wording, and any additional information required for the election, such a date, amount, or location.

Entries for certain fields are sometimes included in the actual election statement; other times, they are included as separate lines. Signature lines are printed as needed on some statements.

Safe Harbor Elections

A **Building qualifies as Section 1.263...** check box on screen **4562** applies a small taxpayer Safe Harbor election to a building listed in the **Description** field. An election statement will be produced and the building description as entered in the **Description** field will be included in the election statement (see Figure 32 on page 59).

NOTE

This Safe Harbor election covers buildings only.

This Sec. 1.263(a) - 3(n) Election can also be made from the **ELEC** screen, as can a Sec. 1.263(a) - 1(f) de minimis safe harbor election.

See IRS Reg. section 1.263(a)-3(h), IRB 2013-43, Rev. Proc. 2014-16, and Rev. Proc. 2015-14 for guidance.

Election statements are generated with the return (Figure 32 on page 59).

ELECTIONS		2017
Name(s) as shown on return		SSN/EIN
Partners In Grime		41-4141414
Section 1.263(a)-3(h) Safe Harbor Election for Small Taxpayers		
NAME: Partners In Grime		
ADDRESS: 1234 Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734		
SSN/EIN: 41-4141414		
ELECTION: The amounts paid for repairs, maintenance, improvement, or similar activities performed on the eligible building(s) described qualify under the safe harbor provided in Reg. Section 1.263(a)-3(h).		
DESCRIPTION: Warehouse Garage storage		

Figure 32: Election statements, including Safe Harbor election

See IRS Reg. section 1.263(a)-3(h), IRB 2013-43, Rev. Proc. 2014-16, and Rev. Proc. 2015-14 for guidance.

Making Changes on the Fly

Screen code:
PRNT

Use the **PRNT** screen (accessed from with the **General** or the **Miscellaneous** tabs of the **Data Entry Menu**) to override program defaults.

Suppressing/Forcing Documents

To suppress or force the printing of certain documents, go to the **PRNT** screen and select the desired options. Many “on the fly” changes override global setting from **Setup > Options**.

1065 Items

The following Form 1065 items can be “forced” (forced to be generated or printed) or suppressed from the **PRNT** screen:

- **Force Schedules L, M-1, M-2 & K-1 Section L** — Schedules L, M-1, M-2, and K-1 Section L are not printed unless required. To have these schedules printed with the return, select this box.
- **Force Schedule K-1 Section L only** — “Force” the program to generate the K-1 section “L” information without generating any unnecessary Schedules L, M-2, and M-2. Any available data is generated in the “L” section, “Partner’s capital account analysis,” of Schedule K-1.
- **Print Form 8893, Election of Partnership Level Tax Treatment** — Select this box to generate Form 8893 with the return. (There is no equivalent **8893** screen, but the form is produced. All information for the form is available from other data entry screens.)
- **Print Form 4562** — Form 4562, Depreciation and Amortization, is not generated unless applicable. Select this box to force the Form 4562 to be printed. (To force Form 4562 for all returns, go to **Setup > Options > Form & Schedule Options**, and clear the check box labeled **Print Form 4562 only when required**.)

- **Print next-year depreciation listing**— Select this box to print the next year’s depreciation schedule *if the option is not already selected* in **Setup > Options > Form & Schedule Options**.
- **Print inactive return** — By default, the program does not generate a return for a partnership that is inactive. Select this option to override the default for an inactive return.
- **PIN** — To have the preparer’s signature appear on the printed copy of return, enter the preparer’s PIN here.
- **Items to Suppress** — Select the boxes corresponding to any worksheets, forms, or functions you do not want printed with the return:
 - “Wks Tax/Lic” or the “Wks Sal/Wage” reference on page 1
 - Estimated Tax Payment Summary
 - Printing of “Wks M-2,” Partners’ Capital Reconciliation Worksheet
 - Proformas for next tax season

K-1 Items

Described below are Schedule K-1 items that can be forced or suppressed from the **PRNT** screen:

- **Select to print:**
 - The partner’s adjusted basis worksheet
 - Page 2 of Schedule K-1 (codes)
- **Select to Suppress:**
 - Schedule K-1, K-1 letter, K-1 _ATT, or WK _PBAS
 - Schedule K/K-1 Comparison Worksheet or the Capital Account Reconciliation
 - K1_179 for each partner
 - Marking of “Amended K-1” box on printed Schedule K-1
- **Item L on Schedule K-1 (Partner’s capital account analysis)** — Select the box (item #1 in Figure 33) to indicate the calculation method used for the partners’ capital account. (If **Other**, indicate the method in the text box; this item is required.)

The screenshot shows a software interface for printing a Schedule K-1. It features two main sections, each enclosed in a red circle with a number. The first section, labeled 'Item L on Schedule K-1 (Partner's capital account analysis)', contains three radio buttons: 'Tax basis' (which is selected), 'GAAP', and 'Sec 704(b) book'. Below these is a text field labeled 'Other.....'. The second section, labeled 'Item M on Schedule K-1', contains a checkbox labeled 'All partners contrib. prop w/ built-in gain or loss.....' which is also selected, followed by 'Yes' and 'No' radio buttons.

Figure 33: Items L and M of PRNT screen

- **Item M on Schedule K-1** — Select a box (item #2 in Figure 33) to answer item M of Schedule K-1 for *all* partners. To answer it for each individual partner, go to the partners’ **K1** screens. See “Item M Question” on page 42 for more information.

See field helps (F1) for more information on the options available.

Overriding Other Setup Options

Filing instructions (federal and state) and envelope coversheets (partnership, IRS, state, city, and K-1s to partners) can be either forced or suppressed from the **PRNT** screen to override the global selections in Setup Options.

In addition, you can select **Turn off autobalance** to disable the autobalance feature (see “Autobalance” on page 49) and select **Prepare a Form 7004 extension** if sending an extension application. (See “Filing an Extension” on page 23.)

The following program default settings can also be overridden from the **PRNT** screen:

- Date to print on return
- Due date to print on letter and filing instructions (see note below)
- Amount on Form 1065, page 1, item F (“Total assets”)
- IRS Service Center

NOTE

A default due date for filing is printed on all letters and filing instructions generated with a return. You can override the default by entering an alternate due date in the **Due date to print on letter and filing inst** field.

