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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 2018 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 2018 program reflects all changes to credits and deductions, including discontinuations. For details on new regulations for 2018, see the IRS instructions for Form 1065.

IMPORTANT

Be sure to review the 2018 Drake Tax User’s Manual – available from the Support.DrakeSoftware.com website – for details on the changes to the tax program and practice management tools, such as Update Manager, Scheduler, Client Status Manager, new security measures, such as two-step authentication, and enhancements to other programs, such as SecureFilePro and Drake Accounting.

NOTE

Some of new IRS forms – and the Drake Tax screens used to complete these forms – were not ready in time for the publication of this supplement.
Many of the changes brought about by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) are described in the following pages.

**IRS Changes for 2018**

- There are now special rules for eligible gains invested in Qualified Opportunity Funds. Effective December 22, 2017, section 1400Z-2 provides partners investing eligible gains in Qualified Opportunity Funds (QOF) can “defer recognition of certain gains.” In Drake Tax, a link was added to line 26 of screen B (Schedule B cont. tab) to access the new screen 8996, used to complete Form 8996, Qualified Opportunity Funds. The partnership files Form 8996 annually to report that the QOF meets the investment standard of section 1400Z-2 or to figure the penalty if it fails to meet the investment standard. See Form 8996 and its related instructions for more information.

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**NOTE** Form 8996 must be mailed. It is not eligible for e-file.

- Because many “entertainment” expenses are no longer deductible, screen DED has been changed. Screen DED includes two new lines, one for any deductible entertainment expenses and one for nondeductible entertainment expenses. Meals are still 50% deductible.

- For tax years beginning after 2017, individuals, estates, and trusts may be entitled to a deduction of up to 20 percent of their Qualified Business Income (QBI) from a trade or business, including income from a pass-through entity, plus 20 percent of qualified real estate investment trust (REIT) dividends and qualified publicly traded partnership (PTP) income. Partnerships must now pass information through to each partner for the purpose of calculating a QBI deduction on the partner level. Drake Tax has included new fields and screens for reporting this income in new Qualified Business Income (QBI) Deduction sections on such screens as K, K1P K1F, and a new 199A screen. For more information, see “Passing Through QBI Information” on page 34.

- Effective for tax years beginning after 2017, the eligibility of small business taxpayers to use the cash method has been expanded.

- Form 8979, Partnership Representative Revocation, Designation, and Resignation Form. See “Partnership Representative (formerly Tax Matters Partner)” on page 27 for more information.

- For tax years beginning in 2018, every taxpayer who deducts business interest is required to file Form 8990, Limitation on Business Interest Expense Under Section 163(j), unless an exception for filing is met. Click the 8990 link on the Other Forms tab of the Data Entry Menu.

- The Domestic Production Activities Deduction (DPAD) has been repealed for tax years beginning after 2017, with limited exceptions. See “Domestic Production Activities Deduction” on page 47 for more.

- The filing addresses for businesses located in certain states have changed. See item C, “Where to Mail Return” on the FAQ screen.
• Technical termination terminated: The check box denoting a “technical termination” of a partnership has been removed from Drake Tax screen I and from item “G” on the first page of Form 1065.

• The following payments can now be made with Form 1065, and refunds of overpayment can be claimed using the new “Tax and Payment” section on page 1 of the form:
  – Interest due under the look-back method for the completed contract method and the income forecast method
  – Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (BBA) Administrative Adjustment Request (AAR) imputed underpayment
  – Other taxes
  – Refunds of overpayments
  – Modification payment made under section 6225(c)(2)

• For entering data used to calculate the “Tax and Payment” section of Form 1065, Drake Tax has added a new screen, TAX, available on the General tab of the Data Entry Menu, containing fields for adding a BBA AAR imputed underpayment amount, “Other Taxes,” and “Payment.” The program will generate Return Notes with instructions on how to make payments based on each line.

• A “beginning of year” column for nonrecourse and recourse loans was added to Schedule K-1, section K, “Partner’s share of liabilities.”

• New Family Medical Act credit is available in all Drake Tax packages, using new Form 8994, Employer Credit for Paid Family and Medical Leave. Click the 8994 link on the Credits tab of the Data Entry Menu.

• Form 8832, Entity Classification Election, is used by a business entity to elect how it will be classified for federal tax purposes, as a corporation, a partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from its owner. An eligible entity is classified for federal tax purposes under the default rules described below unless it files Form 8832 or Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation. The IRS will use the information entered on this form to establish the entity’s filing and reporting requirements for federal tax purposes. In Drake Tax, screen 8832 is available on the Other Forms tab of the Data Entry Menu.

• Section 951A requires U.S. shareholders of controlled foreign corporations to determine and include their Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income (GILTI) in taxable income every year. Section 951A is effective for tax years of foreign corporations beginning after 2017, and tax years of U.S. shareholders in which or with which such tax years of foreign corporations end. In Drake Tax, use the 8992 screen, available on the Foreign tab of the Data Entry Menu.

• Section 965 of the Code (section 965) was amended by section 14103 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) requiring certain taxpayers to include in income an amount based on the accumulated post-1986 deferred foreign income of certain foreign corporations of which they are U.S. shareholders, either directly or indirectly through other entities. This is reported on Form 965, Inclusion of Deferred Foreign Income Upon Transition to Participation Exemption System. In Drake Tax, use the 965 screen, available on the Foreign tab of the Data Entry Menu.

