

**Tax Software Guide**

**Instructions & Training Program**

**Version 11/19/2013 pm**

**Logging in**

- 1) **BE SURE** you are in “**Training**” program. Click on the desktop “training” icon. Open Drake software from the icon within this folder. Drive “J” should be indicated in the lower border of the Drake window.
- 2) **Drake login:** returning employees will use the same preparer and passwords as last year. There are three student ids in the training module for new employees: Student1/trainee; student2/trainee; student3/trainee

**General Information for Drake Data Entry:**

- 1) Primary SSN for problems should be 1<sup>st</sup> 5 digits as shown in problem + student-selected last 4. Trainees who do not have a preparer # or whose preparer # or PIN do not work, should use preparer #998 & PIN #99123
- 2) DO NOT USE PUNCTUATION
- 3) Round figures to nearest dollar. Do not input cents i.e. (\$9.34 should be entered as 9)
- 4) The store ***Audit Trail Summary*** form is the most important form you complete. It must be filled out before you input information for the tax return. All W2 wages, federal withholding, Indiana State withholding and local withholding **must be added manually** and posted to the Audit Trail summary. Use the “Store” version of the **Audit Trail Summary**.
  - a. After you calculate the tax return, **verify that all information recorded on the Audit Trail Summary is shown on the tax return.** If not, find out why and correct either the Audit Trail or tax return. Then calculate and verify information again. (EIC, 1040 page 1 and 2, Indiana state and local withholding, Rent or Real Estate, Education expenses...)
- 5) W2 input instructions: (make it look like the paper W2)
  - a. Always input directly from the W2
  - b. Input “T or S” for every W2
  - c. Input all information on W2
  - d. Verify name & address for **both** the taxpayer and the employer – if different than current address – change the address
  - e. Taxpayers’ address is automatically carried from page “1”, but IRS requires the address shown on the W2 if different.
  - f. Make sure resident state is correct. You could have income from other states.
  - g. Indiana requires input of Employer’s State ID Number. If this number is missing or incorrect, it is likely that Indiana will not allow the withholding and may send the client a balance due notice instead of a refund.
- 6) Highlight “**Pg Dn**” at bottom of the screen – especially when inputting W-2’s and dependent information.
- 7) How to delete a page: Use “**Ctrl D**”. Sometimes it’s easier to delete a page than correct info - i.e. W-2. (Note that if you make an entry on a screen, and then empty all the fields, you must do a CTRL-D or the return will reject.)
- 8) Encourage use of Hot Keys instead of the mouse, it’s much quicker.

***Hot Key*** Rapid Reference Guide

Desired Action	<b><i>Hot Keys</i></b>
Move cursor forward one field	[Enter], [Tab] or [↓]
Move cursor back one field	[Shift]+[Tab], [Shift]+[Enter] or [↑]
Navigate up and down a data entry screen	[Ctrl]+[↑] or [Ctrl]+[↓]
Move cursor within a field	[←] or [→]
Delete character before the cursor	[Backspace]
Return to previous screen (exit)	[Esc]
Bring up additional data entry screens (e.g. when you have multiple W2s, dependents, etc.)	[Page Down]
Activate the pop-up calculator	[F10]
View a return	[Ctrl]+[V]
Print a return	[Ctrl]+[P]
Return to data entry	[Ctrl]+[E] or ESCAPE
Help in a field – <b>very important</b>	[F1]
<b>Fiscal Tax Shortcuts (Macros):</b>	<b>Description</b>
Alt + C	Completes Consent to Disclose and Consent to Use
Alt + E	Auto fills ABCV screen
Alt + P	Auto fills PIN Screen
Alt + G	<b>Auto fills in Goodwill info on Form 8283</b>
Alt + W and Alt + Z	Moves cursor within W2
Alt + B	Bill adjustment

Desired Action	<b><i>Hot Keys</i></b>	Additional Notes
For field help during data entry	[F1]	When selections are listed, arrow to the desired choice and press ENTER on the keyboard to insert the data.
Delete a data entry screen	[Ctrl]+[D]	If you need to start over a screen or get rid of it, use this Hot Key. <i>Note: failure to us this will result in e-filing errors.</i>
Insert today's date in any date field	Alt + D	Caution CTRL + D will delete the screen

**Navigation**

To access help for a particular field, place the cursor in that field and press **F1**. If help is available for that particular field, the “**Help**” is displayed.