Much of the information contained in the worksheets is also available from the field-level helps within the program. To access a field-level help, click inside a field and press F1, or right-click in a field and select **Help > Help for this Field**.

Optional (but Recommended) Security Information

The information on the **Filing Security Information** screen (**SEC**) of the Partnership package is transmitted when the tax return is e-filed. Completing this screen for federal returns is strictly optional for 2017; however, certain states will begin requiring this information in the near future.

Screen (**SEC**) is accessible through a link on screen **1** or from the **Data Entry Menu**.

Electronic Filing

Some partnerships with more than 100 partners are required to e-file Form 1065, Schedules K-1, and other related forms and schedules. For other partnerships, e-file is optional.

Steps for e-filing Form 1065 are the same as for e-filing Form 1040, with the exception of a bankruptcy return, which must be paper-filed. For detailed instructions on e-filing returns in Drake Tax, see *2017 Drake Tax User's Manual*.

Additional Return Types

The following special types of business returns can be e-filed using Drake Tax:

- Returns for entities using a 52-53-week year
- Short-year returns
- Inactive returns

For information on how to indicate a short-year return in Drake Tax, see “Short-Year Returns” on page 14.

Electing a 52-53-Week Year (Initial Return)

To elect a 52-53-week year, a *new* entity (one that has never filed a return) must enter data on both screen **1** and the **Year** screen.

To elect a 52-53-week year for any entity:

1. In the **If not calendar year** section of screen **1**, enter the **Fiscal year beginning** and **Fiscal year ending** dates. Use MMDDYYYY format, as shown in the example in Figure 34.
2. Mark the **52-53-week tax year** box.

Figure 34: In this example, the fiscal year begins 09/22/2017 and ends 09/26/2018 (the Thursday closest to the end of September), giving the entity a 53-week year for 2017..

NOTE

An entity that has filed returns in the past must complete only steps 1 and 2 of this process. An entity that has never filed a return before must continue with steps 3 through 6.

3. Click the **Year** link to open the **Election Options** screen (Figure 35).

Figure 35: Elections for 52-53-week tax years

4. For line **1**, select the month in which the 52-53-week year ends for the current fiscal year. (01 = January, 02 = February, etc.)
5. For line **2**, select the day of the week the tax year always ends.

6. For line 3, enter the actual date that the tax year ends (the same date entered in the **Fiscal year ending** field on screen 1).

NOTE

Once a 52-53-week year is selected, the entity must use that accounting period every year. To change accounting periods, the entity must submit to the IRS Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method. Screens for completing Form 3115 are available from the **Other Forms** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**.

In subsequent years, only the **52-53-week tax year** check box on screen 1 must be marked; the program automatically updates the dates.

Inactive Returns

Entities that are inactive but are still required to file returns may e-file *inactive* returns in Drake Tax. To indicate that a return is inactive:

1. Go to the **PRNT** screen, accessible from the **General** tab or the **Miscellaneous** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**.
2. Under **Items to Print**, mark the **Print inactive return** box.

When the return is calculated, the program displays the words “Inactive Return” on the main form of the return (specifically, to the right of lines 1a and 1b). Zeros (“0”) are displayed where required by the IRS in order for amounts to be properly included in the e-file data.

NOTE

All EF Messages must be cleared in order to e-file an inactive return.

Common Reject Codes

If one or more of the following IRS reject codes are generated when you e-file a 1065 return, you must contact the IRS for further information. The e-file help desk number is (866) 255-0654.

- **Reject Code R0000-922-01** — Filer’s EIN and name control in the return header must match data in the E-File Database, unless “Name Control” or “Name of address change” check box is checked, if applicable.
- **Reject Code R0000-900-01** — The return type indicated in the return header must match the return type established with the IRS for the EIN.

NOTE

If a reject associated with the return’s “Name Control” occurs, some of your questions can be answered on the IRS’s website. For details, go to www.irs.gov/Tax-Professionals/e-File-Providers-&Partners/Using-the-Correct-Name-Control-in-e-filing-Partnership-Tax>Returns

FinCEN Form 114

Use screens on the **Foreign** tab of the **Data Entry Menu** for entering data on foreign financial accounts, for filing FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts, and Form 8804, Annual Return for Partnership Withholding Tax allocable to foreign partners.

Screen **8813**, used for completing Form 8813, Partnership Withholding Tax Payment Voucher, allows you to enter amounts paid by the partnership in the prior year on foreign tax withheld and to produce vouchers for making 2018 quarterly payments. The filing and mailing instructions are listed on screen **8813**.

For more on completing FinCEN Form 114, see “Foreign Financial Accounts” in Chapter 5 of the *2017 Drake Tax User’s Manual*.

Binary Attachments

Binary, or PDF, files can be attached to certain tax forms. These attachments are generally signature or third-party documents such as a copy of a signed lease or a signed appraisal statement. In some instances, the IRS requires that a document be attached to an e-filed return; in other instances, a document can be attached voluntarily to support or explain an entry in the return. In either case, a document must be printed, scanned into the computer, and attached to the return in order to be e-filed with the return.

The PDF Attachment Process

Three main steps are involved in the PDF attachment process in Drake Tax:

1. Creating a PDF document to be attached
2. Informing the program that a PDF document will be sent with the return
3. Attaching the PDF document for e-file

These steps are described in the following sections.

Creating a PDF File

To create a PDF file:

1. Scan the document to be attached to the return.

TIP

It’s a good idea to use the scanning feature in Drake Documents for this step.

2. Save the document to your client’s Drake Documents file, your computer’s desktop, or anywhere you can readily find it.

NOTE

Many types of documents (for instance, documents created in Microsoft Word) can be printed or “saved” as PDF documents if you have a PDF printer (such as Adobe Reader) installed.