**Schedule B**

The most extensive changes to Form 1065 this year involve Schedule B. This form has been expanded, with new questions, and, depending on a certain election, a new Schedule B-2. Drake Tax has thus added several new screens, including a Schedule B...
cont. tab on the B screen for new questions, and a Schedule B-2 screen, used to list shareholders in an S corporation that is a partner in the partnership.

For details on these changes and how they affect data entry, go to “Additional Information” on page 24."

Other Changes

New on Schedule K:

- Line 6c, “Dividend Equivalent.” A dividend equivalent is generally treated as a dividend from sources within the United States and are reported on Forms 1120-F, U.S. Income Tax Return of a Foreign Corporation, and 1040NR, U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return.
- Two new categories were added to the “Foreign Transactions” section.
- Link to screen 199A and codes and data-entry fields for reporting QBI information to pass through to the partners (See “Passing Through QBI Information” on page 34 for more.)

• New section 864(c)(8) provides that gain or loss from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of a partnership interest by a nonresident alien or foreign corporation is generally effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States to the extent that the person would have had effectively connected gain or loss had the partnership sold all of its assets at fair market value.

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 2018 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 2017 to 2018 (recommended)
• When you open the return for the first time in the 2018 program and are prompted to update it
• With all other returns in the program using Last Year Data > Update Clients 2017 to 2018 (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.

Screen Code: 2

Access screen 2 from the States Info link on screen 1 or from the States tab of the Data Entry Menu.

“Doing Business As”

Whatever is typed into 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.

The DBA 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.

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 66.

Short-Year Returns

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

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 at right) to open the Year screen. 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.)

3. 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 60.

**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, name change, address change, or amended return
- Item H — Accounting method (Select Cash, Accrual, or Other on screen 1; 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 16.) 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, click in any field and 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. (See figure on next page.)

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 71), 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
Income and Deductions

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 32.)

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 32.)

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 2018 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 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:

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/Print mode; see Figure 2-1 on page 19), including the required text, will be included in the return.

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.)

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 2018 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 2-2) on screen DED specifically for depreciation that is claimed elsewhere.

![Figure 2-2: Depreciation line 16 fields from DED screen](image)

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 32 and “Section 754 Allocations” on page 47.
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 68.) Do not deduct depletion for oil and gas properties. Depletion should be figured for each partner. See “Oil and Gas Depletion Worksheet” on page 38 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 17.

**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, 2019. By filing Form 7004, a partnership can extend the deadline six months to September 15, 2019. 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.
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.

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.

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 the return 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 2018 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.”

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.)

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.
Amending a Return

For information on using an electronic signature pad to digitally sign Form 8879-PE, see “Electronic Signatures” in Chapter 6, “Return Results,” of the 2018 Drake Tax User’s Manual.

AMENDING A RETURN

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 2018 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.

CAUTION

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 partnership representative (PR) must file 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.

The most extensive changes to Form 1065 this year involve Schedule B. This form has been expanded with new questions, and, depending on a certain election, a new Schedule B-2. Drake Tax has thus expanded screen B to include a Schedule B cont.
tab, and added the Schedule B-2 screen, used to list shareholders in an S corporation that is a partner in the partnership. See “Schedules B, B-1, and B-2” on page 25.

A change to the partnership representative requirements this year is that the representative must have a U.S. taxpayer ID number (TIN), and the address of the representative must be a U.S. address. See “Partnership Representative (formerly Tax Matters Partner)” on page 27.

• Other changes to Schedule B include:
  – Question 2, asking if any partner in the partnership was a disregarded entity, trust, S corporation, or an estate. This information is dealt with in subsequent areas of Schedule B, so it has been deleted. The remaining questions have been renumbered.
  – Line 4c is new, allowing you to indicate that the Schedules K-1 were not furnished to the partners on or before the due date of the partnership return. (Question 4 of Schedule B has four parts, one of which asks if the K-1s were furnished by the due date. You now have a way to answer that part “No,” while answering “Yes” to the other three parts.)
  – Line 26 was added to the Schedule B cont. tab of screen B, asking if Form 8996 is attached to certify that the partnership is a Qualified Opportunity Fund.

**NOTE** If an entity and not an individual is selected as the partnership representative on a K1 screen, additional data will be required in the Designation of Partnership Representative section of screen B (Schedule B, cont. tab).

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**Schedules B, B-1, and B-2**

*New for 2018:* The program now has five screens for entering data for Schedule B, Other Information, Schedule B-1, Information on Partners Owning 50% or More of the Partnership, and Schedule B-2, Election Out of the Centralized Partnership Audit Regime:

• **B** — For lines 1 through 20 (excepting lines 2 and 3)
• **Schedule B cont** — For lines 21 through 26 (excepting lines 2 and 3)
• **B1** — For lines 2a and 2b of Schedule B-1 (foreign ownership of the partnership; see “Schedule B-1 Information,” below.)
• **B2** — For Schedule B-2, electing out of an audit regime and listing shareholders in an S corporation that is a partner in the partnership (See “Election Out of Centralized Partnership Audit Regime” on page 28.)
• **B3** — For lines 3a and 3b of Schedule B (ownership of foreign companies by the partnership)
From screen B, you can access screens B1 and B3 by clicking the applicable links (Schedule B1 and Attachment 3a and 3b) or by pressing PAGE DOWN twice (for screen B1) or three times (for screen B3).