**Notes on Dependents**

- 1) Input name, SSN, months lived in home and full date and year of birth.
- 2) Relationship can be filled in by hitting ALT S = son; ALT D = daughter or by typing first letter of relationship and enter (e.g. D then enter = Daughter).
- 3) Amount paid for child care
- 4) Answer questions 10, 11, 13a, 13b, 13c & 26 re: EIC eligibility. Also need to enter info on 8867 & screen EIC2. *Any documents used need to be photocopied or scanned and retained as part of our EIC due diligence.*
- 5) Mark with “X” any additional questions at the bottom of screen re: student status, disability, residence.

**INDIANA RETURN****Page “1”**

- 1) County Lived for taxpayer –As of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2013
- 2) County Worked for taxpayer – As of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2013
- 3) County Lived for Spouse
- 4) County Worked for Spouse
- 5) School District- Carries from Demographic screen (page 1)

**Page “SCH2” – Deductions**

- 1) Enter landlord's name and address
- 2) Enter total annual rent paid and number of months rented  
OR
- 3) Enter property (real estate) taxes paid on Fed screen A. Making the entry on the IN screen prevents the software from determining whether the client can itemize on the federal return.  
(NOTE: could have both rent & real estate taxes)
- 4) Complete A, B, and D if gambling winnings from Hoosier Lottery

**General Notes**

- 1) **Everyone** must register (or re-register) for a PTIN under the NEW IRS PTIN registration system. .

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  - i. EIC form – number of children on EIC due diligence form.
  - ii. 1040 page 1
    1. Income: Wages, Taxable pension, Unemployment, Social Security,
  - iii. 1040 page 2: Federal withholding
  - iv. Indiana page 1 – Indiana State withholding, Local withholding
  - v. Dependent Care Paid
  - vi. Rent and/or Real Estate taxes paid
  - vii. Education expenses
  - viii. Verify ALL credits appearing on the return
  - ix. Read any/all **‘NOTES’ & ‘MESSAGES’**
- b. Complete Due Diligence Form if return has EIC with children.

4) Required information

- a. Social Security numbers required for all taxpayers and dependents.
- b. Dates of birth
- c. Day & evening phone numbers required on all returns.

### **First Return Instructions**

1) Use New Student Practice Problem 1. This practice set contains information which will be included on the audit trail and additional forms to be input after the initial quality control check.

2) Trainee completes Consent to Use, Audit Trail, and P1 input sheet. Items to be included on audit trail are marked. Focus on caring for the customer's data.

3) Complete the following screens in the following order:  
Initial Control+V & check against audit trail after item j.  
Periodic Control+V throughout additional screens.

### **LEVEL 1**

- a) 1-Demographics
- b) 2-Dependents
- c) W2
- d) 8867-EIC Due Diligence, EIC1, EIC2, EIC3, EIC4
- e) IN-1
- f) IN-SCH2-Indiana Deductions; alternate input: IN-D
- g) BILL-Bill Adjustments \* Macro: Alt+B from screen selector field;

- h) PIN (Alt+P)
- i) CONS (Alt+C, enter, enter) disclosure to other firms
- j) Explain comparison sheet to client

**LEVEL2**

- k) 1099-Pensions, 1099-R
- l) SSA-Social Security Benefits
- m) 99G-Unemployment
- n) INT-Interest
- o) DIV-Dividends
- p) ECOL (Control+V & check against audit trail at this point)
- q) A-Itemized Deductions
- r) 3-Income (State Refund, etc)
- s) 2441-Child Care Credit
- t) 2-Dependent: Child Care Credit entries
- u) 8880-Savers Credit
- v) 8863 or 8917-Education Credits/ Tuition & Fees Deduction
- w) 4-Adjustments
- x) DD-direct Deposit
- y) W2G-Gambling Winnings
- z) IN-SCH2: Indiana Lottery Worksheet
- aa) 5695-Energy Credits

