

2018 Interview Guide

U.S. Client

Name:		Date	2:		
	CONTACT	INFORMATI	O N		
Canadian address:		City:	City:		
Prov/Terr :		Post	al Code:		
U.S. address:		City:	·		
State :		Zip (Code:		
Main phone:		Alternate Phone:			
Cell phone:					
Email:		Alternate Email:			
I prefer to be contacted at:	Main Phone	Alternate Phone	Cell Phone Email		
Best Time to call me:	9:00am - 12:0 3:00pm - 6:0	•	12:00pm - 3:00pm 6:00pm - 9:00pm		
My time zone is:	Pacific Eastern	Mountain Atlantic	Central Newfoundland		
	PRIMARY CON	ITACT INFORMA	ATION		
Client name:fii	rst name - middle name - last name	SIN:			
Date of Birth :			:		
Occupation:					
	U.S. IMMI	GRATION STAT	U S		
U.S. Citizen	Canadian Citize	n only (Non-resident for	U.S. Purposes)		
☐ Dual Citizen	☐ Green Card Hol	der			
Passport/Visa: Type & Number:	Туре	Nı	umber		
U	.S. RETURN F	ILING INFORM	1 A T I O N		
Previously filed in U.S.?					
What was the last year the client f	iled a U.S. Return?		1040 or 1040NR?		
Was it prepared by H&R Block?	☐ Y ☐ N If	yes, where?			

	CANADIAN R	ETURN	FILING IN	FORMATIO	N
Has the client filed a	Canadian Return.?		☐ N If yes, a	ttach a copy.	
		MARITA	L STATUS		
	rried) Comi				ed Divorced
Has this status changed	in the last three years (f	or streamlined ı	returns)	N If so then whe	n?
	SPO	USE'S I	NFORMATI	ON	
Name:Address same as above			SIN:		
Canadian address:			Citv:		
Prov/Terr:					
U.S. address:			City:		
State :					
Date of Birth :	(MM/DD/Y	YYY)	SSN: _		
Occupation:					
U	.S. IMMIGRA	ATION S	TATUS OF	THE SPOU	S E
U.S. Citizen	☐ Canad	lian Citizen	☐ Dual (Citizen	Green Card Holder
Passport/Visa: Type &	R Number				
Canadian Return Filir	ng Information (if dif	ferent)			
Dependents:					
Name	SSN/ITIN	SIN	Relationship	Date of Birth	Child Care Expenses
Can the client or thei Did the client provide Has the Earned Incom Did the client live in t	e more than half the ne Credit ever been o	cost of keepi disallowed fo	ng up a home for r the client?	the year?	<pre></pre>
Type of Return:	U.S. 1040	U.S.10)40NR	Form 8840	Form 8843

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Information for Form 1040NR and/or Substantial Presence	e Test*			
How many days was the client in the U.S. for the current filing year?				
How many days was the client in the U.S. for the previous filing year?				
Info for the Form 2555 – Foreign Earned Income Exclusion	n			
Date residency in Canada established:				
Home:				
Does the client's visa limit the length of their stay?				□ N
Dates when the client was in the United States in the current year:				
Entered the United States	Leave th	ne United Sta	tes	
INCOME				
Did the client receive wages from the United States?		\$		
Did the employer pay the client on a 1099-MISC or W-2?		-		
Did the client receive a withdrawal from an IRA or U.S. retirement?				
Did the client receive any interest or dividends from U.S. sources?				
Did the client receive any U.S. source income on Forms 1099-R or 1042-S?				
Did the client receive any U.S. social security?				
Do you have the Form 1099-SSA? Did the client have any other income from the United States? Specify and note amounts are considered in the United States.		Amount? \$		

