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System for tax professionals as of September 23. Financial entries will remain visible

Aug. 22, 2018

 Internal Revenue Service United States Department of the Treasury	
This Product Contains Sensitive Taxpayer Data	
Tax Return Transcript	
Request Date: 11-01-2012 Response Date: 11-01-2012 Tracking Number: 12345678910	
SSN Provided:	000-00-0000
Tax Period Ending: Dec. 31, 2010	
The following items reflect the amount as shown on the return (PR), and the amount as adjusted (PC), if applicable. They do not show subsequent activity on the account.	
SSN:	000-00-0000
SPOUSE SSN:	
NAME(S) SHOWN ON RETURN:	JOHN Q TAXPAYER
ADDRESS:	PO BOX 101 ANYTOWN, ST 00000-0000-000
FILING STATUS:	Single
FORM NUMBER:	1040
CYCLE POSTED:	20111201
RECEIVED DATE:	Apr. 15, 2011

Moving to better protect taxpayer data, the Internal Revenue Service has introduced a new format for individual tax transcripts that will redact personally identifiable information from the Form 1040 series.

This new transcript replaces the previous format and will be the default format available via Get Transcript Online, Get Transcript by Mail or the Transcript Delivery System for tax professionals as of September 23. Financial entries will remain visible,

which will give taxpayers and third-parties the data they need for tax preparation or

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numbers are going in the right direction,” said Acting IRS Commissioner David Kautter. “To maintain our progress, we continue to evaluate our policies and procedures on an ongoing basis. One area that we identified as in need of change was the individual tax transcript area. We believe the change we are announcing today will better protect taxpayer data from unauthorized disclosure and theft.”

As the IRS has made inroads, criminals need more taxpayer details to better impersonate their victims, making the tax transcript a sought-after document. Criminals attempt to pose as taxpayers accessing their own account or as tax preparers or third parties requesting client information.

The following information will be provided on the new transcript:

- Last 4 digits of any SSN listed on the transcript: XXX-XX-1234
- Last 4 digits of any EIN listed on the transcript: XX-XXX-1234
- Last 4 digits of any account or telephone number
- First 4 characters of the last name for any individual
- First 4 characters of a business name
- First 6 characters of the street address, including spaces
- All money amounts, including balance due, interest and penalties

On September 23, the IRS also will post an updated Form 4506-T and Form 4506T-EZ, Request for Transcript of Tax Return, that will have a new Line 5b for a 10-digit Customer File Number. Legitimate third parties with a need for income verification or tax data often request taxpayers complete a Form 4506-T.

As of September 23, third parties or taxpayers can create any 10-digit number, except for the taxpayer's SSN, for use as an identifier. The Customer File Number listed on the 4506-T automatically will be posted and visible on the requested tax transcript,

allowing the third party to match the document to the taxpayer. A Customer File

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See [About the New Tax Transcript FAQs](#) for additional details and see a sample of the new transcript format.

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