**LEVEL 3**

- bb) 8283-Non-Cash Charitable Contributions \* Macro: Alt+G for Goodwill name & address
- cc) 8379-Injured Spouse
- dd) 8889-Health Savings Accounts
- ee) 99M-1099-Misc
- ff) C-Schedule C
- gg) ES-Estimated Taxes
- hh) 2106-Employee Business Expenses
- ii) IN-CC40-Indiana College Credit
- jj) IN-529-College Choice Credit
- kk) 5-Payments (Foreign Tax Credit, No 1116 Required, etc)
- ll) STAX-Sales Tax Worksheet
- mm) D-Capital Gains & Losses
- nn) D2-Capital Gains: Carryover
- oo) RRB-Railroad Retirement
- pp) NOTE-Notes about the return
- qq) 8332-Release of Exemption
- rr) PREP-Preparer Information (use to enter paid preparer info from Tax-Pack)

**LEVEL4**

- ss) 8606-IRAs
- tt) ROTH-Roth IRAs
- uu) 5329-Additional Tax on IRA
- vv) 3903-Moving Expenses
- ww) 8396-Mortgage Interest Credit
- xx) 8839-Adoption Credit
- yy) 8829-Office-in-Home

- zz) 99A
- aaa) 99C
- bbb) 982
- ccc) E-Rental Property
- ddd) 4562-Depreciation
- eee) K-1, K-1F, K-1S-Partner's Share; Beneficiary's Share or Shareholder's Share
- fff) ETA-Estimated Tax Adjustments
- ggg) PMT-Electronic Funds Withdrawal (must Print & Sign Form 8878)
- hhh) PIN-Direct Debit Consent
- iii) 8857-Innocent Spouse

The next page shows the store audit trail.

<b>Audit Sheet</b>		<b>Submit by Email</b>
<b>Last Name</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Store</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>SSN</b> <input type="text"/>
Use the Tab key to move to the next field. Fields with drop down boxes type the first letter to choose the proper response. For help hold the mouse over a field.		
<b>Fields in Yellow are required Fields</b>		
<b>Preparer No.</b> <input type="text"/>		<b>Withholding</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Return Type</b> <input type="text" value="Choose Return Type"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<b>Federal W/H</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Prep Fees</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>How did you hear about Fiscal Tax</b> <input type="text" value="Choose one below"/>	<b>Ind. State W/H</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Filing Status</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Send a Friend</b> <input type="text" value="If using send a friend choose"/>	<b>Local W/H</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>No of Children for EIC</b> <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check for No telephone tax	<b>Other State W/H</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Income</b>	<b>Dist. code</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Refund B4 8880</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Total W2 \$</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Reset Form</b>	<b>Refund After 8880</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>1099 -R Taxable</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Print Local</b>	<b>Deductions</b>
<b>1099-G Unemployment</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Email to Fiscal</b>	<b>Dependent Care Pd</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>1099-SSA</b> <input type="text"/>		<b>IRA Teacher</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>W2G Gambling</b> <input type="text"/>		<b>Education Expenses</b>
<b>SCH - C Gross</b> <input type="text"/>		<b>Student Loan Int pd</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Sch -C Net</b> <input type="text"/>		<b>Tuition Fees 1st &amp; 2nd Yr</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Interest + Div</b> <input type="text"/>		<b>Tuition &amp; Fees after 2 yrs</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Sch D Other Inco</b> <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Correction</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
		<b>Rent/RE Taxes</b> <input type="text"/>
		<b>Hoosier Lottery W2 G</b> <input type="text"/>
		<b>IRS Refund/Bal</b> <input type="text"/>
		<b>Ind Refund/Bal</b> <input type="text"/>

After you print the Audit Sheet Locally for you records and verify the entries.  
 Besure to Print it at Fiscal also. Then transmit the return.