**NOTE**

Much of the Schedule B-1 information flows from entries on each partner’s K1 screen. See “Schedule B-1 Information,” following.

**SCHEDULE B-1 INFORMATION**

To save data-entry time, instead of selecting partners, type of entity, and country of organization from drop lists and then entering the percentage of owned in profit, loss, or capital on screen B1 screen, instead enter the required B-1 information on each partner’s K1 screen.

When you make a selection from the Country of Incorporation drop list in the Schedule B-1 section (figure at left) of a K1 screen, and then make an entry in the Max Percentage Owned field, the program automatically answers questions 2a and 2b of Schedule B, and produces Schedule B-1, using the information entered on the K1 screen—name, ID number, type of partner, ownership percentage—to complete Parts I or II (as appropriate).

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

*Foreign Ownership*

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 3a section of screen B3 to enter the corporation’s name, EIN, country of incorporation, and percentage owned in voting stock. (From the B screen, click the Attachment 3a and 3b link.)

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 3b section of screen B3 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 4 Requirements*

If question 4 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.

New for 2018: The 4c check box on screen B now allows you to indicate that the Schedules K-1 were not furnished to the partners on or before the due date of the partnership return while answering “Yes” to the other three parts.

For more on line 4, see “Schedule L (Balance Sheets Per Books)” on page 49.

**PARTNERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE (FORMERLY TAX MATTERS PARTNER)**

Due to changes in IRS audit rules, partnerships must appoint a “partnership representative,” replacing the Tax Matters Partner (TMP). Unlike the TMP, the partnership representative (PR) does not have to be a partner in the partnership. The PR does have to possess a U.S. taxpayer ID number (TIN), and the address of the representative must be a U.S. address. This information is entered on the appropriate K1 screen (see the figure on the following page) or in the override fields on the Schedule B cont. tab of screen B.

The PR has “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 does not select a PR if one is not indicated on screen K1 or the Schedule B cont. tab of screen B. An EF Message is generated, stopping e-file until a selection of a representative is made.

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

Indicate the person who will act as the representative using the PTR REP check box on screen K1 (figure above). The representative’s information is printed at the bottom of page 3 of Form 1065.

To change or revoke a previously selected partnership representative, click the 8979-PR Revocation check box on the Schedule B cont. tab of screen B and complete Form 8979, Partnership Representative Revocation, Designation, and Resignation Form.
Any information entered in the override fields of the **Designation of Partnership Representative** section of the **Schedule B cont.** tab of screen B overrides the PR election made on a screen K1.

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**NOTE**

If an entity and not an individual is selected as the Partnership Representative on a K1 screen, additional data will be required in the **Designation of Partnership Representative** section of the **Schedule B. cont.** tab of screen B.

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### Electing Out of Centralized Partnership Audit Regime

Question 25 of Schedule B asks if the partnership is electing out of the centralized partnership audit regime. In the past, the IRS generally conducted partnership audits in accordance with TEFRA, the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act, but TEFRA provided no way to collect underpaid taxes at the partnership level, forcing the IRS to seek payment of those taxes directly from the partners. Congress then enacted the Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) that allowed assessment and collection of taxes at the entity level.

If the answer to question 25 of Schedule B (available on the **Schedule B cont.** tab) is “Yes,” then Drake Tax generates Schedule B-2, Election Out of the Centralized Partnership Audit Regime, listing all partners in the partnership based on the information provided on the K1 screens in the program. (If any of these partners is a partnership, however, or if the partnership has more than 100 partners, the partnership cannot elect out of the centralized partnership audit regime and is ineligible to use Schedule B-2.)

If a partner in the partnership is an S corporation, all the shareholders of that corporation must be included in Part II of Schedule B-2. Those shareholders’ names, ID numbers, and their “type” must be entered on the new **Schedule B-2** screen (available through a link on the **Schedule B cont.** tab or from the **Data Entry Menu**). Each of these shareholders count as a partner toward the 100-partner limit for the eligibility to elect out of the audit regime and eligibility to use Schedule B-2.

If the answer to question 25 is “No,” Drake Tax completes the “Designation of Partnership Representative” section at the bottom of Schedule B automatically, based on the K1 screens included in the return. (Information on the partnership representative also can be entered on the **Schedule B cont.** tab of screen B.)

**Screen Code: B2**

**Eligible Foreign Entity**

*New for 2018*: If the partner is an eligible foreign entity, one that would be treated as a C (1120) corporation were it a domestic entity, select the **B2 - Eligible foreign entity** check box on that partner’s screen K1. (See Figure 2-10 on page 39.) The partner will be labeled with the correct code in the “Type of Eligible Partner” column of Schedule B-2, Election Out of the Centralized Partnership Audit Regime.
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 2-3 on page 30) 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 Drake Tax ’18 but will be used to override data entered on the APPT screen.
**NOTE**

Mark the Zero Apportionment check box (Figure 2-3) 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 2-3). These screens and their uses are listed in Table 2-1.

