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New Tool Provides More Information Relating to Exempt Organizations

The IRS has launched a new tool on IRS.gov that provides taxpayers easy access to information about exempt organizations.

The new access is entitled <u>Tax Exempt Organization Search</u> (TEOS) and replaces what was entitled the Exempt Organization (EO) Select Check tool.

Some of the information that can be found when accessing the new TEOS tool:

- Images of an organization's forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF and 990-T filed with the IRS.
- More information about exempt organizations than was previously available.
- A simplified search process.
- TEOS is mobile friendly which provides access to the search tool using smartphones or tablets.
- Users can access favorable determination letters. These are issued by the IRS when an organization applied for and met the requirements for tax-exempt status. Currently there are a limited number of determination letters available but as the IRS develops the tool determination letters issued since January 2014 will also be available.
- This new tool is currently a work in process additional information will be added monthly as the IRS develops the site.

Users can also access TEOS to locate information previously available on EO Select Check.

This includes whether an organization:

- Is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.
- Has had its tax-exempt status revoked because it failed to file required forms or notices for three consecutive years.
- Filed a Form 990-N annual electronic notice with the IRS; this applies to small organizations only.

Publicly available data from electronically-filed 990 forms is still available through <u>Amazon Web Services</u>.

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