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is made on or near the date the tip income is received. A daily record made on or near the date the tip income is received has a high degree of credibility not present with respect to a record prepared subsequent thereto when generally there is a lack of accurate recall. An entry is made “near the date the tip income is received” if the required information with respect to tips received and paid out by the employee for the day is recorded at a time when the employee has full present knowledge of those receipts and payments.

(3) *Documentary evidence.* Documentary evidence consists of copies of any documents that contain (i) amounts that were added to a check by customers as a tip and paid over to the employee or (ii) amounts that were paid by a customer for food or beverages with respect to which tips generally would be received by the employee. Examples of documentary evidence are copies of restaurant bills, credit card charges, or charges under any other arrangement (see § 31.6053-3(j)(4)) containing amounts added by the customer as a tip.

(b) *Retention of records.* Records maintained under this section shall be kept at all times available for inspection by authorized internal revenue officers or employees, and shall be retained so long as the contents thereof may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law.

(c) *Effective date.* The substantiation requirements of this § 31.6053-4 shall be effective for tips received on or after October 1, 1985. For the rules in effect prior to October 1, 1985, see section 6001 and the regulations thereunder. Substantiation considered sufficient as provided in this § 31.6053-4 will also be considered sufficient for tips received before October 1, 1985.

[T.D. 8141, 52 FR 21513, June 8, 1987, as amended by T.D. 8910, 65 FR 77820, Dec. 13, 2000]

§ 31.6060-1 Reporting requirements for tax return preparers.

(a) *In general.* A person that employs one or more tax return preparers to prepare a return or claim for refund of employment tax under chapters 21 through 25 of subtitle C of the Internal

Revenue Code, other than for the person, at any time during a return period, shall satisfy the recordkeeping and inspection requirements in the manner stated in § 1.6060-1 of this chapter.

(b) *Effective/applicability date.* This section is applicable to returns and claims for refund filed after December 31, 2008.

[T.D. 9436, 73 FR 78453, Dec. 22, 2008]

§ 31.6061-1 Signing of returns.

Each return required under the regulations in this subpart shall, if signature is called for by the form or instructions relating to the return, be signed by (a) the individual, if the person required to make the return is an individual; (b) the president, vice president, or other principal officer, if the person required to make the return is a corporation; (c) a responsible and duly authorized member or officer having knowledge of its affairs, if the person required to make the return is a partnership or other unincorporated organization; or (d) the fiduciary, if the person required to make the return is a trust or estate. The return may be signed for the taxpayer by an agent who is duly authorized in accordance with § 31.6011(a)-7 to make such return.

§ 31.6065(a)-1 Verification of returns or other documents.

If a return, statement, or other document made under the regulations in this part is required by the regulations contained in this part, or the form and instructions issued with respect to such return, statement, or other document, to contain or be verified by a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury, such return, statement, or other document shall be so verified by the person signing it.

§ 31.6071(a)-1 Time for filing returns and other documents.

(a) *Federal Insurance Contributions Act and income tax withheld from wages and from nonpayroll payments—(1) Quarterly or annual returns.* Except as provided in subparagraph (4) of this paragraph, each return required to be made under

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§§ 31.6011(a)-1 and 31.6011(a)-1T, in respect of the taxes imposed by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (26 U.S.C. 3101-3128), or required to be made under §§ 31.6011(a)-4 and 31.6011(a)-4T, in respect of income tax withheld, shall be filed on or before the last day of the first calendar month following the period for which it is made. However, a return may be filed on or before the 10th day of the second calendar month following such period if timely deposits under section 6302(c) of the Code and the regulations thereunder have been made in full payment of such taxes due for the period. For the purpose of the preceding sentence, a deposit which is not required by such regulations in respect of the return period may be made on or before the last day of the first calendar month following the close of such period, and the timeliness of any deposit will be determined by the earliest date stamped on the applicable deposit form by an authorized financial institution.

(2) *Monthly tax returns.* Each return in respect of the taxes imposed by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act or of income tax withheld which is required to be made under paragraph (a) of § 31.6011(a)-5 shall be filed on or before the fifteenth day of the first calendar month following the period for which it is made.

(3) *Information returns*—(i) *General rule.* Each information return in respect of wages as defined in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act or of income tax withheld from wages which is required to be made under § 31.6051-2 shall be filed on or before the last day of February (March 31 if filed electronically) of the year following the calendar year for which it is made, except that, if a tax return under § 31.6011(a)-5(a) is filed as a final return for a period ending prior to December 31, the information statement shall be filed on or before the last day of the second calendar month following the period for which the tax return is filed.