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

The Ending amount entered on the Property and Additional Property screens in Drake17 became the Beginning amount for property on the APPT screen when the client’s return was updated in Drake Tax ’18.

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 OVERIDES**

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 *2018 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 (circled in Figure 2-4) for data entry of income, deductions, credits, AMT and basis, and other information. There is also a tab for **Analysis of Net Income**.

**Income (Loss)** | **Distributions** | **Credits** | **AMT and Other Information** | **Other Information controls** | **Analysis of Net Income**
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| Net rental real estate income (loss) | | | | | Form 8825
| Disposition of property from rental real estate activities (8825, Line 19) | | | | | |
| Net rental real estate income (loss) from pass-through entities (8825, Line 20a) | | | | | |
| Other net rental income (loss) | | | | | RENT Screen
| Guaranteed payments | +1 | 12345 | SA |
| Portion of a guaranteed payment for other than services and not subject to SE tax | +1 | 1020 | SA |

Figure 2-4: 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 2-5).
Override the calculated amounts of Schedule K items on the SA (Special Allocation) screen, 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 2-6 on page 33, the calculated allocation to the partners of Ordinary dividends (item #1) of $123,342, 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).

Special Allocations
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 2-7 on page 34), making it easier to find those items that have been overridden.

**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.
PASSING THROUGH QBI INFORMATION

For tax years beginning after 2017, individuals, estates, and trusts that are partners in a partnership may be entitled to a deduction of up to 20 percent of their Qualified Business Income (QBI) from a trade or business, plus 20 percent of qualified Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) dividends and qualified Publicly Traded Partnership (PTP) income. The deduction is subject to multiple limitations (such as the type of trade or business, the taxpayer’s taxable income, the amount of W-2 wages paid with respect to the trade or business, and the unadjusted basis immediately after acquisition of qualified property held by the trade or business) and can be taken in addition to the standard or itemized deductions.

Partnerships are not eligible for the QBI deduction; instead, they must pass the necessary information through to their partners. The partnership must attach a statement to its Schedules K-1, separately identifying each trade or business, and using the same box numbers as shown on Schedule K-1, the amount of the following items:

- Section 199A QBI
- Section 199A W-2 wages
- Section 199A UBIA
- Section 1991A Qualified REIT dividends

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.
• Section 1991A Qualified PTP income
• QBI allocable to qualified payments received from the specified cooperative
• Pass-through Domestic Production Activities Deduction (DPAD) under Section 1099A(g) from a specified cooperative

So you can report this information, Drake Tax has included in the 1065 package new **Qualified Business Income (QBI) Deduction** sections on such screens as K, K1P, K1S, K1F, and a new screens 199A and N199. Drake Tax automatically produces the required statements with each partner’s Schedule K-1.

The program automatically calculates relevant QBI information based on data entry. It is important that you review the calculated results and rely on your knowledge of this client's tax situation. The program assumes that the partnership operates as a single business entity and that all of the income on Form 1065, line 22, “Ordinary business income (loss),” is Qualified Business Income for purposes of computing QBI deductions. If the amount on line 22 is from more than one trade or business, use screen 199A to allocate QBI, W-2 wages paid, UBIA, REIT dividends, and PTP income among the separate trades or businesses. If any of the amount on line 22 is not QBI, (for example investment income) use screen N199 to report that amount, and the W-2 wages paid, UBIA, REIT dividends, and PTP allocated to that income.

**NOTE**

**Denoting Specified Service Trades or Businesses**

Specified service trades or businesses are generally excluded from the definition of qualified trade or business. If the partnership is a Specified Service Trade or Business (SSTB), the partner could be subject to income limitations mentioned earlier; you must, therefore, mark the box on screen 1 denoting that this partnership is a “Specified Service Trade or Business,” if appropriate.

A specified service trade or business is any trade or business providing services in the fields of:

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Also considered an SSTB:

• Any other trade or business where the taxpayer receives fees, compensation, or other income for endorsing products or services, for the use of the taxpayer's image, likeness, name, signature, voice, trademark, or any other symbols associated with the taxpayer’s identity, or for appearing at an event or on radio, television, or another media format
• Investing and investment management
• Trading or dealing in securities, partnership interests, or commodities
REPORTING SECTION 199A ITEMS

Report the Section 199A items to be passed through to the partners on screen K, in the fields at the bottom of the **Other Information cont’d** tab (Figure 2-8).

![Figure 2-8: Fields for section 199A item on the Other Information cont’d tab of screen K](image)

If reporting Section 199A income, W-2 wages, or unadjusted basis, click the **199A** link to open the **Qualified Business Income Deduction** screen. On that screen, if the partnership operates more than one business, select **1065** from the **For** drop list; otherwise, select from the **For** drop list the screen (K1P or K1F) that this activity pertains to. On each screen **199A**, type in the EIN and name of the business, and be sure to mark the **Treat as a “specified service business,”** where appropriate. Type the Section 199A information in the appropriate fields. To allocate the amounts and activities to the various partners, click the **SA** links. If reporting income data from more than one trade or business, press PAGE DOWN to allocate the data among the separate trades or businesses.