Adding PDF Documents in Drake

To indicate in the program that a PDF document will be sent with the return:

1. Open the return in Drake Tax.
2. From the **Data Entry Menu**, click **PDF Attachments**, accessible from the **Electronic Filing** section of the **General** tab (or type PDF in the selector field and press ENTER). (Figure 36 on page 65)

The screenshot shows a software window with two main sections. The left section, titled 'K-1 Information', contains a list of items: K1 (Schedule K-1 Partner Information), K1G (Global Supplemental Information), 179A (179 Allocations), and OWN (Partner Ownership Changes). Below this is another section titled 'Schedule L - Balance Sheet' containing L (Assets, Liabilities, and Capital) and SCH2 (Balance Sheet Subsidiary Schedule). The right section, titled 'Electronic Filing', contains a list of options: PIN (e-file Signature), EF (EF Selections), PDF (PDF Attachments), FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions), and PRINT (Print Options). The 'PDF' option is circled in red. At the bottom of the window, there is a 'PDF' button, also circled in red, and a 'Duplicate (Ctrl-Shift-D)' button.

Figure 36: Select **PDF Attachments**, or type PDF into the selector field and press ENTER

3. Fill out the columns on the **PDF Attachments** screen. See Table 3 for examples.

Table 3: PDF Attachment Window Columns

Name of Column	Description	Examples
Reference Source (This field is for your records only; it is not transmitted with the PDF.)	Name or number of regulation, publication, or form instruction that makes attachments necessary	- IRS Pub xxx-1.4 - Form Instructions for 1065
Description	Description of form or document to be attached	- Title of house on Oak Street - Appraisal of Lot 1234
File name	Distinctive, easily recognizable file name, followed by ".pdf"	- TitleHouseOakSt.pdf - AppraisalLot1234.pdf

4. Exit the **PDF Attachments** window.

Because you've indicated that a PDF document is attached, the program generates an EF Message regarding the attachment when the return is calculated.

Attaching Documents to the Return

To attach a PDF file to a return:

1. From the return, click **View**. If anything was entered in the **PDF Attachments** window, there will be two PDF-related items in the **View/Print** window:
 - An "MESSAGES" alert (item #1 in Figure 37 on page 66)
 - An **Attach PDF** button on the toolbar (item #2 in Figure 37 on page 66)

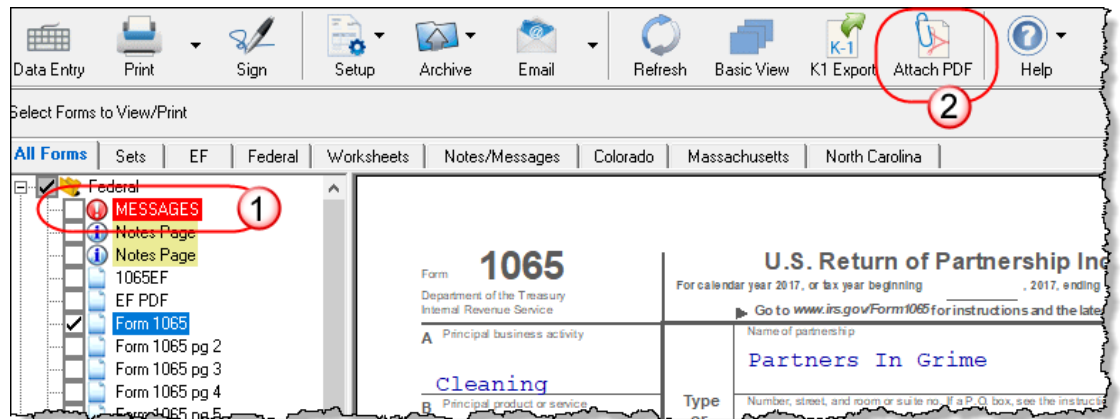


Figure 37: The **MESSAGES** file (1) and the **Attach PDF** button (2)

2. Click the **MESSAGES** file to view EF Messages, including information on how to attach the required documents to the return.
3. Click the **Attach PDF** button. The **EF PDF Attachments** window displays the information entered on the **PDF Attachments** window in data entry. A red **X** means the document has not yet been attached; a green check mark indicates an attached document (Figure 38).

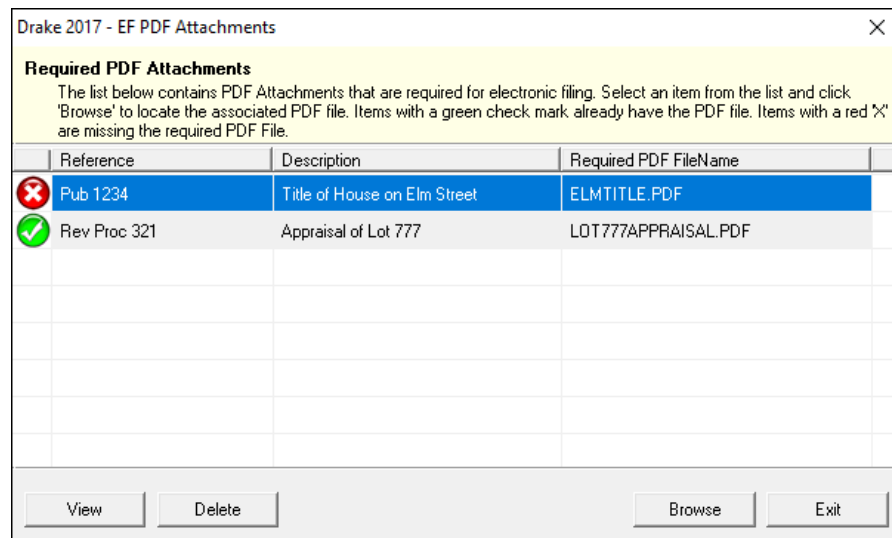


Figure 38: The **EF PDF Attachments** window

4. Click the row of a document to attach.
5. Click **Browse**.
6. Find to the proper folder, select the PDF file to attach, and click **Open** (or double-click the file name).

Repeat for all documents with a red **X**. When all documents have been attached to a completed return (and show a green check mark), recalculate the return. If all EF Messages have been resolved, the return is ready to be e-filed.

Importing Trial Balance Information

Drake Tax's trial balance import feature allows data to be imported into a 1065 return from a trial balance worksheet. The trial balance template and importing function has the following benefits:

- Eliminates the need to duplicate entries
- Reduces data entry errors by automatically importing data to the correct fields
- Allows preparers to merge basic accounting functions with tax preparation

NOTE A flow chart of the trial balance importing process is available as Appendix A, Trial Balance Import (pages A-1 to A-2 of this manual).