Comments

Current Date



**Open A Return**

All returns are stored and accessed using the primary taxpayer's Social Security Number.

Social Security Numbers and Employer Identification Numbers are **always** keyed with no spaces, dashes or other characters.

On the Menu Bar, go to **File>Open a Tax Return**. Use one of the following options for opening a tax return:

- 1) CTRL+O from the Drake home page.
- 2) Type the client SSN in the top box. Press [Enter].
- 3) In the lower box is a list of the last nine (9) returns opened. Select from one of these.

**Create a New Return**

1. Type the client SSN in the top box. Then press [Enter].
2. If the program does not find the SSN, the preparer is asked if a new file is to be created. Press [Enter] to continue.
3. Reenter the SSN.
4. Select the type of return and enter first, middle and last names. [Enter].
5. The return automatically goes to screen 1 '**Name and Address**', field 1. Enter the new client information.

**Update a Prior Year Return**

When a SSN is keyed to open a return, the program searches both current-year files and last-year files. If the client is not found in the current year program, but is found in last year's program, an update screen opens. After the update has been performed, the return opens, the client's prior year information will auto-fill the current years. Press [Enter] in Window version.

Notes:

- 1) Complete the ??????????????\_, CONS, DISC, & ABCV screens
- 2) Verify Indiana 8879 information after printed: Names spelled correctly, address is correct, SS #'s.
  - a) The client should verify this information when signing the form. Verify name and address. If the address is incorrect, the State refund may never be delivered.
  - b) Be sure to verify renter's information if applicable for Indiana renter's deduction or property tax deduction.

**Print Instructions for Required Signature & Retention Forms**

	Instructions	Signed by	Keep (4) Years	Give to Customer	Print at Main										
<div>1. <b>Consent to Use and Disclosure of Tax Return Information</b></div> <div>Complete two or three “Consent to Disclosure of Tax Return Information” forms. Two forms if EF return and three forms if there is a bank product. (the printed forms are:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>EC_7216D</b> - allows information disclosure for Bank Product</li><li>• <b>OF_7216D</b> – allows information disclosure for Fiscal Tax and the tax infoline</li><li>• <b>7216_USE</b> – allows us to prepare the clients tax return</li></ul></div>	<div>Sign anytime – can be signed at the same time as all other forms</div> <div>Macro Command – <b>Alt + C</b> generates these forms</div>	(T) & (S)	Yes 2 to 3 pages	No	No										
<div>2. <b>Earned Income Credit Due Diligence</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>EIC_QC</b> - <b>ALL</b> qualifying children Drake screen - EIC1</li><li>• <b>EIC_INC</b> – Income question Drake screen - (EIC2)</li><li>• <b>EIC_HOH 3</b> – Head of Household – Drake screen - EIC 3</li><li>• <b>EIC_NOTE</b> – Added information Drake screen - EIC 4</li></ul></div>	<div>Earned Income Credit Due Diligence forms can be signed at the same time as all other forms.</div>	(T) & (S) Preparer	Yes  Print 3 to 4 pages	No	No										
<div>3. <b>IRS Form 8879</b> (8879)</div>	IRS 8879 - can be signed at the same time as all other forms	(T) & (S)	Yes	Yes	Yes										
<div>4. <b>Indiana Form 8879</b> (IN8879)</div>	Indiana 8879 - can be signed at the same time as all other forms	(T) & (S)	Yes	Yes	Yes										
<div>5. <b>EPS_APP</b> forms:</div> <table><tr><td>EPS_APP</td><td>EPPS_APP.PG5</td></tr><tr><td>EPPS_APP.PG2</td><td>EPPS_APP.PG6</td></tr><tr><td>EPPS_APP.PG3</td><td>EPPS_APP.PG7</td></tr><tr><td>EPPS_APP.PG4</td><td>EPPS_APP.PG8</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>E1_APP</td></tr></table>	EPS_APP	EPPS_APP.PG5	EPPS_APP.PG2	EPPS_APP.PG6	EPPS_APP.PG3	EPPS_APP.PG7	EPPS_APP.PG4	EPPS_APP.PG8		E1_APP	<div>Print instructions:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two copies of “EPS_App.PG7”</li><li>• Two copies of “E1_APP” if Debit Card is selected</li><li>• One copy of the other (7) EPS pages.</li></ul></div>	(T) & (S)	Page 7 & E1_APP if debit card is selected	All 8 EPS pages	No
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EPPS_APP.PG3	EPPS_APP.PG7														
EPPS_APP.PG4	EPPS_APP.PG8														
	E1_APP														
<div>6. <b>EPS_Info</b></div> <div>Shows bank product client their check amount after fees</div>	Form has place for signature but it’s not required.	No	Optional	X											
<div>7. <b>REFERRAL</b></div> <div>Send-a-Friend coupons</div>		None		X											
<div>8. <b>Where’s My Refund</b></div>	Attach to Client letter and review with customer	None		X Pre-print											
<div>9. <b>Compare</b></div> <div>Three year comparison page</div>	Give to every customer	None		X											
<div>10. <b>Client Letter</b></div>	Give to every customer	None		X											