**IMPORTANT**

Be sure to read the field helps for all the Section 199A items on the **Qualified Business Income Deduction** screen and on the **Other Information cont’d** tab of screen K.

Enter other Section 199A data on the **Other Information cont’d** tab of screen K.

For screens 8825 (Rental Real Estate), RENT (Rental Other Than Real Estate), and F (Schedule F, Farm Income), select **Yes** or **No** from the **QBI** drop list if this activity is a trade or business. (This is a required field for the 2018 package. Beginning next year, this field will be completed automatically when the return is updated in the 2019 package.)

**NOTE**

If Form 1065 is filed with no Section 199A information in box 20 (codes Z-AE) of Schedules K and K-1, the IRS will assume that no QBI data was generated from this partnership and will not allow the QBI deduction on the partner’s individual return.

AGGREGATION AND PBANS

On their Individual returns, partners have the choice to “aggregate” (or combine) certain businesses into one entity for purposes of computing the Qualified Business Income deduction (QBID). For that to happen, the partnership must tell the partners which trades or businesses qualify to be aggregated. This is done by using the **PBAN** fields.
Begin on screen 1 of the 1065 program. At the bottom right corner of screen 1 is a field for entering a **PBAN** (“Potential” Business Aggregation Number).

A PBAN works just like other “grouping” numbers in Drake Tax, such as multiform codes and passive activity numbers. (See “Associating One Screen with Another” in Chapter 3 of the 2018 Drake Tax User’s Manual for more information on using multiform codes).

If this partnership potentially qualifies to be aggregated with any other businesses on this 1065 return, enter a number in the **PBAN** field on screen 1.

Enter this same number in the **PBAN** fields of every appropriate screen for each business on this return that potentially could be aggregated — including the 199A screen. (See “Reporting Section 199A Items” on page 36.) In the figure above (from screen 199A), this trade has been aggregated with others using PBAN “2.”

Complete screen **K1AG** (available on the **General** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**) for each of the trades or business suggested for aggregation. Enter the proper PBAN and provide an explanation of the factors met that allow the aggregation in accordance with Regulations section 1.199A-4. Use the same PBAN for the **K1AG** screen as on the other screens of this aggregation.

Multiple trades or businesses can be aggregated into a single trade or business if they meet the following requirements:

- The taxpayer or a group of persons directly or indirectly own 50% or more of each trade or business for a majority of the tax year and all trades or businesses use the same tax year end.
- None of the trades or businesses is a specified service trade or business.
- The trades or business meet at least two of the following factors:
  - They provide products or services that are the same or that are customarily offered together.
  - They share facilities or share significant centralized business elements such as personnel, accounting, legal, manufacturing, purchasing, human resources, or information technology resources.
  - They are operated in coordination with, or reliance upon, one or more of the businesses in the aggregated group.

If any portion of the income or loss calculated on line 22 of Form 1065 is not trade or business income for QBI deduction purposes, open screen **N199** (available from the **Other Forms** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**), and allocate the portion of the item that should **not** be included on Schedule K-1, box 20, codes Z-AD.

It is possible to have more than one distinct aggregation group. To create a second aggregation, use another number in the PBAN fields of the second group. On the **K1AG** screen, press PAGE DOWN and include a description of the trade or business.
and an explanation of the factors met that allow the aggregation in accordance with Regulations section 1.199A-4. Use the second PBAN for this group.

Aggregated entities are listed in a statement with partners’ Schedules K-1.

**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.

**MULTIPLE FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS**

**Screen Code: KFT**

Information on foreign transactions are entered on a separate KFT screen, accessible from the Foreign tab of the Data Entry Menu or from the Schedule K Foreign Transaction link on the Credits tab of screen K. Through the KFT screen, you can report multiple foreign transactions. (Press PAGE DOWN for a new KFT screen.)

Drake Tax generates a “Foreign Transaction Statement,” shown as “WK_FTRP~” in View/Print mode that lists all of the partnership’s foreign transactions. Separate Foreign Transaction Statements (K1 STM FTR) are generated for each partner, reporting these foreign transactions.

**BUSINESS ACTIVITIES STATEMENT**

A Business Activities Statement (screen BAS) allow you to break down a partnership’s Schedule K items by business activity. The amounts and totals from the BAS screen do not flow anywhere in the partnership return but do provide statements (listed on View/Print mode of “Wks BAW”) you can use as a reference when transferring these amounts into the partner’s 1040 return. A K-1 statement by business activity is also provided for the partners, listed on View/Print mode of “K-1 Wks BAW.” (Figure 2-9 on page 39).
**SCHEDULE K-1 FOR 1065 (PARTNER INFORMATION)**

Use the K1 screen to enter data for Schedule K-1, Partner’s Share of Income, Credits, Deductions, etc.

**Partner Type**

In the Type of Partner section, select the box on line G to describe the partner as either a General or LLC member-manager or a Limited or other LLC member (default is General). On line H, select either Domestic partner or Foreign partner (default is Domestic).

From the line I1 drop list (red circle in Figure 2-10), 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 2-9: A partner’s Business Activities Statement in the 1065 package

Figure 2-10: K-1 Partner Type
New for 2018: If the partnership is an eligible foreign entity, mark the check box (blue square in Figure 2-10 on page 39). See “Eligible Foreign Entity” on page 28.