Preparing to Use Trial Balance Import

The trial balance import function can be used only on returns that were created in Drake Tax 2008 or later. Like several other functions of the tax software, this feature requires Microsoft Excel (version 2000 or later).

First, if you haven't already, create a client file (open a new return) in Drake Tax 2017 or update an existing client file from the prior year. Then create a trial balance worksheet. (See "Opening a Template" on page 69.)

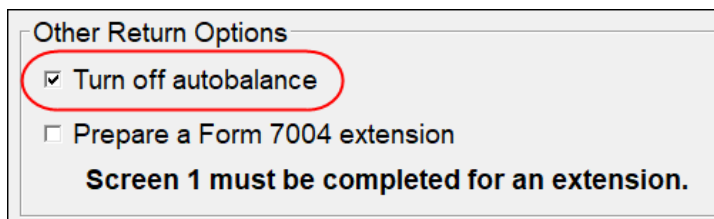
Take the following steps to ensure the trial balance import works properly:

- **Activate Macros** — The trial balance import function uses macros in Microsoft Excel. Check your Excel settings to ensure that macros are activated and that macro settings are set to "Disable all macros with notification." To do so, go to **File > Options** in Excel and select the **Trust Center** tab. Click **Macro Settings** and select **Disable all macros with notification**, then click **OK**.

NOTES

In Excel 2007, click the **Office** button in the upper left and then click the **Excel Options** button at the bottom of the window. (In Excel 2013, click the **File** tab then select **Options** from the menu on the left.) Next, select **Trust Center** from the list at left, then click the **Trust Center Settings** button. Select **Macro Settings** from the list on the left, then choose **Disable all macros with notification**. Click **OK** and then **OK**.

- **Disable Autobalance in Drake Tax** — (optional) When autobalance is disabled, the program is prevented from automatically adjusting the year-end retained earnings or capital amounts, thus allowing you to see any discrepancies in the balance sheet. To disable autobalance in Drake Tax, go to the **PRNT** screen and select **Turn off autobalance** (Figure 39 on page 68).



Other Return Options

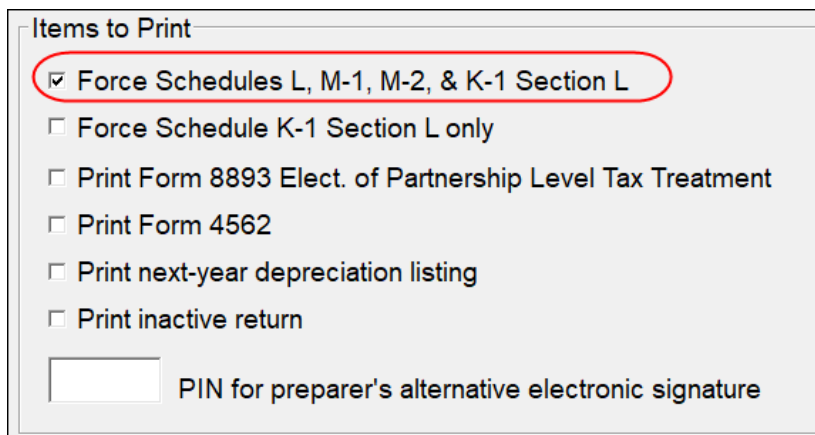
☒ Turn off autobalance

☐ Prepare a Form 7004 extension

Screen 1 must be completed for an extension.

Figure 39: Disable autobalance in **Other Return Options** section of **PRNT** screen

- **Force Schedule L** — By default, the program does not display the balance sheet amounts on the return if the partnership does not meet the filing requirement. If this is the case, you will have to override the default setting in order to have the amounts displayed on Schedule L. To force the Schedule L amounts to be printed, go to the **PRNT** screen and select the **Force Schedules L, M-1, M-2, & K-1 Section L** box (Figure 40).



Items to Print

☒ Force Schedules L, M-1, M-2, & K-1 Section L

☐ Force Schedule K-1 Section L only

☐ Print Form 8893 Elect. of Partnership Level Tax Treatment

☐ Print Form 4562

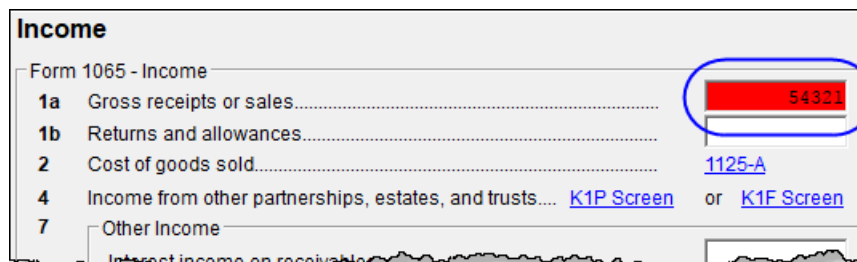
☐ Print next-year depreciation listing

☐ Print inactive return

PIN for preparer's alternative electronic signature

Figure 40: Force Schedule L box for 1065 package

- **Check for Detail Worksheets** — The trial balance import allows only those detail worksheets required by the IRS. Check updated returns for detail worksheets (CTRL+W) that are *not* required. For example, the IRS does not require a detail worksheet for the **Gross receipts** field on the **INC** screen; if a return has a detail worksheet for that field, the trial balance will not be imported correctly into the return. Detail worksheets are indicated by red shading, as shown in Figure 41.



Income

Form 1065 - Income

1a Gross receipts or sales..... 54321

1b Returns and allowances.....

2 Cost of goods sold..... 1125-A

4 Income from other partnerships, estates, and trusts.... [K1P Screen](#) or [K1F Screen](#)

7 Other Income.....

Figure 41: Example of an “unnecessary” detail worksheet

Remove unnecessary detail worksheets prior to import. See “Detail Worksheets” on page 70 for more information on using detail worksheets in the trial balance.

Preparing Financial Data for Import

To prepare the financial data for importing into the return, the data must be entered into Drake Tax’s specially designed trial balance template. Once this information is entered and saved, it can be imported into the return.