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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS		
Does the client have financial signing authority or bank accounts/retirement account? (eg. RRSP/RPP, Checking/Savings/TFSA/RESP)	Y	□ N
Did the total value of ALL financial/security accounts they hold outside of the U.S. exceed \$10,000 at any point during the last calendar year, including retirement account?	Y	□N
Has the client brought in the information for the FBAR?* *May need to file FBAR, refer to the Foreign Bank Account and Asset Reporting Course.	Y	□ N*
NON-U.S. RETIREMENT PLANS		
Does the client have any retirement plans through a current or past employer?		\square N
Does the client have a deferred profit sharing plan (DPSP) account?		□ N
Has the client inherited a retirement plan or pension?		□ N
Has the client previously made the election to defer taxation for U.S. tax purpose?		□ N
Does the client have a RPP?*	Y	□ N
Did the client contribute this year?	Y	□ N
How much? \$		
*Please attach the statement showing the value of the investment (if streamline returns, all years in question)		
NON-U.S. TRUSTS AND MUTUAL FUNDS*		
Does the client have a Tax Free Savings Account?	Y	\square N
Is the client the owner or contributor to a Registered Education Savings Account?	Y	□ N
Is the client a beneficiary of a RESP?	Y	\square N
Do they participate in an Employer Stock Purchase Plan?	Y	□ N
Does the client or a family member subscribe to or are the beneficiary of a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)?		□ N
Did the client deposit money into a RESP or RDSP of another person?		□ N
Is the client the executor of an estate?		□ N
Has the client received a gift or bequest during the tax year?		□ N
Does the client have unregistered accounts that hold mutual funds, segregated		
funds or other pooled funds?	Y	□ N
 RESPs and certain TFSA such as grantor trusts, Forms 3520/3520As will need to be filed If non-registered accounts, TFSAs or RESPs have pooled accounts such as mutual funds, then Form 8621 will need to be filed** 		
** If your client needs a 3520 or 8621 filed, you will need to transfer this client to a U.S. preparer who is experienced with these forms.		
CANADIAN CORPORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS		
Was the client or a family member a shareholder in a non-U.S Corporation?		□N
Did the client or a family member own any portion of a non-U.S. Partnership?*		■ N*
Even if the client is a co-proprietor in a Canadian small business, you may have a partnership for U.S. tax purposes		

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RENTAL PROPERTY

You cannot prepare a Sch E if you have not taken the U.S. Rental class. You will need to upload this return onto the TRD. You can print out as many pages as you need. Did the client own rental property in the last calendar year? Ν For Streamlined returns, did you own rental property for the three previous tax years? If yes, for what year(s)? Was the property located in Canada or the United States? (If a Form 1040NR is needed, please submit the return to someone experienced with U.S. rental property) Is this the first/last year of rental? What year is this worksheet for? ___ Physical address of the property (street, city, state, ZIP code) TYPE OF PROPERTY Single Family Residence Multi-Family Residence Commercial Vacation/Short-Term Rental Land **Royalties** Self-Rental Other (describe) Number of fair rental days in the tax year Number of personal use days in the tax year Is this a Qualified Joint Venture? 1 Y | | NRENTAL EXPENSES **Expenses Amount** Rent Received Royalty Received **Expenses** Advertising Auto and travel Cleaning and Maintenance Commissions Insurance Legal and other Professional fees Management fees Mortgage interest paid to banks etc Other interest **Repairs**

Additional notes:

Supplies
Taxes
Utilities
Other

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SELF EMPLOYMENT You cannot prepare a Sch C if you have not taken the U.S. Business Income. You will need to upload this return onto the TRD. Was the client self-employed at any time during the year? For Streamlined Returns: Was the client self-employed at any time during the last three years? Specify which year(s)_____ What type of business? _____ Does the client have any other income not reported on slips? $\prod Y$ Where does the client perform their work? Canada Other (specify)___ Note: If doing internet consulting, where is the work performed? Name of proprietor _____ Principal business or profession, including product or service Business name. If no separate business name, leave blank Business address (including suite or room no.) City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code ______ Other (specify) Accounting method: Cash Accrual Did the client "materially participate" in the operation of this business? \square N Did the client start or acquire this business during the current tax year or for streamlined returns any of the past three years. \square Y \square N Specify which year(s) Gross receipts or sales Returns or allowances COST OF GOODS SOLD Method(s) used to value closing inventory: A-Cost B-Lower of cost or market C-Other (explanation) Was there any change in determining quantities, costs, or valuations between opening and closing inventory? \square Y \square N Inventory at beginning of year _____ Purchases less cost of items withdrawn for personal use Cost of labor. Do not include any amounts paid to yourself. Materials and supplies Other costs Inventory at end of year Additional notes:

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BUSINESS EXPENSES

Expenses	Amount
Advertising	
Commissions and fees	
Contract Labor	
Insurance other than health	
Interest other than mortgage	
Mortgage paid to banks	
Legal and professional services	
Offices expenses	
Rent or Lease of building	
Rent or lease of Vehicles and equipment	
Repairs and Maintenance	
Supplies	
Taxes and Licenses	
Travel	
Meals and Entertainment	
Utilities	
Wages	
Other	
CAR AND When did the client place their vehicle in service for busing	TRUCK EXPENSES
when did the cheft place their vehicle in service for bush	(MM/DD/YYYY)
Of the total number of miles the client drove their vehicle	during the year, enter the number of miles they used their
vehicle for: A-Business B-Commu	ting C-Other
Was their vehicle available for personal use during off-du	ty hours?
Does the client (or spouse) have another vehicle available	e for personal use?
Does the client have evidence to support their deduction	YN
If "Yes," is the evidence written?	