**OTHER PARTNER INFORMATION**

Besides the PTR REP check box (see “Partnership Representative (formerly Tax Matters Partner)” on page 27), the Other Information section of the K1 screen offers 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 41 for more information.

**Rounding Partner**

Mark the Rounding Partner check box on screen K1 (figure below) 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. 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 (figure above), and a title for the signing partner in the Title for PIN Signature field (on line E of the screen). 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**

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 2-11 on page 41).

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.
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

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).

NOTES

- 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.

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.

NEW FOR 2018

Code sheets are now displayed in View/Print forms tree as “Schedule K-1 Code.”
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 one of the **SA** screens for partner special allocations and make all changes there. For more information, see “Special Allocations” on page 32.

**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 of screen **K1** (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.

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**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.

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**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 2-12) 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 2-12: SSNs ready to be exported](image)

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

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

An Additional Entries tab (Figure 2-13) offers 40 more fields for entering additional K-1 item.

![Additional Entries tab of K1P screen featuring 40 additional drop lists and amount fields](image)

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 2-14 on page 46), enter information pertinent to the partner. The information appears in only that partner’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 2019, the 2018 end-of-year basis and liability amounts are automatically updated to the 2019 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 32.

**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 32 for details on using the **SA** screen.)

**DOMESTIC PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES DEDUCTION**

*New for 2018*: The Domestic Production Activities Deduction (DPAD) has been repealed for tax years beginning after 2017, with limited exceptions. For those exceptions, the **8903** screen, used to complete Form 8903, Domestic Production Activities Deduction, is still accessible from the **Other Forms** tab of the **Data Entry Menu**.

A taxpayer can take the DPAD on his or her federal 1040 Individual return only if the deduction has been passed through from a fiscal-year entity that began in 2017. If the DPAD has not been passed through from a fiscal-year entity, complete screen **8903** only if it required for a state return. Be sure to read the screen help and the field helps on screen **8903** for more details.

**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.

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**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.)

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**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 2018 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.

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**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.

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**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 2018 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 2-15).

![Schedule L Balance Sheet](image)

Figure 2-15: **Beginning** and **End-of-Year** totals displayed on L screen (#1); force-printing end-of-year totals (#2); link to **SCH2 screen** (#3); force-printing Schedule L and M-1 (#4)

Note that the totals from the balance sheet’s subsidiary schedule (SCH2 screen link, item #3 in Figure 2-15) 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 4. 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 the program to generate these items, click the Force-print Schedule L and M-1 link on the L screen (see item #4 in Figure 2-15 on page 49) to open the PRNT screen. 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 4 on screen B. Schedules L, M-1, M-2, and Item L of Schedule K-1 are required and will be generated with the return.

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### Print End of Year Totals

If the Final return check box is marked on screen 1, you can select the Force-print final end of year check box (see item #2 in Figure 2-15 on page 49) to keep the program from “zeroing out” the end-of-year totals.

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### Print Section L

You can “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 2-16).

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Figure 2-16: 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 I, 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 2-15 on page 49) 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 2-17) 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 return is 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 2-17 on page 52).
Figure 2-17: 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 78.

**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 2-2:

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<th>Difference</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Examples</th>
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<tr>
<td>Permanent</td>
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<td>- Meals &amp; entertainment limitations</td>
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<td>- Tax-exempt interest</td>
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<td>Temporary</td>
<td>Items that will be reported for both tax and book purposes, but not during the same tax year</td>
<td>- Depreciation</td>
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<td>- Gains or losses on the sale of depreciated assets</td>
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<tr>
<td>Favorable</td>
<td>Items that reduce taxable income</td>
<td>- Instances in which tax depreciation amount is greater than book depreciation amount</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unfavorable</td>
<td>Items that increase taxable income</td>
<td>- Disallowed meals &amp; entertainment</td>
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**“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 2-18 on page 54) on lines 2, 4, 6 or 7 of 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.

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 32.

### 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
SCHEDULE M-3

The Schedule M-3 section of the Data Entry Menu includes direct access to the various M3 screens (Figure 2-19).

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.

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.

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 53 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.)

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**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 51 for more information on how to use the SCH3 screen.

**Allocating M-3 Items**

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 32 for details on using the SA links.

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**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 42 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 79 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.

To indicate that the information should flow to Form 8825, select 8825 from the For drop list on screen 4562 (Figure 2-20). If there are multiple 8825 screens, use the Multi-form code box. For information on using the Multi-form code box, see the 2018 Drake Tax User’s Manual.

![Form 4562 screenshot](image)

Figure 2-20: 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 on next page). For rental proper-
ties 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.

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**.

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**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.

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**VIEWING RENTAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION**

Rental activity data is reported 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 at right).

- **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 2-21 on page 59.)
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 income and expenses from royalties are 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/Print 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 Schedule M-3 automatically.
Manually reducing the expenses/deductions or increasing the income for these credits causes the return to be out of balance.

Certain “extender” credits are no longer available. Because, in certain situations, credit amounts can be carried forward from 2017 to a 2018 return, the screens are still included in the program.