Opening a Template

The first step in preparing financial data for importing is to open a trial balance template for the return and enter the financial data.

To open a trial balance template for a return:



1. Open the return to the **Data Entry Menu**.
2. Click **Import > Trial Balance Import** from the **Data Entry Menu** toolbar. The preliminary **Trial Balance Import** dialog box is opened.
3. Click **Create New** or **Open Existing**. If opening an existing file, click **Open** after selecting the correct file.
4. If a **Security Warning** box appears, click **Enable Macros**.

NOTE

In Excel 2007 and 2010, you may see a **Security Warning** message with an **Options** button. Click **Options** to open the **Security Options** dialog box, then select **Enable this content**. Click **OK**. (In Excel 2013, click **Enable Content**.)

The trial balance template is displayed in Microsoft Excel.

File Location

Whenever a new template is opened, the tax program assigns it a default file location and name. Trial balance templates are saved in the “TB” folder of your Drake17 program.

To change the name of a file in Excel, select **File > Save As** and assign the new name.

NOTE

If saving a trial balance to a different location, make a note of where you store it. The program automatically looks in the default directory.

Template Structure

The trial balance template consists of three title rows and six columns. The **Partnership Name** and **Year End Date** title rows can be edited; double-click a row to change the title. Columns are described in Table 4.

Table 4: Trial Balance Template Columns

Column	Description
Account Title	Title of account
Debit/Credit	Debit and credit amounts
Import to	Screen and line in Drake Tax to which the debit or credit amount is imported

Table 4: Trial Balance Template Columns

Column	Description
Reported on	Location of the amount on the printed return
Other Information	Additional details for preparers; see “Details for Preparers” on page 73.

Displayed at the bottom of the trial balance worksheet are the calculated amount for Schedule M-1, line 1; the credit and debit totals; and a cell showing whether or not the balance sheet is out of balance and, if applicable, the out-of-balance amount (Figure 42).

The figure shows a portion of a trial balance worksheet with three columns. The first column contains text descriptions, the second column contains debit amounts, and the third column contains credit amounts. Three items are highlighted with red circles and numbered 1, 2, and 3. Item 1 is 'Net Income (Loss) = Schedule M-1, line 1' with a debit amount of \$82,644. Item 2 is the 'Totals' row, showing a debit total of \$89,171 and a credit total of \$89,415. Item 3 is the 'OUT OF BALANCE?' row, which is highlighted in orange and shows a credit amount of (\$244).

Net Income (Loss) = Schedule M-1, line 1	\$82,644	
Totals	\$89,171	\$89,415
OUT OF BALANCE?		(\$244)

Figure 42: Schedule M-1 amount (item #1); totals (#2); and indication of balance (#3)

Following are instructions and guidelines for using the trial balance template to assemble financial data for importing into data entry.

Entering Financial Data

When a new trial balance file is opened for a return, all debit and credit amounts are zero (\$0). All data must be entered manually into the template.

NOTE

Some data cannot be imported from the trial balance worksheet into the tax program and must be entered directly into the data entry fields within the Drake Tax program. For more on these categories of data, see “Special Conditions” on page 73.

Direct Entry

Most cells in the trial balance worksheet are view-only. In a new template, editable debit and credit cells are indicated by a dollar amount (\$0).

Detail Worksheets

Some cells require more detail than can be entered on a single line. These cells are indicated by buttons (Figure 43 on page 71). If these cells do not work, you may need to activate them; see the Note in “Opening a Template” on page 69.

\$0	does not import	detail re
\$0	does not import	detail re
\$0	Book Income	requires
\$0	Other Income	requires
\$0	Sch K Income	requires
\$0	Sch K Deductions	requires

Figure 43: Example of cells that require worksheets

Click a worksheet button to open a worksheet in a new tab. Figure 44 shows an example of the “Other Income” worksheet.

	B	C	E	G	J
1	Statement Required - Other Income				
2	Form 1065, page 1, line 7				
3					
4					
5					
6		Line Description	Amount	Import to:	
7	2	Interest income on receivables	\$1,234	INC, line 7	
8	3	Recoveries of bad debts deducted in earlier years	\$222	INC, line 7	
9	4	Section 481 adjustments	\$321	INC, line 7	
10	5	State tax refund (cash basis)	\$123	INC, line 7	
11	6	Taxable income from insurance proceeds	\$1,020	INC, line 7	
12	7	Other	\$0	Other Income Detail	
13					
14					
15					
16					
17		Total other income	\$2,920		
18					
19					
20					
21		Click to return to TB			
22					
23					

PTR TB

Other Income

+

Figure 44: Trial balance worksheet for “Other Income”

To return to the previous worksheet, click the **PTR TB** tab (#1 in Figure 44) or click the **Click to return to TB** button above the worksheet tabs (#2 in Figure 44). Note that a detail tab (the “Other Income Detail” tab, #3 in Figure 44) might include one or more detail worksheets.

NOTE

Do not create detail worksheets in data entry of Drake Tax if the trial balance worksheet does not provide an equivalent detail worksheet or the trial balance will not be imported correctly.

Totals Totals are displayed at the bottom of each worksheet. If credit and debit columns are out of balance, the worksheet highlights the out-of-balance amount (Figure 42 on page 70).

In addition to credit and debit totals, the main trial balance worksheet shows the net income (loss) to be calculated for line 1 of Schedule M-1 after all entries and adjustments are made in the software.

NOTE The data cannot be imported into Drake Tax if the worksheet is out of balance.

Saving a File

To save a file, click the **Save** icon or select **File > Save** from the menu bar. (In Excel 2007 and 2010, click the **Office** button in the upper-left corner and select **Save**. In Excel 2013, click the **File** tab then **Save**.) To re-name a file when saving, select **File > Save As**. Trial balance templates are saved in the “TB” folder of your Drake17 program.

Importing Data into a Return

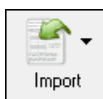
Once a trial balance worksheet has been set up for a client in Drake Tax, the trial balance information can be imported into the program and calculated into the return.

NOTES

Not all trial balance data can be imported directly into a return. For information on program limitations, see “Special Conditions” on page 73.