### **Frequently Used Tax Program Screens**

<b>Screen</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Name & Address
2	Dependents
3	Miscellaneous Income
W-2*	Wages
PIN	PIN Number
ECOL	Bank Information
1099*	1099R Pension or Withdrawal from Retirement
A	Itemized Deductions
2441	Childcare
C	Schedule C – Self Employment – (1099 Misc)
99G*	Unemployment or State tax refund
W2G*	Gambling
INT*	Interest Income
DIV	Dividend Income
SSA*	Social Security
D	Capital Gains – Sale of Stock
DD	Direct Deposit (Federal and State)
4 – Adj	Student Loan Interest
8863	American Opportunity & Lifetime Credits, Tuition & Fees Adjustment
8867	EIC eligibility
	INDIANA SCREENS:
IN 1	Indiana county codes
IN SCH2	Rent paid, Landlord info, insulation ded.

\*May have Federal and/or State Withholding

**Page 1 – Name and Address**

- 1) FILING STATUS: MUST HAVE ENTRY.
- 2) **Verify SSN for taxpayer and spouse**
- 3) Verify or Enter Date of Birth for taxpayer and spouse  
Enter as mmddyy  
Birthdates are required for taxpayer and spouse
- 4) Occupation – entering is optional
- 5) **Verify or Enter street Address** Make sure apt. numbers are present and are correct.
- 6) Verify or Enter Zip Code. If changed, input zip code and city will automatically be replaced.
- 7) Verify or Enter day, evening, and cell phone numbers including area code. Must be input twice if only one number for bank products.
- 8) Verify enter email address.
- 9) Dependent of another - Dependent of Another e.g. a college student claimed by parent.
- 10) FIRM: your store number. This controls the DCN, unique identifier assigned to every electronic tax return, and where checks are to be delivered.
- 11) Preparer Number: - your store number plus one digit assigned to you.
- 12) Misc Code 1: How did client hear about us? Choose from drop-down list.

**Page 2- Dependents**

- 6) Input name, SSN, months lived in home and full date and year of birth.
- 7) Relationship can be filled in by hitting ALT S = son; ALT D = daughter or by typing first letter of relationship and enter (e.g. D then enter = Daughter).
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**8867 - EIC SCREEN**

Answer questions on screen 8867. This is in addition to questions 10 to 13c on Dependent screen. Complete Screens EIC1, EIC2, EIC3 & EIC4 as appropriate.

Ask for & photocopy or scan documentation for new clients and/or new dependents. Examples are birth certificates, school records, guardianship papers, medical records, child care records, previous year's tax return, divorce decree.

**W-2 - Wages**

- 1) Enter “T” or “S” for taxpayer or spouse
- 2) Enter Federal Identification Number (EIN)
  - i) If employer name and address automatically appears, verify. Check to be sure EIN is correct. If so, type in corrections to match the paper W2. If address does not appear, verify EIN, then type in the name and address and zip code. (The city and state is automatically filled based on the zip code)
  - ii) If the zip code is wrong – delete the city and state and enter the new zip code.