**NEW FOR 2018**

Amounts from the following screens no longer flow to line 5 of Form 1120S:

- **6478** (Form 6478, Biofuel Fuels Credit)
- **8864** (Form 8864, Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel Fuels Credit)

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

- 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 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 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 2-22 on page 61).

**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 2-22 on page 61) 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.
To open a new ELEC screen for an additional election, press PAGE DOWN.

**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 2-22).

**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 2-23 on page 62).
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.


Election statements are generated with the return (Figure 2-23 on page 62).

Figure 2-23: Election statements, including Safe Harbor election


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 section “L, Partner’s capital account analysis,” of Schedule K-1.

- **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. This should be used for the client's and preparer's printed copies when the return has been e-filed.

- **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

- **Special Allocation Statement** — Select to keep the statement listing all special allocations from being generated.

**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 2-24 on page 64) to indicate the calculation method used for the partners’ capital account. (If **Other**, indicate the method in the text box; this item is required.)
• **Item M on Schedule K-1** — Select a box (item #2 in Figure 2-24) 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 46 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 52) and select **Prepare a Form 7004 extension** if sending an extension application. (See “Filing an Extension” on page 22.)

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

The 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 2018; 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 *2018 Drake Tax User's Manual*.

**Additional Return Types**

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

- Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations
- FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts
- 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 13.

**Form 5471**

Screens used to complete Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations, are also found on the Foreign tab of the Data Entry Menu. This form is used by certain U.S. citizens and residents who are officers, directors, or shareholders, or partners in certain foreign corporations.

Taxpayers who must file this form are described in the IRS instructions. Form 5471 will not be e-filed with the 1065 return. File by the due date (including extensions) for that return.

For details on using this form, see the IRS instructions for Form 5471.

**E-File FinCEN Form 114**


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 2019 quarterly payments. The filing and mailing instructions are listed on screen 8813.

When you calculate a return in Drake Tax, any required information missing from screens 114 and FRGN generates EF Messages unique to the FinCEN Form 114 – listed in “FBAR Messages Pg” in View/Print mode. Before the FinCEN Form 114 can
be eligible for e-file, all FinCEN 114 EF Messages on the “FBAR Messages Pg” must be cleared (and FinCEN has a green check mark on the Calculation Results window if you have the Pause option selected at Setup > Options > Calculation & View/Print).

In data entry, open screen EF and mark the FinCEN 114 only check box. Click View (or press CTRL+V). “FinCEN114” will be indicated on the EF Status page in View/Print mode and “Form 114” is displayed in the forms “tree” and is listed on the bill.

Close the return, and from the Home window toolbar, go to EF > Select Returns for EF. “FinCEN 114” will be displayed in the EF Documents column of the EF Return Selector. EF. “FinCEN 114” will be displayed in the EF Documents column of the EF Return Selector.

Proceed as you would to e-file any other return in Drake Tax.

- No other returns—state or federal—can be transmitted with the FinCEN Form 114 through Drake Tax.
- Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR), can be e-filed through Drake Tax in the same way all returns are e-filed through Drake Tax (see 2018 Drake Tax User’s Manual. This report can also be completed on, and submitted through, the BSA E-Filing System for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network website at http://bsaefiling.fincen.treas.gov/main.html

The link to the BSA website is still available on screen 114 for those who prefer that method of filing or who are seeking more information on the BSA E-Filing System for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

**TIP**

For more on completing FinCEN Form 114, see “Foreign Financial Accounts” in Chapter 5 of the 2018 Drake Tax User’s Manual.

**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 the figure below.
2. Mark the 52-53-week tax year box.

53-week year for 2018.

**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.

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:

**Screen Code:**

**PRNT**

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 irs.gov/Tax-Professionals/e-File-Providers-&-Partners/Using-the-Correct-Name-Control-in-e-filing-Partnership-Tax-Returns

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 2-25 on page 69)
Figure 2-25: 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 2-3 for examples.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Examples</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Reference Source   | Name or number of regulation, publication, or form instruction that makes attachments necessary | - IRS Pub xxx-1.4  
|                    | (This field is for your records only; it is not transmitted with the PDF.) | - 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.

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 three PDF–related items in the View/Print window:
   - An “MESSAGES” alert (item #1 in Figure 2-26 on page 70)
   - An “EF Attachments” document (blue squares in Figure 2-26 on page 70)
   - An Attach PDF button on the toolbar (item #2 in Figure 2-26 on page 70)
2. Click the EF PDF file from the forms tree to see a listing all documents entered on the PDF screen.
3. Click the MESSAGES file to view EF Messages, including information on how to attach the required documents to the return.
4. 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 2-27).

5. Click the row of a document to attach.
6. Click Browse.
7. 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

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**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).

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**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 2018 or update an existing client file from the prior year. Then create a trial balance worksheet. (See “Opening a Template” on page 73.)

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.

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**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 2-28 on page 72).
• **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 2-29).

  ![](image)

  Figure 2-29: **Force Schedule L** box for 1065 package

  ![](image)

  Figure 2-30: Example of an “unnecessary” detail worksheet

  Remove unnecessary detail worksheets prior to import. See “Detail Worksheets” on page 74 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.

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**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 Drake Tax ’18 program.

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

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**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 2-4.