If you are already in the Trial Balance Import tool for the selected return, go to the **Trial Balance Import** window in Drake Tax and start at Step 3 of the following procedure.

To import a trial balance into a return:



1. Open the return to which you will import the trial balance information.
2. Click **Import > Trial Balance Import** from the menu toolbar. The preliminary **Trial Balance Import** dialog box is opened.
3. Click **Next**.
4. Enter or select the trial balance file to be imported. Use the **Browse** feature if necessary. By default, each trial balance file is an Excel (.xls) file displaying the client’s name and ending in “TB” for trial balance, as shown in the example in Figure 45. (See “File Location” on page 69.)

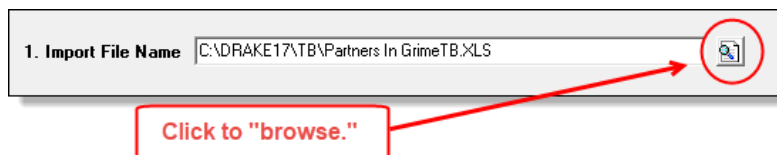


Figure 45: Selected file to import

5. Select the **Trial Balance Additional Import Options**. (See “Additional Import Options” following this procedure.)
6. Click **Next** and wait for the import to be completed.
7. Click **Finish**.

The program returns to the **Data Entry Menu** for the open return. Note that all selected data from the trial balance worksheet has been imported into the return. This can be seen both in the data entry screens and on the generated return.

Additional Import Options

By default, the program imports the following additional information when importing the trial balance data. Select the items to import or click **Select All** then click **Next**:

Buildings and other depreciable assets	Accumulated depreciation
Goodwill and other intangible assets	Land
8825/Rent information	Accumulated amortization
COGS depreciation	

Special Conditions

Some trial balance items cannot be entered into the trial balance worksheet and must be typed directly into Drake Tax data entry. Other items should be entered into the worksheet for balance purposes but do not flow to data entry; these must be entered separately and the calculated results compared to the trial balance worksheet.

Details for Preparers

Most trial balance items are imported directly to the location indicated in the program and on the return. For example, the amounts shown in Figure 46 go to Schedule L, line 1, column d, in the program and are shown on page 5, line 1, column d of the 1065 return.

Debit	Credit	Import to:	Reported on:
\$555,555		L, line 1, col d	1065, page 5, line 1, col d
\$0		L, line 2a, col c	1065, page 5, line 2a, col c

Figure 46: Indication of where an amount will go in Drake and on the return

The “Other Information” column in the trial balance worksheet indicates special conditions and additional information regarding certain rows. Table 5 describes the most common notes in this column.

Table 5: “Other Information” Column Notes

Note	Description
not included in totals	The amount is required for importing purposes only but is not included in the totals shown on the trial balance.

Table 5: “Other Information” Column Notes

Note	Description
does not import	Information cannot be imported and must be entered on the appropriate screen in Drake Tax. Screen is specified in the “Reported on” column to the left of “Other Information.”
optional	Amount is optional; not required for import, but could require direct entry in the program.
enter as negative number	Some deficits must be entered as negative numbers.
import includes the calculated change in inventory	Used for “total purchases”; when calculating cost of goods sold (COGS) in the return, the program takes the change in inventory into account for the Schedule A calculation.

All “does not import” notes are accompanied by further instructions in the “Reported on” column to the left of the “Other Information” column, as shown in Figure 47.

SCH2 Detail

Typically, a balance sheet subsidiary schedule (SCH2 detail screen for Schedule L) is required for an item marked “does not import” on the trial balance. (Figure 47)

Account Title	Debit	Credit	Import to:	Reported on:	Other Information
Tax-exempt securities	\$0		L, line 5, col d	1065, page 5, line 5, col d	
Other current assets	\$5,555		Other current assets detail	SCH2 detail required in Drake	does not import
Loans to partners	\$3,232		L, line 7a, col d	1065, page 5, line 7a, col d	
Mortgage and real estate loans	\$1,234		L, line 7b, col d	1065, page 5, line 7b, col d	
Other investments	\$5,432		Other investments detail	SCH2 detail required in Drake	does not import
Buildings and other depreciable assets	\$0		L, line 9a, col c	1065, page 5, line 9a, col c	optional

Figure 47: SCH2 screen required for “does not import” items

To complete an SCH2 detail screen in the tax program:

Screen code:
SCH2

1. Open the **SCH2** screen for the return.
2. Select the line number from **Select line number from drop list**.
3. Enter the applicable item descriptions and beginning- and end-of-year totals.

To enter details for additional lines of Schedule L, press PAGE DOWN and repeat steps 2 and 3. Data is saved automatically upon entry.

When the return is produced, Schedule L of the return reflects both the amounts imported from the trial balance worksheet and the totals of the amounts entered on the **SCH2** screens.

Depreciation

Partnership (1065) returns can have up to four components of total depreciation:

- COGS
- Real estate rental
- Rental other than real estate
- Any remaining depreciation

For trial balance purposes, enter depreciation amounts directly into the appropriate fields on the trial balance worksheet. Note that rental expense detail worksheets are required for **8825** and **RENT** depreciation.

NOTE

Enter **8825** and **RENT** depreciation amounts in the detail worksheets for importing purposes, but be aware that the **8825** and **RENT** screens in the program will need to be edited if **4562** detail screens (see Figure 48) are used.

When the trial balance is imported, the COGS depreciation expense amount flows directly to the appropriate line of Schedule A on the return, and the rental depreciation expense amounts flow directly to the appropriate lines of the **8825** and **RENT** screens, as applicable. Because the remaining depreciation can comprise any number of assets, the amount entered on the trial balance does *not* flow to the return. To ensure that each component of the total remaining depreciation is calculated into the return, each asset must be entered on the applicable depreciation screens in data entry (Figure 48).