- 3) To make data entry easy and quicker, enter amount box "1". By pressing **Tab** or enter key after entering the amount in Box "1" and 2, boxes "3, 5, and 16" will fill in with the amount in Box "1". Boxes "4 and 6" will automatically calculate the Federal percentage amount. If amounts are different, enter correct amounts as shown on Form W-2. Make the screen look like the paper W-2.
- 4) Enter Employer State ID Number on W-2
- 5) **You must complete the 4 verification fields at the bottom of the screen (federal wages & withholding; Indiana wages and withholding) for each W/2.** You will receive a message and return will not electronically file.
- 6) Macros available: Alt+W & Alt+Z
- 7) Remember that this screen is equivalent to attaching a W-2 to a paper return, so be sure that ***all*** entries on the paper W-2 are entered on the screen W2.

### **FORM 1099R – PENSION**

- 1) Enter T or S.
- 2) Enter all information exactly as on the 1099R form. Same as W-2 Forms
- 3) Enter exactly how it is on the 1099R- if taxable amount is blank, **do not** put zero.

### **1099G – GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS (Unemployment Payments) or State Tax Refund**

- 1) Enter T or S
- 2) Box 1 – Enter amount received
- 3) Box 2 – Repaid amounts
- 4) Box 4 – Enter federal withholding
- 5) Enter State (IN) or wherever

It is not always Indiana unemployment.

(State refunds are generally entered on screen 3 and only if the client itemized in the year the refund is for).

### **1099 SSA – Social Security Benefits**

- 1) Box 1 – Enter T or S
- 2) Box 3 - enter Medicare Premium
- 3) Box 5 - Enter Amount received
- 4) Box 6 - Enter tax withheld, if any

### **W2G – Gambling**

- 1) Enter T or S.
- 2) Enter Fed ID Number
- 3) Complete form as you would a W-2 (filling in all fields on form)

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**C – PROFIT AND LOSS FOM BUSINESS (1099 MISC)**

Do not prepare schedule C unless you have experience or proper training.

- 1) Enter T or S. Enter Profession, Business Code and address if different from Page 1. Hint for business codes: Shift + S will reveal alphabetical categories of the codes. Use 812990 for miscellaneous.
- 2) Use input form for schedule “C” – see and use examples of typical Schedule “C” to complete.
- 3) Enter Gross Income and all expenses. All Schedule Cs should include some expenses per IRS.
- 4) This form will calculate Self employment tax and deduct ½ adjustment.
- 5) Daycare providers must complete Office in Home Form 8829 showing business use by hours. Also, for food deduction, they can use a per diem for meals, A log must be kept for the number of meals and snacks served to each child. See Pub 17 or Quickfinder.

**PAGE 3 – INCOME**

- 1) State tax refund, if itemized deductions prior year
  - a) Taxpayer should have form from State of Indiana, prior customers’ amount will appear automatically, but should be verified. If amount is shown on this page in green, verify the amount and delete the green by entering F4.
- 2) Repaid unemployment should be entered on screen 99G

**INT – Interest Income**

- 1) Interest received
- 2) Enter Bank info and amount received for each 1099 Interest form
- 3) Savings bonds interest must be entered on line 3. This income is not taxed in Indiana and if entered here, program will automatically deduct on Indiana return.
- 4) On the first INT you must answer the question near the bottom of the screen that asks about foreign accounts.

**DIV – DIVIDENDS**

- 1) Dividends received, note total dividends and qualified dividends.
- 2) Enter stock name or brokerage name and amounts received for each 1099 dividend form

**SCHEDULE D/8949 – CAPITAL GAIN/LOSS**

- 1) This is income from sale of stock, mutual funds, or other personal assets. Personal asserts are only reported if sold at a profit. Form 1099B should be received from brokerage/bank for stock or mutual fund sales.
- 2) Call MAIN OFFICE if you have these transactions and a determination will be made case by case as to whether you should complete this form.