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**Table 2-4: Trial Balance Template Columns**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Column</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Account Title</td>
<td>Title of account</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Debit/Credit</td>
<td>Debit and credit amounts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Import to</td>
<td>Screen and line in Drake Tax to which the debit or credit amount is imported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reported on</td>
<td>Location of the amount on the printed return</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Information</td>
<td>Additional details for preparers; see “Details for Preparers” on page 77.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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 2-31).

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.

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**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 77.

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**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 2-32). If these cells do not work, you may need to activate them; see the Note in “Opening a Template” on page 73.
Click a worksheet button to open a worksheet in a new tab. Figure 2-33 shows an example of the “Other Income” worksheet.

![Figure 2-33: Trial balance worksheet for “Other Income”](image)

To return to the previous worksheet, click the PTR TB tab (#1 in Figure 2-33) or click the Click to return to TB button above the worksheet tabs (#2 in Figure 2-33). Note that a detail tab (the “Other Income Detail” tab, #3 in Figure 2-33) 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 2-31 on page 74).

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 Drake Tax ’18 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.

Not all trial balance data can be imported directly into a return. For information on program limitations, see “Special Conditions” on page 77.

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 2-34. (See “File Location” on page 73.)

![Click to "browse."

Figure 2-34: 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.
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
- Goodwill and other intangible assets
- 8825/Rent information
- 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 2-35 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.

![Figure 2-35: Indication of where an amount will go in Drake Tax and on the return](image)

The “Other Information” column in the trial balance worksheet indicates special conditions and additional information regarding certain rows. Table 2-5 describes the most common notes in this column.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>not included in totals</td>
<td>The amount is required for importing purposes only but is not included in the totals shown on the trial balance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>does not import</td>
<td>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.”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>optional</td>
<td>Amount is optional; not required for import, but could require direct entry in the program.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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 2-36)

To complete an SCH2 detail screen in the tax program:

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 ) 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 above). 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 2-37). Both rental expense items require a trial balance detail worksheet.

![Figure 2-37: Rental expense rows on a trial balance worksheet](image)

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 2-37 on page 79).
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. Drake Tax customers can fill out and e-file Forms 3115 and related schedules and attachments for partnership returns.

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

**NOTES**

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 at right). 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 2-38, you can access the various 3115 screens by clicking a tabbed link at the top of any of the 3115 screens.

Multi-form Codes

All 3115 and related screens contain a Multi-form code text box (shown in Figure 2-38) 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.
EF “ACK” Page

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.

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

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.

Drake Tax’s specially designed trial balance template and importing function has the following benefits:

- 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

**Prepare to use Trial Balance Import**
- Activate Excel macros
- Disable autobalance
- Force Schedule L
- Delete unnecessary detail worksheets

**Trial Balance Template**
*Import > Trial Balance Import*
- Direct entry data (cells with $0)
- Applicable detail worksheets
- Totals for:
  - Depreciation
  - Schedule L
  - Rentals (1120S & 1065 only)

**Data Entry**
Enter any trial balance data that cannot be imported via Trial Balance Import
- Screen SCH2 for Schedule L items
- Screen 4562 for individual assets (depreciation)

**Trial Balance Import**
- 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF return?
  - NO
  - Compare M-1, line 1: Does trial balance match Schedule M-1, line 1?
    - NO
    - Make corrections in TB worksheet
    - Is an M-1 adjustment necessary?
      - NO
      - Adjust amounts elsewhere in data entry
      - Make M-1 adjustment
    - YES
    - Go to data entry and enter individual rentals on 8825 or RENT screens as applicable
    - Delete imported 8825 and RENT screens
  - YES
    - Prepare to use Trial Balance Import
      - Activate Excel macros
      - Disable autobalance
      - Force Schedule L
      - Delete unnecessary detail worksheets
    - 1120 return?
      - NO
      - 1120S & 1065: Were rental totals entered in trial balance?
        - YES
        - Make M-1 adjustment
        - Process complete!
      - NO
        - 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF return?
          - NO
          - Does trial balance match Schedule M-1, line 1?
            - YES
            - 1120 return?
              - NO
              - Compare M-1, line 1: Does trial balance match Schedule M-1, line 1?
                - NO
                - Make corrections in TB worksheet
                - Is an M-1 adjustment necessary?
                  - NO
                  - Adjust amounts elsewhere in data entry
                  - Make M-1 adjustment
                - YES
                - Go to data entry and enter individual rentals on 8825 or RENT screens as applicable
                - Delete imported 8825 and RENT screens
              - YES
              - Prepare to use Trial Balance Import
                - Activate Excel macros
                - Disable autobalance
                - Force Schedule L
                - Delete unnecessary detail worksheets
                - 1120 return?
                  - NO
                  - 1120S & 1065: Were rental totals entered in trial balance?
                    - YES
                    - Make M-1 adjustment
                    - Process complete!
                  - NO
                    - 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF return?
                      - YES
                      - Does trial balance match Schedule M-1, line 1?
                        - YES
                        - 1120 return?
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                                                              - Process complete!
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                                                                        - Process complete!
                                                                      - NO
                                                                      - 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF return?
                                                                        - YES
                                                                        - Does trial balance match Schedule M-1, line 1?
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