Depreciable Assets	
4562	Depreciation - Detail Items
6	4562 Part 1
7	4562 Parts 2 and 3
8	4562 Parts 4, 5a, and 6
9	4562 Parts 5b and 5c
10	Additional Depreciation Elections

Figure 48: Enter depreciable asset data on a **4562** detail screen, or enter the total depreciation on the override screens

NOTE

Entering the remainder of the depreciation on the trial balance worksheet helps ensure that the balance sheet balances and provides a way to check that the amount on line 1 of Schedule M-1 is correct. Compare the calculated line 1 amount at the bottom of the trial balance to the equivalent line on Schedule M-1 of the calculated return. If the depreciation amounts match but the line 1 amounts differ, an M-1 adjustment could be required.

Rental Expenses

The following information applies only for partnerships with multiple rental properties.

The partnership trial balances include lines for rental income and expenses (Figure 49). Both rental expense items require a trial balance detail worksheet.

Tax-exempt interest		\$0	K, line 18a	Sch K, line 18a, Sch M-1,
Gross real estate rental income		\$0	8825, line 2	Form 8825, line 2
Total real estate rental expenses	\$0		Real Estate Rental Exp	requires detail
Gross other rental income		\$0	RENT, line 1	Rent, line 1
Total other rental expenses	\$0		Other Rental Exp	requires detail
Gross royalties		\$0	K, line 7	Schedule K, line 7
Capital gains or losses	\$0	\$0	does not import	detail required on Schedu

Figure 49: Rental expense rows on a trial balance worksheet

When imported, the rental expense data entered on the trial balance worksheet appears on either the **8825** screen (if real estate rental) or the **RENT** screen (if rental other than real estate).

Because the trial balance worksheet has only one detail screen per rental type, the importing function does not accommodate entities with multiple rental properties or expenses; however, the following procedure allows the trial balance to remain in balance if there are multiple rental properties or expenses.

To accommodate entities with multiple rental properties or expenses:

1. Calculate the totals for both types of rental expenses.
2. Enter the income totals on the trial balance sheet and the expense totals on the applicable detail sheets (Figure 49 on page 75).
3. Ensure that the balance sheet is in balance.
4. Import the trial balance worksheet into the return. The applicable screens in data entry now contain the figures entered on the trial balance worksheet.
5. Compare the M-1, line 1, amount on the trial balance to the M-1, line 1, amount on the calculated return to ensure that they match.

NOTE

If the amounts do *not* match, review the imported amounts to ensure that all data was imported. If the data appears to have been imported correctly, an M-1 adjustment could be necessary.

6. Complete all **8825** or **RENT** screens in data entry, as applicable, for the individual rental properties or items.
7. Delete the **8825** and **RENT** screens that were imported from the trial balance (the screens reflecting the total rental expenses).

NOTE

To delete a screen in data entry, open the screen and press CTRL+D. If a multiple forms list appears, be sure that the screen to delete is selected, then click **Delete**.

Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method

Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method, is an application to the IRS to change either an entity's overall accounting method or the accounting treatment of any item.

Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method, is eligible for e-file.

Drake Tax customers can fill out and e-file Forms 3115 and related schedules and attachments for partnership returns.

NOTES

In some cases, Form 3115 must still be paper-filed.

Applicants filing Form 3115 should refer to Rev Proc. 2015-13 for general automatic change procedures, and to Rev Proc. 2015-14 for a list of automatic changes to which the automatic change procedures in Rev. Proc. 2015-13 apply.

Accessing Screens for Changing Accounting Method

Several screens may be required to complete Form 3115. These screens are accessible from the **Change in Accounting Method** box, located under the first **Other Forms** tab of the **Data Entry Menu** (Figure 50).

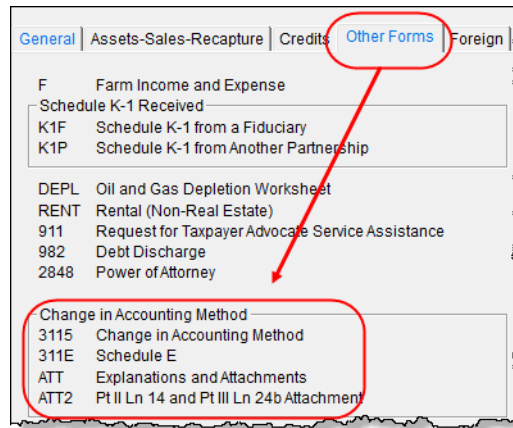


Figure 50: Screens for Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method

The screens accessible from the **Change in Accounting Method** section include:

- Screen **3115 (Change in Accounting Method)** — Used to access fields for Form 3115, including Schedules A through D
- Screen **311E (Schedule E)** — Used to request a change in depreciation or amortization methods
- Screen **ATT (Explanations and Attachments)** — Used to create and view certain attachments to be generated by the software
- Screen **ATT2 (Pt II Ln 12 & Pt III Ln 23b Attachment)** — Used to complete certain parts of Form 3115 that require specific attachments

When you open screen **3115**, the program displays the first of six tabbed screens. As shown in Figure 51, you can access the various **3115** screens by clicking a tabbed link at the top of any of the **3115** screens.

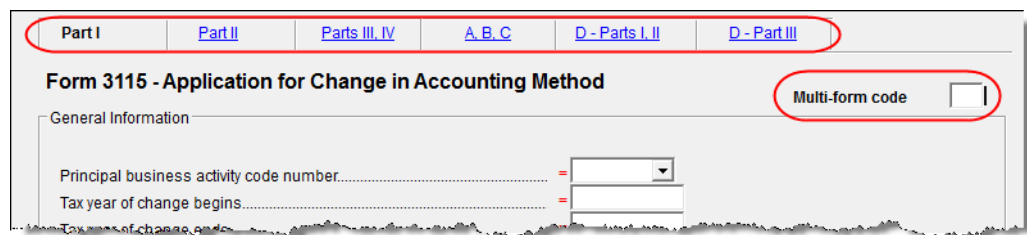


Figure 51: Tab links on **3115** screen

Multi-form Codes

All **3115** and related screens contain a **Multi-form code** text box (shown in Figure 51) that allows you to link a screen or attachment to a particular Form 3115.

If submitting more than one Form 3115, assign a multi-form code to each new application you create in Drake Tax. The first should be “1,” the second “2,” and so on.

When using other screens, such as the **311E** or **ATT** screens, you can use those numbers to indicate which instance of Form 3115 the **311E** or **ATT** screen should be associated with.

