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and multiple computers at an office. 1099-Etc supports up to 9,999 payers each with up to 99,999 employees.

The programs data entry screens are formatted similar to the actual forms to allow for simpler data input. The initial setup process allows users to set access rights and a PDF encryption key for each client. The encryption key lets users securely email forms and reports directly from the program. Other features include print preview and backup and restore capabilities. Users can also use the software's batch process to perform TIN and SSN Verification in bulk.

The after-the-fact Payroll module allows for direct deposit, MICR check printing and the management of standard and customizable deductions. Some deductions allowed include benefit plans, allowances and unemployment. The program also supports multiple state income reporting.

Reporting – 4.75 Stars

1099-Etc offers compliance for all states and Puerto Rico, supporting all 1099 forms, 1098, 5498, 3921, 3922, W-2, W-2c, W-3, W-3c, 1042-S and annual Puerto Rico wage reporting forms. 1099-Etc's sorting capabilities allows users to search by recipient's name, TIN, OAN or another specified field. In addition, payee data can be shared by using the Common Payee File. Users can print forms on pre-printed forms or on plain paper, reports, client letters and mailing labels. 1099-Etc has an align option that will ensure the printer places values properly on pre-printed forms. AMS also offers several e-filing and mailing options, which include outsourcing the entire process to an AMS partner.

While 1099-Etc offers several options for reports and templates for client communications, it does not offer integrated billing or the ability to integrate with

other time and billing systems. Generated reports can be saved in PDF format for

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Free technical support is available to customers via phone, fax, email and online chat. The company has extended support hours during tax season. In addition, support and tutorial materials are available on the website and in the program. An electronic version of the manual and a list of FAQs are available to users. The tutorials walk users through setting up payers and data entry. The Help menu allows professionals to search for specific topics. The program can be set to automatically check for and install updates as well.

Summary & System Pricing

The 1099-Etc base programs costs \$75 per year with additional add-ons available for a total cost of \$405. Additional add-ons include: Laser Generation Option for \$75, E-Filing Direct Option for \$105, Forms Filer Plus for \$45 and AMS Payroll for \$105. E-Filing Services are also available, starting at \$0.33 per return.

Best Fit: Firms managing after-the-fact payroll, as well as quarterly and year-end information reporting for multiple businesses.

What's New:

- New PDF viewing and printing features
- Payer reminders

Strengths

- Imports from a variety of file formats
- Supports federal, state and local forms
- Comprehensive e-filing and mailing options

Potential Limitations

- No time and billing integration

2013 Overall Rating: 4.75 Stars

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