**FORM 8880 – Credit for Retirement Contributions**

- a) The tax software will automatically calculate the credit when the client has contributions indicated in Box 12, W-2. But the preparer must verify current and prior year distributions. Distribution years in question are 2012, 2011, & 2010 & current year up through April 15, 2013

Note: Interview question can be: 'Have you taken any money out of any retirement account in the last 3 years?'

**FORM 2441 – Child Care (Babysitting)**

- 1) Input provider name, address, SSN or Federal ID Number. and amount paid to provider
- 2) Enter same information for all providers.
- 3) NOTE: Remember to enter amount paid **for each child on dependent page (2)**

**PAGE 4 – ADJUSTMENTS**

- 1) Enter deductible IRA. Identify T or S
- 2) Student Loan Interest Paid – Taxpayer must have 1099 form from the lender. Identify as T or S. \*Indiana does not allow interest deduction beyond the 1<sup>st</sup> 60 months that payments are required. You should ask how long they have been repaying the loan to determine whether an Indiana add-back is needed.
- 3) Educator expenses – Identify as T or S.

**A - ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS**

- 1) Enter medical, dental and eye care expenses paid plus amount of insurance paid by taxpayer that is not through a before tax employee plan.
- 2) **DO NOT** enter state and local tax which has been entered on W-2 or 1099R, which are automatically added on form.
- 3) If taxpayer owed state taxes prior year, this amount should be verified for prior clients.
- 4) Enter real estate taxes paid. Tax on main home in Indiana should be re-entered on the next line. Do not duplicate entries from screen 1098. Do not re-enter these taxes on IN-SCH2
- 5) Enter personal property taxes (license plate fees)
- 6) Enter mortgage interest paid. **Do NOT complete name, address & ID#** if client has 1098.
- 7) Enter contributions both cash and non cash  
If non-cash over \$500, complete Form 8283 **instead** of \$ entry on Sch A  
If Goodwill, use ALT-G to fill first several fields.
- 8) Amount subject to 2% of income: A description such as "union dues" is required. Then enter amount. Expenses could include safety glasses or shoes, classroom expenses, and investment expenses.

9) NOTE: Business expenses such as mileage must be entered on FORM 2106. These are expenses incurred by an employee, not a self-employed person.

10) Amount NOT subject to 2% of income

11) Line 28: if you use the pull-down descriptor "Gambling loss" - The software will limit the loss to the amount of gambling winnings flowing to line 21

### **FORM 8863 – American Opportunity & Lifetime Learning Credits, Tuition and Fees Adjustment**

1) Education credits for dependents, taxpayer or spouse – see input sheet for requirements and eligibility.

### **8379 – INJURED SPOUSE**

1. Use this form whenever IRS might hold a refund caused by only one person on a joint return.
2. The injured spouse is the person who does **NOT** owe the money
3. Do **NOT** make any \$\$\$ or other allocation entries on this screen. Instead, make sure that all dependents, income screens and expense screens are correctly assigned to either the taxpayer (T) or the spouse (S).

### **8396 – MORTGAGE INTEREST CREDIT**

1. Enter interest from mortgage statement (Form 1098)
2. Enter credit rate from mortgage credit certificate (usually 20 or 25%)
3. Figure amount and then put remainder interest on Schedule A.

### **PIN Number**

- 1) Enter current date (ALT-D)
- 2) Tax Preparer pin must be 5 digit number – Store No and your three digit preparer number.
- 3) Input Second Field – Last five digits of SSN will automatically populate.  
PIN needed for both Taxpayer and Spouse, if joint return.
- 4) Enter current date or date taxpayer is signing this return.
- 5) PIN creates Form 8879 (signature form) for taxpayer(s) to sign after reviewing and return is complete.
- 6) When you "view" return, if no Form 8879 form shown in list or if Federal form 8453 appears, you have not completed this page.
- 7) Indiana State Form 8879 will be created.
- 8) These two forms **MUST** be signed and kept in your file.

### **ECOL SCREEN "EPS Financial"**

Also known as bank products

NOTE: If return is rejected because last name of Taxpayer does not match their records, you must change Name on Page 1 and also on the ECOL screen.