NOTE If only one Form 3115 is being submitted, you do not need to enter anything in the **Multi-form code** box.

TIP See **Screen Help** (accessible from the **3115** screen toolbar, from the right-click menu, or by pressing CTRL+ATL+?) to access the Form 3115 instructions through the IRS website.

Notices of Missing Attachments

In addition to Form 3115 and related schedules and statements, the program produces EF Messages (as applicable) when the return is calculated. All forms, schedules, EF Messages, and worksheets are accessible from View/Print mode.

EF Messages for Form 3115 provide information about required attachments (including PDF attachments) that are missing from the return. Some messages list all statements required for a particular section but do not indicate which statements, specifically, are missing. To best understand which attachments are still required, compare the **ATT** screen to the list of EF Messages in View/Print mode.

NOTE All EF Messages must be eliminated before the return is eligible for e-file. EF Messages for Form 3115 attachments are eliminated when all required statements have been attached to the return.

EF “ACK” Page

Similar to federal Form 9325, Acknowledgment and General Information for Taxpayers who File Returns Electronically, generated with 1040 returns, the federal and state Partnership packages now generate an “EF_ACK” page for the main forms of federal returns and “(ST)EF_ACK” page for the main forms of state returns.

This is a Drake Tax-generated form that serves the same purpose as Form 9325: an acknowledgment that a return has been transmitted through Drake Tax and received by the IRS or the applicable state agency.

When a return is e-filed and you receive a “P” ack (indicating that the return is being processed) or an “R” ack (for a rejected return), the top section of the EF ACK page is completed, noting the name and address of the client, the return type, the ERO who transmitted the return), and a check box indicating the return was *received* by the IRS or applicable state agency.

When the return has been accepted—when you download and process your acknowledgments and receive an “A” ack—the second section of the EF ACK is generated, indicating the return was *accepted* by the IRS or state agency and the date the return was accepted. The submission ID number is also included.

Appendix A: Trial Balance Import

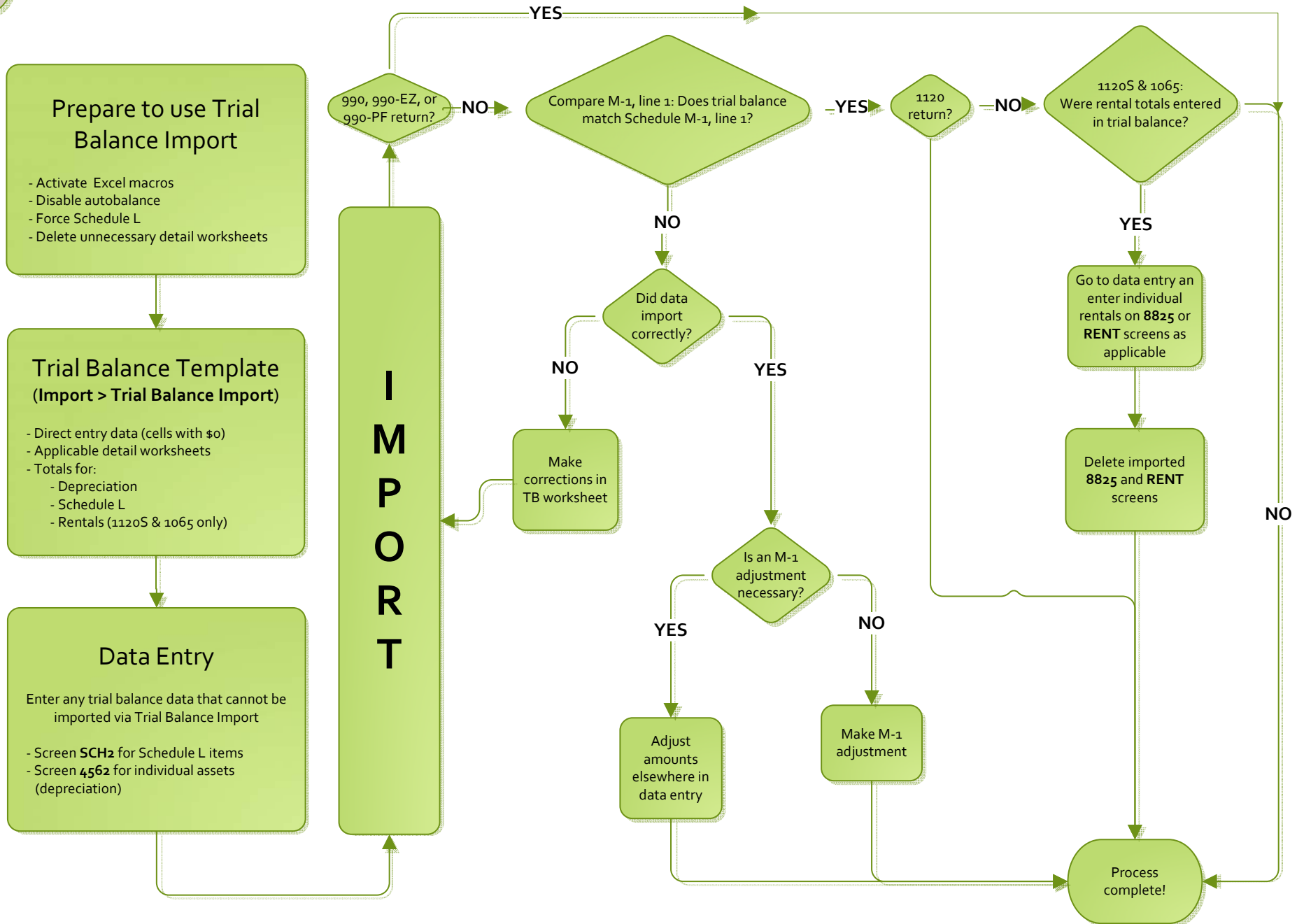
The trial balance import allows data to be imported into a partnership tax return from a trial balance worksheet.

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- Eliminates the need to duplicate entries
- Eliminates data entry errors by automatically importing data to the correct fields
- Allows preparers to merge basic accounting functions with tax preparation

See the next page for a flow chart describing the use of the trial balance import.

Trial Balance Import: General Process



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