Additional notes

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Area used regularly and exclusively for business, regularly for daycare, or for storage of inventory or product samples (see instructions) Total area of home For daycare facilities not used exclusively for business, go to line 4. All others, go to line 7 of Form 8829. Multiply days used for daycare during year by hours used per day

PART OF YOUR HOME USED FOR BUSINESS

Expenses

Total hours available for use during the year (365 days x 24 hours)

	Direct expenses	Indirect expenses
Casualty losses		
Deductible mortgage interest		
Real estate taxes		
Excess mortgage interest		
Insurance		
Rent		
Repairs and maintenance		
Utilities		
Other expenses		

Additional notes

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Information for Depreciation for Rental or Self Employment This page may be used for Sch E or Sch C depreciation. Make as many copies of this page as needed to record the property as needed. For what Sch C or address of the Sch E Rental property. **Depreciation of Real Estate** What type of property is it? How was the property received? When was the property placed in service? Full Purchase price or FMV Adjustments Value of the land Other Notes Sold? \square Y \square N Date Sold Selling price for the building Selling price for the land Commissions Other Notes If the property was sold, please refer to the Capital Gains and Advanced Rental courses Other personal-type property What type of property is it? How was the property received? When was the property placed in service? Full Purchase Price or FMV Adjustments Other Notes Sold? \square Y \square N Date Sold Selling price Commissions

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What type of property is it?	
How was the property received?	
When was the property placed in service?	
Full Purchase Price or FMV	
Adjustments	
Other Notes	
Sold?	
Date Sold	
Selling price	
Commissions	
What type of property is it?	
How was the property received?	
When was the property placed in service?	
Full Purchase Price or FMV	
Adjustments	
Other Notes	
Office Motes	
Sold?	
Date Sold	
Selling price	
Commissions	
What type of property is it?	
How was the property received?	
When was the property placed in service?	
Full Purchase Price or FMV	
Adjustments	
Other Notes	
Office Motes	
Sold?	
Date Sold	
Selling price	
Commissions	

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Deductions and Credits

Use this section to discuss if the client should itemize or take other deductions to lower tax liability. Note, this may not be needed for most clients but would be good to note so the client would understand why we may need this information at a later date.

For streamlined returns, you will need to print this page for each year	r.			
For which year is this page for?				
Amount and verification De	eductions	and Credit	S	
Is the client making contributions to a U.S. retirement account or IRA?		□ N	\$	
Did the client pay any interest on Student Loans?		□ N	\$	
Did the client pay any post-secondary education for themself, their spouse or dependents?		□N	\$	
Did the client pay for Child/Dependent care that allowed them to work or attend school full-time?		□ N	\$	
Did the client own a home for which they paid a mortgage?		□ N	\$	
Did the client pay real estate taxes?		□ N	\$	
Did the client pay for out of pocket medical/dental/optical expenses which would include insurance premiums?		□N	\$	
Did the client have travel expenses for medical reasons?				miles/Km
Did the client pay personal property taxes on boats or vehicles?		\square N	\$	
Did the client have state income taxes due on prior year return?		\square N	\$	
Did the client have a casualty/theft loss last year?		□ N	\$	
Amount paid for tax preparation in prior year, include cost of books or so Installment/tax Payments: Dates and amounts paid	oftware purcha	sed:		

Did the client have charitable contributions? Specify payer and amount

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Other Vital Information	
In administration of the management	
Instructions from client	
"Inventory of Information slips"	

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RETURN PROCEDURE FOR THIS CLIENT

 Single year 	
 Quiet Disclosure 	
 Streamlined return 	
 OVDP 	
Date promised for Pickup	
No Pickup date – waiting for client information Date promised once all information is gathered Price Estimate	— —
This price is an estimate based on the information gat changes, the client will be contacted immediately.	nered at this interview. Should circumstances change and the price estimates
Declaration	
	ete and authorize H&R Block representatives to contact me to complete my U.S. Tax
if there is not a suitable U.S. Tax Preparer in this office	ransferred to a U.S Tax Preparer at a different office than the one I am visiting today e available to prepare my return. If my U.S. return is transferred to another office, I r and I understand that I will be contacted by the U.S. Tax Preparer to whom it was
Signature	Date
Signature of spouse	Date

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