(ii) *Expedited filing*—(A) *General rule.* If an employer who is required to make a return pursuant to § 31.6011(a)-1 or § 31.6011(a)-4 is required to make a final return on Form 941, or a variation thereof, under § 31.6011(a)-6(a)(1) (relating to the final return for Federal In-

surance Contributions Act taxes and income tax withholding from wages), the return which is required to be made under § 31.6051-2 must be filed on or before the last day of the second calendar month following the period for which the final return is filed. The requirements set forth in this paragraph (a)(3)(ii) do not apply to employers with respect to employees whose wages are for domestic service in the private home of the employer. See § 31.6011(a)-1(a)(3).

(B) *Effective date.* This paragraph (a)(3)(ii) is effective January 1, 1997.

(4) *Employee returns under Federal Insurance Contributions Act.* A return of employee tax under section 3101 required under paragraph (d) of § 31.6011(a)-1 to be made by an individual for a calendar year on Form 1040 shall be filed on or before the due date of such individual's return of income (see § 1.6012-1 of this chapter (Income Tax Regulations)) for the calendar year, or, if the individual makes his return of income on a fiscal year basis, on or before the due date of his return of income for the fiscal year beginning in the calendar year for which a return of employee tax is required. A return of employee tax under section 3101 required under paragraph (d) of § 31.6011(a)-1 to be made for a calendar year—

(i) On Form 1040SS or Form 1040PR, or

(ii) On Form 1040 by an individual who is not required to make a return of income for the calendar year or for a fiscal year beginning in such calendar year,

shall be filed on or before the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the calendar year.

(b) *Railroad Retirement Tax Act.* Each return of the taxes imposed by the Railroad Retirement Tax Act required to be made under § 31.6011(a)-2 shall be filed on or before the last day of the second calendar month following the period for which it is made.

(c) *Federal Unemployment Tax Act.* Each return of the tax imposed by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act required to be made under § 31.6011(a)-3 shall be filed on or before the last day of the first calendar month following

the period for which it is made. However, a return for a period which ends after December 31, 1970, may be filed on or before the 10th day of the second calendar month following such period if timely deposits under section 6302(c) of the Code and the regulations thereunder have been made in full payment of such tax due for the period. For the purpose of the preceding sentence, a deposit which is not required by such regulations in respect of the return period may be made on or before the last day of the first calendar month following the close of such period, and the timeliness of any deposit will be determined by the date the deposit is received (or is deemed received under section 7502(e)) by an authorized financial institution whichever is earlier.

(d) *Last day for filing.* For provisions relating to the time for filing a return when the prescribed due date falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, see the provisions of § 301.7503-1 of this chapter (Regulations on Procedure and Administration).

(e) *Late filing.* For additions to the tax in case of failure to file a return within the prescribed time, see the provisions of § 301.6651-1 of this chapter (Regulations on Procedure and Administration).

(f) *Cross reference.* For extensions of time for filing returns and other documents, see § 31.6081(a)-1.

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§ 31.6071(a)-1A Time for filing returns with respect to the railroad unemployment repayment tax.

(a) *In general.* Each return of the taxes imposed under section 3321 (a) and (b) required to be made under § 31.6011(a)-3A shall be filed on or before the last day of the second calendar month following the period for which it is made.

(b) *Last day for filing.* For provisions relating to the time for filing a return when the prescribed due date falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday,

see the provisions of § 301.7503-1 of this chapter (Regulations on Procedure and Administration).

(c) *Late filing.* For additions to the tax in the case of failure to file a return within the prescribed time, see the provisions of § 301.6651-1 of this chapter (Regulations on Procedure and Administration).

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§ 31.6081(a)-1 Extensions of time for filing returns and other documents.

(a) *Federal Insurance Contributions Act; income tax withheld from wages; and Railroad Retirement Tax Act—(1) In general.* Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this paragraph, no extension of time for filing any return or other document required in respect of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, income tax withheld from wages, or the Railroad Retirement Tax Act will be granted.

(2) *Information returns of employers on Forms W-2 and W-3—In general.* The Commissioner may grant an extension of time in which to file the Social Security Administration copy of Forms W-2 and the accompanying transmittal form which constitutes an information return under § 31.6051-2(a). For further guidance regarding extensions of time to file the Social Security Administration copy of Forms W-2 and W-3, see § 1.6081-8 of this chapter.

(ii) *Automatic Extension of Time.* The Commissioner may, in appropriate cases, publish procedures for automatic extensions of time to file Forms W-2 where the employer is required to file the Form W-2 on an expedited basis.

(b) *Federal Unemployment Tax Act.* The Commissioner may, upon application of the employer, grant a reasonable extension of time (not to exceed 90 days) in which to file any return required in respect of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. Any application for an extension of time for filing the return shall be in writing, properly signed by the employer or his duly authorized agent. Except as provided in paragraph (b) of § 301.6091-1 (relating to hand-carried documents), each application shall be addressed to the internal